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IN THE NEWS

Wal-Mart's Next Battle: In The Big Apple
 A proposal for a store in Queens could produce the biggest showdown yet with the megastore's opponents.

Judge Orders Continued Feeding for Florida Woman
 A Florida judge on Wednesday extended by 48 hours an order preventing the husband of a severely brain-damaged woman from removing a feeding tube that has kept her alive for the past 15 years.

U.S. Wants Man Named in Plot to Kill Bush Held in Jail
 U.S. prosecutors on Wednesday urged that an American citizen accused of supporting al Qaeda and plotting to kill President Bush be held in jail until trial.

Bush's Uncle Reaps Stock Options for Iraq Work
 President Bush's uncle, who serves on the board of a U.S. defense contractor with over \$100 million in business in Iraq, recently cashed in on some of that lucrative work, a government filing showed on Wednesday.

In Iowa, a Senator Pitches Social Security Changes
 Iowans gathered in a small basement room at the Jasper County Courthouse on Wednesday peppered Sen. Charles Grassley with questions about President Bush's Social Security plan, seeking reassurance that the changes will help the retirement system survive.

Rosen Named Top Bush Economic Adviser
 President Bush promoted Harvey Rosen on Wednesday to chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, the White House said in a statement.

Bush Thanks U.S. Troops for Extended Iraq Tours
 President Bush told a roaring crowd of U.S. veterans of the Iraq war on Wednesday "America stands with you," and thanked them for serving in extended tours.

Nearly Half of NY Sept. 11 Dead Cannot Be Identified
 New York authorities have ended efforts to identify victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, leaving the remains of nearly half the 2,749 people killed in the World Trade Center unidentified, the city's medical examiner said on Wednesday.

UN Security Council Condemns Use of Child Soldiers
 The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday condemned the use of child soldiers, sexual slavery and other crimes against children in war zones and called for governments to hold perpetrators accountable.

Two Rescued from Iran Rubble, Survivors Angry
 Rescuers pulled two women alive from the rubble of a mountain village in southeastern Iran on Wednesday, but they also uncovered dozens of corpses as the death toll from Tuesday's earthquake headed toward 550.

Bush-Putin Summit: Freedom vs. Friendship
 In George W. Bush's first term, Vladimir Putin was a world leader the American president could understand. He knew the threat of terrorism; he, too, was trying to move a big country toward big changes. But now that President Bush is making democracy's global spread the hallmark of his second term, the relationship is set for rougher times.

Europe's Rising Class of Believers: Muslims
 Religion's place in public life has shot to the top of the agenda in France, and in the rest of Europe, for one reason: Islam, and the growing millions of people on the Continent who practice it.

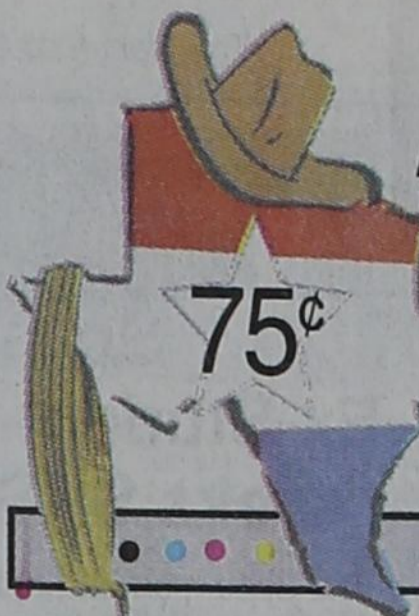
Bush in Europe: New Dialogue, Old Quarrels
 Divisions remain over key issues with traditional allies, but the atmospherics changed.

Brazil Environmentalist Shot Dead
 A Brazilian environmentalist was shot dead in the country's Atlantic rain forest on Tuesday night, only 10 days after a U.S. nun and activist was gunned down in Brazil's Amazon jungle.

Venezuela Says U.S. Charges Prelude to 'Attack'
 Venezuela said on Wednesday U.S. accusations against President Hugo Chavez were a sign of an impending "attack" against one of its top oil suppliers.

Sharon Accuses France of 'Pro-Arab' Policies
 Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon criticized France Wednesday for backing a U.S.-backed proposal to declare Hizbollah a terrorist group.

Backing U.S. Missile Plan Seen Too Risky for Canada PM
 Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin decided not to sign on to the U.S. missile defense network despite urging from Washington because the political risks were too great, a senior official said Wednesday.



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Coldiron named Outstanding Teacher

Dana Coldiron was recently selected as the Region 16 Texas Middle School Association Outstanding Teacher. She, and other regional winners, will be honored at the TMSA Celebration on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at the state conference in Corpus Christi.

Ms. Coldiron, who teaches 5th-8th grade Social Studies at Pringle-Morse CISD, was nominated for this award by her principal, Kent Hargis.

"She is a very nurturing, caring teacher to whom the students respond very well," Kent Hargis said. "I have seen her many times walk up to a student in the hallway or in the cafeteria and put her arm around them and just ask them how they are doing. She works at getting to know her students personally and helps them in areas of their life outside the academic realm."

Ms. Coldiron has been teaching at Pringle-Morse for 14 years. She has been involved in several collaborative projects over the years with teachers inside and outside the district. She also served on a statewide committee charged with reviewing and making changes to the eighth grade social studies TAKS tests.

The students in Ms. Coldiron's classes perform extremely well on the statewide assessment tests. Teaching Social Studies, her students take only the eighth grade test, but have scored 100% for the last several years.

"It is a great advantage being part of a small school setting where she has her students from 5th through 8th grade," said Hargis. "Because of this unique teaching situation, she is able to get to know the students' learning styles and meet their needs in ways differently than if she just had them for one year."

"The students all love Ms. Coldiron because she treats them like adults and allows them to grow and learn in ways that they might not be able to in other

classrooms or other settings." Each year her sixth grade students study the customs of the Medieval time period. This project entails several weeks of preparation culminating with a Medieval Party for the entire school.

Outside the district, Ms. Coldiron's class has worked with a group of students from California State University to obtain e-mail addresses for descendants of passengers on the Mayflower. The students received information from the descendants about the family members and things relating to the Mayflower.

One year Ms. Coldiron's Social Studies students exchanged e-mail with students from France and then were able to exchange information and even gifts with the students in France. They sent the students from France chips and hot sauce and receive French chocolates from the students in France.

There are many other things she has done with her students, include using different types of technology to access the latest information via the Internet, videostreaming lessons to use as part of her curriculum, and field trips to local historical sites.

"I have known Dana Coldiron for two and a half years and feel that she is an excellent teacher and role model for her students and the other teachers," said Hargis. "She is a very good teacher and is deserving of the nomination. She works hard and tries to make her classroom a fun place to learn. She has taught in this small school for 14 years and is one of our longest tenured teachers."

For most of those fourteen years, Ms. Coldiron has driven 16 miles from Stinnett to work each day.

"She is always here regardless of the weather, and is usually here early," said Hargis.



Dana Coldiron



Gibson named to All-State Football

Wayne Gibson was named an Honorable Mention Defensive Lineman in the Class 2A All-State high school football, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors, and the Texas Sports Writers Association.

Gibson is a 6-0, 200-pound senior at Spearman High School. He is the son of Wayne and Gwen Gibson of Spearman.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. East winds around 10 mph shifting to the south after midnight.
FRIDAY - Increasing clouds. Highs in the lower 50s. Southwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the south in the afternoon.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Decreasing clouds. Lows in the upper 20s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.
SATURDAY - Increasing clouds. Highs in the lower 50s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain in the evening - then a slight chance of rain and snow after midnight. Lows around 30. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.
SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs around 50.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.



Dusty Badillo (left), owner of Dusty's Gifts and Tanning, is donating an electric scooter to be raffled at Walk for Kids' Sake on Saturday, February 26th. The proceeds from the raffle and Walk for Kids' Sake go directly to the local Big Brothers Big Sisters satellite office, which serves Booker, Perryton and Spearman. Raffle tickets are \$1 and may be purchased from any member of the BBBS Advisory Committee (L-R) Dusty Badillo, Ken Donahue, Cyndi Bollinger, Jason Cantrell and Debbie McGarraugh. Seated on the scooter is Becky Cunningham. Not pictured are Sue Phillips and Matt Bartosiewicz of Booker and Tara Leicht of Spearman. For more information, contact the Big Brothers Big Sisters office at 434-0016.

Customer Appreciation Day held at Hi-Plains Auto

Hi-Plains Auto celebrated their annual Customer Appreciation Day on Thursday, February 17th with lunch. Between 225-250 people enjoyed hamburgers with all the fixin's.

Hi-Plains Auto has been owned and operated by the Snider family since 1972, when it was purchased by Vance and Irene Snider.

The business is now operated by Jimmy Snider, who took over in January. His brother, Billy, ran the business until September of last year.

Billy is now serving as a full-time preacher for the Full Gospel Assembly of God Church in Stinnett.

Jimmy ran a NAPA store in Dumas for the past two years, and one in Boise City, OK for twelve years before that.

"It's good to be back in Spearman," said Jimmy.

"I want to thank everyone for attending our Customer Appreciation Day," said Jimmy. "We really appreciate your business and enjoy this opportunity to show our appreciation."



Above: Jordan, Sarah and Jean Snider prepare hamburgers for Hi-Plains Auto's Customer Appreciation Day.



Right: Jimmy Snider serves a hamburger to Gary Woolley as Teresa Pack and Stacie Derek prepare to provide the "fixin's".

Gruver vs. New Deal
 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25, at Amarillo High Activity Center

Live,
Laugh
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My friend Bill Pittman sent me a link to the following website, <http://www.thestatelandboys.com/Uthrillme/>. This website lists several "remember when" questions that stir memories. For those of you who don't have access to a computer, I am reprinting the text. If you do have a computer, you might want to go to the website and enjoy the pictures.

Do you remember when...
 All the girls had ugly gym uniforms?
 It took five minutes for the TV warm up?
 Nearly everyone's Mom was at home when the kids got home from school?
 Nobody owned a purebred dog?
 When a quarter was a decent allowance?
 You'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny?
 Your Mom wore nylons that came in two pieces?
 All your male teachers wore neckties and female teachers had their hair done every day and wore high heels?
 You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped for free, every time, without asking? And you didn't pay for air? And, you got trading stamps to boot?
 Laundry detergent had free glasses, dishes or towels hidden inside the box?
 It was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents?
 They threatened to keep kids back a grade if they failed... and they did?
 When a 57 Chevy was everyone's dream car...to cruise, peel out, lay rubber or watch submarine races, and people went steady?
 No one ever asked where the car keys were because they were always in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked?
 Lying on your back in the grass with your friends and saying things like, "That cloud looks like a..."
 Playing baseball with no adults to help kids with the rules of the game?
 Stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger?
 When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited you at home? (Basically we were in fear for our lives, but it wasn't because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! But we survived because their love was greater than the threat.)
 How many of these do you remember? Candy cigarettes, Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, Laurel and Hardy, Howdy Doody and the Peanut Gallery, the Lone Ranger, The Shadow Knows, Nellie Bell, Roy and Dale, Trigger and Buttermilk. As well as summers filled with bike rides, baseball games, Hula Hoops, bowling and visits to the pool, and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar, Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside, Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles, Coffee shops with table-side jukeboxes, Blackjack, Clove and Teaberry chewing gum, Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers, Newsreels before the movie, 16. E. Eliers, Telephone numbers with a word prefix...(Raymond 4-601), Party lines, Peashooters, 45 RPM records, Green Stamps, Hi-Fi's, Metal ice cubes trays with levers, Mimeograph paper, Beanie and Cecil, Roller-skate keys, Cork pop guns, Drive-ins, Studebakers, Washtub wringers, The Fuller Brush Man, Reel-To-Reel tape recorders, Tinkertoys, Erector Sets, The Fort Apache Play Set, Lincoln Logs, 15 cent McDonald hamburgers, 5 cent packs of baseball cards (with that awful pink slab of bubble gum), Penny candy, 35 cent a gallon gasoline, Jiffy Pop popcorn

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 :)

Wolf Creek Heritage
Museum Notes

Our TexasHELP meeting was a success. There was representatives of museums from Dalhart, Hereford, Wellington, and Clarendon. Our speakers were from the Amarillo Area Foundation, Texas Tech, and Exhibit USA. Malouf Abraham and Seth Davidson dropped by for the morning session and invited the group to Canadian for a late afternoon tour.

The group sessions were very productive and everyone enjoyed our museum. They were truly impressed that a small county could accomplish what we have in our museum. The representative of TexasHELP from Salt Lake City, Utah stated that Wolf Creek was to best museum for a county our size that he had ever seen. Now that is a nice comment that each citizen needs to spread around the county. We are small but mighty.

We ended the day with a tour of Lipscomb and journeyed on to Canadian for a private tour of the Abraham home. All in all it was a great day.

On Thursday, Mildred Becker, Georgia Couch and I ventured to Panhandle for a meeting of the Red River War Project with the Texas

Historical Commission. The exhibit consultant gave us the final report on the proposal for a continuous exhibit that will include 13 museums. The group will now start seeking funding for the project. Upon completion, the project will tell the story of the Panhandle's Red River War with each museum focusing on a specific aspect as well as the overall history of this important Indian War.

This week has had President's Day and George Washington's Birthday. President's Day was officially designated a National Holiday in 1971, to be observed on the third Monday of February combining the celebrations of Abe Lincoln's birthday on Feb 12 and George Washington's birthday on the 22nd of February. He issued this designation as a Presidential proclamation thinking it would change the federal statute. It doesn't so the federal statute continues to designate this day as Washington's Birthday but the common term has been "President's Day" since 1971.

Have a good week and I will leave you with a quote from Lillian Gish: "You can get through life with bad manners, but it's easier with good manners."

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request.
Museum Information: Hwy 305, Lipscomb; telephone: 806-852-2123; fax: 806-852-217; email: wolferk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com



School board candidate workshop offers information and insight

AMARILLO — Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 3, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center (5800 Bell St., Amarillo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

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Greetings To The Grad
Spearman Ex-Student Association seeks SHS graduates
 The Spearman Ex-Students Association cannot locate the following people for the All-School Reunion being held July 1 & 2, 2005.
 If you have an address or phone number for any of the following people, please call
 Marsha Shaver 659-2780,
 Paige Burgin 659-3399, or
 Cindy Blackman 659-3584, after 5.
 Or mail to PO Box 132, Spearman.
Thanks for your help!
We would really like to contact every graduate as soon as possible.

- Teachers**
 Eugene & Joy Barkowsky
 Jerry Brace
 Frank Cockrell
 Hazel Simmons Lorts
 Easton Wall
 Craig Zinck
- Graduates**
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| 1930 Warika Haney Brock | 1971 Larry Owens |
| 1930 Chloe Gill Cone | 1971 Susan Barnes Jones |
| 1931 Colleen Tower Dutton | 1971 Karl Kingham |
| 1931 Annie Deering Glover | 1971 Deanna Kloss |
| 1931 Donna Murphy Broadhurst | 1971 Debbie Kloss |
| 1932 Lorane Evans | 1971 Carlos Lopez |
| 1932 Milton Nielson | 1971 Shana Tobey McCoy |
| 1933 Lucille Robinson Bentley | 1973 Becky Faries Etheredge |
| 1933 Edna Buchanan Bassell | 1973 Pam Herring |
| 1932 Beatrice Becker Cline | 1973 Billy Pettitt |
| 1934 Katherine Eesealey | 1973 Danny Morris |
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| 1938 Dakota Becker Robertson | 1974 Larry and Eddie Graham |
| 1939 Polly Smith Taylor | 1974 Roy Luna |
| 1939 Bruce Douglas | 1974 Mike Self |
| 1940 John H. Horn | 1974 Randy Sims |
| 1940 Rev. Dale Field | 1975 Renee Asbill Clifford |
| 1940 Charles Edward Bradford | 1975 Debbie Simmons |
| 1940 Juanita Hendricks | 1975 Scott Snow |
| 1940 Scott Raymond | 1975 Debbie Stump |
| 1941 Eva Hilton Fischer | 1975 Daryl Thornton |
| 1941 Vance Prutsman | 1975 Don Wirsdorfer |
| 1944 Iris Hall | 1975 Cathy Cook Hagerman |
| 1944 Calvin Cox | 1975 Clay Ellison |
| 1945 Dorothy Noel Hammons | 1975 Paul Garza |
| 1948 Johnnie Ruth Wilson | 1975 Lynette Henry |
| 1950 Scott Coffman | 1975 Gloria Olivarez |
| 1958 Mary Frances Richardson | 1975 Mike Bomer |
| 1959 Carol Sue Hindergardt | 1975 Nawana Carter Brown |
| 1960 Galen Winters | 1975 James Cantrell |
| 1961 Wayne Douglas Scott | 1975 Julie Callaway |
| 1961 Carol Ann Fowler | 1975 James Neal |
| 1961 Darlene Stephens Harding | 1975 Jana Ralls |
| 1962 Bertie Mae Bogges | 1975 Gloria Lopez O'Brien |
| 1962 Carl Nickles | 1977 Becky Brown Myers |
| 1962 Margaret Nelson | 1978 Gary McCalman |
| 1962 Ken Camp | 1978 Randy Pool |
| 1962 Blair Burkhardt | 1978 Connie Moore |
| 1962 John Chain | 1978 Tammy Wallace |
| 1962 Jack Conner | 1979 Paul Welch |
| 1963 Melvin Covington | 1982 Donna Ball |
| 1963 Tom Nelson | 1982 Lois Cook Cruz |
| 1963 John Riley | 1982 Mitzie Hazlewood |
| 1963 Catherine Weaver Williams | 1983 Fran Quimby Lothman |
| 1964 David Hester | 1983 Angela McCain |
| 1964 Rick Collins | 1983 Rosa Roberts Pearce |
| 1965 Carol Simmons Clark | 1983 Toby Phillips |
| 1965 Tom Hoobler | 1987 Kim Branstetter McKee |
| 1965 Mike Morris | 1988 Mary Jane Schaffer Brown |
| 1966 Cynthia Henderson McGhee | 1988 Karen Cook Duff |
| 1966 Marnell Simmons Pribble | 1990 Chris Porter |
| 1967 Amy Presser Roberts | 1990 Arto Kunnola |
| 1968 Vicki Mickler Tunnell | 1992 Billy JoMorre Pierson |
| 1968 Ricky Butler | 1992 Khristi Williams Yoiley |
| 1968 Kenneth Banks | 1992 Jeremy Willingham |
| 1968 Donna Byrd | 1993 Santiago Tercero Jr. |
| 1970 Kay Reed | 1993 James Burk |
| 1971 Gary Staggs | 1993 Michael Burk |
| 1971 Roberta Carol Anders | 1996 Al Ortega |
| 1971 Tina Boese | 1995 Valentin Macias |
- Thank you to everyone who has sent in their dues!**
 Spearman Ex-Student Association is a non-profit organization that not only organizes the reunions, but also gives scholarships away yearly. So, please remember to send in your dues even if you can't attend the reunion. Thank you.

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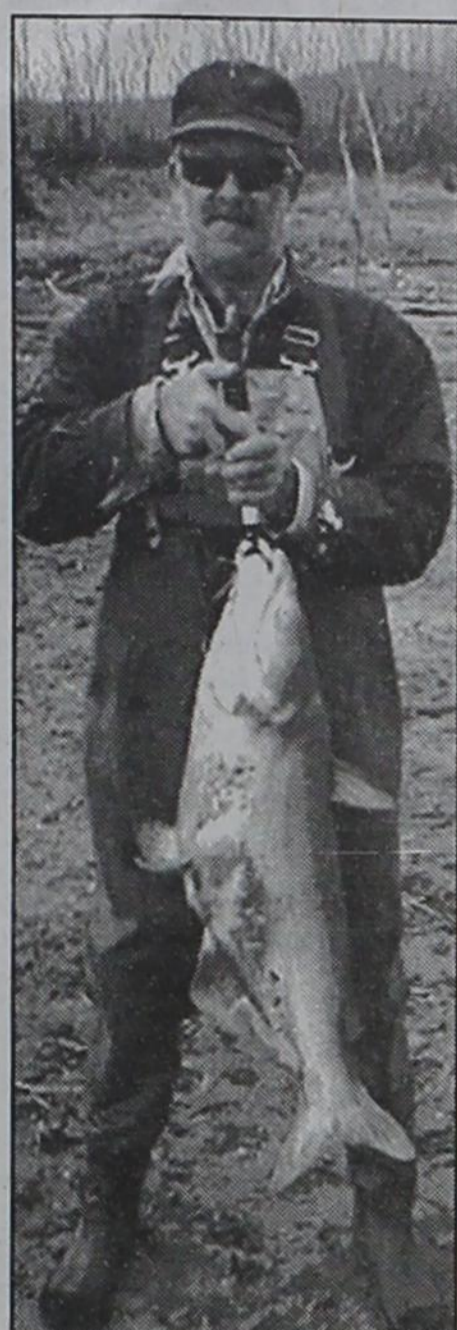
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by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



Kent Ruble shows off a 21-pound blue catfish, one of several caught at Lake Palo Duro on Thursday, February 17.

was caught on Valentine's Day. Kent Ruble caught a large one then as did Vic White and Max Taylor. The lake level, however, was only 26.64 feet. On Sunday several boats were on the Lake. Two of them were still there when the strong winds hit, but they were able to get on in.

If you are an animal lover and want to check out the beaver at the Lake, Jim said there were two locations to try. Near the bridge over the Palo Duro, you will first notice the trees that the beaver are cutting. Somewhere close is a hole to a den. Frank Edwards saw the beaver using this den at one time, but I don't know if that is still home for them or not. Around here you can look for tracks, a slide, and possibly a mound that the beavers have built to mark their territory. Below the intake tower on Horse Creek there is another spot that shows beaver activity.

In the Horned Lark's Prairie, the Texas Panhandle Audubon Quarterly Newsletter dated February 2005, Kenneth Seyffert of Amarillo has a featured article titled "A New Bird for the Texas Panhandle".

The rare bird seen and recorded for the first time in the Panhandle was flushed in Amarillo by Linda Murray at 1100 Broadmoor Street. The bird is a small owl known as the Flammulated Owl. ("Flammulated" means spiral color pattern.) One of my bird books says that these owls usually spend the winter in Central America, but Kenneth writes that their winter range is poorly known. They have been found in the Trans-Pecos and a few have been seen on the South Plains. He asks area observers to be on the alert for this small North American owl. It is the only one of our owls that has dark eyes instead of the usual yellow eyes. They are usually gray, although some of them are reddish.

Lake Level--February 21, 2005--32.56 feet (-0.17)

According to Jim the warmer weather has brought out the fishermen early again this year. Usually the first of March is the time the larger fish begin to be caught, but Kent Ruble and another fisherman both caught big fish last week. Last year the first big fish of the spring

ET CETERA

Hansford County

Schools to enjoy Spring break
Spring break at Gruver, Spearman, and Pringle Morse Schools is slated for March 7-March 11.

AARP Tax-Aide

AARP is offering free tax help for taxpayers with middle- and low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. A representative will be at Hansford County Library every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. beginning February 1st and continuing through April 12th. For more information, call 659-2853.

Track, golf, tennis begin at area schools

With temperatures expected to be far below 70 degrees this weekend, it is the beginning of the track and golf season, Panhandle style. Spearman and Gruver junior high and high school track teams will be competing in the Sunray Invitational Track Meet Thursday, February 24 and Saturday, February 26.

Hospice volunteer training

Hansford Hospice is sponsoring a volunteer training session beginning March 7th. at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about Hospice care, and/or desiring personal growth is invited to attend. There will be ten class sessions, and the schedule will be decided by those attending on March 7th. The course is free of charge. To enroll, please call 659-5811.

Spearman

Girls golf tees off

The girls' golf team will head to the greens Friday, February 25 when they compete at Borger and Saturday, February 26 when they compete at Phillips.

Gruver

FCCLA Attends Meet

Five members of Gruver FCCLA and their sponsor Cheri Sherrill attended the Regional Leadership Meeting in Lubbock February 11-12.

Those attending were Lucy Trejo, Jessica Vela, Maria Ruiz, Bonnie Frick, Matti Wheelock

Simply irresistible

Drew Grotogut was named Mr. Irresistible on Valentines Day at Gruver High School for stealing the most hearts.

Drew collected the largest number of (paper) hearts by getting more GHS young ladies to break their silence and talk to him.

GJHS names

citizens of the six weeks

Four GJHS have been named Citizens of the Six Weeks for their example in demonstrating the qualities necessary to be a good citizen.

Kramer King in fifth grade, Sammie Sanchez in sixth grade, Mattie Yanke in seventh grade, and Jordan Hicks in eighth grade.

Lions Club names guests

Patricia Gaspar and Mark TeBeest will be the March 2, guests of the Gruver Lions Club.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Parish Lay Minister Candidate

Lent invites us to ask where do we look for solutions to the problems of life. Where are we blind to others? What do we seek?

Reflecting on the lessons for the third week of Lent--Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5: 1-11 and John 4: 5-42--will give us some answers and other questions.

John tells us of a conversation between a Jewish rabbi, Jesus, and a Samaritan woman. This is significant because a man of Jesus time would not address a strange woman in public; a Jew would not converse with a Samaritan; a Rabbi would not associate with a woman of questionable lifestyle, yet Jesus did. The woman who came alone to a well at noon finds "living water" and is transformed. She immediately goes to tell others (a Samaritan evangelist!), "come see"; the villagers come and listen and they are transformed.

Paul tells us that in times of trial we should boast (celebrate) in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces hope and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. God has shown his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Reflect well upon these lessons and be transformed. May the Holy Spirit keep you in repentance through faith and grace in this season of Lent.

Card of Thanks

Thank You

So many of you have asked about Chalmers, written, phoned, visited, brought food, and expressed your caring in so many ways. Thank you for the love you have shown to us in our times of joy and sorrow.

With heartfelt thanks to all of you,

Chalmers Porter Family
Betty; Doug & Pam; William & Laura, Jennifer, Stephanie and Matthew; Raymie & Natalie, Isaiah and Joshua

Thank You

I would like to thank all members of my family, friends and neighbors, Doctors Garnett and Viola, the Hansford County EMS crews, the Hansford hospital and Hansford Manor nurses and staff and members of the First Baptist Church for the many expressions of care and concern shown to me during my recent illness and recovery. Hansford County is a very caring and loving place to live and for which I am grateful.

Edith Womble

Editors Note...

Freedom of speech is one of the guarantees of the First Amendment of our Constitution, so we encourage readers to express themselves, even if we don't agree with what is said. However, freedom involves responsibility. Therefore, the only letters we will consider publishing are from individuals who are willing for their names to appear with the letter. Letters must contain the telephone number, address and a personal signature of the writer. We will not knowingly publish any letter containing libelous statements.

In the event that numerous letters are received concerning the same subject, letters can be limited to one pro and one con letter per publication. Eligible letters will be published in the order in which they were received.

"Letters To The Editor," like all materials submitted to this newspaper, are subject to editing for space and clarity. The publication of any letter or article is the decision of the Editor and Publisher. Deadline for all news, as well as "Letters To The Editor," is 5 p.m. on Monday.

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KTOT on the air at reduced power

KTOT is back on the air at reduced power, and will soon be restored to full power.

According to Chuck Springer, chief engineer for High Plains Public Radio, the work crew was able to get the power up to an approximate radius of 20-30 miles around the KTOT tower (located outside of Perryton).

The damaged antenna was shipped out for repairs, and other parts have begun to arrive to repair the tower.

As was earlier reported, our KTOT antenna was damaged by lightning this summer, forcing us to operate our 89.5 FM frequency at lower power for several months. Eventually even that lower power signal failed. Because the damage affected the top portion of the 1000 ft. tower, this required a specialized tower crew from Oklahoma City. Unfortunately, once at the top, the crew discovered the damage was even more extensive than originally believed.

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College Corner

Honor Roll

Abilene Christian University

John Brock, a junior management major at Abilene Christian University, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2004 semester. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.45 and carry a minimum of 12 semester hours. John is the son of Kim and Stephanie Brock of Spearman.

West Texas A&M University

Jacob Harbour, a senior, computer science, was listed on the Deans' Honor Roll for the Fall 2004 semester. To be listed on the Dean's List, students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 semester hours.

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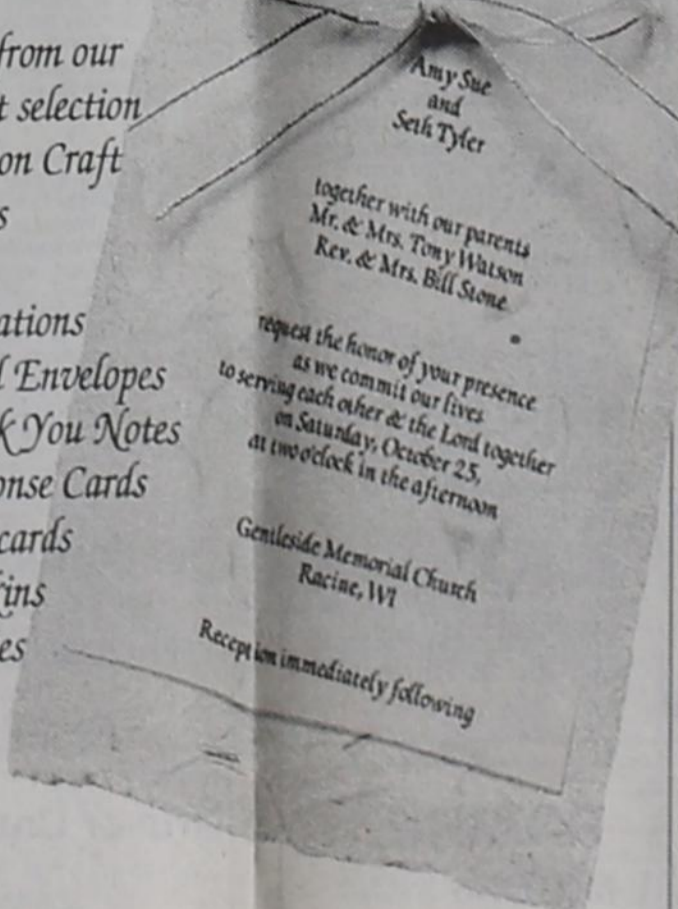
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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks



Congratulations to Robert Yanke and Viola Thompson, who were named Valentine King and Queen at Hansford Manor on Monday, February 14th.

We had a wonderful start to our week. The second grade classes of Gruver came over to visit with the residents in order to develop a life story for their class. They arrived early and toured the facility and became acquainted with Curtis, the cockatiel, Peckinpaw, the white dove, Tuffy & Tinkerbell, the resident yorkies, Fritz & Willie, the resident papillons, the fish tank, the resident cats, and the big, beautiful aviary in the living room.

The children brought valentines that they had made for the residents. They had refreshments with the residents in the dining room as they visited. Everyone seemed to enjoy visiting a great deal. Thank you to the Gruver 2nd grade!

Thank you also go out to the Gruver Cub Scouts who made valentines for the residents and to Kids for Christ from the Gruver United Methodist Church who brought valentines and bracelets that they had made for the residents.

Monday afternoon we had a continuation of the Valentine celebrations with our annual Valentine's party, during which the new Mr. and Ms. Hansford Manor were announced. Viola Thompson is our new Queen and Robert Yanke is our new King. Special thank you's go out to Lisa Salmans for singing at our party. She does a fantastic job of entertaining.

Rounding off the day for Monday was Laureate Gamma Gamma by hosting bingo for the Residents Monday night. Thank you Laureate Gamma Gamma!

Tuesday was not quite as exciting as Monday, but never the less we had a great day by starting off with exercise class.

After lunch we had a group that went to the Hansford County

Spelling Bee. We enjoyed that so much! There were youth from all over the county and they did a fantastic job at the spelling bee.

Wednesday morning was treat day physically and spiritually. Thank you to Anne Whitaker for leading the Bible study. She does a great job!

After lunch we began a new project for St. Patrick's Day. The residents worked on shamrocks for the bulletin board.

Thursday morning we were back to olympics practice. The winter olympics are just around the corner. They will be in-house here at the Manor on March 11th.

We practiced the bean bag toss Thursday morning and played bingo after lunch. Thank you to the auxiliary for hosting bingo. We appreciate you!

Thursday night while everyone was sleeping I took prizes in for the night shift to hide.

Friday morning the residents gathered in the activity room to draw for clues to go on their treasure hunt to find the prizes. It worked out great! The night crew did a fantastic job of hiding everything and leaving us a list of where it was hid.

A total of 18 Residents participated in the treasure hunt. It was hilarious! They were zooming all over this place hunting the prizes! At last every last prize was found we thought--then we checked the list--one more was still out. The scramble was on! We found it and it was the movie "Slam Dunk Ernest." Since we had a little time left before lunch we went to the living room to watch it.

After lunch we went on a journey to Scotland and Wales via

video. What a beautiful place to visit.

Saturday the Hansford Heroes hosted Crazy Bunko. Thank you to Melissa Lesly and JoAnne Tang! They had tables full of prizes when they started and when they were finished the bags were empty! Everyone had a great time.

Sunday the Fellowship Baptist Church hosted church services at the Manor. Thank you for your time and talent.

Hope you have a great week!

City, school board list candidates for May election

While the incumbents in the Spearman City Commission, the Gruver City Commission, and the Spearman School Board have filed for a place on the May 7th ballot, there have been takers for the Gruver and Morse School Board seats.

Spearman Aldermen Brian Gillispie, Alfred Avila, and Ron Antalek have all filed for their seats. In the Spearman School Board election, incumbents Carole Dunnihoo and Dwayne Mitchell have been the only filers.

In Gruver, incumbent Mayor Mark Irwin and Councilman Johnnie Williams are the only filers to date in the City Commission race.

There have been no filers for the two seats on the Gruver ISD Board being vacated by Terry Sherrill and Jody Irwin or the three seats on the Pringle Morse CISD Board being vacated by Clyde Mc-Cloy, Jon Tolleson, and Robin Wilson.

The final day for filing in the

Asian interest provides opportunities for U.S. hard white wheats

AMARILLO - The United States could sell 1 million metric tons of hard white wheat to Asian countries now if the wheat was available, said Texas Agricultural Experiment Station state wheat breeder.

An obvious choice to fill the order is the High Plains, with its drier climate and large wheat production.

Dr. Jackie Rudd, associate professor at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, attended a two-week Wheat Quality Improvement Team trip to Asia. The trip was hosted by U.S. Wheat Associates and sponsored in part by the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

Rodney Mosier, Texas Wheat Producers Board executive vice president, said this trip was an opportunity for Rudd to see what the Asian countries are demanding and report these needs to the board and producers.

Rudd and researchers from Oklahoma, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Oregon, heard both the likes and dislikes of these countries. The researchers also had the opportunity to teach about the U.S. wheat breeding program.

The team visited mills and bakeries in Korea, China, Taiwan, Thailand and the Philippines. Together these countries purchase almost 4 million metric tons of U.S. wheat. The majority is used for making noodles, followed by western style and steamed breads.

They purchase another 4.4 million metric tons of wheat from

other countries, which represents an opportunity for growth in the U.S. export market.

"They prefer hard white for some of their products," Rudd said. "They are buying almost all of their hard white wheat from Australia now. Canada and the United States are both trying to get this new class of wheat started."

Millers can get a higher extraction rate from hard white wheat. Lower ash content and good color stability for the dough also are important qualities for steamed breads and most types of noodles, he said.

While every country is looking for a consistent supply and internationally competitive price, each one has a slightly different perspective and demand, Rudd said.

Korea, with its growing economy and desire for quality products, buys mostly soft white wheat, followed by hard red spring and hard red winter. Koreans expressed frustration over the lack of availability of hard white, Rudd said.

Korea makes a wide variety of noodles and steamed bread. For this, hard white varieties with typical hard red winter wheat quality will work if the ash is low, he said, and it has a greater elasticity of the dough.

"Strong gluten we have, but the elasticity is something we haven't selected for," Rudd said. "We've learned there are some characteristics we can add to our wheat to improve quality for Asian products without hurting its bread-baking quality. There is room for improvement."

Taiwan buys almost exclusively from the United States, but millers and bakers are testing Australia's hard white wheat and like it for certain products. They too, would like something with lower ash, higher amylo viscosity and better color stability.

China has a large supply of domestic wheat, but needs to buy high quality wheat to blend with the lesser quality domestic supply. They buy high protein hard red spring and low protein soft white wheats. They like the color of dough and noodles made from Australian wheat, but prefer more gluten strength and want to try U.S. hard white wheat.

"Their need for wheat is going up and it will be cheaper to buy than to produce it on their limited land," Rudd said. "The opportunity to sell to China is going to be increasing dramatically. They experienced a 10 percent growth in their economy this year alone."

Rudd said the message from both Taiwan and China was, "We'll

buy hard white wheat immediately. Whether we continue to buy will depend on the quality, price and consistent supply."

Thailand buys mostly high protein hard red spring, soft white and hard red winter wheats. They purchased a small amount of hard white and want to buy more. Australia and Canada generally price under the United States in this market, but Rudd said the United States offers the ability to buy multiple classes and combine orders of other crops on a single vessel.

The Philippines buy mostly from the United States and Canada, but some from Australia. Western-style bread is more popular than in the other countries and noodles are less popular. They too like the one-stop shopping available from the United States and would like to add hard white to their current purchases of hard red spring and soft white wheat, Rudd said.

The technology is available in the United States, as well as the varieties needed to meet these demands, he said.

The next move is based on supply and demand, Rudd said.

The Asian countries want a large consistent supply. The growers are afraid to produce it because they are not sure there will be a demand, he said. Without an established local market, they would be dependent on the export market to buy their entire crop.

Hard white wheat can sprout in the head pre-harvest, which happened this past year in many of the wheat growing regions under record rainfall.

With its drier climate, the High Plains has an advantage over other parts of the country to produce high quality hard white wheat, Rudd said.

Mosier said the Texas Wheat Producers Board helped fund this trip in hopes Rudd could use the information to continue developing and breeding hard white wheat for this area and increase the overall market for wheat.

"We've sponsored hard white wheat seminars in Guymon, Okla., and Colby, Kan., to educate producers on the benefits and production concerns of this class of wheat. We hope Jackie will take this knowledge and work to breed resistance into hard white wheats in the future? possibly developing varieties less susceptible to sprout damage with higher yields and disease resistance."

"The Asian market has potential for the future of Texas wheat exports," Mosier said.

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Shallowater douses Lynxette playoff hopes

by Harletta Cartheil

The Lynxettes' high hopes were dashed by Shallowater 45-52, in the area playoff game Thursday night at Canyon High School.

Playing the senior-laden defending state champion, the Lynxettes, who did not have a senior on the team, were only down by one, 26-25, at half-time.

Outscored 16-7 in the third quarter, the Lynxettes rallied in the fourth quarter, pouring in 13 points to Shallowater's 10. With 45 seconds left, the Lynxettes trailed by five points, 45-50, but could not break the advantage of the Fillies' third-quarter scoring blitz.

Kelcee Rex led the Lynxettes with 15 points, including a trio of three-pointers.

Other scorers were Lindsey Short 5, Britta Vanderburg 2, Saylee Flowers 6, Kendall Schneider 7, Tonya Hart 7, Jordanna Lozano 3.

Although the Fillies had a decided size advantage, Shallowater took only five more total rebounds than the Lynxettes, 29-24. Hart and Kendall Schneider led Spearman in rebounding with 6 each with Short 4, Rex 4, Flowers 2, Kylie Howard 1, and Lozano 1.

The Lynxettes had 13 steals with Short, Flowers, and Lozano each having three.

With the Lynxettes not losing a player to graduation this year, the Lynxettes are expected to be a powerhouse in district and beyond in the 2005-2006 season.

Coach Comments: "We played one of, if not the top girls basketball programs in the state. We feel like we can play with anyone in the state in Class AA. The Spearman Lynxettes will always stand for hard work and class; and will represent the school district in a positive way."

Game statistics

	Spearman	Shallowater
Field Goals Made	10	17
Field Goals Attempted	34	41
3-Pointers Made	5	1
3-Pointers Attempted	10	2
Free-Throws Made	10	15
Free-Throws Attempted	17	24
Offensive Rebounds	12	15
Defensive Rebounds	12	14
Total Rebounds	24	29
Assists	12	14
Steals	12	6

Panthers claw past Lynx for play-off berth

The Spearman Lynx were unable to defeat the Panhandle Panthers on Friday night in a game to determine the third place district team.

The Panthers had a one-point lead, 337-36, after three quarters of play, but outscored the Lynx, 20-13, in the final period to seal the victory.

Lance Huddleston led the Lynx with 12 points, followed by Jeff Brock with 11. The Lynx ended their season at 12-18.

The Lynx defeated the Panthers 54-51 in their first match-up of the season, ending Panhandle's 41-game winning streak, as well as their 28-game homecourt winning streak. Panhandle showed up in Spearman with revenge in their eyes, defeating the Lynx 56-39 on February 8th.

The 7-2A race, closely contested throughout, finished with a tie for first - Canadian (12-6, 9-4) and Highland Park (18-11, 9-3) - a tie for third and only one game separating the top four teams. The third-place tie forced a play-off game to determine the team that would advance to bi-district.

SHS holds NHS induction



Spearman National Honor Society secretary Macy Harbour poses with Mr. John McKissack, Director of Special Projects at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. Mr. McKissack gave the keynote address at the National Honor Society induction ceremony held on February 4th.

Spearman High School inducted a record number of twenty-six students at their annual National Honor Society Induction ceremony on February 4, 2005.

John McKissack, Director of Special Projects at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo, was the featured speaker. This year marked the forty-sixth consecutive year of the National Honor Society at Spearman High School.

After the call to order by president, Macy Harbour, secretary, Cayla Smith, gave the invocation followed by the pledges to both the United States and Texas flags lead by Ashley Hernandez, NHS historian. Current members and their parents were then recognized, and the four ideals of the National Honor Society, scholarship, service, leadership, and character were presented by Dana McLaughlin, Justin Parker, treasurer, Gerardo Ruiz, and Jeff Brock.

New members were then introduced: seniors, Jessica Freeman and Daniel Kern; juniors, Jessica Brown, Melissa Lesly, and Brock Town. Sophomores inductees included Sara Barnes, Saylee Flowers, Bryn Garnett, Collin Gillaspie, Cara Gwin, Sharon Haney, Trudy Hart, Karina Hernandez, Emily Hood, and Lance Huddleston, Jessica Jarvis, Brian Johnson, Jordanna Lozano, Wilhma Macias, Aaron Maestas, Stuart Martin, Zack Nollner, Mirna Ortiz, Ryan Ramon, Anthony Renteria, and Kelcee Rex.

Vice president, Rossilyn Bulls, then led current and new members in the NHS pledge. Macy Harbour then read a letter from Texas State Senator Kel Seliger commending the new members on their achievement and presented special certificates signed by Senator Seliger to each new member.

The keynote address given by Mr. McKissack was based on the four ideals of the National Honor Society, scholarship, leadership, character, and service. He spoke directly to the students encouraging them to reach out and give of themselves unselfishly for the benefit of others. He cited an example of another NHS student and his dedication to helping others by giving of his time and knowledge. A reception in the Spearman High School Library for the NHS members, their families, school board, and faculty was held after the conclusion of the program.

Hansford County 4-H, FFA members make plans for Houston Livestock Show

Excitement continues to build as thousands of Texas 4-H and FFA members make their final preparations before heading to Reliant Center to exhibit their livestock at the 2005 Houston Livestock Show March 1-20.

Spearman FFA: Market Barrows - Blayne Baker, Cara Gwin, Casey Cator, Emily Hood, Jessica Jarvis, Lance Huddleston, Rhett Renner and Stuart Martin; **Market Broilers** - Bryn Garnett, Casey Cator and Wayne Gibson.

Hansford County 4-H: Market Steers - Audrey Lieb, Brenna Reid, Britta Vanderburg, Bailey Reid, Clete Vanderburg, Jacob Lieb, Lance Williams, Rachelle Holt, Rhett Renner, Taylor Williams and Tracy Brown; **Market Barrows** - Brenna Reid, Brock Irwin, Callie Stedje, Bailey Reid, Dakota Cator, Jared George, Kali Shields, Tyler Cator, Lance Williams, Lauren Patterson, Lexi Batton, Lindsey Clift, Malory Martin, Preslee Baker, Rachelle Holt, Seth Carson, Seth Salgado, Tate Batton, Tanner Irwin, Tanner Irwin, Travis Stedje, Trent Goodheart, Tucker Williams and Zack Nollner; **Market Lambs** - Tabatha Shields and Tara Shields.

Gruver FFA: Market Barrows - Cason Finley, Chandler Miner, Charles Slough, Matt Messer, Reid Winger, Seth Clemmons, Tanner Sherrill and Timber Barkley.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of 4-H and FFA exhibitors, as well as agricultural mechanics projects, begins with livestock competition on March 2nd. Professional breeders and ranchers will begin competing for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry that same day.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse division, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

Almost 17,000 entries, representing about 1,100 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be showing in the junior divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, barrows, lambs, goats, and poultry; beef and dairy heifers; breeding gilts and sheep; and commercial steers. Many of these exhibitors will compete in the 4-H and FFA Judging contests.

The four market animal auctions (steer, lamb and goat, barrow and poultry - broiler and turkey) represent animals raised by junior exhibitors for food sources. The animals judged as best in each of these categories are eligible for the individual market auctions. In 2004, the Houston Livestock Show's junior market auction sales were in excess of \$4.8 million.

The 2005 Show kicks off on Feb. 25th, with the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest, and runs through Feb. 26th, in the southwest Reliant Park parking lot.

Admission to Reliant Park for the livestock and horse show, carnival and all exhibits and attractions, excluding RODEOHOUSTON performances and Rodeo Uncorked! activities, is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for those ages 2 and younger.

Rodeo ticket prices range from \$16 to \$77, plus a Ticketmaster convenience charge, and include entrance into Reliant Stadium, Reliant Center, Reliant Arena, The Hideout (for those 21 years and older), outdoor activities and booths, and the carnival.

Because of the nature of the event, there will be no restriction on backpacks, purses and other bags, but for increased security, everyone entering Reliant Park, and/or their possessions, may be subject to search. Anyone refusing to be searched will be denied access. No alcohol, guns or knives will be allowed to be brought onto the grounds, and food and drink may not be carried in to Reliant Stadium.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a 501 (c)(3) charitable event, committed to benefiting youth and supporting education throughout the state. Since presenting its first scholarship in 1957, the Show has committed more than \$100 million in educational support to the youth of Texas.

For a complete schedule and information, visit www.rodeohouston.com or www.hlsr.com.

SHS 2005 all-school reunion scheduled

The 2005 Spearman All School Reunion will be held Friday, July 1 and Saturday, July 2, 2005.

Friday night is reserved for individual class or group class parties. Local class representatives are working on these parties now.

The all school assembly will be held in the high school auditorium on Saturday morning. The school will open at 9 a.m. for registration and visitation. The assembly will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a catered meal in the cafeteria. Tickets for the meal are \$8, and must be purchased in advance. (Tickets purchased in advance will not be mailed; they will be avail-

able at registration on Saturday morning.)

No activities are planned for Saturday afternoon, but an Ex-Students Dance will be held at the O'Loughlin Center on Saturday evening. Tickets are \$10 each, and will be sold at the door. (Tickets will not be sold in advance)

Dues for the Spearman Ex-Students Association are \$10. This money is used to pay for supplies and postage to provide information to all former students of Spearman.

For more information, contact any of the following: Marsha White Shaver, president, 659-2780; Diane Renner Maxwell,

vice-president, 659-2987; Sandi McLeod Pearson, treasurer, 659-2693; Paige Pittman Burgin, co-secretary, 659-3399; Haley Shielknight Shields, co-secretary, 659-1070.

If you have internet access, please visit <http://www.classmates.com> and sign up as a Spearman Ex-Student.

Many people have worked very hard to update addresses, but some Ex-Students invariably slip through the cracks. If you know of anyone who attended Spearman schools who has not received information, please contact one of the people listed above.

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004			
	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,580,510	\$ 29,547	\$ 3,610,063
State Program Revenues	320,965	45,358	366,323
Federal Program Revenues	4,234	347,896	352,130
Total Revenues	3,905,715	422,801	4,328,516
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	1,821,350	267,391	2,088,741
Instructional Resources & Media Services	14,412	1,295	15,707
Curriculum & Instrumental Staff Development	3,588	-	3,588
School Leadership	260,342	20,837	281,179
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	45,740	3,298	49,038
Health Services	47,556	324	47,880
Student (Pupil) Transportation	204,363	1,973	206,336
Food Services	-	126,188	126,188
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	126,779	-	126,779
General Administration	301,404	1,942	303,346
Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,237,531	2,266	1,239,797
Data Processing Services	18,006	-	18,006
Debt Service:			
Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	-	31,642	31,642
Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	-	33,726	33,726
Intergovernmental:			
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	30,777	-	30,777
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	24,316	-	24,316
Total Expenditures	4,136,164	490,882	4,627,046
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(230,440)	(68,081)	(298,530)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	75,368	75,368
Transfers Out (Use)	(75,368)	-	(75,368)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(75,368)	75,368	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(305,817)	7,287	(298,530)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,663,803	18,682	1,662,485
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,357,986	\$ 25,969	\$ 1,383,995

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LOST/FOUND

FOUND: Shih-Tzu-like female dog, white & brown, 2-3 years old, no tail, very cute and sweet. Found about 5 1/2 miles east of Spearman. Call Susan Kelly at 435-0917 or Audra Thomas at 270-0266 (days) or 659-3354 (nights). 3(02-11-05)B

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Oak tables. Call 659-5151, ask for Tobe. 4(01-27-05)B

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE Palo Duro Supper Club has applied for private club registration permit for location of 22 S. Archer, Spearman, Hansford County, Texas. Officers being: Dave Hand Jr. - President, Gary Woolley - Secretary, Ruth Jenkins - Manager. 2(2-17-05)B

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT

until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) Dist/Div: Amarillo Contract 6127-41-001 for CLEANING AND SWEEPING HIGHWAYS IN HANSFORD County, etc will be opened on March 23, 2005 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$114,999.96. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 15608

State Office Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div Office(s) Amarillo District District Engineer 5715 Canyon Dr Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708 Phone: 806-356-3283 Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 2(2-17-05)B

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed bids for the sale of a 1991 Cadillac Coupe de Ville will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, until March 10, 2005, at 11 a.m. and then publicly opened and read. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened. Further information and bidding documents may be secured from City Hall, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081. 2(2-24-05)B

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