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Proceeds will benefit The O'Loughlin Center in Spearman.

## New Laws Concerning Foreclosure Sales

House Bill 335, which passed in the 75th session of the Texas Legislature, went into effect on September 1, 2003. This new legislation concerning property law on foreclosure sales applies to all Sheriff's Sales conducted after October 1, 2003.

Bidders must file a request for a "Statement of No Taxes Due" with the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office on property now owned or previously owned. This statement must be presented to the officer conducting the sale prior to the sale.

Individuals may not bid on or purchase property in the name of another individual without written authorization from that individual presented to the officer conducting the sale. A deed may not be executed in the name of any person other than the successful bidder.

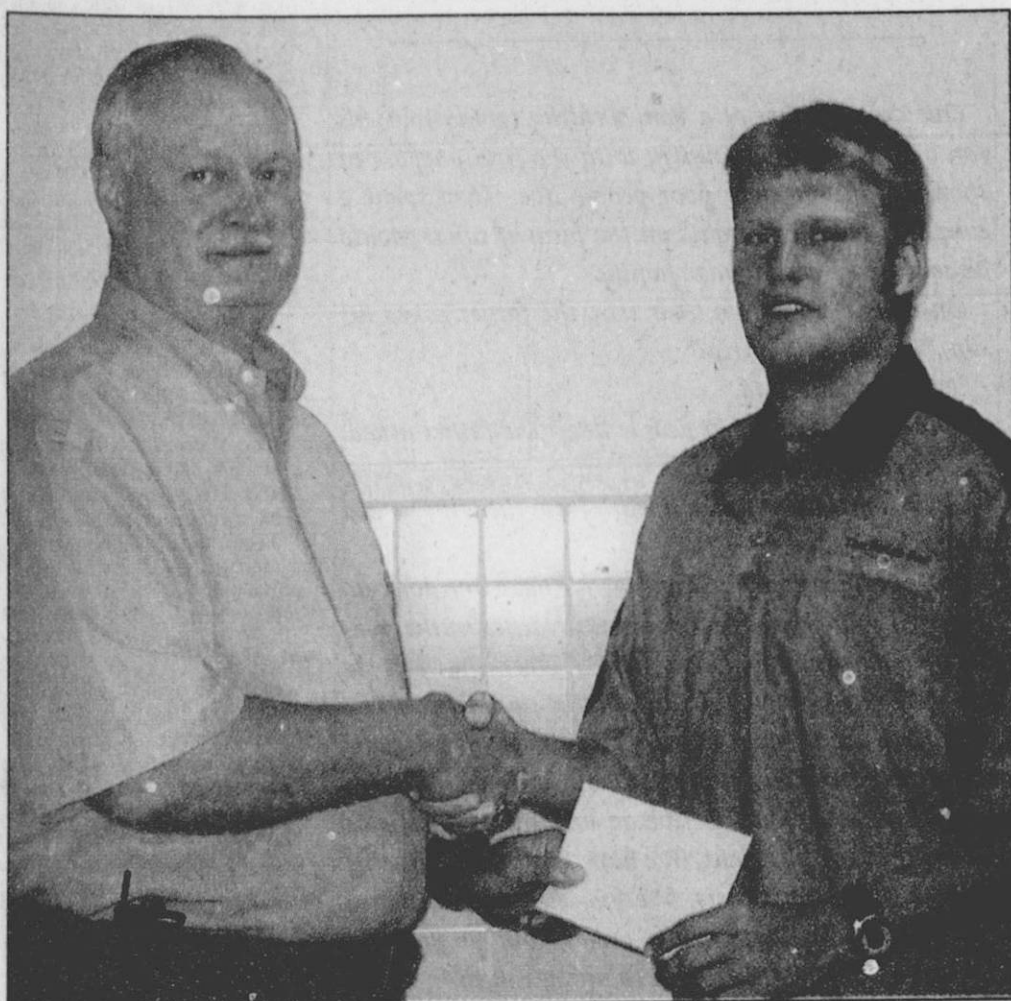
For more information on these requirements, call or go by the Hansford County Tax Office in the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman.

## Sheets Named National Merit Scholar

On Monday, September 29, 2003, Mr. Bill Belger, Spearman High School Principal, announced that Russell Sheets has been named a Commended Student in the 2004 National Merit® Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, will be presented by the principal to this (these) scholastically talented senior.

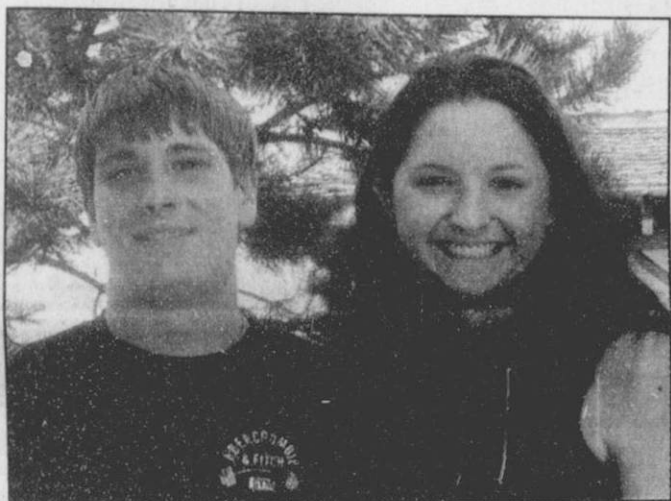
About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2004 competition for Merit Scholarship® awards, Commended Students have placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 2004 competition by taking the 2002 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

"Recognition of academically talented students and of the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. "The young people being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and that they will continue to pursue scholastic excellence and to develop their abilities to the fullest. These young people represent a very valuable national resource."



Spearman High School Principal Bill Belger congratulates Russell Sheets on being named a National Merit Scholar.

## 4-H Gold Star Recipients Honored



Tracy Brown and Kali Shields were honored at the Hansford County 4-H Awards Banquet as the 2003 Gold Star recipients.

The Hansford County 4-H Awards Banquet was held Sunday, August 24th at the Gruver School Cafeteria with 4-H youth, their parents, volunteer leaders and supporters of the 4-H program in attendance.

Clete Vanderburg and Nick Slough presided over the event, which carried out the theme "Painting the Future with 4-H." Bailey Reid led the Pledge of Allegiance and Rhett Renner led the 4-H Motto and Pledge. Tracy Brown gave the Welcome and Rachelle Holt introduced the guests. Rhett recognized parents and volunteer leaders.

This year's Gold Star recipients were Kali Shields and Tracy Brown. Kali is the daughter of Lonnie and LeAnn Shields. Tracy is the son of Billy and Joan Brown. Kali and Tracy will be honored at the District 4-H Gold Star Banquet on November 8th in Canyon.

Jessica Schmidt received the Horse award for completing a

record book for district competition.

Anna Sowder, Emily Hood and Jessica Schmidt received special awards for district fashion show competition. Jessica also received special recognition for winning the District 4-H Bake Show.

Tori Sheets was recognized for winning the District Share-the-Fun Musical competition. Photography awards were presented to Justin Thompson and Sheldon Field for their participation in the district photography contest.

District Livestock Judging participants recognized were Austin Benton, Tucker Williams, Charlie Slough, Casey Cator, Cody Benton, Dakota Cator, Taylor Williams, Brenna Reid, Dustin Mackie, Bailey Reid, Nick Slough, Clete Vanderburg and Kali Shields.

Year pins were presented by teen leaders Ryan Buschman, Victoria Vela, Tanner Irwin, Jessica Vela, Jessica Schmidt, Kali Shields, Brock Irwin, Britta Vanderburg and Rhett Renner to 4-H youth completing a project during the 2002-2003 year. 4-H gate signs were presented to all first year members.

## Amarillo College Foundation Announces Scholarships

The Amarillo College Foundation recently announced the names of Gruver residents who are receiving 2003-2004 scholarships at Amarillo College.

Gruver scholarship recipients are Richard Schad, aviation maintenance major, Industrial and Transportation Technology Scholarship; and Carrie Stewart, pharmacy technology major, Foundation Directors' Award.

The Amarillo College Foundation was established in 1962 with the highest priority to provide student scholarships. More than 1000 students receive awards each year.

## GHS Homecoming

Cynthia Briones (left) was crowned the 2003 Gruver High School Homecoming Queen on Friday, September 26th. Cynthia is the daughter of Tony and Araceli Briones.

2003 Gruver Homecoming candidates were (bottom, left to right) Jenny Hart, daughter of Brad and Kelly Hart, Cynthia Briones, and Meagan Knight, daughter of Tommy and Linda Knight.

Bonnie Schaeff McFadden of the Class of 1953 was crowned alumni queen. Her escort was Bob Fryatt.



## Business Workshop Features Demographer

CANYON - West Texas A&M University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will present a workshop featuring demographer Dr. Steve H. Murdock from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7 at the Amarillo College Business & Industry Center, 1314 S. Polk St. in Amarillo.

Murdock, who in 1997 was named one of the 50 most influential Texans by Texas Business, is director of the

Center for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research and Education in The Texas A&M University System. He also is the official state demographer of Texas.

He is the author of 11 books and more than 150 articles and reports on the implications of current and future demographic and socioeconomic change.

Murdock's topics in Amarillo will be "The Changing Face of Texas," "Locating Accurate

Demographic Information" and "Practical Use of Demographics."

Seating is limited, so early registration is encouraged. Cost of the workshop is \$55. Continuing Professional Education (CPE) units are available.

For more information or to register for the workshop, contact P.J. Pronger at 806-372-5151 or Teresa Clemons at 806-372-5512, Ext. 1678.



## Hundred Home March

Superintendent of Spearman Schools, Rodney Sumner, presents Donna McCubbin with a nomination letter for her daughter Linzi as part of the Hundred Home March which represents the 100th home visited by the superintendent.

Linzi, the 100th and final student receiving a home visit, was nominated by her theatre arts teacher Tony Sidwell.

(See related story on page 5)





# New Teachers at Spearman ISD



**Krista Baird**

Krista Baird is the new counselor at Spearman High School. Last year she taught 4th grade at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

Baird is married to Todd, a teacher/coach at Spearman ISD, and they have two children, Tanner, 6, a first grader, and Trenton, 4.

Baird has a BS in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Early Childhood from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. She also has a Masters in Mid-Management from Southwest Oklahoma State University.

"I am thoroughly enjoying my new assignment at the high school," Baird said. "The students are wonderful to work with, as well as the staff. I miss all of my students and co-workers at the elementary, but after working with high school students, I am convinced that Spearman ISD has the best Pre-K through 12 teachers in the area!"

When not teaching, Baird enjoys attending Lynx and Lynxette events, spending time with her family, reading, going to movies and traveling.



**Jess Anne Fernandes**

Jess Anne Fernandes is a second-grade teacher at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

Fernandes is engaged to Michael Lusby.

Fernandes has a BS degree from West Texas A&M University, where she graduated with honors.

Fernandes played volleyball for four years at West Texas and was first team All-American.

"I am so excited to begin my first year," Fernandes said.

When not teaching, Fernandes enjoys running, skiing, spending time with family and working on her new home.

Jodie Hight is the new Paraprofessional TTH in the Computer Lab

Hight is married to Keith and they have one daughter, Tyann, 6.

Hight has a BS degree from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Before going to work as a paraprofessional, Hight served as a substitute teacher.

"I am looking forward to a great year," Hight said.

When not teaching, Hight enjoys playing golf, painting and scrapbooking.



**Karen Price**

Karen Price is a fourth-grade teacher.

She is married to George and they have three sons, two who are married and one who is in college.

Price has a BS degree in education from McMurry University.

When not teaching, Price enjoys reading and cooking.

dition of the art program that has been established here!"

When not teaching, Scovel enjoys white-water rafting.

first year as a Lynx," Teal said. When not teaching, Teal enjoys reading and gardening.

**Lori Villanueva**

Lori Villanueva is the Speech/Language Pathologist at Gus Birdwell Elementary.

She is married to Essie and they have one son, Jonah, who is 18-months-old.

Villanueva has a BS and MS from Southwest Missouri State University, where she graduated *summa cum laude*.

"The staff has been very welcoming and helpful," Villanueva said. "I immediately felt at home and look forward to a wonderful year."

When not teaching, Villanueva enjoys reading and spending time with her son.



**Amy Mesneak**

Amy Mesneak is the elementary librarian.

She has two children, Lauren, 14, and Zachary, 6.

Mesneak has a BBA from West Texas A&M University, an Elementary Teaching Certificate from WTAMU and her Librarian Certification from the University of North Texas.

"I am really excited about being the elementary librarian and getting to know the students and members of the community," Mesneak said.

When not teaching, she enjoys gardening, shopping for antiques and reading.



**Dana Saylor**

Dana Saylor is the K-1 Bilingual/ESL teacher at Gus Birdwell Elementary.

She is married to Jim and they have three children, Mariah, 15, Raman, 13, and Zach, 11.

Saylor has a BS degree from Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

"I am really enjoying working with the teachers and students," Saylor said.

When not teaching, Saylor enjoys reading and scrapbooking.



**Erica Hennigh**

Erica Hennigh is a fifth-grade reading and language arts teacher.

Hennigh is married to Kenny and they have three children, Kyler, 7, Riley, 4 and Kailynne, 2.

Hennigh has a bachelor of elementary of education from Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

"Everyone in Spearman has been very welcoming," Hennigh said. "I have high expectations for my students and myself for this year."

When not teaching, Hennigh enjoys scrapbooking and playing with her kids.



**Sandi Pearson**

Sandi Pearson is a fourth grade teacher at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

She is married to Mike, and they have two children, Carson, 7, and Callie, 3.

Pearson has an undergraduate degree from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. She previously served as a long-term substitute for third grade.

"I enjoy all the people at Spearman ISD and am looking forward to a great year," Pearson said.

When not teaching, Pearson enjoys scrapbooking and activities with her family.



**Gerald Scovel**

Gerald Scovel is the high school art teacher.

He has 14 years of teaching experience.

Scovel has a Master of Education degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

"I am excited about joining the staff at Spearman High School," Scovel said. "I am looking forward to continuing the rich tra-



**Kristin Born**

Kristin Born is the new high school special education teacher.

Born is married to Weston, the ag teacher at Gruver High School. She is the daughter of Gary and Nelle Evans.

Born has a BS from Texas Tech University. She taught for two years at Booker Elementary.

"I am looking forward to a great year," Born said.

When not teaching, Born enjoys cooking, being outdoors, and spending time with her husband and their families.



**Jodie Hight**

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**It's a Girl**

Franklin and Kelly McDonough of Wolfforth, TX wish to announce the birth of their daughter, *Karennah Grace*. Karennah was born on Saturday, September 13, 2003. She weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Keith and Karen Goodman of Booker and Mike and Cornelia McDonough of Plainview. Great-grandmothers are Avo Gray and Alice Goodman, both of Spearman.

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# Superintendent's Corner

About a year and a half ago, Cindy Blackman approached me about a program she had read about called the "Hundred Home March." The purpose of the program was for the superintendent to visit homes in the community to share the good news about our schools and students.

One of Cindy's many hats is that of Parental Involvement Coordinator, and she felt that this was a perfect opportunity for me to meet with parents in their homes to facilitate better communication between the school and home. Although this seemed like a worthwhile project, it was extremely ambitious and would require a great deal of time; however, after thinking of the positive implications, I made the commitment, and the "Hundred Home March" was underway.

In order to start my visits, student nominations were solicited from the teaching staff. Teachers were asked to nominate students for positive accomplishments. These reasons for celebration did not have to be grades alone, but anything that the teacher was proud about and wanted the parent to know. Once the nominations starting coming into my office, Cindy would make contact with the parents and arrange for a time for us to go by and talk with them.

At first, we met some apprehension since the only time most parents ever heard from the school in the past was when their child was in trouble at school, and never had the superintendent ever want to come by their house to talk to them about their child.

It took some convincing to assure people that we were not coming by to talk about anything that was wrong, but only about something good regarding their child. We were determined that language would not be a barrier in making a visit, so if an interpreter was needed, Elodia Bravo went with us to help translate.

The visits were casual and lasted anywhere from fifteen to thirty minutes. During the visit, we read to the parents the reason for celebration written by their child's teacher, and just let the

parents know that we, too, were proud of their child. We reminded parents that we are partners in their child's education and want the same thing for their child, and that is to provide them with a quality education. I would often say that education is the ticket to opportunity to allow their child to become whatever they want to be.

Depending on the age of the child, I provided the parent with some ways they could help the school and encouraged them to be involved in their child's education. I concluded with an open-ended question about any concerns that they might have. I would tell them that most people in the community think that we have a good school system, but that there is always room for improvement, and I would like for them to look me in the eye and tell me anything with which they were unhappy.

WOW! What a great way to improve two-way communication between the school and parents. I believe these visits were very well-received by the parents and on my part were extremely rewarding. In fact, as I reflect on things that I have done in my educational career, this has to stand out to be one of the most worthwhile endeavors I have ever done. I came away from the visits much more enlightened and prouder than ever about our school system and students.

Some of my experiences were priceless. One parent told me that they thought this was just another one of those government programs, and they were surprised that the school would take the time to come by and visit with them one on one. Another parent told me that she had told her children that I was coming by to make sure the house was clean and got them to help clean up.

I visited the home of a senior, and during the course of the visit, I asked the parent if during the previous twelve years if anyone from the school had ever

come by to let them know that we were proud of their child. She said "No."

I thought that was sad commentary of public schools that the only time parents ever hear from us is when we are unhappy and there was a problem. I told them that my goal in the "Hundred Home March" was to let parents know that 95% of our students are doing good things, and that I was a trying to break the cycle of negativism and emphasize the positive and the many good things our students are doing. One memory that I'll never forget happened on a visit where both parents did not speak English.

Cindy and Elodia accompanied me to the home. Both the mother and father were present and after I started talking, I noticed a sigh of relief come over the father's face. When asked, he said that he had stayed up all night worrying about why the superintendent would come by his house. He said if the superintendent was coming, his son must have really done something bad.

Once I read the comment his son's teacher had written about him, you should have seen the smile come over his face. I asked him if his son knew we were doing by and he said yes, but that he didn't know why we were coming. After the visit I went to elementary school to find the young man. I found him in Mr. Winegarner's class. I asked him to step out in the hall and introduced myself to him. I had taken with me Sandee Smith, the teacher who had nominated him, and Cindy and Elodia. I read him what Mr. Smith had said about him and how proud we were of him. I looked back and three ladies were crying tears of joy. I don't know if that young man realized what that moment had meant, but I know that the others there did. It is moments like this that give us fuel to keep on striving to provide all our children with our best even when things are

overwhelming and not always going our way. We are making a difference one child at a time.

It took a year and a half, but on Wednesday, August 27, I made the one hundredth visit at the home of Donna McCubbin. Their daughter, Linzi, was nominated by Mr. Sidwell, her theater arts teacher.

What a way to wrap up the "Hundred Home March!" Over the past year and a half, I have had the privilege to talk with many caring and supportive parents about their child and share in their hopes and dreams. I went to all kinds of homes and visited with all kinds of parents; however, they all shared the same dream. To some, my visit was the first time they had ever had the chance to meet me and to get to know me. To others, it was a chance for a private one-on-one conversation. I think communication was improved, and most parents felt and appreciated the fact that the school would take the time to come by and visit with them. The question now is whether or not the "Hundred Home March" is really over. I don't think so, and I hope to continue with my visits throughout the 2003-2004 school year.

The message is loud and clear, we have some of the greatest students in the world here in Spearman, and I am proud to be the spokesperson for our teaching staff to let parents know that we appreciate the confidence they have in our schools and what a privilege it is to be a part of their child's education.



Lake Level--September 29, 2003--29.33 feet (-0.22 feet)

The Sunday night electrical storm blustered through leaving .02 inch in Gruver and .03 at the office.

Not many campers tried it this weekend, but some of the Garnett family and the Odegaardes camped in tents in Dedication Park, and there were 2 R.V.s in Johnnie Lee's Park. One R.V. was at the hookups. On the office side there was one R.V. at the hookups and a few people scattered around the Lake.

A few boats were seen, and some fishermen were out, but Jim didn't report any big catches.

Jim saw an 8-point mule deer buck with some does and their young. His son Hart, coming in late from Lubbock with his wife on Friday night, came up on an 8-point white tailed deer who was reluctant to jump the fence and get out of the way. Hart said he was really a nice buck.

A flock of over a 100 yellow-headed blackbirds were seen at Phil Sanders stock tank near the road on the way to the office. Penny Kruse has seen one of the little yellow birds with a black cap known as the American finch.

Anna and Angela Harris told

of a little yellow bird that had crashed into one of their house windows. While they guarded it from their cats, they identified it as a Wilson's Warbler. It was a male and had the jaunty little black cap that looks like a beret right on top on its head. After the bird came around and flew again, it saw a moth and hit into the window again but not as forcefully as before. The second time when it got into the air, it headed south. These birds winter in the southern U. S., the Caribbean, Central or South America.

Many of you are familiar with the Ace Powers ranch buildings that are now in the Palo Duro Park area. Cleon Roberts, author of "Charley Newell Shot!" has been researching "Adobe Walls After the Fight", and since Ace Powers was one of the very early ranchers along the Canadian, he was one of the players in the group that were there during the time from 1874 to 1886. I am not sure of the year he came to the Palo Duro to ranch. We know he was Sheriff in 1899 and 1900. One date given is 1897 and one is 1895.

Ace Powers and Jim Cator, buffalo hunter, were the same age as both were born in 1852, Both died in 1927.

## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the lovely baby shower for our daughter, Sydney.

Special thanks to Toi Key and the Panhandle Diner for the use of their facility, to Denise and Shelly Apodaca for the beautiful cake, and to the hostesses.

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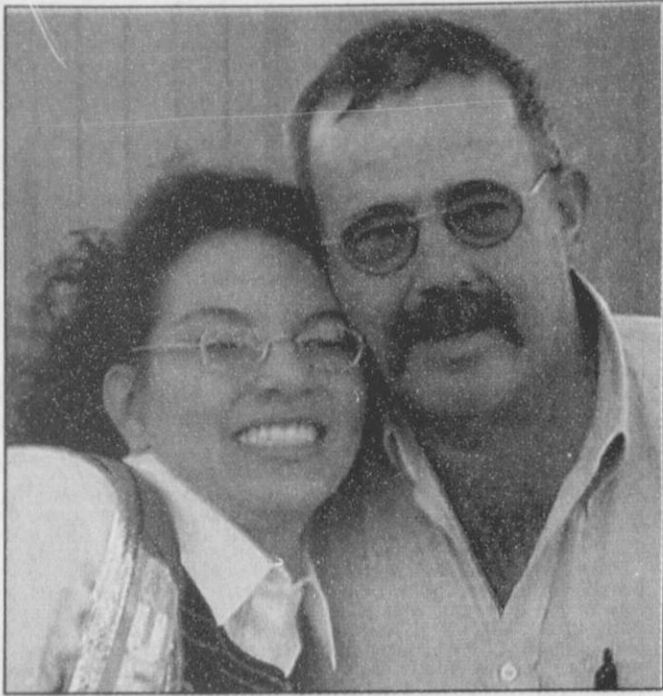






# The Long Way Back

## Spearman Teen Struggles To Overcome Tragedy



Holly Tecero and Daniel Boyd embrace at the Spearman High School 2003 Homecoming game. This was the first time they had met since Daniel found Holly following her car accident in November of last year.

by Catherine Smith

August 19, 2002 was a typical first day of school for Holly Tecero as she began her junior year at Spearman High School. Holly started the school year the same as she had for the previous twelve years, talking to her friends about another year of school.

A lot can change in a year. In the early morning hours of November 23, 2002, Holly was involved in a serious single-car accident near old Hansford. She rolled her car and was thrown out.

Daniel Boyd, who lives between Spearman and Gruver, was driving from his home into town that Saturday morning when he noticed skid marks on the road and decided to check them out. He turned around and followed them. When he found Holly, he called 911. He said he didn't know if she was still alive or not.

H&S EMS was dispatched to the scene of the accident. Holly had sustained severe head and brain injuries as well as a broken femur and a displaced knee. She went into cardiac arrest twice and was resuscitated, once in Spearman and again in Amarillo.

Holly was in an unresponsive coma for three weeks due to the swelling of her brain. She also had a tracheotomy and was on a respirator to help her body use all her energy for healing.

"The doctors had to drill a hole in her skull to measure her intracranial pressure (ICP)," Lydia Rodriguez, Holly's mother, said. "They then had to drill a second hole to drain fluid from her brain."

"For the first few weeks the doctors didn't know if she would make it or not. And if she did, they didn't know what kind

"When I was in a coma I could hear everyone saying 'I love you' and I wanted to say 'I love you, too,'" said Holly.

of permanent damage she would have."

After Holly's brain stopped swelling, and she started responding, Dr. Banister suggested she be moved to Our Children's House at Baylor in Dallas. Although she was still considered to be in a coma, she was placed in an aggressive rehabilitation program.

"Everyone was pulling for her - friends, classmates, teachers, even people we didn't know," Lydia commented. "The waiting room in Amarillo stayed full. I can't thank everyone enough for their support. Several of her friends even went to Dallas to see her."

"When we were in Dallas, they put a feeding tube in her," Lydia said. "I asked them if she could pull it out, and they said 'No. It has a bubble on the end of it and can't come out.' Well, Holly pulled it out three times."

"I could hear the nurses and doctors talking, but I couldn't answer them," Holly said. "I was thinking 'I don't want help! I will be able to do it myself.'"

After the third time they decided to leave it out. "I told them that Holly would never let herself starve," said Lydia. Holly interrupted, "Heck, no!"

"She loves to eat," her mother said.

"The hospital staff in Dallas warned us about the stages of recovery that Holly would go through," Lydia said. "At times she would be very combative and aggressive."

Holly's father, Chico Tecero, was the only person she trusted to carry her while she was in the hospital. "My dad worked with me and fed me while I was in Dallas," Holly commented.

Holly was in Our Children's House at Baylor from December 17, 2002 to March 26, 2003. "My doctor's were very, very awesome," said Holly. After just over three months she was released to go home.

"When we came home on March 26th, several of Holly's friends were waiting outside of town for us with welcome home signs," dLydia said. "Her friends have been so supportive. I think that speaks well of their parents and their upbringing. They check to see what she needs and what they can do for her. They really take good care of her."

"I really want to thank my friends who kept encouraging me," Holly said. "I also want to thank everyone for the gifts, cards and the many words of encouragement and wisdom."

Holly was home-bound for most of last year, and the Spearman school district provided her with a home-bound teacher. This year she is again attending high school, but takes most of her classes in special education due to her health impairment. "I didn't want to be in special ed," Holly said. "But now I'm glad that I am. Everyone is so nice to me."

"These are normal kids, each with some type of learning disability," Sheila Deal, Holly's special education teacher, said. Holly sheepishly admits that she is now spoiled too much.

"Holly told me, 'Mrs. Deal, don't let me get away with everything. Sometimes you have to say, 'No.'" Mrs. Deal said.

Although Holly is doing much better, she is now suffering from dystonia, a neurological movement disorder that produces shaking and repetitive movements.

"The doctor's said it was a part of the healing process of her brain," Lydia said. "It will go away with time, but is very frustrating to deal with. Holly can't feed herself, and she has to drink out of a sippee cup."

"Sometimes I think my life really stinks," Holly said. "But then I say, 'compared to what?' Jesus was nailed to a cross with a wreath of thorns on his head. This is nothing compared to that."

When asked about her plans for the future Holly simply says, "To get better."

Holly still proudly wears her Cross Country letter jacket, though she is unable to compete this year. She is a member of the Pep Club, the National Honor Society, serving as the FCCLA secretary and plans to compete in golf again this year.

Holly was selected as a 2003 Homecoming Queen Candidate. Just before being introduced at the game on Friday, September 12th, Holly met Daniel Boyd, the man who found her after her accident, for the first time.

"My dad calls him my God Angel," Holly said.

"Her dad can't speak English very well and couldn't say guardian angel. It came out God angel," Lydia explained.

Holly probably would not be alive today if Daniel hadn't decided to take the time to check out the tire tracks on the road. But Holly also has a drive

working hard and setting her goals so high," Krista Baird, Spearman High School Counselor, said. "The positive attitude she brings to school each day is keeping her on the road to recovery."

"Holly was a remarkable girl before the accident," Bill Belger, Spearman High School Principal, said. "What she has accomplished so far (since her accident) makes her even more remarkable. She is a great kid with a wonderful personality and none of that has changed. She is a real joy to have

around."

Following graduation, Holly wants to attend Arizona State University. "I'm not sure what I want to be yet. I haven't decided between a physical therapist, special education teacher or school counselor," Holly said. "I know I can help other kids. I know how much it stinks being helpless, but I can help myself more and more all the time."

It is the role of the school district to teach students. Sometimes, however, the students become the teachers.

"I think Holly is a real inspiration," Spearman I.S.D. Superintendent Rodney Sumner said. "It would have been very easy for her to not go back to school. No one would have said anything about it."

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inside her that has kept her going. Jenny, a trauma nurse in Amarillo, told Holly's mother, Lydia Rodriguez, "I knew Holly would make it because she fought us when we were trying to put in her IV."

Due to Holly's brain trauma injuries, it would have been very easy for her to give up, but she wanted to go back to school and graduate with her class. She chose not to give up on her dreams or her plans for the future. Holly is definitely a fighter.

On the first day of school this year (August 18th), Holly jumped up and down in front of one of the newly installed video monitors and yelled, "I'm here, Mr. Belger. Holly's here!"

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Holly Tecero poses with her father, Chico Tecero, during the 2003 Spearman High School Homecoming game on Friday, September 12th. Holly was selected as a homecoming queen candidate.

### Hansford Manor Activity Calendar October 2003

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Holly Tecero (middle) poses with her mother, Lydia Rodriguez, and Sheila Deal, her special education teacher.

### Registered Sex Offender



**Moore, Stephen Wade**  
33 Year Old Male  
Address: 222 N. Hazelwood, Spearman, TX 79081  
Charge: Sexual Assault of Child X's 3

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Hombre de 33 años de edad  
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## October 9

7 p.m.  
WTAMU Event Center

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Ticket Prices:  
\$35\* - General admission seats  
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\*taxes and service charge apply

