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## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

### THURSDAY NIGHT

Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 5 to 14 mph.

**SATURDAY** - Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60.

**SUNDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

## Texas Crop, Weather Report

Corn is expected to make a comeback after heavy rainfall, reports Texas Cooperative Extension.

"Most corn looks good right now," said Travis Miller, program leader and associate department head of soil and crop sciences at Texas A&M University.

During bloom time, corn is sensitive to high nighttime temperatures.

"Once the tassels (on the corn) are out, you could get sterility in the crop if it is exposed to extremely high temperatures, 100 degrees or higher," Miller said.

Jose Pena, Extension agronomist in Uvalde, said an estimated 1.75 million acres were planted, down about 4 percent from 1.83 million acres planted last year. The number of acres planted to soybeans and cotton were up 35 percent and 9 percent, respectively.

About half of the corn in the state is grown in the Blackland soils in Central Texas, and the other half is grown under irrigation in the High Plains, Miller said.

Many hybrids of corn are grown throughout Texas, depending on the characteristics needed to thrive in each area.

Pena said farm prices for corn have been improving during the last three seasons and the market outlook appears good. The United States annually produces more than 40 percent of the world's corn.

Strong domestic and export demand indicates that prices should remain strong even though a record U.S. corn crop of 10.425 billion bushels is forecast, Pena said.

Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension regional program director in the Panhandle, said most corn in his area is under irrigation. A few instances of spider mites, corn borers and rootworms have been reported.

The following specific live-stock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors for the Panhandle: soil moisture very short to short. Corn irrigation is under way. Sorghum planting continues. Dry weather has allowed wheat harvest to make rapid progress. Rangeland conditions continue to decline. Cattle are rated in fair condition.

# Popular Columnist Signs Off

by Harletta Carthel

For nineteen years, she has told of the comings and goings Spearman residents; she has lauded their honors and shared their sorrows; she has ribbed the local radio weatherman, and occasionally tweaked Washington politicians.

Helen Fisher's "Among The Neighbors" has been a favorite of Spearman residents since it made its debut April 18, 1985.

Although Fisher's family is ingrained in the county's newspaper history, Fisher had never worked for the newspaper

before 1985.

Fisher's family association with the newspaper began in July of 1911, when her father Joe Buchanan traded a Beckham County, OK land claim for the Hansford Headlight (early ancestor of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman) in Old Hansford. Fisher, however, was too young to learn newspaper work in the seven years the family owned the paper.

Fisher's second encounter with the county news came during World War II when her mother Mary assisted Sybil Miller at "The Spearman Reporter."

"All of the men at the time, including Billy (Miller) were gone to the war, and Mary was a great help to me to keep the paper going during that time," Sybil Miller said.

Fisher describes the relationship as mutually beneficial.

"My mother's work at the newspaper office was a life saver for her. She had kids in the service all over the world, and housework was just not enough to occupy her mind from worrying about them," Fisher said.

Even with her close association with the newspaper, Fisher never imagined herself as a journalist.

"I had no talent or experience with newspaper work," Fisher said.

The creation of the column, was not something Fisher had planned, but it may have been spurred by her retirement from Cluck Cattle Company, the desire to stay busy, and a need in the community.

"I was visiting with Billy Miller (then owner of The Spearman Reporter), and we discussed the need for a column of the activities of local people," Fisher said. "While he saw the need and place for the column, he had no time to write it himself."

In her debut column, Fisher explained the purpose and path she would pursue.

"Even the big city dailies, have a column devoted to the activities of the local celebrities, so since, in Spearman, every person is a celebrity, this column is devoted to the activities of local citizens. Since all of us have an interest in, and a concern for our neighbors, any item can be reported by calling 659-3468. No hearsay will be printed."

Just as Fisher's phone number never changed through the years, her purpose remained

unaltered.

Never charging for her work, Fisher worked at home, pounding out her first columns on a manual typewriter and later advancing to a electric typewriter. Her only requests were typing paper and a correctable typing ribbon.

"I could have never made it without correctable ribbon," Fisher said.

Fisher wrote faithfully with over 900 columns to her credit.

"I mostly enjoyed it," Fisher said. "Sometimes it was hard, though, to write a column when I was pushed by something else I needed to do."

While Fisher was never criticized for her political views she occasionally included in her column, she did have one complaint on her humor.

"A lady from Spearman had a relative who had won a large sum of money," Fisher said. "I asked her if I could kid her a bit in the newspaper, and she said, 'Yes.'"

"She later called to complain when I suggested that it might be good idea to be extra nice to the wealthy relative and perhaps share in the 'fortune.'"

The persistence Fisher exhibited in the writing of her column through the years has always been a part of her character.

After graduating from Spearman High in 1931, Fisher attended McMurry College (now University) in Abilene.

When her uncle acquired a hardware store in Rio Hondo in the Rio Grande Valley, he asked Fisher to manage the business.

"I didn't know a bolt from a nut," Fisher said, "but, thank goodness, the employees stayed on to help."

In was in the Rio Hondo that Fisher became acquainted with a young nurse who she later accompanied to visit relatives in Ohio.

The trip to Ohio would change Fisher's life.

After obtaining a job as a bookkeeper for a freight line in Euharville, Ohio, she met a handsome young man, Zack Fisher.

"He was so handsome. I said to myself 'You think you are so pretty with all the girls hanging around you,' and I ignored him."

The cold-shoulder treatment did not last long as the Fishers were later married in 1938.

The anticipated happily ever-after was short lived. The Fishers lost a daughter as an infant, and Zack Fisher was



Helen Fisher

later killed in a car accident while Helen was pregnant with the couple's second child.

In December 1941, Fisher returned to Texas with her three-week-old son Zack.

"I never meant to stay," Fisher said of her return to Spearman.

Fisher not only stayed, but became most active in the community. During her career, she worked in the sheriff's office, was an accountant and a bookkeeper to several cattle companies and later a partner in a cattle company.

She was involved in the PTA, Girl Scouts, the Red Cross, 4-H, Eastern Star, the Rodeo Association, the Methodist Church, and was the secretary/treasurer of the Hansford Cemetery Association for 45 years.

When Fisher's health forced her to miss writing several columns in 2003, the newspaper office received numerous calls and letters.

"I never thought I could become addicted to a column, but I will be glad when Helen Fisher is back," one reader said.

When Fisher's health and

hearing later forced her to move from her home to Hansford Manor, she continued to write her column with Manor Activities Director Merry Sparks typing for her.

Recently both Fisher, who called herself "this neighbor," and her column retired.

"I had to stop writing because I was no longer able to hear over the phone," Fisher said.

Saying her goodbyes, Fisher moved to Memphis, TX June 8, to be near her son and his wife, her two grandchildren and three great-grandsons.

"I will miss Spearman and everyone so much, but I am looking forward to seeing my three cute great-grandsons," Fisher said.

In Spearman, "Among The Neighbors" will be also missed, and "this neighbor" will be remembered as the 6/15/04 good neighbor.

**Editor's Note:** Helen Fisher has moved to Memphis, where she will be closer to family. She will be living in the Memphis Convalescent Center, located at 1415 N. 18th Street. Her mailing address is: 14057 Hwy. 256, Memphis, TX 79245.

## Hot, Windy Conditions Increase Wildfire Danger

Hot, dry and windy weather in West Texas has turned the region into a tinderbox. Firefighters have battled several large range fires over the past few days, including a 600-acre wildfire in Mitchell County, a 135-acre fire in Coke County and a 250-acre in Ward County.

"Our fires in the Trans-Pecos Region have been wind-driven, which makes them extremely hard to stop," said Bill Davis, Texas Forest Service regional fire coordinator. "So far, rapid intervention from local and state firefighting resources have prevented these fires from becoming extremely large."

According to Tom Spencer, fire risk assessment coordinator for the Texas Forest Service, conditions are not expected to improve in West Texas.

"Rains over the winter and spring have helped increase the abundance of grasses and other fine fuels," he said. "With the increase of hot, dry southwest winds and little moisture in the western region of Texas, conditions in the Trans-Pecos, Panhandle and Edwards Plateau areas of Texas are expected to worsen."

Residents are urged to keep

the following tips in mind:

- Check the forecast before doing any outdoor burning, and postpone the burn if the forecast calls for gusty winds or low humidity.
- Have a spotter watch for errant sparks when welding, and keep water and a shovel handy to put out any accidental starts.
- Make sure your home has at

least 30-feet of defensible space around it that is free of highly flammable vegetation or tall, dry grass. (For tips on making your home more resistant to wildfires, log on to [www.Firewise.org](http://www.Firewise.org).)

For more information, log onto [www.tamu.edu/ticc](http://www.tamu.edu/ticc) or [www.texasforestservice.tamu.edu](http://www.texasforestservice.tamu.edu), or contact Ron Perry at 979-218-3034.

## Commissioners Court Does Not Issue Burn Ban

Spotty rain in the Texas Panhandle has made some county commissioners consider restrictions on outdoor burning and fireworks. County commissioners had until Tuesday to enact a fireworks ban. Benny Wilson, Hansford County Judge, said a burn ban and a fireworks ban was considered at the commissioners meeting Monday.

The Commissioners Court decided not to impose a ban on burning or fireworks within the county.

"We are asking everyone to use the utmost caution when burning and using fireworks," Judge Wilson said.

Outdoor burning sometimes is a necessity. The dry vegetation, low precipitation, low humidity, high temperatures and high winds have our area fire danger listed at "Moderate" to "Extreme."

If you are planning an outdoor burn or "controlled" burn in the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department response area, please report this burn ahead of time at the Hansford County Sheriff's Office (659-4140).

## Gruver Man Dies Following Collision

by Harletta Carthel

Ervin Wright of Gruver died Sunday as the result of injuries sustained in a two vehicle collision on Highway 15, between Gruver and Spearman.

Wright was airlifted from the accident scene to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where he later died.

According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Rick Martinez, Wright was traveling north in a 2004 pickup, shortly before 5:00 p.m., when he attempted to pass a GMC pickup driven by Floyd Davis, who was attempting to turn left.

Wright lost control of his vehicle when his front fender came in contact with the Davis vehicle. His pickup then struck a telephone pole and rolled once.

Davis was not injured in the accident. There were no passengers in either vehicle and no citations were issued.

## Gruver Principal Injured In Accident

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver High School Principal Mike King sustained minor injuries in a one-vehicle accident on Saturday, June 12, at approximately 10 p.m.

King, who was traveling north on Highway 136, lost control of his 2001 F-150 Ford pickup 4/10 mile north of the Mile 50 marker. The vehicle left the roadway, traveled down a bar ditch and through a barbed wire fence on land owned by Jack Tolleson, according to Department of Public Safety Trooper Garry Bullard.

Continuing to travel 200-250 feet, the vehicle rolled over once and came to rest on its left side, facing south.

The accident was reported to officials by Tolleson when he discovered the vehicle on his land, Sunday, June 13.

In an interview later on Sunday, King told trooper Bullard, he was transported to his home by private vehicle Saturday night.

King was wearing a seat belt, and the vehicle's air bag did deploy in the accident, according to Trooper Bullard.

"I credit those two factors with saving his life," Trooper Bullard said.

# Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith  
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## Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Assembly of God Church for bringing services to the Manor on the 6th. We really appreciate you!

Monday morning met our usual hustle and bustle around here with a couple of little exceptions. We watched the Boise City Parade on tape first then we had a going away reception for "Our Neighbor," Helen Fisher.

Helen has been such an important part of this community for many years and will be sorely missed. We do have to bow to the pressure of grandchildren and great-grandchildren however, so we wanted to say a very fond adieu!!

Bless you Helen - we hope all is well. (I surely know that she will be reading this.)

We enjoyed the party and the fond farewells with finger fruits of pears, apples, and chocolate dipped strawberries along with punch.

As a special treat, Harletta Carthel and Cathy Smith of the newspaper were on hand to help with the goodbyes. Helen was presented with a plaque of appreciation and acknowledgement for her contributions to the community signed by Spearman Mayor Steve Benton.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Mary Ann Lasater and June Jackson for helping do manicures Monday afternoon. We appreciate you.

Another big THANK YOU goes out to the Rho Rho Sorority for hosting bingo Monday night. They brought homemade cookies for dessert and even brought some homemade sugar-free cookies.

We had planned to spend Tuesday morning outdoors but the wind was blowing so hard we couldn't keep the water on the plants so we came in and watched the video from the Barkley-Harris concert. That afternoon was really fun doing music to a Richard Simmons "Let's Sweat" tape. The residents sure did like Wooley-Bully!! They were pretty loud!

Wednesday morning Ann Whitaker was faithful to lead her bible study with the residents even though she was right in the middle of moving!! Thank you Ann!!

The afternoon was spent finishing the painting on the clay pots. They are so cute. We plan to get them planted in the morning & they will be on display in the dining room.

Thursday morning we did exercises with the huge parachute that we have while Ruth Benefield's granddaughter played her guitar and sang. She is a very gifted singer/musician

who is currently attending college to become a musical therapist. We feel very blessed to have her come here to play. Thank you Jessica!!

The afternoon was spent playing bingo with the faithful auxiliary hosting. Thank you to the auxiliary!

Friday was a hoot!! We left for Lake Fryer at around 9 a.m. There were a total of 35 of us that spent the day at the lake fishing, swimming, roasting hot dogs, watching the birds, fish, and just breathing the fresh air. We did not get back home until 4:30 that afternoon.

Robert Yanke caught the first fish and the most fish. In fact, the fish were so eager to come to him that one jumped off the hook after he pulled it in and landed in his pocket!! That created a stir. Ruth Bryan, Beth Phelps, and Allan Beasley were the hard-core fishermen. Allan was the last one to lay the pole down. (In fact, I really think that Sandi just took it away from him.) Tubby Hays hung in there pretty tough as well as Pauline Winger, Bill Swan, and Paul Allison. Jack Gillespie caught several as well as Viola Boyd.

Several of the residents were just happy to sit on the banks and watch the kids swim and play. Several of them picked up shells.

A special THANK YOU goes out to Claudine Laxton, Floyd, Daniel & Anna Harris, Joel, Carlos, Nataly, Dania, Merryly, Nena, Jace, Jeanie Swan, Cesar, Judy Yarborough & Callie, Michelle & Blake Verdel as well as the activity staff. I really thank Claudine and Floyd. I don't mind building fires and cooking hot dogs, but I sure am glad they were there to bait the hooks. Thank you to Kenny Coates, too, for stopping by to lend a hand throughout the day. Marie enjoyed the day greatly. The fish were really biting. They caught a whole lot of them but alas, they were not big enough to bring home. Oh well---it was fun.

Saturday was special for the residents, too. The CNA's and Nursing Staff lined the residents up on the street so they could see the Heritage Days Parade. They really enjoyed it. Thank you to the staff.

That afternoon we had a Crazy Bunko game. Several residents played and the more we play that game the more fun it is. I had 4 young ladies helping me and they all had a blast. We watched a donkey and reindeer change hands several times.

By the way---if you have stuffed animals that you really would like to get rid of, please drop them by the Manor activities office. It takes a lot of prizes to play Bunko.

### 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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**Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles**  
The Hansford Golf Club Tuesday Night Scrambles are in full swing. Tee-off is at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Contact Ross Donahue, Curtis Covington or Sheri Benton for more info.

**Hansford County Library's Summer Reading Club**  
Hansford County Library will be offering a summer reading club for all children age 3 through second grade. There will be programs at the library each Tuesday morning in June with ages 3-5 years old coming from 10:00 to 10:45, and children who have just completed kindergarten through second grade coming from 11:00-11:45. Children who have just completed grades 3-5 may participate in the reading portion of our summer reading club and will receive a certificate upon completion of five hours of reading time. Time logs are available at the library. Our theme this year is "Color Your World...Read!", and our programs will include The Colors of Your Neighborhood, Color Your World with Animals, The Rainbow Connection, Food Colorful Food and The Colors of Our County-Red, White and Blue. All summer programs provided by Hansford County Library are free of charge, and all summer programs are done in cooperation with the Community Resource Coordinator.

**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
Coldwater Manor Nursing Home, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, would like to invite anyone interested to attend an Alzheimer's Support Group, held the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Board Room. The guest speaker for this month's meeting will be Roy Puentes LSW, Regional Director for Amarillo Alzheimer's. Everyone is invited to meet and support other with families who have loved ones with Alzheimer's. This event is sponsored by Activity Directors JoAnn Cobos and Janice Vaughn.

**Turkish Art Workshop Scheduled at Amarillo Museum**  
Beat the heat with an afternoon of fun at the Museum! "Iznik Cool?", a free family festival, has been planned at the Amarillo Museum of Art in conjunction with the exhibition, *Objects in Ritual: Iznik Pottery and Turkish Prayer Rugs from the Collection of Dr. and Mrs. William T. Price*. Scheduled for Saturday, June 19th from 2-4 p.m., the festival will feature a variety of activities for the whole family to enjoy. It is free of charge and open to the public. The Amarillo Museum of Art is open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. except for exhibition installation weeks. It is located at 2200 S. Van Buren on the northeast side of Amarillo College's Washington Street Campus. Call the Museum at 371-5050 for more information.

**Religious Poetry Contest**  
A \$1000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling almost \$5,000. The deadline for entering is July 7, 2004. To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line at [www.rainbowpoets.com](http://www.rainbowpoets.com).

**Lone Star Rising In 4th Season**  
The fourth season of Lone Star Rising began Wednesday, June 9th and will run through August 15th. Tickets can be reserved by calling Debby Powers in Borger at (806) 677-1706 or Lone Star Inn Suites at (806) 857-3191 or Lake Meredith Aquatic Museum (806) 857-2458. Our web site is [www.lonestarrising.com](http://www.lonestarrising.com).

**Kevin Spencer & Friends, Toney Brothers and J.B. & Barbara Spencer In Concert**  
Jerry Smith presents in concert Kevin Spencer and Friends, The Toney Brothers Quartet and The Spencers (J.B. and Barbara). The gospel concert will be held on Tuesday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borger High School Auditorium. Admission is free.

**County Tax Office Closed June 23rd**  
The Hansford County Tax Office will be closed on Wednesday, June 23rd. The personnel will be attending a training seminar in Amarillo. They will be open for regular business hours on Thursday, June 24th.

**Pampa's 5th Annual Business Expo**  
The Pampa Chamber of Commerce would like to invite everyone to attend our 5th Annual Business Expo on Saturday, June 19th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the M. K. Brown Civic Auditorium in Pampa. Admission is free! Come see what Pampa has to offer! You'll discover a wealth of information on dozens of businesses including employment services, banking services, custom framing, overhead doors and openers, satellite radio, financial services, cosmetics, plumbing, assisted living, hospice care, leather goods, internet services and document conversion services, just to name a few!

**Pampa's 5th Annual Business Expo**  
Youth from across the country are invited to join several of America's premier cowboy poets, entertainers, arts and craftsmen for the third annual **Youth Cowboy Poetry Gathering** at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch to be held June 17-20, 2004. Evening concerts will be held from 7-9:30. Featured performers will be Michael Martin Murphey, Jean Prescott and Chris Isaacs on Thursday, June 17th; Wylie and the Wild West, R.W. Hampton, Joel Nelson and The Burson Family on Friday, June 18th; and Red Steagall, Donnie Blanz and Trudy Fair on Saturday, June 19th. The performers, along with prominent western artists, cartoonists and craftsmen, will serve as mentors to youth by teaching a variety of creative writing, songwriting, drawing, leather braiding and other cowboy-related seminars on Friday and Saturday. All activities, including the evening performances, are free to youth participants. The evening headliner shows are open to the public and tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door (subject to availability) at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children not participating in the "Gathering." Details are available on the event website [www.youthcowboypoetry.com](http://www.youthcowboypoetry.com).

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**Our Deepest Sympathy**

**JERRY TIM SWINK**

LONG ISLAND VILLAGE, TX - Jerry Tim Swink, 76, died Friday, June 4, 2004.

Private family services were held Monday afternoon, June 7, 2004 on South Padre Island.

Jerry was born on May 18, 1928 in Shawnee, OK to Homer Lee and Ethel Viola Gladwell Swink. He married Norma Jean Anderson in Farmington, NM on July 23, 1957. He was a member of the Gruver Church of Christ. He was a farmer in Gruver until he retired and moved to Long Island Village in May of 1994. While Jerry and Norma were living in Gruver, every Christmas was spent in South Padre, beginning in 1975. From then on, Jerry knew where he wanted to retire.

Jerry loved to fish with his many friends from Long Island and Port Isabel. He loved living and loving so very much. He loved his family and talked about them often even though they were all many miles away. Jerry was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Everyone who knew him had to love him. He always had a joke rolling off his lips, and whenever he saw one of his grandchildren, he made sure they knew how beautiful or handsome, and special they were. The last years of his life were spent where he wanted to spend eternity - the beach.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Swink; six children, Jerry Tim Swink II and wife Rhonda, of Lake Eufaula, OK, Danny Swink of Stroud, OK, Tony Swink and wife Beth of Gruver, David Swink and wife, Kim, of Gruver, P.D. Swink and wife, Renea, of Gruver, Jeanne Swink-Espinoza and husband, Jay, of Laguna Vista; and eleven grandchildren, Kenita and Randy, Clint and his wife Krystal, and Lori, Charlie and Rodney, Kayla and Daniel, Kelcie and Dalton, and Janessa.

**ERVIN WRIGHT**

GRUVER - Ervin Wright, 79, died Sunday, June 13, 2004, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Gruver Cemetery with the Rev. George Price officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Wright was born on January 18, 1925 in Iuka, KS. He was a member of Tripp's Harley Owners Group of Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; two daughters, Tammy Wright of Gruver and Eilene Wright of Tulsa, OK; a brother, Alvin Wright of Medicine Lodge, KS; and a sister, Helen Rathke of Dodge City, KS.

The family suggests memorials be to Toys for Tots in Amarillo.

**PEGGY R. BRELAND**

PARIS, TX - Peggy R. Breland, 76, of Paris, TX, died Saturday, June 12, 2004 at Paris Regional Medical Center.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15th at College Church of Christ in Paris with Bro. Nolan Butler officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery in Paris. Interment was under the direction of Bright-Holland Funeral Home of Paris.

Mrs. Breland was born on August 25, 1927 to James Walker and Eula Mae Davis Perkins. She graduated from Plainview High School and worked as a switchboard operator with Southwestern Bell for a number of years. She later worked for Eaton Stationary Company and in the cafeteria at Crockett Middle School. She married Bernard Breland on May 4, 1947.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard; a son, Gary Breland and wife, Gail, of Paris; two daughters, Anna Lynn Emerson and husband, Joe, of Amarillo and Shirley Needham and husband, Bobby, of Bay Minette, AL; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Darrell Perkins of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

**Happy Birthday!**

*Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine June 17*

**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, Doug Cummings, Susan Pearson, George Martin, Christopher Cummings, Eddie LaFarr, Amy Boyd, Lenis Simpson, Roberta Cole, Chuck Newcomb

**Anniversary** - Hershel & Wanda Jones, Mr. & Mrs. 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** - Mr. & Mrs. 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 Hall, 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** - Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Gruver, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Brack, Mr. & Mrs. Dell Cluck

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

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Fedrick, Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Been, Mr. & Mrs. Mike McLain

**June 24 Birthday** - Patricia Miner, Ellen Graham, Denise Holliday, Allen Davis, Lee Bob Harper, C.T. Collier, Ed

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Garry Hatthaway, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lopez, Mr. & Mrs. Verlin Beck

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

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Turner, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Coombs, Judy & Darl Hergert

**June 28 Birthday** - Carson Womble, Linda Rowland, Don Allen, Ernie Vanderberg, Terril Brummet, Helen Hand, Mrs. A.F. Loftin, Sue Tindell, Trent England, Meghan Jade Snider

**Anniversary** - Harvey & Sandra Proffitt, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Biggers, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Derington, Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Knight

**June 29 Birthday** - Ira Gross, Hazel Taylor, Scott Strawn, Gary Johnson, Sandra Gumfory, Monica Blackman, Rajan Traften, June Tucker

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Amadeo Cazares

**June 30 Birthday** - Mike Minter, Ricky Thompson, Esmeralda Vela, John Snider, Margarette Evans, Kyle Brock, Jeff Hohertz, Keri Lou Schneider, Willie Vera, Paige Burgin, Daniel Crug, Ed Cook, Austin Benton, Katelyn Villarreal, Shari (Smith) Githens

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
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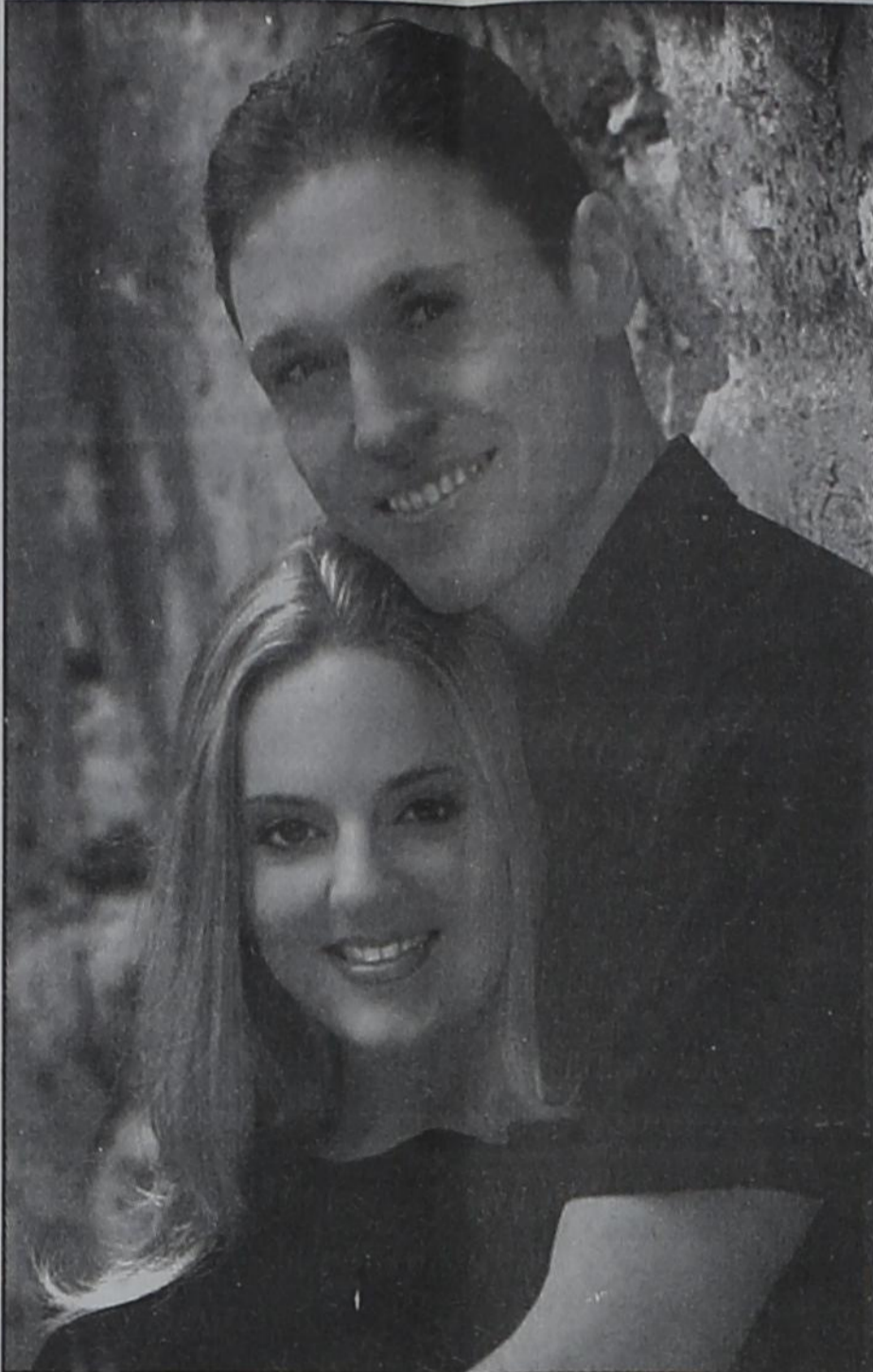
**Engagement Announcement**

David and Denise White of Stamford are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Lynn White of Dallas, to Matthew Ray Overbey of Lubbock. Matt is the son of Jerry and Pat Overbey of Gruver.

Cheryl is a 1999 graduate of Stamford High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's and Masters degree in accounting. She is currently employed by Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Dallas.

Matt is a 1997 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor's degree in marketing with a minor in Spanish.

A July 31, 2004 wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Stamford. They will make their home in Dallas.



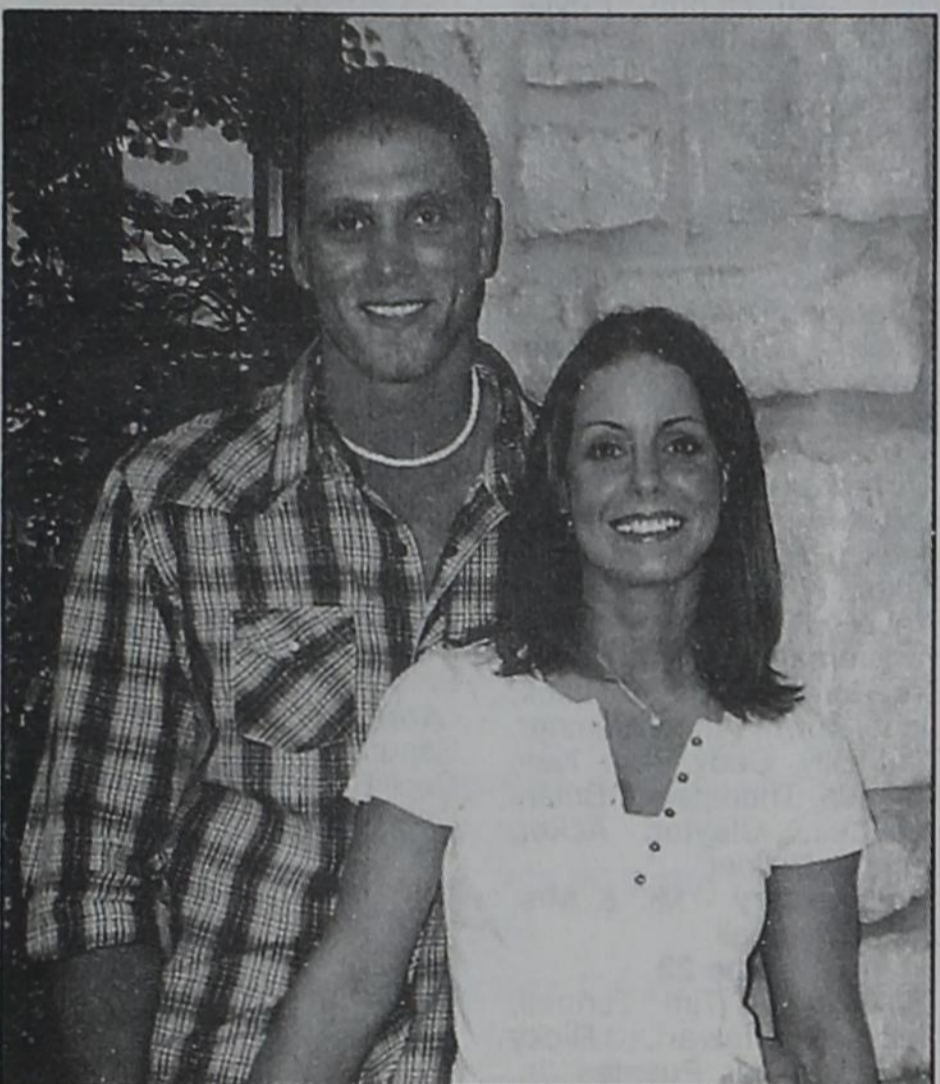
**Engagement Announcement**

Amy and Jay Holland of Austin, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Edith, to Joshua Bryant Nix, son of Billy Nix of Moss Point, Mississippi and the late Debby Bryant of Austin. Lauren is the granddaughter of Norma Holland Daniell and the late Albert (Porky) Holland and Eloise Renner and the late Clarence Renner.

Lauren is a graduate of Westwood High School in Austin and The University of Texas, and is currently employed at Inquisite as a marketing coordinator.

Joshua, a graduate of Pflugerville High School and The University of Texas, is currently in law school at the University of Miami.

The wedding celebration will take place on July 31, 2004, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Austin. Following a honeymoon in Playa del Carmen, the couple will reside in Miami, Florida.



**Engagement Announcement**

Brea Daneen Archer of Spearman and John Edward McDaniel of Stephenville wish to announce their engagement and upcoming wedding to be held in Stephenville at the First Assembly of God Church.

Brea and John both attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Brea is the daughter of Don and Kathy Archer of Spearman.

**Thank You**

Spearman Community and Local Businesses, I would like to thank you all so much for your contributions to the 2004 Project Graduation! It was a huge success and I enjoyed it very much.

It is great to live in a small community where the youth are supported so generously. I appreciate everything that you have done for me and for the senior class of 2004. Spearman is and always will be a great place to call home!

Thanks again!  
Love,  
Jentry Edwards

**Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who helped with and participated in the Under The Baobab Tree Bible School. The Bible school was held at First Christian Church, but was sponsored by the following Spearman churches: Faith Lutheran, Grace Presbyterian, Union, First United Methodist, Assembly of God and First Christian (Disciples of Christ).

Thanks is extended to everyone who taught, helped, provided snacks, attended, or was involved in any way. Without your help our endeavor would not have been possible.

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**Gruver**  
Vacation Bible School Slated  
The Gruver United Methodist Church will host a vacation Bible school Monday June 21 - Friday, June 25. A meal will be served each evening at 5:30 p.m. with classes set for 6-8 p.m. each evening.

**Sympathy Extended**  
Word was received of the death of former Gruver resident Peggy Breland who resided at Paris, Texas.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jerry Swink who passed away last Friday in Corpus Christi.

**Community Care Concerns**  
Violet Lee of Gruver underwent a heart cath in Amarillo Wednesday.

Bud Lowe is home and doing well after being hospitalized recently at Guymon Memorial Hospital for very severe effects resulting from contact with

prairie dog eradication chemicals.

**Gruver Resident Celebrates 90th Birthday**  
Boots Williams celebrated his 90th birthday Tuesday. He had day surgery Monday to remove pins from his ankle.

**Spearman**  
**FUMC Welcomes New Pastor**  
The First United Methodist Church is welcoming their new pastor, Rev. Derrel Evins, as he begins his ministry in Spearman on Sunday, June 20th. Rev. Evins and his wife Brenda moved into the parsonage this past week.

A greet, meet and eat will be held on June 27th following Sunday morning services to honor Derrel and Brenda Evins. Anyone wishing to is invited to attend church services, and then stay for a covered-dish luncheon. Please bring a dish to share.

**Among The Neighbors**

To the readers of "Among The Neighbors,"  
How I have appreciated your calling and sharing your news with me over the years.  
I moved to Memphis June 8, to be close to my son Zack and his family. I shall miss all of you.  
Hansford County is very fortunate to have Hansford Manor. I found the staff very capable and caring, and the accommodations, comfortable. A special thanks to Merry Sparks for helping me to continue my column while in the Manor by typing it for me. Thanks to Cathy Smith and Harletta Carthel at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman for their patience and their friendship.  
To my readers and all of Hansford County, I have enjoyed being, "your neighbor."  
There are so many I wish to thank by name, but space does not permit. Please know you were appreciated.  
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Pictured above are the Runners-Up for the 2004 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant. They are (Back Row, L-R): Andi Linn Scarborough, Miss Hansford Pre-Teen Runner-Up; Mandie Hunter, Miss Hansford 2nd Runner-Up; Cayla Smith, Miss Hansford 1st Runner-Up; and Saylee Flowers, Miss Hansford Teen Runner-Up. Not pictured are Allison Brown, Junior Miss Hansford Runner-Up and Halston Kenney, Little Miss Hansford Runner-Up.



Pictured above are the Miss Hansford Talent winners. They are (L-R) Linzi McCubbin, Runner-Up and Emily Longoria, Talent winner. Linzi was also named Miss Congeniality.

**Spearman Junior High Achievement Awards**

Spearman Junior High recognized 6th, 7th and 8th grade students for their achievement during the 2003-2004 school year during an awards assembly.

The following students were recognized with the Good Citizenship Award: 6th Grade - Ariana Aguilera, Dakota Cator, Ruben Carbajal, Ashton Comp, Nelly Garcia, Jesus Mendoza, C.J. Renteria and Andi Linn Scarborough; 7th Grade - Margarita Azarte, Cha'tae Avila, Beatriz Barajas, Sabrina Cantu, Chase Farrar, Addam Ferguson, Rodney Hadley, Irma Hernandez, Leo Juarez, Colton Mayfield, Andre Mendez, Jennifer Perez, Bond Pittman, Tyler Schnell, Dylan Sumner and T.J. Worley; 8th Grade - Blayne Baker, Lisa Espinoza, Wendy Gaytan, Kylee Howard, Colby Odegaard, Elsa Rosales, Meagen Smith

The following students were recognized for Perfect Attendance: 6th Grade - Rosa Ortiz and Andi Linn Scarborough; 7th Grade - Kegan Garnett and Brett Winegarner; 8th Grade - Jeremy Frost and J.J. Rojas

**Miss Hansford Pageant Thank You**

The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce hosted an "Enchanted Evening" on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 for the Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant.

All contestants received a carnation from All Occasion Flowers, a Pool Pass from the City of Spearman for one free visit, a Pizza Hut coupon for one free personal pan pizza and a small blizzard from Spearman Dairy Queen.

Miss Hansford received an \$825 cash scholarship, a tiara from Hickerson's Jewelers and Jewelers of America, a banner from Jo's This 'n That, \$50 from Video Madness and Simple Simon's Pizza, a one-year subscription to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, a complete car detail from Prairie Motors, Inc., an arm bouquet from Prairie Garden Flowers, a \$25 gift certificate from Main Street in Gruver, a \$100 gift certificate from Lady Fair, 10 tanning sessions from Bake R Buns, and \$50 gift certificate from Little Tiffanies.

The First Runner-Up received a \$450 cash scholarship, an arm bouquet from Prairie Garden Flowers, a \$25 gift certificate from Celebrate, a hair cut and style from Missie Bates at Dreamer's Salon and a pedicure from Sara Schufeldt. The 2nd Runner-Up received a \$300 cash scholarship, an arm bouquet from Prairie Garden Flowers, a hair cut by Missie Bates and 5 tanning sessions from Bake R Buns. Miss Congeniality received a \$100 cash scholarship, a \$50 gift certificate from Cates Men & Boys, lunch at LaFamilia and 5 tanning sessions from Bake R Buns.

The Talent winner received a \$550 cash scholarship from the Women's Division and an engraved plaque, \$25 gift certificate from Celebrate, a hair cut and style from Missie Bates at Dreamer's Salon, a long-stem rose from First State Bank and 5 tanning sessions from Dreamers Salon. The 1st Runner-Up for Talent received a \$350 cash scholarship from Women's Division, 5 tanning sessions from Bake R Buns and a \$25 gift certificate from New Traditions.

Miss Hansford Teen received a tiara from Hickerson's Jewelers and Jewelers of America, a banner from Jo's This 'n That, a video rental, medium pizza and drink from Video Madness and Simple Simon's Pizza, a one-year subscription to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, a balloon bouquet from Jeanette's Sweet Creations, a hair-cut, style and wax from Missie Bates, an arm bouquet from Prairie Garden Flowers, a \$50 gift certificate from Kids' Stuff, a \$50 savings bond from Women's Division, and 5 tanning sessions and a lotion from

Bake R Buns Tanning. The 1st Runner-Up received an arm bouquet from Prairie Garden Flowers, 5 tanning sessions from Bake R Buns Tanning and lunch at Panhandle Diner & Deli.

Miss Hansford Pre-Teen received a tiara from Hickerson's Jewelers and Jewelers of America, a banner from Jo's This 'n That, a video rental, medium pizza and drink from Video Madness and Simple Simon's Pizza, a one-year subscription to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, a balloon bouquet from Jeanette's Sweet Creations, an arm bouquet from The Petal Patch, a \$50.00 savings bond from Women's Division, and a manicure from Barb's Beauty Salon. The 1st Runner-Up received an arm bouquet from The Petal Patch.

Junior Miss Hansford received a tiara from Hickerson's Jewelers and Jewelers of America, a banner from Jo's This 'n That, a video rental, medium pizza and drink from Video Madness and Simple Simon's Pizza, a one-year subscription to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, a long-stem rose from First State Bank, a balloon bouquet from Jeanette's Sweet Creations, and a \$50.00 savings bond from Women's Division. The 1st Runner-Up received a long-stem rose from First State Bank.

Little Miss Hansford received a tiara from Hickerson's Jewelers and Jewelers of America, a banner from Jo's This 'n That, a video rental, medium pizza and drink from Video Madness and Simple Simon's Pizza, a one-year subscription to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, a long-stem rose from First State Bank, a balloon bouquet from Jeanette's Sweet Creations, and a \$50.00 savings bond from Women's Division. The 1st Runner-Up received a long-stem rose from First State Bank.

Each Little Miss contestant received a tensile crown.

Thank you to the following for their donations to the Scholarship Fund: First State Bank, Gruver State Bank, Lions Club, Rho Rho Sorority, Gamma Gamma, Berry Cleaners, Country Cellular, Willis Boyd Dirt Service, Dr. James Pinkerton, First National Bank, Interstate Bank, Rotary, Xi Zeta Upsilon Sorority, Hungry Cowboy, Transpetco Transport Co., Rick & Kara Harrell, Preceptor Sorority, Women's Division Chamber, Wade & Mel Burgess.

Escorts were Garrett Martin and Russell Sheets. Each escort received a \$10 gift certificate for gasoline from Golden Spread Sales and C.O.'s Supply Co.

Thanks to Cates Men & Boys Wear for the donation of two tuxedos, The Petal Patch for the donation of two boutonnières and a corsage, and DeWitt lumber for a \$50 gift certificate.

This event is sponsored each year by the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce.

Women's Division would like to offer their sincere thanks to all the workers who volunteer their time, money and talents to make the pageant a success. Thank you to the young people, sponsors, businesses and the parents for all of the support.

Special thanks to Kathy Boyd, Cindy Walton, The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman and KRDF-FM. Thanks also to Keith Hight for his work with the sound. (He received a \$10 gift certificate for gas from Corner Service Station.)

Thanks is also extended to the judges and Lynda Underwood for their time and for giving up a day to spend in Spearman. Thanks to Brown, Graham & Co. for their wonderful contribution. Thank you to the Miss Hansford Committee for all their hard work and dedication: Jodi Hight (Chairman), Donna McCubbin, Julie Etchison, Diana Brown, Debbie Eslick and Judy Yarbrough.

**Thank You**

I would like to thank Bob and Carol Tolleson, former owners of Hansford Supply, for allowing me to come to Gruver to sell parts and nickname just about every customer that came in for parts or their daily war of words.

I appreciate how they always supported my family and me during the times I was sick. As I leave the parts business after over 40 years, I have fond memories of working with three great parts men, Claude Owens, George Rook, and Bob Crawford. I had the privilege of working with best mechanic ever - Jess "Right" Wood and the nicest bookkeeper Pat Bratton. Thanks to all the customers and the people of Gruver for making work, most of the time, a lot of fun.

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of Gruver, off FM 2018, east of Highway 136, Gruver, Hansford County, Texas. This application was received by the TCEQ on September 19, 2002.

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MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING. You may submit written public comments or request a notice and comment hearing on the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emissions of air pollutants from these areas may request a notice and comment hearing. The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on these applications if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice.

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El propósito del permiso preliminar es mejorar el acatamiento general de las reglas que gobiernan el control de la contaminación atmosférica, claramente definiendo todos los requisitos aplicables como están definidos en el Título 30 del Código Administrativo de Texas § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10, por sus siglas en inglés).

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LISTA PARA ENVÍO DE CORREO. Usted puede solicitar ser incluido en una lista para envío de correo para recibir información adicional con respecto a esta solicitud. Para ser incluido en una lista para envío de correo, envíe su petición a la Oficina del Secretario Principal (Office of Chief Clerk) a la dirección que se encuentra a continuación en el párrafo titulado "Información."

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# Editorial

by Catherine Smith

I feel very fortunate to have lived the life I have lived and to have been able to share that life with those I count as family and friends, as well as the countless others I have come in contact with who have influenced me.

A large part of my life and the influence on it has come from school teachers. I had several teachers throughout my school years who were extremely significant.

The first was my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Cheatum. I started school loving it. When I went into second grade, Mrs. Cheatum did, too, and I was lucky enough to have her again. I still remember how special she always made me feel.

I remember my 7th grade English teacher, Mrs. Dollar. She taught me that you can make anything fun and interesting. It just depends on how you look at it.

I also remember my high school band director, Mr. Phelps. I loved music and band, and he shared that love. I learned many things about life from him, some related to music and some not related. He taught me to try my best and not to settle for less. (I wish I could say this is a lesson that I always live by, but I don't.)

These teachers and memories have helped form who I am today. I will always carry a little of them with me, wherever I go and whatever I do.

I have always hoped that my son, Clayton, would have special relationships like these that would go with him through his life. He has had many, including Mr. Tony Sidwell.

I am saddened that Mr. Sidwell is leaving and will not be here next year, but am thankful that he came into Clayton's life. Clayton had many struggles during this freshman year, but Mr. Sidwell was always there to encourage him and keep him involved.

Mr. Sidwell is one of those rare teachers who lives for the students - not for what he gets out of it, but for what he can offer to them. Every time I saw him at school, he was talking to a student.

I remember talking to him at the Spearman track meet. (He was cooking hamburgers for a junior sponsor who was unable to be there.) I noticed while I was talking to him that every student who walked by stopped to talk to him, and that he knew each of these students by name (most of whom he did not have in class). Not only did he know each of them by name, but he knew something about them and what was happening in their life. He asked each of them about something he knew was important to them.

Mr. Sidwell deserves honor and recognition for his accomplishments with the one-act play, but also for the many other strides and accomplishments he brought to the students of Spearman High School.

He was responsible for beginning Spearman High School's participation in the Texas Small School Academic Contest. Over the two years that he was at SHS, he helped those students participating earn over \$3000 in scholarships. He also drastically increased participation in the National Forensic League, taking students to over 400 speech tournaments in two years.

Mr. Sidwell was also very active in building resumes for his students to help them upon graduation. According to one student, Michel "Biti" Huffaker, "He added an entire page to my resume during the two years that he worked with me," said Biti.

Prior to teaching in Spearman, Mr. Sidwell taught at Hutchinson Junior High in Lubbock from 1991-1991 and at Lubbock High School from 1994-2002.

During the course of teaching at Hutchinson, he had the largest International Junior Thespian Troupe in the nation. Along with an annual musical, his department directed over eight full length shows along with numerous reader's theater productions. He received the Excellence in Action Award at Hutchinson for outstanding teaching and the honor of a Thespian Appreciation Award for mentoring and working with area high school students in UIL events.

While teaching at Lubbock High School he produced an annual all-school musical (sometimes two) along with a theater marathon, One-Act Play competition, Southwest Theater Association Auditions for senior students, a guest directed production and several senior directed one-act plays/full-length shows. He also coached interpretation events for the LHS Black and Gold Speech Team and multiple Odyssey of the Mind Building and Problem Solving Teams.

He was awarded the District 3-5A Director of the Year for five years for numerous wins in UIL One-Act Play, was a finalist for the Disney Teacher of the Year Award, and was nominated for the University of Texas Excellence Award and numerous Who's Who in American Teachers Awards. While at LHS, his students received the most scholarship offers in the annual Southwest Theater Association Senior Scholarship Auditions held each November.

I know that your legacy will live on in the life of my son, and all of the students you touched during your two years at Spearman High School. Our loss is Frenship's gain.

Break a leg.



Tony Sidwell



## New Looks On Main Street

(Above) A crew from J. W. DeWitt of Perryton works on a building in the 200 block of Main Street in Spearman.

(Above, Left) The former Jetty's Antiques at 215 Main Street is being transformed by Gina Gillispie.

## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Daniel Harris took this photo of a fawn on the Palo Duro Creek

Lake Level--June 14, 2004--24.39 feet (-0.28)

Daniel Harris has been checking cattle on a section of the Palo Duro Creek north of Morse the last few days, and when he saw a doe along the bank he checked the spot and found a tiny fawn (pictured above). The little one never moved while his picture was being taken, but Daniel said he was very alert to his presence.

Jim reported a rather routine week at the Lake. Several fishermen were out, but the only fish of size he had heard about were caught by two men from Amarillo who caught a 13 or 14 pound catfish and a crappie. The water temperature was 74 degrees which is too warm for good walleye fishing.

At least 3 more ducks have been added to the flock at the

Kid's Pond. One of the original four has been killed by a predator.

Jim saw several baby quail running around his lawn. Nearby was a dead quail that may have been their mother. He hoped the little ones would be able to survive.

Be on the alert for a new dove that is moving north. A White-winged Dove has been seen by Jim at the Park. These gray-brown heavyset doves have a very noticeable line of white feathers that edge the closed wing.

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