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City, school board elections conducted

by JoAnn Morton
Editor

Votes cast in the Saturday, May 4 city and school board elections have been totaled. Official results are available from Spearman and Morse, with vote totals in Gruver unofficial until canvassed by the city commission and school board.

The Spearman city election results were canvassed on Monday, May 6 by the Spearman City Council. Mike Cudd, Ed Garner and Steve Benton will officially be installed as Aldermen for the City of Spearman on Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Vote totals for the candidates in the Spearman city election included: Mike Cudd, 16 absentee and 322 on Saturday, 338 total; Ed Garner, 14 absentee and 307 on Saturday, 321 total; Steve Benton, 14 absentee and 296 on Saturday, 310 total; and Ray Dean Coates, 8 absentee and 81 on Saturday, 89 total.

Overall there were 21 absentee ballots and 397 regular ballots cast in the Spearman city election, for a total of 418 ballots, according to City Secretary Cheryl Gibson.

Votes were also canvassed Monday in the Spearman School Board election, and results in the race for two

seats on that board are also official. Kerry L. Henton and James A. Schnell will become new board members.

Totals in the SISD Board of Trustees election included: James A. Schnell, 319; Kerry L. Henton, 273; Don Hawkins, 188; Mike Garnett, 153; and Joe Clement, 100.

Voters in the Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees election had an easy choice. Incumbents Ron Womble and Bob Womble were unopposed in their bid for that board. Each candidate received 20 votes. Canvassing of that election was done on Tuesday, May 7.

Unofficial vote totals in the race for two positions on the Gruver City Commission included: Mark Irwin, 166; Keith Gibson, 163; and Daniel Boyd, 47. The Gruver City Commission was scheduled to canvass the votes on Wednesday, May 8.

Unofficial results in balloting for two members of the Gruver Independent School District Board of Trustees included: J.W. Ward, 202; Linda Venneman, 180; George B. Odom, 155; and James W. (Wes) Whitaker, 50. The Gruver School Board was also scheduled to canvass votes on Wednesday, May 8.



Marine private Jeff Spencer is flanked by his mom, June Spencer, and his father, Earl Spencer, and nephew, Therson Spencer. They welcomed him home from his three months service in Saudi Arabia with the 82nd Airborne 327 Signal Battalion. Jeff plans to spend two weeks with his folks and then make his way to Germany, where his wife is stationed.

Unemployment at 3%

Hansford County's unemployment rate for March was 3 percent, according to the Texas Employment Commission.

TEC figures show that during the month of March, Hansford County had a total civilian labor force of 3,660 persons. Of that number 3,549 were

employed and 111 were jobless.

The statewide unemployment rate for March was 6.4 percent, up from 6.2 percent in February. TEC Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers said the number of unemployed Texans trying to find work increased by an additional 27,000 in March, causing the jobless rate to rise.

Spearman joins in rate increase fight

The city of Spearman is joining a coalition of Panhandle communities to fight Texas-New Mexico Power Company's latest request for a rate increase, according to Spearman City Manager Jim Murray.

A news release from Murray stated that he and Spearman Mayor Burl Buchanan went to Dallas to attend a meeting of the cities served by TNP. At that meeting, the cities formed a coalition to fight the TNP rate increase before the Public Utilities Commission.

Murray said that citizens of Spearman can participate in this hearing process by writing the PUC commissioners or by attending the public hearings in Austin, which he feels will begin later this year. Murray said that concerns about the rate increase should be addressed to: Public Information Officer TPUC

7800 Shoal Creek Blvd. Suite 400N
Austin, Texas 78757

The cities formed a steering committee and made decisions about proceeding with opposition to the rate increase before the PUC, according to the news release. The city of Spearman will have one representative on this committee. Murray said that

either he or Buchanan will represent Spearman.

The release said that TNP is requesting a rate increase of \$5.8 million, or 9.63 percent. According to the release, if this increase is granted it would be the third in as many years. The last increase was granted in February of this year.

Murray said that the February increase, and this increase request, were brought about to enable TNP to pay for two generators it had constructed in Robertson County. The February increase was to pay for one generator, and this increase is to pay for the second. In its ruling granting the February increase, the PUC stated that the construction of the second plant was imprudent, according to Murray.

Murray concluded that citizen involvement in these rate increase cases does make a difference. He pointed out that the lawyer for the cities in the last rate increase hearings before the PUC told him that if it had not been for the participation of Spearman residents, the PUC would have granted TNP the full rate increase it asked for. Instead, the PUC cut the request by approximately \$10 million.

Spearman tennis players . . .

Facing tough first rounds

When the Spearman doubles team of Cam Butts and Tamri Townsen, and singles player Kimbre Townsen, play their first matches of the State Tennis Tournament they may well face their toughest opponents of the whole tournament, according to Kurt Ashmore, tennis coach.

Ashmore reported that both the Spearman entrants will have to play opponents from Mason High School. According to Ashmore and others, Mason is a perennial powerhouse in state AA tennis.

Tamri Townsen and Butts will have to face Mason's number one doubles team in their first round match. Ashmore said that he has heard the Mason team plays a defensive style of game. To counter this style, he said, "Cam and Tamri will have to be real aggressive and force the action."

With the team having to play so hard in their first match, Butts' health status becomes a concern. She suffered with a throat infection that put her in the hospital for a few days, and kept her out of the regional tournament. Brandi Schneider

substituted for Butts in the regional tournament and helped the team to finish second, earning a berth in the



Kimbire Townsen

state tournament.

Ashmore responded to the Butts health question by saying, "After two weeks of good hard workouts, Cam is back in form and playing well."

Also playing well, according to Ashmore, is Kimbre Townsen. Kimbre will face Mason High School's number two singles player in her first round match. "She (Kimbire) is playing the best tennis she has played all year. If Kimbre plays consistently, the way she has been playing, she has a chance to win it all," Ashmore said.

The Spearman tennis players will play all their state tournament matches at the University of Texas intramural courts in Austin. Matches will start at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 10. The doubles will play then, followed by the singles which start at 11 a.m. If the Spearman players win, they will play a second round Friday afternoon.

If the Spearman players win both rounds on Friday, they will play for the state title on Saturday, May 11. The AA doubles title match will start at 10 a.m. and the singles title match will start at noon.

Gruver Lady Hounds . . .

Tracking medals at state meet

When the finals of the State Track Meet begin Saturday at Memorial Stadium on the University of Texas campus, six young ladies from Gruver High School will be going after state medals.

Cora Meyer will run in the 800 meter run at 12:20 p.m. She will then team up with Holly Venneman, Kasey Davis and Amanda Hiller to run the 1600 relay finals at 2:30 p.m. Gina Hoel is going as an alternate on the relay team. These times are according to the schedule released by the UIL Public Information Director.

Meyer, in the 800 run, may have the toughest time earning a medal, according to Mike Banks, Gruver Lady Hounds track coach. She will have to shave more than four seconds off her best time to be assured of a medal. That is, if the other competitors in the race run

close to their best times. "You never know how they (competitors in a race) will run. Cora is in a good position to win a medal," Banks said.



Cora Meyer

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If Meyer is in a good position to win a medal, then the 1600 relay team is in an even better spot. According to Banks, the relay team has the third best time of all the teams in the state finals. He said the team needs to lose only six-hundredths of a second off their best time to move into second place. He added that improving team speed has been the focus of their workouts this last week. "If we had just had a nice day to run it would have helped," Banks commented.

He said that the girls are all healthy and excited about competing at the state meet. "I am not sure how they are going to run, but as of today we are all healthy and ready to go," he said.

The team will be leaving Gruver on Thursday about noon, according to Banks.

Weekend unites area youths

"Thirty-Something"

All told, 320 people from 15 area churches participated in the "Thirty-Something" worship event, according to event organizer David Furlow, Spearman First Baptist Church youth minister.

According to Furlow, the event got underway Friday afternoon when the 168 teenagers registered for the event were split into 14 study groups that were hosted by 14 Spearman residents in their homes. Each group was then led in study of a curriculum called "The True Test," written by Billy Beacham, president of Student Discipleship Ministries in Fort Worth.

The curriculum, according to

Furlow, deals with the subject of family relations and includes such topics as "The Priority of the Family," "Am I a Part of the Problem or the Solution," and "Reactions Reveal Your Character."

Furlow said that the teenagers were well fed by the 14 food teams that prepared and delivered food and refreshments to the groups. The food teams were made up of volunteers from the Spearman churches. They were organized by Mary Baker and Linda Latta.

The groups were brought together two times during the 30 hours of study. They met on Saturday at noon

for a dinner and a time of recreation. Furlow said that because of Saturday's cold temperatures, the students' participation in the games that afternoon seemed more energetic than he anticipated.

While the students were recreating, the parents were able to attend a seminar conducted by Beacham, based on the curriculum the students were studying. Furlow indicated that though the seminar was sparsely attended, the response to it was very positive. He added that a video tape and written material from the seminar can be obtained by contacting the office of the First Christian Church of Spearman.

The conclusion of the event took place Saturday night at the Lyric Theatre, when all the students and the adult participants came together for what Furlow referred to as the "Main Event."

Furlow described the "Main Event" as a time of music, fun and reflective thought. He said music was provided by guitarist and keyboard player Reagan Felker of Dalhart, and singer Vicki Harrell of Buggalou, La. Illusionist Lyndy Phillips of Abernathy kept everyone entertained with his magic. Furlow said that Beacham concluded the family study curriculum with some well-chosen thoughts.

Furlow concluded with a note of thanks from himself and fellow event organizer Gary Ellsworth, to all the businesses and people of Spearman who donated their time, merchandise and money to make this event such a success.

Needham attends seminar

AMARILLO - The fourth annual Texas Panhandle Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar was held April 26-28 at the Bishops Quarterman Conference Center in Amarillo. The seminar recognizes the outstanding sophomore students in over 100 area high schools.

The outstanding sophomore student from Spearman High School is Robert Needham. Assisting with the seminar as junior counselors were Casey McGill and Dallas Trosper, both of Spearman.

In 1958, Hugh O'Brian was inspired by Dr. Albert Schweitzer to establish the Youth Foundation, believing that America's most valuable resource is its youth and the most important thing in education is to make young people think for themselves. Today there are over 84 seminars in 11 coun-

tries to recognize outstanding sophomore students and to bring them together with community and business leaders to discuss present and future issues, using an informal question-and-answer format.

Media, agriculture, medicine, entrepreneurship, volunteerism and politics are examples of the areas in which students face a panel of professionals in their respective fields and have the chance to share one-on-one critical issues, insights to their professions, and ideas often not learned from a book.

In addition to interaction with panelists, the seminar's goals are to provide the opportunity to explore America's incentive system and our democratic process and to recognize leadership potential in high school sophomores.



Robert Needham

Residents attend symposium

The seventh annual Tri-State Trauma Symposium featured the United States Surgeon General at the Civic Center in Amarillo on April 26 and 27.

Dr. Antonio Novello was one of the 16 speakers. The emphasis this year was on head, neck and spinal injuries. Her main thrust was on drugs and alcohol abuse in American teenagers, and the resulting neurological trauma.

The symposium, sponsored by the Amarillo College Center for Continuing Education in Healthcare and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, is designed for health-care professionals who work in emergency patient care. Outstanding medical people from all over the United States including Chicago,

Houston, Dallas, Denver, Austin and Kansas City gave informative speeches and presentations.

A large section of the Civic Center displayed new emergency equipment including trained dogs and the newest ambulances. The dogs were some of the corps of "Paws Across Texas" to assist handicapped people.

Larry Croy, B.S., MPA, NREMT-P, Paramedicine Technology, Amarillo College, was the program chairman and coordinator along with his staff. His wife, Tanya Hart Croy, who is a Hansford County native and on his staff, is currently attending Amarillo college pursuing a nursing career.

Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys of Big Spring played for the dance in the Civic Center Coliseum on Friday

night. The band was sponsored by the Panhandle Fire Marshals and Firefighters Association.

Those attending from Hansford County were Jeff Lackey of Spearman and Joe and Joyce Lackey, Pete Maupin, Jerry Virden and Mary Rae Lamb of Gruver.

WEATHER

Day	Hi	Lo	Precip
Thu	77	52	0.00
Fri	83	50	0.00
Sat	58	46	0.00
Sun	64	36	0.00
Mon	83	45	0.00
Tue	69	53	0.00



Gary Ellsworth (l) and David Furlow (r) clown around with gospel singer, Vickie Harrell, before the "Main Event," which concluded the "Thirty-Something" event on Saturday night.

Hansford Happenings

An immunization clinic will be conducted Monday, May 13 from 8:30 a.m. until noon in the Gruver Elementary library. Children may receive MMR boosters if they are age 12. Children older than 12 should see their family doctor for this. DPT and polio vaccines will be available for all ages and the Hib will be available up to age 4. A parent or guardian must be present before immunizations will be given. A small fee may be charged depending on income.

"Greyhound Gallery of Stars" is the theme for the Gruver Greyhound Athletic Banquet, set for Monday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the elementary school gym. The admission price of \$10 per person will include a steak dinner catered by Wheatheart Shriners. All adult Greyhound fans are urged to attend. In anticipation of future banquets, however, no one under the 9th grade will be allowed to attend. Those planning to attend should contact Linda Tidwell at 733-2891 or Rhonda Ward at 733-2025.

A workshop entitled "What is ADD?" will be presented by the Perryton Special Education Cooperative on Tuesday, May 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Perryton High School cafeteria. Penny Lemons, M.Ed., ACP and loane Bond, M.Ed., will teach strategies for working with children with Attention Deficit Disorder, at home and in the classroom. The workshop will be of interest to both parents and teachers, and everyone is invited to attend.

A defensive driving course will be offered on Wednesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 23 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Hansford County Library. Those wishing to attend should sign up at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce office at 211 Main.

Hansford Showtime Car Club's Asphalt Assault car show will be Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Gillaspie Auto and Truck Center, Highway 207 South. Sam Abston, club president, says everyone is invited to come and show their car or just look and enjoy the many attractions. Proceeds from the show are donated to the Boy Scouts and to the Golden Spread Center.

Palo Duro Players are looking for a few good entertainers for the Hansford Round-Up Talent Show, scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, June 1. Interested persons should contact Mike Hulett at the Reporter-Statesman office, 659-3434, or 1-800-395-9482.

Spiritually Speaking

by Russ Gibbs
First Baptist Church

"Hurting parents, God understands how you feel. God lost His kids...and no one can say He didn't raise them right either. He loved them. He spent time with them. He gave them the best of everything. He carefully taught them what not to partake of or even touch. He made sure they understood that their futures depended on their choices. He warned them of the consequences if they strayed from their upbringing. Nevertheless, a bad influence pulled them away and involved them in wrongdoing.

"God found out and confronted Adam and Eve, who acted somewhat like many of today's teenagers. They were evasive and placed blame elsewhere.

"God's family was traumatized: Adam and Eve's original relationship with God and each other had been violated, and there were long-term ill effects. God was put on standby, and He watched His creation fall further and further away from Him.

"Abused parents, God understands

how you feel! God has been where you are! Just as the Son understands what it is like to live in our dangerous environment, the Father understands what it is like to be abused by those you have created."

These opening words by Buddy Scott in his book "Relief for Hurting Parents" should offer us comfort. God understands the trials and tribulations of parenting. He established the "family" and desires for your family to be the greatest blessing in your life. If the relationships in your family aren't what they should be, turn to God. Ask Him for forgiveness for any wrongs you have done; then ask the members of your family for forgiveness. God can reunite hurting parents and rebellious children, and restore the "home" again.

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

Pet Week proclaimed

The week of May 13-18 has been designated as "Pet Week" in Spearman by virtue of a proclamation signed by Mayor Burl Buchanan.

In the proclamation Mayor Buchanan announced that the the Hansford County Veterinary Hospital, in conjunction with the City of Spearman Animal Control Department, will conduct a week-long vaccination clinic.

The clinic will be held at the Hansford County Veterinary Hospital, located at 406 S. County Road #1. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 13 through Friday, May 17; and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 18.

During the clinic, discounted fees will be offered on vaccinations and tests for dogs and cats. They include rabies vaccination, \$7; distemper-parvo, \$17; parvo, \$7; feline leukemia, \$11.50; feline distemper, \$11.50; Cytarab (feline rabies & distemper), \$14; heartworm check, \$11.50; and feline leukemia test, \$14.

City tags for males and spayed females will be \$2, while female dogs and cats will carry a \$5 tag fee.

Mayor Buchanan said in his proclamation that he encourages all owners of pets to help control any outbreak of disease by having their pets vaccinated during the week-long clinic.

Police report

Gruver Police Department

Gruver Police Chief Steve Gaines reports his department was called Wednesday, May 1 to assist a resident regain entry to her home in the 400 block of Womble, after locking herself out.

The Gruver Police Department received a complaint regarding a reckless driver on May 1. Gaines said the incident occurred in the 500 block of East 10th Street.

On May 2, a report was received concerning a suspicious vehicle in the 300 block of East 4th Street. Gaines said that upon investigation the vehicle was found to belong to a local owner and was parked in that location because of mechanical problems.

On May 3, Gruver police were called to unlock a vehicle at the high school parking lot.

On May 4, Gruver police received a report of a possible aggravated assault. Gaines said a junior high school student was alleged to have pulled a knife on a high school student on Friday night. The incident was reported on Saturday and is currently under investigation, said Gaines.

The Gruver Police Department was contacted May 4 to unlock a vehicle in the 900 block of Womble.

Also on May 4, Gruver police recovered a quantity of alcoholic beverage which had been stashed behind a dumpster in the alley of the 400 block of Cooper. The officer discovered the alcohol after investigation of a vehicle in the alley.

On Sunday, May 5, Gruver police received a report of two runaways, both junior high school students. Gaines said the pair allegedly stole a vehicle and drove to Guymon, Okla., where they were located in a motel by Guymon police. The students were returned to Gruver by their parents, said Gaines.

The Gruver Police Department filed one case in municipal court last week, concerning a traffic violation. Gruver Ambulance

The Gruver Ambulance was put on standby Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, for the Gruver Tri-State High School Rodeo. No injuries were reported.

Gruver Fire Department

The Gruver Volunteer Fire Department responded to two calls during the week of April 22-26, according to Fire Chief Sam Gruver.

The first call came on Thursday, April 25, when a structure fire was reported 14 miles northeast of

Gruver. An outbuilding near a residence was involved, and damage was minor, said Gruver.

Another fire with minor damage was reported on Saturday, April 27. Grass and a tree near a house in the 100 block of Etling were ignited, threatening the residence. Some scorching of the paint on the house's eaves occurred, according to Gruver.

Spearman Police Department

Found property was turned in to the Spearman Police Department on April 24. Two musical cymbals were found at 5th and Endicott and turned in to police for return to the owner.

A vandalism to vehicles was reported April 24. According to a police incident report, obscenities were scratched into the paint of two vehicles in the 700 block of Gibner. Damage was estimated at \$200.

Another vandalism was reported April 25, when a window was reported to be damaged by unknown means. The vandalism was in the 700 block of Evans.

An accident in the 300 block of West Kenneth, involving a falling business sign, resulted in damage to a vehicle April 26. The sign fell on the left front door and left front fender of a vehicle, with damage estimated at \$300.

A state highway department sign was found April 26 in the 300 block of West Kenneth and was turned in to the police department.

On April 26, vandalism to an entrance door in the 500 block of Oklahoma Street was reported. The door was damaged by unknown means, according to the police incident report.

A burglary was reported April 27. Reported stolen was a plate glass mirror, valued at \$11. The burglary occurred at a church in the 500 block of East 7th Street, according to the police incident report.

A hit and run accident in the 500 block of South Endicott was reported April 26.

On April 28, Spearman police received a report of a 9 year old child entering a residence and taking a BB gun. The property was recovered and returned to the owner, according to the police incident report.

An ignition key was reported stolen on April 28. The incident occurred in the 300 block of South Townsend. Loss amount was listed as \$1.

Two bicycles were found in the 300 block of West 5th Street on Saturday, May 4, according to incident reports from the Spearman Police Department. One girl's bicycle and one boy's bicycle, each valued at \$100, were found shortly after midnight.

At 1:20 a.m. Sunday, May 5, Spearman police arrested a 19 year old man for traffic and alcohol violations. According to a police department incident report, he was brought before Municipal Court Judge Steve Krug, fined and released.

Spearman police received 32 calls for service during the week of April 29 through May 5.

Monday was the heaviest day of the week for calls, with seven on that day. Next came Thursday and Saturday, with six calls on each of those days. Five calls were received on Sunday, four on Friday, and two calls each on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.
KRDF Program Sun. 9 a.m.
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Worship 11:00 a.m.
KRDF Program Sun. 9 a.m.
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Sun. Eve. Service 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Eve. Service 7 p.m.
 - Union Church**
31 S. Endicott 659-2644
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.
Pastor Jeff L. Burress

- Devotional**
- WORD of GOD**
- 4th Commandment**
Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work.
But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.
For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.
Exodus 20:8-11
- First Christian Church**
Disciples of Christ
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Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
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Minister Harold Sneed
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(Interdenominational)
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Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30
Wednesday 7 p.m.
Pastor Zane Gray
 - First Christian Church**
510 King 733-2960
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
Youth Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Gary Gumfory
 - First Baptist Church**
402 E. Broadway 733-2411
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training Sunday 6 p.m.
Sunday Eve. 7 p.m.
Youth Happening Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wed. 7 p.m.
Pastor Larry Miller
 - Oslo Lutheran Church**
(ELCA)
West of Gruver
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Pastor Nate Hanson
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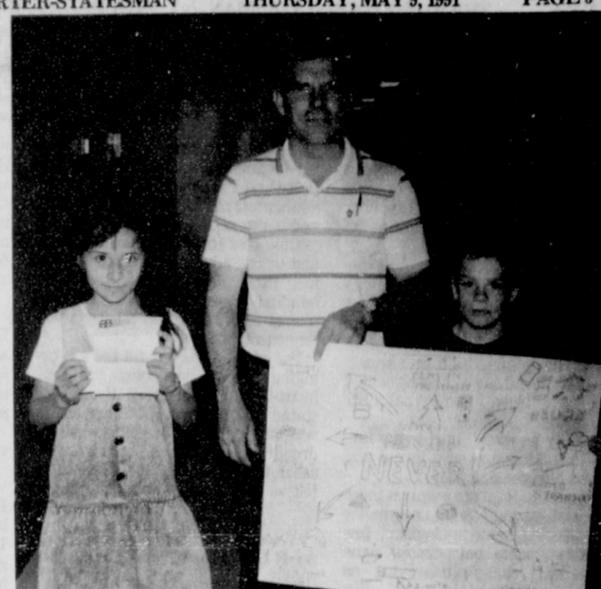
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Pearl Pierce, Golden Spread Center director, presents a plaque to Byrniece Callaway, naming her Volunteer of the Year at the Golden Spread Center.



Ester Stewart was selected as Senior Citizen of the Year by the Golden Spread Center. She accepted her plaque from Chuck Newcomb, board president.



Texas-New Mexico Power Company employee Craig Vinson was at Spearman Elementary School recently to present Erica Flores (left) and Landon Delozier (right) with prizes they won at a safety fair, sponsored by TNP in Perryton. Flores received a \$50 savings bond and Delozier received \$20 cash for his safety poster.

Pledges total \$4,500

Pledges totaling \$4,500 were made during the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center's annual Radiothon, according to spokesperson Pearl Pierce.

The Radiothon featured local celebrities and talented individuals who contributed their time and effort to raise money for the senior citizens center. During performances carried live on the local radio station, pledges were called in by listeners.

Pierce said the Radiothon is one of the Center's major fundraising

events of the year, contributing money toward operating expenses for the Golden Spread Center. These expenses include recreation, covered dish dinners, arts and crafts, exercises, and also includes assistance with Social Security and Department of Human Services matters for seniors, said Pierce.

She said Golden Spread Center members had constructed a quilt, which was won in a drawing by Kathy Archer of Spearman.

Funding received

Gov. Ann W. Richards announced that the Texas Department of Community Affairs has funded Panhandle Community Services \$31,768 to assist in the prevention of homelessness in the local area.

The organization is one of 56 across Texas that TDCA has chosen to receive assistance.

The funding is part of the \$2,055,737 Emergency Community Services Homeless Grant Program awarded to TDCA in February by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The program provides a variety of services aimed at the assistance and prevention of homelessness in the local community.

Specifically, it seeks to prevent potential homeless situations through shelters and temporary assistance with bills, such as rent and utilities.

TDCA withheld \$500,000 of the grant to be distributed as performance awards later in the contract year.

The awards will be distributed based on criteria which may include planned performance versus actual performance, cost per client served, types of activities and assistance provided and amount of total grant spent on direct services.

The counties in the service area of Panhandle Community Services include Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray,

Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler.

TDCA was established by the Legislature in 1971 to assist Texas communities in achieving solutions to economic and social problems and to improve the effectiveness of their local government.

March DPS stats

The Texas Department of Public Safety has announced accident statistics for the month of March.

Capt. Rusty Davis, district supervisor of the Amarillo Highway Patrol District comprising of 31 counties, said, "For the month of March, our troopers investigated one fatal accident, 55 personal injury accidents, and 74 property damage accidents. There was one person killed and 78 persons were injured in these accidents."

Sgt. Timothy Thompson of Borger stated, "In Hansford County, our troopers investigated no fatal accidents, one personal injury accident, and no property damage accidents in the month of March. No one was killed and one person was injured in these accidents."

Renovation planned

Linda Cummings and R.L. McFarlin are heading up an effort to fix up the Hansford County War Memorial, located on the west corner of the courthouse lawn.

Cummings said they would like to have the work completed in time for a Memorial Day dedication program.

She said a fund has been established at First State Bank of Spearman to help finance the cost of fixing up the memorial. People interested in donating to the project should address their inquiries to Larry Trosper or Ronda North.

The idea for the memorial, according to Cummings, was first conceived by the Spearman J.C.'s in 1969. The memorial was dedicated in 1970.

Chiseled on the face of the granite monument rising from rock pavement are the names of the Hansford

County soldiers that were killed while serving our country during a time of war.

Cummings said the memorial is currently maintained by the county as part of regular maintenance of the courthouse grounds, and by the Servitors organization. The colorful flowers that are present at the memorial are placed there by people who visit the memorial.

The planned improvements will cost about \$4000, according to Cummings. Work to be done includes replacing the curbing and fence around the memorial, and replacing the rock base with a more attractive material that will be easier to maintain.

Cummings said that anyone is welcome to come help on the project, and that all donations will be greatly appreciated.

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Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Editor's note: The following was to be included in last week's "Among the Neighbors" column, but was omitted due to technical difficulty. The Reporter-Statesman regrets the error.

Last Thursday, Russ Gibbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, was visiting at the Billy Brown farm and was slightly injured when a horse threw him. Bro. Gibbs is reluctant to discuss the details, and it isn't known if, in fact, he did say as he was helped to his feet, "Now, I know what a Holy Roller is!"

Actually he wasn't hurt in the fall, but the sudden stop sure jarred and bruised him considerably.

Around the Baptist premises there is a lot of "sizing" going on - mostly sympathizing, some apologizing, few criticizing, some patronizing, some rationalizing, many prophesying - as for the parson himself-only philosophizing.

Millard Tucker and Cliff Hornsby spent a few days last week fishing at Possom Kingdom lake near Graham. Millard's brother, Wilburn, joined them there. Millard isn't making any comment on the number of fish he caught, but is resting and ready for the spring season of yard work.

Sad memories of a long-ago tragedy were revived recently when a WWII veteran appeared in Spearman seeking the families of his three deceased friends.

K.J. Harris of Finn, Ore., had been in Salina, Kan., attending a reunion of the survivors of the sinking of the U.S.S. Lipscomb, a light aircraft carrier. It was sunk by a torpedo from a Japanese submarine in the battle of Makin Island on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, 1943. His friends were Mike Daugherty, brother of Mary Ooley and Adalyn Barnes; Caylor Davis, brother of Betty Hazelwood; and Jesse Ralston, brother of Cecil and Ray Ralston of Gruver.

At the reunion, which 19 of the less-than-100 survivors attended, Mr. Harris decided to see if he could find any family members of his close friends. He had few clues to go on but knew they were from this area, so he first went to Peryton and searched old newspapers. Being unsuccessful he

came on to Spearman and after making several inquiries, was directed to Betty and Paul Hazelwood. He showed them some old pictures of himself and his three shipmates.

They contacted Mary and Adalyn and discussed the events for a long, long time. He explained that Mike handled the hydraulic lifts for the planes and Jesse and Caylor were flagmen on the deck.

The visits were painful for all, bringing vivid recollection of that heart-breaking time, but Mr. Harris stated that, as a result, at long last he was able to come to grips with his dreadful memories. He said it was a relief to discuss the events, and he felt as tho a burden had been lifted.

Welcoming a new granddaughter are R.L. and Barbara McClellan. Arriving April 8 was Laurie Beth, daughter of Jeanie and Steve Holston of Edward, Miss. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Steve is the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Edward, and his parents are the Rev. Wilton and Mrs. Holton of Pascagoula, Miss.

The only great-grandparent for Laurie Beth is Mrs. Mildred Daily of Spearman.

The McClellans have another new granddaughter, Michelle Leigh, daughter of Dr. David and Ginger McClellan of Temple. She was born on March 15, weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and 19 inches long. She joins three sisters.

Her other grandparent is Len Earls, also of Temple and great-grandmother, Mrs. Daily.

Doris and T.C. Kitchens returned last week from a leisurely drive through central Texas, much of the time in rain. They first stopped in Tullia for a short while with the Tim Pattersons, then to Tahoka for a few days in the home of daughter Barbara Jaquess and family. They went on to Waco for some sight-seeing and in Kilgore, they enjoyed the oil museum.

On their return trip they met Mr. Kitchen's sister and husband from Austin in Stephenville. They all attended the 59th annual State Singing convention for two days. Vocal groups from all parts of Texas and many other states participated and entertained a large, appreciative audience.

Mary Ooley and Edith Cage were in Amarillo one day last week to meet and visit with Marilee and Bobby Bulls, formerly of Amarillo and now of Dallas.

The Bulls also visited other family members. Bobby is employed by an oil supply firm in Dallas and Marilee by an ophthalmologist.

Wasn't that great entertainment on the Golden Spread Senior Citizens radiothon last Thursday? Hope the results justified all the effort and planning put into the production.

Ora Lee Blackburn had a pleasant week when her niece, Allouz Blackburn, of Abilene visited her.

Other family members also came over including Denise Bridges who is teaching in Canyon, but is here on

weekends. Bodil Stackhouse of Houston was here. Bodil likes her work in the office of former Judge Dick Countiss. She was dismayed recently to return to her apartment and discover it had been burglarized. In addition to other items, some valuable jewelry was taken.

Kimberly Wilson visited her father, Bill Branstetter, this last week. She also visited her grandmother, Gladys Riddle, and accompanied her father to Barnsdall, Okla. They spent a couple of days with his parents there.

Kimberly lives in Long Beach where her husband is in the Navy.

Hollie and Earl Riley attended Pioneer Days in Guymon as they have every year since its inception. They were there over the weekend, greeting many old friends and Earl handled the sound system for the Wagon Train in the parade.

As has happened nearly every year, there was quite a lot of rain during the celebration.

Virginia and John Trindle returned from Granbury last week where they had been guests of their daughter, Connie Steger and family.

They report that Connie is still making progress in her long road to recovery from her serious illness, though it is slow. She stays in good spirits and follows the activities of her Spearman friends through this paper.

All who were associated with her and interested in her progress send her this message - "Hang in there, Connie!"

On Monday Cindy Melton flew to Houston to attend the funeral of her maternal grandfather on Wednesday. She will also visit her father Rich Melton while in Houston.

Her sister, Cheryl Whitefield, Ted and the children drove down for the services.

James and Betty Pugh were in Ft. Worth recently for several days where they attended a reunion of some Air Force members. James, who was in the Air Force from 1962 to 1966 had not attended a previous reunion and had lost contact with his fellow servicemen. They had been trying for 25 years to locate him and finally their persistence paid off. He was most pleased to see again those with whom he had served in Maine.

A local woman and the mother of a local woman were both inducted into the Route 66 (The Mother Road) Hall of fame at the Devils Rope Museum at McLean, Texas on Saturday, May 5.

Mrs. Grace Bruner, mother of Joyce Frost and Helen Melton, together with Mrs. Juanita McKee, mother of Margie Alford, were honored at a ceremony for their years of operating businesses on Route 66.

Mrs. McKee was the postmistress at Alanreed, Texas for 25 years. Mrs. Bruner had restaurants on Route 66 from 1956 to 1969. After 1969 she operated the Wade's Diner here until 1974.

There are many interesting details concerning these ladies and their experiences, but they will be covered in a later article when pictures are available.

There is much concern about John and Sammie Bishop as a result of an accident on Saturday afternoon. They were in a collision with another car at an intersection on Coulter Drive and both hospitalized in St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo.

It has been difficult, to this point, to get any official report of their condition. A friend who went to the

Club News

GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Mrs. Bill K. Jackson on Thursday, May 2.

President Dickie Allen called the meeting to order. Roll call was answered with "Favorite Flower Arrangement."

Club members voted to donate to the Golden Spread Center and also to the Hospice Fund.

June Jackson reported on the progress of the Home Tour and read assignments for club members.

Dorothy Buzzard gave a report on the ticket sales and assigned ticket personnel for each home to be toured. Tickets were to be available at each home.

Mike Hergert and Jo Larson reported on Manor flower beds and club members decided to volunteer to plant the flowers again this year. Workdays were scheduled for Wednesday, May 8 and Thursday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Judy Martin gave a program on perennial flower beds and invited club members to follow her to her home to visit in her backyard and view her perennial beds.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 16 in the home of Wanda Brown at 9:30 a.m.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Dickie Allen, Myra Berner, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Rose Cummings, Margaret Evans, Ann Flowers, Dorothy Haner, Virginia Head, Mike Hergert, Fay Holt, June Jackson, Estelle Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Judy Martin, Jo Larson, Gwen Smith and Kathleen Sutton.

Birth Announcement

Steve and Sheila Loveless of Goldsboro, N.C. announce the arrival of a son.

Mykeal Stephen arrived on April 29, 1991, and weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

His arrival is welcomed by a sister, Marleigh Renee; grandparents, Terry and Trudie Schneider of Spearman; Mr. and Mrs. James Loveless of Sycamore, Ill.; and great-grandmother, Alta Faye Harrelson of Mesa, Ariz.

Lookin' Back

5 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, May 1, 1986

Jean Pearcy, Harriett Hutchison and Norma Jean Mackie announced that they would run for County Treasurer.

Kristi Wright, a junior, and Sherry Moyer, a freshman, attended the state meeting of the Future Homemakers of America at the Convention Center in Dallas, along with their advisor, Connie Engle.

Thursday, April 17, 1986

Carrie Hart was chosen Texas High Schools Homecoming Queen in Dallas. She competed with 76 other high school queens from across Texas.

10 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, May 9, 1981

April Pearcy is the Valedictorian and Tamera Scroggs is the Salutatorian for the graduating class. Other honor students are Jimmy Ladd, Eadie Clemmons, Charlotte Elliott, Marietta Davis, Steve Shields, Dawn Bridges, Cammye Gee, Jana McCloy, Bonnie McCloy, Becky Lusby, David Hall, Bill Cope and Stacey Cook.

hospital to check on them reports that John had a broken leg set on Sunday and Sammie had surgery for a broken foot or ankle on Saturday.

John, who was under heavy sedation, was in a neck brace, and both were bruised and cut and appeared to be in serious condition. Sammie was able to talk a little, but little is known of the prognosis.



Kirk and Kathy Williams of Happy announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michelle Dean Williams, to Tracy Linn Thompson of Spearman. He is the son of Adrain and Linda Thompson of Spearman. The bride-elect is a student at Canyon High School. The prospective groom is a graduate of Spearman High School and Paris Junior College. He is presently employed at Caprock Feedlot No. 2. The couple plan a June 8 wedding at the bride-elect's home, and will reside in Spearman.



Jera Trout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Trout of Elkhart, Kan., and Rees Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Watson also of Elkhart, recently competed in the American Kids competition Level 2 Regional Finals and qualified for the State Championships, to be held June 21, 22 and 23 in Stillwater, Okla. Jera is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Red Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Trout, all of Spearman.



Donnie Isenhower of Jacksonville, Ill., son of Rose Isenhower of Spearman and Gene Isenhower of Jacksonville, will be playing lead guitar and banjo for country music star Ray Stevens when the Stevens's new theater opens in Branson, Mo., on Saturday, June 15. Stevens is well-known for such hits as "Ahab the Arab," "The Streak," and many more. Isenhower and his wife, Kim, have lived in Branson since 1982. They are the parents of a 7-month-old son, David Andrew.



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A special Thank You to the Spearman P.T.A. and Chamber of Commerce for the Support the Troops rallies.

We pray the rest of the troops will also be home soon.

Jeff Spencer
Earl & June Spencer
Earla & Theron Spencer
Idella Randall

On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

Since I'm kind of under the weather, I'm going to give you some thoughts from James F. Hanna, Sr. of Harrisville Road. Since it was handed to me and not mailed, I have no idea where Harrisville Road is located. I suspect it came from back East in Pennsylvania. To those who don't have a sense of humor, don't read any further.

"Dear Editor: I just can't understand inflation. Bein' from the old school, I always remember how many lollipops we could buy for a penny. What can you buy for one cent today? How about the twice as big pack of gum for a nickel? Then there is always them so-called blue jeans. We used to call them bib-less overalls. We bought them for 75 cents during the Depression and there was no spilled paint or holes in them when we bought them. Oh well, times do change, much to my disgust.

"When prices was cheap, so was wages. We used to work for farmers in the neighborhood from sun-up til sun down for \$15 a month plus room and board, however, I liked it better the way it was. I don't adapt readily to change. When we wanted to play any games at our one room school house, we brought from home our own ball and bat or what ever else we wanted to play with. No taxpayer sponsored games then.

"How about all them new versions of the Bible? I call them 'counterfeit.' If the King James Version is good enough for me, it should be good enough for all.

"Where would I look for a young person today who would dig ditches with a pick and shovel for 13 hours per day when he knew he'd get fired if he missed one stroke with his pick or shovel and got paid 32 1/2 cents an hour? This was the way road jobs was just after the Depression. Coffee breaks came many years later.

"Our roads were all mud roads. If a cop caught you driving 35 mph, you got pinched. Oh well, no sweat, we couldn't go over 10 mph on those roads no-how. What became of the gas plug where you could buy a gallon of gas for 14 cents?

"Why do some kids today get a big allowance and have chores to do while we had to do our chores with no allowance? Please don't misunderstand me. I like young people. I just don't understand them. Our progeny numbers 28 people plus spouses and they are all younger people. There are a lot of hard-working people around, they just don't have to work as hard as we did when I was a kid. "Some preachers say things over the pulpit now a days that we young boys figured we'd just go down behind the barn to talk about.

"What became of the family doctor who used to drive eight miles one way on a cold stormy winter's night in his one horse sleigh to deliver a

baby and charged \$5 or would take a peck of potatoes and we allowed he was pretty expensive?

"Many kids waste enough food to feed the hungry in Africa.

"How come now-a-days everybody wears glasses and hearing aids and false teeth? Today's people have to take at least one shower a day. When I was a kid, we carried the water from the spring and heated it on the coal-burning cook stove and poured it into the galvanized wash tub in the middle of the kitchen floor.

"What has become of the old hand crank car windows? (I won't even buy a car with the new hand crank windows - eh John? They have to be automatic up or down J.H.) Now, we have to have throw away razors. My Dad used the same razor all his life. (Probably used the razor on his face and the strap on his kid's behinds J.H.)

"God does not believe in changes either. The Bible says 'God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.' Hebrews 13:18. (The Bible in Hebrews also says, He made some things better. J.H.)

"What became of the nickel cup of coffee? I figger they must of drunk it all because I can't find none no more.

"I could rattle and ramble on and on, but I know some of you are mad at me already so I'll quit before you finish blowin' the rest of your fuses out.

"Oh yeah, what happened to marriage? We always used to allow that it was the proper thing to do and then after we did it, we figgered it couldn't be undone.

"If I have offended any young people I apologize. It is just because I'm getting old and senile. Some day the Lord will take me away from all this and I will go to be with God who believes like I do.

(signed) John F. Hanna, Sr."

Well I experienced inflation this past week. I made another emergency trip to Amarillo and had to have "balloon" heart surgery. It used to be half the price of by-pass but now it will probably be equal to what by-pass was four years ago. But no telling. What was \$20,000 four years ago will be \$30,000-\$45,000 or more now. If I'll take good care of myself for awhile, maybe I can avoid further surgery. There is still some blockage but the Dr. hopes to buy me some more time.

Little Amanda Walters is in NWTH undergoing treatment for diabetes. They are now attempting to regulate her dosage and teaching her to give her own injections. Hopefully she will be home by the time you read this.

It was learned that the son of Brenda (Casdorff) Wilson was injured last week along with a couple of others as they were riding in a pickup. They were not familiar with the dirt road on which they were

traveling, between the Phillips plant and Guymon, and the vehicle overturned.

Richard Wagner is scheduled for surgery on his shoulder later this week.

More sick are as follows. Edith Wright, whose eyesight is being affected by diabetes. Francis Cearley's sister-in-law, Mabel Cearley Redell, has heart blockage. Bob Bort is in the V.A. hospital in Big Spring. Many of us have met Roy Deed's mom Rosie, and hope she is recuperating well after gall bladder surgery. Chad Wilson's young stepdaughter, Melia Frazier, is suffering with a brain tumor.

Seems like Kent and Angie Rempel are grinning from ear to ear. Congratulations on the birth of their first grandchild. Alexandra Katherine was born April 30, 1991 at 4:30 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are David and Beth Rempel in Arlington.

Anne Potts is recuperating from knee surgery by preparing for graduation from Texas Tech, with intentions of working for a law firm for a year there in Lubbock.

Cami Shapley is another of our college students, who will graduate May 10 from Texas A&M. Governor Ann Richards will be the featured speaker. It is not known by me what the future plans will be for Cami.

Lots of activities are going on for our school kids. However just to get everyone prepared for summer vacation, there will be a school holiday May 10. However, for those who go and support the sports, there will be a State Track Meet and Area I FFA Convention.

The Jr.-Sr. prom was held Saturday, May 4 and the First Christian Church hosted an early Sunday morning breakfast for the seniors.

Ann Dorman and Glenda Renner, school librarians, attended the Library Convention in Ft. Worth recently. They were able to visit with a lot of authors of books in the libraries. Mrs. Dorman brought home some new books autographed by Joan Lowery Nixon. They are mysteries and historical, the "Orphan Train Quartet."

Something new in the Gruver schools is the Sign Language Class. They are scheduled to take a field trip May 7 to Amarillo. Members of the class are Angie Rivera, Cynthia Wynn, Don Heath, Stacy Williams, Karlah Heath, Mika McLain, Anissa Ryan, Tammy Stevens and Melissa Stewart.

I'd like to finish this off this week with a special thanks to my friends for the assistance and prayers for my recovery. Our ambulance crews, paramedics, firefighters, etc., and all others who give their time to help are superb. I was worried when I learned that they have to leave daily jobs, but was assured that their bosses understand when they are needed. My love to all of you.

Gruver PTA installs new officers

by Harletta Carthel

New officers for 1991-92 were installed at the April executive board meeting of the Gruver PTA.

Tracy Beville will serve as president; Johnny Jarvis, vice-president; Rita Ann Holland, secretary; Carol Tolleson, treasurer; Toni Atwood, historian and scholarship; and Margaret Bell, parliamentarian.

Committee chairmen include budget and finance, Jo Alice Clawson; membership, Harletta Carthel; special projects, Lori Winter; hospitality, Mary Jo Cluck; publicity, Rhonda Holt, cultural arts, Brenda Dahl; health, Marlynn Hart; spiritual, Ann Dorman; VIPs, Marsha Lowe; scrapbook, Kelly Hart; newsletter, Barbara Stavlo and

Shelley Carter; and fall carnival, Rhonda Ward, Linda Tidwell and Marsha Lowe.

Larry Babbs, retiring school board member was honored with a plaque along with departing school, band and activity bus driver Harold Sneed.

Laura Blassingame and Doug Frick were selected as teacher scholarship recipients.

Treasurer Jo Alice Clawson reported a donation of \$250 by Alpha Mu Psi toward the purchase of ceiling fans or air conditioning units for the high school.

Plans were made for hosting the academic awards banquet reception on May 7.

Margaret Bell received a pin for her work in PTA membership, and Tracy Beville presented Harletta Carthel with a past president's pin.

A luncheon preceded the meeting with principals Duncan, Burgoon and Haenisch present as well as Superintendent Cathey.

Rico, Stevens are students of month

Milton Rico and Tammie Stevens have been named Students of the Month for May. Both are freshmen at Gruver High School.

Milton, the son of Cesar and Maria Rico, was nominated for the award by Barry Haenisch, the principal at GHS.

"Milton has made tremendous progress in conforming to this new environment," Haenisch said. "He is pleasant, helpful, and as I have discovered recently, hardworking."

Milton has been a teacher's aide and he helped decorate for last year's prom. He also helped design the t-shirt worn by the students who make all A's.

Milton said Ms. Potts, the school counselor, has been the teacher who has influenced him the most during his school years.

"My plans for the future are to finish high school, go to college, and get a good job as a police officer," he said.

Tammie, the daughter of Frank and Mary Stevens, was nominated

for Student of the Month by Mr. Looper and Amy Tebest, both science teachers at GHS.

"Tammie has made a great effort in physical science this year," they said. "She is very attentive in class and always turns in homework and lab reports when due."

Tammie has been on the all "A's" and one "B" honor roll four times this year, and has been on the all "A's" honor roll once. She is an active member of FHA, and has visited the Hansford Manor and given gifts to the residents twice. She is also involved in choir, and recently went to contest in Pampa. She also takes sign language classes. Tammie is very supportive of the GHS athletes, and will be helping with the Athletic Banquet.

Tammie said Mr. Looper has influenced her the most this year because, "He made me want to make an 'A.' I wanted to show him I could do it."

As for the future, Tammie plans to go to college and become a lawyer.

Gruver school menu

May 13 - May 17

LUNCH

Monday - Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit, corn bread, milk

Tuesday - Tacos, lettuce and cheese, fruit, sopapillas, milk

Wednesday - Ham and beans, potato salad, fruit, corn bread, milk

Thursday - Pizza, corn, tossed salad, jello, milk

Friday - Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, pickles, cheese, rice crispie treats, milk

Salad bar-Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Nacho bar-Monday & Wednesday

Potato bar-on request only

Birth announcement

David and Beth Rempel of Arlington, Texas, announce the birth of a daughter, Alexandra Katherine Rempel, born Tuesday, April 30, 1991 at 4:30 p.m. at Arlington Memorial Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, six ounces and is 20 1/2 inches long.

She is welcomed into the world by her paternal grandparents, Kent and Angie Rempel of Gruver, paternal great-grandmother, Louie Rempel of Guymon, Okla., and maternal grandmother, Rosemary Kumpan of Amarillo.

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cereal, donuts, fruit, milk

Tuesday - French toast, fruit, peanuts, milk

Wednesday - Biscuits & sausage, fruit, milk

Thursday - Donuts, fruit, peanuts, milk

Friday - Sopapillas, fruit, honey-butter, milk

Club News

BUSY HANDS HOBBY CLUB

The Busy Hands Hobby Club met Thursday, April 25 in the home of Frankie Leatherman. The afternoon was spent working on various beaded ornaments.

Members present were Bessie Mitts, Louise Evans, Edith Wright, Mary Jo Robinson, Imogene Williams; one guest, Rubylea Mitchell; and the hostess, Frankie Leatherman.

Refreshments of chicken salad and pimento cheese sandwiches, chips, angelfood cake, old-fashioned fruit salad and soft drinks were served.

The group's next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 9 in the home of Mickey Delano.

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Gruver Elementary School Kindergarten Pre-Registration and Screening scheduled for Thursday, May 16. The pre-registration will be held at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 209 King Street, due to space limitations at the elementary building.

In order to be eligible to enroll for kindergarten, children must be at least 5 years old as of September 1, 1991. Parents are asked to bring their child's birth certificate, immunization records, and Social Security number to the pre-registration.

The children will be given a pre-school screening assessment which will help determine their readiness level in three areas. The assessment will require approximately one hour per child. Parents are asked to bring

their children to 209 King Street according to the following time schedule:

Last name A through B - 9:30; C through K - 10:30; L through R - 1:00; and S through Z - 2:00.

Early childhood specialists from Region XVI Education Service Center in Amarillo will be on hand to assist local school personnel and volunteers with the assessment and to discuss screening results with parents.

Also, there will be an immunization clinic in the elementary school library on Monday, May 13, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Parents must be present for their children to receive any immunization. A small fee may be charged according to income.

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Tracksters fail at state bid

At the 2-A Regional Track Meet held Friday and Saturday at Abilene, the Spearman track teams ran into stiff competition and failed to get anybody through to the state finals. The closest Spearman came to having state finalists were Joy Gafford's and Jill Lusby's third place finishes. Gafford finished third in both the 100 and 300 hurdles. Lusby finished third in the 800 run. According to Richard North, girls coach, both Gafford and Lusby went to the state finals last year with slower times than they posted this year. "They all ran very hard, it was just tough competition," said North. Lynx and Lynxette regional track qualifiers, and how they finished, are as follows.

SPEARMAN GIRLS

100 M. Hurdles - Joy Gafford - 3rd
High Jump - Suzanne Sanders - 7th, 5'; Jill Lusby - 8th, 5'
800 Relay - 7th, 1:51
1600 M. - 4th, 4:12
400 M. - 9th, 52.15
800 M. - Jill Lusby - 3rd, 2:27; Mary Cook - 5th, 2:29.6
Long Jump - Holly Jarvis, 16'1"

SPEARMAN BOYS

Boys Track - Sprm.
3200 M. Run - Lynn Garrard - 4th, 10.47
1600 M. Run - Lynn Garrard - 8th, 4.49
100 M Dash - Chris Williamson - 5th, 11.01
High Jump - Tim Kizziar - 7th, 5'10"
Pole Vault - Brian Beck - 14th, 11'
300 M. Int. Hurdles - Brian Beck, 41.35.

Holly Jarvis was inadvertently omitted from the list of regional track competitors in the April 25 Reporter-Statesman. We regret the error.

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James Cunningham of Spearman made a recent fishing trip to Lake Livingston, near Huntsville, Texas. There he hooked up with these two lunkers, which weighed in at 78 pounds and 19 pounds. Cunningham said he used a trot line to catch the flathead catfish.

Swim season approaches

The Spearman Swim Team will soon begin getting into shape as the swim season fast approaches. Swimmers aged 5 through 18 will meet Monday, May 13, at 5:30 at the high school track to begin working out. Swimming will begin shortly thereafter in the evening. Spearman Swim Club will begin the season June 8 as they travel to

Ulysses, Kan. Swim meets are every Saturday concluding with the championship meet at Dodge City, Kan. on July 20-21.

Anyone who would like their child to be a part of the team or would like more information can contact Janet Scarborough at 659-3882, or Charles Elliott at 659-2772 (after 5:00).

SOUTHWEST OUTDOORS



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The next best thing to a great fishing or hunting trip is going to a sportsman show. This weekend, May 10-12, the Fairgrounds in Lubbock will host the West Texas Sportsman Show featuring former Dallas Cowboy Randy White.

Dr. Loren Hill, an old friend of mine who did the research for the ColorMeter and PhMeter, will attend this show. As Department head of Zoology at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Hill leads the OU research station at Lake Texoma. It is worth the drive to Lubbock just to attend a Friday or Saturday evening seminar by Dr. Hill and learn the latest developments in understanding the behavior of bass and other gamefish.

After spending three days last fall on Ute Lake with Ted Miller as he prepared for the western regional Redman, I can assure you that fishing a gitzit or a SlugGo and winning big money takes a special talent. Ted has that kind of talent and is willing to share information at his seminars. If you want to learn more about light line fishing or clear water fishing, don't miss this chance to talk a real expert and one of the nicest guys on the B.A.S.S. trail.

Trout fishermen (or those who wish they could catch trout) will want to get a front row seat for the seminars by Ti Piper, as he reveals the how and where of fishing in New Mexico. Ti will have a fly tying demo at his booth, and it is fascinating to watch how some yarn and feathers become a tempting morsel for Mr. Trout.

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Congratulations to Dondi Brame of Borger for braving the winds and winning our most recent Fun Tournament on Lake Meredith. This ardent

fan of Oklahoma University has placed in the top 10 at virtually every Fun Tournament before besting the field with a trophy largemouth weighing 5.91 lbs.

Pampa angler Jimmy Baggett finished a close second with a monster 5.45 lbs. smallmouth. Good job, Jimmy. Third place was earned by Ed Whitefield of Spearman with his healthy 4.53 lbs. smallmouth. (Next Fun Tournament Sandy Carroll of Pampa will report on his secret submarine technique.)

Next White River Fun Tournament is May 9, Thursday evening 6:00 til 9:00. All Fun Tournaments have three fish limits, a \$20 entry fee and are open to everyone.

Next Baylor Lake Big Bass Tournament is Saturday, May 11 starting at 7:00 a.m. Limited to 100 anglers, entry fee is \$50 until Friday midnight when it increases to \$60.

Kids' fishing tourney set

FRITCH - The second annual Small Fry Fishing Tournament is slated for Saturday, May 11 at the Stilling Basin on the north side of the Lake Meredith dam. Beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. and trophies will be awarded at 4 p.m. at the Fritch City Park.

There will be three age categories: 6 thru 8, 9 thru 11 and 12 thru 14. Three prizes (a rod, reel and tackle box) plus first, second and third place trophies will be awarded in each category based on the size of the fish or stringer of fish caught.

The grand prize for the largest fish overall fish or stringer will be a fishing trip with Lake Meredith fishing guide Melvin Stovall, as well as the large trophy.

In addition to the prizes for fish caught there will be drawings at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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Members of Hansford County Hearts and Hands dressed up in their '50s best and put in an appearance at the downtown drug store to promote their fundraising '50s dance. The dance will be Fri-

day, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Spearman Catholic Church parish hall. Group members include (l-r) Charlotte Jackson, John Scott, Brenda Wall, Verna Lee Shirley and Kim Sherlock.



The 1991 Hansford Hospital and Manor Outstanding Volunteers were honored at a tea, given at Hansford Manor on Sunday afternoon. Honorees included (back row, l-r) Verna Lee Shirley, Mary Cornelius, Edith Smith, Alva Garner, Rosa Lee Butt, Betty Jean Davis, June Jackson, Laquita Evans, (front row, l-r) Jo Larson, Eddie Largent, Virginia Head and Mary Fern Terry. Honorees not pictured are John Scott, Prairie Garden, Charles Brillhart, Elene Green, Nell Thoreson, Vivian Green, Pauline Winger and Charmian Lyle.

School names VIPs

Spearman High School's VIPs for the months of April and May have been announced. VIP recognition is given to two students and one teacher each month.

For the month of April, VIPs include Susan Kidder, Ross Jarvis and Mandy Lasater.

Kidder is a 20 year teaching veteran, having spent 12 years in Amarillo and four years in Gruver before teaching the last four years in Spearman.

She is a graduate of Spearman High School and West Texas State University.

Her hobbies include knitting, crocheting, music, cross-stitch, watching old movies, computer work and silversmithing.

Jarvis, 18 years old, is a senior at SHS. He is the son of Wesley and Cheri Jarvis.

His interests include music, both vocal and piano, basketball, baseball, collecting comic books, and computers.

His future plans are to attend Texas A&M University and to have a career in chemical engineering or computer.

Lasater is a 17-year-old junior student at SHS. She is the daughter of Butch and Mary Ann Lasater.

Her interests include swimming, reading, riding bicycles, wasting time with friends and traveling.

She plans to attend Oklahoma State University and looks forward to a career in the medical field.

VIPs for the month of May at Spearman High School are Wesley Jarvis, Elizabeth Pipkin and Cody Pipkin.

Jarvis is a graduate of Spearman High School and Texas A&M University. He and his wife Cheri are the parents of Ross, Holly and Lee.

He lists fishing, hunting, water sports and amateur radio as his hobbies.

Elizabeth Pipkin, age 15, is a freshman SHS student. She is the daughter of Roy and Frances Pipkin.

She lists among her interests drama, piano, dance lessons, piano teaching, church activities and family.

Her future plans are to attend Brigham Young University and to have a career in corporate law.

Cody Pipkin, a sophomore student, is 16 years old. He is the son of Vernon and Marsha Pipkin.

Cody lists his interests as being basketball, skiing, the Church of Christ, track and the National Honor Society.

He plans to attend college and major in engineering.

First UIL academic awards banquet held

Spearman students were honored with a U.I.L. Academic Awards Banquet last week in the high school cafeteria.

The evening began with a meal pleasantly served by "volunteers" Brian Kidder, Chris Turner, Tim Kizziar, Brian Beck, Chad Riggins and Khris Kelp to a room full of honorees and their guests. Larry Butler, Superintendent of Schools, introduced John Scott of the Church of Christ for the invocation.

The U.I.L. sponsors were then introduced individually by the three Spearman principals, beginning with elementary. Each sponsor presented certificates, ribbons and/or medals to students participating or placing in their events.

Elizabeth Pipkin and Jeff Hutchinson were the two U.I.L. participants who qualified for state. They were recognized and wished

well at competition in Austin.

Special recognition was given to Wanda Jones as U.I.L. Sponsor of the Year for her dedication to the U.I.L. program and her determination to overcome even mechanical malfunctions during the keyboarding event.

Susan Kidder was also recognized and presented a token of appreciation from Mr. Butler for her excellent job as U.I.L. coordinator.

The banquet came to a close with hopes that this will become an annual event to show these students our appreciation for their participation in U.I.L. events.

Pringle-Morse school menu

May 13 - May 17

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Monday - Chicken casserole, green beans, salad, fruit, cookie, milk

Tuesday - Spaghetti, salad, carrots, milk

Wednesday - Hamburgers, trimmings, fries, milk

Thursday - Fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, corn, dessert, milk

Friday - B B Q sausage, potato

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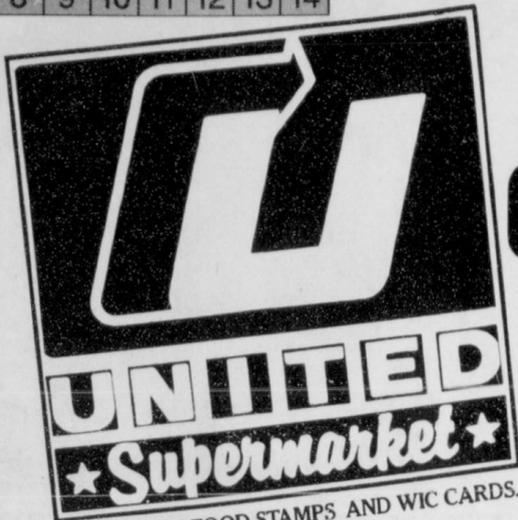
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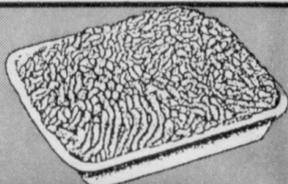


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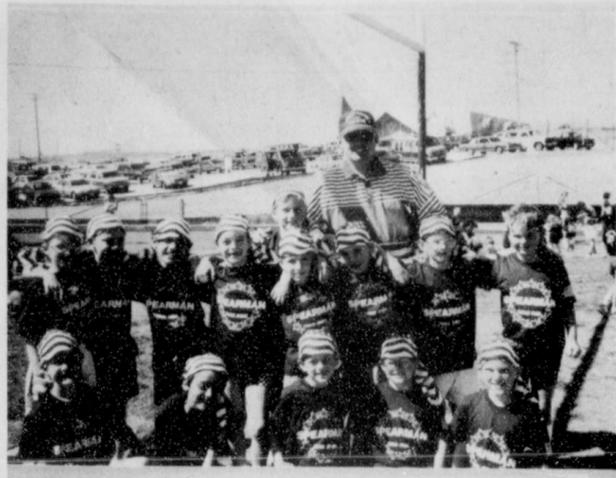
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Jeff Hutchison and Elizabeth Pipkin represented Spearman High School at the State UIL Literary Contest, May 3 and 4 at the University of Texas at Austin. Hutchison placed 5th in Literary Criticism, and Pipkin also took 5th place in her event, Poetry Interpretation. There were 12 competitors in each event.



The top three competitors in the Spearman 4th grade Science Fair were (l-r) Landon Miller, third; Dallas Burgess, first; and Leslie Swink, second.

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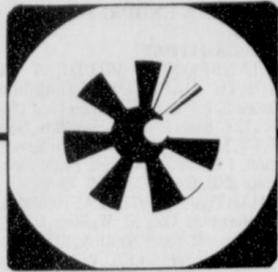
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Correction

Some names were inadvertently omitted from the list of Gruver Elementary School participants in the 1991 UIL Spring Meet.

Jennifer Dahl and Lauren Miller, both 4th graders, had perfect papers in the Picture Memory category. Other 4th grade Picture Memory contestants included Estella Cruz, Amber Knight, Wesley Miser and Charlie Stavlo.

Contestants in 5th grade Picture Memory included Buster McLain, Davida Nash, Brant Arnes, Darby Johnson, Kathy Slough and Analisa Cruz.

Texas could add billions to economy

Texas could add billions of dollars and tens of thousands of jobs to its economy by processing more of the raw foods and fibers grown in the state, according to the Texas Agri-Business Electric Council.

The growing awareness of this potential economic boom by leaders of business, agricultural and state government is an encouraging sign, said Greg Boggs, agricultural marketing consultant with Southwestern Public Service Company. SPS, along with nine other Texas investor owned electric utilities and Texas A&M University, compose the council.

The potential for ag-processing has been documented by a recent study done by the SPS economic development department. The "Target Growth Study," listed 80 industries which would fit well into the SPS service area. One-quarter of those industries were related to agriculture processing, including such industries as textile mill production, confectionary production and grain mill production.

SPS Economic Development Manager Cheryl Pink said the study demonstrates that ag-related industries should continue to be encouraged to locate to the area. "Communities have been working hard and will continue to work hard to attract such industries," Pink said. "As the cooperation of state and local governments increases, our chances of attracting one of these ag-related industries also increases," Pink added.

Governor Ann Richards earlier this month related that Texas produces a significant amount of the nation's cotton, but most of it is processed

elsewhere into clothing and other goods. In fact, according to a 1989 study by the Agri-Business Electric Council, Texas grows one-third of the nation's cotton, but ships 92 percent of its crop out of state to be processed.

Boggs said Gov. Richards is to be commended for encouraging emphasis on more ag-processing in Texas. "Think of all the jobs that never would have been created if we had shipped all Texas' crude oil out of state to be turned into gasoline and other petroleum products," Boggs said. "Yet, that's just the sort of thing we're doing with much of the Texas' huge agricultural resources."

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry also is committing resources toward the development of more ag-processing in the state, Boggs said. "Commissioner Perry knows that the value added by processing is significant," said Boggs "and it's money to Texas economy is losing. For example, the value of corn is more than doubled when turned into corn masa flour for making tortillas and other Mexican-food products. And one dollar's worth of milled corn becomes ten dollar's worth of corn flakes cereal."

The Agri-Business Electric Council is fighting to change the situation. It has produced feasibility studies of increasing the Texas processing of corn, rice, timber and natural fibers, including cotton, wool and mohair. In addition, the council may do feasibility studies of processing vegetables, leather and other agricultural products. For copies of future and existing studies, contact Greg Stark, executive director of the council, at Texas A&M University.

Obituaries

Ben E. Collins
AMARILLO - Ben E. Collins, 73, of Amarillo died Sunday, May 5.

Mr. Collins, born in Gainesville, Mo., had been a resident of Amarillo for eight years. He had lived in Dumas for 35 years before moving to Amarillo. He married Marie Nelson in 1940 at White Deer. She died in 1990.

Mr. Collins was a master mechanic for Northern Natural for 42 years. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Dumas.

Survivors include a son, Larry Collins of Amarillo; a daughter, Linda Kane of Amarillo; a brother, Lewis Collins of Spearman; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted

Tuesday, May 7 in Schooler-Gorlton Bell Avenue Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Larry Payne, pastor of Coulter Road Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association.

J.D. Shapley
MIDLAND - J.D. Shapley, 67, died Monday, April 29.

Mr. Shapley was born in Spearman. He had been a resident of Midland since 1975. He was a mechanic for the U.S. Postal Service and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Midland. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite Shapley, in 1983.

Survivors include a daughter, Jacqueline Deadra McCarty of Copperopolis, Calif.; two sons, Kim A. Shapley of Midland and Michael DeWayne Shapley of Fritch; his mother, Pearl Shapley of Gruver; three brothers, Billy Ray Shapley of Gruver and H.B. Shapley and Darrell Shapley, both of Amarillo; a sister, Margaret Odum of Gruver; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, May 1 in Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Amarillo with D.C. Lindley, deacon of Southern Baptist Church, officiating. The family requests memorials be to the Hospice in Midland.

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