Abbas and Hamas try to ease fears of civil war Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh agreed in principle on Wednesday to integrate a Hamas militia into the security forces, in a move intended to end clashes that have fanned fears of civil war.

Mexican leftist candidate ahead in home stretch With labor violence boiling over, a

leftist candidate has pulled ahead going into the home stretch for Mexico's presidential election after turning the tables on his conservative rival.

Funds for Iraq run low

Time and money are running out on the US-directed reconstruction effort in Iraq. The \$20 billion the US gave for reconstruction will be exhausted within months.

Bush sees progress but not "zero violence" in Iraq

Americans can expect steady progress in Iraq but it would be unrealistic to hope for "zero violence," President George W. Bush said on Wednesday after a surprise trip to Baghdad to bolster the new Iraqi government.

> T-shirt mask could help in flu pandemic: experts

The world may be unprepared for a bird flu pandemic, but U.S. researchers said on Wednesday they had come up with one lowtech answer to widespread shortages of medical equipment -- a mask made out of a T-shirt.

> Senate rebuffs Bush on war budgeting

The U.S. Senate voted unanimously on Wednesday to force President George W. Bush to submit a budget for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars instead of financing them in emergency bills that are pushed through Congress with minimal scrutiny.

White House: "Bad idea"

if N. Korea tests missile It would be a "bad idea" for North Korea to test a long-range missile, and Pyongyang should return to six-party talks on its nuclear program, White House national security adviser Stephen Hadley said on Wednesday.

Calif. to miss budget deadline, top lawmaker says

California lawmakers are once again unlikely to meet the state's constitutional deadline for passing a state budget, state Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez said on Wednesday.

Fewer shoppers hit the mall

for the heck of it: survey Despite a reputation for big spending and lots of available cash, fewer Americans shop just for the fun of it than do consumers in the Asia-Pacific region, according to a new online survey to be released on Thursday.

Monster is asked to preserve options information

Monster Worldwide Inc. said on Wednesday that regulators had asked it to preserve all relevant information as they prepare to investigate the job Web site's stock option grants.

> Stocks rise with Boeing, semiconductors

Stocks rose on Wednesday and the Nasdaq snapped an eight-day losing streak as investors bought up recently beaten-down shares, and a wave of good news boosted shares of airplane manufacturer Boeing Co. .

New leukemia drugs

show early promise Two new drugs may help treat some adult cases of leukemia that fail to respond to Novartis AG's Gleevec, two studies showed on Wednesday.

Scientists urge G8 not to ignore global warming

World leaders must not allow concern for energy security to distract them from taking promised action on global warming, top world scientists said on Wednesday.

Germany seals last-minute

win over Poland Germany scored a dramatic goal in stoppage time to beat historic rivals Poland 1-0 on Wednesday in a match marred by the worst fan trouble since the start of the World **The Hansford County**

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Xcel Energy seeks increase in Texas base rates

For the first time since 1986, Xcel Energy's Texas-based operating company, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS), is proposing to raise its base rates for electric service in Texas to help offset the higher cost of doing business.

The overall rate increase proposal will raise revenues by \$47.1 million a year, or 6 percent. The company is also proposing changes in how it collects certain fuel costs and is proposing to reconcile its past actual fuel costs for the years 2004 and 2005.

The residential rate would rise by 7.4 percent, or \$5.18 more per month for an average household using 800 kilowatt-hours (kWh). Other rate classes would see different percentage increases, but the overall increase for all customer classes, including residential, commercial and industrial, is 6 percent.

The proposals were filed today with the 81 Texas municipalities that Xcel Energy serves and with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. If approved, new base rates - the rates the company charges for depreciation, operations and maintenance expenses of electrical generation, transmission and distribution systems - could take effect in July.

Between 1986 and 2005, the only changes in pricing have been two decreases in the base rates, plus many changes both up and down in the cost of fuel used to generate power in area generating facilities. The fuel costs are not figured into the base rate, and are passed from the suppliers through to customers without any markup for the company. Xcel Energy makes no profit on fuel expense. The most recent adjustment in fuel costs occurred at the beginning of May, when fuel costs were reduced 17.5 percent to reflect lower natural gas prices.

Consumer prices over the past 20 years have risen almost 80 percent, even as Xcel Energy lowered base rates twice. Accounting for the increases in fuel prices, the total amount customers pay has risen only about 8 percent since 1986. Adjusted for inflation, today's total electric bill is about 40 percent lower than it was in 1986.

"We have worked hard to keep prices down, in spite of inflation, because our low costs are a chief economic driver in this region," said Gary Gibson, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, "But in order to fund capital improvements to our system, we must take a step toward offsetting increased costs and focus on the needs of a growing customer base."

Electric usage in the Texas and New Mexico territory Xcel Energy serves has risen by more than 50 percent since 1986, Gibson pointed out, and the company must keep up with this growth by investing in power generation, transmission capacity and a host of other system-wide

Although Xcel Energy is requesting an increase in base rates, it will remain one of the state's lowest-cost suppliers of electricity, Gibson said. The current Xcel Energy price per kilowatt-hour in Texas is around 8.45 cents, including fuel costs. Electric customers in the Houston area pay as much as 15.8 cents per kilowatt-hour.

Another aspect of the upcoming rate filing is the simplification and consolidation of more than 40 rate structures into eight well-defined classes of service that include only one residential rate.

To help customers manage costs, Xcel Energy is publicizing energy saving tips through a brochure called "60 Simple Ways" that details simple and mostly inexpensive steps customers can take to reduce home energy consumption. The brochure can be downloaded at www.xcelenergy.com, or customers may request copies by contacting customer service at 1-800-895-4999.

"While we're proposing a little more than \$5 in increased costs to residential customers, it is possible for customers to save that much and more by taking steps to conserve power in the home," Gibson said

Xcel Energy will continue to work with customers who need extra time in paying bills, and also will continue working with area nonprofit agencies in finding assistance for customers who cannot pay their bills. In October 2005 the company donated \$250,000 to relief groups in Texas who help pay utility bills for customers needing financial assistance. Customers who need payment arrangements or help in paying bills should contact Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in 10 Western and Midwestern states. Xcel Energy provides a comprehensive portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.3 million electricity customers and 1.8 million natural gas customers through its regulated operating companies. Company headquarters are located in Minneapolis. More information is available at www.xcelenergy.com.

This news release includes forward-looking statements that are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such forward-looking statements are intended to be identified in this document by the words "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "projected," "objective," "outlook," "possible," "potential" and similar expressions. Actual results may vary materially. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to: general economic conditions, including their impact on capital expenditures; business conditions in the energy industry; competitive factors; unusual weather; changes in federal or state legislation; regulation; risks associated with the California power market; currency translation and transaction adjustments; the higher degree of risk associated with Xcel Energy's non-regulated businesses compared with Xcel Energy's regulated business; and the other risk factors listed from time to time by Xcel Energy in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Pringle-Morse CISD

employees recognized

Pringle-Morse CISD recognized six employees during eight grade

Awards were given to the following: 5 Years - Dale Jones, Isabel

Vasquez and Carol Forrest, 10 Years - Rosie Crowl, 15 Years - Paige

commencement exercises on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 with Teacher



Pictured above are the Miss Hansford winners of the 2006 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant. They are: (Back, L-R) Morgan Ashmore, 2006 Miss Preteen; Cara Gwin, 2006 Miss Hansford; Nikki Boyd, 2006 Miss Teen; (Front, L-R) Payton Harrell, 2006 Junior Miss Hansford; and Ariha Vaguera, Little Miss Hansford.



Pictured above are the Miss Hansford runner-ups of the 2006 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant. They are: (Back, L-R) Malory Martin, 2006 Miss Preteen Runner-Up; Jessica Jarvis, 2006 Miss Hansford 2nd Runner-Up; Aleisha Sweat, 2006 Miss Hansford 1st Runner-Up; Whitney Moffett, 2006 Miss Teen Runner-Up; (Front) Haylee Miesner, 2006 Junior Miss Hansford Runner-Up; not pictured is Carlee Johnson, Little Miss Hansford Runner-Up.

Pictured at right is Georgia McLeod, the 2006 Heritage Days Queen (center).



Spearman Housing Authority Opens Playground

Spearman Housing Authority wishes to announce to the community the formal opening of the playground ocated on its premises, construction of the playground was begun in September, 2004; though children have

been using is since just about as soon as the workmen put down their tools. After due consideration and experience, we now have policies in place and rules posted which are intended to make the playground as safe and welcoming a place as it is fun for all children under the age of 10 and for one or more supervising parents or other adults designated by the children's' parents or other responsible adults. Any adult responsible for the care of a child wishing to use this playground may call or come by the Housing Authority office during office hours and register for its use. Residents of the housing Authority are already considered "registered" and may "host" a non residential child at their discretion. Our main objective is to provide a safe environment for young children to enjoy; and for children under the age of 10, such an environment is understood to include and require responsible adult supervision- supervision that is close enough and attentive enough to act appropriately and swiftly, as needed.

The playground may be reached from either the south side of the 500 block of East 2nd Ave. or from the west side of the block of James street. If parking is necessary, please park along the west side of James Street.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 in the mid 60s. percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Windy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 20 to 30

Speck, and 20 Years - Monica Schmidt.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to

the northeast after midnight. SATURDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid

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For more information, please contact Catherine 659-3434, e-mail Smith or cathysmith@antden.com.



by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My friend Leslie Reynolds sent me the following entitled "The Price of a Child." It is very touching - I hope you enjoy it.

The Price of a Child

This is just too good not to pass on to all. Something absolutely positive for a change. I have repeatedly seen the breakdown of the cost of raising a child, but this is the first time I have seen the rewards listed this way. It's nice.

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 and came up with \$160,140 for a middle income family. Talk about sticker shock! That doesn't even touch college tuition.

But \$160,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into:

- * \$8,896.66 a year,
- * \$741.38 a month, or
- * \$171.08 a week.
- * That's a mere \$24.24 a day! * Just over a dollar an hour.

Still, you might think the best financial advice is don't have children if you want to be "rich." Actually, it is just the opposite. What do you get for your \$160,140?

- Naming rights. First, middle, and last!
- * Glimpses of God every day.
- * Giggles under the covers every night.
- * More love than your heart can hold.
- * Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs.
- * Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies.
- * A hand to hold, usually covered with jelly or chocolate.
- * A partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites
- * Someone to laugh yourself silly with, no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day.
- For \$160,140, you never have to grow up. You get to:
- * finger-paint,
- * carve pumpkins, * play hide-and-seek,
- * catch lightning bugs, and
- * never stop believing in Santa Claus.
- you have an excuse to:
- * keep reading the Adventures of Piglet and Pooh,
- * watching Saturday morning cartoons,
- * going to Disney movies, and
- * wishing on stars.
- * you get to frame rainbows, hearts, and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay or Mother's Day, and cards with backward letters for Father's Day.
- For \$160,140, there is no greater bang for your buck. You get to be a hero just for:
- * retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof. * taking the training wheels off a bike,
- * removing a splinter.
- * filling a wading pool,
- * coaxing a wad of gum out of bangs, and coaching a baseball team that never wins but always gets treated to ice cream regardless.
- you get a front row seat to history to witness the:
- * first step.
- * first word,
- * first bra,
- * first date, and
- * first time behind the wheel.

You get to be immortal. You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're lucky, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren and great grandchildren. You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match.

In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there under God. You have all the power to heal a boo-boo. scare away the monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits, So . one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost. That is quite a deal for the price!

Love & enjoy your children & grandchildren!

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:)



Spearman Stingrays Swim Club
drawing will be held on June 14. See a swimmer to buy your ticket!
The Spearman Swim Meet will be held on June 24. Businesses and individuals that have helped in the past will be contacted soon to buy an ad for the Swim Meet Program.

BBBS Night at the Dilla Villa
Tuesday, July 18th is BBBS Night at the Dilla Villa. The game between the Amarillo Dillas and the Laredo Broncos starts at 7 pm. Tickets are available from the Big Brothers Big Sisters office or board members and cost \$5.00 each. The tickets are good for any home game this season. BBBS keeps half the proceeds from the tickets.

Gruver Cemetery Seeking Donations for Improvements In the near future, the Gruver Cemetery Association will be adding roads and driveways to allow access and expansion in the new section of the cemetery. We are asking area citizens and those with loved one interred in the Gruver Cemetery to make donations and memorials to help the committee complete the work that is needed and to maintain the cemetery in such a way that reflects the honor and respect our loved ones deserve. For more information, contact Rick Barkley, President of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at (806) 733-2500. Please make all donations and memorials payable to the Gruver Cemetery Association, and mail them to Margaret Ralston, Treasurer of the Gruver Cemetery Association, at P.O. Box 629, Gruver, Texas 79040. Your generosity and consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Pringle-Morse & Campbell's Team Up

Over the past 32 years, Campbell's Labels for Education program has delivered over \$105 million in free merchandise to schools nationwide. To kick-off this years label collection drive, Pringle-Morse CISD School is asking parents, teachers and friends in the community to collect Campbell product labels that can be redeemed for free educational merchandise such as computers, audio/visual equipment, sports equipment, reference books, musical instruments and even a mini-van. Simply save labels or clip proofs of purchase from any of the following eligible Campbell products and send them to Pringle-Morse CISD School: Campbell's soups, Campbell's Supper Bakes meal kits, Campbell's or Franco-American Spaghetti-Os pasta, Campbell's beans, gravies, and canned pasta, Prego pasta sauces, Swanson broths and canned poultry, Pace salsa and picante sauces, V8 vegetable juices and V8 Splash juice drinks, Campbell's tomato juice, Pepperidge Farms breads, cookies, crackers, and frozen products, Pepperidge Farms Goldfish crackers, and Campbell's Foodservice products. For more information on how to be a part of Pringle-Morse CISD School's Labels for Education contact VeAnn Clark, at 806-733-2507 or mail labels to Pringle-Morse CISD, Box 109, Morse, Texas 79062. The program will 2006-2007 starts June 1, 2006. Pringle-Morse School appreciates your continued support.

Benefit Fund Established for Shelley Jean Pledger An account has been set up at First State Bank in Spearman to help the amily of Shelley Jean Smith Pledger. Donations may be made at First

Medical Fund Established for William Bettis A medical fund has been established at Gruver State Bank in Gruver for the William Bettis family. William was seriously injured in an automobile accident. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Panhandle Crisis Center offers new Online Hotline The Panhandle Crisis Center is joining a new Online Hotline, where individuals seeking help due to sexual assault can chat live with trained volunteers giving secure crisis support to victims, their families and friends The Panhandle Crisis Center is seeking volunteers for this Online Hotline. For more information, call Janice at 435-5008 or 1-800-753-



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Bynum named BBBS **Volunteer of the Month**



Big Sister Ronda Bynum (right) with her Little Sister, Sydney.

Ronda Bynum has been selected May Volunteer of the Month by Big

Brothers Big Sisters. Bynum has been matched with her Little Sister, Sydney, through the school based mentoring program, Bigs in Schools, since September 26, 2005. The match transitioned to the community based program on May 30th. The organization has initiated this award as part of their volunteer

appreciation program. The honor is based on the quality of the relationship that has been established, the effort the "Big" has made to connect with the "Little" and the impact the friendship has had on the child. Bynum is the first recipient.

Through the Bigs in Schools program, Bynum met with her Little Sister weekly throughout the school year. They enjoyed playing games, doing craft projects and talking together. "Every Monday afternoon, you can find the two of them huddled together in the library - giggling," commented Kimberley Lopez, local agency director. "They bring a smile to

"She is a really good Big Sister," Sydney said. "I love really her and I know she loves me.'

"I'm having fun doing this, I really like her a lot. She is pretty special," Bynum said. "She is a smart girl."

One class assignment was to write an essay entitled "My Favorite Person." Sydney wrote about Bynum. "My favorite person is Ronda because she is my Big Sister for the Bigs program. Not only that but she is kind, caring and loving! I really enjoy spending time with her. I can tell you five things about her using the letters of her name.

The R stands for really smart. The O stands for obedient. The N stands for neat. The D stands for different. And the A stands for adult. Those are

some pretty neat words, huh! I really think Ronda is a good person. I bet other people think the same thing about her. I love Ronda and she loves me! On a scale from one to

ten Ronda is definitely a ten! She is my favorite person...I love Ronda very much and I'm sure she feels the same way about me! She has a disease called MS. It caused her to be in a wheelchair but that doesn't stop her from doing what she wants to do! She has so much confidence in herself and a lot of people look up to her. She is really an inspiration to this own! I love her so much!"

Bigs in Schools allows caring volunteers to meet with students on the chool campus during the school day. The relationships formed help children feel more positive about themselves and about school and studies show that attendance, grades and attitudes can improve as well. There is no contact outside of school permitted, however. Bynum and her Little Sister decided that they wanted to spend more time together so they transferred their match to the community program. Now they will spend a few hours a week together doing the activities they enjoy

"I did this to be a blessing to a child," Bynum said. "She has become a

Those interested in more information about the program are invited to contact Kimberly Lopez at 434-0016.

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Thank you, Catherine

June 15 Birthday - Glen Harris, E.A. Williams, Beth Yanke, Roy Boyd, Jimmy Shieldknight, Everette Tracy, Tony Berrera, Gina Gillispie, Frank Salgado, Candice Pipkin, Jeff Fox. Devin Wells Anniversary - M/M Bob

Rylant June 16 Birthday - Timber Lewis, Laci Osborne, Tisha Ralston, Davin Winger, Jo Lynn Griffin, Jodie Overton, Michael Wayne Owens, Chris Roach, Randy Brogdon, Odell Genn, Suzanne Gillispie, Ida Mendoza, Ivy Kincaid Bravo

Anniversary - Kathy & Wayne Biggs, Bobby & Dixie Smith June 17

Birthday - Sara Jones, Jill Odom, Iris Wood, Valerie McLain, Manuel Nunez, Roy Lee McClellan, Janna Harris, Ann Rook, Lee Schubert, Rex Burgess, Dallas Burgess, Elvia Huerta

June 18 Birthday - Ada Joyce Stedje, Doug Lackey, Phil Windom, Jimmy Jackson, Cummings, Susan Pearson, George Martin, Cristopher Cummings, Eddie LaFarr, Amy Boyd, Lenis Simpson, Roberta Cole, Chuck Newcomb

Anniversary - Hershel & Wanda Jones, M/M Leon Red, Don & Faye Schmehr

June 19 Birthday - John Williams, Alan Beeson, Christina West, Jan Hunter, Phyllis Smith, Nathan Steger, Randy Coombs, Stanley Gruver, Marlene Miller Anniversary - M/M Barry Barkley

June 20 Birthday - Mica Been, Pat Irwin, Neal Williams, Terry Patterson, Pete Vera, Brady Chase Brown, Skyler Jordan, Christen Grimsley, Ermal Pond June 21

Birthday - Lynn Boyd, Rod Karlin, April Half, Patrick Meek, Harry Stumph, Rosa Baker, Rhonda Valdez, Steve Slater, Josh Kunsleman, Robert Breedon, Christi Black, Linda Town, Anita Sumner, Clint Lilly, Cody Mike Ivey, Amanda Thompson, Britani Vasquez, Clayton Acker, Jennifer Nollner Anniversary - M/M Jim Kuykendall

June 22 Birthday - Tim Tunnell, Melissa Stewart, Ricky Jones,

Benny Puentes Jr., Paul Lopez Jr., Tom Haden Hart, Presley

Anniversary - M/M Stanley Gruver, M/M Norman Brack, M/M Dell Cluck

June 23 Birthday - Myriam Alvarez, Robert Blevins, Rob Murrell, Brad Spivey, Andres Benavides, Joan Brown, Shannon Groves, Kali Shields,

Amanda Apodaca Anniversary - M/M Mitch Fedrick, M/M T.J. Been, M/M Mike McLain

June 24 Birthday - Patricia Miner, Ellen Graham, Denise Holliday, Allen Davis, Lee Bob Harper, C.T. Collier, Ed West, Margie Davis, Harold Frost, David Pipkin, Nathan Kirk, Patricia Miner

Anniversary - Mary & Julio Vasquez, M/M Bobbie Archer June 25

Birthday - Betty Womble, Nita Bynum, Pete Stafford, Vickie Stewart, Jennifer Umphress, Joey Woolley, Curtis Wayne Porter, Candice Janzen, Lisa LaFarr, Billie Jo Moore Pierson, Oneida Bynum

Anniversary - M/M B.J. Renner, Mr.and Mrs. Ronnie Williams, M/M Dennis Quimby, Terry & Sherry Moore, M/M Richard Marrs

June 26 Birthday - Paula Kelly, Mike Blanton, Bill McClellan, Omar Sutton, Carla Harper, Doris Pinkerton, Teresa Bennett, Ann Vela, Ronnie Ring, Ashley Baker, Vanessa Cease, Paul Bynum, Joe Ruthlin, Chelsea Nollner, Trevor Shields

Anniversary - Will & Tiffany Crane, M/M Garry Hathaway, M/M Joe Lopez, M/M Verlin

June 27 Birthday - Max Frick, Clint Irwin, Steve Baggerly, Elden Allen, Allen Cook, Tyler Scott, Charlie Lopez, Karen Johnson, Bob Meek

Anniversary - M/M Bill Turner, M/M Randy Coombs, Judy & Darl Hergert

June 28 Birthday - Carson Womble, Linda Rowland, Don Allen, Vanderberg, Terril Brummet, Helen Hand, Mrs. A.F. Loftin, Sue Tindell, Trent England, Meghan Jade Snider Anniversary - Harvey & Sandra Proffitt, M/M Cecil Biggers, M/M Jim Derington, M/M Bruce Knight

June 29 Birthday - Ira Gross, Hazel Taylor, Scott Strawn, Gary Johnson, Sandra Gumfory, Monica Blackman, Rajan Traften, June Tucker Anniversary - M/M Charles Bell, M/M Amadeo Cazares

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the second week of Pentecost, we study Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4(12-15), 2 Corinthians 5:6-10(11-13)14-17, and Mark 4:26-34. We are studying the "intrusion" of God into human lives. Ezekiel gives a vision of the Lord taking a sprig from a lofty cedar tree and turning it into a mighty tree under which winged creatures of every kind will nest. This 'tree" represents the Davidic line and God is promising the captives that the line will be continued and the continued "kingdom" will include many people. The Psalmist sings a song of praise and compares the 'righteous" to a growing tree that produces fruit even into old age.

Paul is justifying his ministry to the Corinthians as a result of trouble n the church there. Paul compares the body to a "tent" and the spiritual body to a "house not made with hands" which is prepared by God in the preceding verses to this passage. Paul notes that for the suffering Christian it is natural to long to be with the Lord rather than "at home in the body". He warns that we all must stand before the judgment seat of Christ; therefore, we seek to persuade others to turn from their worldly ways to life with Christ. Paul notes that if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation, the old life has passed away. Thus, Paul shows that the believer is to use human speech to lead others into the future promised

Mark gives us two "kingdom" parables. A "kingdom" parable is the gospel hidden in a story. The first parable of the kingdom being like someone who scatters seed on the ground and the plants grow and mature, without the sower knowing how or why. But when the grain is ripe, the sower immediately goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come. The second parable is that of the mustard seed, which is extremely small; yet, when it is sown and grows it creates a large bush to allow birds of the air to make nests in its shade. These parables tell the believer that the kingdom of heaven is here, now! God has entered our existence in the person of Jesus Christ and in the person of the Holy Spirit. We as Christians are the "children of God" and as such are citizens of His kingdom even while we are citizens of our country in this present world. The mystery is that the Kingdom of God is here and yet it is also to come. So do we repent, believe and live to tell others, or do we just ignore the fact that the "harvest has come" and perish forever?

May the Holy Spirit "intrude" into your life that you may persuade oth-

ers to also live in Christ Jesus.

Thank you

I would like to take this time to thank the Stationmaster's Museum Board for giving me the opportunity and the honor of being the 2006 Heritage Days Queen. I really enjoyed it and had a lot of fun.

I would also like to thank everyone in Spearman for the congratulations and best wishes that you extended to me. I along with my late husband, Rock, and our family always appreciated the support of Spearman and will always consider each of you as special friends. Georgia McLeod



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MARY LOU NAVA SAUZ

SPEARMAN - Mary Lou Nava Sauz, 61, passed away on Monday, June 12, 2006 in Spearman, Texas.

Services will be Friday, June 16, 2006 at 2:00 PM at First United Methodist Church conducted by the Rev. Derril Evins. Funeral arrangements by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Spearman.

Mrs. Sauz was born in Alice, Texas on June 3, 1945. She was a longtime resident of Spearman and was married to Lorenzo Sauz. She served as nursery worker for First United Methodist Church where she was a

Survivors include her husband, Lorenzo Sauz, two sons, Brandon Nava of Amarillo and Orie Cooksey of Canyon; one daughter, Brandy Sauz of Perryton; two sisters, Esmeralda Renteria of Gruver and Ester Vargas of Spearman and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to First State Bank for the benefit of the family on Mary Lou Sauz, Box 247, Spearman, Texas 79081.

SHELLEY JEAN SMITH

SPEARMAN - Shelley Jean Smith, 28, passed away Tuesday, June 13, 2006 in Spearman, Texas.

Services for Ms. Smith will be on Friday, June 16, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church with the Rev. James Washburn officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery with Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home handling the services.

Ms. Smith was born in Witchita Falls, Texas on April 27, 1978 to Al and Jean Smith. Later she moved to St. Jo, Texas before moving to Spearman in 2002. Ms. Smith is a member of the Assembly of God Church in Spearman. She was an excellent mother, sister and daughter and was loved by everyone.

She is survived by her parents, Al and Jean Smith of Spearman; two children, a daughter, Haley Lynn Pledger and a son, Wesley Andrew Pledger of St. Jo, Texas; two sisters, Laurel Lane and Alison Smith both of Spearman.

The family requests memorials be made to: Shelley J. Smith-Pledger Fund, % First State Bank, Box 247, Spearman, Texas 79081.



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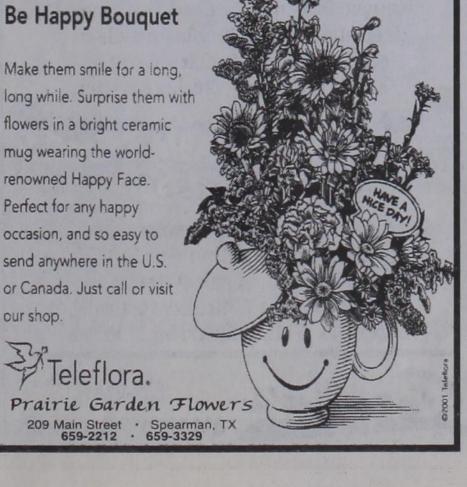
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We have had a great start with summer. The last day of school we were blessed to have the kindergarten classes of Spearman along with teachers and their families for a hot dog cookout out in the Resident courtyard. It was fast and furious. All of the children and families were excited about school being out. The Residents enjoyed watching the children eat and play with such energy and excitement.

Many thanks go out to the First Christian Church for hosting bingo the last two weeks of May. We really appreciate you.

The birthday party was hosted by the auxiliary on the 26th. They brought in pie after pie after pie as well as helping serve. Many thanks go out to the auxiliary for their faithfulness and their service to the elders of our community. We appreciate you all. After celebrating the birthdays for May and feasting on delicious pies, Alyssa Holt sang for the Residents. She has the voice of an angel and it was just beautiful to listen to her sing. Many thanks to you. Later in the evening, the Texhoma Mennonite Youth Group Choir performed for the Residents in the living room. They sing a capella and are very, very good. Thank you one and all for the blessings.

Many thanks go out to all of the volunteers that help with church on Sundays also. Melba Rook jumped right in to save the day on the 28th of May and again on the 11th of June with her guitar in hand and her wonderful singing. Many thanks also to the Church of Christ of Spearman for providing services on June 4th. I know that you will be rewarded for your service to the

On the 30th of May we had a great, great time on a cake walk. We had volunteers all over the place to push Residents in the large circle around the living room and dining room to the music. Every time the music stopped a number was drawn and whoever was stopped on that number that was pasted on the floor won a prize. Needless to say we have great participation during cake walks.

The Residents have started working on some mobiles to hang on their doors during July for the 4th of July. They are coming along very nicely and are going to look really festive to celebrate our

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Hillary Holmes & Matt Archer - June 24

LaDonna Campbell & Chris Parks - June 25

Laura Long & Kolby sumner - July 1

Jessica Crossland & Matt Dunnihoo - July 8

Andi Hager & John Stafford - July 8

Farrell Farley & Garrett Griffin - TBQ

Kendra Morgan & Jim Potts

Camille Campbell & Xyler Barkley

Farrell Farley & Garrett Griffin

Shannon Glockner & Chad Scarborough

Angela Bivins & Coley Griffin

Terry McCann & Michael Witten

Wedding Dates

Sarah Stanfield & Tanner Hand - July 1

Alexis Adams & Ryan Atwood - Sept. 16

Baby Registry

Christin Bland & Chad Clift

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Steffany & Jason Ward

Xyna (Shields) & Joe Hudson

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Charles Brillhart was on hand for Name That Tune on the 2nd of June. The Residents love him to come play for them. Thank you Charles!! The auxiliary also has been hosting Thursday afternoon bingo and Rho Rho Sorority will be hosting bingo on Monday nights the rest of June. Thank you all.

We also have been going outside quite a bit in the mornings before it gets so very hot and enjoying the courtyard and the many beautiful flowers. We have also had cooking club, where we made cookies for dessert after bingo on the 8th, Newscurrents, Front Porch Travels, exercise, gardening, dominoes, table games and coffee club. All staff on hand and all volunteers that we could nab helped take the Residents outside and lined up on the sidewalks so that they could watch the Heritage Days parade. Thank you to everyone who helped and thank you to the com-

munity for making it a priority to bring the parade down the street that runs in front of the Manor. We appreciate you all.

Attached are a couple of pictures of Residents enjoying the courtyard that Empty Stocking dollars help to maintain. We appreciate all of your donations to the Empty Stocking Fund. It directly impacts the lives of all Residents.

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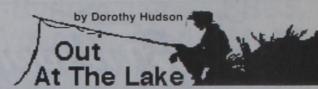
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Lake Level--June 12, 2006--20.08feet (-0.28)

The drought continues and that means the Lake level continues to drop. The edges of of the Lake are a little tricky for drivers. Jim was up until 1:15 Sunday night helping some visitors get unstuck from a sand spit that goes out into the

Jim said the weekend was slow with only 2 campers on Saturday night--one on each side. The fishing is a maybe proposition, but he sees enough lights around the water at night to know several are

Random Bird Notes
This year I am hearing more bird stories in Gruver. AnnaBeth Wood told me of seeing a very small blue bird on the ground in her back yard. She looked at the picture of a Black-throated Blue Warbler and decided that was most likely the bird. When I consulted Kenneth Seyfferts' Birds of the Texas Panhandle I found that he had only found 6 recordings of this bird being found in the Panhandle.

Charlotte Bergin has a Mockingbird nest in a tree in her front yard. She has been able to watch from a window as the nestlings are being fed.

Leona Stavlo noticed a small dove on a pine needle nest in a

backyard pine tree. Later she noticed a larger dove on the nest and was able to tell she had a pair of mourning doves. They both incubate the eggs with the male taking the day shift and the female the night one. The 2 eggs usually hatch in 2 weeks. For three weeks the babies are fed "pigeon's milk." At 5 days, seeds are also added.

Probably most of you readers are familiar with pigeon's milk, but I was not. The first thing I learned was that since pigeons and doves are in the same family, pigeon's milk is the name used for this phenomena in both birds. Then I found it was a mistake to think it was something to do with the female bird. No, both parents provide the young with this "milk." The little ones stick their beaks down the adults' throats and suck it out. It is formed in the specialized doublecompartment crops of pigeons and doves. (For those who have never cleaned birds for eating, the crop and craw are the same name for an enlargement used to store food on the bird's esophagus.) During feeding season both parents are able to process the stored food in a manner that resembles milk

Perhaps Leona will be able to observe this strange method of feeding young doves.

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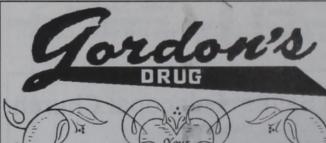
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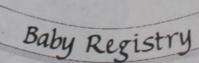
"Kash Kyler" proud parents are Kris & Crissy Babe also proud are:

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Students in Free Enterprise named Second Runner-up

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at West Texas A&M University was named second runner-up May 22 in the first-round judging league at the SIFE USA National Exposition in Kansas

the 12th year in a row. The team a better world?" returned from Kansas City with a trophy and \$750 in prize money.

career fair hosted by 59 companies that specifically recruit from SIFE. More than 100 CEOs from corporations like Wal-Mart and RadioShack joined 100 students two from West Texas A&M-in a WTAMU's SIFE team advanced roundtable discussion on "How to national competition by captur- can business leaders make a meaning a regional championship for ingful contribution toward creating

senior economics and marketing teach market economics, success

50 Back - Zane Hughes - 5th

50 Breast - Zane Hughes - 2nd

100 Free - Zane Hughes - 4th

11 & 12 Boys

50 Free- Brent Hansen - 2nd

50 Breast - Brent Hansen -1st

100 Free - Brent Hansen - 2nd

200 Free - Brent Hansen -2nd

500 Free - Brent Hansen - 1st

13 & 14 Girls

100 Back - Stevie Couch - 5th

100 Breast - Stevie Couch - 8th

100 Free - Stevie Couch -8th

500 Free - Stevie Couch - 1st

15 & Over Girls

100 Fly - Kim Bergen - 2nd

200 IM - Kim Bergen - 2nd

200 Free - Kim Bergen - 1st

100 Back - Kim Bergen - 2nd

100 Breast - Kim Bergen - 5th

The next swim meet will be

Saturday, June 17 in Dodge City,

Kansas.sThe Spearman meet will

50 Free - Stevie Couch - 8th

major from Albuquerque, N.M., participated in the discussion.

Jean Walker, instructor of finance who holds the Sam M. Walton Fellowship as WTAMU's SIFE adviser, accompanied the team.

SIFE teams on college campuses in 40 countries work to make a difference in their communities by WTAMU's Andrew Contreras, a organizing service projects that

Team members also attended a major from Amarillo, and Tony skills, entrepreneurship, financial Sanchez, a senior management literacy and business ethics. Their projects are judged at competition on creativity, innovation and effec-

> Members of the team from Gruver are: Misael Rosales, a junior accounting/computer information systems major and Dan Villegas, a sophomore graphic design major.



Haley Pletcher was the salutatorian for the Perryton High School 2006 graduating class.

She was also named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2006 Outstanding Social Studies Student (\$200 cash award from Interstate) and was a Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer. She received the FirstBank Southwest \$100 Salutatorian award, NHS scholarship award of \$500; BBBS scholarship award of \$300; and a Brown University Scholarship. She will attend Brown University in the fall as cognitive neuroscience major.

Haley is the daughter of Kayla Couts and Johnny Pletcher, both of Perryton. She is the granddaughter of Tommy and Sandy Russell of Spearman.

Stingrays Swim Meet Results

The Spearman Stingrays Swim Club had their first meet on Saturday, June 3 in Scott City, Kansas. We swam against teams from Scott City, Leoti, Lakin, Colby, and Guymon. Spearman placed fourth overall. These are the results for the Spearman kids:

8 & Under Girls 25 Freestyle - Taylor Varnon -1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd, Brantly Shields - 8th, Lily Patterson - 16th 25 Butterfly - Payton Harrell -

1st, Taylor Varnon -2nd 25 Backstroke - Taylor Varnon -1st, Payton Harrell - 4th Brantly Shields - 8th, Lily Patterson - 19th

25 Breaststroke - Taylor Varnon -1st, Payton Harrell - 2nd, Brantly Shields - 7th

100 Free - Taylor Varnon - 1st, Payton Harrell-3rd

100 Free Relay - Spearman - 1st-Payton Harrell, Lily Patterson, Brantly Shields, Taylor Varnon 100 Medley Relay - Spearman -1st - Payton Harrell, Brantly Shields, Taylor Varnon, Lily

Patterson 8 & Under Boys 25 Free - Dylan Kemp - 3rd,

Reece Shields - 15th 25 Back - Dylan Kemp - 1st 25 Breast - Dylan Kemp - 1st 100 Free - Dylan Kemp - 1st 100 Free Relay - Spearman - 4th Slade Knowlton, Reid Harrell, Reece Shields, Dylan Kemp

9 & 10 Girls 50 Free - Hannah Patterson -

50 Back - Hannah Patterson -12th 50 Breast - Hannah Patterson -

5th 100 Free - Hannah Patterson -

9 & 10 Boys 50 Free - Zane Hughes - 3rd, Dawson Riethmeyer -11th

Davis named HOBY Ambassador

Mattie Davis recently attended the North Texas Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar held in MAy in Ft. Worth, on the campus of Texas Christian University. Mattie joined other young leaders representing many high schools from throughout Texas.

Selected to represent Spearman High School, Mattie is the daughter of Jerry Pat and Christy David and Brian and Gina Gillispie. The spearman Lion's Club was the local HOBY sponsor. HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with groups of distinguished leaders in business, government, and education to discuss present and future issues. THe goal is to provide the youths a stimulating forum for learning about the free market and democratic process while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY leaders are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the SEminar.

Hugh O"Brian Youth Leadership was established in 1958 by the popular actor Hug O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. "One of the things Schweitzer said to me was that the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth.

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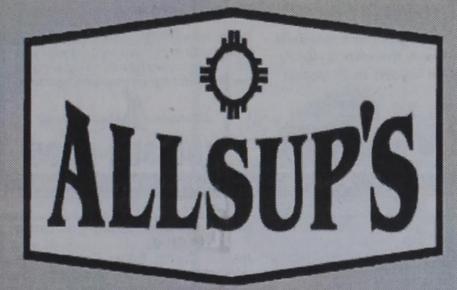
Caroline Abigail Jones was born in Seattle on May 3, 2006 at 8:21 PM n the Swedish Hospital. Caroline weighed 9 pounds 14.5 ounces and was 22 inches long.

She is the fourth grandchild of Donnie and Jeannie Jones of Morse and Datil, NM. Jeannie just returned from an 8 day visit with the family and eports that she is PERFECT!

Maternal grandmother is Jan Bolin of Frisco, Texas. Caroline is Ira and Duida Harbour's tenth great-grandchild! Other great-grandparents are Dexter and Mary Jo Elliot of Frisco as well as Emestine Bolin and Sonny Harris of Gainsville.







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Building Update No. 7

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Over the past month our new cafeteria has started to take shape right before our eyes.

Work has been very steady after erected. The outside walls were put up and work started inside with the plumbers working on roof drains, electricians installing electrical conduit, the AC crew putting up duct work, and the sprinkler crew installing the sprinkler system. Currently, the interior walls and door jambs are being installed. Now you can start visualizing the shapes and sizes of the rooms, stage and kitchen. In addition, the outside bricks are being laid by the

The next part of the project is to finish the roof to weather it in. The roofers are scheduled to start on the roof this Thursday, taking about a week to finish the job. Once the roof is done then insulation and sheet rock will be put up inside the building.

brick layers.

We have also been moving out of the old band/choir building and the maintenance building to get ready to tear down these structures. The contents have been taken to the Ideal Building for storage. Needless to say, the Ideal Building is packed and we do not have a lot of storage space available. Also starting this Thursday, the abatement crew will start abating these

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman buildings. Once this is complete, The 2006-2007 school year is the buildings are scheduled to be demolished the first of June. Work will then begin on the pad of the spring, we will hopefully be mov-

new junior high school. the joints and steel beams were torn down until the new cafeteria is finished. Right now we are shooting to be in our new cafeteria in August to start the school year. Hopefully, we will report back to school and will have our welcome back breakfast in this new building! Keep your fingers crossed!

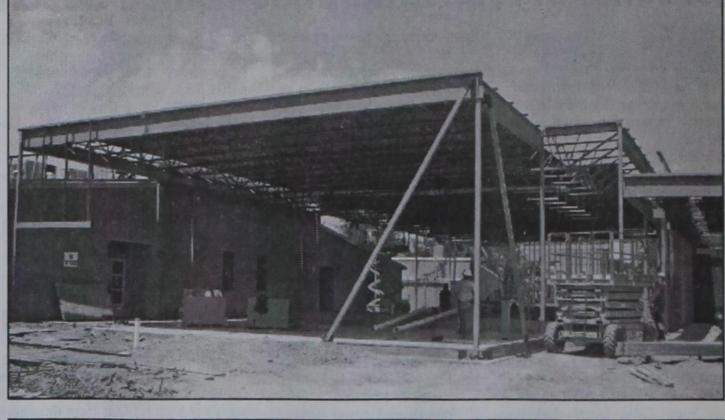
me to see our buildings progress to too, look forward as much as I do the point that you can actually see the light at the end of the tunnel.

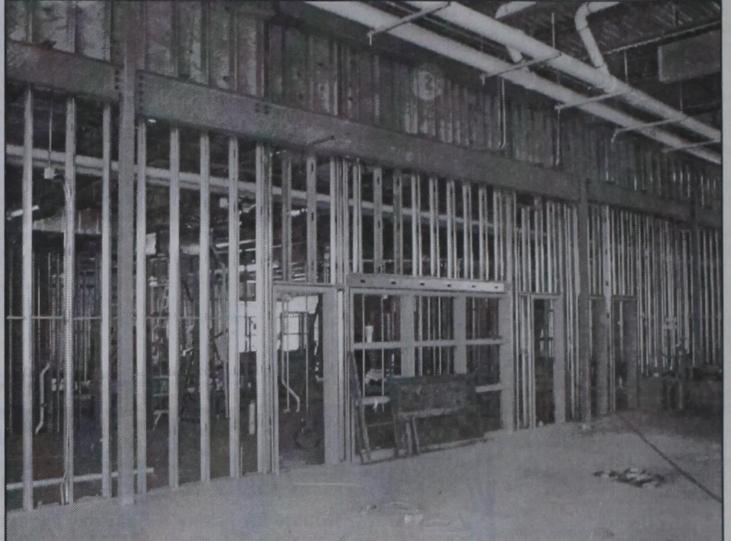
going to be fun as we see the next phase of the project start. By next ing into the new junior high school Our current cafeteria will not be and then start on the final phase of the elementary school.

I appreciate your patience as we have had to work around the construction. Just getting to the playground has proved to be a challenge, but as usual, you make the best of things and never complain.

Enjoy the summer and as you I know that you are as excited as drive by the building I hope you, to a new cafeteria to welcome us back to school!







Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were above average all week. A few isolated showers were reported with up to 0.1 inches received. Soil moisture is rated short to very short. Corn is rated fair to good. Irrigation is heavy. Spider mites continue to infest a few fields. Most of the cotton has been planted. A few fields had to be replanted because of high winds. Stands are rated fair to good. Thrip infestations are high. Peanut stands are rated good. No pest problems have been reported. Sorghum continues to be planted. Stands are rated very poor to fair. Soybean stands are rated fair. No pest problems have been reported. Wheat harvest is about 40 percent complete. Reported yields are poor because of dry weather and disease. Range conditions vary from fair to very poor. Fire danger continues to be high in much of the area. Cattle are rated in fair to good condition



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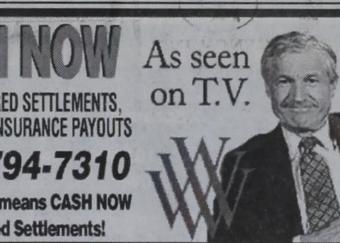
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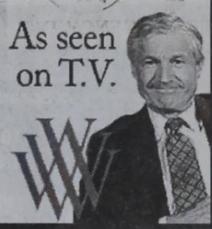
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1st Grade Blaise Davis, Macy Haight, Wyatt Poer, Abigail Trejo, Kennedy Venneman, Braxton Crane, Ramiro Hernandez, Amber Johnson, Tania Ortiz, Jasmine

Puebla 2nd Grade Aaron Felderhoff, Ady Garcia, Mattie Mayfield, Nick

Renteria, Brennyn Seagler, Hadlee Spivey, Lesly Bernal, Trenton Finley, Karsten Irwin, Nicholas Key, Kennedy King, Justin Moreno 3rd Grade Michaela Davis, Dax Haight, Mason McLain, Bailey Rae Poer, Calvin Cazares, Vanessa Garcia, Reagan Haynes, Megan Sparks, Marshall Thornton, Carson

Williams, Beau Blankenship, Destiny Bravo, Maggie Gaspar, Cesar Mendoza, Coley Ruebush, Travis Stedje, Madi Teal, Madison Williams Miles Messer, Veronica Teal, Angelica Vela

Sophomores Yadira Garcia, Maydeli Ortiz, Morgan Ross, Adriana Soto, Seth Thompson, Abbi Yanke Conrad Curry, Brain Johnson, Jimmilee McCloy, Justin

Thompson, Victoria Vela Timber Barkley, Joel Hernandez, Rachelle Holt, Matt Messer, Stephen Salazar, Reid Winger

All A's and 1 B Freshmen Marisol Hernandez, Matt Salazar Sophomores **Emily Williams**

Juniors Sydney Been, Bonnie Frick, Mayra Hernandez, Tucker Williams

Sheldon Atwood, Ivan Briones, Tyler Lane, Sarah Mireles, Ryan Perez, Maria Ruiz, Jessica Schmidt

> Spearman ISD All A's 1st Grade

Yesica Gonzales, Ronnie Rey, Ashley Vasquez, Tyler Thoms, Caityln Tedder, Kayla Servantez, Lane Farrar, Johathan Blan, Zariah Arzate, Daniel Anima, Tori Bennett, Steven Johnson, Dylan Kemp, Halston Kenney, Emilee Key, Orion Kunselman, Edward

McIntyre, Reid Swan, Courtney White, Oswaldo Alvarado, Karina Barrio, Michael Borunda, Daisy Perez, Trenton Baird, Cade Garnett, Derek Holloway, Taryn Hughes, Kyler Limbocker, Savanna Salazar, Brantly Shields, Jennifer Vaquera, Connor Odegaard 2nd Grade

Leilani Carrasco, Brennan Greene, Dustyn Kelley, Haylee Miesner, Maggie Pipkin, Moises Rosendo, Maria Tarango, Della Duarte, Griffin George, Payton Harrell, Trea Rice, Alexis Alvarez, Jaci Burgin, Colton Cator, Daniela Garcia, Angela Mendoza, Julio Morales, Trace Patterson, Logan Sowder

3rd Grade Beau Brown, Cheyenne Evans, Slade Garnett, John Holloway, Nikki Rindlisbacher, Vanessa Vela, Tanner Baird, Cayton Limbocker, Emily Miser, Hannah Patterson, J. D. Reed, Brooke Walker, Trey Bridwell, Peyton Garnett, Tyann Hight, Zane Hughes, Jayme Pack, Belen Robledo, Brock Schroeder, Callie Yarbrough, Ruben Frayre

Miranda Hargus, Tristian Hughes, Lalo Jurado, Stephania Hernandez, Sydney McDonald, Christian Ortiz, Devin Wells, Vanessa Briseno, Seth Carson, Kimberly Gibson, Carson Pearson, Juan Garcia, Ryan Schnell, Connor Willimon

5th Grade Jeb Cantu, Adrianna Corralejo, Audy Reed, Erynn Saenz, Mabry Sutterfield, Kyla Walker, Jake Willimon, Allison Brown, Arik Mires, Luis Vela, Maria Pena, Crystal Cantu, Kylee Hegstrom, Katy Miser, Alfredo Rosendo, Cynthia Mendoza, Itzel Meza

6th Grade Morgan Ashmore, Lexi Bratton, Tylo Farrar, Gately Garnett, Brody Hargrove, Margerita Ibarra, Katelyn Kizziar, Malory Martin, Blanca Rosendo, Sarah Snider, Anna Sowder, Christina Vargas

7th Grade Nikki Boyd, Laura Hernandez, Jessica Pinon, Yesenia

8th Grade Preslee Baker, Ashton Comp, Sutten Garnett, Rosa Ortiz, Chance Pack, David Salazar, Andi Scarborough

Jordan Ashmore, Cha Tae Avila, Brittany Barnes, Sabrina Cantu, Ashley Close, Destiny fisher, Kegan garnett, Jennifer Perez, Bond Pittman, Vicky Renteria, Tyler Schnell, Haley Smith, Chasity Thomas, Brett Winegarner, T. J. Worley

Sophomores Amee Boyd, Brittney Bradley, Lizet Camacho, Callie Cazarez, Mattie Davis, Clara Kern, Natalie Quintero, Kyla Reed, Kendall Schneider

Sara Barnes, Saylee Flowers, Sharon Haney, Trudy Hart, Karina Hernandez, Emily Hood, Christina Hunter, Jessica Jarvis, Jordanna Lozano, Wilhma Macias, Aaron Maestas, Stuart Martin, Zack Nollner, Mirna Ortiz, Kelcee Rex

Seniors Katie Baehler, Angelica Briseno, Jessica Brown, Edgar Elwood, J.J. Gallegos, Maribel Moreno, Mallory Paul, Adriana Pinon, Alejandro Rios, Endi Robledo, Jordan Short, Aleisha Sweat, Si Li Tang, Steven Vaguero, Courtney Worley

"A" Average 1st Grade

Aileen Flores, Tanya Arreola, Joey Smith, Erin Wiggins, Estrella Flores 2nd Grade

Eliana Arzate, Janak Bhakta, Daisy Lopez, Bryan Meza, Jailene Morales, Marlyn Álmanza, Kevin Castillo, Lupe Briseno, Michael Fox, Brianna Howard, Hunter Kenney, Enrique Ortiz, Trent WHite, Serena Harbour, Austin Holguin, Taylor Varnon 3rd Grade

Alan Biggers, Israel Hernandez, Brigette Vargas 4th Grade Adolfo Flores, Jackson Davis, Eulises Mendoza,

Kelsesa Miller, Javier Rosendo, Alison Smith, Katie Miesner, Jerry lang 5th Grade Alexis Mendoza, Andrew Landers, Anthony Ochoa,

Greg Torres, Yadira Villa, Ruben Ponce

6th Grade Cassie Bowers, Ivette Briseno, Stefan Cook, Lauren Ferguson, Rubi Garcia, Bryce Jarvis, Erik Lopez, Cassidy Odegaard, Lauren Patterson, Justin

Rindlisbacher, Janneth Terrazas, Derrick Zimmerman 7th Grade

Cody Benton, Jessica Bueno, Edgar Castillo, Allysa Comp, Amber Martinez, Cameron Meddock, Jose MEndoza, Natalia Saldivar, Seth Salgado, Dedee Vaquero

8th Grade Tate Batton, Carlos Erives, Leanna Espinosa, Jeff Hall, Whitney Maestas

> A-B Honor Roll Freshmen

Cullie Cooper, Chase Farrar, Dayne Hargrove, Tyler Harper, Elena Vargas, Krystal Vela Sophomores

Blayne Baker, Amy Brown, Jessica Diaz, Kylee Howard, Christy Lang, Colby Odegaard, Tara Shields Eduardo Chairez, Brynr Garnett, Collin Gillaspie, Cara

Gwin, Lance Huddleston, Ryan Ramon, Rhett Renner, Anthony Renteria, Noemi Rodriguez Carlos Baca, Jessica Bates, Roy John Bulls, Brian

Close, Cathy Hernandez, Jarick Howard, Jenna McElroy, Tabatha Shields, Lindsey Short, Timberly Thomas, Abby Winegarner

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1st Grade Getsy Chavira, Joshua Deaver, Paloma Holguin, Tyrce Mikles, Chase Rannals, Taci Taylor 2nd Grade

Abigail Briseno, Fabian Canales, Hunter Hopkins, Ryanne Howell, Kate Lieb, Ella Speck 3rd Grade

Jace Taylor 4th Grade Gena Gillispie, Jace Lane, Molly Lieb

Sth Grade
Reese Clark, Nathan Forrest, Audrey Lieb, Paige Pierson, Saira Rivera, Hannah Speck 6th Grade Kaytelyn Wilson

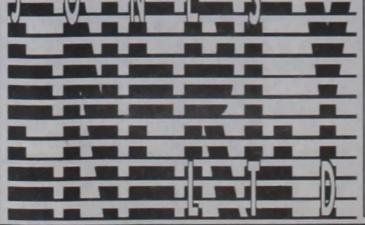
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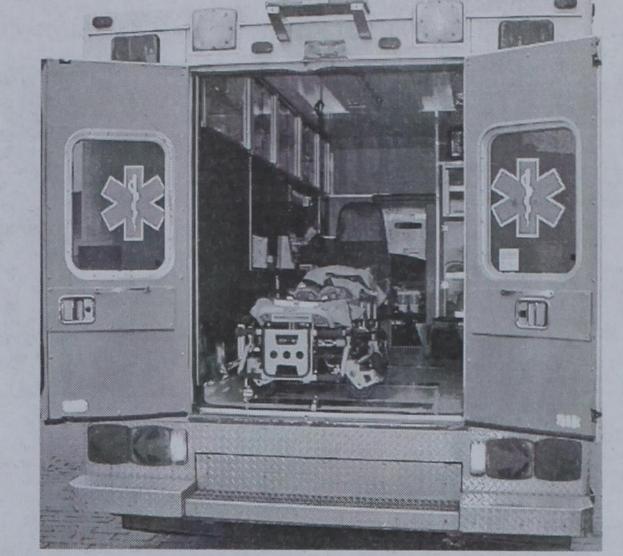
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Aleisha Sweat and Cesar Macias

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Aleisha is the daughter of Anne and Marvin Wilkerson and Devin Sweat. She has three brothers: Jordan, Derrick and Clayton.

We asked Aleisha what teacher had influenced her the most and she gave us two instead. Those are Ms. Blankenship and Mr. Murdock. We, also, asked her what she liked best about Spearman and what she liked best about Spearman High School. She responded, "It's a small town, so everybody knows you, which makes it feel like an extremely large family. The teachers here are very caring

During the time she has spent at SHS Aleisha has been in band and the National Honor Society plus she has participated in in track and cross country. She's had a poem published, was "Best Clarinet" - 2006; Outstanding Sophomore and Senior in band; Outstanding Band Member in 2006; Best Team Member, 2004-2005; State Qualifier-Sophomore and Senior years for Solo Ensemble; Best Attitude in band-2005; Drum Major-2005-06; Band President-2006; and Band secretary,

When not doing school activities Aleisha likes hanging out with friends, reading and spending time with her little brother, Derrick, and her family.

Aleisha plans to attend Oklahoma State University.

Cesar Macias is in the eleventh grade and is the son of Jose and Wilhma Macias. He has a brother, Jesus and a sister, Wilhma.

During his high school years Cesar has played football, ran track, played in the band and is a member of FCCLA. He was voted class

We asked Cesar what he liked about Spearman, Spearman High School and what teacher had most influenced him. His answers were very short and simple, "It's a small town and everybody knows each other. I like the teachers. And Coach Bowls.'

When not in school he likes playing sports with friends and working. Cesar's plans for the future are to attend West Texas A&M



Laci Fitzgearld

Curt and Trisha Fitzgearld are the proud parents of the Gruver's May Student of the Month, Laci Fitzgearld. Laci is a senior and she has one brother, Blake.

We asked Laci what she liked most about GHS? She told us, "I like the family-like atmosphere. I like how the teachers are dedicated to their work but at the same time are our friends." Mrs. Miller has been the teacher that has most influenced Laci.

When asked about what she liked most about the City of Gruver Laci responded, "I like the small town atmosphere and the closeness of the community."

During her high school years Laci has participated in cross country, basketball, tennis, Fellowship Christian of National Honor Athletes, Society and church.

Laci has accomplished a lot during high school including the Tennis Award, All-Around Athlete, Academic All-District Cross Country, Academic Allo-District Basketball, 2nd All-District Basketball and May Student of the Month. Laci won the State Championship in tennis.

When Laci is not going all out she enjoys playing tennis, going to the movies and hanging out

Laci plans to play tennis at Howard Payne University and majoring in Biology.

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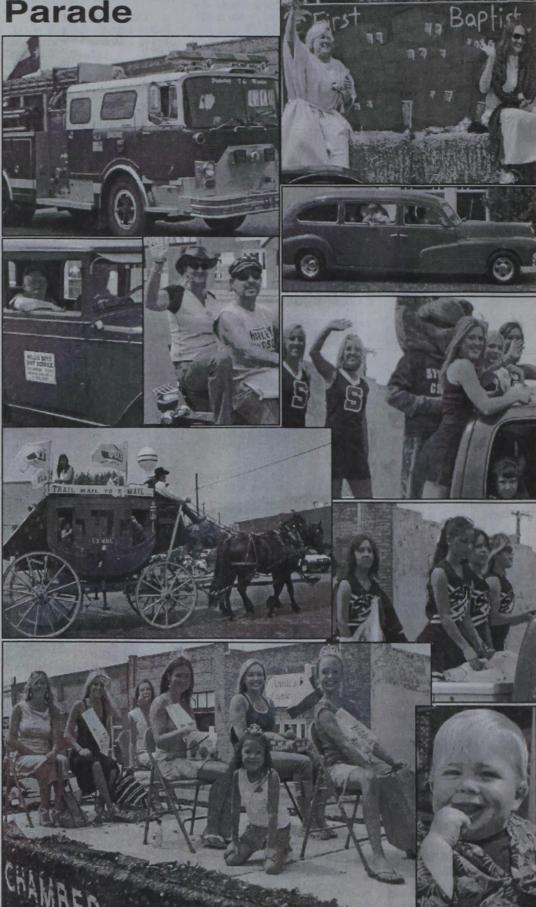
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