

THE NEWS

Iraq president urges moving troubled Saddam court
Baghdad: Iraq's president stepped into the debate over the future of the troubled court trying Saddam Hussein on Tuesday, suggesting it be moved from Baghdad to his own Kurdish home region to improve security.

Bush-Blair memo "does not talk of bombing Jazeera"
London: The British government denied allegations on Tuesday that a memo of a conversation between British Prime Minister Tony Blair and President George W. Bush included the suggestion of bombing Al Jazeera television.

Bush senior hopes Pakistan still sees US as helper
Islamabad: Former U.S. President George Bush, in Pakistan as a UN earthquake relief envoy, said on Tuesday he hoped Pakistanis would continue to see Washington as a helper despite civilian deaths in an American airstrike.

US bird flu outbreak could cost insurers \$133 billion
New York: A U.S. avian flu pandemic on the scale of one that took place in 1918 could take the lives of an estimated 1.9 million people and cost the life insurance industry \$133 billion in extra death claims, according to a study released on Tuesday.

First lady of Africa is sworn in
Liberia: Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf was sworn in as Africa's first female president Monday, pledging to heal the wounds from 14 years of brutal civil war in Liberia.

Fresh Saddam trial turmoil as new judge denounced
Baghdad: The Iraqi court trying Saddam Hussein was thrown into fresh confusion on Wednesday when a senior official denounced the new chief judge as a member of Saddam's banned Baath party who should be barred from office.

Efforts to upgrade voting machines bog down
U.S.: Shattered by Florida's "chadgate" experience in the 2000 presidential election, voter confidence nationwide plummeted and pundits declared America's democracy "at a crossroads." Five years later, roughly half the states are not in compliance with the federal law that was designed to restore faith in voting. The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) has provided states with \$3.1 billion in funding to replace punch-card ballots with modern electronic machines and ensure that blind and disabled voters can independently cast secret ballots using the new technology, among other mandates. HAVA's deadline was Jan. 1.

Privacy group to sue over US eavesdropping program
Washington, DC: A group that advocates privacy rights said on Wednesday it planned to sue the Justice Department to win the public release of documents related to President George W. Bush's domestic eavesdropping program.

Alito finds scant Democratic support
Washington, DC: U.S. Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito had no apparent success on Wednesday in adding to his scant Democratic support in the Republican-led Senate, which is expected to soon confirm him.

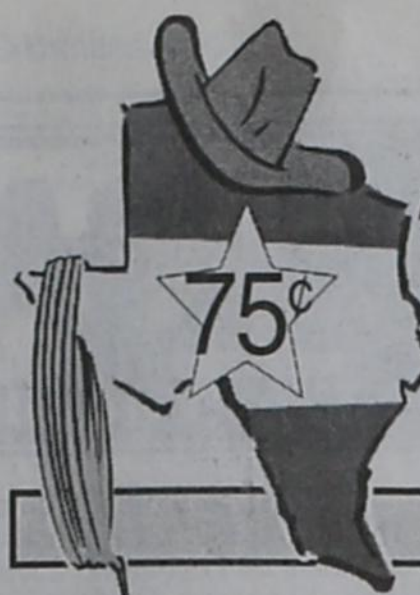
Biased judge
Madrid: The Supreme Court has overturned a conviction against the leader of Batasuna, the banned political wing of Eta, and ordered a retrial on charges of advocating terrorism. It found that the judge in Arnaldo Otegi's trial had not been impartial.

War crimes hunt
The Hague: Carla Del Ponte, the UN prosecutor, said that the former Bosnian Serb army leader Ratko Mladic was in Serbia, not Bosnia, where an operation to catch him took place on Wednesday. He has been in hiding since his 1995 indictment for genocide.

Hope of deal
Cotabato: Muslim separatist guerrillas have said that they hope to reach a peace deal with the Government this year to end their decades-long fight for self-rule in Mindanao in the southern Philippines. A new round of talks is expected to begin later this month.

Abbas seeks talks
Ramallah: Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian leader, said he was ready for talks with Ehud Olmert after Israel's acting premier expressed hope of renewed dialogue after elections on both sides. "I am ready to meet him as soon as possible," he said.

More bird flu
Ankara: Preliminary tests indicated that another Turkish child was infected with the H5N1 strain of bird flu, raising the number of human cases in the country to 21. The child is from Dogubayazit, the hometown of four other children killed by the flu.



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Hansford County 4-H Judging Team earns National Title

The Hansford County 4-H livestock judging team, representing Texas, earned a national title at the 100th Anniversary of the National Western Stock Show in Denver on January 7th. The Texas team was nearly flawless in the placing portion of the contest scoring 1456 points out of a possible 1500. Team members are Clete Vanderburg, son of Joe and Kim Vanderburg of Spearman, Bailey Reid, son of Clay and Margaret Reid of Gruver, Charles Slough, son of Kenneth and Alice Slough of Gruver, and Casey Cator, son of Kelley Cator of Spearman and Marshall Cator of Gruver.

Hansford County had a very balanced day at Denver with team placings of 3rd in cattle, 3rd in swine, 6th in sheep, and 4th in reasons. Individually, Clete Vanderburg led the team with top 5 finishes in all four divisions, and earned the coveted high individual overall honor. Charles Slough placed 4th in cattle and was the 10th individual overall. Bailey Reid had a consistent day with top 30 finishes in all 4 divisions and a 13th individual overall placing. Rounding out the team was Casey Cator who talked the 10th high set of performance bull reasons in the contest. Twenty-one teams, 82 individuals in all, from throughout the nation and Canada competed in the contest.

This national title was particularly sweet for the team because of the circumstances that led them to Denver. (To clarify, the State qualifying contest, held at Texas A&M in June every year, sends their top 3 teams to 3 different national contests. First place goes to Louisville, Kentucky, second place makes the trip to Denver, and third place goes to Kansas City.)

At the state contest this past June, Hansford County watched a commanding lead disappear as McCulloch County came from 17 points behind to win by 1 point, thus earning the trip to Louisville, and sending Hansford to Denver. It was a very disappointing defeat for Hansford and they were out to prove their worth in Denver. The team traveled many long miles and put in countless hours working out in preparation for the contest. They finally felt vindicated when their name was announced as the high team in Denver by 12 points, edging out the talented teams of Indiana, Colorado, and Kansas.

In the fifteen years that coaches Bret Burgin and Burt Williams have led the program, Hansford County 4-H has gained national respect and attention. In a 10-year span, the program has produced three teams that have each won a national title in Denver. Team members in that time have come from a broad cross section of the county, representing Gruver, Morse, Spearman, Oslo, and the Holt community. Nine former members have earned scholarships and have gone on to judge at the collegiate level.

Several judging team alumni contributed in the weeks leading up to the contest. Assisting with the preparation were Nick Slough, Kevin Williams, and Scott Stedje. Nick also accompanying the team to Denver.

Final results for the National Western contest were: 1st - Texas, 2230 points; 2nd - Indiana, 2218; 3rd - Colorado, 2213; 4th - Kansas, 2210; and 5th - North Dakota, 2199.



The Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team took first place, earning a national title, at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Members of the team includes Burt Williams (coach), Casey Cator, Bailey Reid, Charles Slough, Clete Vanderburg, Bret Burgin (coach).

TALL Texan Retires



Sheri Benton

the Texas Library Association's TALL Texan leadership training, but long before that, Hansford County had already recognized her leadership skills.

It is with great sadness, but the citizens of Hansford County wish her well in her retirement.

Sheri moved to Spearman in 1978. Her husband, Steve, is a partner in Five Star Equipment Company and he is the Mayor of Spearman. They have 4 children: Kellie McWhirter Francis and husband, Travis, live in Montgomery, TX and have a three-year-old daughter, Lauren; Salina Benton Johnson and her husband, Nick, live in Frisco, TX and have a two-year-old son, Blake, and a little girl due in February; Meredith Benton Lee and husband, David, live in Plano, TX, and have a three-year-old daughter, Natalie; and Nicholas Benton is a senior at the University of North Texas in Denton majoring in Accounting.

It's easy to understand why Sheri lists grandchildren as one of her hobbies along with reading and golf.

During her years in Spearman, Sheri has worked for several different companies, being successful at each. She started out at the Hansford Agency, from 1978 through 1979. Then she moved onto the Kaleidoscope, a fabric and craft store. She was there through 1980. Next, Sheri worked for North Plains International, the fore runner of Five Star Equipment Company, from 1980 until 1982. Moving from there, Sheri went to work for Lawrence Antony with Anthony Electric from 1982 ending in 1990. After that Sheri ended up with her true calling... the Hansford County Library.

In addition to being a Mom, Sheri kicked in high gear and

became active in her community and her church, as well as her career.

She held all offices in Women's Division and chaired the Miss Hansford Pageant. While serving on the YMCA Board she chaired Fruitcake Revue, a fund raiser for the Y and Chamber featuring various local talents performing under the direction of a New York producer.

Sheri also served on the Board of Directors for the Spearman Chamber and served on the Spearman Connection committee. Sheri served for six years as a very dedicated and caring member of the Spearman Independent Board of Trustees, two years as Secretary and 4 years as Vice-President. In 2002 she chaired Project Graduation for the seniors.

To go along with her love for golf, she served two years on the Hansford Golf Club Board, chairing the fund raiser for 3 years. She is a member of Beta Sigma Phi and has held various offices in each chapter.

During the establishment of the Buchanan Windmill Park Sheri served as the chair of the Brick and Tile Committee. With First Baptist Church she served as Toddler Nursery Coordinator.

Sheri has served on various committees at the regional level through the Texas Panhandle Library System and the Harrington Library Consortium, as chairperson for the Harrington Users Group, served as chair of Texas Library Association-District 2, and served on various committees at State level through the Texas State Library and Texas Library Association.

Sheri and her husband, Steve, will be moving to the Dallas area to be closer to family.

CRIME STOPPERS

FOR HANSFORD & HUTCHINSON COUNTIES OF TEXAS, INC.
Anonymous Tip Line (806) 274-6371 / Toll Free (866) 51-CRIME

On Friday, December 16, 2005, Hansford County Sheriff's Department was called to cattle pens located on County Road 7, south of Highway 15, in reference to a theft.

On or about the night of December 15, person (s) unknown entered the pens and removed several head of cattle. Approximately a week later, several additional head of cattle were removed from the same pens.

If you have information on this case, or any other criminal activity, please call Crime Stoppers' anonymous tip line, at 806.274.6371

(CRIMES!) or 866-51-CRIME. You can also visit us online at www.crimestopperonline.org.

Amarillo: Federal Crop Insurance Overview to be Offered

by Kay Ledbetter

Producers wanting to learn how to evaluate crop insurance alternatives are invited to attend a one-day short course.

Incorporating Crop Insurance into the Marketing Plan will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center here.

"If you've ever wondered about the pros and cons of the various crop insurance products or what is the best level of insurance, you need to attend this course," said Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"The instructor, Dr. Art Barnaby, is one of the leading authorities on crop insurance products," Amosson said. "He was one of the developers of crop revenue coverage insurance."

Barnaby is a professor of agricultural economics at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan. He will cover hail, multi-peril and crop revenue coverage, as well as other insurance currently or soon to be available.

The short course is a part of the Advanced Topic Series hosted by Extension's Master Marketer Educational System, Amosson said.

A fee of \$75 will cover instruction, materials and lunch. For more information, contact Amosson at (806) 677-5600 or visit the Master Marketer Web site at <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu>.

WEATHER WATCH

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of snow after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow. Colder. Highs in the upper 30s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 19.

SATURDAY - Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

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

DEADLINE NOTICE

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

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

March 7th Republican Primary

January 6, 2006 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 28th.

February 6th is the last day to register to vote for the March 7th primary election.

Early voting will be held at the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman and the branch office in Gruver City Hall from February 21st through March 3rd.

The primary election day will be Tuesday, March 7, 2006 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following polling places: Precincts 1, 5 & 6 - Spearman City Hall, Precincts 2, 3, 4, 7 & 9 - Gruver High School Library.

The following candidates have filed for office: **County Judge:** Benny Wilson, Incumbent; **County/District Clerk:** Kim Vera, Incumbent; **County Treasurer:** Wanda Wagner, Incumbent; **County Comm/Prec 2:** Joe T. Venneman, Incumbent; **County/Comm/Prec 4:** Danny Henson, Incumbent; **Justice of the Peace:** Bob Davis, Incumbent and George Young.

No democrats filed for Hansford County.

Live,
Laugh &
Love

by Catherine R. Smith
cathysmith@antden.com



We had a tragedy in our family this week. Gary's nephew, Jeremy, died unexpectedly on Monday. This liturgy was written by a man named Bob Chandler in memory of his son, Jeremy. I share it with you in memory of our Jeremy.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you, Jeremy.

Your death recalls our human condition and the brevity of our lives on earth.

But for those who believe in God's love, death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds that forge in our lives.

We share the faith of Jesus' disciples and the hope of the children of God.

Bring the light of Christ's resurrection to this time of testing and pain as we pray for Jeremy for ourselves, and for all those who love him.

We pray also for all those who have died by suicide and for their loved ones who grieve their deaths.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself. Those who trust in the Lord will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon these holy ones, and God watches over his elect.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

In the rising of the sun and its going down, we will remember you.

In the blowing of the wind in the chill of winter, we will remember you.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring, we will remember you.

In the blueness of the sky and the warmth of summer, we will remember you.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we will remember you.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends, we will remember you.

When we are weary and in need of strength, we will remember you.

When we have joys we yearn to share, we will remember you.

For each season, for each occasion, for each holiday and each birthday, for each moment of our lives, we will remember you.

You will live in our hearts and prayers always.

O Lord, we put him in your hands.
Eternal rest grant to him,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
Amen.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)



Billy and Sybil Miller

Hansford County newspaper pioneers celebrate 60 years of marriage

Hansford County newspaper pioneers, Billy and Sybil Miller officially celebrated sixty years of marriage on January 12, 2006. A reception honoring this milestone will be given in their honor on Saturday, January 21st at the First State Bank Community Room from 2 until 4 p.m.

Sybil and Billy have lived in Spearman most of their lives. Both graduated from Spearman High School. Billy in 1941 and Sybil in 1943. Both were trained in the newspaper business by Billy's father, W. J. Miller.

To quote from the *Hansford County History-1876-1979*, "Sybil Martin Miller, born in Spearman in 1925, is a third generation descendent of pioneer settlers of Hansford County. Her grandparents were Robert Eli Martin and wife, Sophi Snowden, who settled here in 1906." The grandfather owned the Livery Stable at old Hansford before being elected as Hansford County Sheriff. Sheriff Martin was shot by Phill Fifer during a visit over a boundary line.

Sybil's parents were Roy A Martin and Mareta Carrell. The Martin's had one other daughter, Sylvia Martin Robertson. Sybil's father was killed in 1932 in a drilling accident.

Billy is the son of W.J. (Bill) and Eddie Faye Hulme. The family came to Spearman in 1932 so Mr. Miller could become Editor of the newspaper. The paper was owned by the Nunn-Warren Corp.. After working for the paper for thirteen years the elder Miller purchased the paper, which became a family enterprise. Mr. Miller, his wife, Eddie Faye and their two children, Elizabeth Ann and Billy helped in the business. The elder Miller was in the newspaper business beginning as a printer at age eleven until his retirement. The younger Miller purchased the newspaper in 1967 and published three newspapers per week for many years.

In the mid 80's, the Millers sold the paper to Texas Independent Newspapers. Current owners, Catherine and Gary Smith, bought it in 1996.

**United Methodist Women
Ground Hog Dinner**
February 2
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Sausage, Pork Chops, Cole Slaw, Sweet Potatoes, Biscuits & Gravy, Applesauce, Homemade Pies
Adults \$7.00
Children 6 & under Free
Fellowship Hall
First United Methodist Church
407 S. Haney

Take-out plates are available by calling 659-5504 by 10:30 a.m.

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United Methodist Women's Ground Hog Dinner
The United Methodist Women will have their annual Ground Hog Dinner on February 2, 2006 at the Methodist Church, 407 S Haney, Spearman. The times are 11:30 - 1:30. Take out is available - please call 659-5504 by 10:30 a.m. to order, and enter the double doors on the west side of Church for pick up. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults. Children under 6 are free.

DeLaCruz Medical Fund
If you wish to contribute to help with the burial expenses for Phil DeLaCruz you may do so by sending to the following fund: Felix DeLaCruz Special Account, %H&H Credit Union, PO Box 1187, Stinnett, Texas 79083. Thank you and God bless you!

Medical Fund Established
A medical fund has been set up for the Al Smith family at First State Bank, Spearman. For more information call 659-2783.

Spearman Chamber sets Annual Banquet
The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on Saturday, March 4th, 2006 at the O'Loughlin Center. Motivational speaker, Steve Gilliland, will return again as this year's speaker. Tickets are now on sell at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce office. The cost is \$20.00 per person or \$150.00 per table.

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 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 an individual feeling helpless and out of control.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office
Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, 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, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services.

Hansford County Library Thriftshop Donations
The Thriftshop, that helps support the Hansford County Library, accepts donations of any usable kitchen or household items, clothing, furniture, toys, etc. Donations may be brought to the Thriftshop Monday-Friday during library hours. The Thriftshop is staffed entirely by volunteers who donate their time to sort and price items as well as keeping the Thriftshop open each Saturday afternoon. All donations are appreciated, but please keep in mind that items must be in good enough condition for resale. The Hansford County Library is grateful for the support of the residents of Hansford County on this project, but we ask that you consider our volunteers limited time when bringing in donations by making certain that any items donated are in resale condition. Also, if you bring in small appliances or electronics, our volunteers would appreciate a note attached to the items saying if they are in good working condition or not. If you have questions about the type of items that are accepted, feel free to call the library at 659-2231.

Prairie Rivers Musical
The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For information, call (806) 323-6213.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on January 24, 2006. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

FUMC hosts women's Bible study
The First United Methodist Church of Spearman will host a new women's Bible study beginning February 6th. The study will be "He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God," by author and speaker Priscilla Shirer. This seven-week study will require approximately three hours of homework each week. The meeting format is similar to the Beth Moore studies: class discussion followed by Priscilla's videomessage. Classes will be offered at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. each Monday. Pre-registration should be done by calling the First Christian Church office at 659-5503, by February 1st.

Community Wide Singpiration
A Community Wide Singpiration will be held on Sunday, January 29th at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church, 407 Haney, in Spearman. The service will feature testimonies of God's grace through songs, poems and readings from members of local churches. Everyone is invited to come enjoy fellowship and finger foods.

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April 20 & 21	Monday, April 10th
May 4 & 5	Monday, April 24th
May 18 & 19	Monday, May 8th

For more information on listing cattle, please contact your local representative: Carson Womble
Home - 806-659-2306 Cell - 806-898-8448

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.

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, Brieanne 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 Remmel, 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 Sloan, 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, Lyndle 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 Gaither, Andy Graham, Richard Larson, Estrella Gilmore, Andi Hager, Tanner Beedy, Gerry Davis, Nancy Mitchell, Dustin Hodge, Delphia Duke, Brad Hicks, Travis Reising, Jackson Davis
Anniversary - M/M Harold Anderson

January 30

Birthday - Vicki Crawford, Terry Jackson, Timothy Schultz
Anniversary - M/M Eusebio Vela Sr., Richard & Arlene 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 Hintergardt, M/M Royce Mathews

February 1

Birthday - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, JoeBob Breedon, Terri Goodnight, Lacie Baker, Clint Linde, Anthony Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cheryl Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis
Anniversary - M/M George C. Lowe

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

On the third Sunday in Epiphany (Jan. 22nd), our lessons are found in Jonah 3:1-10, Psalm 62: 5-14, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, and Mark 1:14-20. Jonah reluctantly accepts God's call and preaches repent or be destroyed to the gentile city of Nineveh. Nineveh repents from King to peasant. Jonah is distressed, the grace of God has fallen on gentiles. Note that God's word is effective even when communicated by a reluctant prophet!

The Psalmist sings of the steadfast nature of God's love which is a "fortress" for the Psalmist's spirit and the source of his hope.

The faith community expected the immediate return of Christ when Paul wrote 1 Corinthians. Paul is not advocating that the early faith community disregard their obligations; he is saying that the believer should be focused on the spread of the gospel and the things of the spirit. Throughout this chapter, Paul is saying that self-discipline is good; however, do not make your faith in Jesus Christ into an unnatural thing or an agony to you. Our faith in Christ is by means of God's grace and results in forgiveness (a letting go of sin) which allows us to be truly free. Don't cheapen the grace of God by wearing your "hair shirt". In your daily life, reflect the gospel of love.

Mark shows Jesus choosing his disciples. Jesus calls men who are ordinary working people. He called his disciples from their daily work. Simon, Andrew, James and John were fishermen and when Jesus said, "Follow Me", they followed. Jesus did not promise them a large salary, free medical, annual vacations or a pension. Jesus offered them a difficult job and "immediately" they followed him.

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A student can register for the TAAS test online by accessing the website at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/oos> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms may be picked up at the high school counselor's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Registration packets are due in Austin no later than 5 p.m. on January 20, 2006. Please contact Krista Baird at 659-2584 if you have any questions.


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Damos el examen de TAAS el 21 de febrero (escritura TAAS), tambien el (ELA TAKS), el 22 de febrero (matematicas), y el 23 de febrero (estudios sociales TAKS), 24 de Febrero (el TAKS de ciencia).

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Harper- Carthel Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Harper, formerly of Spearman and now of Amarillo, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa Renee, of Lubbock, to Justin Dan Carthel of Gruver.

The prospective groom is the son of Dan and Harletta Carthel of Gruver.

A March 4th wedding is planned at Vandelia Church of Christ in Lubbock with the bride's father officiating.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Panhandle High School and Lubbock Christian University where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She graduated from X-ray school at Covenant Health Systems in Lubbock in 1999, and is currently employed by University Medical Center in the Cardiac Cath Lab.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Gruver High School and received his Bachelor and Masters Degrees from West Texas A&M University. He is engaged in farming and ranching near Gruver.

Tri-City Concert Association presents Mechelle Graham Foster

Mechelle Graham Foster, a 1989 graduate of Spearman High School, will be one of the artists appearing at Tri-City Concert Association's Texas Stars Concert on Saturday, January 28, 2006. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Borger High School Auditorium.

Tri-City Concert Association brings live, professional performers to the area several times each year. But the Association also wants to celebrate the wealth of talented performers who began their musical studies in the Texas Panhandle. Also appearing on the program will be Nicole Fraley Franklin, Shawn Belton Miller, Rachael Washer and John Alexander, vocalists, as well as instrumentalists James and Rebecca Carter, who teach music in the public schools in Pampa and Dumas respectively.

Admission to this Texas Stars concert is by season membership or by tickets purchased at the door the night of the concert. For more information contact Judy Flanders at 806-274-4981.

Gruver Students' Poems Selected for Publication

Creative Communications Inc. has selected poems from the following Gruver students for publication: Sydney Been, Conrad Curry, Bonnie Frick, Luis Garcia, Joel Gonzales, Graciela Hernandez, Brain Johnson, Kellyn King, Charlene Lopez, Liz Lopez, Gloria Lora, Isela Martinez, Jimmilee McCloy, Artemio Mundo Beatriz Ortiz, Cesar ORtiz, Mariah Rodriguez, Jessica Schmidt, Codie Scoggin, Charles Slough, Jesus Soto, Justin Thompson, Lauren Urban, Victoria Vela, Eddie Villanueva, Steve Villegas, Matti Wheelock and Tucker Williams.

These students are juniors and seniors at Gruver High School. Their teacher is Mrs. Curry

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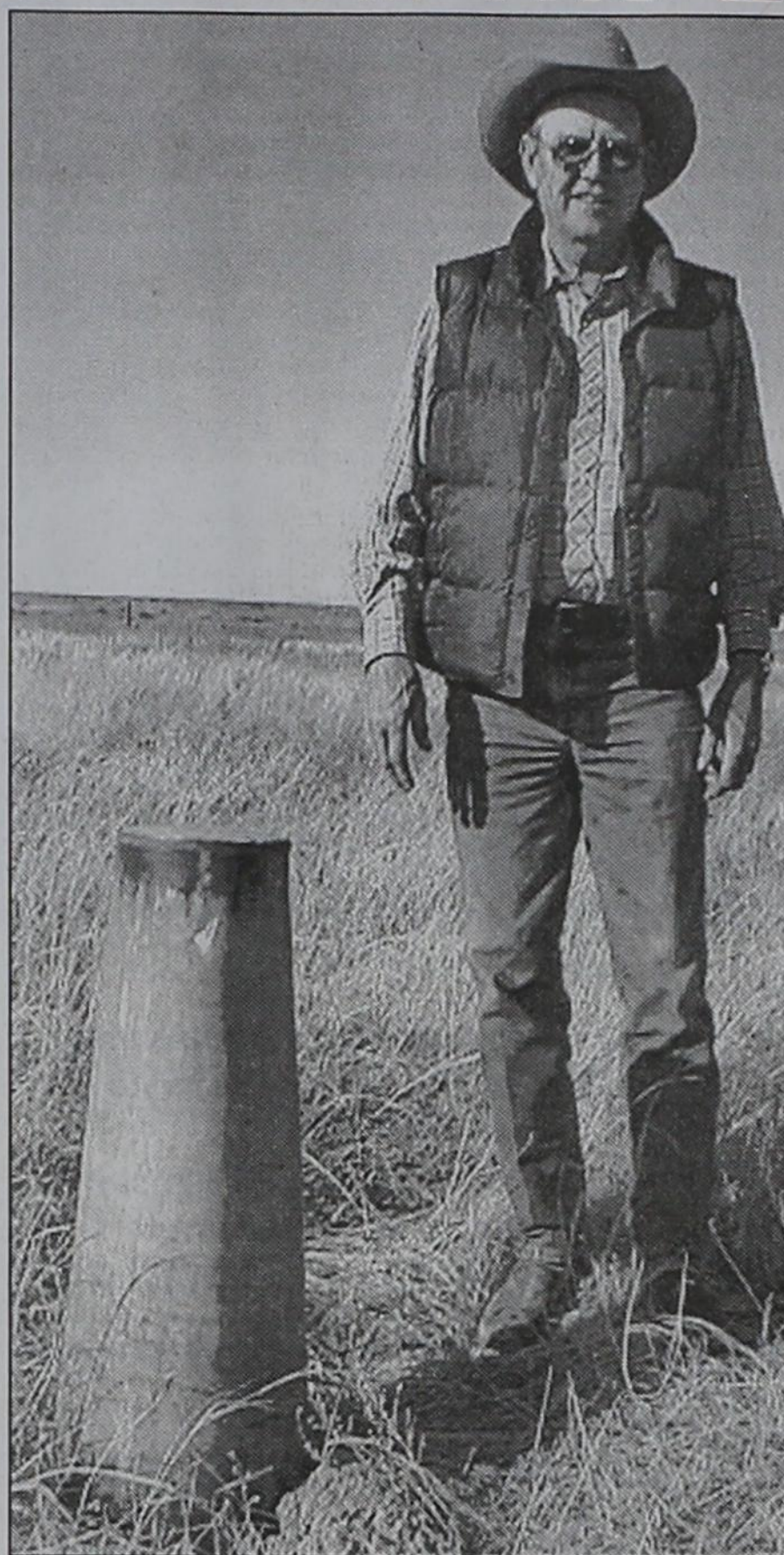
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by Jim Derington
Out At The Lake



Jimmy Greene stands next to Clark Monument 10.



Clark Monument 10.

Lake Level--January 16, 2006--23.78 feet (-0.09)

This weekend Jim counted 3 eagles for the State eagle count. Last year we had 10 eagles for the count.

Amy Harris reported seeing an immature golden eagle soaring over the Palo Duro Creek north of Morse. She could see the white spots under the wings and over the back, as well as the white band on the tail, as it banked and changed positions. In the second year of an eagle's life the white disappears.

Jim has taken pictures of Clark Monument 10. The is the Landmark of Hansford County that is written up on the Texas GenWeb internet site. However, the article is incorrect about the monument's being in a park on Horseshoe Hill.

The only way Jim and I were able to see the monument and its accompanying flat, cement direction marker was through the kindness of Jimmy Greene. It is on his private property and somewhat hard to find. He does not welcome trespassers, as he has an active ranch with cattle and knows the problems of gates left open and the burn hazards to his grass.

However, ten days ago on one of our shirt-sleeve, balmy days he called to see if I could come look, as he had ridden by the monument that morning. Jim agreed to go with me as the photographer, and we both had a delightful experi-

ence seeing these old boundary markers that are almost 145 years old, as well as having a visit with Jimmy Greene.

John H. Clark served as an astronomer with Colonel Johnston, the leader of the party that surveyed the Kansas-Oklahoma border in 1857. When Congress passed the bill to survey the Oklahoma-Texas and New Mexico-Texas Panhandle borders, he got the job. In 1859, he surveyed the New Mexico border, and then in 1860, he did the Oklahoma-Texas one.

Whereas, when he served with Johnston, they had two men killed by Indians, his own group had no Indian problems, but they did suffer from drought and lack of water.

Cleon Roberts, author of the book Charley Newell Shot! about the first rancher in Hansford County, sent me the following on Clark: "Clark was under pressure from Sam Houston and Commissioner Runnels of Texas to complete the survey quickly because of the political climate in 1858 and 1859. Clark followed a survey that the Indians commissioned in 1856, and as a result, he missed the 100th Meridian by 2/3 mile and the western boundary of the Panhandle by 3 miles. The U. S. Government retraced Clark's route in 1872 and found the errors. Clark's survey resulted in lawsuits between Oklahoma and Texas and another between New Mexico and Texas that were taken to the Supreme Court."

When Clark's party finished their survey July 12, 1860 they had constructed 15 monuments on the parallel. John Clark felt the monuments would stand the "wear of time, wild animals and wild Indians as well as any monuments ever constructed in the United States as boundary lines," and that some of them would "remain on the earth's surface to a distant future."

Gus Birdwell Elementary Lynx Star Award

Gus Birdwell Elementary has a program called the Lynx Star Award. This award is given each Friday. Each month has a different theme, and each week there is a different character trait that is discussed.

Teachers pick a student from their room each week who has worked hard on the trait for that week.

The character trait for the week of January 13th was "Using Good Manners." Lynx Star Award winners were: Lonnie Born, Rebecca Davis, Macy Brecheisen, Brantly Shields, Emily Vela, Orion Kunselman, Alex Corralajo, Nataly Jaquez, Patrick Ruga, Lizeth Chavez, Marina Carbajal, Enrique Ortiz, Zariah Arzate, Alejandro Auguilera, Maria Avila, Rubi Estrada, Everardo Florez, Leo Holguin, Eliana Arzate, Alison Smith, Emily Martinez, and Adrianna Carrelejo.

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Lynxettes vs West Texas
60 - 16
01-18-06

L. Short, 5; J. Short, 6; Shields, 3; Vanderburg, 6; Rex, 17; Flowers, 8; Howard, 4; Hart, 7; Lozano, 4
Coach's Comments: Good 4 quarters of defense.

SPEARMAN JV GIRLS

JV Lynxettes vs. Sanford-Fritch
70 - 25
1-10-06

Reed, 10; Lang, 12; Pittman, 7; Bradley, 15; Kern, 4; Cazares, 4; Shields, 15; Hart, 3
Coach's Comments: Everyone played well. It was a good win on the road.

JV Lynxettes s. Highland Park

50 - 23
1-11-06

Reed, 3; Lang, 8; Davis, 2; Pittman, 7; Bradley, 6; Kern, 10; Cazares, 5; Shields, 5; Hart, 2; Smith, 2
Coach's Comments: We didn't play a great game. We played well enough to win but not well enough to be satisfied.

JV Lynxettes s. Panhandle JV

47 - 37

1-13-06

Reed, 2; Lang, 11; Davis, 2; Pittman, 5; Bradley, 10; Kern, 4; Cazares, 3; Shields, 6; Hart, 2; Smith, 2

Coach's Comments: A great district win on our home court.

GRUVER VARSITY GIRLS

Lady Hounds vs White Deer
54 - 42
1-13-06

L. Clift, 10; Sarah Mireles, 3; L. Urban, 14; L. Fitzgaird, 8; L. Lopez, 6; R. Holt, 11; V. Vela, 2

Lady Hounds vs. Stratford
31 - 45

2-2 in district play

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Lady Hounds vs Perryton, 12-35
Lady Hounds vs. Dalhart, 7-29
Lady Hounds vs Spearman, 19-15

GRUVER VARSITY BOYS

Hounds vs Stratford
64 - 35

GRUVER JV BOYS

Hounds vs Stratford
40 - 23

GRUVER JV GIRLS

Lady Hounds vs. Stratford
11 - 55

Pringle-Morse Cougars Pounce the Hartley Tigers

by Paige Speck
Pringle-Morse Lady Cougars defeated the Hartley Tigerettes 31 to 19 Monday evening.

The Lady Cougars were short two points against the Hartley Tigers at the first quarter buzzer, were ahead by three at the second quarter, and ended the third with a score of 17 to ten.

The victory was the second for the Lady Cougars this season. Mary Beth Hargis scored 10; Macy Forrest, 9; Tori Sheets, 8; Elizabeth Hart, 2; and Alejandra Medrano, 2.

"The girls and the boys played great games against Hartley Monday night. They continue to work hard in practice and it is pay-

ing off for them. The Lady Cougars' record is 2-8, and the Cougars' is 10-0 for the season," said Coach Jeff Forrest.

The boys soundly defeated Hartley 49 to 21. Daniel Sanchez scored 19 points for the Cougars; Danny Bonilla, 8; Jesus Lopez, 8; Wil McCloy, 6; Alexis Ceballos, 4; and Haden Hart, 4.

Pringle-Morse will play Hartley again at Morse on January 23rd. The teams will then compete in the annual Miami tournament on January 26th and 28th.

Spearman School Calendar - January, 2006

- Jan. 19 - Gus Birdwell Elementary hosts Family Library Night, 5-7 p.m.
- Jan. 20 - JV & V Lynx & Lynxettes vs. Canadian (T) 5, 6:30, 8
- Jan. 23 - Jostens Cap, Gown, Invitation Orders- 10:30 Auditorium
- Jan. 24 - Gus Birdwell Elementary celebrates 100th day of school
JV Lynxette vs San Jacinto (T) 6:30
- Jan. 26 - 9th Lynxettes Canadian Tourney
- Jan. 27 - 9th Lynxettes Canadian Tourney
District-wide Homecoming Pep Rally, 2:30, Varsity Gym
JV & V Lynx & Lynxettes vs Boys Ranch (H) 5, 6:30, 8
- Jan. 28 - 9th Lynxettes Canadian Tourney; CX Debate- Highland Park
- Jan. 30 - 9th Lynx vs Boys Ranch (T) 6:15
- Jan. 31 - JV & V Lynx & Lynxettes vs Highland Park (T) 5, 6:30, 8

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HELP WANTED: Now hiring full time mechanic. Apply in person or send resume to: Hi-Plains Auto Supply, 118 Main St., Spearman TFN(12-22-05)B

NEED A CAREER? Become a Licensed Vocational Nurse! Make plans to enter the Frank Phillips College Vocational Nursing Program 12 month program. THEA waived. Financial Aid available to those who qualify. Clinical training in Borger, Dalhart, Dumas, Guymon, Perryton, and Pampa. Deadline-April 1. Frank Phillips College LVN program prepares you to become a vital member of the health care team. Call 806-457-4200, ext 746.

OWNERS - WE NEED LISTINGS on ranches and farms of any size in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico (especially ranches off the caprock in Texas or Oklahoma and large or small ranches in New Mexico). Please call us to set up a time to visit about or see your property.

HARTLEY, DALLAM, MOORE & SHERMAN COUNTIES: Choice Dairy Locations on pavement - 640 to 4000 acres, sprinkler irrigated and native pasture. Municipality incentives. PERMITS IN PROCESS!

MOORE CO. - choice section with large metal barn/shop 1/2 mile sprinkler & irr wells, county road on two sides, good location.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE for data and pictures of many farms, ranches, feedyards, dairies and choice dairy locations with permits and acreages with homes.

www.scottlandcompany.com
Shawn Gillispie 806/922-5532
Ben G. Scott, Broker
1-800-933-9698 day/night

Blankenship Real Estate
659-3052 - 670-3774

SPEARMAN
1102 Dessen - 3BR, 1 1/2B brick w/1CG. Needs paint and minor repairs.
703 E. 2nd - 3BR, 1 1/2B, nice home!
NEW LISTING: 28 S. Hazelwood - 3BR, 1B
Eulalia Blankenship - Sales
Eschol Blankenship - Broker
NEW LISTINGS WANTED!

MARTIN & ASSOCIATES REALTY
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Julie Martin: Broker - 659-2425
IN SPEARMAN
722 Wilbanks - 3/1 1/2 - nice home in nice neighborhood and ready to move into. Free-standing fireplace.
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We'd Like Your Listing
FOR QUALITY & SERVICE
CALL US TODAY!
Equal Housing Opportunity

JOB OPENING: City of Spearman is now accepting for the position of a Customer Accounts Clerk in the Financial Administration and Utilities Department. Position involves customer service, accounts receivables, bookkeeping and other duties as assigned. Applicants must possess a High School Diploma or equivalent, good customer relations skills, office experience and able to learn accounting system, some book-keeping experience preferred. City has excellent fringe benefit program which includes retirement, group hospitalization insurance, vacation pay, holiday pay, and sick leave pay. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 30 SW Court. EOE. Position open until filled. 2(1-19-06)B

HELP WANTED: P/T waitress and cook needed; Apply in person at Panhandle Diner and Deli, 213 Main, Spearman 4(1-19-06)B

MISC FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1999 Club Car electric golf cart; white fiberglass body; excellent condition. Call 659-3568 to see. TFN(01-19-05)B

FOR SALE: Couch & Loveseat; floral print, For questions, call 659-2365 1(1-19-06)B

FOR SALE: Decorator pillows, quilts and more; send \$1.00 for price list to 703 S. Bernice, Spearman, TX 79081 1(1-19-06)P

AUTOMOBILE

FOR SALE: 1998 Dark Brown Dodge Ram Quad Cab pickup, well-maintained, super clean, 82k miles, custom bumper, custom stereo, \$7250, Call 659-5383 or 330-0776 TFN(1-19-06)B

SERVICES

FOR RENT: Storage space - 12x30, Call 659-3889. TFN(01-12-06)B

PIANO LESSONS: Piano lessons by Wanda Smith, Registration begins Monday, January 23; beginners to advanced, 730 Cotter Drive or call 330-0391 1(1-19-06)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

GRUVER ISD INVITATION TO BID
Notice is hereby given that GRUVER ISD will receive sealed bid proposals for light fixture replacement, lay-in ceiling tile replacement, flooring replacement, case-work replacement and plumbing renovations. All bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., February 3, 2006. Any proposal received after that time and date will be returned unopened and not considered. Bids will be awarded at the February 2006 regular Board Meeting. Bid specifications are available at the Gruver ISD administration offices 601 Garrett, Gruver, Texas. Please mail or deliver all bids to: Gruver ISD Business Office, P.O. Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040.
For more information contact David Teal at 806-733-2001.
The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and to waive technicalities, and be the sole judge of quality and equality. 2(01-12-06)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Hansford Appraisal District is currently accepting applications with resumes for the position of Chief Appraiser. Applicant must possess strong leadership skills and experience in administration and management. Prefer the applicant to possess a RPA and RTA designation, or be actively seeking such designations. Salary and benefits will be contingent upon qualifications and experience. Submit applications with resumes to Ginger Turner, Secretary; Hansford Appraisal District; PO Box 247; Spearman TX 79081-0247. Applications are available at the appraisal district office located at 709 W 7th Ave; Spearman, TX 79081-3407. Questions: 806-659-5575. Applications close March 31, 2006. EOE 7(01-12-05)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School

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2(01-12-06)B

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Equal Employment Opportunity Employer
2(01-12-06)B

District is accepting sealed bid proposals until 1:00 pm, January 30, 2006 for the sale of ten feet of South end of Lot 7, OL 34 Whitson so 524 Barkley. Any proposals received after that time and date will be returned unopened and not considered. Please mail or deliver bid proposals to Spearman ISD, Larry Murphy, 403 E. 11th Avenue, Spearman, Texas 79081. The District reserves the right to reject any and/or all bid proposals, to award the bid proposal as it may appear to be advantages to the District and to waive all formalities in bidding. 2(01-19-05)B

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HANSFORD
By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84th DISTRICT COURT OF HANSFORD COUNTY on the 5th day of January, 2006 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of
GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. STEWART FAMILY PARTNERSHIP
in Cause #784 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 01:00 O'Clock PM on the 7th day of February, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said HANSFORD County, in the City of SPEARMAN, Texas, the following described property, to wit:
TRACT 1: .0117190 Royalty Interest in the Lemma #2, Lease Number 154560, RRC # 154560, located in Lot Ninety-five (95), Block Two (2), GH H Survey, Hansford County, Texas.
TRACT 2: .0117180 Royalty Interest in the Lemma #1, Lease Number 27643, RRC # #27643, located in Lot Ninety-five (95), Block Two (2), GH H Survey, Hansford County, Texas.
Levied on the 5th day of January, 2006 as the property of STEWART FAMILY PARTNERSHIP
to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$1,642.07, representing delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and attorney's fees through the date of judgement, plus all costs of court, costs of sale, and post judgment penalties and interest recoverable by law in favor of GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.
ALL BIDDERS MUST COMPLY WITH SECTION 34.015 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 9th day of January, 2006.
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SHERIFF HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS
By Scott Davis, Deputy
4(01-19-05)B

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SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. RCS COFFEE BEVERAGE CO INC
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TRACT 1: All of Lot Thirteen (13), Block 15, of the Original Town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas
Levied on the 4th day of January 2006 as the property of
R C S COFFEE & BEVERAGE CO INC IF DOING BUSINESS AND IF NO LONGER DOING BUSINESS THE SUCCESSOR IN

INTEREST TO RCS COFFEE BEVERAGE CO. INC BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANT DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 276, PAGE 87 OF THE RECORDS OF HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS
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The residence of the Executors are Hansford County, Texas; the post office address is:

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We just have too many fish to eat, & we can't afford to feed them all until early summer, when the market is better!!! You may pick and choose from: Channel Catfish, Bass, Black Crappie, Hybrid Bluegill, Coppernose Bluegill, Redear, or Triploid Grass Carp!!!
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Spearman Independent School District

As required by law the Spearman Independent School District will conduct a public hearing, open to the public, to discuss the district's educational performance for the 2004-2005 school year.

The purpose of the educational performance hearing is to review and discuss the district's performance on the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS); campus performance objectives; a report of violent or criminal incidents; and information received under Texas Education Code §51.403(e) from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

Parents and taxpayers are invited to attend this hearing, ask questions and provide comments regarding student performance issues. The meeting will be held on February 13, 2006 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

In addition, the following items are made available free to the public upon request: (1) the performance and profile sections of the AEIS Report for every school as well as the district; (2) the Comparable Improvement Report (campus-level only); (3) the AEIS Glossary in either English or Spanish versions; and (4) the district's financial management performance report. Feel free to call the Superintendent's Office at (806) 659-3233 to request a copy of this material. Additional copies of this report will also be made available at the Spearman City Hall and Public Library.

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: February 13, 2006
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
RE: Education Performance Report
LOCATION: High School Library

SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005

Data	10 General Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,431,919	\$ 36,144	\$ 180,949	\$ 4,649,012
5800 State Program Revenues	2,461,176	-	97,801	2,558,977
5900 Federal Program Revenues	6,765	-	494,887	501,652
5020 Total Revenues	6,899,860	36,144	773,637	7,709,641
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,654,886	-	416,246	4,071,132
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	101,274	-	1,525	102,799
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	24,795	-	-	24,795
0021 Instructional Leadership	2,500	-	-	2,500
0023 School Leadership	304,351	-	2,037	306,388
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	103,788	-	1,021	104,809
0033 Health Services	51,409	-	504	51,913
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	184,863	-	537	185,400
0035 Food Services	7,130	-	310,389	317,519
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	243,819	-	881	244,700
0041 General Administration	431,695	-	1,607	433,302
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	703,968	-	4,354	708,322
0053 Data Processing Services	21,919	-	-	21,919
0061 Community Services	33,348	-	511	33,859
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	970,000	-	-	970,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	13,615	-	-	13,615
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	13,250	87,750	-	101,000
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	64,668	580,374	-	645,042
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	115,770	-	-	115,770
6030 Total Expenditures	7,047,048	668,124	739,612	8,454,784
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(147,188)	(631,980)	34,025	(745,143)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	-	12,000,000	-	12,000,000
7914 Non-Current Loans	1,087,000	-	-	1,087,000
7915 Transfers In	65,413	-	42,634	108,047
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	92,635	-	92,635
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(42,634)	-	(65,413)	(108,047)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,109,779	12,092,635	(22,779)	13,179,635
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	962,591	11,460,655	11,246	12,434,492
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,520,294	-	1,355,759	3,876,053
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,482,885	\$ 11,460,655	\$ 1,367,005	\$ 16,310,545

Attention Property Owners

Property owners have certain rights that may reduce their property tax burden

HOMEOWNERS
Persons who own their residence on January 1, 2006, may claim their home as a residential homestead. The filing of this document is only necessary if the homeowner has changed homesteads since January 1, 2005, or has become eligible for additional exemptions since last year. Homeowners may also defer the portion of the tax on their residence homestead if the value of the home was raised more than 5% above the previous year. Although the tax collection is deferred, interest continues to run on the unpaid portion of tax at a rate of 8% per annum and the deferred tax remains a lien on the property. To apply for the deferral, the owner should contact the appraisal district which appraised the property in question and complete an application.

DISABLED PERSONS
Persons who are disabled under Social Security law are entitled to additional exemptions on their residential homestead. Disabled applicants must apply with the appraisal district and furnish a determination letter from Social Security. Disabled persons now receive all benefits on their home that are available to over 65 per-

sons (see below)

PERSONS WHO ARE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE

Persons who are over 65 years of age or disabled persons may file for additional exemptions and a ceiling on school taxes for their residential homestead if they become 65 during 2006. Over-65 persons should apply for this exemption at the appraisal district office in their area. Over-65 persons are also eligible to defer paying the tax on their residential homestead if they wish. The taxes continue to accrue during the deferral along with an interest rate of 8% annually, but no attempt will be made to force payment during the deferral. Details and an application may be obtained from any appraisal district or the State Comptroller.

DISABLED VETERANS

Persons who have been declared disabled by the Veteran's Administration are eligible for additional exemptions on property they own. The declaration letter from VA is mailed annually, but the appraisal district only needs a copy in the first year of eligibility or if the percentage of disability changes.

FARM AND RANCH OWNERS

Farmers and ranchers may be

entitled to receive an alternate method of appraisal determined by the farm income to the property. This method is available to farms and ranches commercially raising crops or livestock or which are used as a wildlife habitat under State guidelines. An application for agricultural use value and additional information is available from your appraisal district. Re-filing is only necessary if requested to do so by the Chief Appraiser.

EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS

Exemption applications for all property tax exemptions including total exemptions for charitable, religious, and other total exemptions may be obtained from an appraisal district nearest you or through the State Comptroller's Office at 1/800-252-9121.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNERS

State law now requires the filing of a rendition declaring what types of business personal property that a person or company owns. Failure to file the rendition will result in a 10% penalty. If a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50% penalty is mandated. A rendition can be obtained from the appraisal district office where the property is located. A 30 day filing extension is available by written request.

Oklahoma Panhandle State December Graduates and Fall Honor Roll

Oklahoma Panhandle State University graduated the following local students in December 2005: Elizabeth Marie Duncan, Biological Science, magna cum laude, Gruver, TX; Mary Delfina Puebla, Biological Science, Gruver, TX; Thomas Scott Earle, Industrial Technology, Morse, TX; and Kathy Rene Archer, Elementary Education, Spearman, TX.

The fall honor was also released for OPSU. To qualify for the President's Honor Roll at OPSU, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses, have no "Fs" or incomplete courses and a 4.0 GPA for the semester. The following students were listed on the President's Honor Roll: Elizabeth Duncan and Christie McDowell from Gruver, TX; Thomas Earle from Morse, TX; and Brandea Allen, Kathy Archer and Lisa Lillard from Spearman, TX.

The Dean's Honor Roll lists students who have earned a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale. To qualify, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses and have no "Fs" or incomplete courses for the semester. Brianne Burkhammer, Mary Hamilton and Nicole Ramon from Spearman earned that honor.

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2006 Video Auctions and Deadline Schedule

February 9 & 10	Monday, January 30th
February 23 & 24	Monday, February 13th
March 9 & 10	Monday, February 27th
March 23 & 24	Monday, March 13th
April 6 & 7	Monday, March 27th
April 20 & 21	Monday, April 10th
May 4 & 5	Monday, April 24th
May 18 & 19	Monday, May 8th

For more information on listing cattle, please contact your local representative: Carson Womble
Home - 806-659-2306 Cell - 806-898-8448

Texas crop and weather report

by Blair Fannin

Drought continues to prevail through much of Texas, forcing the state's ranchers to sift through herds and sell off cull cows, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

While many ranchers have spent years putting breeding herds together, an sentimental attachment has developed in addition to a capital investment.

"You have to throw some personal preferences and attachments out the window and give a serious look at your cow herd," said Dr. Ron Gill, Extension beef cattle specialist in Stephenville. "It's time to take a serious business approach to it. You need to look and see if any of those cows have a reason to be culled and why you've been holding onto them."

Auction markets in parts of the state are seeing increased placements of heifers and cull cows over the past two weeks. Ranchers are paring down cow numbers to meet available hay and feed supplies.

When culling cattle, Gill advises ranchers to view it from a production standpoint.

"Look at their age, whether they are open or will they produce you income with a calf this year," he

said. "Do they have udder problems, disposition or structural problems? Those cows need to go. There is no reason to continue to feed them. They are probably not going to last another year anyway."

Ranchers are advised to give their cow herds "a serious look." Gill recommends evaluating current hay supplies, standing forage in the pasture and altering cow numbers to meet supplies.

With calf prices high, Gill said ranchers can justify buying additional feed to get through the winter. But if the current drought extends into spring and summer, he

said, feed bills will outweigh the returns.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Cotton harvest is complete, good yields. Wheat is declining in dry conditions. Rangeland is in poor to very poor condition. Cattle condition is fair to good, with ranchers providing supplemental feed. Temperatures are above average. High winds are adding to erosion and wildfire danger. Soil moisture continues to decline.

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