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## Will Hansford County Ante-Up For Drug Task Force Problems?

by Harletta Carthel

As one of the counties in the original Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force (PRNTTF), Hansford County may learn next week if there is a price to pay for the task force's involvement in the controversial Tulia drug bust of 1999.

Both Randall and Potter County have settled with the plaintiffs in the Tulia drug trial. Randall County agreed to pay \$25,000 while Potter County has settled for a total of \$50,000 which included a settlement by Sheriff Mike Shumate, a member of the task force board.

No determination of settlement has been reached in any of the other counties in the task force, but Hansford County officials may learn more of their status next week. "The county commissioners court will be meeting in special session Tuesday, April 13, with Attorney Charlotte Bingham of Austin," Benny Wilson, Hansford County Judge said. "We don't even know what is on the table at this point."

Bingham, who represents the insurance company for the Texas Association of Counties, will address the status of Hansford County in the litigation.

"We do not anticipate Hansford County being out any additional funds," Judge Wilson said. "We have met our \$2500 deductible, and any other funds should come from the insurance company."

Hansford County's association with the PRNTTF has been unique. An original member of the task force, Hansford County, upon the request of Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, withdrew from the association on June 1, 1999, the beginning of the fiscal year for the entity.

On that same date, Tom Coleman, who is at the center of the Tulia drug bust controversy, was hired as an undercover agent for the task force.

Hansford County later rejoined the task force on or about November 9, 1999, several months after the Tulia drug bust of July 23, 1999, which gives rise to the questions whether Hansford County was a member of the task force during the Tulia drug bust, and if that association or non-association will play a part in the Tulia settlement.

"I decided to drop out of the task force because I didn't feel Hansford County was benefiting from the association," McFarlin said. "I had continually asked for their help to get an undercover agent to come into the county, but was never able to get one."

Whether the county's leaving the task force will have a bearing on the settlement case maybe answered in next week's meeting with Bingham.

In Hansford County's rejoining of the task force in late 1999, McFarlan said that the task force's willingness to train Hansford County deputy Pete Ochoa in drug enforcement was a factor in the decision.

McFarland stated that no arrest were made in Hansford County through the drug task force, but a mini-task force, which began over two years ago in the county had been more successful.

"The mini- drug task force composed of the Gruver and Spearman Police Offices and the Hansford County Sheriff's Office has been responsible for all the drug arrests made in the county," McFarland said.

"Our mini task force continues to train our people like Lance Swan and the county's drug dog, both of whom recently attended a training school for narcotics," McFarland said.

Hansford County is not the only county whose part in the PRNTTF is in question. Counties such as Dallam and Lipscomb question whether they were ever a part of the group.



### The joys and woes of rain –

Amy Brown, Jessica Brown and Jessica Bates (above, L-R) enjoy the aftermath of the rain received on Tuesday, April 6th, while Frank Salgado (left) works to clean the mud out of the gutter next to his house on Haney Street.

The much-needed rain was a especially welcomed by local farmers and ranchers. As wheat begins to "spring up," producers are looking forward to higher yields and prices.

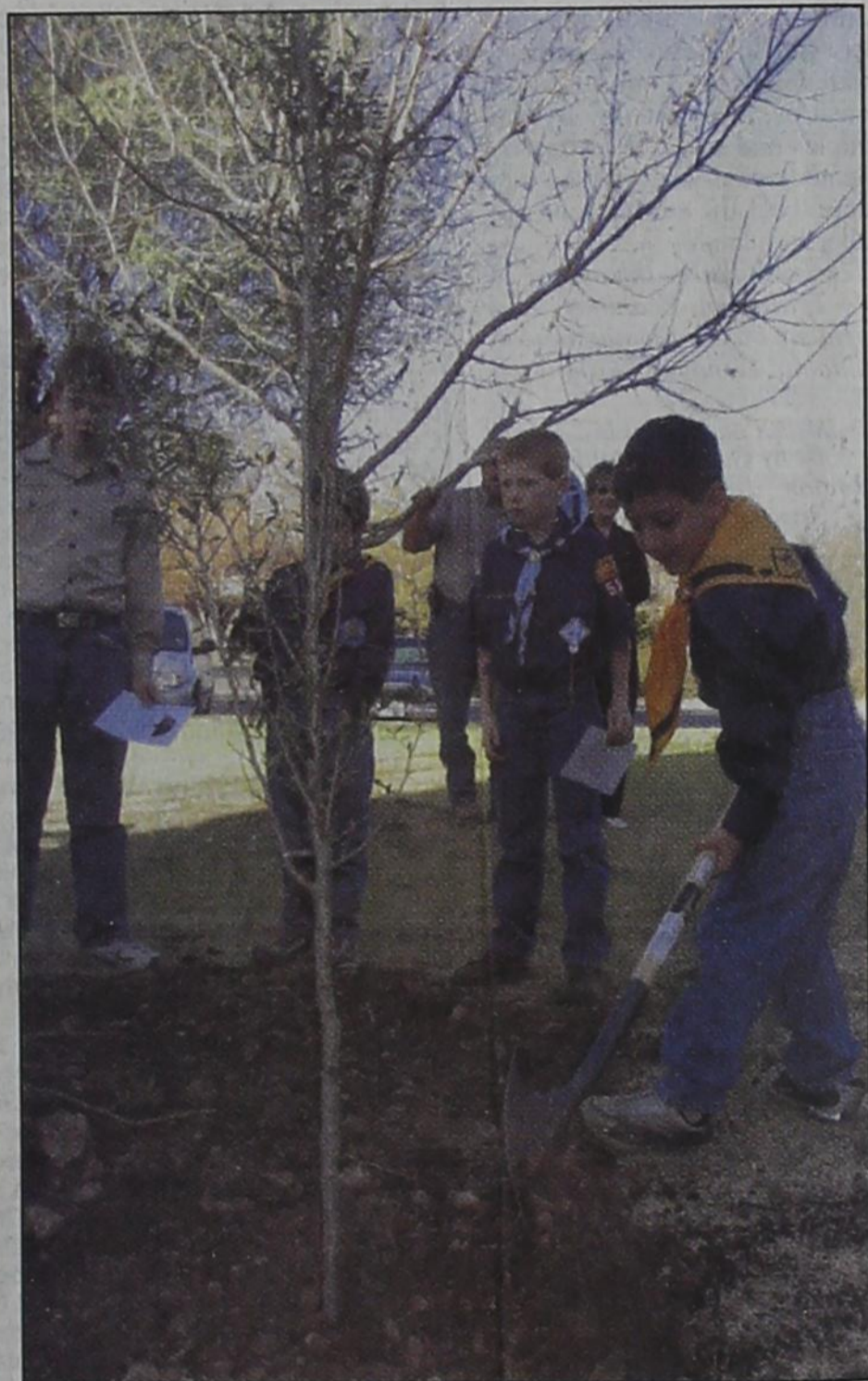
## Hansford County Courthouse Receives Heritage Oak Tree

The Wolf Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored the planting of an oak tree at the Hansford County Courthouse on Wednesday afternoon, March 31, 2004 at 5 p.m. Spearman Cub Scouts assisted in the planting of the tree.

The tree, a Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak, was grown from an acorn harvested from a live oak tree located on the site of Stephen F. Austin's death, near present-day West Columbia, Texas.

In order to perpetuate the memory and accomplishments of Stephen F. Austin, Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak trees are being planted in the county seat of each county in the State of Texas and at each school that bears the name of Stephen F. Austin.

See related story on page 7.



Spearman Cub Scout Alec Cineceros does his part in planting a live oak tree at Hansford County Courthouse. The tree is a Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak.

## Local Coach, Basketball Players Garner Honors

by Harletta Carthel

A trio of Hansford County basketball players and Spearman's Girls Basketball Coach, Kyle Short have been cited for honors for the 2003-2004 season.

Both Coach Short and Gruver's Cody Mac Been were named to the Amarillo Globe-News' Super Teams.

Short, who guided the Spearman Lynxettes to an area girls basketball title, was named to the 2A Super Team as Coach of the Year.

Despite not having a player on his team to average double figures in scoring, Short used a team effort to guide the Lynxettes to two playoff victories.

Been, a Gruver High School junior, was one of five players in the Panhandle named to the elite Panhandle 1A team. Helping to lead the Greyhounds to a bi-district championship, Been was earlier named District I-A's Most Valuable Player.

Cassie Myatt, a senior at Gruver High School, was selected to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' (TABC) first team list and the Texas Girls Coach's all state roster. She was also named to the regional and state academic teams.

Keilee Goodheart, a Spearman High senior, was chosen for the second team by the TABC and was a mainstay on the area champion Lynxettes team.



Coach Kyle Short



Cody Mac Been



Cassie Myatt



Keilee Goodheart

## Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Perryton. Mike Heck, Farm Loan Manager announced.

Hansford County was designated as a primary disaster area due to losses caused by excessive rain, flash flooding, hail, high winds, lightning, and a tornado that occurred on June 5 and June 9, 2003.

Also eligible under the same weather condition because they were contiguous are the counties of Hutchinson, Moore, Ochiltree, Roberts and Sherman.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses for the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

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## Odom Named GISD Business Manager



Debby Odom

Debby Odom has been named business manager of Gruver Schools, a position she will assume June 1, 2004.

She replaces Randy Reid, who recently resigned to accept a similar position with Denison Schools in Denison, Texas.

Odom, who has been employed as teacher in Gruver since 1988, began her teaching career in Vernon where she taught Vocational Educational for four years.

At Gruver schools, she has taught Business Computer Information Systems I and II, accounting, economics, general business, and desk top publishing.



Kathleen Sutton, Kathy Bryant, Mary Lou Wysong and Orville Latham enjoy singing during the Holy Week luncheon on Tuesday, April 6th. Holy Week services are sponsored each year by the Spearman Ministerial Alliance.

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# Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith  
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My dear friend Vicki Orth, Kristi Ramon's mother, sent me the following story. I thought it was a good reminder to slow down - especially during the Easter season.

A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar.

He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door!

He slammed on the brakes and backed the Jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown.

The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"

The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister... please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do."

He pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop..."

With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up."

Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me." Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat.

He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay.

"Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the Jaguar.

The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message: "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get you

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

## The Perfect Storm That's About to Hit Rising Oil Prices and a Weak Dollar Could Shatter the Global Economy

by Jeremy Rifkin

The average nationwide price of a gallon of gasoline in America reached a record high of \$1.77 this month. The steady spike in prices has left analysts wondering if this is a harbinger of even more dramatic increases as motorists head into the spring and summer months. Get ready for what might become the economy's version of the perfect storm later this summer. The devastation could quickly spread to the UK and the rest of the world, with dire consequences for the global economy. The first hint of what might be in store came last month when Opec announced its decision to withdraw 1m barrels of crude oil a day from the market. Opec is worried about the weakening value of the dollar: it has lost one-third of its value in just under two years. Since Opec sells oil for dollars, the oil-producing countries are losing precious revenue as the value of the dollar continues to erode. And because oil-producing countries then turn around and purchase much of their goods and services from the EU and must pay in euros, their purchasing power continues to deteriorate. (The euro is currently valued at \$1.23.)

How will the weaker dollar affect oil prices? Philip K Verleger, the dean of US oil market analysts and a visiting fellow at the Institute for International Economics, suggests that "oil-exporting countries may decide to adjust their price band to reflect the falling value of the dollar". If the dollar continues to slide, he warns, we could see oil prices rising from the current \$38.18 a barrel to a record high of \$40 by midsummer.

There are other dark clouds on the horizon. US crude oil inventories are at the lowest point since the mid 70s, and the retail gasoline market is operating with little reserve margin as we move into the summer months, where more travel will increase demand. The dwindling oil reserves are made worse by the White House decision to replenish the strategic petroleum reserve, further reducing the amount of gasoline available.

Verleger says gasoline could climb as high as \$3.50 a gallon before leveling off at \$2 by the autumn. How high prices eventually soar could depend on still other factors, including potential oil disruptions in Venezuela and the Middle East. There is also the prospect that one or two major refineries might fail during peak demand this summer - not that unusual when increased consumer pressure forces refineries to produce at peak capacity without taking the time for proper maintenance.

Here is where events potentially begin to feed off each

other, creating the conditions for the perfect storm for the economy. If the price of oil increases to \$40 a barrel with an accompanying rise in gasoline prices, the already weak economic recovery could stall.

How then do we lower the price of a barrel of oil? We'd have to strengthen the value of the dollar so that Opec would not be forced to raise prices to compensate for the deteriorating value of the currency. But the dollar's value is declining because of America's growing debt. The IMF is so concerned about US debt - the result of rising budget deficits and trade imbalance - that it issued a report warning that if steps weren't taken to reverse the trend, it could threaten the financial stability of the world economy.

An ever-weaker dollar makes foreign investors less interested in financing the mushrooming US debt. The US could raise interest rates, making it more attractive for foreign investors, but that would mean higher interest rates for US companies and consumers, which could dampen the already weak recovery and send us back into a recession in the US and around the world.

So we have all the conditions coming together to create the perfect economic storm: record oil prices triggering a restriction in US economic growth and an increase in the federal budget deficit, accompanied by further erosion in the value of the dollar - with increased budget deficits and the diminished value of the dollar leading in turn to higher interest rates to convince foreign investors to lend the US additional money, followed by a further retraction of the US economy as rising interest rates lead to a drop in domestic investment and consumption. The cascade of events touches off a tsunami that engulfs the rest of the global economy, submerging the world in deep recession.

As long as the US and global economy are increasingly dependent on an ever-dwindling supply of oil from the Middle East, the conditions for a perfect economic storm will continue to haunt us. The solution, in the long run, is to wean the world off its dependency on oil. That would require much tougher fuel efficiency standards, greater energy conservation measures, support of hybrid vehicles and a switch to renewable sources of energy. Short of that, expect the storm clouds to gather in intensity.

Jeremy Rifkin is the author of 'The Hydrogen Economy' and president of the Foundation on Economic Trends in Washington DC

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## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions through April 9th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on April 29, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### Reyna Ruiz Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established for Reyna Ruiz through the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Donations may be mailed to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ruiz Scholarship Fund, PO Box 127, Spearman, TX 79081. Reyna is the daughter of Elva Ruiz and the late Gerardo Ruiz of Spearman.

### Medical Fund Established for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez

A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, Melissa Vasquez Fund, 1 NE Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

### Hearts of Gold Gala

The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host the Hearts of Gold Gala on Friday, April 23, 2004 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in honor of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring an assortment of heart-felt items from generous local merchants. Savor a feast prepared by the Williams Family and served by a wealth of local celebrities at 7 p.m. The generous, life-saving contributions of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard will be shared at 8 p.m. A live auction will be held at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any of the following board members: Kay Hobbs, Patricia Bratton, Sharron Swan, Amy Babbs, Missie Bates, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Penny Ralston, Anita Sumner or Anna Beth Wood.

### Project Graduation

The parents of the Senior Class of 2004 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises on Friday, May 28th. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2004" memory, making this project "special," please call Nikki Lozano at 659-2568 or 659-3964; or Charlotte Sheets at 659-2971. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

### Volleyball Tournament Slated

A volleyball tournament has been scheduled to raise funds for Gruver athlete Blythe Finely to attend the Down Under Games in Australia this summer. The tournament will be held April 9 and 10 at the sand volleyball court in Gruver City Park. Bragging rights and prizes will be given to winning teams. To register your team call 733-2702 or 806-683-4551. Cost is \$10 per person.

### Spearman Union Church Hosting Pre-Easter Rally

The Spearman Union Church is hosting World Bible Way Fellowship, Inc. in a Pre-Easter Rally on April 7th, 8th & 9th. Special speakers will include Marlon Sparks of Perryton; Tom Calk of Paris, TX; Steve Cates of Corinth, TX and Dr. Dan Hope of Irving. Evening services will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Breakfast will be held from 8-9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, followed by a Prayer & Share session from 10-11:30 a.m. Lunch sessions will be held at the First Christian Church for the annual Holy Week Service from 12-1. For more information, contact Rev. Bill Sparks at the Spearman Union Church, 31 S. Endicott in Spearman, or call 659-2644, 659-5073 or 886-0459.

### 2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration

The 2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2004. Activities will be held on main street from 10 a.m. to midnight, with the street dance ending festivities for the day. A presentation dance will be held on April 17th at Palo Duro Lake. Booth space is available for free, and may be reserved by contacting the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

### Cinco de Mayo Queen/King Contest

The 2nd Annual Cinco de Mayo Queen and King Contest will be held in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 1, 2004. Contestants must be 15-20 years of age by May 1, 2004, and be unmarried with no children. They will sell votes for \$1 each and are encouraged to be creative in their efforts for fundraising. Votes will be turned to the Chamber of Commerce each Monday by 4 p.m. The Chamber will calculate the votes and keep a detailed computer log of each candidate. Sponsoring businesses will agree to pay the \$50 entry fee and have the option of furnishing the contestant's clothing. The entry deadline is Thursday, April 15th at 5 p.m. Applications are available at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Office, 211 Main Street. For more information, call 659-5555.

### Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering, Saturday, April 11th at Canadian UMC, 502 Main Street. A pot luck dinner will begin at 6 PM. A special Communion and Worship service will follow at 7 PM. Sponsors training will be held after that. Those sponsors who have yet to bring their pilgrims to community, now would be a great opportunity. Nursery will be provided. And, spouses or persons interested in Emmaus but have not attended are welcome.

### Spearman Swim Team Meeting

Spearman Swim Team 2004 will begin soon. A meeting has been set for Thursday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the First State Bank Hospitality Room to try on suits for sizing before ordering. All previous members need to attend as well as any interested new swimmers. If you cannot attend, please call Kitty Edwards at 659-3773 or Bonnie Bergan at 659-5529. Only one order for suits will be placed. Anyone wishing to order after the order is placed will have to do so individually. A deposit will be required prior to ordering. The Spearman Swim Meet will be held on June 26th. Each swim team member is required to swim in at least two meets. For more information about costs and meets contact Kitty or Bonnie.

### Benefit Volleyball Tournament

A volleyball tournament to raise funds for Gruver athlete Blythe Finely to attend the Down Under Games in Australia this summer is slated for April 9 and 10 at the sand volleyball court in Gruver City Park. Bragging rights and prizes will be given to winning teams. To register, call 733-2702 or 806-683-4551. Cost is \$10 per person.

### "Can We Trust The Bible"

"Can We Trust The Bible," will be the topic of a spring meeting at the Gruver Church of Christ, April 11-14. Gaylord Cook will speak at 10:20 a.m. Sunday, April 11 on the Canonicity of the Old Testament and on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. on the canonicity of the New Testament. On Monday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m., Stan Mitchell of Borger will speak on the all-sufficiency of the Bible. On Tuesday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m., Larry Evans of Stratford will speak on the Bible's ability to be understood. On Wednesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. - Frankie Lemons of Pampa will speak on the Bible's Inspiration by God.

### You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

### Beware of FAFSA Web Scam

Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as [fafsa.com](http://fafsa.com), the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) site.

**Thank You**

We would like to express our thanks for the many expressions of love shown to us during our mother's illness and death. Thanks for all the prayers, visits, cards, flowers and food.

We would especially like to thank the ladies of the First Baptist Church for the delicious meal and to Ralph Mireles for his comforting message. Thanks to the Union Church for the use of their facilities and for assisting with the dinner. Also, thanks to the Hospice nurses who were there for us no matter the time of day or night.

The Family of Edith Smith  
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# Our Deepest Sympathy

## RAMON GARCIA

GRUVER - Ramon Garcia, 80, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004. Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 2, 2004 at 2 p.m. in the Iglesia Cristo Redentor Catholic Church in Gruver with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Interment will be in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Ramon was a farm laborer and a member of the Iglesia Cristo Redentor Catholic Church of Gruver.

He is survived by his wife, Idolina Garcia of Gruver; six daughters, Eustolia Garcia of CD, Juarez, Mexico, Ramona Soto of El Paso, Josefa Grandados of Gruver, Soledad Favela of Sunland Park, NM, Hermina Aguilar of Gruver and Sandy Franco of El Paso; one son, Ramon Garcia Jr. of Gruver; a stepdaughter, Marico Balderama of El Paso; a sister, Soledad Garcia of El Paso; 26 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

## DON EVANS

GRUVER - Don Evans, 64, died Saturday, April 3, 2004, in Spearman. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Monday, April 5th in Gruver Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Gumfory officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Evans was born on March 4, 1940 in Decatur, Texas. He married Janie Jeffries on October 13, 1978.

Mr. Evans was a member of United Methodist Church of Gruver. He was a Hansford County weather watcher from 1971 to 2004. He was formerly employed by the City of Gruver and owned and operated Don Evans Trucking. He was a former member of the Gruver Fire Department.

Survivors include his wife, Janie Jeffries Evans; three daughters, Donna Lloyd and husband, Harold, of Guymon, OK, and Tania Hall and Charlene Heath, both of Amarillo; two stepsons, Joel White and wife, Chenoah, of Colorado Springs, CO, and Jeffrey Hand and wife, Mary, of Topeka, KS; a stepdaughter, Joanna Cooper of Las Vegas; a sister, Mildred Schreuer and husband, Art, of Killeen; four brothers, Jerry Evans of Spearman, Bill Evans of Waka, Gene Evans and wife, Cindy, of Waco and Gerald Evans and wife, Frances, of Killeen; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081 or to the funeral home for the benefit of the family.

## JOYCE PATTERSON WILLIAMSON

SPEARMAN - Joyce Patterson Williamson, 65, died on Monday, April 5, 2004.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, April 8, 2004 at 11 a.m. at Holt Cemetery with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Ms. Williamson was born on September 25, 1938 in Borger. She had lived in the area her entire life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Medlin and Maudine (Campbell) Patterson.

Ms. Williamson owned and operated a restaurant in the area. She was member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Teresa Eakins of Borger, Delinda Piatt of Japan and Kim Rex of Spearman; a son, Larry Scroggs of Fritch; three brothers, L.M. "Sonny" Patterson, Jr., John Patterson and Pat Patterson, all of Spearman; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## ANABEL G. SIMMONS

PAMPA - Anabel G. Simmons, 95, died Thursday, April 1, 2004. Services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 5, 2004 in Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel. Interment was in Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton.

Mrs. Simmons was born May 13, 1908, on Bock 4-T, T&NO) Ry Survey in Ochiltree County to H.T. "Bud" and Alice Amanda Forbes Gilliam of Wawaka. She accepted Christ as her Savior when she was nine years of age and lived an exemplary Christian life for her entire lifetime.

On September 7, 1930, she married Edwin Evans Simmons at Gruver. The couple made their home in Ochiltree County until 1939 when they moved to Amarillo. They were residents of Amarillo until 1945 then moved to Pampa in Gray County where she continued to live until her death. She and Edwin had one child, Paul Simmons. She was a member of Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her only brother, James P. Gilliam; a niece, Joyce Elaine Gilliam; and her husband on December 26, 2003.

Survivors include a son, Paul Simmons and wife, Ione Martin Simmons, of Pampa; two grandchildren, J. Vondel Stevens and husband, Scott, of Canyon and E.P. Simmons of Chicago; a great-grandson, Timothy Stevens of Canyon; three nieces, Rubyjo Wilbanks and husband, J.D., of Spearman, Eltha Hensley and husband, Melvin, of Pampa and Bertha Ann Leflet and husband, Charles, of Texas City; a nephew, Leslie Gilliam and wife, Elena, of McAllen; a sister-in-law, Beatrice Putman and husband, Rex, of Pea Ridge, AR; and a host of friends who also mourn her death.

The family suggest memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner St., Pampa, TX 79065, or to a favorite charity.

# 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*

## April 8

**Birthday** - Cami Shapley Jenschke, Damon Goodheart, Julie Ortega, Shenell Taylor, Brandon Vanderburg, Barbara Ellsworth, Ramona Garcia, Isaac Herndon, C.A. Davis, Jennifer Laxson, Jim Deakin, Dalton Ortega

## April 9

**Birthday** - Julie Martin, Phyllis Atwood, T.J. Bayless, Diane Brown, Jeremy Harris, Colby Hunt, Dan Odom, June Kelp, Annette Pope, Patti Schnell, Pepper Collingsworth, Cease Riley, Lori Young, Sims Reddin, Kara Womble, Clyde Hodde, April Butts, Robin Castillo

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Keith Burgess

## April 10

**Birthday** - Bill Been, Mack Hoel, Matthew Hoel, Sally Jones, Blane Tolleson, Donita Lusby, J.L. Pierce, Mary Lou Wysong, Jan Halladay, Mac Sheppard, Penny Cummings, Shelby Lopez, Ramon Garcia Sr., Aaron Maestas

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Osbourne

## April 11

**Birthday** - Harlan Gerardy, Darrell Harvey, Billy Logsdon, Tammie Jo Simpson, Mike Stewart, David Pope, Wardell Volden, Robert Brisen, Slavin Sparks, Bill Baker, Dana McLaughlin, Mickie Fanning, Courtney Sheets, Austin Munoz, Diane Rosser, Jamie Renteria

## April 12

**Birthday** - Jennifer Lopez, Alice Slough, Mary TeBeest, Earl Taylor, Chance Jackson, Lelia Reyes, Paul Lopez Jr., Tara Butt, Sonya Messer, Tammy Red, Keith Hight, Helen Soto, Lilla Villa, Lauren Ferguson

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Nollner

## April 13

**Birthday** - Lindsay Barkley, Ashley (Wagner) Bezner, Chad Clawson, Norma Jean Mackie, Elaine Morris, Robbie Randall, Maria Cole, Greg Black, Rebecca Cruse, Sarah Miser, Paula Labrier, Clete Vanderberg, Billy Logsdon, Dedee Ellis, Sara Paschel, Shelby Reising, Gaylord Cook

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Rey Burgess

## April 14

**Birthday** - Ross Bulls, Cynthia Floyd, Verla

Kunsleman, Dorsey Perez, Ryan Perez

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Lusby, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Harvey

## April 15

**Birthday** - Cathy Boone, Jim Roberts, Danny Knox, Dorothy Faye Baggerly, Michelle Beedy, Eva Mae Reger, Kenneth Pierce, Emma Garcia, Margie Crockett, Stephanie Campbell, Nicole Ramon, Jeff Coates, Austin Gross, Wesley Thompson, Skyler Sumner

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Victor Soto, Mr. & Mrs. Wally Berner

## April 16

**Birthday** - Rod Barkley, Amber Knight, Anise Renner, Clayton Thompson, Cathy Patterson, David Knox, Edward Beck, Walter Jones, Alice Rodriguez, Tylan Pearce, Vernon Morris, G.W. Robinson, Jim Tucker, Joann Baca, Dorsey Perez, Matt Anderson

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Hoover

## April 17

**Birthday** - Tim Garland, Gary Smith, Bill Porter, Linda Mosier, Anissa Ryan, Edgar Nava, Cheryl Hill, Kendra Jones, Jimmy Tope, Alfred Avila, Albert Avila, Tavo Hermisillo, Jenifer DeLaCruz, Norma Reis, Maurine Stenson, Ann Pape, Callie Stedje, John Smith, Katie Reed, Wendy Frick

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rodriguez, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Bailey, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Garland, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hunter

## April 18

**Birthday** - Billy Kelly Jr., J.D. McCoy, Gregg Farr, Victor Rios Jr., Cacy Vaughn, Jena Cherry, Cha'tae Avila, Jennifer Gonzales, Elmo Dahl, Jeb Lee, Israel Arzate

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Steve TeBeest

## April 19

**Birthday** - Hunter Bevil, Opal Barnes, Bobby Snider, Landon Swan, Sterling True, Norman Gilmore, Lori Duffie Johnson, Blare Dudley, Jessica Blake, Victoria Temple, Crystal Gross, Socoyyo Tarango, Hortencia Trejo, Elizabeth Castillo, Jocelyn Whitefield

**Anniversary** - John & Tammy Woodward

## April 20

**Birthday** - Mickey Maupin, Reid Winger, Dorothy Lusby, Ed Pearson, Nita Baker, Leann Carson, Denise Rojas, Gary Easley, Matt Zachary, Gary Koons, Jared Harrison, Valerie Perez, Inez Arzate

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# Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

The Lutheran & Presbyterian Churches furnished church services for the Manor on Sunday, March 28th. Thank you for giving of yourselves.

Monday morning was an enlightening time with Newscurrents. We discussed the Hubble telescope 2011. It took one picture in one second and saw 10,000 galaxies! Also discussed among other news articles was the flood situation in Venice, Italy. They are trying to decide if flood gates put along the ocean shore would help keep the city from being flooded. (Doesn't sound like the Texas Panhandle, does it?)

Monday afternoon several residents gathered for Resident Council. The April calendar was approved with no changes. Ballots were passed out and Joyce Crum was elected for Resident of the Month as well as Pam Moore as the CNA of the Month for April. Congratulations!

That night the Rotary Club hosted bingo for the residents. Thank you to the Rotary Club for your help and for the desserts!

On Tuesday morning a pep rally was held in the activity room for the staff. Many new programs are being implemented to complement the exceptional staff that we have at Hansford Manor. Afterward, Janie Kunselman played the piano as she and residents sang many Easter songs for Musercise.

In the afternoon, we had a fun game of Taboo and then watched a film on Jerusalem.

The First Baptist Church of Gruver furnished the evening meal that night for Christian Buffet. That is always one of the most enjoyed meals of the month. Thank you one and all!!

Wednesday morning Ann Whitaker led the Bible study. I have listened in on some of her teachings and have noticed that her audience is growing. The residents enjoy the study very much. Thank you, Ann!

The afternoon was spent working away on the items for the kindergarten children that will visit on the 8th for the Easter Egg Hunt and party. We plan to turn our rabbit out to visit with them when they are here.

Thursday morning was spent shaping up to the tunes of "Oh You Beautiful Doll" among other music. Music sure makes it easier to exercise!

The afternoon was filled with Bingo hosted by the Auxiliary. Thank you to the Auxiliary.

Friday morning we had a Sing Along session with the residents with many older tunes like Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail and Easter Parade. What memories songs like that bring back!

The afternoon had been set aside to do spring cleaning on the flower and vegetable beds to prepare for planting. Well, along came June Edwards and Art from Phoenix, AZ with these big, beautiful lemons from Art's back yard! You guessed it-----lemons became fresh lemonade, but most of the beds got cleaned out too.

# URBAN LEGENDS: Don't Believe Everything You Read In E-Mail

by Linda Anderson, lw-anderson@tamu.edu

What do shampoo, bottled water, plastic water bottles, artificial sweetener and sun screen have in common?

All are the subjects of urban legends.

"Urban legends are scary stories circulating through the Internet by e-mail," said Dr. Carol Rice, Texas Cooperative Extension health specialist.

Many of these stories are false, but they just keep making the rounds over and over.

"The shampoo one hit e-mails in 1998, and it's still circulating," she said. This urban legend claims that some shampoos and toothpastes contain sodium lauryl sulfate, which is reported to cause cancer in alarming numbers.

"It's totally and completely false," Rice said.

Yes, these products do contain this substance, and no, it doesn't cause cancer.

What it does cause is diarrhea if too much is swallowed. Because of that fact, as of April 1998, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration requires that fluoride toothpaste packaging carry warning labels about swallowing too much toothpaste that contains sodium lauryl sulfate, as well as sorbitol and fluoride.

"What's interesting to me is this (myth) has been circulating relatively unchanged for years," Rice said. "It wastes a phenomenal amount of time for people to look these things up. It wouldn't keep coming up if it

wasn't continually forwarded." Another urban legend that can cause health concerns claims 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated because they fail to drink eight to 10 glasses of water each day.

Not true, Rice said. "While it's not a hazard to your health to drink eight to 10 glasses of water a day, it's not true that 75 percent of Americans are chronically dehydrated. How much water needs to be taken in depends on how much you lose."

And it doesn't have to be water. Other liquids and food can replenish fluid that is lost from daily activities.

"The body works to replenish what we lose, and most of us have a pretty good system that lets us know when we need to replenish liquid," she said.

What about those plastic water bottles? Reusing them causes them to break down into cancer-causing chemicals, right?

Wrong, Rice said. Refilling plastic water bottles with more water won't release any cancer-causing ingredients into the water.

However, she warned, "We don't recommend reusing them because if you don't wash them and keep them clean, you could have things growing in there you don't want," such as bacteria and other impurities.

Some urban legends are guaranteed to terrify parents, including the one that claims waterproof sun screen can blind a

child if it gets into his or her eyes.

This is another falsehood, Rice said. If waterproof sun screen gets into a child's eyes, rinse it out with water.

"All these things have some little bit of underlying veracity, something to make people want to latch onto them and believe," she said. "If you get sun screen in your eye it will burn, but you will not go blind."

Prevent Blindness America's Web site addresses this issue at: [http://www.preventblindness.org/news/releases/UV\\_598.html](http://www.preventblindness.org/news/releases/UV_598.html).

What about artificial sweeteners? Because watching calories and carbs has become a national pastime, soft drinks and other foods and drinks sweetened artificially are big sellers. Is consumption of the artificial sweetener aspartame often marketed as NutraSweet causing an epidemic of multiple sclerosis and lupus like a persistent urban legend reports?

No, it's not, Rice said. Nor is it causing increases in brain tumors or cancer or other serious illnesses.

"This legend has never been verified, it's been refuted by a number of different sources, including the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation," she said.

"The only people who really have to avoid aspartame have a condition they are born with, called phenylketonuria, or PKU, and all babies are tested for it. They know who they are."

Don't be taken by these or other urban legends, Rice advised. If one shows up in e-mail, "ask yourself, if it's this serious, why is it not also in the newspapers? Why is it not more generally known?"

"These legends have been circulating since the late 1990s and they keep coming back almost in the same form," she said. "The time spent checking them out could be spent in a more productive way, like getting out and taking a walk."

When these urban legends arrive? and they are difficult to avoid? visit a reputable Web site such as Snopes.com at <http://www.snopes.com/snopes.asp> to find out if they are true or false.

"This is not a scientific source, but they do take time to check things out," Rice said. And please, she added: Please don't forward anything.

For more information on health issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Web site at: <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to health and safety.

## It's A Girl!

Clint and Wendy Shook of Seiling, OK announce the birth of their daughter, Emaly Jayne Shook. Emaly was born on Wednesday, January 21, 2004, weighing 6 pounds, 11.2 ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Marc and Shatze Clayton of Chester, OK and Eddy and Mary Shook of Sunray. Great-grandparents are Charles Cook of Tracy, CA, Floydyan Shook of Gruver and FA Shapley of Tucson, AZ. Great-great-grandmother is Winnie Vernon of Gruver.

## Gruver Sets Spring Cleaning Day

by Harletta Carthel

A Spring Clean has been set for Gruver Saturday, April 24, by the Gruver Chamber of Commerce.

Residents are urged to use their day to clean their yards and surrounding areas to make Gruver a beautiful city.

"We are very excited about our first annual clean up day," Lisa Salmans, Gruver Chamber of Commerce director said. "We really want to make an effort to beautify our city."

The Chamber is seeking individuals or groups that will volunteer to help in specified areas of the city, such as the north end of Main Street.

"We may have a time for individuals or groups to meet and clean designated areas, not privately owned, of the city," Leon Bagwell, Chamber president said.

Several volunteers and volunteer groups are expected to be on call to help elderly residents or others in the community that may need assistance in their clean-up efforts. To schedule a time, contact Bagwell, 733-2177 or Salmans, 733-2861.

Help is also available for those wishing to dispose of junk vehicles, by calling 733-5114, for arrangements.

The Spearman Landfill will be open on clean-up day from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. to receive loads.

## PANHANDLE PLANNER

### Tri-City Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger. The Tri-City Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2004-2005 season. Concerts are as follows: September 5 - Alpine Hong (pianist); October 26 - Rhythm & Shoes; February 8 - Frank DeAmbrose (singer); March 12 - Artie Shaw Big Band Orchestra; March 19 - Richard Glazier (singer); April 7 - Southern Fried Jazz. Season memberships are: Adults - \$25, Students - \$10, and Family - \$50. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information.

### Liberal Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Liberal Community Concert Association of Liberal, KS. The Liberal Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2004-2005 season. Concerts are as follows: September 4 - Acoustic Cafe; October 16 - One Entangled Evening (2-hours w/orchestra); November 13 - Benny Kim (violinist); February 13 - Alpin Hong (pianist); March 13 - Artie Shaw Big Band Orchestra; May 17 - Side Street Strutters. Season memberships are: Adults - \$45, Students - \$20, and Family Pass - \$95. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information.

### Single Parenting Seminar

A Single Parenting Seminar entitled "Straight from Heaven: Down to Earth Discipline" has been scheduled for April 24th from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo. The seminar will help single parents cope with the experience of building healthy and happy homes. Anyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is invited to attend these adult workshops and children sessions. Child care is available by reservation only, by calling Marie at 353-6615. For more information, or to make a reservation, call Penny at 353-6615. The entry deadline is April 14th.

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*by Dorothy Hudson*  
**Out At The Lake**

Lake Level--April 5, 2004--26.09 feet (-0.20)  
Fishermen were out, and there were a few campers. The campers reported seeing turkeys around. The Berry Grain Company of Waka has sent over some corn for them by way of Joe Olivarez, one of our regular fishermen.

A flock of 20 white pelicans has been seen at the lake. These big white birds are always fun to watch.  
Many of us have been awed by the spring bloom on the fruit trees and redbuds. Conditions must be just right to have the trees so full of blossoms.

It is getting time for prairie dog migration. Since Gruver has an active dog town next to its southeast corner, we can expect to see some of these rodents checking for homes in town. This made me remember a story told by Orlando A. "Brick" Bond in the Encyclopedia of Buffalo Hunters and Skinners.

Brick Bond was one of the more famous of the buffalo

hunters as a marksman and could keep five skinkers busy. He was at Adobe Walls at Billy Dixon's side when Dixon made the long shot with a borrowed Sharps "Big Fifty" and unhorsed an Indian on a butte 1537 yards away from Rath's store.

While hunting, Bond had seen an unusual battle between prairie dogs and a large rattlesnake. The snake was encircled by about twenty-five prairie dogs, who were barking and running around him. They would close in until the snake would strike, but they kept the proper distance where he never struck one of them. When the snake was uncoiled, the dogs would toss him from one side to the other. The rattler would coil again, and the whole episode would be repeated. After about thirty minutes, the snake was too exhausted to coil, so they tore him to pieces. Then Bond cut off the rattles and would later show them to friends saying, "He was a big one, sixteen rattles and a button."

**Among The Neighbors**  
*by Helen Fisher*

That thrilled expression on the faces of Janie and Carl Kunselman is due to the arrival of their granddaughter, Kadence Paige. She arrived on March 31, 2004 weighing 8 lb. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. The Liberal, KS hospital was the scene of her arrival. Her parents are Cameron and Kristi Kunselman of Ulysses, Ks. Equally proud great grandparents are Don and Lorene Kunselman of Spearman.

An unusual sort of reunion was held by the girl cousins, descendants of the late Kiff and Ailene White at Holmes Construction Co. Tammie White Holmes was the hostess for the all night affair last weekend. Eating, sharing pictures and home videos furnished plenty of entertainment. Tammie's husband, Doug, prepared a delicious breakfast for them the next morning.

Those attending of Amarillo were Traci White, Terri White Dewberry, and Tammy Holmes, Tommy's daughters. Marsha White Shaver and YoVonn White Maytune of Guymon who were Kiffie's daughters. Sue Sloan Jenkins of Amarillo is Frankie's daughter. Jane Tremble Burke of Arlington and Judy Tremble May of Dumas who were Joyce's girls. Aleta Hall Jackson who was Catherine's daughter and DeLinda McLaughlin, Virginia's daughter live in Spearman.

Vickie and Ronnie Bullard and Nina Hendricks of Spearman attended their mother, Bertha Hendricks's 95th birthday party on Saturday, April 3rd. She is 95 and still lives at home and still drives. They stayed 4 days and returned last night.

Sheila Sparks Monday visited in Spearman recently with Linda & Jimmy Beeson and other relatives, W.E. Sparks.

Jerry Sparks is home recovering from back surgery last Wednesday, March 31. Dr. Lagrone in Amarillo performed the procedure at the Physician's Surgical Clinic on Quail Creek. Merry reports that the doctor and the clinic were superior in performance. She said that they felt more like they were staying in a motel than in a hospital. Jerry is progressing very well. He will just have to lay low at home for a while.

How about sending a plumber to Congress? They know how to stop unnecessary things going down the drain.

If you have information you would like to include in this column, you may call Helen Fisher at 659-3468, Merry Sparks at 659-5849, or submit it at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; or you may call (806) 659-3434; fax (806) 659-3368; or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

**The Gruver Grapevine**  
*by Harletta Carthel*

**Senior Banquet Planned**  
The Gruver United Methodist Church will host its annual chuck wagon dinner and square dance for the class of 2004 April 20, at 7:00 p.m. All seniors are cordially invited.

**Lions Club Guests Named**  
GHS seniors Lourdes Vega and Jose Rodriguez were the Lions Club guests at the April 7 luncheon of the group.

**District Meets Set**  
The GHS tennis team will be competing in the district tennis meet April 14-15 in Amarillo.

District golf for boys and girls teams is set for April 12 and 13 in Borger.

**Sympathy Expressed**  
Grave side services were held for Don Evans Monday morning, April 5.

Don lost his battle to cancer after a long and courageous fight.

Sympathy is extended to his family and many friends.

**Community Care Concerns**  
Buck Tidwell spent several days last week in Baptist St. Anthony's. By press time, he should be home.

**Thrift Stores Continues Wednesday Operation**

The Open Door, a thrift store operated by the United Methodist Church of Gruver, is open each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
The store accepts donations of clothing, toys, household

goods, and furniture from the community. The Open Door is on Main Street just across from El Vaquero Restaurant.

**FFA Students Attend Houston Stock Show**

A large group of Gruver FFA students attended the Houston Livestock Show. Rachelle Holt, T Jay Sherrill, Reid Winger, Jessica Montgomery, Timber Barkley, Matt Messer, Hutch Reid, Nick Sough, and Charlie Slough represented Gruver well at the annual event.

**Salute To Gruver Good Guy**

As a community, we seek to instill good qualities in our young people and take pride when we see those qualities displayed.

Recently at the Houston Stock Show, a member of the Gruver FFA found a wallet containing \$300-\$400 dollars. Without a moment's hesitation, the sophomore student sought to return the wallet to its owner by making the wallet's discovery known and then turning it into the proper authorities.

For the character and integrity shown by this young man, the community takes pride in recognizing Reid Winger as a Gruver Good Guy.

**Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted**

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As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participated in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

Applications for loans under these emergency designations will be accepted until November 16, 2004 but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

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## High School Sports

**Spearman Golf DISTRICT GOLF TOURNEY**  
 March 29th & April 5th  
**Varsity Girls**  
 Team Placings: Canadian - 1st, Sanford-Fritch - 2nd, Panhandle - 3rd  
 Top Individual Medalists: Kayla Graham (Canadian) - 1st, Jessie Walker (Sanford-Fritch) - 2nd, Rebekah Welch (Sanford-Fritch) - 3rd  
 Spearman Varsity Girls placed fourth with a team total of 1044. Team members, and their scores, were: Sonny Parker (114+116=230), Maribel Moreno (136+141=277), Jessica Brown (125+126=251) and Emily Hood (144+142=286).  
 Two other Spearman students participated as individuals. Hannah Haddock (142+130=272) and Cara Gwin (153+137=290).

Sonny Parker placed 9th high individual and will advance to the Regional Golf Tournament on April 21st and 22nd in Baird.

**PERRYTON INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
 April 3, 2004  
**Varsity Boys**  
 Team Standings: 1st - Spearman 310, 2nd - Perryton 313, 3rd - Dalhart 319, 4th - Borger 331, 5th - Woodward, OK 335, 6th - Turpin, Okla. 388, 7th - Booker 432, 8th - Hooker, OK 466  
 Individual (Top 3): 1st - Collin Cunningham, Dalhart, 71; 2nd - Tate Allred, Perryton, 74; 3rd - Stuart Martin, Spearman, 76 (won on 3rd play-off hole).  
 Spearman: Tanner Hand 76, Stuart Martin 76, Brodie Savage

82, Tracy Brown 76.  
 Perryton: Tate Allred 74, Miles Seybert 79, Taylor Manross 84, Drew Foster 76, Kevin Paul 92.  
 Dalhart: Collin Cunningham 71, John Porter 76, Jordan Jeffers 83, Matt Ries 94, Trevor Turner 89.  
 Borger: Tyler Paige 84, Tyler Fernandez 83, William Lyles 83, H.J. Swender 86, Jeremy Osborn 81.  
**Varsity Girls**  
 Team Standings: 1st - Borger 383, 2nd - Guymon 396, 3rd - Turpin 427, 4th - Perryton 449, 5th - Booker 461, 6th - Dalhart 469, 7th - Hooker 566.  
 Individual (Top 3): 1st - Katie Miller, Turpin, 81; 2nd - Erica Sharkey, Guymon, 85; 3rd - Danielle Brown, Borger, 88.  
 Spearman: Emily Hood 144, Hannah Haddock 131, Cara Gwin 144.

**SHS UIL Results**  
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**Debate:** 3rd - Michel Huffaker, 4th - Joshua Derington  
**Calculator:** Cayla Smith, Jocelyn Whitefield, Jena Cherry  
**Current Issues & Events:** 2nd - Homer Martinez, Rossilyn Bulls, Ashley Hernandez  
**Ready Writing:** 2nd - Maribel Moreno, 3rd - Josh Chambers  
**Computer Applications:** 3rd - Garrett Martin, Chris Cudd  
**Accounting:** 2nd - Jentry Edwards, 3rd - Michel Huffaker, 4th - Jocelyn Whitefield, Mandie Hunter  
**Literary Criticism:** 3rd - Katie Bachler, Jessica Jarvis, Alejandro Rios, Timberly Thomas  
**Science:** 6th - Ashlee Flowers, Claudia Vaquera, Gerrett Martin, Homer Martinez, SiLi Tang  
**Spelling:** 3rd - Maribel Moreno, Tabatha Shields, Melissa Lesly, Jessica Blan  
**Informative Speaking:** 2nd - K'Lee Ratzliff, Mark Thomas, Ashley Hernandez  
**Persuasive Speaking:** Josh Derington, Jeremy Ashby, Cristal Alvarado  
**News Writing:** 3rd - Justin Parker, Steven Vaquera  
**Feature Writing:** 3rd - Jeff Brock, Dana McLaughlin  
**Editorial Writing:** 2nd - Dana McLaughlin, Jeff Brock, Michael Lozano, Josh Chambers  
**Computer Science:** Homer Martinez  
**Social Studies:** Jena Cherry, Gerardo Ruiz, Ashley Hernandez, Miranda Paul  
**Headline Writing:** Abby Winegarner, Jena Cherry, Josh Chambers, Britta Vanderburg  
**Mathematics:** 3rd - Brodie Savage



The top four winners for the Hansford County Spelling Bee were (L-R) Nikki Boyd, 3rd; Tori Sheets, 2nd; Mary Beth Hargis, 1st; and Shane Atwood, 4th.

**Hansford County Spelling Bee Held**  
 Nineteen fifth through 8th grade students competed. Placing first was Mary Beth Hargis, followed by Tori Sheets, Nikki Boyd and Shane Atwood. The winning word was "awhile."  
 The pronouncer was Sandra Blankenship, Spearman High School English teacher and the coordinator was Cindy Blackman.  
 Gus Birdwell Elementary teacher Linda Wilkerson coached Tori Sheets, Miguel Chavez, Stevie Couch, Nikki Boyd, Alberto Camacho and Joel Mendoza.  
 Spearman Junior High teacher Tracy Bevell coached Chance Pack, Martin Barajas, David Salazar, Brett Landers and Jesse Moreno.  
 Gruver Junior High teacher Matt Branstine coached Shane Atwood and Katie Gibson.  
 Pringle-Morse teacher Carol Forrest coached Elizabeth Hutson, Jesus Lopez, Tony Pena, Mary Beth Hargis, Jamie Flowers and Kaitlyn Poole.  
 Mary Beth Hargis, a Pringle-Morse sixth grader, received a \$25 gift certificate from Celebrate. Spearman fifth grader Tori Sheets received a Franklin Spelling Thesaurus from B&B Sales. Spearman fifth grader Nikki Boyd received an AM/FM radio pen from Celebrate and Shane Atwood, a Gruver fifth grader, received a radio from Alco.

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**Hansford County**  
 April 9 & 12 - County Schools will be dismissed for Easter. (Pringle-Morse has scheduled a weather day for April 12. There will be no school if the weather day is not used by then.)

**Gruver High School**  
 April 12-13 - Boys/Girls District Golf Tournament in Borger  
 April 14-15 - District Tennis Tourney in Amarillo  
 April 16 - Area Track Meet in Panhandle  
 April 19-20 - Boys/Girls Regional Golf Tournament in Levelland  
 April 21-22 - Regional Tennis Tourney in Levelland  
 April 23 or 24 - Regional Qualifier's Track Meet - TBA  
 April 30-May 1 - Regional Track Meet in Levelland  
 May 7-8 - State Qualifier's Track Meet - TBA  
 May 10-11 - State Tennis Tourney in Austin  
 May 10-11 - Boys/Girls State Golf Tournament in Austin  
 May 14-15 - State Track Meet in Austin

**Gruver Elementary**  
 April 8 - Elementary Assembly  
 April 8 - Donuts for Dads

**Spearman High School**  
 April 8 - District Tennis Tourney at Pampa  
 April 8 - Area One-Act Play at Canyon  
 April 8 - School dismissed at 1 p.m.  
 April 8 & 9 - Spearman Track Meet  
 April 12 - School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  
 April 15 & 16 - Physics Trip at Dallas  
 April 15 & 16 - Regional Golf Qualifier Tourney at Guymon  
 April 15 & 16 - District Track Meet at Spearman  
 April 15-18 - FCCLA Trip at Houston  
 April 17 - Regional Tennis Qualifier Tourney  
 April 17 - Choir Car Wash  
 April 17 - Band Walk-A-Thon  
 April 21 & 22 - Regional Golf Tourney at Baird  
 April 22-25 - Choir Trip at San Antonio  
 April 23 - Regional One-Act Play Contest at Abilene

**Spearman Jr. High**  
 April 8 - School dismissed at 1 p.m.  
 April 15 - Junior High Choir Contest

**Gus Birdwell Elementary**  
 April 8 - School dismissed at 1 p.m.  
 April 8 - Group and individual pictures will be taken.

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Austin died December 27, 1836, only a few months after the battle of San Jacinto at the early age of 43. At the time of his death he was living at the home of Judge George McKinstry, located just north of the town of Columbia, where he had been residing for several months. This home was located just off State Highway 36 a few miles north of the present town of West Columbia.

Austin never married and held no elective office. Because he did not have any progeny to carry on his name and because of his untimely death, he is not as well known as other heroes of the early Texas Republic.

A Houston businessman, Bill Price, who has had a lifelong interest in Austin, several years ago found that the property where the Judge George McKinstry home had been located was for sale. Mr. Price and his wife Janie purchased the property and started the Friends of Stephen F. Austin and the Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak Project.

The site was covered by a junkyard that had existed there for years. After considerable effort and expense the site was cleared and a park has been created dedicated to the memory of Stephen F. Austin and for the enjoyment of the people of Texas. Every year on Nov. 3, the birthday of Austin, a celebration is held at the park.

At the site of the old McKinstry house within the park, there is a giant live oak tree that has been standing in that location since before Austin lived in the house. Acorns have been gathered from that ancient live oak and have been propagated into trees that are available for planting. These trees have been certified by the Texas Forestry Association as disease-free and from the tree on the McKinstry property.

To date more than 300 trees have been planted around the state. A tree has also been planted at the site of Austin's birth in

Austinville, Va.

One aim of the Project is to involve school children in the planting and to foster an appreciation of Austin's contribution to the development of the Texas of today. Since Stephen F. Austin had no children to perpetuate his memory, these trees are one element to stand in their stead. Some groups that have planted the trees have chosen to remove acorns from the tree when they mature and plant them and give the seedlings to children and others to plant at their homes: in a sense, to continue the perpetuation of Austin's memory by planting the grandchildren on the original Heritage Oak tree.



Members of Cub Scout Pack 578 joined in to plant the Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak tree at Hansford County Courthouse. Others present were members of the Wolf Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Hansford County Judge Benny Wilson and Cub Scout Den Mothers.

## SHS March Students of the Month

Marcus Vasquez is the Spearman High School March Student of the Month.

He played football and basketball throughout his high school years. Marcus stated, "I don't belong to any clubs. But if we had a chess club, I would be in that."

He has received a couple of awards for the best student for two classes his junior year as well as several honors in many computer classes.

Marcus enjoys model cars, working long hours, playing sports, but his favorite thing to do is hang out with his best friend.

After graduation he plans to attend Seward County Community College in Liberal, KS where he hopes to be a walk-on for the baseball team.

Marcus said he likes the people in Spearman because "you can't go anywhere else and talk to people like we have in Spearman."

What he likes best about Spearman High School is that the teachers have influence on the students to make them better in some way. He also likes it that the student body is small and friendly (most of the time).

He stated that the teacher who was most influential was Mrs. Blankenship.

He is the son of Melissa and

Willie Vasquez. He has two brothers, T.J. and Eric.

Jentry Edwards is the Spearman High School March Student of the Month.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the First United Methodist Church. She was an alternate for One-Act her junior year, a on the basketball team her freshman through junior years, was on the cross country team her freshman year and the track team her freshman through senior years, a cheerleader all four years and was head cheerleader her senior year. She was named Freshman Class President, Freshman Class Favorite, Sophomore Class Favorite, Most Spirited her Senior Year, and was named Who's Who Among American High School Students. She was

on the UIL Accounting Team, received the English I AP Award and the Art II Award.

Jentry enjoys swimming on the Spearman Swim Team, where she also serves as coach. She also enjoys art and business.

After graduation she plans to attend Texas Tech University where she has been accepted into the Honors College to study accounting.

She really likes Spearman

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She likes Spearman High School because the classes are small and it is easier to develop a student/teacher relationship.

The teachers she stated as most influential were Mrs. Jane Henton and Mrs. Linda Wilkerson.

Jentry is the daughter of Frank and Kitty Edwards. She has one sister, Jocelyn Miller.



Marcus Vasquez and Jentry Edwards

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## Easter Outreach

The Spearman Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring the 6th Annual Easter Outreach and Easter Egg Hunt, with the help of local Spearman businesses. For the past five years, First Assembly of God Church has sponsored the Easter Egg Hunt with help from Spearman's businesses. Pastor Bob Elder and the Church Board at First Assembly of God Church decided it would be good to offer the Drama of the Life of Christ and Easter Egg Hunt as a Ministerial Alliance project. The Ministerial Alliance agreed unanimously.

We have been blessed by the generosity of Spearman people in our efforts to raise support for this project. Donations have been made from \$10 to \$100 to help with prizes for the children and youth of our town.

This year we have also introduced a new ministry to the community, Heifer International. Heifer Int. helps impoverished families feed themselves, earn income and care for the environment. This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for almost 60 years.

Rev. Beverly Cook provided the information on Heifer Int. All businesses or individuals are invited to donate an animal in the name of a Spearman child.

Anyone interested in participating in the Easter Outreach Drama should plan to attend the dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 10th at 3 p.m. at Rocket Slide Park. (In case of rain, we will meet at First Assembly of God Church.) Approximately 50 people of all ages will be needed for the drama this year.

The Ministerial Alliance is hoping to see every local church represented at the event. People are needed to help on Easter Sunday from 2-4 p.m. to help spread out the eggs and watch the boundary lines (and to keep people from hunting the eggs early).

The purpose of Easter Outreach is to help people come to know Jesus Christ. Our focus is to present the Life of Jesus Christ, from birth through resurrection. Rev. Joe Garcia will present to interpret the presentation into Spanish.

Anyone interested is invited to be a part of this community outreach program. Over \$1800 in prizes will be awarded, as well as over \$300 worth of candy.

Anyone wishing to donate may do so by sending a check, payable to Spearman Ministerial Alliance, to PO Box 905, Att: Easter Outreach, Spearman, TX 79081. For more information, call Pastor Bob Elder at 659-2295.

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hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

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Heifer's strategy is...To "pass on the gift." As people share their animals' offspring with others - along with their knowledge, resources, and skills - an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for almost 60 years. Today, millions of families in 115 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope.

"Passing on the Gift" means recipients agree to share the offspring of gift animals with others in need, making them equal partners with Heifer in the fight against world hunger.

Community Involvement drives our work, because we provide animals and training to organized local groups that request assistance.

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For more information on Heifer International, call 1-800-422-0755 or go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

## Perryton Man Charged In Shooting

A Perryton man has been charged following a shooting outside a residence on Sunday evening, March 28, 2004.

Abel Estrada Murillo, 43, was booked into Ochiltree County Jail on a second degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, after turning himself in to authorities a few hours following the incident.

Murillo was later released from jail on \$100,000 bond. Units of the Spearman Police Department and the Hansford County Sheriff's Department assisted in a road block in connection with a Perryton shooting incident. The road block was conducted from 11:00 p.m. until 12:10 a.m. at the Hansford and Ochiltree County line.

Officers of the Perryton Police Department responded to the 1200 block of S. Cedar in reference to a possible fight at 10:14 p.m. Upon arrival of the residence, an ambulance was called to the scene.

According to a police report, Officer Tim Olivarez saw 27-year-old Manuel Ramirez lying in the front yard bleeding from the head and arm. A .22 caliber rifle was also observed about four feet away from Ramirez.

Ramirez was treated at the scene by Perryton EMS, and was transported to Ochiltree General Hospital. He was later transferred to a hospital in Amarillo.

The suspect, a 43-year-old hispanic male of Perryton had fled the scene upon the arrival of officers.

"The road block ended when the suspect turned himself in to Perryton authorities," Chief of Police Jarrett Wilde said.

According to Officer Tim Olivarez, Abel Estrada Murillo of Perryton contacted the Perryton Police Department and turned himself in. He was picked up at a local residence and transported to the Police Department for questioning and then booked into the Ochiltree County Jail for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

According to the police report, the altercation stemmed from an incident outside a convenience store earlier in the evening.

Murillo's girlfriend is apparently the former girlfriend of Ramirez. All three were at the store when Ramirez allegedly "blew a kiss" to the girlfriend, angering Murillo.

Murillo then went to a residence on Cedar, confronted Ramirez, then allegedly shot and assaulted him.

## Food Manager Course Set

Texas Cooperative Extension will offer the Food Protection Management Course required for all food service establishments. The class will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 21st and 22nd in the Expo Center at Perryton. County Extension Agents Cynthia Shattles of Ochiltree County and Peggy Winegarner of Hansford County will teach the class.

All food service establishments are required to have one manager who has passed the test administered by the Texas Department of Health. Managers may take the two-day class or just take the test. The two-day class will cover information on food bacteria, food safety while receiving, preparing, serving, storing and reheating foods, personal hygiene and government regulations, in to other required information. The test will be administered on the afternoon of the second day. Those passing the test will receive a certificate good for five years.

The course will cost \$79, which includes the study book. Those who would like to order a study book and only take the test may do so; the cost is \$39.

All persons interested in the course should contact Cynthia Shattles at 435-3831 to pre-register. Pre-registration is required so books and tests can be ordered.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING

Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) is applying for grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board's Research and Planning Fund to be used for the purpose of Supplemental Funding to address Changed Conditions during the development of second Regional Water Plan. The application is being filed with the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board. The PWPG consists of the following counties: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Randall, Armstrong, Donley, Collingsworth, Hall and Childress. The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission serves as the designated political subdivision for the Panhandle Water Planning Group (Region A) and is represented by Gary Pitner, Executive Director, and can be reached by mail at: PO Box 9257, Amarillo, Texas 79105. The Texas Water Development Board may be reached at PO Box 13231, Austin, Texas 78711-3231. Attn: Temple McKinnon. Individuals wishing to make comments regarding this notice of intent or the application for funds must file such comments with the Texas Water Development Board, Attn:



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed proposals addressed to Robert Patrick, City Manager, City of Spearman, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081-0037 for the reconstruction of approximately 4,000 square feet of sidewalk and all associated appurtenances entitled: Downtown Sidewalk Improvements West Side of Main Street From Davis Street to Hancock Street

will be received in the office of the City Manager, City of Spearman, at City Hall, 30 Southwest Court, Spearman, Texas, until: April 20 2004 7:00 p.m.

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable in the City of Spearman in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the

Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Spearman and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions. Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the City of Spearman, City Hall, 30 Southwest Court, Spearman, Texas, phone (806) 659-2524. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineer, Brand Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 at a cost of fifty dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications. Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding in case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous to or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date. Robert Patrick, City Manager City of Spearman 2(4-1-04)B

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The Spearman High School Varsity Boys Golf Team won first place at District competition. Team members were (L-R) Tracy Brown, Brodie Savage, Tanner Hand, Stuart Martin and Mark Thomas.

### SHS Varsity Boys Win District Golf Tourney

The Spearman Varsity Boys A Golf Team swept the District Golf Tournament with four of their five team members placing in the top five. Brodie Savage placed first, followed by Tanner Hand in second place. Stuart Martin placed third after a five-hole play-off with Canadian's Will Martin. Tanner Hand of Spearman placed fifth.

The Spearman Golf Team out-played the next best team, Canadian's A Team, by 50 strokes, with a score of 550, followed by Canadian with 655 and Panhandle with 671.

The top six individual medalists were Brodie Savage (Spearman) - 1st, Tracy Brown (Spearman) - 2nd, Stuart Martin (Spearman) - 3rd, Will Martin (Canadian) - 4th, Tanner Hand (Spearman) - 5th, Trenton Fuller (Panhandle) - 6th.

Spearman's A Team members, and their scores, were Tanner Hand (76+79=155), Tracy Brown (74+75=149), Brodie Savage (75+73=148), Stuart Martin (76+77=153) and Mark Thomas (89+87=176).

Spearman's B Team placed fifth. Team members, and their

scores, were Caleb Gillaspie (89+87=186), Wade Evans (102+105=207), Collin Gillaspie (92+84=176), Orie Cooksie (117+126=243) and Francisco Briseno (110+119=229). Their team total was 798.



Stuart Martin was the top individual for Spearman in the Perryton Invitational Tournament held on Saturday, April 3rd. Results are listed on page 6.

Gruber High School competed in the Zone One-Act Play Contest on March 30, 2004 in Clarendon. GHS performed "The Foreigner," written by Larry Shue, competing against Sunray, Wellington and Clarendon. The play is directed by Gwen Parker.

Ben Williams was awarded the Best Actor award, while Allison Reid and Callie Hargis were named to the All-Star Cast. Tanner Irwin was named Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

Sunray and Clarendon were selected to advance to Regional competition.

The cast is composed of Cody Mac Been as Froggy LeSeur, Ben Williams as Charlie Baker, Callie Hargis as Betty Meeks, Sheldon Atwood as Reverend David Lee, Allison Reid as Catherine Simms, Tanner Irwin as Owen Musser, and Brad Clawson as Ellard Simms.

Townspeople are Rachelle Holt, Sarah Mireles, Jessica Montgomery, David Parker, and Madeline Reed.

Stage crew members are Sydney Been, Kalee Crawford,



Sixteen SHS students will advance to the Regional UIL Academic meet in Abilene. They are (Back, L-R) Josh Chambers, Katie Baehler, Michael Lozano, K'Lee Ratzliff, Cristal Alvarado, Ashlee Flowers, Justin Parker, Linzi McCubbin, Maribel Moreno and SiLi Tang; (Front, L-R) Brodie Savage, Jentry Edwards, Dana McLaughlin, Michel Huffaker, Jeff Brock, Jocelyn Whitefield, Garrett Martin and Homer Martinez

Forty-two Spearman High School students participated in the District 6AA UIL Academic meet on Saturday, March 27, 2004 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Sixteen students qualified to attend the Regional UIL Academic meet in Abilene on April 23rd and 24th, three qualifying as alternates.

Those students qualifying were: Cristal Alvarado - Prose, Michel Huffaker - Debate and Accounting, Homer Martinez - Current Issues & Events,

Maribel Moreno - Ready Writing and Spelling, Josh Chambers - Ready Writing, Garrett Martin - Computer Applications, Jentry Edwards - Accounting, Katie Baehler - Literary Criticism, K'Lee Ratzliff - Informative Speaking, Justin Parker - News Writing, Jeff Brock - Feature Writing, Dana McLaughlin - Editorial Writing, and Brodie Savage - Mathematics.

Alternates will be Linzi McCubbin - Poetry, Josh Derington - Debate, and

Jocelyn Whitefield - Accounting.

Students participating in the District meet and their placings were:

Number Sense: Brodie Savage, Gerardo Ruiz, Ashlee Flowers

Poetry: 4th - Linzi McCubbin, 5th - SiLi Tang, Adriana Pinon

Prose: 1st - Cristal Alvarado, Joel Lopez, Clayton Smith

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### GHS One-Act Performs "The Foreigner"

Diana Lopez, and Matti Wheelock. Alternates are Drew Grotegut and Maria Ruiz.

The play is set at a fishing lodge in rural Georgia which is often visited by Froggy LeSeur, a British demolition expert who

occasionally runs training sessions at a nearby army base. This time Froggy has brought along a friend, a pathologically shy young man named Charlie who is overcome with fear at the thought of making conversation

with strangers.

Froggy tells everyone that Charlie is from an exotic foreign country and speaks no English. When left alone, Charlie is put in danger when he hears more than he should of evil plans.



Gruber High School performed the play "The Foreigner" for their One-Act Play contest. Cast members are: (Front, L-R) Diana Lopez, Brad Clawson, Sheldon Atwood, Callie Hargis, Cody Mac Been, Allison Reid, Ben Williams, Mattie Wheelock; (Back, L-R) Maria Ruiz, Mrs. Gwen Parker, Kalee Crawford, David Parker, Rachelle Holt, Tanner Irwin, Sarah Mireles, Madeline Reed, Jessica Montgomery, Sydney Been, Drew Grotegut

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