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Kara Pipkin, Krista Boyd, and Lacy Miesner attended the Solo and Ensemble Contest at West Texas A&M University on February 20, 1999. These three talented Spearman High School students received a Division I rating on their ensemble. They performed Variations on "La Ci Darem" by Ludwig von Beethoven. The Division I rating they received makes them eligible to compete at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest, which will be held during the week of May 31st-June 4th in Austin, TX.

Spearman Schools Honored

Monetary awards in the amount of \$735 were made to Spearman Junior High School in the Spearman Independent School District as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards System (TSSAS). Joel Lynch, interim superintendent of the Spearman Independent School District, announced today.

The schools are being recognized for gains in student performance on indicators that are part of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), more commonly known as the state's school report card. Spearman Junior High is among 823 cash-winning schools statewide receiving awards for exemplary, recognized, or acceptable performance and rankings in the top 25 percent of all campuses in the same unique comparison group statewide, with respect to growth on the Texas Learning Index (TLI) derived from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) reading and mathematics tests given at Grades 3 through 8, and 10.

The awards are based on spring 1998 performance on the TAAS

test which measures performance in reading, writing, and mathematics. Schools also had to meet performance standards for dropout and attendance rates.

Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per school were given, depending on the number of students served at the school.

In the exemplary category, schools had at least 90 percent of all students and students in each student population group (White, African American, Hispanic, and Economically Disadvantaged) passing each section of the TAAS, a 1996-97 dropout rate of 1 percent or less for all students and each student group, and a 1996-97 attendance rate of 94 percent or greater. Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman received a Certificate for Exemplary Performance for the 1997-98 school year.

In the recognized category, schools had at least 80 percent of all students and those in each student group passing each section of the TAAS, a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less for all students and

each student group, and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent. Spearman Junior High and Spearman High School each received a Certificate for Recognized Performance for the 1997-98 school year.

In the acceptable category, schools had at least 40 percent of all students and those in each student group passing each section of the TAAS, a dropout rate of 6.0 percent or less for all students and each student group, and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

Campuses are TSSAS award recipients only if they ranked in the top 25 percent of all campuses that are in the same unique comparison group statewide, with respect to their growth in reading and math. Campus categories are based on several factors including the percent of students identified as African American, Hispanic, White, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient, and Mobile.

A total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to schools this year under TSSAS.

Rash of Crime In Spearman

According to Spearman Police Chief Larry Kenealy, more criminal activity was reported to the Spearman Police Department during the first week of March than for the entire month of February.

Said Kenealy, "For Spearman, this was truly a 'rash of crime'."

During February, a total of seven offenses, all misdemeanors, were reported to the Police Department; with the Police Department responding to a total of 128 calls.

On March 1st, an unidentified man pumped \$5.01 of unleaded gas and left without paying at a business on West Kenneth.

On March 3rd, a man was arrested for the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

On March 4th, a motorcycle was reported stolen from Barkley Street.

On March 5th, three rifles were reported stolen from a motor vehicle on South Roland; the front glass door of the Activity Center on Hazelwood was broken; and a front living room window was broken on James Street.

On March 6th, the driver side car window was broken in a motor vehicle on James Street; and the coin slot was damaged at J&J Car Wash.

On March 8th, it was reported that someone attempted to break into a business on Main Street sometime during the weekend.

According to Chief Kenealy, these crimes were probably not related to young people being out of school for spring break, as the present list of suspects includes adults. Kenealy did state, however, that lots of young people out late at night did keep local officers busy monitoring their activities.

If you were a witness to any of these activities, please contact the Spearman Police Department at 659-3707.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has set the ranking deadlines for the 1999 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The first ranking deadline for the 1999 program year is March 31, 1999 and a second ranking deadline is set for July 1, 1999. Applications from individual landowners interested in participating in the EQIP during the 1999 program year received before March 31 will be ranked for program eligibility during April and those received after March 31 will be ranked after the July 1, 1999 deadline. Producers who did not qualify for the EQIP program during the March 31 ranking period may request a deferment from their local Farm Services Administration (FSA) office and be eligible to be re-ranked during the July 1 ranking period. It should be noted that applications received after the July 1 deadline, as part of the EQIP continuous program sign-up provisions, will be held until the 2000 program year ranking period.

Private landowners should be aware that EQIP provides technical, educational, and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner. EQIP is a voluntary program and is designed to assist farmers and ranchers with placing natural resource conservation practices on their property. Cost share is provided to program participants to achieve the goals of a conservation plan designed with the assistance of local NRCS staff. Cost share practices include placement of appropriate structural

or vegetative practices, such as animal waste management facilities, irrigation management equipment, vegetative buffers and wildlife habitat enhancement, to name a few. Eligible practices will depend on the location of the farm or ranch on which the practice is to be installed and the major resource concern to be addressed in that particular area. Information on eligible cost share practices and major resource concerns of an area can be secured for your local NRCS field office. Contracts for eligible producers are made for a period of

five to ten years and include incentive payments to assist with implementation of land management practices, such as nutrient management and grazing land management. It should be noted that program funds target natural resource concerns of farmers, as well as, livestock producers.

To learn more about EQIP or to submit an EQIP contract application, contact the NRCS at 909 West 9th in Spearman, or call 659-2330.

Locals Attend At Houston Stock Show

by Harletta Carthel

Hansford County youths made a good showing in the market barrow and steer divisions of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Placing in the market barrows were Chase Reid - seventh, medium Hamp; Valerie Burmun - eighth, heavyweight Hamp; Kade Carthel - ninth, heavyweight Cross; Taos Weldon - twelfth, heavyweight Cross; Tyrel King - twelfth, medium heavy York; Casey Smith - thirteenth, heavy Cross; Brittney Montgomery - seventeenth, medium heavy Cross; and Brad James - twentieth, heavyweight Cross.

Other participants in the market barrows division were: Blayne Baker, Brian Black, Jared B. Lozano, Jordanna Lozano, Dustin Mackie, Jeremy Mackie, Garrett Martin, Stuart Martin, Ky McGaha, Chelsea Nollner, Zack Nollner, Reagan Renner, Rhett Renner, Ruth Shields, Kali Shields, Kallie Smith, Ty Lynn West, Teal Armes, Fernando Bohn, Christi Clift, Kirby Johnson, Lindsey Clift, Melissa Cuccaro,

Amy Gift, Lance Williams, Tucker Williams, Bailey Reid, Lindy Weldon, Aaron Welder, Colton King, Tap Giblin

Exhibitors and their steer placings included Brad Holt - second, Chianina; Tucker Williams - fourth, Maine Anjou; Brittany Morris - fifth, Maine Anjou; Kali Shields - tenth, Chianina; Ruth Shields - ninth, Angus; Rachelle Holt - fourteenth, Simmental; and Reagan Renner - fifteenth, Simmental.

Other participants in the market steer division were: Rhett Renner, Clete Vanderburg, Clayton Vanderburg, Clancy Vanderburg, Britta Vanderburg, Kaylee Holt, Rachelle Holt, Brook Irwin, Tanner Irwin, Clayton Thompson, Lance Williams, Bailey Reid, Bray Armes, Hunter Bevel, Chad Clift, Cass Cooper, Michael Dillard, Derik Grotegut, Kadie Grotegut, Clayton Henson, Brad Holt, Samantha Johnson, Kirby Johnson, Brian Johnson, Shea Lowe, T.J. McClure, Jeff McClure, Matt Messer, Jessica Montgomery,

Malissa Montgomery, Britt Morris, David Parker, Adam Red, Dustin Red, Jason Shoulders, Greg Slough, Casey Smith, Seth Thompson, Anthony Villalobos, Colby Weldon, Taos Blake Weldon

Greg Slough participated in the market lamb division and Ruth Shields participated in the beef heifer division.

In other competition, Gruver FFA won first in the Herdsman Barrow division and was awarded a plaque, trophy, and \$575 to be used in FFA projects.

The livestock judging team of Brad Holt, Kirby Johnson, and Brittany Morris placed twenty-first in a field of 398 teams.

Ruth Shields finished fourth in the scramble heifer show and twelfth in the open halter show.

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all news and advertising for the Hansford County Reporter Statesman is Monday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline may be published at a later date.
Catherine Smith, Editor

Farm Bureau Scholarship

The Texas Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee has added to TFB's extensive scholarship program with two new awards for Texas high school students who plan to study agriculture.

The two new scholarships, worth \$2,000 each, will be funded through activities of the TFB Young Farmer and Rancher Committee.

Danny Womble, President of the Hansford County Farm Bureau says of the new program, "We need our states' brightest and most energetic young people in the field of agriculture. These scholarships emphasize Farm Bureau's commitment to higher education."

To be eligible, a high school senior must be a family member of Farm Bureau, and be willing to pursue a degree in some agricultural

field. Applications must be submitted with postmarks no later than June 1, 1999. Scholarship recipients will be announced no later than July 1, 1999.

Applications may be obtained from local County Farm Bureau offices, from the TFB Web Site at www.tfb.com or by calling 254-751-2286.

Mail completed applications to: Texas Farm Bureau YF&R Scholarship; P.O. Box 2689; Waco, TX 76702; Attention: Si Cook.

"For Texas agriculture to compete in the twenty first century, we need to train young men and women for jobs on the farm, in the laboratory and in agribusiness," Danny said. "These scholarships will be added to those already tied in with our youth programs."

Happy Birthday!

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

March 11

Birthday - Ila Jo Hart, Daniel Rojas, Nina Hendricks, Dorothy Buzzard, Monty Dixon, Bob Breedson, Sandi Holt, David Ortega, Willie Jones
Anniversary - Buddy & Amber Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Brumlett

March 12

Birthday - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, J.L. Griffin, Sammi Johnson
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hoel, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Henson

March 13

Birthday - Fran Duncan, Bonnie Frick, Gene Leatherman, Brady Tidwell, Vernon Pipkin, Gary Pracher, Roy Flowers, Shannon Holton, Chuck Fletcher, Lynell Williams, Kevin Bynum, Gretchen Collinsworth, Jerry Garcia, Dolores Moreno, Larry Butts, Hadley Fletcher, LeAnn Sheets, Thomas Cain, Pam Mayfield
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Willie Vasquez, Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Acker, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Vasquez Jr.

March 14

Birthday - Sue Gerardy, Chris Johnson, Brandy Shelton, Buck Tidwell, Edward Papay, Steve Cook, Barbara Brown, Reagan Renner, James Ray Barimus, David Terry, Kelly Mills, Curtis Dudley, Mike Wilhelm, Madison Williams
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, Beth & Jim Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bishard

March 15

Birthday - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Varnon, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones, Cleo George

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Roberston, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bynum, Mr. & Mrs. Joe T. Venneman

March 16

Birthday - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Sumner, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Callie Smith

Anniversary - Carey & Denise Bridges, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Womble

March 17

Birthday - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elwana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Joe Baca, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ooley, Mr. & Mrs. Woody Gibner

March 18

Birthday - Danny Henson, Bill Burger, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Pearcy, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bullard

March 19

Birthday - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Vera Mae Hays, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight

March 20

Birthday - Mack Bevell, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Fronye Close, Ila Mae Buchanan, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Toni Vera, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Garry Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Maxine Banister, Jane Henton

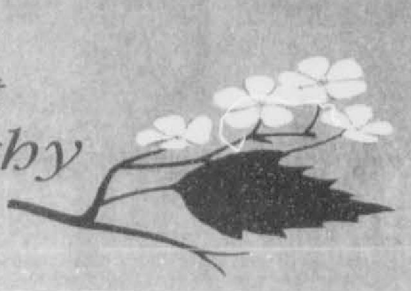
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Benny McCullough, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Barkley

March 21

Birthday - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarange, Maxine Bannister

Anniversary - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver

With Deepest Sympathy



Esther Stewart

Esther Stewart, 97, died Tuesday, March 2, 1999.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 1999 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Walter Greaser, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Stewart was born in Oakland, AK, and moved to Spearman 68 years ago from Erick, OK. She was a homemaker who was active in the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center.

She married R.C. Stewart in 1921 at Wheeler. Preceding her in death were her husband in 1978, and a son, Bob Stewart, earlier this year.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Dancer of Borger; a brother, Elza Bullen of El Reno, OK; and a special friend, Smokey Huse of Houston; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.



Lordy, Lordy Guess who's 40!!

from Ted and the Boys



Lena Mae Ford

Lena Mae Ford, 74, died on Wednesday, March 3, 1999.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 6, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Gruver with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Burial was at Gruver Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mae was born in Chico, TX in 1925. She had lived in the area for 58 years, moving from Newcastle, TX. She married George Ford in 1943 at Newcastle. He preceded her in death in 1982. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Travis Ford.

Mae was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church and the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Freddie Ford of Round Rock, TX and Teddy Ford of Perryton; one daughter, Flora Mae Campbell of Perryton; three brothers, Roy Byrd of Gruver, Billy Joe Byrd of Portales, NM, and Herman Byrd of San Antonio; one sister, Frances Cearley of Gruver; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Harrington Cancer Center or a favorite charity.

Thank You

Looking back over the past few weeks, we realize how fortunate we are; not only that Britt is doing so well, but also how fortunate we are having such good friends. We want to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, visits, financial help, gifts and cards. We also want to thank the teachers and students at school for their concern. Everyone was so thoughtful. We owe so much to Dr. Bubliss, Glenda, and the nurses at Hansford Hospital and the paramedics who transported Britt to Northwest Texas Hospital. Once there, he received the best and most professional help available. We want to thank another friend - "Jesus." When people get concerned and call upon His name, miracles do happen!

Thank you all so much!
The family of Britt Fleetwood

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[Moses said:] "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, as raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass. Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He."

[David wrote:] "I hate the gathering of evildoers and will not fellowship with the wicked. I will wash my hands in innocence and would go about Your altar, O Lord, that I may publish with a voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works. Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells."

[The Lord told Jeremiah:] Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, "Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not. Do you not fear Me?" says the Lord; "Do you not tremble before Me? I placed the sand as the bound for the sea, a perpetual barrier which it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail, though they roar, they cannot pass over it. But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away. They do not say in their hearts, 'Let us fear the Lord our God, Who gives rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.' Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have kept good from you..."

[Isaiah wrote:] "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of well-being, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they gaze at the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth joyously, sing together, you wasted ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

Taken from Deut. 32, Psa. 26, Jer. 5, Isa. 52, The New King James, The King James, The Modern Language Bible, and The Revised Standard Version.

In Spearman ...

Apostolic Faith Church
822 S. Deason • 659-8870
Sunday School 10am
Worship & Children's Church 11am
Sun. Evening Youth Service 6pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00pm
Wed. Children's Choir 7:00pm
Pastor: James Blown

First Assembly of God
401 N. Barba • 659-2235
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:25am
Kids Church 10:25am
Evening Worship 7pm
Youth 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor: Walter Greaser, Jr.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
29 S. Barba • 659-2035
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 10:30am
Evening Bible Study
Worship 6:00pm Sun.
Senior Minister: Joseph Weeks

First Baptist Church
123 N. Barba • 659-6557
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 11am
Evening Worship 7pm
Wed. Fellowship Meeting 6pm
Wed. Devotional Time 8:00pm
Wed. Youth Meeting 8pm
Pastor: Rick Patrick
Min. of Youth Education: Steve Foster

Church of Christ
121 S. Hiny • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class 9:45am
Worship 10:30am
Evening Worship 8:00pm
Bible Study/Wed. 7:30pm
KID'S Club Program
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Minister: Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
501 Ralston • 659-2792
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Trinity Fellowship Church
717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-3571
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Pastor: Johnny Taylor

First Presbyterian Church (Worship with Faith Lutheran)
1021 Coler • 659-8333
Sunday School 9:45am at Lutheran Church
Worship 11am (alternates monthly between Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Buildings)
Pastor: Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Barba • 659-2252
(Worship with First Presbyterian Church)

First United Methodist
407 S. Hiny • 659-6533
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 8:30 & 11am
J.H. Youth 5pm Sunday
High School 6pm Sunday
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Pastor: Ken Cole

Union Church
31 S. Erbe • 659-2644
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 10:45am
Evening Worship 8pm
Bible Study & Prayer Mtg. 7pm Wed.
Pastor: Bill Sparks
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Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School 10am
Worship 11am
Evening Worship 8pm Sunday
Youth & Adult Sav. 7:30 Wed.
Pastor: Gene Foster

Primera Mission Bautista
502 E. 7th • 659-3991
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 11am, Evening 8pm
Thurs. Vespers 7pm

In Gruver ...

First Baptist Church
402 E. Broadway • 733-9411
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 10:30am
Devotional Meeting 6pm, Sunday
Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Wednesday
Pastor: Scott Curry

Church of Christ
234 King • 733-2760
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Evening Worship 8pm
Wed. Evening Worship 7:30pm

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2980
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Worship 11am
Youth 7:30 Sunday
Young Adults Bible Study 7:30 Sunday
Wed. Bible Study 8:00pm
Pastor: Gary Cumby

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North Gruver
339-7039
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 11am
Pastor: John R. Chandler

Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Gast • 733-2651
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Worship 8:00am & 10:30am
Evening Worship & L.M.V. 6pm
Pastor: Jay Moore

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Friday Evening Mass
Summer 8:00pm
Fall Winter 7:30pm

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Laugh and Live

by Gary C. Smith
gcs@ren.net



Friend, Craig Schumann, sent me the following batch of prayers that came from kids. I seem to remember somewhere that some One said that unless we become like children, we can't make it to heaven. Maybe, there is a lesson or two in these children's prayers.

Kids Prayers

One Sunday in a Midwest city a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

And this particular four-year-old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Gary's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence, and after church, asked: "Gary, whatever made you do such a thing?" Gary answered soberly: "I asked God to teach me to whistle... And He just then did!"

One night Mike's parents overheard this prayer. "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test, if I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take."

A five-year-old said grace at family dinner one night. "Dear God, thank you for these pancakes." When he concluded, his parents asked him why he thanked God for pancakes when they were having chicken. He smiled and said, "I just wanted to see if He was paying attention."

A rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy: "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? Very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if You can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am!"

Until Next Time,
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Engagement Announcement

Arlene and Ross Robinette of San Antonio wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jan Vialpando, to Kevin Spivey of Gruver. Kevin is the son of Brad and Gyene Spivey of Gruver.

Jan is a 1993 graduate of James Madison High School of San Antonio, and a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in finance. She works as a mortgage loan officer at Norwest Bank in San Antonio.

Kevin is a 1993 graduate of Gruver High School, and a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in marketing. He graduated in 1998 from the University of Texas at San Antonio with a degree in computing. He works as a Microsoft Systems Engineer and Network Analyst for Focus Direct in San Antonio.

The couple plans a July 24, 1999 wedding at the First Methodist Church in San Antonio.

A reception will follow the wedding ceremony at a country club in San Antonio.

Correction

In the Spelling Bee article that ran in last week's Reporter-Statesman, it stated that Sarah Martin received a gift certificate to Lady Fair of Spearman. It should have also stated that the gift certificate was donated by an anonymous donor.

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Salina Benton & Nick Johnson - March 13
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"Tex-Mex Cooking," a Lunch and Learn presentation by Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, will be held on Thursday, March 18, 1999 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ. The program will feature nutritional advantages, healthy choices and favorite Tex-Mex recipes. Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Hansford Family and Community Education Clubs will sponsor the event.

Hansford Soccer Association Spring Sign-up
The Hansford Soccer Association will have Spring Sign-up for new players on Thursday, March 11th from 6-8 p.m. If you played in the 1998 Fall League, you do not need to sign-up again. All new players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate with them to this sign-up. The cost is \$20 each, but there are family rates and scholarships available. Also, volunteers are needed in all areas of the soccer organization. For more information, contact Rick Patrick at 659-2619 or Alfred Avila at 659-3830.

Texas Community Futures Forum
What issues will be affecting you, your family, and your business in the next five years? That is the question the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, and the Gruver Chamber of Commerce will be asking area citizens Tuesday evening, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church in Spearman. This forum is part of a statewide effort to hear from citizens in every county in Texas. By the end of the meeting, issues will be prioritized and then later put in a report format. It will then be published and distributed for use by local and county government, public and private agencies, schools, and churches. All residents are welcome to attend this forum and share issues that will be affecting them in the next five years.

Pesticides Usage Training & Testing
March 22, 1999 has been set for training and testing for private applicator, non-commercial and commercial licenses for pesticides usage. The class will start at 9:00 a.m. in the Spearman County Barn. This class is given by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Contact Burt Williams Extension agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901, for more information and to register. The test is free, and the cost of the license is \$50.00.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering
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Christian Concert
Jerry Smith of Borger presents the Kevin Spencer Family and Bobby Treece in a Christian Concert on Thursday, March 25, 1999. The free concert will be held in the Borger High School Auditorium, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Miracle Network
The Spearman Dairy Queen would like to ask the community for donations for a garage sale to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. All proceeds stay in the Amarillo area and benefit children at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Amarillo School of Medicine. Please bring donations to the Spearman Dairy Queen. The garage sale will be held on Saturday, March 27th, beginning at 9 a.m. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a "Champion for Children."

Kindergarten Round-Up
Children attending Spearman Kindergarten next school year will be invited to visit school on April 6th and 7th. We will be screening the children in the following areas: motor skills development, concepts development, language development, speech and general health. If you have pre-registered, you will receive a letter from the school specifying your child's scheduled appointment time. If you have not pre-registered your child, please contact the Elementary School Office as soon as possible at 659-2565.

Reunion De Kinder
Todos los niños/ninas que van a atender las clases de kinder el año que entra van a ser invitados a visitar nuestra escuela el 6 y 7 de Abril. Vamos a estar dándoles una prueba en habilidades y desarrollo tanto en lenguaje como en otras habilidades y salud general. Si su niño/lla está registrado o registrada, usted va a recibir una carta de la escuela diciéndole cuando tiene su cita. Si todavía no ha registrado su niño/nina por favor contacte la oficina de la escuela elemental lo más pronto posible al 659-2565.

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Happy Birthday!

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

March 11

Birthday - Ila Jo Hart, Daniel Rojas, Nina Hendricks, Dorothy Buzzard, Monty Dixon, Bob Breedson, Sandi Holt, David Ortega, Willie Jones

Anniversary - Buddy & Amber Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Brumlett

March 12

Birthday - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, J.L. Griffin, Sammi Johnson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hoel, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Henson

March 13

Birthday - Fran Duncan, Bonnie Frick, Gene Leatherman, Brady Tidwell, Vernon Pipkin, Gary Pracher, Roy Flowers, Shannon Holton, Chuck Fletcher, Lynn Williams, Kevin Bynum, Gretchen Collinsworth, Jerry Garcia, Dolores Moreno, Larry Butts, Hadley Fletcher, LeAnn Sheets, Thomas Cain, Pam Mayfield

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Willie Vasquez, Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Acker, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Vasquez Jr.

March 14

Birthday - Sue Gerardy, Chris Johnson, Brandy Shelton, Buck Tidwell, Edward Papay, Steve Cook, Barbara Brown, Reagan Renner, James Ray Barimus, David Terry, Kelly Mills, Curtis Dudley, Mike Wilhelm, Madison Williams

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, Beth & Jim Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bishard

March 15

Birthday - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Varnon, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones, Cleo George

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Roberston, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bynum, Mr. & Mrs. Joe T. Venneman

March 16

Birthday - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Sumner, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Callie Smith

Anniversary - Carey & Denise Bridges, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Womble

March 17

Birthday - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elwana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Joe Baca, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ooley, Mr. & Mrs. Woody Gibner

March 18

Birthday - Danny Henson, Bill Burger, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Pearcy, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bullard

March 19

Birthday - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Vera Mae Hays, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight

March 20

Birthday - Mack Bevell, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Frone Close, Ila Mae Buchanan, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Toni Vera, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Garry Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Maxine Banister, Jane Henton

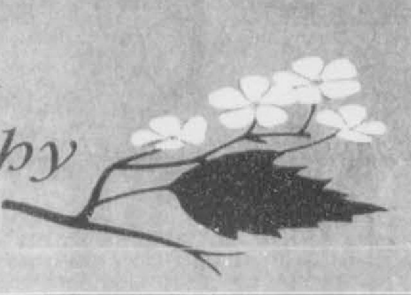
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Benny McCullough, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Barkley

March 21

Birthday - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarange, Maxine Bannister

Anniversary - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver

With Deepest Sympathy



Esther Stewart

Esther Stewart, 97, died Tuesday, March 2, 1999.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 1999 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Walter Greaser, pastor of First Assembly of God, officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Stewart was born in Oakland, AK, and moved to Spearman 68 years ago from Erick, OK. She was a homemaker who was active in the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center.

She married R.C. Stewart in 1921 at Wheeler. Preceding her in death were her husband in 1978, and a son, Bob Stewart, earlier this year.

Survivors include a daughter, Virginia Dancer of Borger; a brother, Elza Bullen of El Reno, OK; and a special friend, Smokey Huse of Houston; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.



Lordy, Lordy Guess who's 40!!

from Ted and the Boys



Lena Mae Ford

Lena Mae Ford, 74, died on Wednesday, March 3, 1999.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 6, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Gruver with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Burial was at Gruver Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mae was born in Chico, TX in 1925. She had lived in the area for 58 years, moving from Newcastle, TX. She married George Ford in 1943 at Newcastle. He preceded her in death in 1982. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, Travis Ford.

Mae was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church and the Eastern Star.

Survivors include two sons, Freddie Ford of Round Rock, TX and Teddy Ford of Perryton; one daughter, Flora Mae Campbell of Perryton; three brothers, Roy Byrd of Gruver, Billy Joe Byrd of Portales, NM, and Herman Byrd of San Antonio; one sister, Frances Cearley of Gruver; 12 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Harrington Cancer Center or a favorite charity.

Thank You

Looking back over the past few weeks, we realize how fortunate we are; not only that Britt is doing so well, but also how fortunate we are having such good friends. We want to thank everyone for the prayers, phone calls, visits, financial help, gifts and cards. We also want to thank the teachers and students at school for their concern. Everyone was so thoughtful. We owe so much to Dr. Bubliss, Glenda, and the nurses at Hansford Hospital and the paramedics who transported Britt to Northwest Texas Hospital. Once there, he received the best and most professional help available. We want to thank another friend - "Jesus." When people get concerned and call upon His name, miracles do happen!

Thank you all so much!
The family of Britt Fleetwood

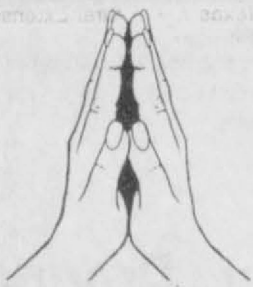
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[Moses said:] "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. Let my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, as raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass. Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He."

[David wrote:] "I hate the gathering of evildoers and will not fellowship with the wicked. I will wash my hands in innocence and would go about Your altar, O Lord, that I may publish with a voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works. Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells."

[The Lord told Jeremiah:] Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, "Hear this, O foolish and senseless people, who have eyes, but see not, who have ears, but hear not. Do you not fear Me?" says the Lord; "Do you not tremble before Me? I placed the sand as the bound for the sea, a perpetual barrier which it cannot pass; though the waves toss, they cannot prevail, though they roar, they cannot pass over it. But this people has a stubborn and rebellious heart; they have turned aside and gone away. They do not say in their hearts, 'Let us fear the Lord our God, Who gives rain in its season, the autumn rain and the spring rain, and keeps for us the weeks appointed for the harvest.' Your iniquities have turned these away, and your sins have kept good from you..."

[Isaiah wrote:] "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of well-being, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they gaze at the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth joyously, sing together, you wasted ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

Taken from Deut. 32, Psa. 26, Jer. 5, Isa. 52, The New King James, The King James, The Modern Language Bible, and The Revised Standard Version.

In Spearman ...

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822 S. Dessen • 659-2570
Sunday School 10am
Worship & Children's Church 11am
Sun. Evening Youth Service 6pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00pm
Wed. Children's Choir 7:00pm
Pastor: James Brown

First Assembly of God
401 N. Barne • 659-2235
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Kids Church 10:35am
Evening Bible Study 7pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30pm
Youth 7:30pm Wednesday
Pastor: Walter Geeser, Jr.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
29 S. Barne • 659-2336
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 10:30am
Evening Bible Study
Worship 8:00pm Sun.
Sant. Minister Joseph Weeks

First Baptist Church
123 N. Barne • 659-6557
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 11am
Evening Worship 7pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6pm
Wed. Youth Meeting 8pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm
Pastor: Rick Patrick
Min. of Youth Education: Brian Foster

Church of Christ
121 S. Hany • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class 9:45am
Worship 10:30am
Evening Worship 8:00pm
Bible Study/Wed. 7:30pm
KID'S Praise Program
Lung. Min. Chet 7:30am MF
Minister: Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Polard • 659-2732
Sat. Night Mass 7pm
Sunday Mass 9:00am - English
9:00am - Spanish (KID'S PRAISE)
Sunday Mass 11:30 - Spanish
12:00pm - Gruver - Child
Parish of Missions - Spanish
Rev. Scott Paul

Trinity Fellowship Church
717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2571
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Service 10:30am
Worship Service & Children's Church 10:30am
Pastor: Johnny Taylor

First Presbyterian Church (Worship with Faith Lutheran Church)
1021 Coler • 659-2033
Sunday School 9:45am at Lutheran Church
Worship 11am (alternate months between Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Buildings)
Pastor: Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Barne • 659-2232
(Worship with First Presbyterian Church)

First United Methodist
407 S. Hany • 659-6503
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 10:30 & 11am
Jr. High Youth 5pm Sunday
High School 6pm Sunday
Rainbow Kids Club 3:00pm Wednesday
Pastor: Ken Cole

Union Church
31 S. Barne • 659-2544
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 10:45am
Evening Worship 8pm
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7pm
Pastor: El Spinks
Parsonage: 659-6573

Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School 10am
Worship 11am
Evening Worship 8pm Sunday
Youth & Adults Service 7:30pm
Pastor: Gene Foster

Primera Mision Bautista
502 E. 7th • 659-3391
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 11am, Evening 8pm
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7pm
Thurs. Bible 7pm

In Gruver ...

First Baptist Church
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 10:30am
Deeper Teaching 6pm Sunday
Prayer Meeting 7:30pm Wednesday
Pastor: Scott Oury

Church of Christ
209 King • 733-2780
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 10:20am
Evening Worship 8pm
Wed. Evening Worship 7:30pm

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2380
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Worship 11am
Youth 7:30 Sunday
Young Adults Bible Study 7:30 Sunday
Wed. Bible Study 8:00pm
Pastor: Gary Gumbry

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North of Gruver
339-7703
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 11am
Pastor: Jim R. Olander

Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Canal • 733-2651
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship 8:30am & 10:30am
Evening Worship 8pm
Pastor: Jay Moore

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church
Sunday Mass 10:30pm
Friday Evening Mass
Summer 8:00pm
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Laugh and Live



by Gary C. Smith
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Friend, Craig Schumann, sent me the following batch of prayers that came from kids. I seem to remember somewhere that some One said that unless we become like children, we can't make it to heaven. Maybe, there is a lesson or two in these children's prayers.

Kids Prayers

One Sunday in a Midwest city a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

And this particular four-year-old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Gary's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence, and after church, asked: "Gary, whatever made you do such a thing?" Gary answered soberly: "I asked God to teach me to whistle... And He just then did!"

One night Mike's parents overheard this prayer. "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test, if I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take."

A five-year-old said grace at family dinner one night. "Dear God, thank you for these pancakes." When he concluded, his parents asked him why he thanked God for pancakes when they were having chicken. He smiled and said, "I just wanted to see if He was paying attention."

A rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy: "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? Very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if You can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am!"

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Engagement Announcement

Arlene and Ross Robinette of San Antonio wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jan Vialpando, to Kevin Spivey of Gruver. Kevin is the son of Brad and Gyene Spivey of Gruver.

Jan is a 1993 graduate of James Madison High School of San Antonio, and a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in finance. She works as a mortgage loan officer at Norwest Bank in San Antonio.

Kevin is a 1993 graduate of Gruver High School, and a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in marketing. He graduated in 1998 from the University of Texas at San Antonio with a degree in computing. He works as a Microsoft Systems Engineer and Network Analyst for Focus Direct in San Antonio.

The couple plans a July 24, 1999 wedding at the First Methodist Church in San Antonio.

A reception will follow the wedding ceremony at a country club in San Antonio.

Correction

In the Spelling Bee article that ran in last week's Reporter-Statesman, it stated that Sarah Martin received a gift certificate to Lady Fair of Spearman. It should have also stated that the gift certificate was donated by an anonymous donor.

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Tex-Mex Cooking

"Tex-Mex Cooking," a Lunch and Learn presentation by Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, will be held on Thursday, March 18, 1999 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ. The program will feature nutritional advantages, healthy choices and favorite Tex-Mex recipes. Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Hansford Family and Community Education Clubs will sponsor the event.

Hansford Soccer Association Spring Sign-up

The Hansford Soccer Association will have Spring Sign-up for new players on Thursday, March 11th from 6-8 p.m. If you played in the 1998 Fall League, you do not need to sign-up again. All new players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate with them to this sign-up. The cost is \$20 each, but there are family rates and scholarships available. Also, volunteers are needed in all areas of the soccer organization. For more information, contact Rick Patrick at 659-2619 or Alfred Avila at 659-3830.

Texas Community Futures Forum

What issues will be affecting you, your family, and your business in the next five years? That is the question the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, and the Gruver Chamber of Commerce will be asking area citizens Tuesday evening, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church in Spearman. This forum is part of a statewide effort to hear from citizens in every county in Texas. By the end of the meeting, issues will be prioritized and then later put in a report format. It will then be published and distributed for use by local and county government, public and private agencies, schools, and churches. All residents are welcome to attend this forum and share issues that will be affecting them in the next five years.

Pesticides Usage Training & Testing

March 22, 1999 has been set for training and testing for private applicator, non-commercial and commercial licenses for pesticides usage. The class will start at 9:00 a.m. in the Spearman County Barn. This class is given by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Contact Burt Williams Extension agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901, for more information and to register. The test is free, and the cost of the license is \$50.00.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet on Saturday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 520 Main Street, in Canadian. An agape meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m., followed by a praise and worship service in the sanctuary. The board of directors will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the church. Family, friends, and members of all the area wide churches are invited to attend. A nursery will be provided. Rushing Wind will sponsor a women's Walk to Emmaus on March 18-21 and a men's walk on April 15-18 at the Waka Christian Center in Waka. Anyone interested in attending a walk may contact your pastor, someone who has attended a walk, or call Wanda Scott at (806) 435-2149 for information.

Christian Concert

Jerry Smith of Borger presents the Kevin Spencer Family and Bobby Treece in a Christian Concert on Thursday, March 25, 1999. The free concert will be held in the Borger High School Auditorium, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Miracle Network

The Spearman Dairy Queen would like to ask the community for donations for a garage sale to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. All proceeds stay in the Amarillo area and benefit children at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Amarillo School of Medicine. Please bring donations to the Spearman Dairy Queen. The garage sale will be held on Saturday, March 27th, beginning at 9 a.m. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a "Champion for Children."

Kindergarten Round-Up

Children attending Spearman Kindergarten next school year will be invited to visit school on April 6th and 7th. We will be screening the children in the following areas: motor skills development, concepts development, language development, speech and general health. If you have pre-registered, you will receive a letter from the school specifying your child's scheduled appointment time. If you have not pre-registered your child, please contact the Elementary School Office as soon as possible at 659-2565.

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Bowl For Kids' Sake



Wedding Announcement

Carolyn Duby wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Mandy Duby, to Jeremy Thomas of Spearman. Jeremy is the son of David and Cyndi Pearson.

Carolyn is employed at Lowe's Marketplace, and Jeremy is employed at J&M Service Center.

The couple plans a March 20, 1999 wedding at the First Assembly of God Church, 401 N. Bernice in Spearman, at 3:00 p.m. Friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Carolyn is the granddaughter of Daisey Duby.

Jeremy is the grandson of Clifford and Marie Richardson and Muri and Ann Pearson.

The Clyce Ragsdale Memorial Bowl for Kids' Sake benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters Hansford Ochiltree Counties Satellite office was held February 27th at Ranger Bowl.

Almost \$14,000 was raised through pledges gathered by the 130 bowlers and sponsorships from area businesses and organizations.

Convenience, Inc. sponsored the event in memory of Clyce Ragsdale, a BBBS Supporter.

Corporate sponsors were United Supermarket, FirstBank Southwest and Texas Farm. Fifteen other area businesses and community groups were lane sponsors. These included: Ochiltree County Farm Bureau, Perryton BPW, Boxwell Brothers, Perryton Equity, Seybert Construction, Perryton Kiwanis, Dixie Dog, Earl McKinley Insurance, Perryton Lions, Five Star Equipment, Junior Lusby Cat, Golden Spread Sales, First National Bank of Spearman, Drs. Childers and Siewert Clinic, and Added Touch. Team sponsors were: Gruver State Bank, Gruver Chamber of Commerce, Spearman Rotary, Spearman Rotary, Spearman Lions, First State Bank of Spearman, B & B Sales of Spearman, Robert Holland and Coast to Coast.

"The generosity of our communities is really something," said Robert Holland, chair of the BBBS Advisory Committee, "We are fortunate to live in a place where the support for important programs like this one is so great. This is our only fund raiser so there is always a lot riding on the success of this one event. Once again the businesses and people of Perryton, Spearman and Gruver have come through to help children in need."

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a volunteer driven organization dedicated to matching children between the ages of 6-14 from single parent or extended family

homes with qualified mentors for the development of positive life skills and social values. "All of the money raised in this event will stay in the local communities," explained Jelaine Workman, Executive director of BBBS of the Texas Panhandle. "These funds will be used to recruit, screen, and train volunteers and then supervise the matches that are made."

"Currently there are two Big Sisters in Spearman and two in Perryton who are waiting for Little Sisters," said Kimberley Lopez, case manager. "There is a Little Brother in Spearman who has been waiting since March for a Big Brother."

Individual bowlers who raised \$100 in pledges received a BBBS calculator. Those raising at least \$100 were: Kay Merrell, Tammy Garton, Jane Hammerbeck, Jenny Schweir, and Dale McCutch.

Those raising \$200 or more were: Tony Brown, Norma Casey, Debbie Townsend, Theresa Brillhart, Jill Ellzey, and Misty Rice.

Prizes were given to the top three pledge raisers of the event. Theresa Brillhart raised \$535 and received a Tiffany diamond ice bracelet from Duncan and Boyd Jewelers. Misty Rice raised \$460 and received an NFL pro line Denver Broncos coat from the Locker Room. Tony Brown raised \$329.32 and received two free movie passes from the Lyric Theater in Spearman.

In addition, 90 door prizes donated by area merchants were given away to bowlers throughout the day. Bowlers enjoyed food and beverages provided by United Supermarket, Pepsi and Imo's. Those business that contributed to the event were:

Celebrate, Classic Cable, Gruver State Bank, Little Tiffanie's, Alco, Main Street of Gruver, Hansford County Reporter Statesman, Gina Gillispie, KRDF Radio, Prairie Garden, Kids Stuff, CJ's Pizza,

Cates Men and Boys Wear, My Mother's Garden, G&G Foodliner, Noreen Sutton of Cinderella Beauty Shop, Hi Plains Auto Supply, Dairy Queen, All Occasion Flowers, Video Madness, El Vaquero Restaurant, J&M Service Center, Gruver Farm Supply,

Gordon's Drug Store, First Part's and Supply, Cousins Hallmark, Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association, Lady Fair, Spearman Chamber of Commerce, Debbie's Ready or Not, From Perryton contributors were: The Loft, Pizza Hut, All Star Video, Miss Elania's, Taylor's Old Time Shop, KC Nutty Roller, Motor Parts, Video Vender, Dr. Randy Skaggs, OGH

Medical Supply, Corner Drug, Mona Cano, Ellis Theater, Charlotte and Company, Hickerson Jewelers, The Meeting Place, Upper Room, Pat Con, Perryton AC, Perryton Herald, Gibsons, Alco.

"We'd like to thank all those who raised money and came out and bowled and those who donated prizes and money, whether a big check or a few dollars, we appreciate your contribution to this very worthwhile cause," said Holland.

Anyone interested in more information about the program is encouraged to call 434-0016 or 1-800-687-8282.

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Tony and Teresa Bennett of Spearman are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Tori Dawn Bennett**. She arrived on Thursday, March 4, 1999 at Ochiltree General Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Aurora Vela and the late Willie Vela of Spearman, and Howard and Charlotte Doughty of Pampa and the late Floyd Bennett.

Tori was welcomed home by big brother, Travis, who is 6 years old.

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Hansford County Community Calendar March 11-18

- Thursday, March 11**
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board Meets
6:00-8:00 p.m. - Hansford Soccer Sign-up - Gruver Dairy Queen
- Friday, March 12**
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
- Saturday, March 13**
7:00-11:00 p.m. - Canadian Area Singles Group - Canadian YMCA Building
7:00 p.m. - Pot O' Gold Dinner and Dance - The O'Loughlin Center, Spearman
7:00 p.m. - Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering - FUMC, Canadian
- Sunday, March 14**
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Apostolic Faith Church, Spearman
- Monday, March 15**
8:30 a.m. - Moms In Touch - Gruver Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
12:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Lunch
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Progressive Pitch
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
2:00 p.m. - Museum Board Meets - Ft. Zulu Museum
6:30 p.m. - G.E.D. Classes - Spearman High School Library
- Tuesday, March 16**
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
6:30 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Dinner & St. Patrick's Day Party
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
- Wednesday, March 17**
6:30 a.m. - Mug 'n' Muffin Women's Fellowship - First Christian Church, Spearman
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
9:45 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Center Food Service
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Hansford Hospice Chili/Stew Luncheon - First Christian Church, Spearman
12:00 p.m. - Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Meets
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - "42"
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
5:00 p.m. - Deadline to file for School Board Election
- Thursday, March 18**
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch
12:00-1:00 p.m. - Lunch & Learn, "Tex-Mex Cooking" - Spearman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Monte Eakin apparently put his technique in steer wrestling to good use at the Tri-State Rodeo last week. He is now the Texas State Wrestling Champion in his weight class for high school. In order to be declared champion, he had to win four matches.

Monte is the son of Wanda and Jim Eakin (now of Amarillo) and the grandson of Blanche Greene. He is a student at Caprock in Amarillo. This is the 2nd wrestling title that Caprock High School has won.

Spring break last week provided even the teachers with a relaxing change of pace.

Lil and Bill Turner used the time for visiting relatives and friends.

Their first stop was at Guthrie, Oklahoma to spend time with Tim and Dianne Kizziar. Tim was to leave on Sunday for a business trip to Los Angeles for his company, Eskar Software Development.

The Turners also spent some time in Louisville and Dallas (Texas). Enroute home they went by Edmond and Stillwater (Oklahoma) to spend some time with friends.

Betty and Chalmers returned last Saturday from a long trip of two weeks and many miles. First they went to Blackfoot, Idaho, to visit Chalmers' sister, Rose Ann Haas, and her family. Rose Ann, from Spearman, is much improved after being hospitalized for some circulation problems and other complications.

Next the Porters drove to Bourbonnais, Illinois, to visit son Doug and Pam Porter. Doug is the head girls basketball coach at Olivette Nazarine University. He was recently named Coach of the Year in the conference for the third time. Betty and Chalmers enjoyed watching him coach several games.

Their next stop was at Fargo, South Dakota, to be with son William, his wife Laura, and their three children. Here they attended some basketball games in which

grandchildren Mathew and Stephanie played.

Their third son, Raymie, and his wife Natalie, received them next at Grand Rapids, Minnesota. While there, they were able to enjoy their seventh grade grandson, Joshua, in a band concert. They were also able to visit friends elsewhere in Minnesota.

On their return trip they stopped in Garfield, Arkansas to be with Betty's mother and brother, Bill Douglas, who lived in Spearman several years ago.

Newcomers to Spearman since December are Dennis and Sherrie Gwin and family. Their three children are Jennifer, high school senior; Eric, a sophomore; and Cara in the fourth grade.

The Gwins started out with his company in Oklahoma, and have lived on three coasts - south Texas, California, Oregon. They came here from Hagerstown, Maryland.

Mrs. Gwin made the statement that this is their last move. They bought the Deacon Clement house, east of Spearman, and they are well settled by now.

She enjoys needle crafts, gardening and flowers, and he enjoys fishing and hunting. They attend the First Baptist Church.

All the neighbors welcome this family and hope they will never regret making Spearman their permanent home.

Notes regarding those recently hospitalized:

Delinda McLaughlin was dismissed from Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo on Friday and is at home. She is recovering from a serious vehicle accident, and has a long way to go before her injuries are completely healed. She is very upbeat and optimistic, which will aid her in her recovery.

Fanne Venneman was transferred by ambulance from Northwest Texas last Tuesday to Hansford Hospital. She developed pneumonia while in the hospital in Amarillo. Relatives report that it is unknown just when she can be released.

Billie Haden is expected to be dismissed from rehab and at home

by the time this column is published.

The senior youth group from the First Methodist Church returned Wednesday from a four-day skiing trip at Winter Park, Colorado. It was an eight-hour drive from Spearman to the resort north of Denver. Winter Park is in an area with spectacular views of the majestic mountains.

The 19 youths and five sponsors participated in a variety of activities including skiing and tubing on the river (ordinarily a warm weather pastime). There is a small, chic shopping mall which the ladies patronized, as well.

Their last day was shared with the senior youth group of the First Baptist Church, also on their spring break ski trip.

Both groups looked forward to the evenings in a heated pool and hot tub at the condominium where both lodged.

The Methodist group was sponsored by Lyn and Joey Woolley, Carol and Johnny Dunninghoo and Larry Murphy. The sponsors spoke highly of the teenagers. Their conduct was exemplary and they were a credit to their church, their parents, and to

themselves.

The Junior High youth group from the First Methodist church went to Angel Fire, New Mexico for their ski trip. They enjoyed two days of skiing and fun. The snow wasn't as deep as usual, but still provided skiing conditions.

The sponsors with them were Terrie Dewberry, Nelva Snow, Tom and Linda Latta, and the seven youth members were Nicole Ramon, Ryan Dewberry, Lance Smith, Chris Cudd, Jessica Crossland, Jentry Edwards and Keilee Goodheart.

There were no serious accidents reported from the ski trips. There was one tense moment, however, when Nicole Ramon, alighting from the ski lift, hung her coat on it. She managed to wiggle out of it as it moved on.

Dwayne Smith reports for last week the highest temperature was on March 1st at 78°; the low was March 7th at 25°. Moisture - a welcomed .42 on Sunday night.

The Federal government requires factories to recall and improve any defective product. Why doesn't the same law apply to their product - weather bureaucrats?



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth -- March 8, 1999 -- 40 ft. 7.5 inches 44°

The .40 of moisture Sunday accounted for the drop of 3.5 inches rather than the usual 4 inches. The water temperature at the bridge is usually 4° more than the intake temperature.

Jim spent most of last week at meetings. The Texas Water Conservation Association met in Austin this year from Wednesday to Friday noon. Board members T.J. Bergin, Kenneth Evans and Jack Lane accompanied Jim Derington to the meetings. The wives of the board members were able to make the trip with their husbands.

Last Monday, Jim attended a meeting in Amarillo and got home to find vehicles stuck at the edge of the Lake. A teenage boy had gotten stuck, and when his father came to get him out, he also got stuck. The third party that tried to help, also got stuck. He was able to get out with some help, but it took a tractor to get out the first two.

That same day, I drove over to the office to get more tax permit cards and then toured the Lake. School was out for spring break, and it was fun to see the grandparents who were there with youngsters. I visited with Rita and

Dean Cluck, who had brought Colby Weldon and Colby Red. The boys were catching catfish from the kid's pond about as fast as they could re-bait and get the lines back in. The catfish were about 12 inches long - just right for eating. They did say they had fished for over an hour without getting a bite before the fast action began.

The herons and cormorants are being seen in the nests now. A few eagles are still around, and more birds are arriving every day. Along with the birds, R.V.s are coming, too. There were 4 on Friday afternoon.

Mel Grantham, retired sheriff of Crowley County, Colorado, and father of Melyn Johnson of Oslo, has been here quite a bit lately helping carpenter on the Johnson house. This past week he was hunting Indian artifacts with Chris Johnson and Sam Gruver when he had a once-in-a-lifetime day. In Hansford County he found a perfect Plainview point and a perfect drill point. The Plainview points are considered to be about 10,000 years old. Then to top off the week, he learned that his grandson Lucas Johnson had won a President's Endowed Scholarship of \$12,000 from Texas A&M University.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Nazareth Zaps Hounds Hopes

In a nail-biter area championship game, the GHS Hounds fell to the Nazareth Swifts, 37 - 40.

In a see-saw battle for the lead, the Swifts topped the Hounds 13 - 9 in the first quarter while the Hounds took the second quarter 24 - 21 and the third quarter, 28 - 27. But in the fourth quarter with the game on the line, the Hounds shooting went cold, and they were unable to top Nazareth's lead.

Bray Armes had a hot night for the Hounds tipping in 16 points to lead all Gruver scorers. Sophomore post Jason Shoulders added 10. Others scorers were Jason Pool 2, Garrett Pool 5, and Dan Odom 4.

Nazareth was lead by the freshmen twins Ky and Kade Wilcox with 11 and 9 points respectively.

The Bi-District champion Hounds finished the season with a perfect district record of 6 - 0, and a season record of 18 - 8.

School Board Filers

Three candidates have filed for positions in the upcoming May 1st. school board election. Bill Hadley, Dwayne Thompson, and Ty Williams will be vying for two three-year seats.

Deadline for filing for the vacancies is 4:00 p.m. March 17. Those wishing to file or seeking more information may contact the business office in Gruver High School.

Elementary Schedules Breakfast

Gruver Elementary parents are invited to a free breakfast with their child on Thursday, March 8, from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m., but Principal Diane Brown states the length of the breakfast will be flexible to accommodate conflicts. The breakfast is sponsored by the Kellogg Company which is also awarding prizes for parent participation. The goal is to have one parent or guardian per child represented at the breakfast. The contest is weighed against student enrollment so small size is not a detriment. Winning schools will receive \$5,000.

School Board Meets

In the regular meeting of the GISD Board of Trustees on February 18, 1999 with all members present, the board awarded insurance proposals for property liability, musical instruments, and vehicles to Penco through Bort

Insurance Agency by a 7 - 0 vote. The superintendent's goals for 1999-2000 were also approved.

In other action the group rescinded an administrative decision and allowed a volunteer to participate in capacities the school administration deems appropriate by a 6 - 1 margin.

After entering executive session to consider the recommendation for reemployment of campus principals and business manager for 1999-2000, the board voted to employ Diane Brown as elementary principal at a salary of \$48,000 per year, Laura Blassingame as junior high principal at a salary of \$50,500 per year, and Tim Garland as high school principal at a salary of \$50,000 per year. Julie Williams was employed as business manager with salary not stated in the minutes.

Twelve visitors were present for the meeting which also included the discussion of extending the lease to the Gruver Lions Club and Gruver Little League Association for use of the ball parks, hearing of patron complaints, receiving information of vacancies on the Region 16 ESC Board of Directors, receiving information concerning the May 1 school board election and possible individuals to serve as judge and clerks, and a hearing of the superintendent's report.

Get Well Wishes

Beverly Dorman Bennett, daughter of Ann and Jame: Dorman, has received a good report and is not scheduled for a medical appointment for three months.

Billy Joe Byrd continues in his improvement.

Debbie Chisum is now home after suffering a fractured spine. She has still has several weeks of recuperation before her, however.

Spring Sports Begin

Full schedules of the spring sports, tennis, golf, and track are beginning.

The GHS girls golf team open play at Booker on Friday, March 12 while the boys golf team will play in Booker on Saturday, March 13.

The GHS tennis team opens play on March 19th in the Gruver Tennis Tournament, while the GHS boys and girls track teams will open their season at Canadian on Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13.

Golf coach Troy Seagler, tennis coach Shelia Watley, boys track coach Doug Frick and girls track coach Jim Davis all report very limited practice time for their teams due to the extended boys basketball schedule and the week-long spring break last week.

Little Dribblers Games Begin

The Gruver little Dribblers began play Monday. Games will be played on Mondays Tuesdays, and Thursdays through March 29.

In the junior boys division, there are three teams. Team one is coached by Rick Finley and Scott Curry, team two by Melanie Zimmer and Leah Schultz, and Team three by Ty Williams. The three teams in the girls junior division are coached by Julie Williams - team one, Darla Myatt and Lonnie Burnum - team two, and Jerry Hart - team three.

Senior boys is composed of four teams coached by Janet Williams and Lonnie Burnum - team one, Art Salazar and Rodney Dale Clawson - team two, Donna Williams and Debbie Chisum - team three, and Margaret Reid - team four. The four teams of the senior girls division are coached by David Bergin and Randy Reid - team one, Trish Fitzgearld and Sharolyn Finley - team two, Darla Myatt and Lonnie Burnum - team three, and Jerry and Alan Shields - team four.

Spring Meeting Slated

The Gruver Church of Christ will host a spring gospel meeting Sunday, March 4 through Wednesday evening March 17. Larry Suttle of Wichita Falls will be the guest speaker. The Sunday morning worship will be followed by a fellowship meal. Service times for Sunday are 10:20 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The meeting will conclude with a coffee and finger food fellowship following Wednesday's service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Gruver Good Guys of the Week

The Gruver FFA Chapter won first place in the barrow good Herdsman division at the Houston Stock Show. The award came with a trophy, plaque, and \$575 for chapter use. The Herdsman award is based on the attractiveness of barrow stalls, the maintenance of stall cleanliness, and the presence and courtesy of members at their exhibit.

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Attention Former Football Players, Managers, Coaches, and Friends of Greg Sherwood

You are cordially invited to the induction ceremony of Greg Sherwood into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame on March 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Ferrell Center, Baylor Campus, 1108 S. University Parks Dr., Waco, Texas. A deli lunch reception will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Hilton Inn Atrium, 113 South University Parks Dr., Waco, TX. To reserve tickets for the banquet, call (254) 756-2307 or (254) 576-2516.

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We would like to individually thank everyone who assisted us during the 1999 Ice storm. A natural disaster of this magnitude is never easy, but the support of our community and our members were a tremendous boost for North Plains Electric Cooperative.

We would like to recognize all of our members for their patience and their support. All of the nice gestures notes, cards, and comments were a real source of motivation for the Co-op employees.

Hats off to all those that supplied meals and snacks; delivered them to the field, and especially those who invited our crews into their homes. Despite not having their power yet!

Thanks to our Employees for their diligent effort and giving our members beyond 100%.

Special thanks also go to our employee's spouses for all the help they gave in our office and for putting up with the long hours their spouses were absent from home working to get the lights back on.

Thanks to all the local businesses that donated food and supplies so that the work could continue and also those businesses that helped us with several of our unusual needs.

The neighboring cooperative crews and the contract crews were also vital to our effort.

We have great appreciation for the excellent job the local media did of keeping the public informed.

Thanks again to all who lent us a hand, we couldn't have made it without you!

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Lynxette Basketball

The Spearman Varsity Lynxettes ended their 1998-99 season with a record of 15-13 and 4-2 in district play.

Members of the 1998-99 Spearman Lynxettes Varsity Basketball Team were: Amber Ramon, Brooke Lesly, Jennifer Whitefield, Camille Smith, Adrienne Simpson, Leslie Holton, Halee Beasley, Jenn Schnell, Kristin Beedy, Lisa Swink, and Haley Lombard.

Following is a brief history of their season.

Spearman Varsity Lynxettes

February 11, 1999
Vs. San Jacinto at San Jacinto
Spearman-67, San Jacinto-50
Amber Ramon - 1, Brooke Lesly - 13, Camille Smith - 7, Adrienne Simpson - 7, Halee Beasley - 11, Jenn Schnell - 11, Kristin Beedy - 8, Lisa Swink - 5, Gibson - 3, Laura Gillaspie - 1

November 14, 1998
Vs. Gruver at Gruver
Spearman-47, Gruver-48
Ramon - 1, Lesly - 4, Smith - 12, Beasley - 16, Schnell - 9, Beedy - 2, Whitefield - 2, Simpson - 1

November 17, 1998
Vs. Borger at Home
Spearman-36, Borger-63
Brooke Lesly - 5, Jennifer Whitefield - 1, Camille Smith - 2, Adrienne Simpson - 13, Halee Beasley - 3, Jenn Schnell - 4, Kristin Beedy - 7, Lisa Swink - 1

November 21, 1998
Vs. Pampa at Pampa
Spearman-32, Pampa-43
Amber Ramon - 2, Camille Smith - 6, Adrienne Simpson - 9, Halee Beasley - 2, Kristin Beedy - 13

November 24, 1998
Vs. Dumas at Home
Spearman-42, Dumas-50
Brooke Lesly - 2, Camille Smith - 9, Adrienne Simpson - 11, Halee Beasley - 4, Jenn Schnell - 5, Kristin Beedy - 11

November 28, 1998
Vs. Dalhart at Home
Spearman-47, Dalhart-39
Brooke Lesly - 2, Camille Smith - 13, Adrienne Simpson - 8, Halee Beasley - 13, Jenn Schnell - 13

December 3, 1998
Vs. Pampa JV
Spearman-63, Pampa JV-30
Brooke Lesly - 7, Camille Smith - 13, Adrienne Simpson - 9, Halee Beasley - 4, Jenn Schnell - 8, Kristin Beedy - 16, Lisa Swink - 6

December 4, 1998
Vs. Claude at Miami Tourn.
Spearman-57, Claude-41
Amber Ramon - 3, Brooke Lesly - 2, Camille Smith - 16, Adrienne Simpson - 10, Halee Beasley - 4, Jenn Schnell - 6, Kristin Beedy - 16

December 5, 1998
Vs. Borger JV at Miami Tourn.
Spearman-36, Borger JV-30
Brooke Lesly - 2, Camille Smith - 8, Adrienne Simpson - 8, Jenn Schnell - 7, Kristin Beedy - 10, Lisa Swink - 1

December 5, 1998
Vs. Wellington at Miami Tourn.
Spearman-47, Wellington-41
Brooke Lesly - 2, Camille Smith - 5, Adrienne Simpson - 17, Jenn Schnell - 11, Kristin Beedy - 10, Halee Beasley - 2

December 8, 1998
Vs. Fritch at Fritch
Spearman-54, Fritch-41
Amber Ramon - 1, Camille Smith - 12, Adrienne Simpson - 2, Halee Beasley - 9, Jenn Schnell - 18, Kristin Beedy - 12

December 10, 1998
Vs. Hugoton at Hugoton Tourn.
Spearman-48, Hugoton-42
Brooke Lesly - 5, Camille Smith - 17, Adrienne Simpson - 10, Halee Beasley - 5, Jenn Schnell - 5, Kristin Beedy - 6

December 11, 1998
Vs. Pratt at Hugoton Tourn.
Spearman-36, Pratt-63

Brooke Lesly - 1, Adrienne Simpson - 5, Halee Beasley - 8, Jenn Schnell - 2, Kristin Beedy - 16, Lisa Swink - 4

December 12, 1998
Vs. Guymon at Hugoton Tourn.
Spearman-40, Guymon-62
Brooke Lesly - 3, Adrienne Simpson - 7, Halee Beasley - 3, Jenn Schnell - 11, Lisa Swink - 4

December 15, 1998
Vs. Guymon at Guymon
Spearman-41, Guymon-52
Amber Ramon - 1, Brooke Lesly - 5, Adrienne Simpson - 3, Halee Beasley - 4, Jenn Schnell - 14, Kristin Beedy - 12, Lisa Swink - 2

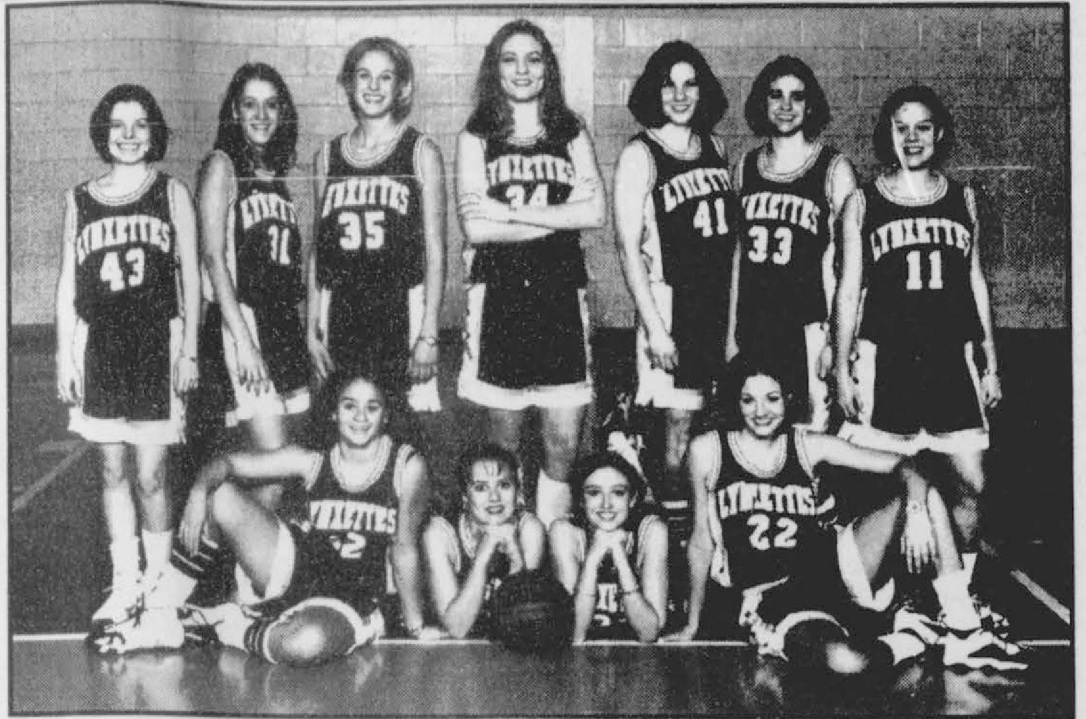
December 18, 1998
Vs. White Deer at White Deer
Spearman-40, White Deer-62
Brooke Lesly - 9, Camille Smith - 3, Adrienne Simpson - 6, Jenn Schnell - 11, Halee Beasley - 8, Kristin Beedy - 2, Lisa Swink - 1

December 29, 1998
Vs. Booker at Booker
Spearman-33, Booker-56
Camille Smith - 6, Adrienne Simpson - 8, Halee Beasley - 2, Jenn Schnell - 7, Kristin Beedy - 10

December 31, 1998
Vs. Wellington at Clarendon
Spearman-48, Wellington-47
Brooke Lesly - 3, Camille Smith - 6, Adrienne Simpson - 14, Halee Beasley - 1, Jenn Schnell - 13, Kristin Beedy - 11

January 1, 1999
Vs. White Deer at Clarendon Tourn.
Spearman-64, White Deer-49
Amber Ramon - 3, Brooke Lesly - 4, Jennifer Whitefield - 1, Camille Smith - 8, Halee Beasley - 10, Jenn Schnell - 26, Kristin Beedy - 10, Haley Lombard - 2

January 1, 1999
Vs. Allison at Clarendon Tourn.
Spearman-27, Allison-25
Brooke Lesly - 8, Camille Smith - 9, Adrienne Simpson - 2, Halee



1998-99 Spearman Varsity Lynxette Basketball Team
(Back Row, L-R) Haley Lombard, Leslie Holton, Kristin Beedy, Jenn Schnell, Lisa Swink, Halee Beasley, Amber Ramon; (Front Row, L-R) Brooke Lesly, Jennifer Whitefield, Adrienne Simpson and Camille Smith. (Not pictured is Coach Marsha Shieldknight)

Beasley - 2, Kristin Beedy - 6

January 2, 1999
Vs. Clarendon at Clarendon Tourn.
Spearman-49, Clarendon-55
Brooke Lesly - 9, Camille Smith - 8, Adrienne Simpson - 4, Halee Beasley - 5, Jenn Schnell - 15, Kristin Beedy - 8

January 5, 1999
Vs. Gruver at Home
Spearman-47, Gruver-49
Brooke Lesly - 3, Camille Smith - 12, Adrienne Simpson - 9, Halee Beasley - 3, Jenn Schnell - 10, Kristin Beedy - 10

January 12, 1999
Vs. Sunray at Home
Spearman-65, Sunray-41
Brooke Lesly - 6, Camille Smith - 13, Adrienne Simpson - 10, Halee Beasley - 10, Jenn Schnell - 10, Kristin Beedy - 13, Lisa Swink - 3

January 15, 1999
Vs. West Texas at Stinnett
Spearman-46, West Texas-39
Amber Ramon - 1, Brooke Lesly - 8, Camille Smith - 6, Adrienne Simpson - 10, Jenn Schnell - 8, Kristin Beedy - 12, Lisa Swink - 1

January 19, 1999
Vs. Canadian at Home
Spearman-40, Canadian 54
Brooke Lesly - 8, Camille Smith - 2, Adrienne Simpson - 6, Halee Beasley - 5, Jenn Schnell - 11, Kristin Beedy - 8

January 21, 1999
Vs. Stratford at Stratford
Spearman 36, Stratford-57
Brooke Lesly - 2, Camille Smith - 9, Adrienne Simpson - 11, Jenn Schnell - 10, Kristin Beedy - 2, Lisa Swink - 2

February 1, 1999
Vs. Sunray at Sunray
Spearman-48, Sunray-32
Brooke Lesly - 2, Camille Smith - 17, Adrienne Simpson - 2, Halee Beasley - 1, Jenn Schnell - 7, Kristin Beedy - 12, Lisa Swink - 7

February 2, 1999
Vs. West Texas at Home
Spearman-58, West Texas-47
Brooke Lesly - 7, Camille Smith - 14, Adrienne Simpson - 9, Halee Beasley - 16, Jenn Schnell - 8, Kristin Beedy - 4

February 5, 1999
Vs. Canadian at Canadian
Spearman-43, Canadian-49
Brooke Lesly - 5, Camille Smith - 13, Adrienne Simpson - 9, Halee Beasley - 3, Jenn Schnell - 13

February 9, 1999
Vs. Stratford at Home
Spearman-33, Stratford-64
Brooke Lesly - 6, Camille Smith - 9, Jenn Schnell - 10, Kristin Beedy - 6, Lisa Swink - 2

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Larry Suttle is a man of God as well as a tremendous spokesman. He is a native of Amarillo and holds degrees from Oklahoma Christian (BA '68) and Abilene Christian (MS '70). He is married to the former Nicki Noah of Amarillo, and together they have two children: Marc (20) and Mandi (15). He has been with the Tenth & Broad Church since 1980, serving as campus minister for seven years and as pulpit minister for the past twelve. He has also worked with Churches in Canyon and Haskell, Texas.

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Si tiene un niño/niña, o sabe de un niño/nina, que tiene un cumpleaños antes de Septiembre 1, 1994 y que va cumplir 5 años antes del primero de Septiembre del 1999, por favor complete esta forma y regresela ala oficina de la escuela Elementaria de Spearman, 511 S. Townsend. Esto debe ser hecho antes del Jueves 25 de Marzo del 1999.

El Nombre de Niño: _____ Sexo: M / F
(Por favor estampado) Ultimo Primero Initial M.

El Nombre de Padre: _____

Direccion: _____

Direccion: _____

El numero de telefono: _____

Soc. Sec. Number del Niño: _____

Cumpleaños: _____

Edad del Sept 1, 1999: _____

Tiene usted el registro de su niño/nina? Si la respuesta es NO. Por favor aplique por uno ahora mismo. Tiene su niño/nina las vacunas al coriente. Si no tiene SU seguro social para su niño/nina, por iavor aplique por uno ahora mismo. Estos documentog son necarios parn.

Spearman Elementary Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

Children attending Spearman Kindergarten next school year will be invited to visit school in April. To know who these students are, Spearman Elementary School is starting the 1999-2000 Kindergarten list. It is important that next year's students be known now in order that they may be given information on the immunizations and other items necessary for information.

If you have a child, or know of any child, whose birth date is prior to September 1, 1994, and who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 1999, please complete the form and return it to the school office at the Elementary School, 511 S. Townsend. THIS SHOULD BE DONE PRIOR TO THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999.

Registration Form for 1999-2000 Spearman Elementary Kindergarten

Child's Name: _____ Sex: M / F
(Please Print) Last First M.I.

Parent's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Social Sec. # _____

Birthdate: _____ Age on, Sept. 1, 1999: _____

Do you have a birth certificate for your child? If the answer is NO, please apply for one NOW. Do you have immunizations up to date for your child? If you do not have a social security card and number for your child, please apply for it NOW. These documents will be necessary to enroll your child in school!



Brent Thornton and Lonnie Born proudly display the trophies and medals they won for their participation in the TKO Karate Tournament at Dodge City, KS on February 27, 1999. They represented the Ronin Kan Jujitsu Dojo of Guymon, OK under the supervision of Sensei John Monk. Brent received the first place trophy for his Kata and a second place trophy for his defense techniques. Four-year-old Lonnie participated in three events - Kata, defense techniques and sparring. They both will compete in other TKO tournaments throughout the months of March through May. Lonnie is the son of Brent and Natalie Thornton of Spearman and James and Dana Born of Perryton.

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The Gruver Grapevine

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Of the 254 Texas Counties, Hansford County has earned a place on the main exhibit aisle of the barrow show through their reputation for being good herdsman and good representatives.

The good guy of the week award spotlights the Gruver FFA members and the parents who worked throughout the show on making their exhibit attractive and showing their courtesy to others. The FFA members whose animals were not chosen for the Houston

show were as dedicated as those who actually had exhibits at the show in the effort to win the award.

Thanks to Aaron Weller, Mollie Burnum (who actually worked until her hands were blistered) Derik Grotogut, TJ McClure, Jeff McClure, Clayton Henson, Valerie Burnum, Kade Carthel, Chase Reid, Taos Weldon, Lindy Weldon, Chad Clift, Greg Slough, Tyrel King, Kirby, Johnson, Kadie Grotogut, Britney, Jessica and Melissa Montgomery - Gruver Good Guys of the Week.

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Persons who qualify for the Assistant Manger and lifeguard positions shall be able to obtain certified lifeguard training. For further information contact City Manager Robert Patrick at 659-2524.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 30 S.W. Court. The City is an E.O.E.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

C.E. Harmon Oil, Inc., 4823 S. Sheridan, Suite 312, Tulsa, OK 74145 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the White Dolomite, Spivey Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles SW of Gruver, TX, in the Danden Field, in Hansford County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3200 to 3400 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

CITY OF SPEARMAN TO BE CONDUCTING DOOR-TO-DOOR SURVEY

The City of Spearman is applying for a Community Development

Block Grant through the Texas Community Development Program to provide residents with sewer and water system improvements. Specifically, the City of Spearman could be awarded up to \$250,000 in grant funds to assist with this project. One of the objectives of the Texas Community Development Program is to principally benefit low and moderate income persons. At least fifty-one percent of the persons benefiting from the proposed project must have an income of less than 80% of the area median family income. This can be determined in two ways. First of all, information taken from the 1990 census can be used to document that the project principally benefits low to moderate-income persons.

The second way this can be determined is by conducting a door-to-door survey to determine the number of persons living in each household and the total income of each family.

In the City of Spearman, there are no portions of the City that meet these criteria based on the census information. Therefore, a door-to-door survey will be conducted to determine the income status of the portions affected by our grant proposal. The surveyed area will roughly be from 7th Avenue north. Participation in this survey is voluntary; however, participation is encouraged in order for the City to qualify for these grant funds. This survey will be conducted over the next few weeks. This survey should not take more than five minutes per household. Please note that the survey is confidential; your name will not be anywhere on the survey form.

If you have any questions concerning this survey, please contact Robert Patrick, City Manager, at 659-2524.

COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: March 12, 1999; Name of Contractor: City of Gruver, P.O. Box 947, Gruver, TX 79040-0947. TO ALL INTERESTED

AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Gruver, Gruver, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release community development funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 718729.

Project Title: Sewer System Improvements

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Gruver's water system by drilling and developing a new water well.

Location: City of Gruver, TX.

Enumeration District/Census Tract: Census Tract 9501

Estimated Cost of Project: \$338,630 (\$250,000 TDHCA) (\$88,630 City of Gruver)

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Gruver's Water System Improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's water system. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission,

P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attention: Tim McLemore, (806) 372-3381, or from the City of Gruver.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the entity to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered, and the entity will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Gruver will undertake the project described above with Community Development Program funds from the Department of Housing and Community Affairs under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Mark Irwin, Mayor as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in her official capacity as Mayor consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Gruver may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of

contractor approved by Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs; or (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Finance Division, P.O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

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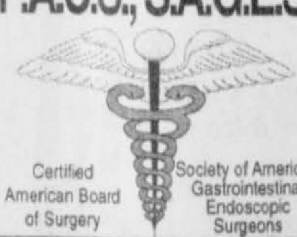
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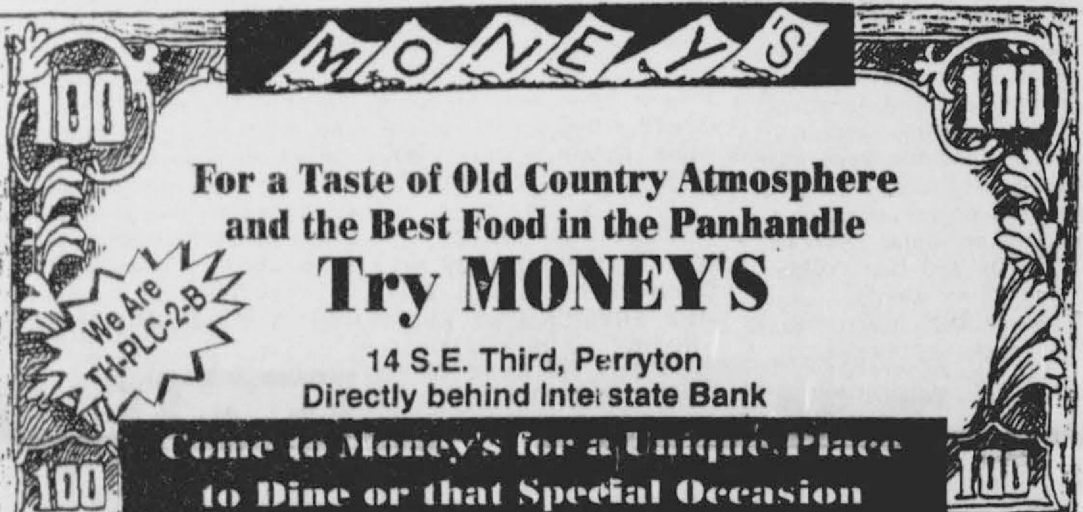


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