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GHS Changes Time of First Bell

Gruver High School will change the time that school starts. On Monday, January 28, 2008, the first bell will ring at 8:05 a.m. All high school classes will begin at 8:10 a.m.

Garnett Re-elected to Farm Credit Board

Jon "Mike" Garnett was re-elected Jan. 4 to serve as vice chairman of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) Board of Directors. The Austin-based bank also re-elected Ralph "Buddy" Cortese chairman of the board. Both men were recently re-elected to the board of the financing cooperative by Tenth Farm Credit District stockholders.

Garnett was elected vice chairman of the board in 2000. He joined the bank board in 1999 after serving as a director of Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association for 23 years. He has represented the Tenth Farm Credit District on the Farm Credit Council Board of Directors since 2003. He was appointed to the USDA Texas State Technical Committee the same year. Garnett farms grain and forage crops and feeds stocker cattle near Spearman, Texas.

Other members of the FCBT Board of Directors include Kenneth Andrews of Madisonville, Texas; Joe R. Crawford of Baileton, Ala.; Jimmy Dodson of Robstown, Texas; Elizabeth G. "Betty" Flores of Laredo; and William F. Staats of Baton Rouge, La.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas is the source of funds for 20 local lending cooperatives in the Tenth Farm Credit District, which includes Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. The \$13.7 billion bank is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System, the nation's single largest source of loans for agriculture, agribusiness, rural real estate and country homes.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Cloudy. Slight chance of rain - light freezing rain - snow and light sleet in the evening - then a slight chance of snow and light freezing rain after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s. South winds 15 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of light freezing rain in the morning. Breezy - warmer. Highs in the mid 50s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 30.

SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs in the mid 50s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

MONDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

COME TO THE GAME

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

1/25 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Canadian

1/28 7B (5), 8B (6), 9B (7:30) vs. Panhandle

1/28 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7:30) @ Panhandle

1/29 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ West Texas

1/31-2/2 7G, 7B, 8G, 8B @ Gruver JH Tourney

2/1 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Fritch - SHS Basketball Homecoming

2/4 7B (5), 8B (6), 9B (7:30) vs. Stratford

2/4 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7:30) @ Stratford

2/5 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Panhandle

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

1/25 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Sunray

1/28 7G (4), 7B (5), 8G (6), 8B (7) vs. Vega

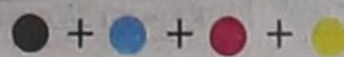
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Spearman Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet Held

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Membership Banquet on Saturday, January 19, 2008.

A silent auction, featuring items donated by Spearman Chamber of Commerce members, began at 6 p.m. A meal of beef tenderloin, baked potato casserole, salad, dinner rolls and cheesecake was served.

Keith Hight, Executive Vice President of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, welcomed everyone to the event being held at The O'Loughlin Center. Sharon Haney, Miss Hansford, and the Talent Winner of the Miss Hansford Contest, provided the entertainment for the evening.

Jodie Hight recognized the 2007 Miss Hansford Winners. They were: Miss Hansford - Sharon Haney, 1st Runner-Up - Clara Kern, 2nd Runner-Up - Kelcee Rex; Talent Winners: 1st - Sharon Haney, 2nd - Clara Kern; Miss Congeniality - Hannah Haddock; Miss Teen - Jessica Bueno, 1st Runner-Up (tie) Andi Linn Scarborough and Dee Dee DeLaRosa; Miss Pre-Teen: Rayel Anderson, 1st Runner-Up - Tyann Hight; Junior Miss - Ashley Vasquez, 1st Runner-Up - Macy Haight; Little Miss: K.D. McCloy, 1st Runner-Up - Laney Harper.

Don Reed gave an update on the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association. The SWPWA was organized in 1997 when the J.B. Buchanan windmill collection was moved to the Windmill Park from his farm in Hutchinson County. There are now 29 mills in the park, and a total of 60 windmills in the collection. The SWPWA will hold their annual meeting on February 13, 2008 at noon at the First United Methodist Church. Hamburgers will be served to all in attendance.

John Kunselman, representing the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, recognized Tobe Shields as the Fire Department's Fireman of the Year. Mr. Shields was nominated almost unanimously, and is the first reserve member to receive this award.

Mr. Kunselman also expressed a need for volunteers. The Fire Department meets each Thursday night at the Spearman Fire Department, located at 513 S. Hazelwood. For more information, call 806-659-5511 or email svfd@antden.com.

Ron Antalek gave an Emergency Management Report. Mr. Antalek announced that the City of Spearman has been improving their Emergency Management System. They have begun a weekly test of the siren system (Friday at 12 noon), have a cable interrupt system (provided through PTCI), have a weather radio system set up with NOAA, and have a reverse 911 system for Hansford County (can call everyone in the county within 10 minutes with emergency warning). (If you would like to have your cell phone added to this system, contact the Spearman City Hall (659-2524) or Hansford County (659-4110).

Mr. Antalek also expressed a need for volunteers for an Emergency Response Team. You may call the Spearman City Hall (659-2524) or Hansford County (659-4110) for more information, or to sign up.

Spearman Rotary Club president Rick Hargrove presented the Rotary Employee of the Year award to Verlan Winegarner, a teacher at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman. (See story on page 8)

The keynote address was presented by Dr. Stan Cobb, former resident of Spearman.

Bret Burgin recognized Willis Boyd Dirt Service as the 2007 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. (See story on page 4)

Spearman ISD Superintendent Rod Sumner presented James Cunningham, former Spearman ISD Superintendent, as the 2007 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. (See story on page 8)

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors include: Mark Murray, Ed Hanson, Cindy Blackman, Cass Lasater, Donna McCubbin, Cheryl Gibson Salgado (Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce), Tammy Murray, Alvin Byers, Teresa Barkley and new members Don Townsend, Mike Pearson and Landon Jackson. Retiring members are Haley Shields, Debbie Beck and Julie Etchison.

March 4th Primary

February 4th is the last day to register to vote for the March 4th Republican primary election. Applications for ballots by mail must be received on or before Tuesday, February 26th.

Early voting will be held at the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman and the branch office in Gruver City Hall from February 19th through 29th.

Candidates filing for office include: **84th Judicial District Judge:** William D. (Bill) Smith, Incumbent; **84th Judicial District Attorney:** Mark W. Snider; **Hansford County Attorney:** John L. Hutchison, Incumbent; **Tax Assessor/Collector:** Linda Cummings, Incumbent; **Hansford County Sheriff:** Gary Evans, Incumbent and Lance Swan; **Republican Chairman:** Dorothy Cator; **Hansford County Commissioner, Precinct 1:** Ira G. "Butch" Reed; **Hansford County Commissioner, Precinct 3:** Tim Stedje.



Spearman ISD Superintendent Rod Sumner (right) congratulates former Spearman ISD superintendent James Cunningham for being named the 2007 Citizen of the Year.



Bret Burgin (left) congratulates Willis Boyd of Willis Boyd Dirt Service on being named the 2007 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year.



Spearman Rotary Club president Rick Hargrove (right) congratulates Verlan Winegarner on being named the 2007 Spearman Rotary Employee of the Year.

Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

I was looking through some old notes today and found the following quote, "If you think that there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody."

I thought to myself, "How true, how true."

It kind of brightened my day just to rethink this "pearl of wisdom."

So I thought that I would try to open a few more oysters and find a few more

"pearls." Enjoy!

"If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame."

"Things are more like they are today then they have ever been before."

"Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world."

"Nostalgia isn't what it used to be."

"One-seventh of your life is spent on Monday."

"Indecision is the key to flexibility."

"Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate."

"There is always one more imbecile than you counted on."


"By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends."

"Sometimes I wonder... 'Why is that frisbee getting bigger?' ... and THEN it hits me."


And that age old favorite... "Never wrestle with a pig. You both get dirty and the pig likes it."

Until the next time,
God bless.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS



by Ed Sterling

INSPECTORS TOLD TO FOCUS ON METAL BRIDGE COMPONENT

AUSTIN - Last summer, the Interstate 35 West Mississippi River bridge collapse in Minneapolis woke people up.

Inspection crews fanned out across each state and assessed the condition of bridges under their care.

The Texas Department of Transportation ran bridge safety inspections and declared Texas bridges safe.

Now, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters has told Texas and the other states to address how changes in bridge weight, capacity and bridge conditions might affect "gusset plates." Gusset plates and girders hold up certain bridges. They work like a

hub and spokes. Peters' directive suggests inspectors should take a closer look at gusset plates when calculating load capacity on the nation's 13,000 steel truss bridges. Texas has more than 300 of them.

According to TxDOT, there are only six bridges in Texas like the one that collapsed in Minnesota and all of them have either been inspected within the last year or are scheduled for replacement.

Guv calls for nominations to hall

Gov. Rick Perry is calling for nominations of outstanding women for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame, coordinated by the Governor's Commission for Women, includes among its many inductees Lady Bird Johnson, educator and lawmaker Barbara Jordan, Gov. Ann Richards, rancher Hallie Stillwell, Pulitzer Prize winning newspaper reporter Caro Crawford Brown, musician Lydia Mendoza, and newspaper publisher and presidential cabinet member Oveta Culp Hobby.

This year's categories for nominees are leadership, historic preservation, health, physical fitness, education and performing arts.

An independent panel of judges will review the nominations and the governor will induct the women the panel recommends into the 2008 Hall of Fame at an awards ceremony in the fall.

Nominees must be native or current Texas residents, their noted achievement must have significant ties to Texas, and they must have been involved in the noted achievement during the past 12 months.

In related news, a 1986 Texas Women's Hall of Fame inductee, former State Rep. Wilhelmina Delco of Austin, has been named by House Speaker Tom Craddick as a member of the Texas Ethics Commission. Her term, effective immediately, will end in November 2011.

AG withdraws benefits opinions

Attorney General Greg Abbott withdrew two letter opinions released in 2006, disqualifying certain veter-

ans from receiving college tuition exemptions available under the Hazlewood Act.

The San Antonio-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of six Gulf War veterans who are now U.S. citizens.

The veterans were denied the Hazlewood exemption because they were legal residents but not U.S. citizens at the time they entered the military.

After Abbott vacated the opinions, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board adopted temporary rules to provide that qualified veterans are eligible for the Hazlewood exemption whether they were U.S. citizens or legal resident immigrants at the time they entered the military.

Student testing is rescheduled

Education Commissioner Robert Scott moved back the state testing calendar so Texas school students will not take the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exams on the March 4 statewide primary election day.

"By moving testing dates, we can preserve schools as polling places and maintain a calm, quiet, secure testing environment for our students," Scott said.

Tests scheduled for March 4-6 will be given one day later than originally scheduled.

About 2.6 million students will be affected.

Texas' role in primaries may rise

Even though the Lone Star State's primary comes a month after the Feb. 5 Super Tuesday primaries or caucuses in 24 other states, a general sense of the importance of Texas in the presidential primaries seems to be improving.

This may be attributed to the fact that no clear frontrunner has emerged for the Democrats or the Republicans.

Texas, second in population among the states, has 34 electoral votes, and may emerge as a key to victory for any of the campaigns.

TEXAS Health Matters

Exercise Program

You're never too old or too young to start a good exercise routine.

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services developed the Texercise program to encourage older adults along with their families and friends to adopt a regular exercise routine and healthy eating habits. But the Texercise message - to get up and get active - applies to Texans of all ages.

If you can't imagine doing sit-ups, why not try dancing? Everything from gardening to a brisk walk around the neighborhood, or even a morning spent mopping the floor, counts toward your fitness plan and can help improve your health.

Regular physical activity provides tremendous health benefits for all ages. It helps reduce the risk of stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure and colon cancer. Exercise helps older Texans reduce the risk of falls and bone fractures, and it can relieve the pain of arthritis. Being active helps children and teens maintain a healthy weight and build strong bones. For busy adults, exercise has proved to be an excellent way to fight stress, improve your mood and relieve depression.

When it comes to exercise, the first step is the biggest challenge. The Department of Aging and Disability Services has 10 tips to help you get off to a good start:

1. Pick a regular day and time for physical activity. Having a routine helps.
2. Exercise three to five

3. Track your activities. You can make your own activity log or use the one in the Texercise Handbook.
4. Work out with a friend.
5. Include activities you enjoy.
6. Wear loose-fitting, weather-appropriate clothes that let you move freely. Wear comfortable shoes, preferably athletic shoes that provide good support and don't cause blisters or calluses.
7. For strength and balance exercise, consider using small weights. You can buy weights or make your own with some common household items. For example, an old tube sock filled with beans can be used as an ankle weight, or you can carry a quart container filled with sand or water for a quick 2-pound arm weight.
8. Begin slowly and gradually work your way to more vigorous exercises. If you haven't exercised regularly in a while, walking is a great way to start. Begin by walking a mile at a leisurely pace five times a week. Each week, try to quicken your pace. Then you can begin to extend the length of your walk. Never exercise to the point of exhaustion or breathlessness.
9. Learn to do exercises correctly and safely. The Texercise Handbook includes detailed instructions and illustrations for several exercises to help build strength, improve balance and increase flexibility.
10. Be patient. Success won't happen overnight. It

takes at least three weeks of regular exercise to start noticing changes in your body.

It's important to set a realistic goal. You have to be able to walk around the block before you can run around the block. Once you start a regular fitness routine, you'll be surprised at how quickly your body responds. You'll feel better and have more energy.

For more information and tips, sample activity logs and a copy of the Texercise Handbook, visit www.texercise.com or call 800-889-8595.

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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

January 24
Birthdays - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Daryl Shelton, Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts

Anniversary - Larry & Gayle Porter, M/M Archie Smith

January 25
Birthdays - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mike Dodd, Deloris Guthrie, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley

Anniversary - M/M Marvin Sparks

January 26
Birthdays - Chase Reid, Joe Cage, Gary Woolley, Matt Archer, Patsy Hunt, Jon King, Tiffany Hendricks, Lori Ann Perez, Patsy Brown, Kellie Kjos, Mark Thomas, Debbie Hagerman, Rodolfo Garcia

Anniversary - Bill & Jody Harnish

January 27
Birthdays - Jack Gillispie, Jerry Womble, Wanda Brown, Lynette Williams, Nickie Lozano, Jerry Hart, Twana Trout, Allen Leach, Andrew Boyd, Amber Ramon, Berry Kirkpatrick, Lyndle Cook

Anniversary - M/M Gus Vargas

January 28
Birthdays - Brooke Beville, Rita Williams, Howard Garnett, Tammy Burch, Joe Archer Jr., Melissa Donahue, Joyce Woolley, Patty Volden, Randy Burruss, DeAnn Sparks, Brooke Adams, Curtis Cernik, Lupe Velasquez, Cari Stedje

Anniversary - M/M Clark Bridges

January 29
Birthdays - Bill Hadley, Erin Derington, Linda Diaz, Johnnie Gaitner, Andy Graham, Richard Larson, Estella Gilmore, Andi Hager, Tanner Beedy, Gerry Davis, Nancy Mitchell, Dustin Hodge, Delphia Duke, Brad Hicks, Travis Reiswig, Jackson Davis, Ryan McElhany

Anniversary - M/M Harold Anderson

January 30
Birthdays - Vicki Crawford, Terry Jackson, Timothy Schultz

Anniversary - M/M Eusebio Vela Sr., Richard & Arlene Paschel, M/M Jose Perez

January 31
Birthdays - Breanna Dearn, Brian Stewart, Austin Zimmer, James Schnell, L.C. Owens, Cory Schneider, Charles Lilley, Hudson Williams, Jim Younger, Karen Ferguson

Anniversary - M/M Manuel Ruiz, M/M John Shields, M/M

Dick Hintergardt, M/M Royce Mathews

February 1
Birthdays - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, JoeBob Breodon, Terri Goodknight, Lacie Baker, Clint Linde, Anthony Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cherlynn Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis, Skylar Tidwell

Anniversary - M/M George C. Lowe

February 2
Birthdays - Sergio Favela Jr., Margie Boone, Michael T. Davis, Sheila Brand, Grace McDade, Nadine Bishard, Connie Garcia, Cayla Simon, Toby Thompson

Anniversary - Jeff & Chris Spencer, Bill & Dalene Baker, Louis & Mary Miesner

February 3
Birthdays - Jerry Kiser, Joanne Hays, Kelly Davis, Jr. Hart, Pip Craig, Glenna Dibbern, Todd Ware, Donna Roberts, Beth Baker, Jerry Laird, Roy Dee Martin, Evelyn Burch, Traci Cliff

Anniversary - M/M Shawn Cook, Bob & Candy Boxwell, M/M Jose Salgado

February 4
Birthdays - Mary Dawn Henderson, Bill Logsdon, Argelia Rodriguez, Heath Tolleson, Misty Barnes, Roy Lee Uptergrove, Linda Davis, Dale Hendrick, Tina Marie Jenkins, Andres Ortiz, Chris Evans, Cynthia Goodman, Ted Widener, Joan Farr, Bonnie Ball, Landri Burnam, Samantha Myatt

Anniversary - M/M Nick Jordan, Lenis & Holly Simpson

February 5
Birthdays - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tipples, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Pipkin, Theron Spencer, Zachary McCommond, Matt Watlington, Matison Jones, George DeSantiago, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter, Larry Murphy, Vance Snider II

February 6
Birthdays - Erica Blount, Larry Irbeck, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Carlos Espinosa, Cora Lesly, Ruben Vera, Bradly Laxton, Ofelia Zamora, Courtney Jo Myers, Betty Allen, Kimberly LaFarr, Becky Brown, Moses Lomeli, Tammie Purvines

Anniversary - M/M Jeff Hohertz, Patsy & Jerry Hunt, M/M Curt Fitzgearld

February 7
Birthdays - Alicia Barkley, Chris Johnson, Buddy Lowe, Mike Stedje, Monique Yancy, Virginia Poole, Tracy Taylor, Calvin Pearson, Jill Havens, Kay Atkinson, Michelle Bass, Janice Noble, Dustin Mackie, Sara Eisfeld

February 8
Birthdays - Louise Etter, Bobby Mosier, Ben Vaughn, Domingo Salazar III, Verlin Beck, Dorothy Karns, Jesse Briseno, Verlene Bass, Zachary Logsdon, Sue Watts

Anniversary - M/M Tony Herndon

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

This week we who are in darkness see a great light as we study Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, and Matthew 4:12-23. After the invasion of Israel by Tilgath-pileassar circa 733 BCE, the Assyrian provinces of Galilee (Zabulon/Naphtali), Dor (Way of the Sea), and Gilead (land beyond Jordan) were created. To the oppressed Jews, Isaiah writes that there is no gloom for those who were in anguish, for the enslaved provinces will be made glorious and the people who walked in darkness will have seen a "great light". This "great light" is the manifestation of the power of God as He frees the oppressed. The cure for a depressed, oppressed people is an encounter with the Light of God. The Psalmist sings, "The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?" Despite adversity, despite war, despite loss, the Psalmist lives by trust in the Lord. This learning to trust God in all circumstances is an ongoing process that is vital to our life. When the light of God shines in our being, no darkness can extinguish it.

Paul seeks to lovingly chastise the members of the faith community in Corinth who are divided into factions, claiming loyalty to one apostle, or one evangelist, rather than recognizing that all the faith community belongs to Jesus Christ. Verse 12 can be translated to read, "What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Apollos', whereas, I belong to Christ! Paul does not demean baptism, he is demeaning those who would relate the efficacy of baptism to the person performing the sacrament and not to the power of the Word and Spirit. Paul finishes by noting that the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are in their sins and cannot accept the concept of "grace".

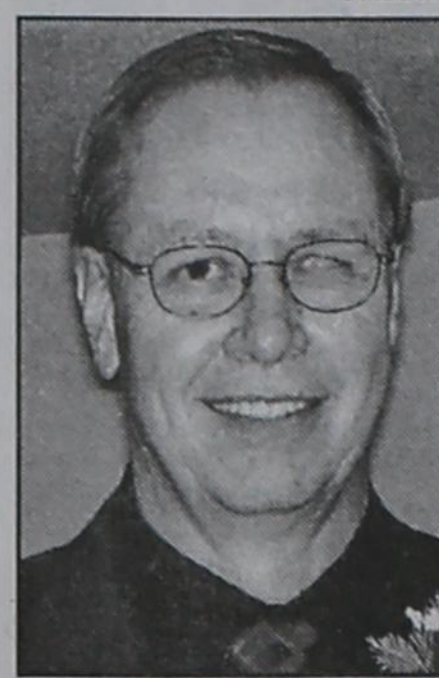
Matthew quotes our passage from Isaiah to show that Jesus is Messiah! Jesus is God intervening directly in human history. Matthew relates the recruitment of two sets of fishermen to the Kingdom. The brothers, Andrew and Peter, and their cousins, the brothers, James and John, are approached by Jesus who recruits them to "fish for men". A good fisherman has patience, perseverance, courage, an eye for the right moment, the right bait for the fish, and the sense to keep himself out of sight. Not a bad idea for a preacher, eh?

The sequence in Matthew is Jesus is baptized, Jesus is tempted, Jesus begins to preach the gospel. Too many in our day equate "preaching the gospel" with boredom; yet, Jesus "preached" with authority, with certainty and with a message from beyond self.

May the Holy Spirit help you to be a better fisherman for Jesus Christ.

Our Sympathy

WAYNE BIGGS



Wayne Biggs, 55, of Amarillo died Friday, Jan. 18, 2008.

Services were at 1 p.m. Monday in South Georgia Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Miller, pastor, and the Rev. Lucas Biggs, son and youth pastor of Myrtle Springs Baptist Church in Hooks, officiating. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. Monday in Panhandle Cemetery in Panhandle. Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage St.

Wayne was born July 2, 1952, in Borger and graduated from Panhandle High School in 1970. He married

Kathy Tyler Doub in 1973 in Panhandle. He lived in Spearman for 28 years, where he worked for 5-Star Equipment for more than 20 years. He also worked at Prairie Motors as a shop foreman and service writer. He moved to Amarillo in 2004. Wayne was most recently employed by Heritage Equipment, formerly Scott Tractor, as a mechanic.

Wayne was a former member and deacon of First Baptist Church in Spearman. He sang with the Servants of Faith and Panhandle Singing Men. He led worship at First Baptist Church in Spearman and various other churches in the Texas Panhandle. Wayne was also very involved with the Emmaus community in the Panhandle. He and his wife joined South Georgia Baptist Church in 2006, where he was serving as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Vanessa Watkins and husband James of Amarillo; a son, Lucas Biggs and wife Jessica of Hooks; a sister, Kerri Hicks and husband Tony of San Antonio; his parents, Jim and Betty Biggs of Panhandle; and a granddaughter, Abigail Elizabeth Biggs.

Sign the online guest book at www.rectorfuneralhome.com.

ALBERT "JOE" PERRIN JR.

GUYMON, Okla. - Albert "Joe" Perrin Jr., 59, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in Amarillo, Texas.

Arrangements are by Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home. Mr. Perrin graduated from Gruver High School and attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University. He was a self-employed mechanic and an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Sheryl Perrin; two sons, Kenny Perrin of Queen City, Texas, and Jay Perrin of Tulsa; and a sister, Beth Pillely of Guymon.

The family suggests memorials be for family use, in care of the funeral home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

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Pastor - A.G. Martell
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2008 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 23rd. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2008" memory, making this project "special", please call Bonnie Bergan at 659-5529, Tammy Benton at 659-3071, or Gina Gillispie 659-5341. Contributions can be mailed to: Project Graduation Gina Gillispie, P.O. Box 633, Spearman, TX. 79081 Thank you in advance, for your support!

Perryton ISD Students Seeking Memories of World War II

Students in Perryton are seeking individuals to interview for the KACV WWII/Texas Panhandle Outreach Project. Participants who are eligible to be interviewed are those that have memories from 1938-1946, especially World War II Veterans. Persons who would like their stories from WWII to be recorded on film should contact Lauren Carroll at (806) 434-0389.

Out-of-School Examinee Registration

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS or TAKS tests, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections. The TAAS and TAKS retests will be given on March 4 (ELA TAKS; Writing TAAS), March 5 (Math TAKS, Math TAAS), March 6 (Science TAKS; Reading TAAS), and March 7 (Social Studies TAKS). A student can register for the TAAS or TAKS tests online by accessing the web site at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms may be picked up at the high school counselor's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration packets are due in Austin no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2008. Please Contact Krista Baird at 659-2584 if you have any questions.

Los individuos que ya no están matriculados en la escuela y que todavía no han cumplido los requisitos mínimos en todas las secciones del examen del TAKS, pero han cumplido todos los otros requisitos necesarios para graduarse pueden volver a tomar los exámenes necesarios del TAKS. Daremos el examen el 4 de Marzo (ELA TAKS; Escritura TAAS); 5 de Marzo (Matemáticas TAKS; Matemáticas TAAS) el 6 de Marzo (El TAKS de ciencia; Lectura TAAS), 7 de Marzo (el TAKS de estudios sociales). Un alumno se puede registrar para el examen de TAAS y de TAKS en el sitio <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> o también puede completar una forma de registracion. Las formas de registraciones se pueden recoger en la oficina de la conejera en la escuela preparatoria entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. hasta las 4:00 p.m. Los paquetes de registraciones tienen que estar en Austin antes de las 5:00 p.m. del día 25 de Enero del 2008. Por favor si tiene alguna pregunta comunicarse con Krista Baird al 659-2584 si tiene alguna pregunta.

Gruver Elementary Collecting Register Tapes

Gruver Elementary is again participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register Tapes for Education program. Please help us earn free educational equipment by collecting register tapes from Lowe's. Only tapes dated September 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 are eligible. You can deposit your tapes in boxes in the Gruver Elementary Lobby, Gruver Library, Gruver City Hall, Nite & Day Beauty Salon and Hitchin' Nails. Jo Alice Clawson is also collecting tapes at 711 Womble, or they may be mailed to PO Box 488, Gruver. Please call 733-2247 if you have tapes you would like to have picked up, or for more information.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave you feeling helpless and out of control - we can help.

Spearhead AA Group

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

Area Republicans to Party

Area Republicans are having a get-out-the-vote rally. Their LINCOLN-REAGAN DAY RALLY will be February 2, 2008 at the recently renovated American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum, 2601 I-40 East, in Amarillo from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. The public is invited for an evening of fun and friendship.

Come meet and visit with U.S Representative Mac Thornberry, State Sen. Kel Seliger, and Representatives David Swinford, John Smith and Warren Chisum along with local officials and candidates.

The evenings events include live and silent auctions, dinner catered by Leal's Mexican Restaurant and live entertainment by Anderson, Flesher & Key.

Admission is \$30 each with advance registration or \$35 each paid at the door. Reservations may be made by check, payable to Lincoln-Reagan Day Rally, PO Box 51434, Amarillo, TX 79159-1434. For more information: Phone: 806.356.9955; Email: LincolnReaganRally@suddenlink.net; Website: www.LincolnReaganRally.com

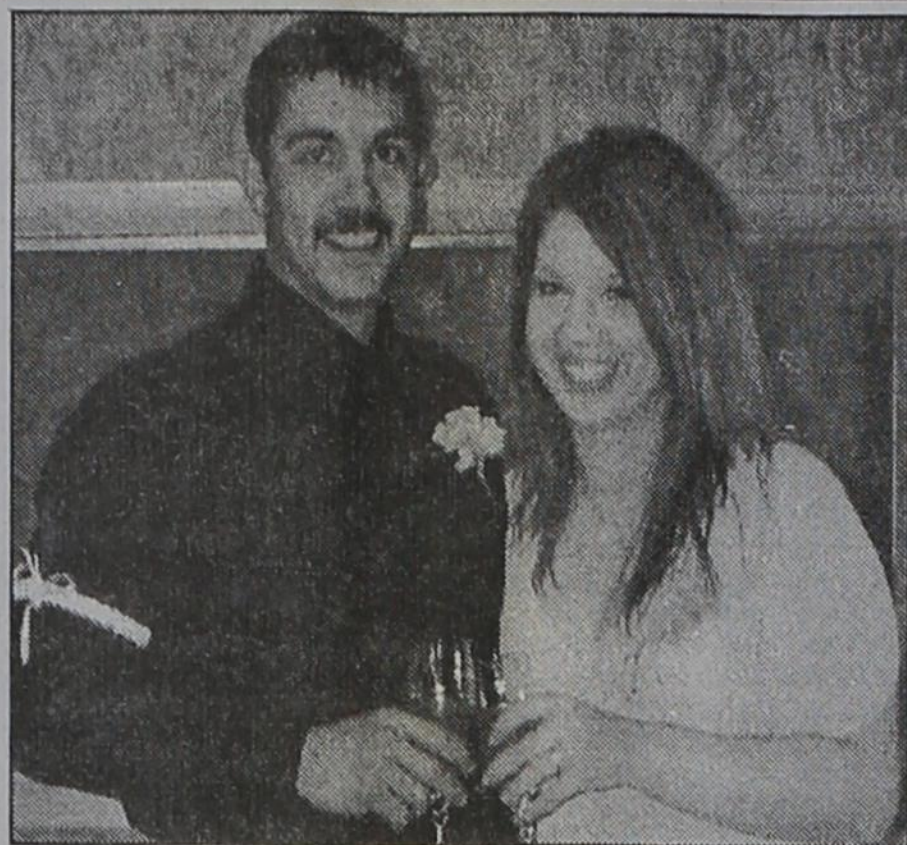
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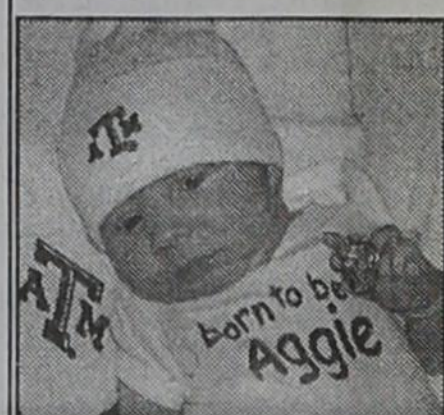
Wedding Announcement

Kandace Boyd and Mono Cruz were united in marriage on Saturday, January 4, 2008 at the Stationmaster's House Museum.

Hansford County Judge Benny Wilson officiated the ceremony, as family and friends witnessed this first for the Museum.

Rubyjo Wilbanks provided the music for the ceremony on the late-1800 square grand piano.

It's A Boy!



"Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him." Psalm 127:3

Josh & Katie Bynum announce the arrival of Brayden Tim Bynum.

Bray was born December 5, 2007 in College Station, weighing 7 pounds.

He was welcomed by paternal Grandpa Kevin and Grandma Ronda Bynum of Spearman and maternal Grandpa Rex and Grandma Brenda Black of Muleshoe, TX.

He was also welcomed by his proud Uncle Tim Bynum and Aunt Charollette Bynum, great uncles and aunts Kurt and Lelia Bynum, Karl Bynum, Kellianne Bynum, Rick and Eva Mae Reger, and LaVon and Donna Ditzler.

Great grandparents are Joe and Nita Bynum and the late Gordon & Mavis Collins. He also has a host of great-great aunts and uncles and loads of cousins.

Community GROUNDHOG Dinner

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday, February 1, 2008
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Business of the Year



Willis Boyd, owner of Willis Boyd Dirt Service Business of the Year

Willis has also been a volunteer firefighter for over 20 years, currently serving on

the fire department. His family recently went to Ecuador on a mission trip in the summer of 2006 with a group from Spearman.

Willis Boyd Dirt Service began in 2000 with one man and one machine. During that first year, Willis spent as much time working on his machine as he did on jobs. With hard work and dedication, however, he has turned this into a prosperous business that he uses to benefit the citizens, especially the youth, of Hansford County.

The person nominating this business said, "The success of this business has made him appreciate Spearman even more. With each year of success, he has given even more back to God and his community, to which he attributes his success."

"He gives credit for his success to God. He understands that all of the good things that have happened are a gift."

Willis is married to Sherry, and they have three daughters, Krista, Amy and Nikki.

The 2007 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year is Willis Boyd Dirt Service, Inc.

Willis Boyd Dirt Service is a strong financial supporter of the community and the youth of Spearman and Hansford County. He and his family are involved in youth activities, the Hansford County Livestock Show, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Spearman Booster Club and the United Methodist Church.

Gladiola Flower Club News

The Gladiola Flower Club met at 6 p.m. on December 19, 2007 in the home of Kathleen Sutton for the annual Christmas Party and gift exchange. Chairman Muriel Boyd called the meeting to order.

Expenses for the Home Tour were approved. The Club approved a donation to the Station Master's House Museum.

Outgoing chairman Muriel Boyd installed the following officers for 2008: Chairman - Dorothy Buzzard, Vice-Chairman - Betty Davis, Secretary - Margarette Evans, Treasurer - June Jackson, Historian - Pam Schnell, Flower Chair - Judy Yarbrough, Project Chair - Estele Jackson.

Those present were Dickie Allen, Muriel Boyd, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Helen Holt, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, Judy Yarbrough, Ann Allen and Sabrina Landrum.

The next meeting will be the Spring Luncheon in March.

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Detsi Vera

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- Laura Geer & Cory Jumper - TBA
- Kandace (Boyd) & Manolito Cruz - TBA
- Audra Evans & Kyle McLaughlin

Baby Registry

- Kellyn King & Jeremy Fry - 2/2
- Amber & Jason TeBeest - 2/23
- Shannon & Chad Scarborough
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Out at the Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--January 21, 2008--19.95 feet (-0.15)

Snow geese have arrived at the Lake for the first time this winter. Jim saw 4 mature eagles last week. There has been a good bit of ice, but the Lake hasn't frozen over.

The Parks and Wildlife people did a mule deer sur-

vey with a helicopter this week, but Jim hadn't learned the results. Word is that we may have a mule deer hunt in the county this next deer season.

The Deringtons are seeing more deer in their yard lately. Although the grass looks dry, they are finding green underneath.

Declining Ogallala Aquifer
The recent North Plains Ground Water News had an informative article on the data the Conservation District had gathered from 1981 to 2006 on the declining water table in the 8 county district.

Hartley County had lost the most with a decline of 62 feet, and Dallam County was next with 50 feet. Sherman County had a decline of 45.

Hutchinson and Moore Counties were close with 38 and 37 respectively. Hansford lost 32 feet, while Ochiltree had 17 and Lipscomb only 7 feet.

However, when it came to new wells drilled in the last 10 years, Hansford and Hutchinson had the least with 30 and 29 wells compared to Hartley County with 474 and Dallam with 312. Sherman, 243, and Moore with 183 were next. Ochiltree had 103 and Lipscomb 110.

The Amarillo Globe-News on January 16 had a little piece entitled "Water plan moves forward." It said the 5 counties in the Panhandle using the most water are Dallam, Hartley, Sherman, Moore, and Hansford counties - places where irrigated crops, cattle in feedlots and milk cows drink the water pumped from the Ogallala Aquifer. These counties used 65% of the total water used in the Panhandle Water Area in 2000.

Through 2060, it is projected the greatest shortages will be in those counties except Hansford.

Editor's Note: The entire North Plains Ground Water News may be read at Reporter-Statesman Website. The web address is: <http://www.spearmanreporter.com/newsviews/northplainsgroundwater.html>.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

This cold weather and wind is keeping everyone at home. However, our telephone has been busy with calls of interest. One call was from Florida, a couple had visited our museum in the summer and purchased one of our history books and their brother had read it and wished to purchase his own copy. It is always great to receive good reviews and a purchase is a bonus.

Dorothy has checked in and the poor lady is having cold, rainy weather. This is not good. She needs sunny weather so she can get her fill of sandy beaches, sea food, and all that ocean climate. This way she will return home fully recharged and happy. She is getting caught up on her reading and sewing. She says hi to everyone.

Wednesday, we had a full house of our core volunteers. Lovella made the observation that at one point in the day, the museum was completely silent. Everyone was so involved with their individual projects that none of us were talking to anyone. This was especially unusual for us. The silence must have been good, because we all achieve a lot of progress on our projects.

The first issue of our newsletter will be mailed this week. The newsletter is sent to members of the museum and updates its members on our projects, calendar of events, and a historical story.

Invitations for Jo Le Tennison's Reception were also mailed. Ms Tennison's reception will be Sunday, January 27th at 2 pm. Please Mark your calendar and join us in celebrating her talent. The Public is invited. Admission is free.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

I am writing the column on Monday so today is the Federal Holiday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This holiday the third Monday in January was declared a federal legal holiday in 1986. It is to commemorate his birthday. The first observation was held on Monday, January 20, 1986. A special

ceremony took place at an old railroad depot in Atlanta, Georgia. Hundreds had gathered to sing and to march. Many were the same people who, in 1965, had marched for fifty miles between two cities in the state of Alabama to protest segregation and discrimination of Black Americans.

All through the 1980's, controversy surrounded the idea of a Martin Luther King Day. Many petitioned the President to make January 15, King's birthday, a federal holiday. Others wanted to make the holiday on the day he died, April 4, 1968. Still others did not want to have any holiday at all.

Today, schools, offices, and federal agencies are closed for the holiday. There are quiet memorial services as well as elaborate ceremonies in honor of Dr. King. radio and television broadcast special programs with filmed highlights of Dr. King's life and times. It is a time that a review of civil rights is conducted and panels discuss whether we are progressing or regressing.

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Lovella found a recent one that, as discovered in the next week's issue, was a very unusual way to announce that the fellow was getting married. I submitted the two articles for your thoughts and amusement.

August 21, 1913: Phil Scott, one of Lipscomb's busy young people has been so darned busy the past few weeks that he has not been in sight so much as he use to. We're just betting its a sign that something will "break out" before long because we seen a white dog come down the street the other morning following a white horse and then chased a white cat through the north window of a white house that chased a white hen through a white gate that was eating white corn out of a white pail with a white handle.

August 28, 1913: Adieu to Single Lonesomeness. Once more, the magic wand of cupid has been waved over the heads of two of Lipscomb's young people,

but this time it has touched upon the fates of an industrious, painstaking and hustling pair. At the hour of nine, Wednesday evening at the parlor of Mr. and Mrs. John Edgar occurred the marriage of Miss Ruby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Hurlhley, to Mr. Phillip C. Scott, both of this place. Justice J.N. Theisen officiating. The groom, Mr. Scott, having lived in this community for a number of years has won many friends through honest and straight dealings among his fellow men and well filled for the position he has chosen. The bride, Miss Ruby, though but young in years, has accomplishments that well fits her for the responsibilities of mistress of the house. The young couple for the time being will make their future home in Lipscomb. Lime Light joins with many others in wishing the young couple well in their newly formed partnership.

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BASKETBALL HOOPLA

The Spearman Lynx were listed in the top ten in the Globe-News statistics on January 18th.

They were rated in the following categories, in Class 3A-2A-1A Boys.

TEAM OFFENSE: 8th - Spearman, Average - 53.7
TEAM DEFENSE: 1st - Spearman, Average - 40.7

INDIVIDUAL SCORING: 4th - Jordan Ashmore, Games - 17, Points - 348, Average - 20.5

INDIVIDUAL REBOUNDING: 6th - Jordan Ashmore, Games - 17, Rebounds - 139, Average - 8.2

The Globe-News ranked the team fifth, in Boys Class 2A-1A. The teams were: 1. Happy 20-2; 2. Friona 18-4; 3. Bushland 14-5; 4. Clarendon 18-3; 5. Spearman 14-4.

The Globe-News ranked the Lynxettes second, in the Girls Class 2A-1A. The teams were: 1. Follett 18-2; 2. Spearman 19-3; 3. Panhandle 15-9; 4. Wellington 20-5; 5. Vega 18-4.

1/18/08 Lynxettes

Panhandle 6 16 23 32
Spearman 8 18 20 27
P-Rachel Urbaczky 7, Kara Looten 7, S-Christy Lange 10, Kendall Schneider 8.
Records: Panhandle 16-9, 5-0; Spearman 19-4, 3-2. JV: Panhandle 30, Spearman 20.

Lynx

Spearman 37
Panhandle 45

Lady Hounds

Gruver 6 13 21 36
Vega 18 29 38 57
G-Solis 12, Yanke 11, V-Nogglar 23, Matthews 19.
Records: Gruver 0-1, Vega 19-4, 1-0. JV: Vega 48, Gruver 16.

Greyhounds

Gruver 14 23 28 43
Vega 15 28 37 48
G-Willis 15, Urban 11, V-Meyer 17, Galbraith 10.
Records: Gruver 6-12, 0-1. Vega 12-9, 1-0. JV: Gruver 60, Vega 25.

1/22/08 Lynxettes

Spearman 17 27 36 52
Stratford 12 28 34 43
Sp-Leanna Espinosa 13, Kylee Howard 12, St-April Peregrino 19, Sinead Everett 7.
Records: Spearman 20-4, 4-2. Stratford 11-15, 2-4. JV: Stratford 28 Spearman 19.

Lynx

Spearman 17 32 40 50
Stratford 14 25 35 51
SP-Jordan Ashmore 26, Brett Winegarner 8, ST-Hunter Buckles 15, Kyle Horsford 12.
Records: Spearman 14-6, 2-2. Stratford 12-5, 3-1. JV: Stratford 35 Spearman 29.

Lady Hounds

Gruver 10 31 50 72
Boys Ranch 8 16 31 42
Records: Gruver 15-10, 1-1; Boys Ranch 8-12, 0-2.

Greyhounds

Gruver 14 25 29 47
Boys Ranch 6 21 37 50
Records: Gruver 6-13, 0-2; Boys Ranch 12-6, 2-0. JV: Gruver 38, Boys Ranch 36.

1/4/08

JV Lynxettes 15
Stratford 17

1/8/08

JV Lynxettes 42
Canadian 27

1/11/08

JV Lynxettes 45
West Texas 14
JV Lynx 41
West Texas 26

1/15/08

JV Lynxettes 42
Fritch 12
JV Lynx 46
Fritch 22

1/18/08

JV Lynxettes 20
Panhandle 30
JV Lynx 29
Panhandle 26

1/18/08

JV Lynxettes 20
Panhandle 30
JV Lynx 29
Panhandle 26

SHS 2008 Tennis Schedule

TIME	EVENT	TEAM
Feb 25-26	Canadian Tourney	HS
March 5-6	Wellington Tourney	HS
March 10-11	Panhandle Tourney (Borger)	HS
March 13	Austin Tennis Ct JV Tourney	JV
March 14-15	Amarillo Tourney	HS
	Memorial Park, Amarillo College	
March 29	JV District Tourney (Spearman)	HS
April 3-4	Varsity District Tourney	HS
	Amarillo Tennis Center	
April TBA	Regional Qualifier's Tourney	HS
April 23-24	Regional Tourney (Abilene)	HS
	Abilene Christian University Tennis Center	
May 5-6	State Tourney	HS
	University of Texas	

Monday - Doubles Tuesday & Wednesday - Singles

SHS 2008 Golf Schedule

TIME	PLACE	TEAM
Feb 23-24	Borger	Girls
Feb 26	Wellington	Girls
March 2-3	Borger	Boys
March 5	Booker	Girls
March 6	Booker	Boys
March 23-24	Sunray/Dumas	Boys
March 26	Sunray/Dumas	Girls
March 27	Canadian	Boys
March 31	Perryton	Girls/Boys
April 2*	Borger/District	Girls/Boys
April 9*	Borger/District	Girls/Boys
April 23-24*	Baird/Regional	Girls/Boys
May 7-8	Austin/State	Girls/Boys

GHS 2008 Track Schedule

DATE	PLACE	TEAM
Feb 29 & March 1	Sunray	JH/HS
March 8	Spearman	JH
March 9	Panhandle	HS
March 13	Gruver	JH
March 14	Gruver	HS
March 21 & 22	SPRING BREAK - TBA	
March 29	District (White Deer)	JH
March 31 & April 1	District (White Deer)	HS
April 8	Area (Panhandle)	HS
April 17	Qualifier's Meet (Panhandle)	HS
April 25 & 26	Regional (Levelland)	HS
May 9 & 10	State (Austin)	HS

Ashmore Celebrates 400th Win

Coach Junior Ashmore celebrated his 400th win as a basketball coach on January 15, 2008 after the Lynx defeated Fritch, 60-44.

Coach Ashmore grew up in Hale Center, where he was an All-State basketball player. He went to Kilgore Junior College and Wayland Baptist University, playing basketball at both.

He began his coaching career at Dimmitt under Kenneth Cleveland, a legendary high school coach.

Coach Ashmore moved to Spearman in 2004 with his wife, Cindy, and two children, Jordan and Morgan. Coach Ashmore also teaches American History, and his wife teaches math at Spearman High School.

"I love the small town atmosphere in Spearman," stated Coach Ashmore. "I get to know all the students, not just the basketball kids."

His personal mottos are "Act Right, Play Hard and Be Coachable," and "Pride and Poise."

He is the son of Kay and C.D. Ashmore of Plainview. His future plans are to coach for many more years, retire and play golf.

The Lynx have a season record of 41-5 and a district record of 2-1.

2007-2008 Spearman Lynxettes

Date	Opponent	9th	7th	8th
Nov 12	Canadian	22-36	24-23	48-19
Nov 19	West Texas	49-51	41-10	38-4
Nov 26	Sanford-Fritch	DNP	54-1	53-2
Dec 3	Panhandle	22-30	29-13	25-30
Dec 10	Stratford	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jan. 7	Canadian	28-32	38-20	50-16
Jan 14	West Texas	24-22	42-19	46-19
Jan 17-19	Spearman JH Tourney		1st	1st
Jan 21	Sanford-Fritch	DNP	44-7	44-13
Jan 24-26	Canadian 9th Tourney	TBA		
Jan 28	vs. Panhandle	7:00	5:00	6:00
Jan 31-Feb 2	@ Gruver JH Tourney		TBA	TBA
Feb. 4	vs. Stratford	5:00	6:00	

2007-2008 Spearman Lynx

Date	Opponent	9th	7th	8th
Nov 15	Canadian	DNP	DNP	DNP
Nov 19	West Texas	DNP	24-10	26-35
Nov 26	Fritch	21-36	21-16	14-22
Dec 3	Panhandle	19-29	17-35	25-46
Dec 6-8	Borger Tourn.	4:15		
Dec. 10	Stratford/Gruver	DNP	DNP	DNP
Jan 3-5	Perryton 9th Tourney	TBA		
Jan 7	Canadian	17-37	20-38	27-49
Jan 14	West Texas	39-25	30-25	35-47
Jan 17-19	Spearman JH Tourney		TBA	TBA
Jan 21	Fritch	41-30	41-37	17-27
Jan 28	@ Panhandle	7:30	5:00	6:00
Jan 31-Feb 2	@ Gruver JH Tourney		TBA	TBA
Feb 4	@ Stratford	7:30	5:00	6:00

Hansford County Stock Show

The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 25th and 26th in Gruver, Texas.

Friday's show will begin at 7 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The grand opening of the show will be held at 9 a.m., followed by the lamb show, with the steer show following immediately. The weighing of pigs will be held after the steer show.

Saturday's schedule is as follows: 9 a.m. - Swine show; 1 p.m. - judging contest; 6:30 p.m. - floor prices auctioned, presentation of Showmanship and Commercial Steer Awards. Immediately following the presentation of awards, the auction will begin. The sell order will be - lamb, swine and steer.

All are encouraged to come support the 4-H and FFA members of Hansford County.

A concession stand with lots of great food will be open both days. Barbeque brisket plates will be available at 5 p.m. Saturday before the sale, prepared by Richard and Wanda Wagner, with proceeds going to 4-H Fund.

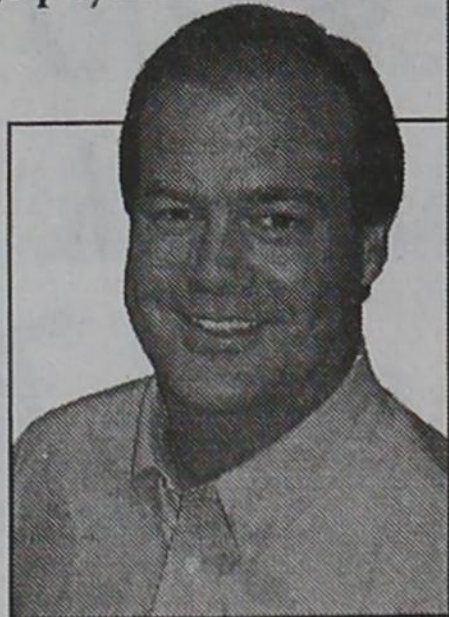


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**SENIOR Parents--Please remember that the FAFSA needs to be completed as soon as you complete your

taxes if your senior is continuing their education beyond high school. Income taxes DO NOT have to be submitted early--you just need the information that your income taxes provide in order to complete the FAFSA. **Remember you should never pay anything in order to complete the FAFSA--it is a free service provided by the government. www.fafsa.ed.gov
**Please encourage your senior to finalize their college

applications as soon as possible so the college of their choice can begin putting a financial aid package together.

**JUNIOR PARENTS!!!!-- Please encourage your junior to take the ACT this year if they have not already done so. It is a great way to get a jump on the senior year and looking at college scholarships. Ask your student for their PSAT and ASVAB test results--both have been distributed and discussed.

SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

Data	10 General Fund	Permanent Trust Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 5,562,517	\$ 77,560	\$ 282,766	\$ 923,115	\$ 6,845,958
5800 State Program Revenues	2,412,430	-	-	87,101	2,499,531
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,194	-	-	561,371	562,565
5020 Total Revenues	7,976,141	77,560	282,766	1,571,587	9,908,054
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	4,036,091	-	19,264	420,407	4,475,762
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	104,676	-	29,169	22	133,867
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	38,871	-	-	10,495	49,366
0021 Instructional Leadership	2,500	-	-	-	2,500
0023 School Leadership	354,509	-	461	-	354,970
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	136,645	-	-	12,736	149,381
0033 Health Services	68,839	-	-	-	68,839
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	164,415	-	-	-	164,415
0035 Food Services	10,671	-	30,072	328,099	368,842
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	380,881	-	1,732	-	382,613
0041 General Administration	506,515	-	-	-	506,515
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	781,889	-	8,927	-	790,816
0053 Data Processing Services	67,702	-	-	-	67,702
0061 Community Services	37,769	-	-	79	37,848
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	-	-	295,000	295,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	-	502,931	502,931
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	64,112	-	5,344,165	-	5,408,277
Intergovernmental:					
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	53,124	-	-	-	53,124
6030 Total Expenditures	6,809,209	-	5,433,790	1,569,769	13,812,768
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,166,932	77,560	(5,151,024)	1,818	(3,904,714)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	21,689	21,689
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(21,689)	-	-	-	(21,689)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(21,689)	-	-	21,689	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,145,243	77,560	(5,151,024)	23,507	(3,904,714)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,155,068	1,395,316	7,703,434	28,028	12,281,846
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,300,311	\$ 1,472,876	\$ 2,552,410	\$ 51,535	\$ 8,377,132

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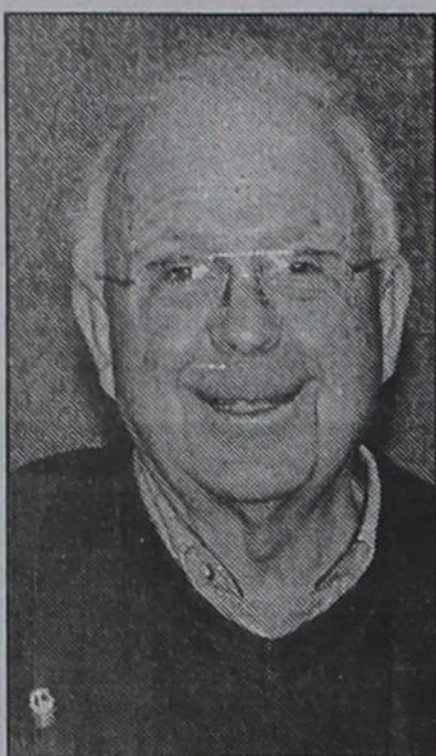
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2007 Citizen of the Year



James Cunningham
Citizen of the Year

by Spearman ISD
Superintendent Rod Sumner

James Cunningham moved to Spearman in August 1968 and for the past thirty-eight years has been a "main-stay" in the community. He person officially retired in 1985 and stopped receiving a monthly paycheck, but since that time he has invested thousands of hours in making Spearman a better place for all of its citizens.

For nearly 17 years he served as Superintendent of Schools for Spearman Independent School District.

Serving in a position where the tenure is less than 3-5 years, he broke the mold and as a result, has the longest tenure of any other superintendent in school history.

When asking some former colleagues about him, they commented that he was always approachable and a staunch supporter of the school district. Today, he continues to be one of the biggest supporters of the school district, attending almost every school function; however, he is also one of the biggest supporters of the town of Spearman.

In 1985 he went off the time clock for the school district; however, that did not mark the end of his contributions to the town of Spearman. Here are a few of the organizations and activities that he has been involved with:

- He has and continues to serve as a Deacon at First Baptist Church of Spearman. He once told me that the hardest committee he ever served on was the "carpet selection committee" at church.

- He was instrumental in the establishment of the Retired Teachers Association of Hansford County; serving as President of the local chapter; was Regional Vice-President of Region 16 RTA; attended many RTA State Conventions; and continues to be active at the state level

advocating for the retired educational professionals to make sure this dedicated group of school employees is not forgotten when it comes to pension and other benefits!

- He was on the ground floor of the establishment of the H&H Teachers Credit Union and currently serves on one of their boards.

- He has been on the O'Loughlin Board since the facility broke ground in 1993.

- He is a member of the Hansford County Library Board.

- He is a member of Economic Development Corporation and the City of Spearman Zoning Board.

- He has played a major role in keeping the Hansford golf course open and has served on that board for many years. In 2000, he was given the Colonel Bogy Award by the Tri-State Senior Golf Association for his contributions to golf in the Panhandle.

- He has been a 50-year member of the Lions Club and has served as the District 2 Governor. The Lion's Club honored him for his contributions to their organization by presenting him the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, which is the most prestigious award presented to any Lions Club member.

- As part of the Lions

Club, he has been the Broom Sale Chairman that benefits those who are blind or have other visual impairments.

- He has also served a mentor to students at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in the Big Brothers Big Sister Program. He always took the student with the most need and went beyond the call of duty to make a positive difference in that student's life. He was matched with a young boy named Marcos in 2003 and continues to work with him. When asked, Marcos said, "He's an okay guy!"

- He also serves as the Master of Ceremony for our annual Veterans' Day Celebration. James served as a paratrooper during WW II. As he talks to the students and to others in attendance about the sacrifices that have been made, it does not take much to bring a tear to his eyes.

Believe it or not, I have only hit on a few of the activities and organizations that he has been involved with. There are many more!

I was only on the job for a few days in 1999 when he came to my office to introduce himself to me. He explained that he was the former superintendent; however, he did not want the job anymore. He went on to say that I would not have to worry about him butting in my business, and that he

was at my service for help in any way he could!

James and I have developed a great relationship over the years, and he has helped me in many ways. I credit him with much of my own success! When we started announcing at the Friday night football games, James was the first to volunteer.

James is also a wonderful husband and father. He loves talking and especially about those things he loves the most - his wife, his son, and his grandkids. Whenever the opportunity presents itself, he always has something to say about the school and town that he has given so much of his life to making a better place!

James Cunningham has left his mark in the history of this town. Tonight, we remember him for his passion, commitment and for his friendship. I am remind-

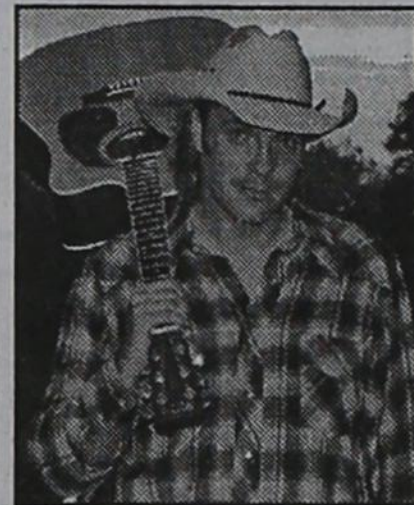
ed of a comment made by Clarence in the movie *It's a Wonderful Life* which read, "No man is a failure who has friends."

At one point or another in each one of our lives, we all seek to find the answer to the question of what is the purpose of our life. I believe, James Cunningham, has provided us an example of servant leadership and lessons we can all learn from. That our purpose in life is to leave the world a better place than when we found it!

I close by posing this question for each one of us to ponder - wouldn't the world be a better place if there were more James Cunningham's in every community!

Please join me in recognition of James Cunningham, the 2007 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Keep It Straight



Daron Norwood will present his program "Keep It Straight" at Spearman Junior High on Wednesday, January 30 at 2 p.m. in the Activity Gym.

In 1997 Daron Norwood began speaking in schools across Texas. His program, "Keep It Straight", has been designed to warn students of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and also educate them on the effects of bullying and violence. The program lasts one hour. The first

half Daron sings and entertains the audience. He uses this time to get to know the students, break any barriers and gain the trust of the audience. The second half is dedicated to helping the students realize the dangers that they will be faced with and the consequences of making wrong decisions when faced with danger. Daron becomes someone the children can relate to and because of this he becomes a part of their environment. "I can relate to them because I've been to the bottom... addicted to both drugs and alcohol," Daron states.

"The thing I kept hearing was, be real, be honest and give it to us straight. If you drink and drive, you can kill yourself and others. If you do drugs, you can become addicted." When asked about the effectiveness of this program, he will share countless stories of young lives that have been changed. "The only way not to be successful is to do nothing at all," Daron says. "If I do a program and only change one life, then the program was successful."

To date, Keep It Straight has been seen by 650,000 students in the past 10 years and that number is growing. No one knows exactly how big this powerful program will get but Daron and his supporters have their sights set high. "I just want to keep changing lives for the better. Keep It Straight is more than just a phrase, it is a lifestyle. I want to share it with everyone in this great nation."

2007 Employee of the Year



Verlan Winegarner
Employee of the Year

The recipient of the 2007 Spearman Rotary Club Employee of the Year award has worked in the field of education for over 29 years.

Verlan Winegarner has taught at the 4th and 5th grade level, and most recently in a special reading intervention program called Reading Recovery.

He is very dedicated to his profession. He not only makes many sacrifices for those he teaches, but also for those he works with. He goes above the call of duty and does anything he is asked to do, even when others might say it can't be done. He is willing to do everything possible to make it work. His positive attitude and untiring dedication have made him an important role

model for many teachers throughout the years.

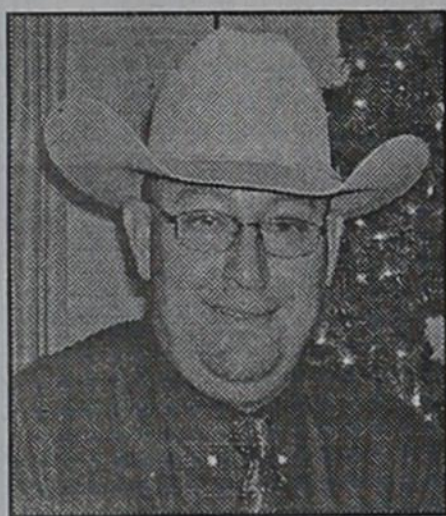
Mr. Winegarner has served as president of the Classroom Teachers Association and has served on the Board of Directors at the state level for the Association of Texas Professional Educators. He is also the district's contact person at the state level, which includes the responsibility of keeping teachers informed of legislative decisions.

He has taught multiple generations of children and their parents. As a result, he has been able to develop a close bond with students and parents. Today, as a Reading Recovery teacher, he is able to work one-on-one with children struggling

to learn how to read. Thanks to his relentless efforts, more students who might struggle with reading are finally able to put the clues together and learn how to read.

Mr. Winegarner is to be commended for his extraordinary and relentless effort as a teacher for the Spearman Independent School District. He has given of his time and himself to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of students.

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