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Cates Clothing Changes Ownership



Gary Cates and Alfred Avila pause for the camera as they prepare for the change of ownership for Cates Clothing.

by Sara Eisfeld

Alfred Avila spent 18 years training for what he now does.

On April 2, 2001, Alfred and his wife Cindy along with their two children took over ownership of Cates Clothing.

"It was a once in a lifetime chance for us," said Mr. Avila. "It was great for us to be able to reach it."

The Avila's purchase of the business was a unanimous family arrangement as well.

"It was a group decision," said Avila. "We all okay'd the purchase of the store."

Avila first began his career at Cates in 1978 at the age of 16. For 15 of his 18 years there, he spent as manager.

After spending the past three and a half years as purchasing director at Hansford Hospital, Avila saw the opportunity to purchase the 42-year-old business from Gary Cates.

"It was a great opportunity," said Avila. "Gary wanted to carry on the same service as before."

Avila credits his wife Cindy, who is employed with Hansford Appraisal District, with a major part of the business end of things.

"I do the front business," he said. "My wife is doing a lot of the behind the scenes work, so she gets a lot of the credit."

The Avila's have two children, Cha'tae a fourth grader and Michael, a second grader, both at Spearman Elementary.

The name will stay the same as well as the same lines of clothing.

"As the old saying goes, 'If it ain't broken, don't fix it,'" said Avila. "Gary always kept up with the top lines and we intend to continue that."

At A Glance

Lunch & Learn On Healthy Indoor Air

The onset of the spring and summer months means increased misery for many of the estimated 40 million Americans who live with allergies and the estimated 17 million with asthma. If you are one of those sufferers, you may have found that hibernating indoors doesn't offer much relief. Come to the Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, May 15th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ and get some tips that can possibly help provide much-needed relief from the sneezing, wheezing and itchy eyes. Janie Harris, Extension Specialist for Housing and Environment from Texas A&M, will present many simple steps that can reduce exposure to allergens and pollutants triggering asthma and allergy symptoms at home. Donations for lunch will be accepted. This program is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. For more information, please call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

SHS To Offer Videoconference Classes At FPC

Spearman High School will host videoconference classes through Frank Phillips College. The summer schedule is as follows:

May 29 - July 3, 2001 - PSYC 2314 CHILD and LIFE SPAN: Instructor D'Ann Boyd, Mon, Tues & Wed., 8 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.; GOVT 2305 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FEDERAL: Instructor Cameron Tucker, Mon., Wed., 6 - 10 p.m.; ECON 2301 ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES (MACRO): Instructor Bill Mesa, Tues. & Thurs., 6 - 10 p.m.

July 9 - August 10, 2001 - BIOL 1322 ELEMENTARY NUTRITION: Instructor Gina Marie Morris, Mon., Tues. & Wed., 8 - 10:40 a.m.; BIOL 2402 ANATOMY and PHYSIOLOGY II: Instructor Gina Marie Morris, Mon, Tues & Wed., 1:50 - 4:30 p.m.; ENGL 2333 MASTERPIECE IN LITERATURE II: Instructor Jan Moore, Mon. & Wed, 6 - 10 p.m.; MATH 1314 COLLEGE ALGEBRA: Instructor Phyllis McDaniel, Tues. & Thurs., 6 - 10 p.m.

Registration for classes will be May 21, 2001 from 5 - 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School PIN Room (enter east door of High School) For more information concerning classes contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 or Frank Phillips College 274-5311.

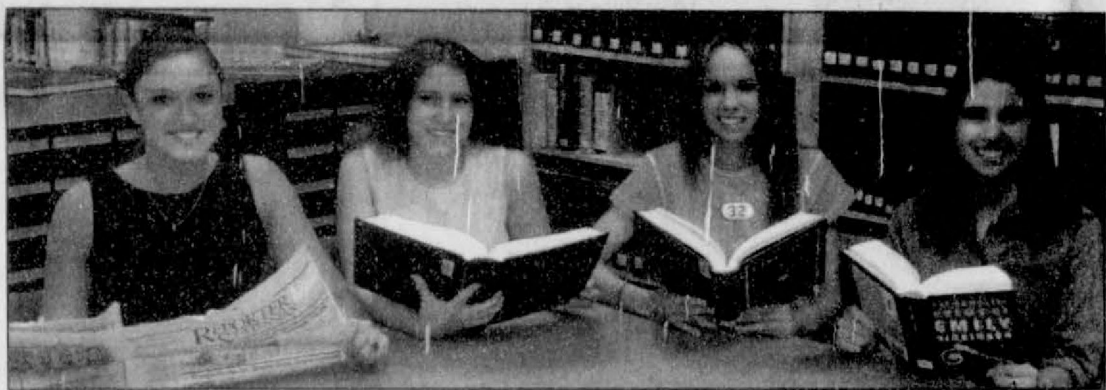
Gifted & Talented Nominations for 2001-2002

We are now accepting nominations for the 2001-2002 school year gifted/talented program. Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade may be nominated. This gifted educational program is designed to challenge students with above average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum. Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the elementary school office and complete the nomination form prior to May 25. Nominated students will go through a screening process to determine eligibility. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Counselor's office at 659-2565.

Project Graduation 2001

Parents of the Senior Class of 2001 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party," following commencement services on Friday May 25th. To encourage the seniors to stay the entire night, the last activity is an auction. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the auction. Contact Lenis Simpson at 659-2052 or 659-2852 or Ginger and Bill Pittman at 659-2847 or 659-5544.

A Meeting Of The Minds - Students To Compete In State Academic Meet



Spearman High School will be represented at the UIL State Academic Meet on May 4 and 5 in Austin by (L-R) Adrienne Simpson, feature writing; Angela Pipkin, debate; Chelsea Nollner, ready writing; and Christy Alvarado, poetry reading.



Kade Carthel of Gruver High School will compete in ready writing and headline writing at the state UIL Academic Meet, May 4 and 5 in Austin.

Senator Announces Changes To School Calendar Bill For Education Committee

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. will add a referendum to the "School Calendar Bill" that will allow individual school districts to select a start date for the school year.

"After meeting with various groups and members of the Legislature, I crafted a referendum that will ensure much more extensive community involvement in each school district's decision for the first day of school," said Lucio. "I removed the language requiring school districts to begin classes no earlier than August 21."

The referendum will permit every voter within each school district to select one of the following time frames for that district's start date:

- 1- the last full week in August
- 2- the second to the last week in August
- 3- the third to last week in August
- 4- September 1 or a later date

The legislation also allows each school board to choose the day of the week each year that school should start, based on the week garnering the most votes through referendum.

"I have heard from both school teachers and parents who are unhappy with the earlier and earlier date that public schools start each year," said Sen. Jeff Wendworth, R-Republican, co-author of the bill. Community voting will allow each school district to determine their own needs.

"SB 108 ensures that educators will consider feedback from parents and others who understand the impact of academic calendars on the community in general and on families in particular," said Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

According to the current system, the school board or a calendar

committee determines when that school district will start school, with little or no input from the community.

"When I voted for local control as part of the Education Code, I did it with the full understanding that it meant that a local decision would involve the community and have some sort of parameters," said Sen. Lucio. "Unfortunately, that has not always been the case."

The proposition would be added to the next school district election or it can be added to the statewide November 2001 election on the Constitutional amendments. SB 108 would not require school districts to hold a special election for this purpose, but they may do so. If the bill becomes effective immediately, school districts with elections in May could still add the referendum at that time. However, an election cannot be held on a bill until 46 days or more have passed since the bill became effective. School districts would not be required to adhere to the new schedule until the 2002-2003 school year.

Sen. Lucio strongly encourages parents and teachers of migrant students to participate in the election and choose the week that they honestly feel is the best time to open schools with minimal loss of classroom time for these students.

Rep. Harold Dutton, Jr. D-Houston is the bill's primary sponsor in the House. Sen. Leticia van De Putte, D-San Antonio is also a co-sponsor of the bill. Nineteen House Representatives have signed on as co-sponsors. The bill has been referred to the Senate Education Committee but has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

Don't Forget To Vote Saturday, May 5th 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Spearman Welcomes MLM Locksmith



Michael L. Marry, owner of MLM Locksmith

Michael L. Marry of MLM Locksmith recently celebrated his one-year anniversary in business in Spearman.

Michael is a certified locksmith and professional security consultant.

He makes keys, lock repairs, works on safes, is able to do master keying and key-alike, lock repairs, and emergency openings in cars and homes. He is also able to provide monitoring systems for businesses.

Michael has been in the locksmith business since 1996, starting in Emporia, KS. He moved to Spearman just over a year ago from Johnson, KS, at the invitation of his uncle, Dr. Wonnacott.

Michael is available for help 24-hours-a-day, and may be reached at 659-9927, on his cell phone at 886-4551, by e-mail at velcro@arn.net, or toll-free at 1-888-269-9884.

Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

99 Cents

by Harletta Carthel

Sometimes we learn more from an outsider about ourselves than that newcomer learns herself.

Such was the case with Sara Eisfeld, a bright, enthusiastic, young journalism graduate from Minnesota who has been an employee of the Reporter-Statesman since August.

Just about the time I was convinced I and my surroundings were about the most common and ordinary in all the world, the Norwegian newlywed arrived.

Every day was a new discovery for Sara. Just the finding of a huge chunk of beef in local grocery was an experience.

"Mark (her husband) and I bought this huge hunk of meat called beef briskets. How do you cook it?"

After explaining the secret of cooking a good brisket was low heat over a long period of time, Sara, a great cook who makes Lefsa and other dishes I can't even pronounce, decided to chunk the whole brisket and cook it in a crock pot.

The results were, shall we say, less delicious than expected.

The next cooking question also

dealt with a local delicacy - pheasant. After Mark shot his first of the big birds in December, Sara was quick to ask "Do we need to bleed it before cooking?"

Sara wanted to know about everything "What is a cattle foreman? a cattle guard? She often tried to figure out things on her own, but some defied logic i.e. a cutting contest.

As I tried to explain the process of a horse separating one calf from the herd, Sara had this look on her face as if I were pulling her leg. I never did know if she believed me or not.

Sara loved seeing cowboys and big hats and spurs and dogs riding in the back of pickup trucks. She and her husband Mark read and visited more spots of "interest" in Hansford and other counties than most locals do in a lifetime.

Her speech was also different than ours in content and in a faster pace. We had to teach her how to correctly use the term "you all" but she picked up on "yep" quickly.

One day she remarked "Everyone here always appreciates thing."

"Well don't Minnesota people appreciate things, too?" I asked.

"Of course, but we don't say we appreciate things," she answered.

"Well, what in the world do you say when you appreciate something?" I queried.

"Thank you," was her curt reply.

Sara and Mark did a lot of good in the short time they were here. They were most active in the Trinity Fellowship Church and were dependable volunteers at Cross Roads, even spending their last weekend here taking some of the kids camping. She also shared her talents with the UIL journalism students in Gruver prepaing for contest.

As time passed, Sara learned to make a mean beef brisket using Claude's Brisket Marinade, and she even made sour dough biscuits to her repertoire. And she knows that a cutting horse contest is a bloodless event. But we learned a lot more about ourselves through Sara than she ever learned of us. And with her high ideals and good heart, she probably gave us more encouragement that we ever imparted to her. So to Sara (and Mark) we will miss you, and we wish you happy trails. And for all you've done, we "preciate it.

A friend sent me the following poem. It really made me stop and think about some of the things that I say. (In the future I hope it will make me stop and think before I speak.) I hope you enjoy it.

Silver Boxes

by Michael Bright

My words were harsh and hasty
And they came without a thought.
Then I saw the pain and anguish
That my bitter words had brought.

Bitter words that I had spoken
Made me think back through the past;
Of how many times I'd uttered
Biting words whose pain would last.

Then I wondered of the people
I had hurt by things I'd said;
All the ones I had discouraged
When I didn't use my head.

Then I thought about my own life,
Of painful words I've heard;
And of the times I'd been discouraged
By a sharp and cruel word.

And now clearly I remember
All the things I might have done;
But, by a word I was discouraged
And they never were begun.

Lord, help my words be silver boxes,
Neatly wrapped up with a bow;
That I give to all so freely,
As through each day I gladly go.

Silver boxes full of treasure,
Precious gifts from God above;
That all the people I encounter
Might have a box of God's own love.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

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Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
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Pastor - Ken Cole

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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
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Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
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Pastor - Jerry Moore

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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

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

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

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

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

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

May 8
Birthdays - Cody Macbean, Kris Horton, Allan McCloy, Mike Pierce, Richard Pipkin, Pat Cudd, Carla Barkley, Phil Tripp, Monica Cantu, Denice Bridges, Clydeen Ramsey

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don Hudson

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

May 10
Birthdays - Sandi Foster, Hayley Garland, Paula Williams, Butch Lasater, Teresa Kirk, Alva Garner, Brenda Shieldknight, Kevin Bellows, Bobbie Novak, Deborah Randall, Paul Garza Jr., Robert Howell, Adrian Garza, Tashiana Schumann, Troy Seagler, Jake Vernon, Tammy Mitchell
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Harley Murrell, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gibson

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

May 12
Birthdays - Kristin Evans, John Holland, Trevor Ferguson, Deanna Johnson, Dave Karlin, Gary Gumfory, Jimmy Greene, Hazel Scott, Ernesto Puentes, Karen Hamilton, Toni Atwood, Bonnie Benson, Anita Spivey, Lauren Carter, Karen Hodge
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Davis

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

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

Our Deepest Sympathy

Lorraine B. Davidson

Lorraine B. Davidson, 90, died Saturday, April 21, 2001 at Hansford Manor.

Graveside services were held on Monday, April 23, 2001 with the Rev. Leonard Harper officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers.

Mrs. Davidson was born on March 12, 1911 in Chattanooga, OK to Stephen F. Cook and Nellie M. Wyatt. She moved to Spearman in 1957 from Rangely, CO. She married W.D. (Buck) Davidson on March 18, 1933 in Longview, TX where she was a member of the Sisters of Pythias Lodge for over 60 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Dee Davidson of Spearman; a niece, Carolyn Joy Nabozny of Longview; five nephews, William Arthur Scrogum of San Francisco, CA and Donnie Dale, Robbie, Don Henry and David Dean Klakamp, all of Indiana; two half-brothers, Steve and J.W. Cook of California; She was preceded in death by her husband, three sisters, Betty Faye Cooke, Ellen Klakamp, Lillian Mae Scrogum and half sister Ima Jean Baker.



Beverly Sutton

Beverly Sutton, 70, died Sunday, April 29, 2001, in Amarillo.

Services were Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at 2 p.m. in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Golden of Canadian officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery at Spearman. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brother Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Sutton was a member of the First Baptist Church of Spearman, the Rebekah Lodge and the First Baptist Church choir.

Survivors include her husband, E.E. "Gene" Sutton; two daughters, Linda Folley of Canadian and Rhonda Short of Amarillo; a brother, Earl Main of Emporia, Kan.; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Spearman or a favorite charity.

Juanita M. Phy Tinsley

Juanita M. Phy Tinsley, 80, died Tuesday, April 24, 2001, in Houma, La.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with her son, the Rev. Fred H. Tinsley Jr., officiating. Arrangements were by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Tinsley had been a Pampa resident from 1939 to 2000, when she moved to Jefferson. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Pampa since 1940.

Survivors include a son, the Rev. Fred H. Tinsley Jr. of Houma; a daughter, Becky Lynn Tinsley Dosssett of San Benito; a sister, Bertha Mae Mason of Jefferson; a brother, Bob Gene Killion of Grand Prairie; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065; or St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Houma.

Nona Schell

Nona Holdeman Schell, 72, died Wednesday, April 25, 2001, in Amarillo.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Schell was a member of the First Christian Church where, for many years, she taught Sunday school, sang in the choir and was a deaconess. She worked as a licensed vocational nurse at Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor for several years. She was a member of the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center in Spearman.

Survivors include two daughters, Carolyn Gilbert of Amarillo and Sharalyn Larsen of Guyton, Okla.; two sons, Rondal Schell of Perryton and Randy Schell of Lubbock; two sisters, Eileen Kile of Perryton and Eloise Kelly of Wichita, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church building fund, P.O. Box 637, Spearman, TX 79081.

Kerry Lee Henton

Kerry Lee Henton, 53, died Thursday, April 26, 2001, in Collingsworth County.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Heart Cemetery of Booker. Memorial services were at 3 p.m. Monday in First Christian Church in Spearman with the Rev. Gary Smith, pastor, officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Spearman.

Mr. Henton, a Vietnam veteran, had been a captain in the Marine Corps. He graduated from West Texas State University in 1970.

Kerry was a certified public accountant in Spearman from 1976 to 2001 and a former Spearman Independent School District trustee. Kerry was the co-founder of the Spearman Scholarship Foundation in 1992.

He was a former deacon and trustee of the First Christian Church in Spearman. He was a member of the Spearman Rotary Club.

Survivors include his wife, Jane Henton; a daughter, Kortney Henton of Lubbock; a son, Kelsey Henton of Lubbock; his parents, Wendell and Eula Henton of Booker; a brother, Larry Henton of Booker; a sister, Sue Caddell of Amarillo; and a grandmother, Sophie Henton of Booker.

The family suggests memorials be to Kerry Henton Memorial Scholarship, c/o Spearman Scholarship Foundation, 1104 Linn, Spearman, TX 79081; or the First Christian Church building fund, P.O. Box 637, Spearman, TX 79081.

James Henry Brown

James Henry Brown, 69, died Friday, April 27, 2001.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday in Cornerstone Church of God at Perryton with the Rev. Dean Williamson of McLean and the Rev. Jim Myers, son-in-law, officiating. Burial was at 1 p.m. in Lane Memorial Cemetery at Sunray by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Brown was a sergeant and Army veteran of the Korean War. He worked for the cities of Sunray, Spearman and Dalhart, retiring from the city of Dalhart in 1998.

He was also a volunteer fireman in Sunray, Spearman and Dalhart for 46 years. He taught at the Texas A&M Fire School for 27 years. He was an ambulance driver for a number of years. He was named Fireman of the Year for Dalhart in 1998.

He married Martha Jo Sarrels on Nov. 4, 1950, at Clayton, N.M. She passed away in 1997. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Onah Brown; two brothers, Eddie Brown in 1995 and Johnny Mack Brown in 1984; a sister, Voleta Fern Brown in 1934; and two infant granddaughters, Mandy Brown and Brandy Brown.

He married Ann Brown on July 4, 1999, in Fayetteville, Ark.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Mike Brown of Woodward, Okla., Kenny Brown of Sunray and Roger Brown of Weatherford; a daughter, Becky Myers of Perryton; a stepdaughter, Cindy Shuler of Fayetteville; a stepson, Ralph Cooper of Fresno; a brother, Elmer Lee "Butch" Brown of Orange; two sisters, Lois Bryan of Sweetwater, Okla., and Frances Meadows of Victoria; a half brother, Elmer Lee Brown Jr., of Richland, Ore.; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Ochiltree County Hospice, 3101 Garrett Drive, Perryton, TX 79070.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship

The Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2001-2002 school year. The committee anticipates this to be a \$1000 scholarship, funded at \$500 per semester. The scholarship is limited to students majoring in music or religion, but not limited to 2001 graduates. Applications may be picked up and returned to Perryton National Bank, or your high school counselor. For more information, call (806) 435-9641.

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant

The Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, presents *Searching the Safari* on June 5, 2001. The entry deadline is Monday, May 7, 2000. Entries are available at Kid's Stuff, Lady Fair, Dreamer's Salon and the Chamber of Commerce office in Spearman, and at Main Street Store and My Mother's Garden in Gruver. Should you have any questions, contact Judy High at 659-3720, or the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

Education Scholarship Available For Gruver Grad

The Gruver Classroom Teachers' Association is offering a scholarship for a Gruver High School graduate who has completed at least 60 hours of accredited college course work. The student must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be a declared education major. Applications can be picked up in the Superintendent's office. An official transcript must be submitted with the application by July 1 to Gruver ISD, Attn. Gruver CTA, Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040. For more information call the Superintendent's office at 733-2001.

Farm Bureau Queen's Contest

Hansford County Farm Bureau is now accepting applications for the Farm Bureau's Queen Contest. Anyone interested, should contact the Hansford County Farm Bureau Office at 659-3133.

Morse Days Planned

Morse Days Parade and Celebration will be held Friday, May 4, 2001. Events will be held from 2:30 - 10 p.m. as follows: 2:30 - 4:30 - coggins & rabies clinic at the Community Building; 4:15 - assembly at Morse Equity for 4:30 parade; 5:00 - dummy roping at Morse Park; 6:00 - hamburger feed by Morse Lions Club; 7:00 - announcement of pie contest winners and pie auction; 8:00 - 10:00 - dance at Park Pavilion; 10:00 - fireworks provided by the Morse 4-H.

Coaching for Success:

Skills For Successful Managers and Charge Nurses
 "Coaching for Success: Skills for Successful Managers and Charge Nurses" is the title of a continuing education program to be represented from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2001 at the Southwest Kansas Area Health Education Center, 1501 Fulton Terrace, Suite 1, Garden City, KS. The speaker will be Robin Toms, ARNP-CS, PhD, Human Resources Training and Development Director. This program will provide a maximum of six contact hours and is designed for RNs, LPNs, Nursing Home Administrators and Healthcare Professionals. For more information, please contact the University of Kansas Medical Center/Southwest Kansas Area Health Education Center at (316) 275-0259.

Spearman Breast Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Screening Clinic at 712 S. Roland in Spearman on May 25 and 29, 2001. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806)356-1905 or toll free (800)377-4673 for more information.

Breast Cancer Screening in Gruver

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in cooperation with Gruver Independent School District and Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Methodist Church, 506 Broadway in Gruver on May 17 and 18, 2001. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (800)377-4673 or (806)356-1905 for more information.

Calligraphy Class

A Calligraphy Class is being offered on May 8th, 10th, and 15th 7 p.m. at Spearman High School. The cost for the class is \$20, including supplies. The instructor will be Maxine Little. For more information, or to register, please call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

BIG MOUTH

The BIG MOUTH program offered by the Hansford County Sheriff's Department is undergoing some renovations. There have been some complications, which are being corrected. The system will be turned on earlier in an effort to notify subscribers earlier. The Sheriff's Department is also seeking a better program that will work faster in an effort to allow those in danger to be notified more quickly.

Red Cross Schedules Life-guard Course

The American Red Cross will conduct Lifeguarding class starting May 7th. This class will be limited to enrollment. Please call the office at 435-8024 to sign up.

Skid-Lids-For-Kids Program

Skid-Lids-For-Kids, sponsored by H&S EMS and Panhandle Regional Advisory Council, will be held on May 12, 2001 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the EMS Station for kids in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. Kids are invited to come watch a safety video and receive a free helmet, if they bring a parent or responsible adult. Drawings will be held for other great prizes.

Fund Established For Holt Schoolhouse Memorial

The Holt community TEEA (Home Demonstration) club has established a Holt Schoolhouse Memorial fund for those who wish or remember their friends and neighbors with a memorial donation. Please send any contributions to this fund to Diana Thorpe, MCR 1, Box 58, Spearman; Audene Beck, HCR 1, Box 28A, Spearman; or to any member of the Holt Club.

Genealogy Society

The Hansford County Genealogy Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Hansford County Library.

Police Department Asking For Cell Phones

The Spearman Police Department, the Gruver Police Department and the Sheriff's Department are asking for cell phones for their Operation 911 program to put cell phones in the hands of all Spearman, Gruver and Morse teachers. Turn in handheld cell phones at the Sheriff's Department or call 659-4140 or 733-2901 for pickup.

Project Graduation 2001

Parents of the Senior Class of 2001 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement services on Friday May 25th. To encourage the seniors to stay the entire night, the last activity is an auction. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the auction. Contact Lenis Simpson at 659-2052 or 659-2852 or Ginger and Bill Pittman at 659-2847 or 659-5544.

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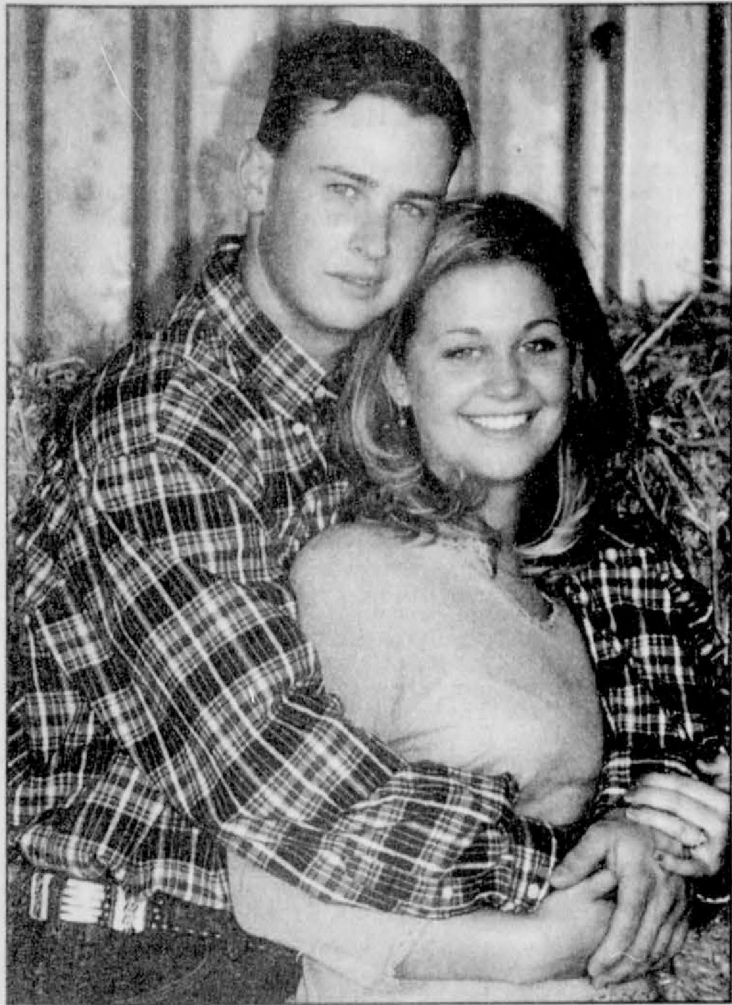
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Engagement Announcement

Kirk and Mary Sue Adams of Spearman would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Michele Adams to Keith Brent Cassidy. Amanda is also the daughter of the late Julie Sanders Adams. The prospective groom is the son of Monty and Pam Cassidy of Gruver. The couple will be married June 16, 2001 at Palo Duro Lake north of Spearman.

Website Provides Film Critique Family Style

Check out FilmValues.com, one of the America's most popular family film review websites for an evaluation of all the latest films. Dr. Arthur Taussig, the driving force behind FilmValues.com evaluates each film according to its appropriateness for various age groups, the amount of violence and gore, the type of language used, sexuality and a dozen other categories important for parents to know. The latest addition to this multiple award-winning website is a page called "The Academy Awards and Your Family." Available here are in-depth evaluations of what each Academy Award winner is saying to our kids. FilmValues.com has many features found nowhere else on the web that parents may appreciate. Every film that is based on a book, has a title and author listed. Parents can request reviews for children's films not listed. Dr. Arthur Taussig, PhD, a recognized expert on the psychology and sociology of popular film, has over 200 articles published internationally and is a member of the prestigious On-Line Film Critics' Society (OFCS). He is a professor of Film and Photography at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, CA, teaches for the University of California, Irvine and is Adjunct Curator of Film at the Orange County Museum of Art. He has taught contemporary film for over 20 years and has conducted many film workshops for parents.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Spearman was saddened by the tragic and unexpected passing of a well-known and respected citizen, Kerry Henton last Thursday, April 26 in Collingsworth County. Available information as to the details of his passing is that he was on a fishing trip with friends at the lodge of Larry Butts on the lake when he suffered a massive heart attack.

His obituary is elsewhere and the numerous church and civic activities in which he participated indicates the extent of the legacy he leaves.

To his widow, Jane, his son and daughter, and other family members, the community extends sincere sympathy.

The Friday Amarillo Daily News headlined two articles in sports section with Spearman and the names of two high school athletes.

One quote "Spearman's Nollner takes individual route this year" referring to Chelsea Nollner and her winning track record. There were many details of her records and stated that she's one of only two girls to be ranked in four individual events in the area honor roll. Chelsea is the daughter of Kyle and Jennifer Nollner.

The other write-up was headlined "Spearman's Beedy advances to Austin" and details many of his record, stating "Kevin Beedy left no doubt Thursday in Abilene as to who owned the Regional 1-2A tennis championship." He will advance to the UIL state tennis tournament May 7th and 8th in Austin.

He is the son of Scott and Becky Beedy.

Buddy and Becky Dossett left Friday for their home near San Benito after spending a couple of days here with his mother, Sara Dossett.

They had been in Pampa several days to arrange and attend the funeral of her mother. She passed away the previous Friday while visiting her son in Louisiana.

Sara also attended the service.

Butch and Irene Baker are still relishing the relaxing vacation they had recently. They had an interesting drive to Biloxi, Mississippi where they spent a couple of days. The beach provided fine sun-bathing and some museums were very interesting.

The weather turned cool so they went to New Orleans. The French Quarter was all that it is reputed to be. Next was Shreveport, then back to Spearman.

Clay Fewell is back at home now after undergoing surgery on Tuesday, February 24th. It was performed at Golden Plains Hospital in Borger. He is doing fairly well and considers the surgery mostly successful.

He appreciates friends who took care of his wife, Sheila, during his absence.

Irvin Davis underwent by-pass surgery on Wednesday of last week at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. It is reported that he is recovering rapidly and expected to be home the middle of this week.

Kay Evans enjoyed a two-day visit from her daughter and family of Lakin, KS over the weekend. Lisa and James Kiesel came with son C.J. and for the first visit of Kay's newest grandchild, Cheyanne.

Cheyenne Kay Kiesel was born on March 21, 2001 at Lakin, KS. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are James and Lisa Kiesel, and her brother is C.J.

Grandparents are Kay Evans of Spearman, Bob Shaffer of Spearman, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kiesel Jr. of Lakin.

Great-grandparents are Bill Evans of Satana, KS and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kiesel Sr. of Lakin, KS.

Great-great-grandmother is Mrs. H.R. Scarbrough of Muleshoe, TX.

The obituary of James Henry Brown is in that section of this issue. He moved from Spearman several years ago, but is well-

remembered here by numerous friends. He was especially active in the fire department. Some of his children attended school here, but none reside here now.

Doug and Shannon Barnes with Kaley, Sara and Brittany spent an unusual weekend at the Mountain Men Rendezvous on the Arkansas River, west of Lamar, COL. At this camp, all live as the mountain men and Indians did in the decade of 1830-1840. They stayed in tepees, cook over an open fire, have contests and races as were those of the period. There is much fun, competition and comradeship. Their shooting contests are with black powder rifles, or muzzle-loading guns.

The Barnes reached the camp Friday evening just in time for Doug to enter the "candle shoot" where a lighted candle is the rifle target in the pitch dark.

The women live as the Indian women did, just to a degree.

Contests and games, but none of that of the squaws, servile conduct - not for these modern women, the children also had contests and games.

This year there were 30 tents. John and Donna Millican, with Emma and Anna, of Morse accompanied them for their first weekend at the rendezvous, but enjoyed it so much, they do not intend for it to be their last.

After the camp, both families went over to the Indian Trading Post Bents Fort at La Junta.

The passing of Beverly Sutton after a long illness has just been received. Sympathy is expressed to all those who mourn.

Weather for the week of April 23rd through 7 a.m. on April 30th shows the high temperature was on both the 26th and 27th at 87 degrees; the low was on the 23rd at 38 degrees; total moisture was .22 inches.

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You are invited to a
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bride-elect of Bruce Howell

on Saturday, May 19, 2001
from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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Macy Shieldknight & Jason Holton - May 5th
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Erika Miller & Clint Goodman - May 5th
Courtney Lehrmann & Clint Schnell - May 19th
Julie Scroggs & Bruce Howell - May 19th
Tommi Latta & Brent Seidenberger - June 2nd
Amanda Adams & Keith Cassidy - June 2nd
Millie Yates & Clint Faries - June 2nd
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Tommi Latta & Brent Seidenberger - June 2
Clint Faries & Millie Yates - June 2
Amanda Adams & Keith Cassidy - June 2
Brent Biles & Jennifer Brewer - June 9
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Athletes Advance to State Meets

Rosa Diaz, the region 1-1A girls singles champion will compete in the state tennis meet May 7 and 8 while Jason Shoulders will compete in the 110 hurdles at the state track meet May 11 and 12. Both events will be in Austin.

Election Slated

Voters are reminded to cast their ballots on Saturday, May 5, in the GISD Board of Trustees election.

Flag Girls, Drum Major Announced

Seven members of the GHS band have been selected to serve in the flag corp for the 2001-2002 school year.

Chosen were Judy Luciano, Tabitha Crow, Kristie Balderrama, Lourdes Vega, Cynthia Briones, Liliana Tarango, and Miriam Trejo.

Rachel Abernathy will serve as drum major.

Delegates Attend Conference

Four Gruver Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) members and their sponsor attended the state conference of the organization in Houston April 19 and 20.

Gruver officers Kimberly Boyd, president; Sara Bass, vice-presi-

dent; Ashleigh Sherrill, secretary; and Rachel Abernathy, treasurer; their advisor Cheri Sherrill and her husband Terry attended the event which drew 3,500 delegates.

The three-day conference centered on ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth as well as goal setting, decision-making, and career preparation.

Students of Six Weeks Selected

The faculty of Gruver Junior High has selected four students of the six weeks for the good citizenship they display and their exemplary classroom behavior.

Chosen were Jose Huerta in the fifth grade, Saul Pandey in the sixth grade, Brittanie Osbourne in the seventh grade, and Allison Reid in the eighth grade.

Weller Attends Training

City manager Linda Weller was in Amarillo last week to attend the first tract of Certified Public Managers training.

The CPM program is sponsored by Texas Tech University and certifies management skills and knowledge for those seeking professional designation. Eight tracts are scheduled with the last in December 2002.

A variety of faculty members teach each tract.

Presenters of the first tract were Jack Jackson, an expert on organizational change; Dr. Monty Van Wart, a generalist in human resource management systems; Kimberly Ryan, an attorney who specializes in employment law, and Dr. Steve Condrey, a senior research associate with the Carl Vinson Institute at the University of Georgia.

VIPS and PALS Honored

The staff of Gruver Elementary honored its VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) and PALS (Partners Are Learning Program) with an appreciation dinner on April 26 in the home of Diane Brown.

VIPS who helped teachers in the preparation of materials for the classroom and teaching are Jo Alice Clawson, Shawn Thompson, and Jenny Abernathy.

PALS who worked with individual students on math, reading organizing homework, or other student educational needs are Jackie Wilson, Pat Irwin, Mary Jo Robinson, Rita Williams, Janice Adams, B.J. Renner, Bill Hadley, Weldon Green, Bob Adams, and Sue Smith.

Principal Diane Brown stated, "Gruver Elementary is grateful to these caring individuals for their gift of time with our children. They enrich the lives not only of our children, but of our faculty as well. As one principal noted, 'Our school might survive without volunteers, but it would be missing a

large part of its heart.'"

Lady Hound Camp Set

A girls basketball camp for ages 8-12 has been set for July 9-13.

Assistant girls basketball coach Wynn Essler will head the camp and will be assisted by head coach Steve Myatt and several former Lady Hounds.

Applications may be obtained in the elementary or junior high offices and should also be returned to those locations with a \$60 camp fee.

Bevy of Banquets Scheduled

The annual Blue and Gold Banquet of Gruver FFA is slated for Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gruver Elementary Gym.

The banquet will honor the achievements of Gruver FFA students, buyers of stock show animals, and others contributing to the success of the vocational ag program.

The banquet will be catered by Dyers Barbeque with desserts furnished by FFA moms and dads. For more information, contact advisor Clay Montgomery, 733-2091.

The Gruver Athletic Banquet is scheduled for Monday, May 14, in the elementary gym.

The annual event will honor the achievements of GHS athletes and will be catered by Cattle Call of Amarillo with desserts provided by Greyhound Moms.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at Gruver City Hall or Main Street Store or by calling Linda Weller, 733-2007, or Loni Lamb, 733-2601. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Meals for athletes are provided free of charge, but athletes must RSVP by signing a list in the "T" of GHS.

School Holiday Slated

Gruver schools will not be in session on Friday, May 11. The date is a snow day that was not used during the school year.

Work Day Scheduled

Greyhound Moms have set Thursday, May 10 as a work day for the athletic banquet.

Mothers of athletes should meet at 4 p.m. in the elementary gym on that day.

Junior High Picnic Set

Gruver Junior High students will enjoy a picnic at Lake Palo Duro on Thursday, May 10.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Dale McCutcheon of Perryton with a 7# large-mouth bass caught last Thursday.

Friday evening and Saturday Boy Scouts from Spearman, Booker, Dumas, and Guymon camped at the Park. Saturday they policed the park area and around the north side of the lake. They gathered quite a lot of trash. All of us connected with the Park as personnel or enjoyers are grateful to them. Many thanks, boys. They usually do this at Lake Meredith, but the area they work has been closed due to plague being found in fleas in the prairie dog holes.

JoAnn has seen the second road-runner, so there should be a nest near the office. The nest-of the pair of cardinals should also be fairly close to the office.

Early one morning Jim's dog Scooter gave a yelp that sounded like some animal had him. Jim rushed out the back, didn't see him, so dashed around to the front of the house, and there was

Scooter eyeball to eyeball with a dark, but spotted, bobcat. Jim yelled and the bobcat ran back west.

Three different times that morning, Scooter barked, and Jim would look to see the same bobcat on the west side acting like he wanted to cross and go down in Horse Creek but was afraid of the dog.

We can welcome a new member of the "I saw the Mountain Lion Club". Mandy Derrington on her way to school saw an animal just south of the Park and on the west side of the road that looked like it could be the cougar, but she was not sure. The next morning in the same area she saw two animals and was able to see the characteristic long tail of one. Her comment was that they were lighter in color than she expected.

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Mike and his wife Teresa currently reside in Katy, Texas where he is a Senior Claims Representative for Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in their Houston Claims office. Mike is a 1976 graduate of Spearman High School and a 1980 graduate of Texas A&M University. Mike also holds the Associate in Claims (AIC) designation awarded him by the Insurance Institute of America in 1989.

The designation will be formally conferred at a ceremony in Seattle, Washington on October 21, 2001.

Mike is the son of Neil and Carol Pack of Spearman. Mike's brother Jay Pack is also a resident of Spearman.

Butts Deployed To Mediterranean

Navy Petty Officer 2nd class Stormy T. Butts, son of Vicky L. Henderson of Gruver and Richard T. Butts of Welcome, MD is currently on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, VA.

While on deployment, crewmembers from Butts' ship participated in damage control olympics, a competition designed to train the crew to properly handle a crisis at sea.

Butts is a 1992 graduate of Texhoma High School of Texhoma, OK and joined the Navy in July 1992.



FOCUS ON CHARACTER



Trustworthiness

by Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent

What is trustworthiness? Trustworthiness is about being honest, telling the truth, keeping promises and being loyal so that people can trust you. Trustworthy people tell the truth and don't cheat or steal. They have integrity and the moral courage to do the right thing and to stand up for their beliefs even when it is a difficult decision.

Families can experience the benefits of trustworthiness by being honest and truthful with each other, keeping promises and being loyal. Choose from the

following family activities.

- Make a family promise list. Post the list where it can be seen daily by everyone. Review the list at meal time once a month. Check off when a promise has been kept. Thank family members for being honest.
- Set up real dominoes to illustrate how telling lies creates the "domino effect", because you usually have to tell more lies to cover the first.
- Return library books on time.
- Check sales receipts for accuracy. If incorrect, pay the difference or ask the

cashier for a correction. During these few minutes you display honesty.

• Make a list of trustworthy people in your community and write one sentence on why you trust each person. As a family, share the results of this activity.

Recently many leaders in our country are calling for people to look again at the importance of ethics. First, adults can reaffirm their own ethics and then teach these principles to the children. Trustworthiness is something we all can work on together in our home, school and community.

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Spearman Sports News

by Jeff Beedy

Track

200 Meter Dash: Chelsea Nollner ended up placing 6th in the 200 meter dash in a time of 26.88.

300 Meter Hurdles: John Brock, who qualified 8th in the 300 meter hurdles, ended up finishing in 4th place in the finals with a time of 40.85.

400 Meter Dash: Chelsea Nollner is state bound again in the 400 meter dash. She qualified second in the finals, but she cut through the 30 mph wind and won the 400 in 59.46 to take the gold medal!

100 Meter Hurdles: Clara Shieldknight placed 4th in the 100 meter hurdles finals with a time of 15.56.

Girls Triple Jump: Chelsea Nollner placed third in the triple jump with a jump of 36' 8". The bronze medal ain't too bad!

200 Meter Dash: Chelsea Nollner continues to run like the wind as she has qualified for the finals in the 200 meter dash. She ran a 26.7 and that was 7th overall.

300 Meter Hurdles: John Brock has qualified 8th overall and has made the finals in the 300 meter hurdles. I don't have his time, but anything can happen.

400 Meter Dash: Chelsea Nollner won her heat in the 200 meter dash in the time of 61.1. She qualified 2nd overall.

100 Meter Hurdles: Clara Shieldknight has qualified for the finals in the 100 meter hurdles with a personal best of 15.16. She qualified 4th overall and ran the finals Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

400 Relay: The sprint relay for the Lynx which was made up of Colton Miller, John Brock, Lance Baker, and Paul Bynum came in 6th in their heat and that did not qualify them for the finals.

Boys High Jump: Brady Woolley cleared 6' in the high jump, but did not place. He did a great job getting to regional!

Boys Discus: Richard Varnon has won the gold medal in the discus with a launch of 170' 1". That was quite a throw and I am

pretty sure that is close to a personal best. Great job Richard! Clayton Vanderburg made the finals, but did not place. His best throw was 148' 10".

Girls Shot Put: Laura Gillaspie made the finals in the shot put with a throw of 33' 11", but did not place in the finals. She had one of her best throws of the year.

Girls Long Jump: Chelsea Nollner is State Bound in the girls long jump! She jumped 17' 7" to win the gold medal.

Girls Discus: Jenn Schnell placed 4th in the discus at Abilene Friday morning as she threw her personal best of 131' 3". That's all you can ask for is to do your best and that is what Jenn did!

Boys Shot Put: Richard Varnon ended up in 5th place in the shot with a throw of 49' 7". Good job Richard!

Golf

The Lynx golf team ended up in 10th place at the regional golf tournament which was a very respectful finish. The individual totals for the two day event are as follows: Travis Brown 76-76-152, Coley Griffin 82-76-158, Nicholas Benton 96-91-187, Lance Baker 92-89-181, and Tanner Hand 76-92-168. Nice job guys, we are very proud of you! Haley Lombard advanced to regional as a medalist and she shot a 90-100-190, but did not place. She also did an outstanding job!

Tennis

The regional tennis tournament started today (Wednesday) and Kevin Beedy and Adam Cherry both won their first round matches and will play again at 3:00 o'clock today. Beedy defeated Puckett from Wall by a score of 6-2, 6-3 and Cherry out lasted Thompson from Abernathy 7-6, 2-6, 6-1.

The second round of the regional tennis tourney took place Wednesday afternoon and Spearman did pretty well. Kevin Beedy won his match against Raymond from Colorado City 6-1, 6-3 to advance to the semifinals.

Adam Cherry drew the #2 seed

in his second round. He was defeated by Heartsill from Wall 6-1, 7-6, but played a good match. Congratulations, Adam, on a fine year!

Kevin Beedy won his semi-final match Thursday morning against Gardea from Tornillo by a score of 7-5, 6-1. This was a tough match as Beedy got down a break in the first set, but battled back to win the set 7-5 and then went on to cruise in the second second set 6-1.

Beedy advanced to the finals to be played today at 12:30. He will play Heartsill from Wall to see who will earn the right to

advance to the state tournament. (Heartsill is the one who defeated Cherry in the second round.)

Beedy Wins!!

Kevin Beedy has earned another trip to Austin as he defeated Heartsill from Wall by a score of 6-1, 6-1 in the finals of the regional tournament that was held at Abilene Christian University in Abilene. Kevin played very well in the finals and disposed of his opponent rather easily.

Congratulations Kevin on a job well done!

Gruver Sports News

by Harletta Carthel

Dias Takes Regional Tennis Title

Gruver's tennis ace, Rosa Diaz, went virtually unchallenged in winning the girls regional tennis title in Levelland.

Seeded number one in the region, Diaz defeated Shannon Frazier of Irion County 6-0, 6-0 in the opening round of play.

In her second match, Diaz downed Ashlee Coats of Wellman-Union, 6-2, 6-0, before beating Lauren Hill of Hedley in the second round of play, 6-1, 6-0.

The championship match, which pitted Diaz with Courtney Parsley of Vega, who was runner-up to Diaz in for the district 2-A title girls singles title, ended in a decisive 6-1, 6-0 victory for Diaz.

In boys doubles action, the team of Kade Carthel and Chad Howe had the hard luck of drawing last year's state qualifying team for their opening match.

The Gruver team fell to the eventual regional doubles winner, 6-2, 6-2.

Diaz and her coach Roy Mayhew will leave for the state tennis tournament on Sunday with Diaz' first match slated for 1 p.m. Monday, May 7.

Gruver Hurdler Advances to State Meet

Jason Shoulders, overcame a jynxed preliminary and a controversial re-run of the 110 high hurdles event, to win a ticket to the state track meet in Austin.

Shoulders, who went into the regional meet with the best qualifying time, slipped off the blocks in his preliminary heat, narrowly making the finals.

After finishing first in the finals, Shoulders was informed the event would be re-run (for the first time ever in the regional meet) due to the interference of one hurdle runner.

In a photo finish, Shoulders took second place in the re-run to qualify for the state meet.

Gruver's jynx continued throughout the meet, with pulled muscles suffered by Bradley Duncan in the second leg of the boys 1600 meter relay and Jenna Shoulders in the girls 800 meter run.

Placing for the Hounds were Jason Shoulders - 2nd 110 high hurdles, 15.13; and 3rd high jump, 6'.

James Crow - 3rd pole vault, 13'

Christi Clift paced the Lady Hounds with a fourth place finish in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.26 and 5th in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.82.

Shoulders will compete in the state meet in Austin on May 11 and 12.

What's Going at at Spearman Schools

- May 4 - JH Student Council Dance - Cracker Box Gym, 8-10 p.m.
- May 4-5 - State Academic UIL Meet - Austin
- May 5 - School Board Election - High School, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- May 5 - High School Prom - High School, 7 p.m.-Midnight
- May 6-12 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7-8 - State Golf & Tennis Meets - Austin
- May 8 - Called Board Meeting to Canvass Election - High School Library, 7 p.m.
- May 8 - FFA Banquet - HS Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
- May 10 - Choir HS/JH Variety Show "Listen to the Music" - HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 10-12 - State Track Meet - Austin
- May 10-13 - High School Band Trip - San Antonio
- May 11 - Bad Weather Day - No School
- May 12 - 6th Grade Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest - Dumas
- May 14 - Regular School Board Meeting - HS Library, 7 p.m.
- May 14 - Sixth Grade Musical "Get in the Game" - Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 15 - Elementary Wonderland AR Trip
- May 15 - HS Awards Assembly - HS Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.
- May 15 - Athletic Banquet - O'Loughlin Center, 7 p.m.
- May 17 - JH Student Council Trip - Amarillo, 8 a.m.
- May 17 - Elementary Musical Performance - HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 17-18 - Senior Trip - Quartz Mountain
- May 18 - Annual 8th Grade Trip - Garden City, KS, 9 a.m.
- May 19 - HS National Honor Society Trip - Amarillo, 10 a.m.-Midnight
- May 20 - Baccalaureate - HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 21 - Elementary & 6th Grade Track Meet - HS Stadium, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- May 21 - 6th Grade Choir Musical - Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 22-23 - Elementary Parent Conferences - Elementary School, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- May 24 - Last Day of School
- May 24 - Elementary Awards Assembly - Gym, 10 a.m.
- May 24 - Kindergarten & 1st Grade Graduation - Elementary School
- May 24 - 8th Grade Graduation - Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 24 - 8th Grade Graduation Trip - Borger, 8:15 p.m.
- May 25 - Teacher Workday
- May 25 - High School Graduation - Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 27-29 - State Band/Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest - San Marcos
- May 28 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

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Carpentry Crew Goes South to Serve

by Sara Eisfeld

Leaving the familiarity of the Texas Panhandle to hone in on their carpentry skills, ten traveled to the children's home in Matamoros, Mexico to represent First Baptist Church of Spearman.

Consisting of younger and older, the crew's mission was to spiff up the volunteer house at the Matamoros Children's Home, the locale for nearly three decades of service by the Baptist Church.

"We work hard because we know we're going to be there only a week," said James Cunningham. "We start on Monday and have to be finished on Friday."

For a week the tasks at hand divided the group in three: one group to build bunkbeds, another to work on tables and still another to construct kitchen cabinets and a pantry.

Alton Ellsworth and Roy Lee Uptergrove of Spearman and Doug DuBose, a resident of Pampa left Friday, January 26, 2001 driving many miles in a pickup to carry supplies when they arrived in Mexico.

Doyle Jackson, Sammy Don Jones, Buddy Benton and James Cunningham left the following day by car as well.

Brooks Beck, Will Jarvis and Shawn Farrar, the younger and less experienced section of the group, who flew down for just three days, received good reviews from their elder team members.

"We had some good help - some who were younger than me went with," said Roy Lee Uptergrove. "They were willing helpers."

The group was a mixed selection of experienced and new to the trip. "I was surprised at how much we got done," said Shawn Farrar, who went for the first time. "A group of guys can go over there and get a lot done."

Roy Lee Uptergrove has spent a week there every year but two since 1974.

"They needed some building done," he said of his first trip. "It was along my line so I went."

The yearly journey south is a hands and feet portion of the First Baptist Church's mission giving, in which they send both the money for building supplies and the laborers necessary to complete a building project.

"It just gives us a way to serve the Lord's work in a small way," said Mr. Cunningham, who has gone on the trip on and off for nearly 25 years.

Although the group enjoyed the fellowship of the trip, they also were encouraged by the Children's Home and its residents.

Alton Ellsworth noticed the kids attitudes toward each other. "There's no fussing, no fights," he said. "They get along and play and play."

James Cunningham seconded that observation.

"That's what I appreciate most," he said. "To see the conduct of the children that live there."

The Children's Home itself is home to about 100 kids from ages kindergarten to the upper teens. Saul Comacho, a doctor who serves the nearby town of about 5,000, manages the children's home as well as a medical practice serving the nearby Matamoros. Dr. Comacho along with his wife grew up in the Children's Home.

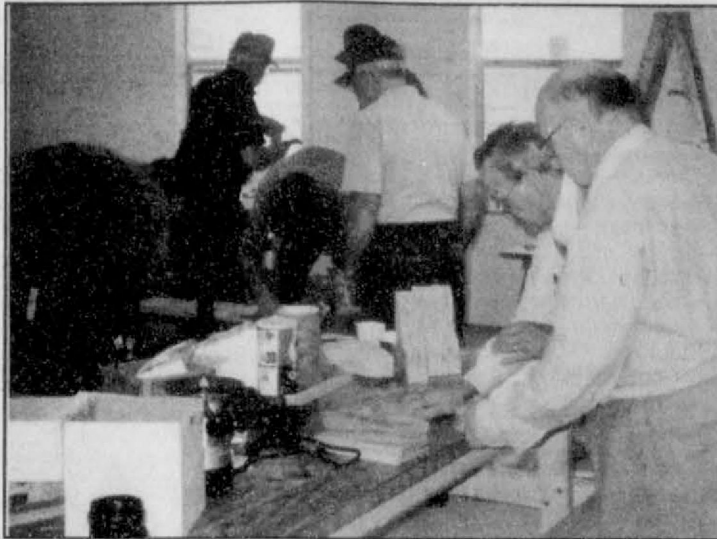
"You nearly have to be down there - on a shoestring," said Mr. Cunningham.

But the experience handed out a few lessons in contentment as well to the group.

"They don't have to have as much stuff as we do," said Mr. Farrar. "They have enough to get by and are happy with it."

Despite the obvious differences culturally and economically, the desire to serve draws the veteran mission builders back.

"It's the satisfaction in doing something that helps out those less fortunate," said Mr. Uptergrove.



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Minutes and Meetings

Hansford County Hospital District Board

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District was held in the Hansford Hospital Board Room on Monday, February 26, 2001.

Board members present: Lynn Davis, Tom Latta, John Sutterfield, Pat Irwin. Administration and staff present: Allen R. Alberty, Anne Snow, Vibhu Sharma, Kaye McFarlin, Charla Hargis, Carol Sell. Absent: Helen Etter-Holt and Ginger Pittman.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Minutes were approved for January.

In old business, Alberty called the Board's attention to an agreement between the hospital district and Sander Baker, PC, a collections agency, a firm that exacts approximately a 20-30% collection rate. He hopes to turn accounts over by 45 days after initial billing with most as self-pay accounts.

The Building and Grounds Committee decided wall covering, window treatments and counter tops needed to be replaced in Clinic 3 in preparation for the arrival of Dr. Garnett.

Two new employees are being oriented in the Laboratory. In Radiology, an applicant in consideration decided not to relocate. The

department is at present being covered by a technician from Amarillo on duty from Sunday night to Wednesday afternoon, by Jim Nicholson from Wednesday afternoon through Friday afternoon, and other part-time technicians over the weekends. The department is staffed through April.

In new business, Alberty discussed his concern regarding the lack of activities in the hospital inpatient and ancillary departments, which are down 30% from last year. The hospital loss without taxes and depreciation is more than \$72,000 compared to last year. The Manor's loss is more than \$55,000 compared to last year. The losses may be attributed partly to the number of Medicaid patients being up and the number of private payer source have decreased. The clinics however have less loss. Retain Pharmacy gain is less than last year's period. The hospital district's loss is \$93,000. Alberty concluded that an increase in inpatient activities would help to compensate this. In regards to other financial matters, an additional \$150,000 of tax revenue was deposited into Certificates of Deposit. The hospital district could also receive approximately \$70,000 to \$80,000 this year in Tobacco Settlement Funds, possibly in April.

According to statistics reports, January 2001 brought only 14 admissions compared with 31 from the previous year. Alberty commended Physical Therapy's January activities. Occupational Therapy activities have increased 39% compared with last year. However Laboratory, Radiology and Respiratory Therapy in January had lower volume mostly due to low inpatient activities.

Anne Snow presented the Manor's report, showing that there are currently 74 residents, three of whom are Hospice and one who is a Skilled Nursing Facility patient. She mentioned that with the loss of some CNA's, it is necessary to schedule another training class for mid-March. Some Aides have applied for the positions and decreased the immediate need to begin the class.

Kaye McFarlin reported that hospital activities have been slow and she is short-staffed, needing two RN's and one LVN.

According to the Professional Advisory Committee Report and Annual Review of Home Care, Vibhu Sharma will be appointed Medical Advisor for a two year term, Shirley Kimbrough will be the new Director, Dawn Hearon will be Alternate Director and Alberty will remain Agency Administrator. The board also went over goals, objectives, conclusions and recommendations for Hansford Home Care.

The board adopted a corporate resolution for the District Employee's Cafeteria Plan and execution of Signatures for Checking Accounts. They also voted to adopt the Texas Medicaid Contract amendment, increasing the hospice cap for the next year. They voted Alberty as the person to authorize negotiation of term and conditions regarding this with the Texas Department of Human Services and the Texas Medicaid Contract concerning the Medicaid Hospice cap.

A grant application by the Coalition of Health Services is nearing completion that would complete the telemedicine network project at seven test sites in the

region, that could help establish distance learning professional development network. Matching funds from the hospital district, amounting to 30% (approximately \$6,123) of the total cost of equipment, that includes one Cobra Scan Scanner and computer, a MultiTech Voice Over Ip and HP ProCurve 10/100 12 Port Hub and shipping and handling of RadVision, is not a budgeted item, but was approved by the board.

Jane Russell, LVN, was presented a scholarship to attend the ADN program at Amarillo College.

The board reviewed the reasons for opening the Swing Bed Program and terminating SNF services.

With Dr. Sharma's arrival, the hospital district will purchase enhanced pulmonary function testing equipment to aid the new doctor in diagnosis and treatment in asthma. Delivery and setup is anticipated within 30 days of the order.

Lynn Davis, Tom Latta and John Sutterfield will not accept appointment to the board after their terms have expired.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board

On Thursday, April 12, 2001, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at noon at IV's Hungry Cowboy.

Members present were: Sharion Cook, Page Pickering, Justin Boyd, Robert Patrick, Rosi Martinez and Gina Gillispie.

Absent were Carolyn McLeod, Lenny Pecha, Rosalee Bueno, Bill Pittman, Lynanne Maize, Tindle Ramon, Sergio Vargas, Bob Davis, Doc Martin, Linda Coombs, Donna McCubbin, Missy Bates and Rod Sumner.

The meeting was called to order and minutes approved.

Sharion Cook reported on two executive board meetings. Gina reported on receiving a contract from Vera Bros. A committee is needed to clean the Frische Bros. Barn in the event of rain, otherwise the dance will be held on Main Street.

For Woman's Division, Gina reported that the Miss Hansford Pageant will be held June 5 with planning coming along well.

Retail Division reported that

Retail Merchants had begun Christmas plans.

Gina suggested that the Chamber should consider changing to wireless. She will check on prices with Ron Anteleck.

The board discussed the Heritage Advertising proposal. Cheri Christensen and Lee Studer will be invited to the May meeting. Beatrice Comp will also attend to report on Skid Lids for Kids.

There will be a ribbon cutting for Cates on Thursday, April 26 at 4:30 p.m.

Gina will get with Charlie to plan the golf tournament tentatively planned to be held in August.

New businesses are: Stationmaster's House Museum and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hansford Ochiltree.

Flower Club Meets

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Ann Flowers on April 19, 2001.

JoNell Sheets gave a very interesting program on China with many interesting items and pictures from there.

Roll call was answered with your favorite pastime.

Ann Flowers won potted plant. Betty Davis won borrowed arrangement.

The next meeting will be on May 3 at Dorothy Buzzard's house.

Present were: Dickie Allen, Rose Cummings, Eloise Renner, Norma Jean Mackie, Virginia Head, Margarette Evans, Betty Davis, Ann Flowers, Gwen Smith, Estelle Jackson, Dorothy Buzzard, Lorene

Kunselman, Kathleen Sutton and guest JoNell Sheets.

Hospice Volunteers Meet

Hansford Hospice Volunteers met on Monday, April 16, 2001 at the Gruver State Bank in Gruver, Texas.

Delicious refreshments were served by Anna Beth Woods and Opal Wallin as the members arrived. This was a special night to honor Charla Hargis, Rosetta Barrera and Verna Lee Shirley. Gifts were presented to our honorees by Sandy Russell. Sandy read "The Giving Tree" in their honor.

Sign-up sheets for "Meals on Wheels" were passed around for volunteers to sign to deliver meals.

Rev. Jerry Moore presented a very inspirational program on his life experiences with Hospice.

The March minutes were approved.

Pat Sutterfield gave the treasurer's report. Rosetta reported on the Hospice conference that she attended at Plano.

They expressed their appreciation to Donnie Mitchell, a Hospice volunteer for working in the Hospice office.

It was decided that Hospice would purchase a new mattress for Hospice for \$310.

Sandy reported on plans for the Minister's training to be in the fall. The Bereavement class started Monday, April 16, 2001.

College News

University of North Texas Honor Rolls

Cynthia Goodman of Spearman, daughter of Keith and Karen Goodman, was recently honored on the President's list. She was honored for earning a grade point average of 4.0 on a course load of 12 or more hours during the fall 2000 semester.

Kristin Beedy of Spearman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Beedy, was named to the dean's list. She was honored for completing at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Oklahoma Baptist University Gruver Student Performed In Music Gala

Oklahoma Baptist University's 27th Annual Concerto-Aria combined the music of 10 students, including Gruver native, Caleb Harris, and more than 30 professional musicians in the music gala on February 19th at 8:30 p.m. at the University's Yarborough Auditorium in Shawnee, OK.

Works performed included opera arias by Gounod, Offenback and Donizetti, piano concertos by Poulenc and Mozart and instrumental works by Faure, Larson and Creston.

Caleb Harris, a junior piano performance major, performed "Concerto in C Minor, K. 491" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Connors State College College Team Excels In Livestock Judging, Academics

For the last few years, Connors State College has won renown for its Livestock Judging team as well as their academic excellence.

The combined grade point average for the 24-member stood at 3.44 last semester, the highest ever posted by the Connors State College team. However, in the past eight years, the team has exhibited a 3.0 GPA in 14 of 16 semesters.

Among the members of the judging team is Ruth Shields of Spearman.

Seward Community College Honor Roll

Betsy Holt, daughter of Larry and Jan Holt was recognized on the Part-Time Students' Honor Roll at Seward Community College in Liberal, KS.

Sterling College

Two SHS Students Compete For Scholarships

Richard Varnon, son of Allen and Peggy Varnon and Kara Pipkin, daughter of Richard and Lisa Pipkin competed for one of two full-tuition scholarships at Sterling College. Both are seniors at Spearman High School.

West Texas A&M Theatre Awards

West Texas A&M University's Christopher Collins, a sophomore theatre major from Universal City, advanced to the final round of 16 at the Regional Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Competition Feb. 19-23 in Tyler. Lori Gregory, a senior musical theatre major from Odessa, Jonna Heath, a sophomore musical theatre major from Brownwood, Doug Gumfory, a senior theatre major from Gruver, and Matt McBride, a junior theatre major from Temple, also represented WTAMU. A total of 163 students from colleges and universities in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma participated in the competition. West Texas A&M's theatre program is directed by Perry Crafton.

McMurtry University Honor Roll

Megan Woolley was named on the Fall 2000 Dean's List at McMurtry University in Abilene. Meg is the daughter of Joey and Lyn Woolley of Spearman.

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Gillaspie Sisters To Attend Baptist All-State



Laura Gillaspie



Mindee Gillaspie

Texas Baptist All-State will be held July 6-13, 2001. Stephan Holcomb, Choral Director at Dallas Baptist University will direct this elite group of high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Participants will convene on the campus of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton. The choir, as well as a band, will be performing in Belton and Temple churches for worship on Sunday morning, July 8th, and concerts in Corpus Christi and San Antonio later in the week.

Participants must be members of a cooperating Baptist General Convention of Texas church, should exhibit a desire to live a godly life and grow spiritually, be self-motivated and maintain a high moral character. Because of recommendations from Carol Pack, choral director, and Brian Foster, minister of youth, both of First Baptist Church, Spearman, two Spearman High School students, Laura and Mindee Gillaspie, humbly submitted a tape audition. These sisters have been selected as participants in the Texas Baptist All-State Choir.

Laura, a junior at SHS, is active in her church youth group, as well as Monday night Bible study group in Gruver. She has also been accepted to participate in a drama-evangelistic youth mission tour in Venezuela in June. She is a member of her high school choir, having qualified for all-region this year, and recently received a #1 rating on her "class one" UIL solo. Laura, class president, participates

in cross country, basketball and is currently a member of the varsity track team.

Mindee, a sophomore, is also active in her church youth group and the Bible study group in Gruver. Like her sister, she too has been accepted to participate in the youth mission tour going to Venezuela. A member of her high school choir, she recently received a #1 rating on her "class one" UIL solo, and was a member of a "class two" ensemble that received a #1 rating. Mindee is class president, ran cross country in the fall, due to a knee injury became a bench encourager during basketball, and is currently managing track.

Texas Baptist All-State exists to provide motivating, inspirational, and life-changing experiences for young people from Baptist General Convention of Texas churches. The young people must

be exemplary in Christian character and excel in church music. This ministry is offered to encourage the development of future church music leaders. This is a unique opportunity for musically talented young people to receive special, in-depth training as well as fellowship with other Christian youth of like talent and interests.

Activities for the week involve a physically rigorous schedule including extensive rehearsals, Bible study, music development, worship, entertainment, recreation, recording performances, and memorable experiences.

Selectees for All-State Choir are eligible to audition for the All-State ensembles. Laura and Mindee will have the opportunity to audition for ensembles upon arrival and registration at Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Panhandle Community Services to Administer USDA Grant

Panhandle Community Services has been selected by USDA Rural Development to administrate a Housing Preservation Grant in the amount of \$83,432 to renovate existing housing within the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Recipients must come from communities of less than 10,000 population and whose incomes are considered low to very low in relation to the incomes within the county.

This money must be used in conjunction with the home weatherization program of Panhandle Community Services. Persons who feel they qualify and would like to inquire about this assistance should contact the Perryton Center at (806)435-2678 or Margaret Wolf at 1(800)372-2531.

It's Worth Writing

Editor's Note: Following is a story written by Kim Pickering, the 14-year-old daughter of Page Pickering and John Pickering. Kim is one of Mrs. Beckee Baker's students at Spearman Junior High. Mrs. Baker thought the story was worth sharing. As space is available, other stories may be printed for your enjoyment.

This day someone reached for me out of the emptiness, just as so many had before. I turned away in hopelessness, for always when I would reach for their hands, they would withdraw and leave me alone, more discouraged and anguished than before. But today it was different. Today He reached for me and took me by the hand.

He smiled at me kindly and beckoned me to follow Him. Warmth and life flooded through me. I was blind to love, but now there is beauty and splendor all around me. I had lost all hope for a home, but now I have a friend. I have someone I can lean on and someone I can trust.

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Hebron Girl Finds Her Focus



Kristin Vernon

player. Now she's down to just one slash - competing in solely tennis and basketball - and the cutbacks are already paying dividends.

Vernon has served and volleyed her way to the Class 4A Region II tournament Wednesday and Thursday in Denton.

"Going from four sports has really given me more time to focus on what sports mean the most," Vernon said. "I think I've improved quite a bit."

"There's going to be a lot of competition [at regionals], but I think I'm ready. I'm hoping to get at least a couple of rounds into the tournament."

If Vernon makes it to the final round, she'll land a spot in the state finals May 7-8 in Austin. "And she'll be the only Hawk with that opportunity."

Vernon is Hebron's lone regional qualifier, advancing to the tournament with a second-place finish at the district championships.

She says being there is great, but she won't have any of her teammates.

"It's kind of scary," Vernon said. "No one's going to be there. At the other tournaments, there's usually people there cheering for you. It's just going to be me and [coach Alexis Schuchart]. So I'm kind of nervous, but I think I'll

be O.K."

That could depend on who she draws.

At district, Denison's Lindsay Brown used lob ball after lob ball to upset the top-seeded Vernon in the title match. That forced Vernon to win a play-back match over Denton Ryan's Erin Crews just to sneak into regionals.

"When you're playing people that don't play like you, you start playing their game," Vernon said. "I need to learn how to stick to my game and figure out their weaknesses."

Regionals should give her that opportunity.

"Regionals are going to be a wonderful, eye-opening experience for Kristen," Schuchart said. "She'll see players at the next level, and she'll know what needs to be improved. She'll be able to work on her weaknesses and make them her strengths."

Vernon has plenty of those already. Her forehand, backhand and groundstrokes are all first-rate, according to Schuchart. Throw in a

solid attitude and a solid mind-set, and you've got a solid player.

"By the time she's a senior, she'll be someone to watch out for," Schuchart said.

By then, the final slash may be gone.

Vernon said she'll probably settle on one sport next year. And more than likely, she said, she'll be lacing up her tennis shoes, not her high tops.

"Tennis is what I love," Vernon said. "So I know I'm going to pick tennis."

Kristin is the daughter of Kelly and Jim Vernon, and the granddaughter of Jimmy and Kay Vernon of Spearman.

Editor's Note: The following article is being reprinted from the April 25, 2001 issue of the Dallas Morning News. It was written by Robby Nisenfeld.

If a professional tennis career doesn't work out, Kristin Vernon should have no problem lining up a job in corporate management.

As a teenager, the Hebron sophomore has already mastered the skill of downsizing.

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