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Dinner and a Show

By Sara Jane Richter

Did you know that Shakespeare is supporting the work of the OPSU Centennial Committee? Well, in a roundabout way Shakespeare is supporting the work of the OPSU Centennial Committee. The campus spring dramatic production—*I Hate Hamlet* by Paul Rudnick—debuts Friday, April 18 with a pre-show evening meal. Proceeds of the dinner/theater experience benefit the committee and its planned projects. A ticket for the dinner and the show costs \$25, \$40 for couples. Tickets for the dinner and the show are limited to 50 persons.

Of course, one does not need a dinner ticket to attend and enjoy the show. Individual show tickets are \$6 for non-OPSU students; OPSU students with their ID pay \$2 at the door. The show runs from April 18 through 21, each night beginning at 7:30 and the Sunday matinee at 3:00.

The evening's dinner fare prepared and served buffet style by Sodexho in the Student Union ballroom will be the diner's choice of chicken or beef and assorted vegetables and desserts. The dinner's theme and décor will relate to the Bard himself. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. with the play beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Hughes-Strong Hall Auditorium.

The show is a comedy in two-acts and concerns a struggling actor cast as Hamlet who has grave misgivings about assuming the demanding role. His flaky girlfriend, flakier realtor, and mismatched agents contribute to his qualms about the classic Shakespearean play. Then, John Barrymore, the great stage and screen iconic actor, comes to his rescue. Well, Barrymore's ghost comes to the rescue. It seems that actors cast as Hamlet can call on classic Hamlet actors to help them prepare for this most difficult role.

The production, directed by Tito Aznar, features OPSU students and staff. James Guthrie is the struggling actor Andrew Rally; Emily Dye portrays Diedre, the girlfriend. Season Mattocks plays the eccentric realtor Felisha Dantine, and the roles of the manipulative theatrical agents are filled by Andrew Walker and Sara Jane Richter. Patrick Lofton has the role of Barrymore's ghost.

Come to OPSU and enjoy a fun-filled opening night with a delicious dinner and a delightful stage production and help support the celebration of OPSU's Centennial. For tickets and additional information, email taznar@opsu.edu or saraj@opsu.edu or call 580.349.1418.

Blood Drives Held

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center held a blood drive in Gruver on March 25th. They saw 30 people in Gruver and drew 21 units.

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center held a blood drive in Spearman on March 31st. They saw 49 people and drew 37 pints of blood.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 30s. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph becoming west around 10 mph after midnight.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Northwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

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

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

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

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

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

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

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

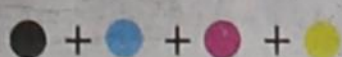
Texas Crop & Weather

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture was very short to short with most areas reporting very short. Land preparation for spring planting continued. Wheat was mostly poor. Range condition was very poor to fair with most areas reporting poor. Fire danger remained high. Cattle were in fair condition. Supplemental feeding continued.

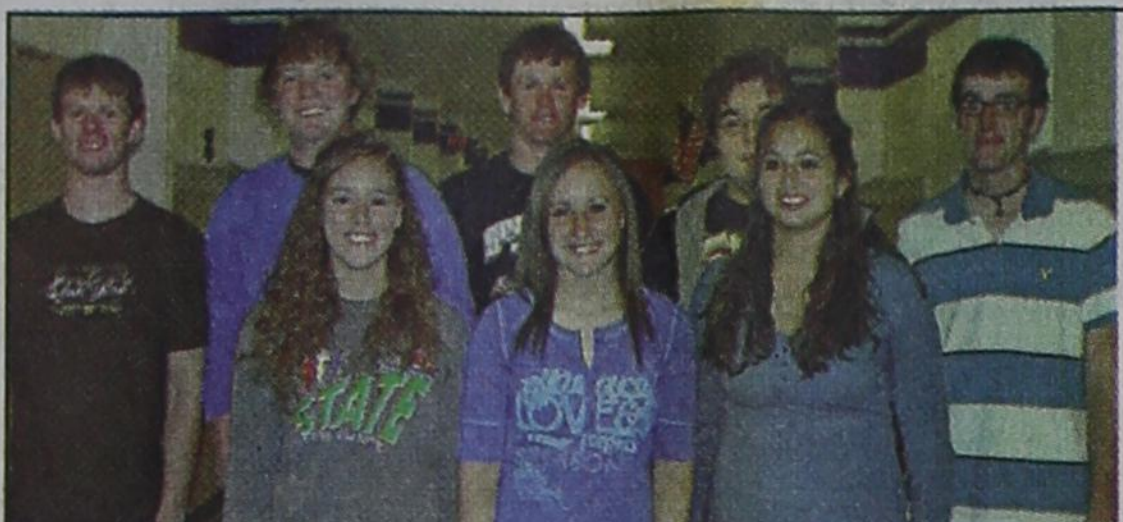
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SHS Students Receive Student Achievement Award



Pictured are: (Back, L-R) Kegan Garnett, Tyler Schnell, Jordan Ashmore, Dylan Sumner, Brett Winegarner; (Front, L-R) Bond Pittman, Ashley Close, Cha'Tae Avila

Spearman High School students received the "Texas Student Achievement Award" from the Texas ACT Council for their performance on the PLAN (Pre-ACT) Assessment. These students are on target to meet or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks by graduation. ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks are empirically-based and identify the level of achievement necessary in English, mathematics, reading, and science to have a successful college freshman experience.

The students receiving this recognition from the Texas ACT Council are: Jordan Ashmore, Cha'Tae Avila, Ashley Close, Kegan Garnett, Bond Pittman, Tyler Schnell, Dylan Sumner, and Brett Winegarner.

The Texas ACT Council is made up of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges. ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is accepted by all colleges nationwide.

According to Karen Pennell, ACT Assistant Vice President and Southwest Regional Manager, "The Texas ACT Council recognizes those students who are making significant strides to prepare themselves for college by taking rigorous courses and meeting the PLAN (Pre-ACT) College Readiness Benchmarks. We also want to recognize that student PLAN achievement is the result of a strong commitment by Spearman High School teachers, staff, administrators, and parents to increase college readiness for all students."

2008 Academic UIL District Results

Gruver High School

Gruver High School competed in the District Academic UIL Meet on Friday, March 28th at Amarillo College. Schools competing were Boys Ranch, Clarendon, Claude, Gruver, Vega, Wheeler and White Deer. Gruver had 56 students that competed in 77 events that included the One-Act Play. GHS captured second place with 203 points.

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Individual Results are as follows:
Current Issues - Adriana Soto, 4th
 Mariela Barrera, 6th

Headline News - Eva McCloy, 6th

Informative Speaking - Drew Mireles, 1st; Tanner Sherrill, 3rd

Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Matison Jones, 4th

Literary Criticism - Lynn Vela, 6th

Mathematics - Maydeli Ortiz, 5th

Number Sense - Lynn Vela, 5th

Persuasive Speaking - Leigh Anne Winger, 1st; Roman Rodriguez, 2nd

Poetry - Mary B. Hargis, 4th

Prose - Abbi Yanke, 5th; Miles Messer, 6th

Ready Writing - Leigh Anne Winger, 6th

Chemistry - Seth Thompson, 1st

Science - Seth Thompson, 1st; Veronica Teal, 3rd

Social Studies - Gabriela Barrera, 6th

Spelling & Vocabulary - Maydeli Ortiz, 5th; Lindsey Mireles, 6th

Team Results are as follows:
Current Issues - GHS 1, 2nd
Cross Examination Debate - GHS 1, 3rd; GHS2, 3rd

Science - GHS 1, 1st

Speech - GHS 1, 2nd

Gruver has ten students who will advance to the Regional UIL Meet April 10-12 at South Plains College in Levelland in the following events: Informative Speaking - Roman Rodriguez, Tanner Sherrill; Science - Seth Thompson, Abbi Yanke, Veronica Teal, Katie Gibson, Gabriel Mendoza; Persuasive Speaking - Drew Mireles, Leigh Anne Winger; and Lincoln-Douglas Debate - Matison Jones

Spearman High School

Spearman High School competed in the District UIL Meet on Thursday, March 27, 2008.

The following students placed in their various events:

News Writing - Brittney Bradley, 4th

Ready Writing - Mattie Davis, 4th

Feature Writing - Mattie Davis, 4th; Abbey Eudy, 5th

Editorial Writing - Bond Pittman, 4th

Headline Writing - Mattie Davis, 6th

Social Studies - Tyler Schnell, 5th; Kegan Garnett, 6th - 2nd Place Team

Informative Speaking - Maegan Smith, 4th

Literary Criticism - Dylan Sumner, 1st; Bond Pittman, 3rd

Spelling - Ashley Close, 1st

Bond Pittman, Dylan Sumner and Ashley Close will compete at the Regional UIL Contest in Abilene on Saturday, April 12th. Bond and Dylan will compete in Literary Criticism and Ashley will compete in Spelling.

Congratulations to these students and their coaches for a job well done.

SHS, GHS Seniors To Play In All-Star Basketball Game

Several area high school basketball players have been selected for the 38th annual Texas Golden Spread High School Basketball All-Star Games to be played April 10-12 at the First United Bank Center in Canyon.

The East vs. West girls and boys games will be played on April 10 beginning at 6 p.m. The North vs.

South games will be held on April 11, again at 6 p.m. On April 12, the girls and boys consolation games will begin at 1 p.m. followed by the championship games at 6 p.m.

Spearman Lynxette Kendall Schneider will play on the West Team and Gruver Lady Hound Diana Solis will play on the North Team.



Spearman Lynxette Kendall Schneider was selected to play in the 38th Annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Basketball Tournament. Schneider, a senior at Spearman High School, will play for the West Team. (Photo by Bonnie Bergan)



Gruver Lady Hound Diana Solis was selected to play in the 38th Annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Basketball Tournament. Solis, a senior at Gruver High School, will play for the North Team. (Photo by Charlie Johnson)

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Announces New Housing & Employment Programs

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce a new program to help Spearman continue to be prosperous and hopefully, even grow. We are in a unique situation now with our local economy being strong and the unemployment rate at its lowest in years. In order for our community to capitalize on these assets, the Chamber will form a Housing and Employment database for the community of Spearman.

Please contact the Chamber with any of the following information:

1. You need employees
2. You need a job, or a new job
3. You have housing for sale or rent
4. You need a house to purchase or rent
5. If you are new to our community and need information.

We are here to help you in any way we can, please let us know.

This service will be provided free of charge. We hope soon to be able to provide this same database on our Website, www.spearman.org. Together, we can help and support each other and make Spearman grow.

Coming soon - a new construction housing incentive from Spearman Economic Development Corporation!

To add your information to these databases, please contact Keith Hight at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, 211 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081, 806-659-5555, spearce@hotmail.com.

OPSU Alumni Banquet Set Hall of Fame Honorees Announced

By Janet Kravig

The Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Panhandle State Association of Alumni and Friends is planned for Saturday, April 12, 2008 in the Noble Center. Visitation begins at 5:00 p.m. and the banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. OPSU's food service provider, Sodexho, will provide the meal and tickets are \$20 each. Tickets will not be available at the door, but may be purchased in advance from the Alumni Office. Contact Beth Mihelic Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-noon at 349-1390 for more information about ticket purchase.

This year, OPSU's Dean of Business, Diane Murphey and Jimmie and Carrie Lou Draper will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Murphey is a 26-year OPSU veteran, and in fact, began the Computer Information Systems program. She credits Pamela Nelson Farhendorf, who helped her direct the CIS program for the first 17 years of the program. Other CIS partners in this journey include Matthew Carter, Steve Martin, Mindy Davis, Joe Breeden, and Vicki Pasque. Information Systems is a volatile, fast changing arena where each day is an opportunity to learn and teach something new. The goals for CIS students include a strong foundation of computer knowledge, the ability to communicate with people, read a manual, and solve a problem. If the department can help the students to accomplish these things, they will be able to choose where they wish to contribute. Many years ago Diane came across a quote from MIT professor Marvin Minsky that has become her mantra: "My job is to teach students not some particular skill but to teach them to think so that they can do anything they want to do."

Diane would like to thank the Alumni Association for this award. She is honored to be a recipient and would like to accept it not only for herself, but also for the faculty and students that helped make it possible. In regard to her OPSU career, Diane says, "I walked into one of the real blessings of my life!"

This is a hallmark year for 2008 Alumni Ambassador Hall of Fame inductees Jimmie and Carrie Lou Draper--they are celebrating 50 years of marriage. The honorees met for the first time in the middle 1950s at the American Theater in Guymon (now Guymon Community Theatre) because Jimmie had been recruited from Northern Oklahoma Junior College to play basketball at Panhandle A&M College. The panhandle, already home for Carrie Lou Langston, would become the adopted home of Jimmie Draper.

The fall following high school graduation, Jimmie spent one year at NOJC before migrating to PAMC to play basketball for Oscar Williams, his former high school coach. Carrie Lou attended Guymon schools, graduating in 1955.

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Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

I love confusing and humorous headlines. So here is a portion of a list that was found on the American Journalism Review's Take 2 page.

I hope you enjoy...

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
Chef Throws His Heart into Helping Feed Needy

Arson Suspect is Held in Massachusetts Fire
British Union Finds Dwarfs in Short Supply
Ban On Soliciting Dead in Trotwood
Lansing Residents Can Drop Off Trees
Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
New Vaccine May Contain Rabies
Man Minus Ear Waives Hearing
Deaf College Opens Doors to Hearing

Air Head Fired Steals Clock, Faces Time Prosecutor Releases Probe into Undersheriff
Old School Pillars are Replaced by Alumn Bank Drive-in Window Blocked by Board
Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
Some Pieces of Rock Hudson Sold at Auction
Sex Education Delayed, Teachers Request Training
Include your Children when Baking Cookies

Until the next time,
May God Bless.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - A number of citizens expressed alarm after viewing a video clip showing state representatives engaged in the practice of "ghost voting" during the 2007 session of the Legislature.

Ghost voting is when a member casts an electronic vote for one or more colleagues who happen to be outside of the House chamber when a vote is called by the chair.

State Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, said April 4 that among House members, it's about 2 to 1 in favor of his suggestion to do away with the practice.

"But the public is about 99 percent in favor," he added.

A solution would be to install 10 or 12 remote voting stations that work by fingerprint identification, Goolsby said. Those stations would be in addition to a fingerprint voting machine to be installed at each member's desk.

Goolsby also suggested installing loudspeakers in the foyers and restrooms outside of the House chamber and lengthening the amount of time allotted for each vote would help, too.

There is a legislative interim charge for the matter to be studied.

A House rule amending the voting procedure could be up for consideration when the next regular session of the Legislature convenes on Jan. 13, 2009.

AG launches anti-ID theft site

Texasans have a new way to prevent or minimize the damage from identity theft by using a Web site published by the Texas Attorney General's Office.

www.texasfightsidtheft.gov features a "victim's kit" with a step-by-step checklist of what to do when you know or suspect that your personal information has been stolen or used without authorization.

Attorney General Greg Abbott spoke about the site at an April 3 news conference.

"Victims whose credit is ruined or whose bank accounts are emptied because their personal information has been compromised must take immediate steps to repair the damage," Abbott said.

"Our new Web site contains helpful tools to help

STATE REP SUGGESTS WAYS TO IMPROVE HOUSE VOTE PROCEDURE



by Ed Sterling

identity theft victims and Texans hoping to prevent identity theft."

Prisons chief testifies at hearing

The Senate Criminal Justice committee met April 2.

Ron Livingston, director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, testified that prison reforms mandated by the Legislature are on schedule.

He said prison health care costs have been cut by using federal programs that provide money for prescriptions and by shifting to an electronic record keeping system.

Also, bedridden, comatose or terminal inmates that pose no threat to society are considered for early parole, he said.

On April 3, the committee discussed the troubled Texas Youth Commission.

Committee chair Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, pointed out the shortage of guards and suggested streamlining the agency.

Senator denies she is running

It looked like the 2010 race for governor started in the closing days of March, when the Corpus Christi Caller-Times published a story that a U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison aide said the senator was running for governor.

But Hutchison, whose Senate term expires in 2012, denied that she had decided

UT names interim chancellor

The University of Texas System Board of Regents appointed Kenneth Shine as interim chancellor for the UT System. He will step in May 1.

Shine, 73, has been serving as executive vice chancellor for health affairs for the UT System.

He follows Chancellor
Mark Yudof, who recently was named chancellor of the University of California System.

Panel to study effects of new tax

In May, many Texas businesses will for the first time pay the revised state franchise tax. This is the tax intended to help offset the cost of residential property tax relief.

A committee of tax experts, business people and lawmakers will analyze effects of this new tax on businesses and the Texas economy. The committee will report its findings to the Texas Legislature, which convenes in January.

Comptroller Susan Combs, chair of the committee, has nominated two tax experts and 14 taxpayer members.

Lawmakers appointed to serve on the committee are state Sens. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, and Kirk Watson, D-Austin, and state Reps. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, and Myra Crownover, R-Fort Worth.

TEXAS Health Matters

Keep Young Passengers Safe by Buckling Up Correctly

Have you given your child a hug today? Not the type with your arms, but a hug from a safety belt. All passengers, regardless of age, should use a safety belt while riding in a vehicle. The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is helping parents make the best choice for keeping their kids safe.

Child safety seats provide protection for small occupants whose bodies are still growing. Restraints are available for children of different ages and sizes. Even with the right child restraint, the way it is installed and used can have an effect on its performance.

When children outgrow child safety seats, usually at about 40 pounds, many people assume the child is ready for the vehicle's regular safety belt. Not so, say the experts at DSHS. A car's safety belts are designed for adults and do not fit children properly.

"If a child has outgrown a safety seat but is less than 4 feet 9 inches tall, they will need a booster seat," said Frank Luera, training director of DSHS Safe Riders Traffic Safety program. "It lifts the child so that the seat belt fits correctly."

With a booster seat: The lap belt will be placed low on the child's hips, rather than on the child's belly.

The shoulder belt will cross the center of the child's chest.

The child's knees will bend at the edge of the booster seat for better comfort and fit.

A car's safety belts, which are designed to fit adults, won't fully restrain a child in a crash. Using a booster seat will better protect your child from being thrown from the

vehicle, or thrown around inside it, during a crash.

Luera also points out that airbags pose a risk of death or serious injury for children.

"Even in newer vehicles that have airbags with suppression systems, which is a new technology that allows airbags to adjust deployment based on the occupant, children 12 and under should ride in the back seat," he said. Vehicles with airbags display warning messages regarding this on the sun visors and in the vehicle owner's manual.

The Texas Department of State Health Services, working with a variety of local community groups, coordinates a statewide child safety seat distribution and education campaign. This program provides child safety

seats to low-income families and promotes correct use of safety seats. Low-income families can receive a free child safety seat by attending a one-hour class to learn how to use the seat correctly.

Traffic crashes injure or kill hundreds of young children every year - many of whom are unbuckled or improperly restrained while riding in vehicles. You can keep your child safe by using an approved car seat, booster seat or safety belt consistently and properly. It is important to make sure your child is as safe as possible in your car.

To find out how to receive a child safety seat, call 1-800-252-8255 or visit the Texas Department of State Health Services website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/safersiders/distribution.shtm.

OPSU Alumni Banquet Set

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While in school she played French horn in the band, and was a majorette and later drum major in the marching band. In her senior year Carrie Lou was selected to be the teenage Pioneer Day Parade Queen. And by this time she had met her future husband, Jimmie Draper, following him to PAMC where she enrolled for her freshman year.

When Jimmie went on active duty with the Army, completing basic training at Fort Chaffee, Ark. in the fall of 1956, Jimmie was posted to Fort Hancock, N.J. That same fall, Carrie Lou Langston transferred to University of Oklahoma where she was initiated into Delta Delta Delta sorority. Her college experience was interrupted in January, 1958, when fiancé Jimmie returned to Oklahoma on leave. With no prior notice, in one week's time Jimmie and Carrie Lou were married on a Saturday night in a candlelight service at the Methodist Church. By Monday morning they were packed and on the road to New Jersey before Jimmie's furlough expired.

The Drapers have generously allowed community groups to use the "museum" building at Draper Farms for banquets and other social functions. Jimmie and Carrie Lou hosted the PAMC Class of 1956 reunion dinner and social. They are rightfully proud of the private museum that houses and displays antique autos, farm machinery and implements, and antiques specific to the Oklahoma panhandle.

In the words of their nominator, the Drapers are "strong supporters of both the alumni association and the (Panhandle State) foundation, both financially and with the things they do." Their employment of OPSU students on a regular basis provides another and significant type of support of OPSU and its mission.

SPRING GARDENING

- ACROSS**
- Comes from cereal grains
 - Mary ___ cosmetics
 - Word of mouth
 - Language spoken in Hokkaido, Japan
 - Under pull of the moon
 - Used for digging garden
 - Cheese quality
 - Type of tomato
 - Orange ___ tea
 - Some are rode while others are pushed in yard
 - Singles
 - A Hawkeye
 - ___ polloi
 - Hen's yack
 - It's classified as F-0 through F-5
 - Expression of surprise
 - Firstborn to other siblings
 - Clump
 - Operatic solos
 - Paleozoic or mesozoic, e.g.
 - Apart
 - Stressed-unstressed pattern in poetry
 - Soil-smoothing cultivator
 - Tropical constrictor
 - Chew out
 - Pungent garden root
 - "Honest" ___
 - Harass or annoy
 - Something ___
 - "American Gothic"
- DOWN**
- Ancient Semitic deity
 - Capital of Latvia
 - Afresh
 - A boring pest (Yiddish)
 - Native American tribe of southwestern U.S.
 - Men in advertising
 - Four complete seasons
 - Gaps
 - Toothy tool
 - Fusses
 - Civil War general
 - Hand tool with flat blade
 - Animal trail
 - Burrowing garden pests
 - Jalapeno, e.g.
 - Seat
 - Also spelled "auras"
 - Meant to be easy if this can do it
 - Nicholas II of Russia, e.g.
 - Defendant's excuse

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- Famous extinct bird, pl.
- Sorcery originating in Africa
- Cannot hear
- "To ___ is human"
- Harsh or scratchy
- Flooded
- Used for breaking up and shaping soil
- Software maker with prophetic name
- Corpulent
- Specify
- Tennessee footballer
- Where troops camp after day's march
- Fitzgerald, e.g.
- City in West Ukraine
- He was Andre's tennis rival
- Scandinavian saint, popular Norwegian name
- Tear violently
- Plural of #5 Across
- It's laid in spring?

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Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

April 10
Birthday - Bill Been, Mack Hoel, Matthew Hoel, Sally Jones, Blane Tolleson, Donita Lusby, J.L. Pierce, Mary Lou Wysong, Jan Halladay, Mac Sheppard, Penny Cummings, Shelby Lopez, Ramon Garcia Sr., Aaron Maestas
Anniversary - M/M Donnie Osbourne

April 11
Birthday - Harlan Gerardy, Darrell Harvey, Billy Logsdon, Tammie Jo Simpson, Mike Stewart, David Pope, Wardell Volden, Robert Brisen, Slavin Sparks, Bill Baker, Dana McLaughlin, Mickie Fanning, Courtney Sheets, Austin Munoz, Jamie Renteria

April 12
Birthday - Jennifer Lopez, Alice Slough, Mary TeBeest, Earl Taylor, Chance Jackson, Lelia Reyes, Paul Lopez Jr., Tara Butt, Sonya Messer, Tammy Red, Keith Hight, Helen Soto, Lilla Villa, Lauren Ferguson
Anniversary - M/M Sonny Nollner

April 13
Birthday - Lindsay Barkley, Ashley (Wagner) Bezner, Chad Clawson, Norma Jean Mackie, Elaine Morris, Robbie Randall, Maria Cole, Greg Black, Rebecca Cruse, Sarah Miser, Paula Labrier, Cleto Vanderberg, Billy Logsdon, Dedee Ellis, Sara Paschel, Shelby Reising, Gaylord Cook
Anniversary - M/M Rey Burgess

April 14
Birthday - Ross Bulls, Cynthia Floyd, Verla Kunsleman, Dorsey Perez, Ryan Perez
Anniversary - M/M Ronnie Lusby, M/M Daniel Harvey

April 15
Birthday - Cathy Boone, Jim Roberts, Danny Knox, Dorothy Faye Baggerly, Michelle Beedy, Eva Mae Reger, Kenneth Pierce, Emma Garcia, Margie Crockett, Stephanie Campbell, Nicole Ramon, Jeff Coates, Austin Gross, Wesley Thompson, Skyler Sumner
Anniversary - M/M Victor Soto, M/M Wally Berner, Monte & Jennifer Beck

April 16
Birthday - Rod Barkley, Amber Knight, Anise Renner, Clayton Thompson, Cathy Patterson, David Knox, Edward Beck, Walter Jones, Alice Rodriguez, Tylan Pearce, Vernon Morris, G.W. Robinson, Jim Tucker, Joann Baca, Dorsey Perez, Matt Anderson
Anniversary - M/M Mitch Hoover

April 17
Birthday - Tim Garland, Gary Smith, Bill Porter, Linda Mosier, Anissa Ryan, Edgar Nava, Cheryl Hill, Kendra Jones, Jimmy Tope, Alfred Avila, Albert Avila, Tavo Hermissillo, Jenifer DeLaCruz, Norma Reis, Maurine Stenson, Ann Pape, Callie Stedje, John Smith, Katie Reed, Wendy Frick
Anniversary - M/M Julian Rodriguez, M/M Bruce Bailey, M/M Tim Garland, M/M Henry Garcia, M/M Bill Hunter

April 18
Birthday - Billy Kelly Jr., J.D. McCoy, Gregg Farr, Victor Rios Jr., Cacy Vaughn, Jena Cherry, Cha'tae Avila, Jennifer Gonzales, Elmo Dahl, Jeb Lee, Israel Arzate
Anniversary - M/M Steve TeBeest

April 19
Birthday - Hunter Bevell, Opal Barnes, Bobby Snider, Landon Swan, Sterling True, Norman Gilmore, Lori Diffie Johnson, Blare Dudley, Jessica Blake, Victoria Temple, Crystal Gross, Socoyo Tarango, Hortencia Trejo, Elizabeth Castillo, Jocelyn Whitefield, Jamie Haruch
Anniversary - John & Tammy Woodward

April 20
Birthday - Mickey Maupin, Reid Winger, Dorothy Lusby, Ed Pearson, Nita Baker, Leann Carson, Denise Rojas, Gary Easley, Matt Zachary, Gary Koons, Jared Harrison, Valarie Perez, Inez Arzate, Ethan Novak

April 21
Birthday - Martin Trejo, Janet Henson, Tracy Holladay, Heather Reimer, Danny Lopez, Holly Renee Baker, Luran Urban, David Link, Patsy Sparks, Randa Myers
Anniversary - M/M Terry Sherrill

April 22
Birthday - Chelcie Davis, David Link, Shelly Stedje, Sharon Wilson, James Martin, Bonnie Garnett, Loyd Cator, Clifford Hornsby, Rosalinda

Our Sympathy

JEAN BOLLINGER
 INDEPENDENCE, MO - Jean Bollinger, born on October 14, 1925, in Independence, MO., died April 3, 2008, in Dallas, TX. Her memorial service was conducted by Grove Hill Funeral Home, in Dallas, TX., Saturday, April 5, and she was laid to rest in Rice Cemetery, Cameron, TX.

She is survived by her husband, George Bollinger, Dallas, TX; her sister Charletta Weston and husband Wes, of Kerville, TX. She is survived by her children Cheri Jarvis and husband Wesley of Stunnett, TX; and Linnie Bolin and husband Phil, of Wichita, KS. She is survived by her grandchildren Ross and wife Amy Jarvis, of Navasota, TX; Holly Jarvis of Waco, TX; Lee and wife Staci Jarvis of Villa Nueva, Guatemala; Treva and husband Kelly Hansen of Wichita, KS. She is survived by grandchildren Karlie Will and Conner Hansen of Wichita, KS; Ashton and Ella Jarvis of Navasota, TX.

George and Jean were evangelists and pastors. They preached and performed music in almost every state of the union, plus several foreign countries. They served as missionaries in Guatemala and Mexico. They served as pastors in Texas, Arkansas and Kansas. They pastored the Spearman Union Church from 1963 - 1968.

EUGENIA "GENIE" MAYWOOD COLLOM VARNON
 PAMPA - Eugenia "Genie" Maywood Collom Varnon, 94, died on Saturday, April 5, 2008 in Pampa, Texas.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Berryville Memorial Cemetery in Berryville, Arkansas, with Eric Varnon officiating. Interment was under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman, TX.

Genie was born on August 15, 1913 in Hooks, Texas to Robert Driscoll and Mary Elizabeth Collom. She married George Wesley Varnon on November 8, 1934 in Alvin, TX. Genie moved to Pampa in 1937. She moved to Berryville, AR, along Brushy Creek, in 1960 when her husband, Wesley, retired. After Wesley died in 1967, Genie returned to Pampa in 1968.

She was a homemaker, and the youngest of eight children. Survivors include her daughter and husband, Ruby Lee Varnon Bishop and Donald of George, TX; two sons and their wives, David Glen Varnon and Gwyn of Liberty, MO and Allen J. Varnon and Peggy of Spearman, TX; nine grandchildren, Don and Johanna Carter, Wesley and Patricia Carter, Malcolm and Carolyn Carter, Danielle Carter Vargas, David and Kathy Varnon, Rhonda Varnon Ray, Jason Varnon, Eric and Leslie Varnon and Richard Varnon; 15 great-grandchildren; and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Driscoll and Mary Elizabeth Collom, her husband, George Wesley Varnon, and seven brothers and sisters.

The family requests memorials to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, PO Box 50610, Amarillo TX 79159.

JIMMIE RAY McMAHAN
 LONGVIEW, TX - Jimmie Ray McMahan, 58, passed away on March 23, 2008 at Good Sheppard Medical Center in Longview, Texas of natural causes.

Jimmie was born on February 23, 1950 in Seminole, Oklahoma. He spent most of his life as a truck driver until he retired at the age of 54.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Jo, Jean and Betty; and one brother, Mack.

He is survived by two sisters, Nancy and Rita; his wife of 21 years, Eula McMahan; two sons, Donny McMahan of Spearman and Lance McMahan of Tyler, TX; a grandson living with him, Cameron McMahan, two other grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Gruver Cemetery on April 19, 2008 at 3 - p.m. The family will gather at 514 E 2nd Avenue in Spearman.

Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

As we continue to "see" our resurrected Lord, we study Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, I Peter 2:19-25, and John 10:1-10. Luke tells of the nature of that first faith community. It was a community that was in the process of learning of Jesus, in the process of sharing fellowship among all classes, in the process of praying for all, in the process of reverent, awe-some worship, in the process of sharing the gospel with others, in the process of showing the acts of the Holy Spirit, and in the process of living joyfully in Jesus Christ. Our churches should emulate this first faith community so that all can "see" our risen Lord. The Psalmist shows us God as the Shepherd of our Lives and as our Gracious Host. The Psalmist tells us that in a scary, out-of-control world, believers have no fear because God provides for and protects us. So regardless of how depressed, sad or fearful we are, God is with us and will provide us with what we need.

Peter, writing to a faith community undergoing persecution, reminds all of the duties of a Christian servant when suffering unjustly. Peter exhorts those persecuted to imitate Jesus Christ, who was falsely accused, severely abused, and cruelly crucified; yet, Christ did not return abuse, threaten, retaliate, or curse others. Christ was obedient unto death, can the Christian offer less?

Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, the Gate for the Sheep. Remember that in the Old Testament God is referred to as the Shepherd of Israel; the Kings of Israel were referred to as shepherds. An English historian, Sir George Adam Smith described the middle-eastern shepherd, "On some high moor, across which at night the hyenas howl, when you meet him, sleepless, far-sighted, weather-beaten, armed, leaning on his staff, and looking out over his scattered sheep, every one of them on his heart, you understand then why the shepherd of Judea sprang to the front in his peoples history".

Jesus tells us that the Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name and the sheep know his voice. When you prayerfully study these passages of scripture, try to "see" from the point of view of the sheep.

May the Holy Spirit open your eyes to our Living Lord.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

PTCI Hosts Tailgate Party at the O'Loughlin Center
PTCI will host a tailgate party on Friday, April 11, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, Spearman. Everyone is invited to enjoy a free chili and hot dogs, as well as prizes and giveaways, provided by PTCI, to celebrate the O'Loughlin Center going online!

Parkinson's Disease Support Group To Meet April 11
The Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet on Friday, April 11, 2008, at the Perryton Mennonite Church, 2821 S. Ash (across from United), at 4 p.m. Please enter on the back side of the church for your convenience. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Rushing Wind Emmaus to Meet at Waka Christian Center
The Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet on Saturday, April 12, at the Waka Christian Center at 6 p.m. There will be a potluck meal, training for sponsors, database instructions, and a praise and worship service. Families and friends are invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.

Southwest Cowboy Poets Association To Meet
Pat Henry, past president of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association, and of the Rolling Hills Riding Club, is headliner. Janet Eggleston, the hilarious headliner in February, will MC, introducing the SWCPA members as they perform their humorous, haunting and everyday experiences on the plains, whether it be cowboy/girl poetry, skits, songs and music, or even some tall tales. This program, held every 2nd Saturday (April 12th), reflects the cowboy culture of this area. Many poems are of family and pride of heritage. Chuckwagon fare, and more, includes scrambled eggs, or omelets, hashbrowns, biscuits and gravy, fruits, and breakfast breads and rolls. Make this an outstanding weekend by attending the family-oriented program promoting the Cowboy Poetry Breakfast at the Big Texan. You'll be mighty glad you did.

Spearman Little League Extends Registration Date
Spearman Little League is extending the registration date until April 15th. All forms need to be turned at 104 Barkley by this date. If you have questions please contact Sandy at 659-2817.

GHS Junior Parents Meeting
Attention All Gruver Junior Parents! There will be an important parent information meeting regarding testing, colleges, and financial aid with the counselor on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the FCS room of the high school. Please make plans to attend!

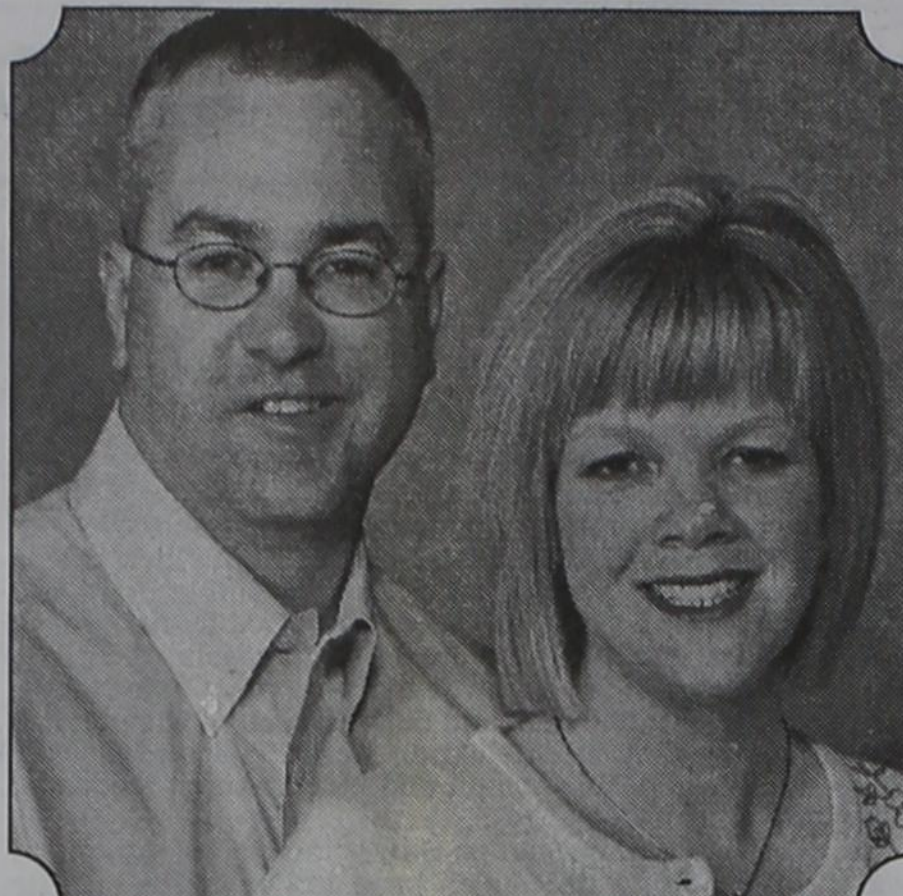
Advanced Care Awareness Day
Hansford County Hospital District and The O'Loughlin Center invite you to join Americans across the country in talking about your future health-care decisions and complete an advance directive. Erin Bergin, Director of Social Work and Hospice for Hansford County Hospital District, will present a seminar on Thursday, April 17th at 1 p.m. in recognition of Advanced Care Awareness Day. Mrs. Bergin will give a presentation on various topics, including living wills, DNR orders, Medical Power of Attorney, etc. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call The O'Loughlin Center at 659-3030.

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 April 24, 2008 and again 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.

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

Abilene Writer's Guild Spring Fling
The Abilene Writer's Guild Spring Fling FREE Workshop will be held on Saturday April 26, 2008, at the Center For Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress Street, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Linda Kirkpatrick will present "How to Write the Range the Cowboy Poet Way." Linda was in the Top 5 Female Cowboy Poets with the Academy of Western Artists in 2005 and a top five Female Cowboy Poet with the Western Music Association in 2006. Pat Parker will present "Thinking Maps: Tools to Make Your Writing Sizzle, Not Fizzle." For more information, contact Karen at k.rileybishop@gmail.com.

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



Engagement Announcement

Gary and Marilyn Grimes of Amarillo, TX are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kendra Hicks of Dalhart, TX to Jason Cantrell of Dimmitt, TX. Jason is the son of W.H. and Beverly Cantrell of Clayton, NM. Kendra is a graduate of River Road High School in Amarillo, TX. She earned a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice Administration from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, TX. Kendra is currently employed as an Investigator with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in Dalhart, TX. Jason is a graduate of Clayton High School in Clayton, NM. He earned a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Economics from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, NM and a master's degree in Agriculture Education from Texas Tech University. Jason is currently employed as the agency manager for the Castro and Swisher County Offices of Texas Farm Bureau. The couple plans to wed June 14, 2008 at the Methodist Church in Clayton, NM. They will reside in Dimmitt, TX.



Engagement Announcement

Bryan and Donna Barrow of Perryton announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Crystal Barrow, to Reuben Olivarez, son of Jose and Bernardo Olivarez of Waka. The couple will be married July 12, 2008. Crystal is a 2005 graduate of Perryton High School. She is currently attending Seward Community College, studying to become a registered nurse. Reuben is a 2004 graduate of Perryton High School and also attends Seward Community College, majoring in computer information systems. He will graduate this spring. Reuben is the grandson of the late Dora Olivarez and the late Aurora Vela, both of Spearman.



Engagement Announcement

Paulette Laxson of Spearman announces the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer, to Anthony Jon Smith. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Charline Laxson and the late Lewis "Bo" Laxson from Gruver. Anthony is the son of Sue and Bernard Smith of Hugoton, Kansas. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Wanda and Harold Smith of Clayton, New Mexico and Gladys Montgomery and the late Oscar Montgomery from Felt, Oklahoma. The couple plans to wed June 21 in Spearman. The ceremony will be at First Baptist Church at 3 p.m. Reception will follow at the O'Loughlin Center. The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Spearman High School. She graduated in May of 2006 from West Texas A&M University with a degree in mass communications with an emphasis in broadcasting. She is the Assignments Manager for KAMR NBC 4/KCIT FOX14 News in Amarillo. The prospective groom graduated in 2001 from Hugoton High School in Kansas. He graduated in May of 2005 from West Texas A&M University with a degree in mass communications with an emphasis in broadcasting. He is a customer service manager at Schwan's Home Food Service in Canyon. The couple invites you to view their wedding website at www.jenandanthony.net.

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- Naomi McCullen & Heath Archer - 6/7
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- Kendra Hicks & Jason Cantrell - TBA
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- Christen Imhof & Michael Lozano

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- Brittanie Osbourne & Cody Eslick - April 26
- Cortney Chambers & Keith Winegarner - May 31
- Naomi McCullen & Heath Archer - June 7th
- Kendra Hicks & Jason Cantrell - TBA
- Jennifer Ferrel & Jeff Coates - TBA
- Heather Jumper & Jared Mahan
- Brooke Winters & Wade Stewart
- John & Brianne Thomas
- Shad & Betsy (Holt) Kalisiak

Baby Registry

- Garrett & Farrell Griffin
- Jeffery & Danielle Jackson - TBA

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS & OTHER EVENTS

I am departing from my usual format this week because a lot of events and activities are going on. We will be preparing this week to launch our spring and summer schedule of entertaining and educational programs.

This Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 2 p.m. we will present the second appearance of Allison Moore and Phil Lancaster with their program of Folk music and the story of the orphan train. The program of the "Riders on the Orphan Train" is something you don't want to miss. We scheduled the program to coincide with the student art show so families can come and view their child's art and enjoy a great family program. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

Sunday, we will also have on display the books and DVDs, CDs that we received as part of the "Connecting with the Collection" bookshelf program from the Institute of Museums and Libraries Services. Look for the press release on this gift next week.

We need to welcome back a volunteer that has returned to us on Wednesdays. Welcome back to Fern McGee from Darrouzett.

Other volunteer opportunities are numerous. Name your interest and we can define a slot for you. If you have one or two hours a week, month, or year we can find you a task. One task that we need ASAP is a copier clerk. We are self publishing more and more of our books and need someone with an hour or two to come to the museum to copy the manuscripts. One book can be copied in about one hour. So if you only have an hour or two to volunteer, call us or visit us.

Next week is National Library Week. The following is an excerpt from a letter recently released by Laura Bush:

Dear Friends:
The 50th anniversary of National Library Week is a marvelous occasion for all Americans! I am delighted to send greeting to readers, aspiring readers, librarians and library patrons throughout the United States.

Libraries make an important difference to our nation. America's business, education and creative pursuits run on the fuel of information and imagination that libraries provide. Libraries strengthen our nation by enlightening readers to the interesting and exciting world around them and promoting a love of lifelong learning. At the heart and soul of every library is the librarian.

My thanks and admiration go to these dedicated individuals for all they do to enrich their communities and the nation.

...Ask your local librarian about ways you can volun-

teer and contribute. And in the words of this year's theme, invite your friends to come with you to "Join the Circle of Knowledge @ Your Library."
...Sincerely,
Laura Bush

The full letter can be read at www.ims.gov/news/2008/040108.shtm. We have great libraries that offer us the latest releases in all media formats and also offer great reading programs for all ages. I thoroughly enjoy our local book club through the Higgins Library with Joanie Smith as our Librarian and Leader. Recognize and Thank your Librarian this week. A special Thanks to my Librarian, Joanie. Thanks Joanie for all you do me and the museum. See you this Sunday at 2pm for our reception for Lipscomb County Students and the performance of RIDERS OF THE ORPHAN TRAIN.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out at the Lake

Lake Level--April 7, 2008--18.37 feet (-0.20)

Day time fishermen are out. Some just like to fish, but others have hopes of catching that record blue catfish.

One man did catch a 29 pound one, but the record is 29.84.

Jim said a 20 pound one was also caught. An occasional bass is hooked, but no one is mentioning the crappie or walleye.

Only 1 RV used the hookups this weekend.

Jim's column last week about how the white pelicans herded fish really intrigued me. I realized how little I knew about this huge white bird with the black tips on its 9 foot wing span.

He had seen around forty this morning. Perhaps they will stay around awhile. Now that I have read that they

have a pouch of bare skin suspended from their large bills that can hold as much as 3 gallons, I have wanted to look at them up close.

It would be more fun to see them scooping up the fish, filling the pouches with water at the same time. Then before they swallow the fish, the water drains from the corners of their mouths.

As a child here in Hansford County, I had never seen a live pelican.

Pelican pictures were eye catching, and we had a poem that most of us knew at least partly. I could only remember the first 2 lines, but my husband helped me out. Then I googled it to make sure. I hope it will bring up memories to some and be amusing to people who haven't heard it. Dixon Lanire Merrith wrote the verses in 1910. Here is an abridged version:

The Pelican

A wonderful bird is the pelican,

His bill can hold more than his belican.

He can take in his beak,

Enough food for a week!

I'm darned if I know how the helican!

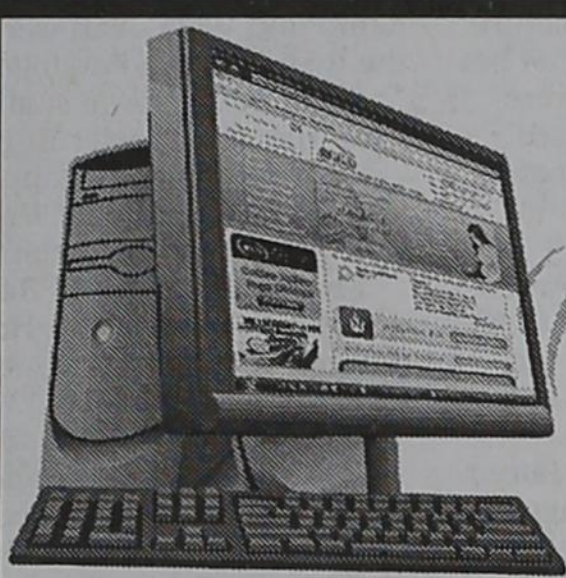


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Beverly Cleary

Chapter 3: Ramona's Great Day, Part 3

The story so far: It's Ramona's first day of kindergarten. She's disappointed because she didn't get a "present" from her teacher, but she's happy to be going outside to play a new game.

Gray Duck turned out to be an easy game, and Ramona's spirits recovered quickly from her disappointment. The class formed a circle, and the person who was "it" tagged someone who had to chase him around the circle. If "it" was caught before he got back to the empty space in the circle, he had to go into the center of the circle, which was called the mush pot, and the person who caught him became "it."

Ramona tried to stand next to the girl with the springy curls, but instead she found herself beside Howie. "I thought you were going to get a present," gloated Howie.

Ramona merely scowled and made a face at Howie, who was "it," but quickly landed in the mush pot because his new jeans were so stiff they slowed him down. "Look at Howie in the mush pot!" crowed Ramona.

Howie looked as if he were about to cry, which Ramona thought was silly of him. Only a baby would cry in the mush pot. Me, me, somebody tag me, thought Ramona, jumping up and down. She longed for a turn to run around the circle. Susan was jumping up and down, too, and her curls bobbed enticingly.

At last Ramona felt a tap on her shoulder. Her turn had come to run around the circle! She ran as fast as she could to catch up with the sneakers pounding on the asphalt ahead of her. The boing-boing curls were on the other side of the circle. Ramona was coming closer to them. She put out her hand. She took hold of a curl, a thick, springy curl -

"Yow!" screamed the owner of the curls. Startled, Ramona let go. She was so surprised by the scream that she forgot to watch Susan's curl spring back.

Susan clutched her curls with one hand and pointed at Ramona with the other. "That girl pulled my hair! That girl pulled my hair! Ow-ow-ow." Ramona felt that Susan did not have to be so touchy. She had not meant to hurt her. She only wanted to touch that beautiful, springy hair that was so different from her own straight brown hair.

"Ow-ow-ow!" shrieked Susan, the center of everyone's attention.

"Baby," said Ramona.

"Ramona," said Miss Binney, "in our kindergarten we do not pull hair."

"Susan doesn't have to be such a baby," said Ramona.

"You may go sit on the bench outside the door while the rest of us play our game," Miss Binney told Ramona.

Ramona did not want to sit on any bench. She wanted to play Gray Duck with the rest of the class. "No," said Ramona, preparing to make a great big noisy fuss. "I won't."

Susan stopped shrieking. A terrible silence fell over the playground. Everyone stared at Ramona in such a way that she almost felt as if she were beginning to shrink. Nothing like this had ever happened to her before.

"Ramona," said Miss Binney quietly. "Go sit on the bench."

Without another word Ramona walked across the playground and sat down on the bench by the door of the kindergarten. The game of Gray Duck continued without her, but the class had not forgotten her. Howie grinned in her direction. Susan continued to look injured. Some laughed and pointed at Ramona. Others, particularly Davy, looked worried, as if they had not known such a terrible punishment could be given in kindergarten.

Ramona swung her feet and pretended to be watching some workmen who were building a new market across the street. In spite of the misunderstanding about the present, she wanted so much to be loved by her pretty new teacher. Tears came into Ramona's eyes,

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.

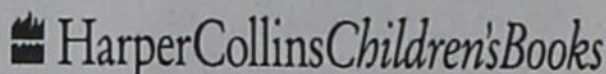
By the third grade she had conquered reading and spent much of her childhood either with books or on her way to and from the public

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.



but she would not cry. Nobody was going to call Ramona Quimby a crybaby. Never.

Next door to the kindergarten two little girls, about two and four years old, peered solemnly through the fence at Ramona. "See that girl," said the older girl to her little sister. "She's sitting there because she's been bad." The two-year-old looked awed to be in the presence of such wickedness. Ramona stared at the ground, she felt so ashamed.

When the game ended, the class filed past Ramona into the kindergarten. "You may come in now, Ramona," said Miss Binney pleasantly.

Ramona slid off the bench and followed the others. Even though she was not loved, she was forgiven, and that helped. She hoped that learning to read and write came next.

Inside Miss Binney announced that the time had come to rest. This news was another disappointment to Ramona, who felt that anyone who went to kindergarten was too old to rest. Miss Binney gave each child a mat on which there was a picture that matched the picture on his cupboard door and told him where to spread his mat on the floor. When all twenty-nine children were lying down they did not rest. They popped up to see what others were doing. They wiggled. They whispered. They coughed. They asked, "How much longer do we have to rest?"

"Sh-h," said Miss Binney in a soft, quiet, sleepy voice. "The person who rests most quietly will get to be the wake-up fairy."

"What's the wake-up fairy?" demanded Howie, bobbing up.

"Sh-h," whispered Miss Binney. "The wake-up fairy tiptoes around and wakes up the class with a magic wand. Whoever is the fairy wakes up the quietest resters first."

Ramona made up her mind that she would get to be the wake-up fairy, and then Miss Binney would know she was not so bad after all. She lay flat on her back with her hands tight to her sides. The mat was thin and the floor was hard, but Ramona did not wiggle. She was sure she must be the best rester in the class, because she could hear others squirming around on their mats. Just to show Miss Binney she really and truly was resting she gave one little snore, not a loud snore but a delicate snore, to prove what a good rester she was.

A scatter of giggles rose from the class, followed by several snores, less delicate than Ramona's. They led to more and more, less and less delicate snores until everyone was snoring except the few who did not know how to snore. They were giggling.

Miss Binney clapped her hands and spoke in a voice that was no longer soft, quiet, and sleepy. "All right, boys and girls!" she said.

"This is enough! We do not snore or giggle during rest time."

"Ramona started it," said Howie.

Ramona sat up and scowled at Howie. "Tattletale," she said in a voice of scorn. Across

Howie she saw that Susan was lying quietly with her beautiful curls spread out on her mat and her eyes screwed tight shut.

"Well, you did," said Howie.

"Children!" Miss Binney's voice was sharp. "We must rest so that we will not be tired when our mothers come to take us home."

"Is your mother coming to take you home?" Howie asked Miss Binney. Ramona had been wondering the same thing.

"That's enough, Howie!" Miss Binney spoke the way

mothers sometimes speak just before dinnertime. In a moment she was back to her soft, sleepy voice. "I like the way Susan is resting so quietly," she said. "Susan, you may be the wake-up fairy and tap the boys and girls with this wand to wake them up."

The magic wand turned out to be nothing but an everyday yardstick. Ramona lay quietly, but her efforts were of no use. Susan with her curls bouncing about her shoulders tapped Ramona last. It's not fair, Ramona thought. She was not the worst rester in the class. Howie was much worse.

The rest of the morning went quickly. The class was allowed to explore the paints and the toys, and those who wanted to were allowed to draw with their new crayons. They did not, however, learn to read and write, but Ramona cheered up when Miss Binney explained that anyone who had anything to share with the class could bring it to school the next day for Show and Tell. Ramona was glad when the bell finally rang and she saw her mother waiting for her outside the fence. Mrs. Kemp and Willa Jean were waiting for Howie, too, and the five started home together.

Right away Howie said, "Ramona got benched, and she's the worst rester in the class."

After all that had happened that morning, Ramona found this too much. "Why don't you shut up?" she yelled at Howie just before she hit him.

Mrs. Quimby seized Ramona by the hand and dragged her away from Howie. "Now Ramona," she said, and her voice was firm, "this is no way to behave on your first day of school."

"Poor little girl," said Mrs. Kemp. "She's worn out." Nothing infuriated Ramona more than having a grown-up say, as if she could not hear, that she was worn out. "I'm not worn out!" she shrieked.

"She got plenty of rest while she was benched," said Howie.

"Now Howie, you stay out of this," said Mrs. Kemp. Then to change the subject, she asked her son, "How do you like kindergarten?"

"Oh - I guess it's all right," said Howie without enthusiasm. "They don't have any dirt to dig in or tricycles to ride."

"And what about you, Ramona?" asked Mrs. Quimby. "Did you like kindergarten?"

Ramona considered. Kindergarten had not turned out as she had expected. Still, even though she had not been given a present and Miss Binney did not love her, she had liked being with boys and girls her own age. She liked singing the song about the dawner and having her own little cupboard. "I didn't like it as much as I thought I would," she answered honestly, "but maybe it will get better when we have Show and Tell."



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Chapter 4: Show and Tell, Part 1

Ramona looked forward to many things - her first loose tooth, riding a bicycle instead of a tricycle, wearing lipstick like her mother - but most of all she looked forward to Show and Tell. For years Ramona had watched her sister Beezus leave for school with a doll, a book, or a pretty leaf to share with her class. She had watched Beezus's friend Henry Huggins carry mysterious, lumpy packages past her house on his way to school. She had listened to Beezus talk about the interesting things her class brought to school - turtles, ballpoint pens that wrote in three different colors, a live clam in a jar of sand and seawater.

Now at last the time had come for Ramona to show and tell. "What are you going to take to show your class?" she asked Beezus, hoping for an idea for herself.

"Nothing," said Beezus, and went on to explain. "Along about the third grade you begin to outgrow Show and Tell. By the fifth grade it's all right to take something really unusual like somebody's pickled appendix or something to do with social studies. An old piece of fur when you study fur traders would be all right. Or if something really exciting happened like your house burning down, it would be all right to tell about that. But in the fifth grade you don't take an old doll or a toy fire engine to school. And you don't call it Show and Tell by then. You just let the teacher know you have something interesting."

Ramona was not discouraged. She was used to Beezus's growing out of things as she grew into them. She rummaged around in her toy box and finally dragged out her favorite doll, the doll with the hair that could really be washed. "I'm going to take Chevrolet," she told Beezus.

"Nobody names a doll Chevrolet," said Beezus, whose dolls had names like Sandra or Patty.

"I do," Ramona answered. "I think Chevrolet is the most beautiful name in the world."

"Well, she's a horrid-looking doll," said Beezus. "Her hair is green. Besides, you don't play with her."

"I wash her hair," said Ramona loyally, "and the only reason what's left of her hair looks sort of green is that I tried to blue it like Howie's grandmother, who has her hair blue at the beauty shop. Mama said putting bluing on yellow hair turned it green. Anyway, I think it's pretty."

When the time finally came to start to school, Ramona was disappointed once more to see Mrs. Kemp approaching with Howie and little Willa Jean. "Mama, come on," begged Ramona, dragging at her mother's hand, but her mother waited until the Kemps had caught up. Willa Jean was even sloppier this morning. There were crumbs on the front of her sweater, and she was drinking apple juice out of a nursing bottle. Willa Jean dropped the bottle when she saw Chevrolet and sat there with apple juice dribbling down her chin while she stared at Ramona's doll.

"Ramona is taking her doll to school for Show and Tell," said Mrs. Quimby.

Howie looked worried. "I don't have anything for Show and Tell," he said.

"That's all right, Howie," said Mrs. Quimby. "Miss Binney doesn't expect you to take something every day."

"I want to take something," said Howie.

"My goodness, Howie," said his mother. "What if twenty-nine children each brought something. Miss Binney wouldn't have time to teach you anything."

"She's taking something," Howie pointed to Ramona.

There was something familiar about the way Howie was behaving. Ramona pulled at her mother's hand. "Come on, Mama."

"Ramona, I think it would be nice if you ran in the house and found something to lend Howie to take to school," said Mrs. Quimby.

Ramona did not think this idea was nice at all, but she recognized that lending Howie something might be faster than arguing with him. She ran into the house where she snatched up the first thing she saw - a stuffed rabbit that had already been given hard wear before the cat had adopted it as a sort of practice gopher. The cat liked to chew the rabbit's tail, carry it around in his mouth, or lie down and kick it with his hind feet.

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.

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When Ramona thrust the rabbit into Howie's hand, Mrs. Kemp said, "Say thank you, Howie."

"It's just an old beat-up bunny," said Howie scornfully. When his mother wasn't looking, he handed the rabbit to Willa Jean, who dropped her apple juice, seized the rabbit, and began to chew its tail.

Just like our cat, thought Ramona, as the group proceeded toward school.

"Don't forget Ramona's bunny," said Mrs. Kemp, when they reached the kindergarten playground.

"I don't want her old bunny," said Howie.

"Now Howie," said his mother. "Ramona was kind enough to share her bunny so you be nice." To Mrs. Quimby she said, as if Howie could not hear, "Howie needs to learn manners."

Share! Ramona had learned about sharing in nursery school, where she either had to share something of her own that she did not want to share or she had to share something that belonged to someone else that she did not want to share either. "That's all right, Howie," she said. "You don't have to share my rabbit."

Howie looked grateful, but his mother thrust the rabbit into his hands anyway.

At the beginning, on that second day of kindergarten, Ramona felt shy because she was not sure what Miss Binney would think about a girl who had been made to sit on the bench. But Miss Binney smiled, and said, "Good morning, Ramona," and seemed to have forgotten all about the day before. Ramona sat Chevrolet in her little cupboard with the duck on the door and waited for Show and Tell.

"Did anyone bring something to show the class?" asked Miss Binney, after the class had sung the dawnzer song.

Ramona remembered to raise her hand, and Miss Binney invited her to come to the front of the room to show the class what she had brought. Ramona took Chevrolet from her cupboard and stood beside Miss Binney's desk, where she discovered she did not know what to say. She looked to Miss Binney for help.

Miss Binney smiled encouragingly. "Is there something you would like to tell us about your doll?"

"I can really wash her hair," said Ramona. "It's sort of green because I gave her a blue rinse."

"And what do you wash it with?" asked Miss Binney.

"Lots of things," said Ramona, beginning to enjoy speaking in front of the class. "Soap, shampoo, detergent, bubble bath. I tried Dutch Cleanser once, but it didn't work."

"What is your doll's name?" asked Miss Binney.

"Chevrolet," answered Ramona. "I named her after my aunt's car."

The class began to laugh, especially the boys. Ramona felt confused, standing there in front of twenty-eight boys and girls who were all laughing at her. "Well, I did!" she said angrily, almost tearfully. Chevrolet was a beautiful name, and there was no reason to laugh.

Miss Binney ignored the giggles and snickers. "I think Chevrolet is a lovely name," she said. Then she repeated, "Chev-ro-let." The way Miss Binney pronounced the word made it sound like music. "Say it, class."

"Chev-ro-let," said the class obediently, and this time no one laughed. Ramona's heart was filled with love for her teacher. Miss Binney was not like most grown-ups. Miss Binney understood.

The teacher smiled at Ramona. "Thank you, Ramona, for sharing Chevrolet with us."

After a girl had showed her doll that talked when she pulled a cord in its back and a boy had told the class about his family's

new refrigerator, Miss Binney asked, "Does anyone else have anything to show us or tell us about?"

"That boy brought something," said Susan of the springy curls, pointing at Howie.

Boing, thought Ramona, as she always did when those curls caught her attention. She was beginning to see that Susan was a girl who liked to take charge.

"Howie, did you bring something?" asked Miss Binney.

Howie looked embarrassed.

"Come on, Howie," encouraged Miss Binney. "Show us what you brought."

Reluctantly Howie went to his cupboard and brought out the shabby blue rabbit with the damp tail. He carried it to Miss Binney's desk, faced the class, and said in a flat voice, "It's just an old bunny." The class showed very little interest.

"Is there something you would like to tell us about your bunny?" asked Miss Binney.

"No," said Howie. "I just brought it because my mother made me."

"I can tell you something about your bunny," said Miss Binney. "It has had lots of love. That's why it's so worn."

Ramona was fascinated. In her imagination she could see the cat lying on the carpet with the rabbit gripped in his teeth while he battered it with his hind feet. The look that Howie gave the rabbit was somehow lacking in love. Ramona waited for him to say that it wasn't his rabbit, but he did not. He just stood there.

Miss Binney, seeing that Howie could not be encouraged to speak in front of the class, opened a drawer in her desk, and as she reached inside she said, "I have a present for your bunny." She pulled out a red ribbon, took the rabbit from Howie, and tied the ribbon around its neck in a bright bow. "There you are, Howie," she said. "A nice new bow for your bunny."

Howie mumbled, "Thank you," and as quickly as possible hid the rabbit in his cupboard.

Ramona was delighted. She felt that the red ribbon Miss Binney had given her old rabbit took the place of the present she had not been given the day before. All morning she thought about the things she could do with that red ribbon. She could use it to tie up what was left of Chevrolet's hair. She could trade it to Beezus for something valuable, an empty perfume bottle or some colored paper that wasn't scribbled on. During rest time Ramona had the best idea of all. She would save the ribbon until she got a two-wheeled bicycle. Then she would weave it in and out of the spokes and ride so fast the ribbon would be a red blur as the wheels went around. Yes. That was exactly what she would do with her red ribbon.



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- 10-12 - IA Regional UIL Academic Meet, South Plains College, Levelland
- 11 - Spearman 1st Grade Music Program, 8:30 a.m., Elementary/Jr. High Cafeteria; Spearman Junior High PRIDE Assembly, 2 p.m. Elementary/Jr. High Cafeteria; PTCI Tailgate Party at the O'Loughlin Center, 11:30-1:30; Parkinson's Disease Support Group Meets, Perryton Mennonite Church, 4 p.m.
- 11-12 - UIL 2A Regional Academic Meet, Abilene;
- 12 - Area I & II CDE's/FFA, Lubbock; Rushing Wind Emmaus Community meets, Waka Christian Center, 6 p.m.; Texas Golden Spread All-Stars Basketball Game, Canyon, 6 p.m.; OPSU Alumni Banquet, Goodwell, OK, 5 p.m.
- 13 - Riders on the Orphan Train Concert, Wolf Creek Heritage Museum, 2 p.m. (806-852-2123)
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- 15 - Spearman 8th Grade Enrollment (incoming freshmen), Spearman HS Library, 6:30 p.m.; Federal Income Tax Due; Spearman City Council meets, 7 a.m.; Final Day to register for Spearman Little League (659-2817 or 659-1734); GHS Jr. Parent Meeting, FCS Room, 7 p.m.
- 15-16 - Spearman HS Choir Contest, West Texas A&M University, Canyon
- 16 - Christy Lang OPSU Signing Party, 10:30 a.m., SHS Library
- 17 - District 1-2A HS Band UIL Concert Contest, Boys Ranch; FUMC Spearman Senior Supper, Spearman Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.; District 1A HS Band UIL Concert Contest, Boys Ranch; 1A Regional Qualifier Track Meet, Panhandle; GISD Reporter Cards distributed; Spearman Fire Departments meets; HCHD sponsors Advanced Care Awareness Day, 1 p.m., The O'Loughlin Center
- 18 - Spearman Kindergarten Music Program, Elementary/Jr. High Cafeteria, 8:30 a.m.; Spearman Kindergarten Field Trip, Borger Zoo; O'Loughlin Center holds meeting concerning Racquetball Court, 12 noon; OPSU Hosts Dinner & A Show, *I Hate Hamlet*, 6 p.m. (580-349-1418)
- 18-21 - OPSU Presents *I Hate Hamlet*, 7:30 p.m. (580-349-1418)
- 19 - State FFA Contest, Lubbock; Gruver HS Prom, 7 p.m.
- 20 - OPSU Presents *I Hate Hamlet*, 3 p.m. (580-349-1418)

Spring Sports

Lynx and Lynxettes Qualify For Regional Golf

The Lynx and Lynxette Golf teams qualified for the Regional Golf Tournament by placing 2nd in the District Tournament.

Lynxette Golf

The Lynxettes finished the first round of District play in first place with a team total of 460. Mattie Davis led the Lynxettes with 106, followed by Amber Martinez 115, Tayshia James 188, Brittney Bradley 121 and Kyla Reed 125.

At the end of the second round, Lynxettes finished with a team total of 926. The Lynxettes were led by Mattie Davis with a 102, followed by Amber Martinez 118, Brittney Bradley 122, Kyla Reed 124 and Tayshia James 126.

District Golf Team results are as follows: 1st - Panhandle, 900; 2nd - Spearman, 926; 3rd - Canadian, 1019

Mattie Davis finished third in District 1-AA with a tournament total of 208.

Lynx Golf

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

At the end of the second round, Tyler Harper led the Lynx with a 79 and a 2-round total of 153, followed by Jordan Ashmore 81, Blayne Schroeder 88, Cullie Cooper 92 and Brett Winegarner 103. Individual Lynx competitors were Trent Goodheart, who shot 90, Sawyer Sutterfield 93 and Cody Benton 109.

Tyler Harper was the District Medallist by a margin of 5 shots, and Jordan Ashmore placed 4th in district.

District Golf Team results are as follows: 1st - Panhandle, 670; 2nd - Spearman, 676; 3rd - Canadian, 694

The Lynx and Lynxettes will compete in the Regional Golf Tournament on April 21-22 in Baird.

Lynx and Lynxettes Qualify For Regional Tennis

The Spearman Lynx and Lynxette Tennis Teams competed in the District 1-2A Tennis Tournament in Amarillo on April 3rd and 4th.

Brittney Bradley was the District Runner-Up in Girls Singles and Kendall Schneider and Courtney Chambers were the District Champions in Girls Doubles. All three will advance to the

Regional Tennis Tournament in Abilene on April 23rd and 24th.

Brittany Barnes finished 4th in Girls Singles and Jeremy Frost finished 4th in Boys Singles.

T.J. Worley and Gabriel Moreno finished 3rd in Boys Doubles.

Following are the results.

Girls Singles

Brittney Bradley (SP) defeated Kristen Butler (PAN) 6-2, 6-1 (Semi-Finals); lost to Macy Woodside (CAN) 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 (Finals)

Brittany Barnes (SP) defeated Erin Snider (WT) 6-0, 6-2 (Quarter-Finals); lost to Macy Woodside (CAN) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1 (Semi-Finals); lost to Kristen Butler (PAN) 6-2, 6-1 (3rd Place Match)

Girls Doubles

Kendall Schneider & Courtney Chambers (SP) defeated Young & Burns (CAN) 6-1, 6-2 (Semi-Finals); defeated Ellison & Cates (CAN) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 (Finals)

Cha'tae Avila & Rosa Ortiz (SP) were defeated by Ellison & Cates (CAN) 6-1, 6-4 in the quarter-finals.

Boys Singles

Jeremy Frost (SP) defeated Jason Rodriguez (PAN) 6-3, 6-1 (Quarter-Finals); lost to Edward Isaacs (CAN) 6-4, 7-5 (Semi-Finals); lost to Zach Chisum (PAN) 6-4, 6-3 (3rd Place Match)

Joel Kern (SP) lost to Zach Chisum (PAN) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 in the quarter-finals.

Boys Doubles

T J Worley & Gabriel Moreno (SP) defeated Bonds & Simmons (WT) 6-1, 6-1 (quarter-finals); lost to Jones & Jensen (PAN) 6-1, 6-1 (semi-finals); defeated Kelly & Haynes (WT) 6-2, 6-1 (3rd Place Match); lost to Young & Sherwood (PAN) 6-3, 2-6, 6-1 in playback.

L J Fishburn & Andy Mendez (SP) lost to Kelly & Haynes (WT) 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 in the quarter-finals.

Hounds & Lady Hounds Qualify For Regional Tennis

The Gruver Hound and Lady Hound competed in the District Tennis Tournament in Amarillo.

Matt Salazar and Lynn Vela won 2nd Place in Mixed Doubles. Cambry Cooper won 2nd place in Girls Singles, and Taylor Williams won 1st place in Boys Singles. All three will compete at the Regional Tennis Tournament in Levelland on April 23rd and 24th.

Mixed Doubles

Matt Salazar and Lynn Vela were seeded #1, so they had a bye in the first round. They won the second match vs Sunray(6-0)(6-0); lost 3rd match vs Boys Ranch(6-7)(4-6); won 4th match vs Miner/McCloy(Gruver

team)(6-4)(7-6), which gave them a chance for the play-back for 2nd place. This gave them the chance for a play-back for 2nd vs Sunray(6-1)(6-1), which they won.

Girls Singles

Cambry Cooper, seeded 3rd in District, won 1st match vs Vega(6-2)(6-0); lost 2nd match vs Claude (3-6)(2-6); won 3rd match vs Boys Ranch (6-2)(6-0), this gave him a chance for the play-back for 2nd vs #1 seed Claude (6-3)(6-2), which she won.

Boys Singles

Taylor Williams was seeded #1, so he had a bye in the 1st round. He won his 2nd Match(6-1)(6-0) vs Wheeler; won 3rd Match(6-1)(6-1) vs White Deer; won 4th Match, Championship match, (6-4)(6-1) vs Boys Ranch(#2 seed)

Hounds & Lady Hounds Qualify For Area Track

The District 1A Track Meet was held in White Deer.

The following Gruver High School athletes qualified for the Area Track Meet in Panhandle on Tuesday, April 8.

Chandler Miner: 100 Meter Dash, Sprint Relay, 800 Meter Relay

Seth Thompson: 300 Hurdles, Sprint Relay, 800 Meter Relay

Justin Vasquez: Sprint Relay, 800 Meter Relay, Mile Relay

Miles Messer: Pole Vault, Rily Urban: High Jump, Sprint Relay, 800 Meter Relay

Blake Fitzgerald: 400 Meter Dash, Mile Relay

Ramon Mendoza: 400 Meter Dash, Mile Relay

Payton Thoreson: Mile Relay

Devlin Reynolds: High Jump (4'8"), Triple Jump (33'5")

Katie Gibson: 3200 Meter Run (13:54:05), 1600 Meter Run (5:58:46)

Makenzie Crane: Pole Vault (8'6")

Riemer Places 2nd for All Around Cowboy in Tri-State High School Rodeo

Reese Riemer of Gruver took 2nd place with a score of 23 for All Around Cowboy at the Tri-State High School Rodeo.

Other Hansford County results are as follows:

Bull Riding: 2. (tie) Colter White, Gruver and Dane Harbour, 66

Calf Roping: 2. Reese Riemer, Gruver, 11.19

Ribbon Roping: 2. Reese Riemer, Gruver, 5.88

Steer Wrestling: 1. Coby Bullock, Gruver, 5.20; 2. Loper McCune, Gruver, 6.34; 3. Colder Cluck, Gruver, 15.38

Pole Bending: 3. Lyndsey White, Gruver, 21.605 5. Brooke Barnard, Gruver,

22.337

Break Away Roping: 4. Raven Gray, Gruver

Barrel Race: Chaney Latham, Gruver, 17.844

Goat Tying: 3. Chaney Latham, Gruver, 9.44

Dane Harbour Places 2nd in Lubbock PRCA Rodeo

Dane Harbour placed 2nd this past Friday night in bull riding at the PRCA Rodeo in Lubbock. The rodeo was held at the City Bank Coliseum on the Tech campus. Dane won \$1164 for his win.

Lynx & Lynxettes Compete in District Track Meet

The first day of the District 2A Track Meet was held in Spearman on April 8th. The second day, which was to be held on April 9th, was postponed to April 14th due to rain.

Following are the results from April 8th.

Lynxettes

3200 Meters: 3. Suttan Garnett, Spearman, 12:40.26, 4. Tara Shields, Spearman, 13:02.27

Pole Vault: 1. Christy Lang, Spearman, 10-00, 2. Bond Pittman, Spearman, J10-00, 4. Jessica Diaz, Spearman, J7-06

Triple Jump: 1. Kylee Howard, Spearman, 34-04.75, 5. Christy Lang, Spearman, 31-08.75

Discus Throw: 2. Kendall Schneider, Spearman, 104-09.

Lynx

3200 Meters: 3. Jesus Mendoza, Spearman, 11:06.87

Pole Vault: 3. Dakota Cator, Spearman, 11-00.

Delta Kappa Gamma Holds Basket Auction To Fund Scholarships



Ada Feaster, auctioneer extraordinaire and her helper Patti Peil, auctioned baskets created by members of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

The Eta Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an International society for women teachers held its April meeting Tuesday, April 1, at the Wright Elementary Music Room in Perryton. The purpose of this meeting was to raise money to fund recruitment grants for female students preparing to become educators. A basket auction was dedicated to one of its members, Maurine Flatthers, who recently passed away. Juniors, seniors, or graduate ladies working on a degree in education are eligible for one of these grants and can contact Huberta Powell for applications.

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Riders on the Orphan Train



Brittney Bradley (left) was the Girls Singles District Runner-Up in the District 1-2A Tennis Tournament. Kendall Schneider (center) and Courtney Chambers (right) were the Girls Doubles District Champions. All three will compete in the Regional Tennis Tournament in Abilene on April 23 and 24.



Gabriel Moreno (left) and T.J. Worley (right) took 3rd place in Boys Doubles in the District 1-2A Tennis Tournament.

Between 1854 and 1929 over 250,000 orphans and unwanted children were taken out of New York City and given away at train stations across America. The last train came to Sulphur Springs, Texas in 1929. This "placing out" system was originally organized by Congregationalist minister Charles Loring Brace and the Children's Aid Society of New York. His mission was to rid the streets and overcrowded orphanages of

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ber of a bluegrass band that traveled and played throughout France and produced an album entitled "Bluegrass Oldies Ltd./Traveling Show." He also worked as a stage theatre technician for La Coursive Theatre Nationale in La Rochelle, France. After returning to the U.S. he met three Arkansas musicians and the acoustic quartet "Still on the Hill" was formed in Fayetteville. They released their first CD in 1997, the second in 200. The group performed at national and international festivals. He currently lives in Austin and is a co-presenter of Riders on the Orphan Train. In 2007 he received an Arkansas Arts Council Fellowship for Music Composition.

ed any expectations I may have had, as did the community's response...this was by far the most well-attended program the library has ever offered...everyone who attended was moved, educated and entertained... your program truly made an impact on our community." Cecilia Hurt Barham, Decatur Public Library, Decatur, TX

This is the second appearance for Orphan Train and is brought back by request. The afternoon will also serve as the reception to recognize the art of the students in all the schools of Lipscomb County.

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