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Hansford County Livestock Show Set

The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on Friday and Saturday, January 25th and 26th in Gruver, Texas.

Friday's show will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The grand opening of the show will be held at 9:00 a.m. The lamb show will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the steer show following immediately. The weighing of pigs will be held after the steer show.

Saturday's schedule is as follows: 9:00 a.m. - Swine show; 1:00 p.m. - Judging contest; 6:30 p.m. - floor prices will be auctioned, with the presentation of Showmanship and Commercial Steer Awards. Immediately following the presentation of awards, the auction will begin. The sell order will be - lamb, swine and steer.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the 4-H and FFA members of Hansford County.

A concession stand with lots of great food will be open both days. Barbeque brisket plates will be available at 5:00 p.m. Saturday before the sale prepared by Richard and Wanda Wagner with proceeds going to 4-H Fund.

Gruver Practice Show is January 20th @ 2:00 p.m. Gruver County Barn. This is for the kids to get ready for the ready for the county show. All Gruver 4-H & FFA members can participate.

Morse 4-H can show in either show, but only show once.



The Spearman Lynx Varsity Basketball Team, Varsity Cheerleaders, Spearman High School students and staff, and fans helped Coach Junior Ashmore celebrate his 400th win on Tuesday night, January 15, 2008 when the Lynx defeated Sanford-Fritch 60-44. Congratulations, Coach Ashmore!

Weather Forecast

Partly cloudy. Lows around 13. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows around 15.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 19.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 40s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 20.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 18.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s.

Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship Deadline

The first Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship fund was established through a generous donation by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bush in the 1970's. Over the years scholarships have increased from 17 funds with annual awards of \$42,350 to annual awards of \$306,664 for 238 area students. The Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship Program is open to students residing in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle.

The Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship application deadline is Friday, February 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Students wishing to apply for one of the 92 scholarships available should ask their school counselor for a copy of the application.

Students can also access the scholarship application by going to the Foundation's website at www.amarilloareafoundation.org. From the home page, click on the "Receive" tab, then the "Scholarship" tab and finally on the "Scholarship Application" tab to download a copy of the application.

Questions can be directed to Christina Williams, Scholarship Coordinator, 806-350-4516 or emailed to christina@aaf-hf.org.

March 4th Republican Primary

Wednesday, January 2nd was the last day to file for a place on the general primary election ballot, which will be held on March 4, 2008.

January 7, 2008 was the first day for a voter to submit an application for an early ballot by mail for the primary, runoff and the general elections. Applications for ballots by mail must be received on or before Tuesday, February 26th.

February 4th is the last day to register to vote for the March 4th primary election.

Early voting will be held at the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman and the branch office in Gruver City Hall from February 19th through 29th.

The primary election day will be Tuesday, March 4, 2008 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The position of Hansford County Sheriff is the only locally contested race. Current Sheriff Gary Evans and former Hansford County Deputy Lance Swan have both filed.

Other candidates filing for office include: **84th Judicial District Judge:** William D. (Bill) Smith, Incumbent; **84th Judicial District Attorney:** Mark W. Snider; **Hansford County Attorney:** John L. Hutchison, Incumbent; **Tax Assessor/Collector:** Linda Cummings, Incumbent; **Hansford County Sheriff:** Gary Evans, Incumbent and Lance Swan; **Republican Chairman:** Dorothy Cator; **Hansford County Commissioner, Precinct 1:** Ira G. "Butch" Reed; **Hansford County Commissioner, Precinct 3:** Tim Stedje.

There will not be a Democratic primary election in Hansford County.

Livestock Crop Disaster Program 2007 Eligibility Date Extended

Change includes livestock losses prior to Dec. 31, losses on crops planted for entire 2007 crop year

The eligibility criteria for 2007 livestock and crop year losses has been expanded, for farmers and ranchers who suffered recent livestock and/or crop losses caused by natural disasters, announced Rick Hargrove, Executive Director for the Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA).

On Dec. 26, 2007, President George W.

Bush signed the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (2008 Act). The 2008 Act amended the previous Feb. 28, 2007, date and now allows for crops planted for harvest prior to Dec. 31, 2007, to be included for loss purposes under the Crop Disaster Program (CDP). Similarly, under the

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), the 2008 Act extends the date livestock and livestock feed losses could have occurred in a primary or contiguous county named in a Secretarial or Presidential disaster declaration to Dec. 31, 2007.

"This date change does not make 2008 crops planted in 2007 eligible for CDP, however it does benefit farmers in that it expands the eligibility criteria to include crops planted in 2007 that were intended for harvest in the same crop year, and it adds 10 months to the amount of eligible time livestock losses can be considered for the new programs," said Hargrove.

Producers should visit their local USDA Farm Service Agency office to apply for benefits under these new disaster assistance programs, added Hargrove.

Sign-up for livestock disaster assistance under LCP and LIP began Sept. 10, 2007. Sign-up for crop disaster assistance under CDP began Oct. 15, 2007, and applies to farmers who suffered quantity losses to their crops. Ending dates for the sign-up period have not yet been determined.

For more information about LCP, LIP and CDP, contact the Hansford County FSA at (806) 659-3036 or online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; under "Disaster Assistance Programs."

Foreign Investors Must Report U.S. Agricultural Land Holdings

Foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, according to Rick Hargrove, Executive Director of the Hansford County Farm Service Agency.

Any foreign person who acquires or transfers any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Hargrove.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the Farm Service Agency County Office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Hargrove.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural.

When the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act was signed into law in 1978,

the reporting requirement was adopted as part of the same legislation. Data gained from these disclosures is used in the preparation of periodic reports to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

Hargrove added, "Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign."

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Hansford County FSA office at (806) 659-3036 or visit the USDA Web sites at <http://www.usda.gov>.



Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

1/17-19 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G @ Spearman Tourney
1/18 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Panhandle

1/21 7B (5), 8B (6), 9B (7:30) @ Fritch
1/21 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7:30) vs. Fritch
1/22 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Stratford

1/25 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Canadian

1/28 7B (5), 8B (6), 9B (7:30) vs. Panhandle
1/28 7G (5), 8G (6), 9G (7:30) @ Panhandle
1/29 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ West Texas

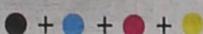
Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

1/17-19 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G @ Spearman Tourney
1/18 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Vega

1/21 7G (5), 8G (6:15) vs. Sunray
1/21 7B (5), 8B (6:15) @ Sunray
1/22 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) @ Boys Ranch

1/25 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Sunray

1/28 7G (4), 7B (5), 8G (6), 8B (7) vs. Vega
1/29 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Vega



Deadline Notice!

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Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

So many people misunderstand so much. I was recently told of a fellow named Leroy. Leroy goes to the revival and listens to the preacher. After a while the preacher asks anyone with needs to be prayed over to come forward to the front at the altar. Leroy gets in line, and when it's his turn, the

Preacher asks: "Leroy, what do you want me to pray about for you?" Leroy replies: "Preacher, I need you to pray for my hearing." The preacher puts one finger in Leroy's ear, and he places the other hand on top of Leroy's head and prays and prays and prays. After a few minutes, the preacher removes his hands,

stands back and asks, "Leroy, how is your hearing now?" Leroy says, "I don't know, Reverend, it's not until next Wednesday." Good luck, Leroy. And good luck, Preacher.

Until the next time, God bless.



by Ed Sterling

UIL ADOPTS RULES FOR ATHLETE DRUG TESTING

stand speech and recognize sounds. Before he felt like his life was taken away when he lost his hearing, but now he is getting back on track and able to understand conversations."

Thanks to the vocational rehabilitation services of DARS, Mr. Ates continues working for the post office, listening to music and talking to his family.

To receive DARS vocational rehabilitation services, a person must:

Have a disability that affects his or her ability to work.

Need services to help get or maintain employment.

Be able to get and maintain employment after receiving services.

For more information about vocational rehabilitation services or to learn about other services available from DARS, please call the DARS Inquiry Office at 1-800-628-5115 or e-mail DARS.Inquiries@dars.state.tx.us. You may also visit the DARS website at www.dars.state.tx.us.

AUSTIN - Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Jan. 10 lauded adoption of rules to conduct mandatory, random steroid testing for Texas high school athletes.

"I'm pleased the University Interscholastic League has taken a giant step forward to save lives by adopting fair and balanced testing rules ...," he said.

Students who wish to participate in UIL athletics must sign a statement saying they are aware of the health dangers of taking anabolic steroids and promise not to take them.

Parents and guardians will have to sign a statement that reads as follows:

"I have read the above information and acknowledge that a prerequisite of my student's participation in UIL athletic activities is that they refrain from illegal steroid use and agree that, if selected, they will submit to testing for the presence of illegal anabolic steroids in their body. I understand that failure to provide accurate and truthful information could subject the participant

in question to penalties as determined by UIL."

Fingerprinting program begins

Texas public school employees now must be fingerprinted in accordance with a law passed by the 80th Texas Legislature last spring.

Teachers, substitute teachers and administrators are required to submit to national criminal background checks, and fingerprinting is part of that.

The FBI will analyze data gathered in the background checks and the information will be kept on file.

Dewhurst said background checks and fingerprinting have helped in identifying sex offenders and felons working in Texas schools.

Teacher pay study is released

An annual report on Texas public schoolteacher salaries and benefits indicates that teachers' pay is "up slightly" in 2007-2008.

The report, compiled by the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas Association of School Administrators, includes data collected from 747 of the state's 1,031 school districts.

The weighted average teacher salary in responding districts is \$46,336 for 2007-08, up 3.2 percent from the 2006-07 average salary of \$44,897.

Among its many findings, the study shows:

- 465 districts pay stipends to teachers with master's degrees.
- 102 districts reported that teachers can qualify for longevity pay.
- 100 districts paid a bonus to new hires for 2007-2008.

Appellate court rules on NCLB

The issue of unfunded federal mandates strains many Texas school districts, so this may indicate change on the horizon:

The U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati on Jan. 7 ruled that the federal government

may not force states and school districts to spend their own funds to meet the mandates of "No Child Left Behind."

The Washington, D.C.-based National Education Association and nine school districts filed suit in a Michigan district court against the Secretary of Education, seeking among other relief, a judgment declaring that they need not comply with the act's requirements where federal funds do not cover the increased costs of compliance.

School safety audits are coming

Beginning in September 2008, Texas school districts must report the results of their first campus security audits to the Texas School Safety Center.

Texas law requires schools to conduct these safety audits every three years and practice their campus emergency management plans.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott encouraged all school districts to team up with law enforcement to annually practice campus safety procedures:

"Having a plan is important, but executing that plan under stress - when seconds count - is critical to saving lives," Abbott said.

States join in death penalty brief

The attorneys general of 19 states joined Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and Texas Solicitor General Ted Cruz in a friend-of-the-court brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in a Kentucky case, Baze v. Rees.

Texas argues that the four-step lethal injection protocol used as the primary means to carry out capital punishment in Texas and 36 other states does not violate the 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution because when properly administered, it is not "cruel and unusual."

A decision in the case may be announced from the bench any time between now and the end of June.

TEXAS Health Matters

DARS Vocational Rehabilitation Services: A Pathway to Employment

Texans with disabilities have access to services to help them find and maintain employment. Vocational rehabilitation services are available through the Texas Department of Assjstive and Rehabilitative Services, or DARS.

The DARS program has one goal: to help Texans with disabilities find or keep jobs.

The vocational rehabilitation program works with consumers to develop individualized plans to meet their needs. Services may include training and education, medical services, diagnostic and evaluative services, prosthetic devices, durable medical equipment, assistive technologies, transportation, and vehicle modifications, among other services.

Take the example of Ulysses Ates, who turned to DARS for help after an illness caused him to lose his hearing in 2006.

Mr. Ates, a U.S. Post Office letter carrier from Houston, was referred to DARS by his doctor. In the fall of 2006, Mr. Ates had contracted an infection that caused his hearing to quickly deteriorate. By the time he came to DARS that February, he had

lost all hearing, rendering hearing aids useless.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Ruthie Sawyer and Hearing Loss Resource Specialist Teri Wathen worked with Mr. Ates. They told him about cochlear implant options that could help him and introduced him to other technologies that provide visual access to communication.

Mr. Ates received binaural cochlear implants with additional therapy. To aid communication, DARS helped provide a special phone called a "Cap Tel phone" which allowed phone conversations to take place between Mr. Ates and his employer. Also, because he is required to use a cell phone during work, Mr. Ates received phone equipment that allows his cochlear implant to pick up special assistive hearing technology wireless signals.

"Mr. Ates was completely deaf and could not understand speech when I began working with him," said Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Sawyer. "Every time he came into my office I had to type on the computer for him to be able to understand my questions. Because of DARS assistance with binaural cochlear implants he can now under-

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THE SUPER BOWL

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- Wheel shaft
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- Deserter
- Pocket change
- Showtime at Super Bowl
- Football's defensive or offensive teams
- A lament for the dead
- Fighter great Clay
- Early Japanese military title
- Super Bowl '08 site
- European Union
- Slanting character
- "Happily ___ after"
- Hemorrhage
- Relieve from
- Habitual practice
- ___ Bator, Mongolia
- Food served and eaten at one time
- 252-gallon cask
- 3-time Super Bowl MVP
- Nobel Prize-winning nun
- American Heart Association
- Resin-producing tree of New Zealand
- Striped Christmas candy

DOWN

- Health resort
- Near in space
- Dwarf buffalo
- Pirates leg?
- Cover with wig
- Skeleton, archaic
- Mark for omission
- Suffers anguish
- '08 Super Bowl
- Christian fasting period
- Female suffix
- Inventor's reward
- Round openings in architecture
- Fl., as in fl. oz.
- Part of circle
- It moistens and protects skin with perspiration
- Initial greeting
- Clooney in "Ocean's Eleven"
- Verdi's popular opera
- Rounded like an egg
- Spiced hot wine
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- Equals length times width

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Happy Birthday!

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

Thank you, Catherine

January 17
Birthday - Derik Grotegut, Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Justin Gifford

January 18
Birthday - Daniel Boyd, Ervin Wright, Doyle Jackson, Curtis Davis, Candy Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Evans, Schane Schneider, Bett Brown, Ole Dahl, Pat Randall, Jessica Blan, Robert Gilmore, Enrique Arreola

January 19
Birthday - Paula Kizziar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutterfield, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Collier, Donna Murray, Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Harris, Billy Hays, Jose Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown

Anniversary - M/M Roy Diaz
January 20
Birthday - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanna Jordan, Fabian Gaspar

Anniversary - M/M Kermit McKee, M/M Sonny Blankenship

January 21
Birthday - Roy Mayhew, Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Schaefer, Marcus Vasquez

Anniversary - M/M Jeff Beedy, M/M Kenneth Baker, M/M Kent Rimmel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

January 22
Birthday - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Vargas, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila, Callie Hopkins, Joe Avila

Anniversary - M/M James Scroggs, M/M Walter McDade, M/M Steve Gross, M/M John Armes

January 23
Birthday - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez, Adrianna Reza

Anniversary - M/M Jim Roberts, M/M Gene Duncan

January 24
Birthday - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Dearl Shelton, Ronnie

Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts

Anniversary - Larry & Gayle Porter, M/M Archie Smith
January 25
Birthday - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mike Dodd, Deloris Guthrie, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley

Anniversary - M/M Marvin Sparks

January 26
Birthday - Chase Reid, Joe Cage, Gary Woolley, Matt Archer, Patsy Hunt, Jon King, Tiffany Hendricks, Lori Ann Perez, Patsy Brown, Kellie Kjos, Mark Thomas, Debbie Hagerman, Rodolfo Garcia

Anniversary - Bill & Jody Harnish

January 27
Birthday - Jack Gillispie, Jerry Womble, Wanda Brown, Lynette Williams, Nickie Lozano, Jerry Hart, Twana Trout, Allen Leach, Andrew Boyd, Amber Ramon, Berry Kirkpatrick, Lyndie Cook

Anniversary - M/M Gus Vargas

January 28
Birthday - Brooke Beville, Rita Williams, Howard Garnett, Tammy Burch, Joe Archer Jr., Melissa Donahue, Joyce Woolley, Patty Volden, Randy Burress, DeAnn Sparks, Brooke Adams, Curtis Cernik, Lupe Velasquez, Cari Stedje

Anniversary - M/M Clark Bridges

January 29
Birthday - Bill Hadley, Erin Derington, Linda Diaz, Johnnie Gaitner, Andy Graham, Richard Larson, Estella Gilmore, Andi Hager, Tanner Beedy, Gerry Davis, Nancy Mitchell, Dustin Hodge, Delphia Duke, Brad Hicks, Travis Reiswig, Jackson Davis, Ryan McElhany

Anniversary - M/M Harold Anderson

January 30
Birthday - Vicki Crawford, Terry Jackson, Timothy Schultz

Anniversary - M/M Eusebio Vela Sr., Richard & Ariene Paschel, M/M Jose Perez

January 31
Birthday - Breanna Dearin, Brian Stewart, Austin Zimmer, James Schnell, L.C. Owens, Cory Schneider, Charles Lilley, Hudson Williams, Jim Younger, Karen Ferguson

Anniversary - M/M Manuel Ruiz, M/M John Shields, M/M Dick Hintergard, M/M Royce Mathews

February 1
Birthday - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, JoeBob Breedon, Terri Goodknight, Lacie Baker, Clint Linde, Anthony Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cherylann Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis, Skylar Tidwell

Anniversary - M/M George C. Lowe

Our Sympathy

PATSY RUTH DIXON

BORGER - Patsy Ruth Dixon, 68, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2008.

Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. today in Borger Church of Christ with Richard Kasko, minister of Fritch Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are by Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Dixon was born on May 7, 1939, in Clovis, N.M. She married Clarence Dixon on Aug. 16, 1957, in Borger and was the owner of Dixon Framing Shop and a Church of Christ member.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Randy Dixon of Borger; two daughters, Angela Wendel of Houston and Debbie Tolleson of Pringle-Morse; a brother, Charles Trigg of Borger; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

WINIFRED MORRIS BLURTON

PERRYTON - Winifred Morris Blurton, 84, died Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008.

Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Roy King officiating. Burial was at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Blurton was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Blue Mound, Okla. She attended Blue Mound and Balko schools. She married John Blurton on Nov. 21, 1941, in Perryton. She attended West Texas State College from 1941 to 1943 and she taught with a temporary certificate in Taz, Gruver, Ovid, Colo., and Columbus, Ga.

She received her Bachelor of Science in elementary education in 1960 and taught in Perryton schools until retiring in 1981. After her retirement, she volunteered at the Museum of the Plains, Ochiltree Senior Citizens Center and with the Literacy program. She was a lifetime member of Ochiltree Hospital Auxiliary and Pink Ladies, Texas Retirement System and PARSPA. After school and during the summer, she tutored many students. She was a member of the First Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Andy and Lillie Morris; five brothers and a sister, Mary Murphy.

Survivors include four daughters, Beverly Merchant of Perryton, Barbara Vance of Irving, Verna Blurton of Mesquite and Wanda Street of Alexandria, Va.; three sisters, Lillie Lockman of Grand Junction, Flora Kruse of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Lucille Hesler of Sevierville, Tenn.; two granddaughters, Lexye Street Herding of Alexandria and Tracie Merchant Brady of North Richland Hills; and a grandson, Samuel Street of Alexandria.

The family suggests memorials be to Ochiltree Senior Citizens, P.O. Box 738, Perryton, TX 79070 or the Opportunity Plan, P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, TX 79015.

AURORA VELA



SPEARMAN - Aurora Vela, 70, of Spearman died Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

A Rosary service was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2008 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mass was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 4, 2008 at the church with Father Jose Gomez officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery.

Mrs. Vela was born Aug. 9, 1937, in LaCasita. She married Guillermo Vela Sr. on March 21, 1959.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Alter Society Women's Guild since 1973. She was voted Woman of the Year by members of the Guild in 1986. She was a member of the Con Fraternity of Christian Mothers, volunteered as the CCD teacher for 10 years, a member of the Home Demonstration Club, volunteered for the Consignment Store and received her Certified Nurses Aid Certificate in 1990.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Guillermo Vela, Sr.; a son, Guillermo Vela, Jr.; her parents, Ciria and Santos Bazan; two brothers, Esilio Sr. and Santos Jr. Bazan; a son-in-law, Art Salazar; and a great-grandchild, Leandrew Grayson Moreno.

Survivors include nine daughters, Barbara and Ed Rojas, Dolores and Jose Moreno, Ciria Vela, Teresa and Tony Bennett, and Maria Luisa Vela, all of Spearman, and Bernarda and Jo Olivarez of Waka, Leticia Salazar of Gruver, Maria Acevedo of Chillicothe, and Sister Criselda Vela, FMI of Los Angeles; a son, Ted and Mary Vela of Gruver; and 21 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Thank you!

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, food and all expressions of kindness shown to our family upon the death of our mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend, Aurora Vela. We appreciate it more than you know.

The Families of Aurora Vela

Barbara Rojas & Family; Criselda Vela; Dolores Moreno & Family; Bernardo Olivarez & Family; Ciria Vela & Family; Ted Vela & Family; Leticia Salazar & Family; Maria Acevedo & Family; Teresa Bennett & Family; Maria Vela & Family

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 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Pastor - Arien Lloyd

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 Micah 6:8

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Perryton ISD Students Seeking Memories of World War II
Students in Perryton are seeking individuals to interview for the KACV WWII/Texas Panhandle Outreach Project. Participants who are eligible to be interviewed are those that have memories from 1938-1946, especially World War II Veterans. Persons who would like their stories from WWII to be recorded on film should contact Lauren Carroll at (806) 434-0389.

Out-of-School Examinee Registration
Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS or TAKS tests, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections. The TAAS and TAKS retests will be given on March 4 (ELA TAKS; Writing TAAS), March 5 (Math TAKS, Math TAAS), March 6 (Science TAKS; Reading TAAS), and March 7 (Social Studies TAKS). A student can register for the TAAS or TAKS tests online by accessing the web site at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms may be picked up at the high school counselor's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration packets are due in Austin no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 25, 2008. Please Contact Krista Baird at 659-2584 if you have any questions.

Los individuos que ya no están matriculados en la escuela y que todavía no han cumplido los requisitos mínimos en todas las secciones del examen del TAKS, pero han cumplido todos los otros requisitos necesarios para graduarse pueden volver a tomar los exámenes necesarios del TAKS. Daremos el examen el 4 de Marzo (ELA TAKS; Escritura TAAS); 5 de Marzo (Matemáticas TAKS; Matemáticas TAAS) el 6 de Marzo (El TAKS de ciencia; Lectura TAAS); 7 de Marzo (el TAKS de estudios sociales). Un alumno se puede registrar para el examen de TAAS y de TAKS en el sitio <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> o también puede completar una forma de registración. Las formas de registraciones se pueden recoger en la oficina de la conejera en la escuela preparatoria entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. hasta las 4:00 p.m. Los paquetes de registraciones tienen que estar en Austin antes de las 5:00 p.m. del día 25 de Enero del 2008. Por favor si tiene alguna pregunta comunicarse con Krista Baird al 659-2584 si tiene alguna pregunta.

'08 High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show
The 2008 High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held January 16, 2008 in the Amarillo Convention Center. The conference will be presented by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association. CEU's will be offered for Pesticide applicators, certified crop consultants, certified irrigation designers.

Project Graduation
The parent of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2008 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 23rd. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2008" memory, making this project "special", please call Bonnie Bergan at 659-5529, Tammy Benton at 659-3071, or Gina Gillispie 659-5341. Thank you in advance, for your support!

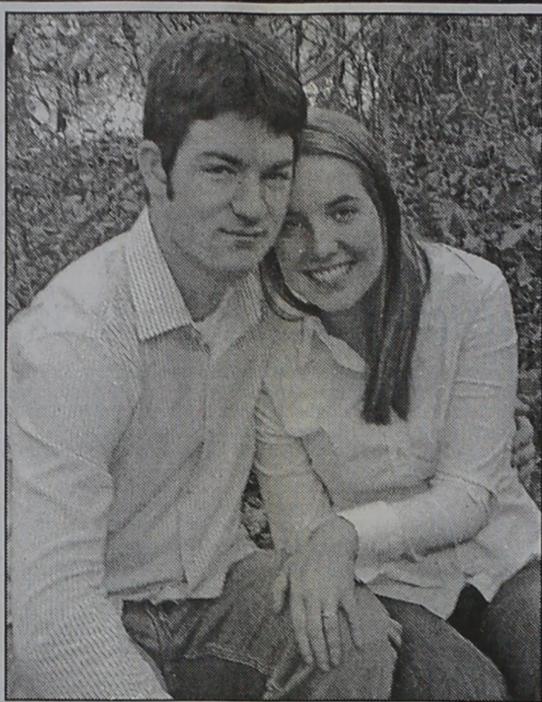
Gruver Elementary Collecting Register Tapes
Gruver Elementary is again participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register Tapes for Education program. Please help us earn free educational equipment by collecting register tapes from Lowe's. Only tapes dated September 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 are eligible. You can deposit your tapes in boxes in the Gruver Elementary Lobby, Gruver Library, Gruver City Hall, Nite & Day Beauty Salon and Hitchin' Nails. Jo Alice Clawson is also collecting tapes at 711 Womble, or they may be mailed to PO Box 488, Gruver. Please call 733-2247 if you have tapes you would like to have picked up, or for more information.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group
Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave you feeling helpless and out of control - we can help.

Spearhead AA Group
The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. For information, call 662-1111.

Al-Anon
If you are concerned with someone else's drinking or addiction, the Al-Anon program can help you. Each Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose - to help families and friends of alcoholics and addicts. The Spearhead Al-Anon Group meets every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Spearman. For more information, call 806-330-0349.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office
Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Call for more information regarding PCC's services. Hours for the Resale Store in Spearman are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



Engagement Announcement
Laura Geer of State College, PA and Cory Jumper of Perryton, TX announce their engagement. The couple plan to wed on May 10, 2008 at 2 p.m. in Cabot, AR. Laura graduated from State College High School and currently attends Harding University in Searcy, AR, where she is perusing a degree in business management. Cory is a graduate of Perryton High School and currently attends Harding University in Searcy, AR, where he is perusing a degree in mechanical engineering. Cory is the son of Tim and Dana Jumper of Perryton, TX.

Thank you!
We want to thank Dr. Garnett, Sharon Sutton and the hospital staff, they treated Bill Been with kind, loving care just like they would their own daddy. We are so thankful that we moved him there. Also would like to thank the Hospice people, they were very helpful.
The Bill Been family

Community GROUNDHOG Dinner

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Friday, February 1, 2008
Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church
407 Haney, Spearman
\$7.00 for adults
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Take-outs will be available by calling 659-5504 by 10:30 a.m.

Words from Faith & Grace
by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister
In the Season of Ahal, we study Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, I Corinthians 1:1-9, and John 1:29-42. The second of the "suffering servant" songs is addressed to all nations (coastlands). This "servant" is ordained by God before his birth to bring Israel back to God, to be a light to all nations, to effect the salvation of all the earth. We, as Christians, see a reference to Jesus the Messiah, The Psalmist sings a song of praise to God for His faithfulness and salvation.
Paul writes to the faith community in Corinth. All of those sanctified by Jesus Christ are a part of the universal faith community. Note that Paul indicates that the members of the faith community are called by God to be God's dedicated people and this call is through the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Through Jesus Christ we of the faith community are enriched in speech, in knowledge, and in spiritual gifts. We are also strengthened by Christ so that we may appear blameless at the judgment, not because of our merit but because of His. Dear Christian, salvation is the gift of God, it is not earned; it is not deserved; salvation is freely given!
John the Baptist tells his disciples that Jesus is the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin so when he says "I myself did not know him" what John is saying is that until Jesus' baptism and until he saw the spirit of God descend on Jesus, John did not know that Jesus was the Messiah. John the Baptist encouraged two of his disciples to follow Jesus. When Jesus sees these two following him, he asks, "What are you looking for?" Jesus is asking these men what they are seeking in life. They answer with a question, "Where are you staying?" Today, we would ask "Where are you coming from? What is inside you?" Jesus invited these men to join him by saying, "Come see." Andrew immediately went to find his brother, Simon Peter, to tell him about Jesus. Andrew invited Peter to "Come see." We have two other stories of Andrew, at Pentecost he invites two Greeks who are looking for Jesus to, "Come see." On the hillside as Jesus addresses the five thousand, Andrew brings a little boy with five fish and two loaves to "Come see." Some like Simon Peter preach and thousands are brought to the faith community, others like Andrew invite those they meet to "Come see." and a "Peter" is found. Dear Christian, we need more "Andrews" in our faith community.
My friends, "What are you looking for?" May the Holy Spirit enable you to "Come see."

You are invited to a **Baby Girl Shower** honoring **Kristin Shieldknight** on Saturday, January 19, 2007 from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon in the home of Kiki Connelly 805 Wilmeth Spearman

You are invited to a **Baby Shower** honoring **Cami (Winegarner) & Jody Meason** on Saturday, January 19, 2007 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the home of Betty & Dub Womble 905 Barkley Spearman

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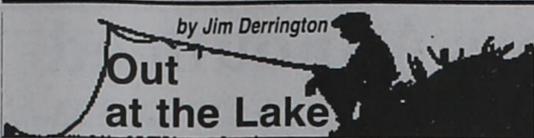
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Lake Level--January 14, 2009--20.10 feet (-.17)

This time of year, according to Jim, there is not much activity at the Lake. Still there are possibilities of interesting things to see.

He mentioned knowing that the beaver are still residents because they are cutting down and eating many of the young cottonwoods. He saw Cedar Waxwings this week, and he is still seeing eagles--usually one eagle at a time.

With the warmer weather the geese have gone back to the playa lakes and their four eagle companions seem to have followed them.

Seeing birds that are rare to this area has been a treat for me this winter. The Bohemian Waxwings that Linda Weller called me about were the first ones. Then last week Trixie Holt called me about a flock of little birds that she had seen foraging on the ground in her yard 2 miles west of Gruver. None of the birds I suggested fit, and usually Trixie would say, "But these are really small

birds." I gave up trying to identify these little dark gray birds with the little black beaks. But a good mystery gets to me, so I went through my bird books again and decided they were more than likely Bushitts.

One of the books described them as looking like feathered mice foraging on the ground. Despite the tail being relatively long, the tiny birds are about 4 inches in length. Twittering constantly in high pitched tones, they move around constantly in flocks of 10 or more birds.

According to Kenneth Seyffert they have only been reported in 10 of the Panhandle counties. Hansford County is not one of them.

The day after talking to Trixie my daughter Jackie and I saw a flock of Bushitts in a vacant lot on the north edge of Gruver. Without Trixie's call I would have never recognized them. Today Jim told me that he had also seen them at the Lake.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS
A quiet week. The Wednesday core group was busy housecleaning. Taking down Christmas, vacuuming, and general cleaning. Georgia and Dorothy were missed as they were out of town. This is the time of year that we time cleaning and finishing the year with final reports, completing the calendar for the upcoming year, and trying to complete outstanding projects.

Everyone it seems is doing the same. All our meetings start again. So I will be traveling again. This week I venture to Plainview for the Texas Plains Trail meeting. This is the group that promotes tourism and heritage activities through the Texas Historical Commission.

Our BUILDING EXPANSION DRIVE is progressing very well. We have received \$90,000 in contributions. Letters and grants will be sent out again to obtain the funds for our goal of \$200,000. Thank you to all of you who have sent us donations. At this rate we will be able to start planning

soon. Stay tuned and if you would like to contribute, our address is Box 5, Lipscomb, 79056.

HISTORICAL MUSINGS
In 1963, Gladys Phillips was a feature writer for the The Kiowa Valley Independent. She interviewed Elsie Benn Teter Montgomery about her families arrival in the Texas Panhandle. Ms. Montgomery was the daughter Robert Benn who was a goat herder, builder, and sheriff. The following is a synopsis of that interview:

In the spring of 1892, Mr. Benn decided to leave the Magdalena Mountains of New Mexico for a new home in the Cherokee Strip. The strip was soon to be opened to settlers and Robert wanted to be a part of this new frontier.

Robert Benn loaded his family and possessions into the big heavy wagon, rounded up his herd of Angora Goats, and with an old Mexican herder and a young boy named Bronco Billy, the family set out on the hazardous trip.

Mrs. Montgomery, then a small child, remembers the adversity of the trail realistically. Her mother, a frail woman physically, but possessed by a keen spirit of devotion to her husband and family drove the wagon with her keen eyes ever on the horizon watching for Indian marauders. She could never erase the image of her friend and neighbor's tragic death at the hands of Indians in the mountains of New Mexico. Always she carried a bit of strychnine concealed in her long black hair as security against a similar fate for herself. Indians were menacing and troublesome, but they could generally be appeased by a gift of goat

meat. It was a long way to Oklahoma, from Socorro, New Mexico, especially in that dry year of '92. The herd crawled along; fifteen miles in a good day's journey. Clouds of powdery dust often made everyone's eyes water. Ranches were scarce along the Old Santa Fe Trail but when they did pass by one, the cowmen were cautious, but Big Benn made friends easily and the cowmen were curious about the ocean of white mohair goats as they rolled over the parched prairie. They would occasionally cross the trail of government freighters and were able to purchase needed provisions.

After a year, the Benns arrived at a small village of tents and dugouts named Woodward. Here they were to wait until the run was to be made. When the day of the run arrived, Elsie's father jumped on his buckskin pony and bounded away amid the hilarious yells of an excited, motley crowd. He went forth, passing by good farm land, he chose a claim in the sandy breaks of the North Canadian. His was goat land-- a claim he proudly called Castle Garden. Here the Benns set about making a home. First, the corral, then came the two-roomed house, made from scrap lumber and goods boxes. The floors were dirt, but always smooth and clean.

The herd of 3,000 angora

goats were turned out of the corral in the early morning with the attendance of two herders. The herd returned in the early evening. In the herd was one milk goat, who Ms. Montgomery stated that her udder was so long she had to jump onto a frame to be milked. Ms. Montgomery was seven years old before she ever tasted cow's milk. Shearing occurred in March. The mohair was packed in extra large burlap sacks and shipped to a factory in New Jersey. Goats, classed as bucks, billies, nannies, kids were often shipped by the carload, and the family larder was stocked with fresh mutton.

Sunday was a big day at Castle Garden. This was the day that a "tonsorial parlor" (a barbershop) was improvised under the trees. The looking glass hanging from a tree, the chair, the washpan, soap, the towel, the straight-edged razor, and the scissors had a miraculous effect on the appearance of the ranch hands. Men came from the adjoining horse and cattle ranches to patronize this men's beauty parlor. The day usually ended with bronc riding.

In 1898, the "nesters" began filing on land around the Benn spread, and the range was closing in. It was then that Robert Benn traded his goats for mules and horses and entered the construction business for a short time and later became the Sheriff of the county.

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Allen Campus News and Information

Start Here... Go Anywhere!

With January comes the start of the Spring Semester at the Allen Campus. We are always glad for the Christmas break but the entire Allen Campus team is always anxious to get back in the swing of things and have students in the halls once again.

During the first four months of the 2007-2008 academic year the Allen Campus served 1652 students and other members of Perryton and the surrounding area. Academic classes account for 262 students, Continuing Education classes have served 307 students, and Community Service classes and events make up the remaining 1083 persons served.

Spring has come early to the Allen Campus! The greenhouse is beginning to live up to its name. Small

plants are growing on our new greenhouse benches, ready for visits from groups from the schools or other organizations. Presentations can range from simply planting marigolds or sweet peas for group members to take home to enjoy, to science presentations on plant science, the chemistry of plant nutrients, or just the needs of plants.

Individuals or groups can schedule a tour and see the three different hydroponic pilot systems. Each system has unique characteristics. We are growing lettuce, squash, and tomatoes in the hydroponic systems, and those as well as other plants in potting soil. Call Bobette at 648-1450 to schedule a tour or presentation.

Classes in the works include Photoshop Elements, taught by Kim

Herring, Employment Professional Training, and the new Business Communication Skills Class which begins Thursday and is taught by Reneah Wilson. Call the campus to register.

Another new event is our first blood drive, scheduled for January 24 in the Conference Center at the Allen Campus from 1-7 p.m. Call 1-877-574-8800 for an appointment. Donors will receive a M*A*S*H T-shirt!

Other classes planned are web design, art classes, a cooking class, and workplace Spanish. Six interested people and an instructor with a special skill and ability to teach are all that are needed for a non-credit life enhancement class to be scheduled!

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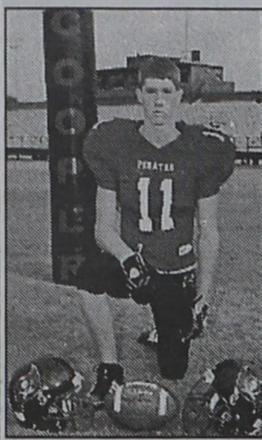
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Bryson Fuller, a junior at Lubbock-Cooper in Lubbock, Texas, was recently named the following: All City Team, 2nd team - Defensive back; All District, 1st team - Defensive back; and All South Plains Football Team (Area), Class 3A, 2nd Team - Defensive Back. He is also catcher on the Varsity baseball team. Bryson is the son of Kelly and Johnnie Fuller of Lubbock. He is the grandson of Charles and Joanne Eaton of Spearman and the great-grandson of Marguerite Nelson of Spearman.

Football Honors Announced

Class 2A

The 2007 All-District 1-2A Football Teams were announced after the Canadian Wildcats defeated Elysian Fields, 40-25, in the Class 2A Division II championship game. These teams are voted on by the coaches. (* denotes unanimous selection)

Offensive MVP: Coleman Bentley, Sr., Canadian
Defensive MVP: Alex Meraz, Sr., Canadian
First Team Offense:
 Center: *Brent Reed, Jr., Stratford. Offensive Line: *Sandro Gomez, Sr., Stratford; Alex Meraz, Sr., Canadian; Trent Setliff, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; John Godino, Sr., Canadian. Tight End: Julio Ramirez, Sr., Stratford. Running Backs: *Craig Kautz, Sr. Stratford; *Jesse Lopez, Jr., Stratford; Clay Cockrell, Jr., Canadian. Wide Receiver: *Alex Reyes, Jr., Canadian; Clint Cockrell, Jr., Canadian; Danny Reyes, Jr., Canadian. Quarterback: *Hunter Buckles, Sr., Stratford. Kicker: Dylan Weaver, Jr., Canadian. Kick/Punt Returner: Angel Resendes, Jr., Stratford.
First Team Defense:
 Defensive Tackle: Sandro

Gomez, Sr., Stratford; Julio Ramirez, Sr., Stratford; Kristian Castillo, Sr., Canadian. Defensive End: *Devin Kizer, Sr., Panhandle; Michael Frizzell, Sr., Stratford. Linebacker: *Chuck Graves, Jr., Sanford-Fritch; *Andrew Young, Sr., Panhandle; *James Smith, Sr., Stratford; Paul Mitchell, Sr., Panhandle. Defensive Back: *Alvan Morales, Sr., Canadian; Craig Kautz, Sr., Stratford; Tyler Lambert, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; Chance Phillips, Sr., West Texas. Punter: Joey Reta, Sr., Stratford.
Second Team Defense:
 Defensive Tackle: J.J. Rojas, Sr.; Defensive Back: Fernando Flores, So.
Honorable Mention:
 Jordan Ashmore - Quarterback, Cullie Cooper - Offensive Line, Chase Farrar - Defensive End, Tyler Harper - Wide Receiver, Andy Mendez - Linebacker, J.J. Rojas - Offensive Line, and Skyler Sumner - Defensive Back

Academic All-District Football

The 2007 Academic All-District teams were also announced. Following are the Spearman High School honorees.
Seniors: Blayne Baker, Blaine Barton, Juan Ibarra, Jesse Moreno, Eddie Regalado
Juniors: Jordan Ashmore, Cullie Cooper, Chase Farrar, Lance Fishburn, Fabian Frayre, Kegan Garnett, Dayne Hargrove, Tyler Harper, Tyler Schnell
Sophomores: Dakota Cator, Chance Pack, Jesus Mendoza, Skyler Sumner

Academic All-State Football

The 2007 Academic All-State honorees are as follows:
Second Team: Blayne Baker

Class 1A

The 2007 Academic All-State honorees for Gruver High School are as follows:
First Team: Seth Thompson
Honorable Mention: Chandler Miner

Three members of the Gruver Greyhounds were also named to the 2007 1A Golden Spread Super Team. Offense: Running Back - Chandler Miner, 5-8, 160, Sr.; Outstanding runner and receiver helped the Greyhounds advance to the playoffs for the second year in a row. Defense: Linebacker: Jake Wills, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Outstanding player on a team that allowed only 217 yards per game; Punter: Drew Mireles, 5-10, 170, Sr.; All-district punter helped the Greyhounds reach the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Spearman Jr. High Basketball Tourney

January 17th

TIME	TEAMS	PLACE
5 p.m.	7G Spearman vs Perryton B	Varsity Gym
5 p.m.	7B Gruver vs Perryton	Activity Gym
6:15 p.m.	7B Spearman vs Perryton B	Varsity Gym
6:15 p.m.	7G Gruver vs Perryton	Activity Gym
7:30 p.m.	8G Spearman vs Perryton B	Varsity Gym
7:30 p.m.	8B Gruver vs Perryton	Activity Gym
8:45 p.m.	8B Spearman vs Perryton B	Varsity Gym
8:45 p.m.	8G Gruver vs Perryton	Activity Gym

January 19th

TIME	TEAMS	PLACE
9 a.m.	7G Perryton vs Spearman	Varsity Gym
9 a.m.	7B Gruver vs Perryton B	Activity Gym
10:15 a.m.	7B Perryton vs Spearman	Varsity Gym
10:15 a.m.	7G Gruver vs Perryton B	Activity Gym
11:30 a.m.	8G Perryton vs Spearman	Varsity Gym
11:30 a.m.	8B Gruver vs Perryton B	Activity Gym
12:45 p.m.	8B Perryton vs Spearman	Varsity Gym
12:45 p.m.	8G Gruver vs Perryton B	Activity Gym
2 p.m.	7B Spearman vs Gruver	Varsity Gym
2 p.m.	7G Spearman vs Gruver	Activity Gym
3:15 p.m.	8G Spearman vs Gruver	Varsity Gym
3:15 p.m.	8B Spearman vs Gruver	Activity Gym

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Lynxettes
 Spearman 13 25 31 44
 Canadian 19 36 48 60
 S-Schneider 13, Howard 7, C-Merkel 17, Saul 16, Burns 11. Records: Spearman 17-3, 1-1. Canadian 14-7, 2-0. JV: Spearman 42, Canadian 27.

Lady Hounds
 Perryton 9 22 31 41 45 52
 Gruver 14 22 33 41 45 55
 P-Turner 19, Clark 14, G-Lynn Vela 16, Mattie Yanke 14, Eva McCloy 11. Records: Perryton NA, Gruver 13-9. JV: NA.

Greyhounds
 Stratford 12 19 27 46
 Gruver 14 20 31 39
 S-K Horford 12, Wright 10, Ka. Horford 10, G-Urban 10, Miner 9. Records: Stratford 9-4, Gruver 6-10. JV: Stratford 33, Gruver 29.

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Lynxettes
 West Texas 5 13 20 23
 Spearman 14 28 52 73

WT-Wilson 9, S-Christy Lang 13, Tara Shields 12. Records: WT 8-12, 1-2. Spearman 18-3, 2-1. JV: WT 15, Spearman 45.

Lynx
 West Texas 17 28 36 45
 Spearman 14 25 36 58
 WT-Brian Kelly 16, Chance Phillips 9, S-Jordan Ashmore 19, Josue Hernandez 10. Records: WT 12-7, 1-0; Spearman 13-14, 1-0. JV: Speramn 43, West Texas 33.

Lady Hounds
 Gruver 11 21 31 36
 White Deer 14 27 34 55
 G-Jake Willis 11, Gasper 7, WD-Cameron Swarb 25, Tyler Perryman 16. Records: White Deer 11-4, Gruver not reported. JV: Gruver 35, White Deer 29.

Greyhounds
 Gruver 11 21 31 36
 White Deer 14 27 34 55
 G-Jake Willis 11, Gasper 7, WD-Cameron Swarb 25, Tyler Perryman 16. Records: White Deer 11-4, Gruver not reported. JV: Gruver 35, White Deer 29.

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Lynxettes
 Spearman 28 52 63 84
 Sanford-Fritch 4 9 10 16
 Sp-Kendall Schnieder 23. Kyla Reed 10, SF-Brittany Clark 6, Shelby Jameson 5. Records: Sanford Fritch 0-16, 0-4; Spearman 3-1. JV: Spearman 42, Sanford-Fritch 12.

Lynx
 Spearman 9 29 40 60
 Sanford-Fritch 0 11 26 44
 S--Jordan Ashmore 25, Schnell Tyler 13, SF-Tyler Lambert 16, Reese McElroy 7, Jared Cunningham 7. Records: Spearman 14-4, 2-0, Sanford-Fritch 2-12, 0-2, 2-12. JV: Spearman 46, Sanford-Fritch 22.

This win over Sanford-Fritch was Coach Ashmore's 400th win. CONGRATULATIONS, COACH ASHMORE!

SHS 2008 Track Schedule

DATE	PLACE	TEAM
Feb 29-Mar 1 (Fri-Sat)	Sunray	JH/HS
Mar 7 (Fri)	Spearman	JH
Mar 8 (Sat)	Panhandle	HS
Mar 14th (Fri)	Fritch	JH
Mar 15th (Sat)	Fritch	HS
Mar 17-21	-----SPRING BREAK-----	
Mar 27 (Thu)	Dalhart	JH
Mar 28 (Fri)	Dalhart	HS Boys
Mar 28-29 (Fri-Sat)	Amarillo Relays	HS Girls
April 4th (Fri)	Canadian	HS
April 5th (Sat)	Fritch (District)	JH
April 8-9 (Tu-Wed)	Spearman (District)	HS
April 17-19 ?	Regional Qualifiers	HS
April 25-26 (Fri-Sat)	Regional (Abilene)	HS
May 9-10 (Fri-Sat)	State (Austin)	HS



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 Hansford County Judge
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Waka Christian Center is used by many area groups

By Hugh Parker
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The Walk to Emmaus at the Waka Christian Center centers on the metaphor of life-change.

It is based on the New Testament story in the gospel of Luke where two men are walking on the road to Emmaus from Jerusalem and run into what they at first believe to be a stranger. The two men had heard from the women that Jesus had risen from the dead, but they did not believe the women. They were talking about it when the stranger appeared. The stranger revealed the true meaning of sacred scripture to the men, then disclosed his actual identity. The men had a change of heart as a result, and believed the resurrection.

The Waka Christian Center is a non-profit organization separate from the Rushing Wind Emmaus Community, which is also a non-profit organization. The WCC is home to Rushing Wind and its Walk to Emmaus three-day spiritual retreat.

The center in Waka used to be the Waka School. It later became property of the Perryton ISD, which in turn gave the school to the group to be used for a Christian Center. Dormant for several years, in 1997 the building was remodeled so that it could accommodate about 80 people at a time for overnight stays.

Bobby Barnett and his father, Bobby Sr., spearheaded the renovation project. While there were several retreat centers in the Panhandle, with Amarillo's Golden Spread Emmaus Community the largest, it "was hard to get people on the walks on a timely basis anymore in this area," Bobby

Barnett said shortly after the school had been transformed. The construction of the Waka Christian Center would fill a geographical gap, and Rushing Wind's Walk to Emmaus would answer a spiritual need.

Many area churches were involved in the renovation: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First United Methodist Church, Foursquare Gospel Church, Victory Family Church, Spearman's First United Methodist Church, Spearman's Union Church, Darrouzett's First Baptist Church, Canadian's Baptist Association, Northern Panhandle Baptist Association, Wheatheart Emmaus Reunion Group, Southside Baptist Church, Church of Christ, and the Perryton Ministerial Alliance.

Many other volunteers from around Oklahoma and from the Panhandle of Texas participated in the work, including people from Perryton, Plainview, Booker, Borger, Stinnett, Gruver, Spearman and others from Texas; and folks from Chickasha, Woodward and Keyes from Oklahoma.

The pews in the center were donated by Perryton's Church of Christ, Southside Baptist, First Christian Churches and Spearman's First Christian Church.



Since the completion of the work, people from all over the Panhandle and the nation have used Waka's Christian Center as headquarters of the Walk to Emmaus. The center has been used for various other purposes, such as marriage enrichment seminars, youth rallies, concerts and family reunions, also Bobby Barnett estimated recently that 20,000-25,000 people have used the center.

The center features a prayer chapel, sanctuary and prayer garden. The building is equipped with a full-sized kitchen and cafeteria. Visitors can get a good work-out in the basketball gymnasium. The seven stained glass windows adorning the Waka Christian Center were made by Andrew Cummings from Spearman as an Eagle Scout project.

Bobby Barnett spoke for himself, his father and the many others who put so much of their time and effort into building the WCC and

maintaining it all these years:

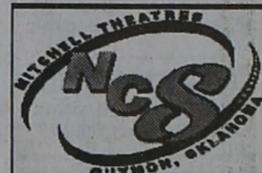
"This has all been God's plan. He led a group of people in need of a meeting site to Waka, a little community between Perryton and Spearman, to an old school house in great need of repair. He provided the people, the materials, and the money. Through lots of prayer, hard work, and dedication to God's service by many people, Waka Christian Center stands today as a symbol of what can be accomplished by people following the will of God."

A large wooden cross now hangs inside the WCC where the old Waka School "W" once was in the gymnasium. Another cross is in the front yard of the Waka Christian Center. It is draped with a maniple shaped as if blowing in the wind, the cross the

symbol of Christ, the fluttering maniple a sign of the sudden rush of wind of a spiritual awakening.

Rushing Winds has scheduled Walks to Emmaus throughout the year at the WCC, beginning later this month, then in February, June, July, September and October. Other activities are set for the Center as well, including a family reunion and a women's retreat.

In addition to the Walk to Emmaus weekends sponsored by Rushing Wind Emmaus, the center is used by and available to churches, family reunions, weddings, and home schoolers. Groups and organizations wishing to schedule an event should contact Bobby Barnett, coordinator for WCC reservations, at 806-435-6809.



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