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# THE NEWS

### Congress Restarts Efforts to Pass Highway Bill

Congress resumed efforts on Wednesday to pass elusive long-term highway and transit construction legislation, a massive initiative held up in 2004 by election-year wrangling with the White House over spending.

### Clash Over Policies on Energy, Pollution

The tension between the desire to find more energy sources and the need to deal with the pollution they produce is creating a political dust-up that may define George Bush's environmental policy during his second presidential term.

### Seattle Struggles Over How to Remember Jimi Hendrix

Family and friends of Jimi Hendrix are struggling with Seattle's government over the fate of a moldy, run-down house they see as a future museum and the city sees as an unsightly obstacle to development.

### ABC Plans Time Delay for Oscar Telecast

ABC will use a time delay during this year's live broadcast of the Oscars on Feb. 27 in an effort to screen out any scandalous wardrobe malfunction or foul language, a network spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

### Minnesota Sen. Dayton Not to Seek Re-Election

First-term Democratic U.S. Sen. Mark Dayton of Minnesota, who polls indicate is vulnerable to defeat, announced on Wednesday he would not seek reelection next year.

### House Panel Backs Broadcast Indecency Fine Hike

Legislation to raise fines on television and radio stations and individuals for violating broadcast indecency rules to as much as \$500,000 per incident on Wednesday won approval from the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee.

### Gaza Death Mars Truce as Israel to Lift Roadblocks

Israel said on Wednesday it would soon readmit thousands of Palestinian workers and lift some West Bank roadblocks after agreeing to a cease-fire that resuscitated hope for Middle East peacemaking.

### Kim Biographer Suggests Top Envoy Deal with N. Korea

North Korean leader Kim Jong-il runs a brutal and bizarre state, but is "not a Hitler" and will respond to high-level diplomacy, the reclusive Communist leader's newest biographer said on Wednesday.

### Since Election, Shiites Build Bridges to Iraq's Minorities

High-ranking Shiite officials say accommodating Sunnis in the new government is key to curbing the insurgency.

### Iran Says Will Never Give Up Nuclear Technology

Iran, in a renewed challenge to U.S. and European efforts to prevent it from acquiring a nuclear bomb, vowed on Wednesday it would never give up its nuclear program.

### Bush Sent Envoy to China to Push for N. Korea Talks

President Bush sent an envoy to China last week to urge a renewed push to get North Korea back to stalled negotiations over its nuclear weapons program, U.S. officials said on Wednesday.

### Colombia Rebels Kill 20 Troops in Jungle Ambush

Marxist rebels killed at least 20 Colombian soldiers in a jungle ambush on Wednesday in the heaviest blow against the armed force here for years, the army said.

### Rice, Playing Down Rift, Urges EU to Get Tough on Iran

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said on Wednesday a diplomatic solution to Iran's nuclear program was "in our grasp" if Europe sent the same tough message as Washington, threatening U.N. sanctions.

### ETA Car Bomb Near Madrid Art Fair Injures 43

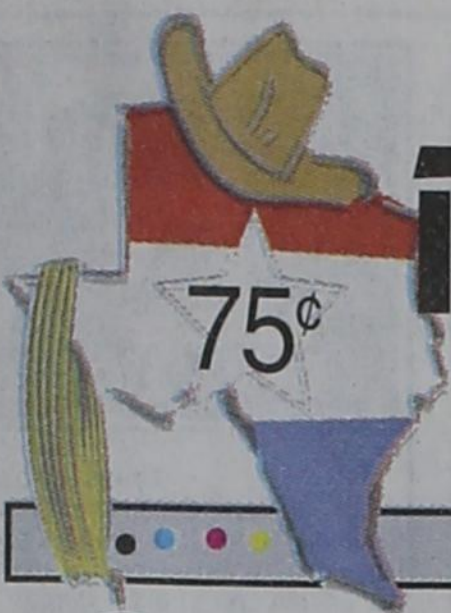
A car bomb exploded near Madrid's main convention center on Wednesday, wounding 43 people, hours before Spanish and Mexican leaders were due there and after a warning from the Basque separatist group ETA.

### Rumsfeld Warns of 'Bumpy Road' in Iraq

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told sailors on a destroyer off the French coast on Wednesday to expect a "bumpy road" in Iraq as he prepared to press NATO allies to do more to train Iraqi forces.

### Iran: U.S. Pressure Aims to Kill Iran-EU Nuke Talks

The United States wants talks to fail between the European Union and Iran over the Islamic state's nuclear program and is stepping up pressure to achieve that, Tehran's top nuclear negotiator said on Wednesday.



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## Gruver ISD recognized at TASA

The Texas Education Agency recognized 15 Texas public schools as winners of the prestigious 2004 No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools Award, as well as 26 schools nominated for the 2005 No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools Award. The award ceremony was held at 9:45 a.m. Monday in Ballroom D at the TASA Midwinter Conference at the Austin Convention Center. Additionally, Texas' three winners of the Milken National Educator Award were commended.

The 15 winning schools were chosen under the U.S. Department of Education's No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools Program (NCLB—BRS), which recognizes outstanding public and private schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap or whose students achieve at very high levels.

The schools were selected based on one of two assessment criteria:

- Schools that have 40 percent or more of their student population from disadvantaged backgrounds that dramatically improve student performance on state assessments; and
- Schools whose students, regardless of background, achieve in the top 10 percent on state tests.

Commissioner of Education Shirley J. Neeley praised the award winners and commended them for their student achievement. "We are very proud of these No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools. They are indeed the best of the best," she said. "To win this honor, the schools worked hard and kept the main thing the main thing — the children they proudly serve. These schools excelled in their performance and I congratulate the students, teachers, administrators, parents and board members of these schools. They remind us that all students, regardless of background, can and do succeed. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to them for the hard work and dedication that made this prestigious award possible."

No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon School Award recipients were recognized as national models of excellence by former Secretary of Education Rod Paige and the United States Department of Education at a ceremony in Washington D.C. last November.

The USDE will announce winners of the 2005 NCLB—BRS award in the fall.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program was established by the Education Department in 1982 and was redesigned in 2002 under the No Child Left Behind act to reflect the law's high standards and accountability. The No Child Left Behind—Blue Ribbon Schools program will recognize schools that are meeting the NCLB's mission to "ensure every child learns, and no child is left behind."

Neeley also recognized the three winners of the Milken National Educator Awards: Lesa Martin, a kindergarten teacher at E.C. Mason Elementary School in the Alvin ISD; Jaanee Perry, a reading teacher at Thompson Elementary School in the Spring ISD near Houston; and Maria Moreno, a third-grade teacher at Santa Maria Elementary School in the Laredo ISD.

Last October the three educators were surprised with the news of their \$25,000 awards during school-wide assemblies attended by state and local officials, students, peers and community leaders.

Neeley said, "We are proud to acknowledge the vision and dedication that hard-working educators like these bring to Texas schools."

This marks the fifth year that Texas has participated in the Milken National Educator Awards program, which was created in 1985 to reward, retain and attract the highest caliber professionals to our nation's schools. California businessman Lowell Milken, chairman and co-founder of the Milken Family Foundation, created the awards to celebrate the efforts of some of our nation's most outstanding teachers, principals and specialists in K-12 education. Under his leadership, the Milken National Educator Awards has become the largest teacher recognition program in the United States. By the end of 2004, 2,077 exceptional educators from 47 states and the District of Columbia will have been recognized, totaling more than \$50 million in awards from the Foundation since the program's inception.



Texas Commissioner of Education Dr. Shirley Neely, far right, and District 15 Texas State Board of Education Representative Bob Craig, left, congratulate Gruver ISD representatives Micky Maupin and Debby Mayhew on being named a 2004 No Child Left Behind - Blue Ribbon School.

## Spearman ISD to hold hearing for input on First Day of Instruction Waiver

Spearman ISD will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 14, 2005 to solicit the public's input on the District's intent to apply for a First Day of Instruction Waiver to begin the first day of instruction for

students on August 15, 2005 for the 2005-2006 school year. The public is invited to attend this meeting to share input. After this public hearing was set, the Spearman Lynxette playoff

game was scheduled, creating a conflict. Since the hearing cannot be changed at this late date, the school board is asking anyone wanting their opinion considered who will be unable to attend the meeting, to mail their response to the following address: ATTN: President of the Board of Trustees, Spearman ISD, 403 E 11th St, Spearman, TX 79081. If you have any questions, or want additional information regarding the 2005-2006 instructional calendar, feel free to contact the Spearman ISD Superintendent's Office at 659-3233.

## Texas Cooperative Extension's Lemon, Bynum receive awards



Josh Bynum

Dr. Robert Lemon, Texas Cooperative Extension state cotton specialist, and Josh Bynum, a Texas A&M University graduate student, received awards recently at the 16th Annual Texas Plant Protection Conference.

The association presented the awards in recognition of outstanding leadership, dedication and service to the crop protection industry and to the association.

Lemon has served as cotton section leader for the Texas Plant Protection Conference and was recognized for his contributions in several other agricultural organizations.

Bynum, the association's Graduate Student Award winner, was recognized for outstanding research contributions.

Bynum is the son of Kevin and Rhonda Bynum and the grandson of Joe and Nita Bynum, all of Spearman.

## City, school boards post election filing date

The filing date for city and school board elections began Monday, February 7 and will continue through Monday, March 7.

In Gruver, the office of Mayor Mark Irwin and Councilman Johnnie Williams are expiring while the terms for Spearman Aldermen Ron Antalek, Brian Gillispie and Alfred Avila are ending.

Those wishing to file for city positions may do so at Gruver City Hall and Spearman City Hall.

In Spearman ISD, the terms of Carol Dunnihoo and Dwayne Mitchell will expire, while in Gruver ISD, the terms of school board members Jody Irwin and Terry Sherrill will end. Pringle-Morse CISD lists the terms of Clyde McCloy, Jon Tolleson and Robin Wilson as expiring.

All school board terms are for three-year duration.

Those wishing to file for a place on the ballot in the school board election may contact the business office in their school district.

## Former Hansford sheriff had extensive role in law enforcement

by Harletta Carthel

While retired Sheriff R.L. McFarlin was noted for his role as Hansford County Sheriff, his law enforcement role was more extensive.

Prior to his appointment as Hansford County Sheriff, he served as Deputy Sheriff of Hansford County under Sheriff J. B. Cook and was Canadian Police Chief from 1970-1972.

McFarlin also served as an undercover agent in the Lubbock area.

Honored by his peers as the President of the Texas Association of Sheriffs in 1985-1986, he also served as President of the Texas Panhandle Peace Officers in 1988-89.

Honored with the Tellespen Foundation Award in 1989, he received the Texas Peacemaker award in 2004 for his extraordinary devotion to the public good and community through his lifetime of public service.

McFarlin and his wife Kay currently reside in Amarillo.

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

**THURSDAY NIGHT** - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the west after midnight.

**FRIDAY** - Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Highs in the lower 50s. East winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.

**SATURDAY** - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain. Breezy. Highs in the lower 50s.

**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s.

**SUNDAY** - Decreasing clouds. Highs in the mid 50s.

**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

**MONDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

**MONDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

## 2005 Hansford County Stock Show



The 70th Annual Hansford County Junior Livestock Show and Premium Sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 11th and 12th at the county barn in Spearman.

Friday's activities will begin at 7 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The grand opening of the show will be held at 9 a.m., with the lamb show, immediately followed by the steer show. The weighing of pigs will be held after the steer show, around 2:30 p.m.

Saturday's schedule is as follows: 9 a.m. - Swine show; 1 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.

2005 Department Superintendents are: Steers - Jerry Williams, Ricky Thompson, Kevin Holt, Danny Herrington, and Clay Reid; Sheep - Bret Burgin, Brent Stedje and Travis Patterson; Swine - Clint Irwin, Kyle Nollner, Cot Martin, Lonnie Shields, Keith Hight, Kenneth Slough, Damon Goodheart and Lenny Pecha; Commercial Steers - Ricky Thompson, Kevin Holt, Billy Brown, Dwayne Thompson, and David Harbour.

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Jessica Montgomery, Malissa Montgomery, Tanner Sherrill, Charlie Slough, Angelica Vela, Victoria Vela, Leigh Anne Winger and Reid Winger

Spearman FFA Participants include: Blayne Baker, Casey Cator, Brian Close, Cara Gwin, Emily Hood, Jessica Jarvis, Joel Lopez, Stuart Martin, Britney Montgomery, Sonny Parker, Chris Russell and Clete Vanderburg

Hansford County 4-H Participants include: Preslee Baker, Timber Barkley, Justin Bass, Kaysha Bass, Lexi Batton, Tate Batton, Gabi Boyd, Travis Boyd, Hannah Boydston, Tori Boydston, Allison Brown, Tracy Brown, Channing Burgess, Sabrina Butman, Seth Carson, Dakota Cator, Kyler Cator, Reese Clark, Seth Clemmons, Lindsey Clift, Mackenzie Crane, Tylo Farrar, Addam Ferguson, Lauren Ferguson, Christen Ferguson, Shakota Field, Sheldon Field, Blythe Finley, Eric Flores, Jared George, Trent Goodheart, Lanie Graves, Rachelle Holt, Lance Huddleston, Brock Irwin, Tanner Irwin, Bryce Jarvis, Jessica Jarvis, Matthew Jarvis, Richard Jarvis, Greyson Karlin, Jack Karlin, Reagan Karlin, Jace Lane, Tyler Lane, Audrey Lieb, Jacob Lieb, Molly Lieb, Emma Lopez, Forrest Lopez, Jordanna Lozano, Halli Mans, Malory Martin, Eva McCloy, Will McCloy, Zack Nollner, Justin Parker, Lauren Patterson, Amanda Pearson, Carson Pearson, Joey Pearson, Bailey Reid, Brenna Reid, Rhett Renner, Corina Rivera, Coley Ruebush, Seth Salgado, Jessica Schmidt, Blayne Schroeder, Kali Shields, Tabatha Shields, Tara Shields, Charles Slough, Callie Stedje, Megan Stedje, Travis Stedje, Mabry Sutterfield, Sawyer Sutterfield, Justin Thompson, Seth Thompson, Payton Thoreson, Ali Tyler, Riley Urban, Britta Vanderburg, Clete Vanderburg, Lynn Vela, Victoria Vela, Hudson Williams, Lance Williams, Lauren Williams, Taylor Williams and Tucker Williams

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Gruver FFA Participants include: Timber Barkley, Seth Clemmons, Cason Finley, Cory Graves, Jordan Hicks, Rachelle Holt, Matt Messer, Miles Messer, Jimmiee McCloy, Ashlynn Miner, Chandler Miner,



Live,  
Laugh  
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
cathysmith@antden.com

My dear friend Sally Desimone sent me the following story. The author is unknown, but the subject certainly is not. I hope you enjoy it.

Years ago, I was enthralled as I listened to a Minister who for several years had faithfully served the church. His executive responsibilities had taken him all over this country. As he concluded his message, he told of one of the most frightening yet thought-provoking experiences of his life.

He had been on a long flight from one place to another. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: Fasten your seat belts. Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence. Please be sure your seat belt is fastened."

As he looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice of the announcer said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us."

And then the storm broke. The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightening lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next, it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The minister confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying. The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm."

Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her. She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and every thing within her small world was calm and orderly. Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world. When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid." The minister could hardly believe his eyes.

It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our minister lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long time. Having commented about the storm and behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid.

The sweet child replied, "Sir, my Dad is the pilot, and he is taking me home."

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us. Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane into apparently uncontrollable movement. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky.

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 :)

Greetings  
to The Grad  
**Spearman  
Ex-Student Association  
seeks SHS graduates**

The Spearman Ex-Students Association cannot locate the following people for the All-School Reunion being held July 1 & 2, 2005. If you have an address or phone number for any of the following people, please call Marsha Shaver 659-2780, Paige Burgin 659-3399, or Cindy Blackman 659-3584, after 5. Or mail to PO Box 132, Spearman.

**Thanks for your help!**  
**We would really like to contact every graduate as soon as possible.**

- Teachers**  
Eugene & Joy Barkowsky Pearl Dean Burke Skaggs  
Jerry Brace Easton Wall  
Frank Cockrell Craig Zinck
- Graduates**  
? Karron Davis Gregory 1971 Carlos Lopez  
1930 Wanika Haney Brock 1971 Tommy Loveday  
1930 Chloe Gill Cone 1971 Shana Tobey McCoy  
1931 Colleen Tower Dutton 1973 Becky Faries Etheredge  
1931 Annie Deering Glover 1973 Pam Herring  
1931 Donna Murphy Broadhurst 1973 Billy Plettitt  
1932 Lorane Evans 1973 Danny Morris  
1932 Milton Nielson 1973 Peggy Ray  
1933 Lucille Robinson Bentley 1973 Steve Snow  
1933 Edna Buchanan Bassell 1973 Danny Chisum  
1932 Beatrice Becker Cline 1974 Kirby Brillhart  
1934 Katherin Eesealey 1974 Bill Calaway  
1934 Alene Parker Skinner 1974 Tim Wisdom  
1935 John Cox 1974 Larry and Eddie Graham  
1935 Robert Douglas 1974 Roy Luna  
1936 Ruby Flint May 1974 Jeff Piatt  
1938 Charles Allman 1974 Mike Self  
1938 Dakota Becker Robertson 1974 Randy Sims  
1939 Polly Smith Taylor 1975 Daniel Truelove  
1939 Bruce Douglas 1975 Renee Asbill Clifford  
1940 John H. Horn 1975 Cathy Davis Rauscher  
1940 Rev. Dale Field 1975 Debbie Simmons  
1940 Charles Edward Bradford 1975 Scott Snow  
1940 Juanita Hendricks 1975 Debbie Stump  
1940 Scott Raymond 1975 Daryl Thornton  
1941 Eva Hilton Fischer 1975 Don Wirsdorfer  
1941 Vance Prutsman 1975 Cathy Cook Hagerman  
1941 Wanda Smith 1975 Clay Ellison  
1942 Janelle Jackson Hinson 1975 Paul Garza  
1944 Iris Hall 1975 Lynette Henry  
1944 Calvin Cox 1975 Alice Reger Jennings  
1945 Dorothy Noel Hammons 1975 Gloria Olivarez  
1946 Kay Kizziah Ferguson 1975 Mike Bomer  
1948 Johnnie Ruth Wilson 1975 Nawana Carter Brown  
1954 Noreen Cates Lamb 1975 James Cantrell  
1959 Doug Moore 1975 Julie Callaway  
1960 Dickie Pendley 1975 James Neal  
1960 Galen Winters 1975 Jana Ralls  
1960 Laddie Cluck 1975 Gloria Lopez O'Brien  
1960 Karen Crain Hoch 1975 Danny McLain  
1961 Janice Louise Smith 1976 Belinda Benavidez Jimenez  
1961 Wayne Douglas Scott 1976 Jimmy Jackson  
1961 Carol Ann Fowler 1977 David Witt  
1961 Darlene Stephens Harding 1977 Collette Smith Hammell  
1962 Bertie Mae Bogges 1977 Becky Brown Myers  
1962 Carl Nickles 1978 Gary McCalman  
1962 Margaret Nelson 1978 Randy Pool  
1962 Ken Camp 1978 Connie Moore  
1962 Blair Burkhardt 1978 Tammy Wallace  
1962 John Chain 1979 Paul Welch  
1962 Jack Conner 1980 James Nicholson  
1963 Melvin Covington 1981 Gloria Arjona Baez  
1963 Tom Nelson 1981 Anselmo Vela  
1963 John Riley 1982 Donna Ball  
1963 Catherine Weaver Williams 1982 Lois Cook Cruz  
1964 Rick Collins 1982 Mitzie Hazlewood  
1965 Carol Simmons Clark 1983 Fran Quimby Lothman  
1965 Tom Hoobler 1983 Angela McCain  
1965 Mike Morris 1983 Rosa Roberts Pearce  
1965 Richard Smith 1983 Toby Phillips  
1966 Cynthia Henderson McGhee 1983 Jeff Quimby  
1966 Rick Howter 1984 Bambi Burger Torres  
1966 Marmell Simmons Pribble 1986 Willie Vera  
1966 Bill Womble 1987 Neta Burger Hill  
1967 Amy Presser Roberts 1988 Tony Truelove  
1968 Larry Brillhart 1988 Mary Jane Schaffer Brown  
1968 Ricky Butler 1988 Karen Cook Duff  
1968 Kenneth Banks 1989 Stan Brandt  
1968 Donna Byrd 1990 Arto Kunnola  
1971 Roberta Carol Anders 1992 Billy JoMorre Pierson  
1971 Tina Boese 1992 Khristi Williams Yoiley  
1971 Larry Owens 1992 Jeremy Willingham  
1971 Junior Salinas 1993 Santiago Tercero Jr.  
1971 Steve Hicks 1993 James Burk  
1971 Susan Barnes Jones 1993 Michael Burk  
1971 Karl Kingham 1996 Al Ortega  
1971 Deanna Kloss 1996 Isaac Willingham  
1971 Debbie Kloss

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**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 February 28, 2005. 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 800-377-4673 for information or to schedule an appointment.

**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 more information, call (806) 323-6213.

**Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes**  
Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2005. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

**Spearman Blood Drive**  
Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a Blood Drive in Spearman on Monday, February 21, 2005 from 3-7 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt. To make an appointment, call 1-800-658-6178.

**Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering**  
Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering on Saturday, February 12th at the Waka Christian Center. Bring your families and guests to the Community Meeting. The Potluck meal will begin at 6 with Sponsor Training at 6:30. Praise and Worship will follow at 7. Nursery will be provided. If someone is interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus, invite them to come to community. Sponsor's training will also be offered if you are planning to sponsor a pilgrim. This helps you as a sponsor to fulfill your responsibilities in sponsoring a pilgrim. Sponsoring is a wonderful Emmaus experience. The RW Board Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. at the church. Other community meeting dates are March 12, 2005 at Waka Christian Center. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

**2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee**  
The 2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee will be held Tuesday, February 15 at 3:30 pm in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Private, public, parochial and home-schooled students are eligible to enter this annual competition. The bee is open to any student in grade 8 and below. The county senior champion will compete in the March 5th Regional event at the Canyon High School campus in Canyon. For more information about the spelling bee, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, Spearman ISD at 659-3233.

**Colt Cluck Memorial Tri-State Rodeo Scholarship**  
The Tri-State Rodeo is now accepting donations for the Colt Cluck Memorial Scholarship. Tri-State Rodeo, PO Box 1414, Canyon, Texas 79015. For more information, contact Craig Cooper at (806) 733-5200.

**Lunch & Learn**  
Andrea Woolley will share her collection of "Granny's Attic Dolls" on Thursday, February 17th in a Lunch and Learn session from 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ. Treasures from her grandmother's 10,000 doll collection range from 1/2-inch to 2 1/2-feet in height. Antiques to the present will be displayed. Andrea will also note the history and preservation of her collection. Extension Education Clubs will host the event for their annual meeting. Please call Peggy Winegamer at 659-4131 or 733-2901 for more information.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS**

- **Spearman Fire Department** meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.
- **Gruver Fire Department** meets the first, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- **Gruver Chamber of Commerce** meets the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the El Vaquero.
- **Hansford County Commissioners Court** meets the second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
- **Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors** meets the second Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.
- **Spearman ISD Board of Trustees** meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.
- **Palo Duro River Authority** meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the P.D.R.A. office.
- **Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors** meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon.
- **Gruver City Commission** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.
- **Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors** meets the second Thursday of each month at noon.
- **Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees** meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
- **Spearman City Council** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.
- **Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce** meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon.
- **Gruver ISD Board of Directors** meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.
- **Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors** meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital.

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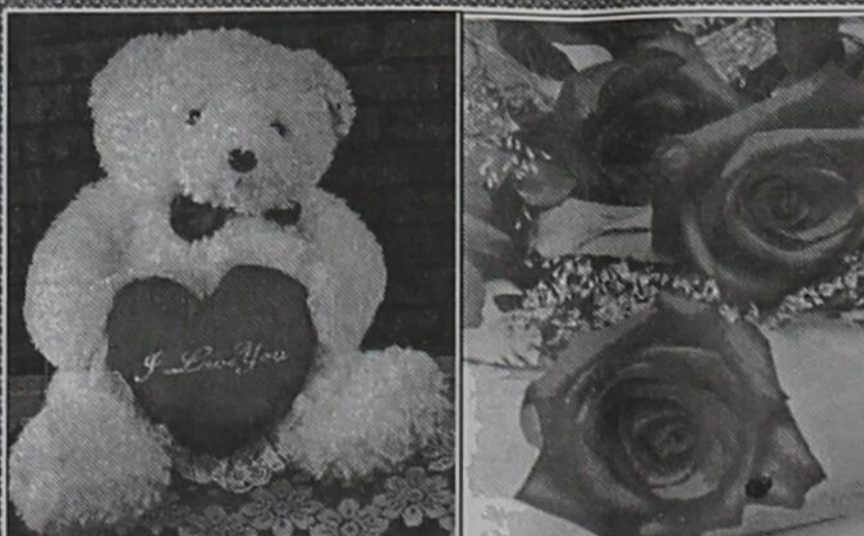


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Thank you, Catherine

**February 10**  
**Birthdays** - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Travis Garnett, Evelina Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick, Karen Schnell  
**Anniversary** - M/M Perry Dixon

**February 11**  
**Birthdays** - Angie Clawson, Craig Schuman, Kari Lou Russell, Joan McClellan, Denise Harbour, Lillian Cooksey, Roy Harbour, Leigh Anne Winger, Addie Williams, Sloan Dominguez  
**Anniversary** - M/M Buck Tidwell, M/M Gary Evans, M/M Roy Lee Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross

**February 12**  
**Birthdays** - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Brian McClenagan, Brandon Reagon, Kaci Renteria, Sister Criselda Vela, Mae Hargis, Kelly Goodman, Anselmo Vela, Mary Dixon, Glynn & Lynn Pattison, Jennie Lou Connelly, Jana Hawkins, Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Troy James, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg, Stephen Jacops, Walter Postok  
**Anniversary** - M/M Buck Tidwell, M/M Gary Evans, M/M Roy Lee Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross

**February 13**  
**Birthdays** - Rick Barkley, Rosi Chisum, Kristi Williams, Sherry Lee, Richard Ooley, Bill Watson, Catalina Espinosa, Esther Vargas, Mari Ann Barlimos, Maura Gaspar  
**Anniversary** - M/M Eddy Rojas

**February 14**  
**Birthdays** - Alice Goodman, Ti Harbour, Nick Nelson, Janice Holt, C.W. Kirk, Tommy Thomas, Laura Umphress, Bubba Smith, Donna Ball, Lena Kathryn Harbour, Betsy Sutterfield, Kenneth Baker, Josiah Lee Vasquez, Courtney Wood  
**Anniversary** - M/M Kip Francis, M/M Roney Clark, Ricky & Cindy Dowdy, Hal & Jeanie Bennett, Terry & Tammy Burch, M/M Omar Sutton, M/M Salomon Tarango, M/M Tony Swink, M/M Rod Holland, M/M Delfino Parra, Rev. & Rev. Joseph Weak, Garrett & Mika Gumfory

**February 15**  
**Birthdays** - Lee Bradford, Heath Gammon, Donnie Thoreson, Claude Sheets Jr., Lynn Sheets, Brenda White, Marlane Nollner, Laura Dahl, Toby White, Kirk Adams, J. P. Prouty, Juanna Rosales, Colby Bedell, Rick Finley, Colleen

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**February 16**  
**Birthdays** - Johnny Pat O'Connell, David Parker, Mike Larson, Lynda Owens, Ismael Vela, Timothy Peck, Maylynn Ayers, Cliff Lang, Brittany Claxton, Diana Pepper, Rex Reid  
**Anniversary** - M/M Jesus Espinosa, M/M Charles Chritton, M/M Augustine Mejia, M/M Bobby Hohertz, M/M Gene Fletcher, Eschol & Eulalia Blankenship

**February 17**  
**Birthdays** - Katie Jones, Manuel Ruiz Jr., Mark Guthrie, Lee Ann Schrader, Charles Hall, T.H. Rodriguez, Ernest Wayne Jr., Ric Smith, Isela Huerta  
**Anniversary** - Oscar & Janice Noble, M/M Ed Castillo

**February 18**  
**Birthdays** - Vickie Bullard, Carla Jo Riggins, Luke Stroud, Beau Roberts, Buck Sell, Edith Breland, Blan Rutherford, J.D. Poer  
**Anniversary** - M/M Richie Fletcher

**February 19**  
**Birthdays** - Melissa Quillin, Delphine Etling, Bob Womble, Stephanie Hays, Bennie Brogdon, David Kellum, Sylvia Rosales, Niki Taylor, Robert Dean Meire, Chuck Ball, Sylvia Taranto  
**Anniversary** - Charles & Carol Hall, M/M Dorsey Perez, M/M Lupe Moreno, M/M Larry Trospier

**February 20**  
**Birthdays** - Brant Armes, Ed Mayfield, Greg Stork, Tessa Yanke, Kathy Brown, John Antalek, Terry Morris, Melissa Holt, Brenda Moyer, Steve Shields, Clayton Hergert, Bill Volden, Cody Brandvick, Rosemary McKee, Jeannie Folwen, Pauline McGee, Richey Thompson  
**Anniversary** - M/M Wilson Bruning, M/M Charles Evans, M/M Jon Hart

**February 21**  
**Birthdays** - Sandra Proffitt, Walter McDade, C.J. Renner, Lisa Meisner, Raul Ortega, Ann Thomas, Chandler Adkins, Tom Speck, C.J. Renteria  
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# Our Sympathy

**FLOYD DRY**  
SPEARMAN - Floyd Dry, 73, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2005. Memorial services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 in Union Church with Jed Meisner officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Dry was born to Otis and Clara Dry in Fairland, Okla., on Sept. 23, 1931. They moved to the Texas Panhandle in 1941. He graduated from Spearman High School and went into the trucking business with his dad and brother. He served his country in the Army during the Korean conflict. After the service, he was a truck driver and then became a ranch foreman for Rue and R.E. Sanders for many years. Upon semi-retirement he again drove a truck for a few years.

Floyd enjoyed helping with youth rodeos, FFA animals, and his grandchildren's sporting events and concerts. His grandchildren could do no wrong in his eyes. He was a lifetime member of Elks Lodge No. 1581 in Borger.

He was preceded in death by his mother; a brother, Johnny Dry; his father; his stepmother, Mamie Dry; and a sister, Betty. Survivors include a son, Danny Dry of Spearman; two daughters, Pam Barber and Sandy Cummings, both of Spearman; five grandchildren, Shayla Barber and Dusty Barber, both of Lewisville, Steven Cummings and Samantha Cummings, both of Spearman, and Chelsea Dry of Bentonville, Ark.; the mother of his children, Helen Dry Yancy of Spearman; his special friends, Tim and Deana Taylor, Brandy Bogle and Dave and Jeanne Hand of Spearman; his much loved dog, Buster; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Manor/Hospice, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or Amarillo Veterans Hospital/Hospitality House.

**DR. DAMON D. GREGG**  
BROKEN ARROW, OKLA. - Dr. Damon D. Gregg, 74, died Saturday, February 5, 2005, in Tulsa.

Rosary will be said at 5 p.m. Friday, February 11 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman, Texas. Burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday in Beaver Cemetery in Beaver, Oklahoma by Hayhurst Funeral Home.

Dr. Gregg was born April 22, 1930, in Beaver to Luke and Pearl Wagner Gregg. He joined the Navy during the Korean War. While stationed in Pearl Harbor, he married Marie L. Van Keuren on July 26, 1952. After receiving his discharge, he returned to Oklahoma to continue his education. He drove a milk truck at night and attended school during the day at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, where he completed his undergraduate studies. He was accepted into medical school at the University of Oklahoma, where he graduated as a medical doctor in 1959. He completed his residency at St. John's Hospital in 1960 and returned to the Texas Panhandle. He set up his general practice in Spearman and practiced there for 13 years.

He returned to Tulsa to pursue more education and began to study pathology at St. John's Hospital. In 1976, he began his career in pathology at Midwest City Hospital in Midwest City, retiring after 39 years of medicine. During his retirement he enjoyed golfing, good conversation with his friends and interacting with his grandchildren.

Dr. Gregg received recognition as a physician from the American Medical Association, was a member of Aerospace Medical Association, listed as Who's Who in Texas in 1968 due to his never misdiagnosing a case, and received a life membership from Oklahoma State Medical Association in recognition of distinguished service in the practice of medicine.

Many lives crossed Dr. Gregg's. Those who called him doctor are grateful for his care and generosity; those who called him friend loved his wit, humor and stories; and those who called him Daddy will forever hold him dear in our hearts. Rest in peace, Daddy. "Oh me."

Survivors include his wife; two sisters, Theda Cox and Greta Lowry; a brother, Irtle Joe Gregg; four daughters, Diane McLain, Debbie Domicca, Susie Bachman and Dawne Gregg; a son, Damon Gregg II; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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**Thank You**  
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**Thank You**  
Bill and I would like to say thank you for the cards, phone calls, food, support and most of all, the prayers during my treatments. A special thank you to Lesa, Billie Jo, Lacey, Kaylee, Kara, Wanda and Hope for driving me and being there for me during my treatments. Also a special thank you to Stephanie, LeAnna and Kayla for all your love and support, and most of all your understanding. It was a long three-and-a-half months, but we made it with God leading all the way. Keep your eyes on God, Bill and Terry Ann Porter. P.S. Thanks, Mom, for staying on me to get my mammogram. I love you.

**Thank You**  
I would like to thank all of my customers for 35 years of blessed business in Spearman. When I planned to retire I didn't know anything was wrong, or that I was facing surgery. (I got the call on December 23rd, my last day at work.) Thanks again for your business and friendship all these years. Helen Melton Cinderella Beauty Salon

**Thank You**  
We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your love and prayers for us involving Lonnie's accident. We are still overwhelmed with your calls, cards, visits, flowers, food and acts of kindness toward our family. We are so blessed to live in such a caring community. We salute the Spearman EMS and Fire Department for their excellent job. Lonnie grows stronger each day. We thank God for His promises to us and for such wonderful, loving family and friends! Bless you all! The Lonnie Shields Families

**Thank You**  
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# ET CETERA

**Valentine cancellation**  
The Spearman Post Office is holding a special Valentine cancellation on Thursday, February 10th at Hansford Manor. Everyone is invited to mail your valentines at Hansford Manor on Thursday.

**Stock show nears**  
The Hansford County Stock Show will be held Feb. 11 and 12, at the Spearman county barn.

**School holiday slated**  
Spearman, Gruver and Pringle-Morse schools will enjoy a holiday Friday, February 11. Gruver schools will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. and Spearman schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 10. The holiday coincides with the Hansford County Stock Show, which is slated for February 11 and 12 in Spearman County Barn.

**Hansford County Spelling Bee**  
The Hansford County Spelling Bee will be held on Tues., Feb. 15th at 3:30 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium.

**FCCLA to attend regional meeting**  
The officers of FCCLA and their sponsors will attend their regional convention this weekend in Lubbock.

**Spearman Immunization clinic**  
An immunization clinic will be held on Tuesday, February 15th from 10:30 a.m.-noon at Spearman

High School and 1-3 p.m. at Gus Birdwell Elementary.

**District Education Improvement Committee**  
The District Education Improvement Committee will meet at the high school library from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16th.

**SHS Girls Golf**  
The Spearman High School Girls Golf team will compete at the Borger Country Club on February 25th, and at the Phillips Country Club in Borger on February 26th.

**SHS Track**  
Spearman junior high and high school track teams will compete in the Sunray Track Meet on February 25th and 26th in Sunray.

**Gruver Dairy Queen has management change**

Gruver residents hoping to feast on a Belt Buster or a Blizzard were shocked to find the Dairy Queen closed on Saturday.

The business, however, was open for business as usual Monday.

Joe Villasenor of Dalhart, district manager of the local Dairy Queen, stated that the former managers Bob and Gaerda Meir had taken new positions in another field.

Villasenor will manage the local eatery until a new manager is

found.

**Spring break rescheduled**  
Gruver schools spring break will be March 7-11. This is a change from earlier calendars that listed the break at a later time.

The March 7-11 break will coincide with the Houston Livestock Show.

Easter break will be March 25-March 28, with school resuming Tuesday, March 28. with school resuming March 29.

**FCCLA plans Valentine events**  
FCCLA students will be selling pink and red fresh carnations Monday, February 14. The cost for each stem is \$1.50.

The group will also sponsor the Mr. Irresistible contest on Friday. The winner will be the young man who "steals" more young ladies paper hearts which must be relinquished when the young lady speaks to a young man.

**Lions Club honors students**  
GHS Senior Ryan Winger and the to-be-announced February Student of the Month will be the Lions Club guests February 16.

**City offices to move**  
Gruver city offices will be moving across the street February 20, to the former Gruver Clinic.

Offices will be open at the new site, Monday February 21.

Painting and remodeling of the former clinic to accommodate city offices has been done by city employees.

**Community care concerns listed**  
Ryan Mathews broke his femur near the ankle at work last week. Wearing a compression boot, Mathews is able to continue most of his usual activities.

Lady Hound Laci Fitzgearld sustained a severely sprained ankle during practice Thursday, February 3. She was sidelined for the White Deer game and was not expected to be released for the Sunray game, February 8.

She hopes to return to play should the Lady Hounds make the playoffs.

# Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Monday morning was unusually cheery around here as the cold, gray weekend seemed to be passing.

We started off the day with the residents with our Newscurrents program. Much interesting information was exchanged.

After lunch we gathered in the activity room for visits, refreshments and a Life Enrichment program. We used a video magazine from Sentimental Reflections to travel to St. Augustine, back in time to when mail traveled by rail, and Lake Fausse Pointe, Louisiana.

Xi Zeta Sorority hosted bingo Monday night. Thank you to Xi Zeta!

Tuesday morning we stretched, marched, swung, punched, kicked and a whole lot more to music during exercise class.

After lunch we had the pleasure of Steve Mathews on the keyboard. He has a wonderful electric keyboard that just travels in a suitcase. He pulls it out & puts it to work. He is very talented on the keyboard. Janie sang many songs along with him.

It is just plain pleasant to sit and listen to beautiful music. Of course, ever once in a while some of the golden oldies come along and we just have to get up and dance. The staff and the residents enjoyed the afternoon greatly. Thank you, Steve & Mary Lou!!

Wednesday morning we were blessed with Anne Whitaker. She is doing such an important and wonderful job of leading Bible study. I had been in a meeting and went to cut through the living room back to the office. The living room was filled with residents as the Bible study continues to grow.

After lunch, the residents immediately launched into the Valentine business. We are looking forward

to our local Postmaster coming to the Manor to cancel Valentines by hand. The residents are working really hard on their Valentines.

Thursday morning the residents lined up in the living room and Olympic practice officially started in preparation for our Spring Olympic Meet at Hansford Manor on March 11th. The residents practiced shooting basketball goals. You can already see the competitive spirits begin to stir up.

After lunch the auxiliary hosted bingo for the Residents. Thank you to the auxiliary! You are very appreciated!

Friday morning the Residents practiced on the Bean Bag Toss game. It is one of the more popular games in the Olympics. We had one resident last year that zeroed in on the 100 score box and hit it with all 6 bags!

Friday afternoon the activity staff popped popcorn with the new popcorn maker that the auxiliary donated to us. When everyone's mouth was watering from smelling fresh popped corn, we had a funny movie to watch together.

Saturday afternoon was busied with a big game of Crazy Bunko. We had a very large crowd and believe it or not, even with such a large variety of stuffed animals and prizes, there still was that special one that several players were competing for. It was a cute little mon-

key in overalls that changed hands so many times. We had a fun game!

Sunday afternoon was made special by the Church of Christ of Spearman bringing services to the Manor Residents. Thank you to one and all for your contribution to the service.

Later in the evening, we had made a batch of Chex Mix to share as we watched the Superbowl with several Residents.

Thank you to Tong's Chinese Restaurant for sending the boxes of oranges for the Residents.

We have had many high school students volunteering at the Manor in many different ways. We appreciate them.

One of them is JoAnn Tang. She and a couple of her friends brought 2 cases of oranges from her parent's restaurant to share with the residents. The girls passed them out to enjoy while they play cards and dominoes. Thank you to everyone!



## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--February 7, 2005--32.88 feet (-0.12)  
Jim reported about the same amount of rain at the lake as we had in Gruver Saturday night and Sunday morning--a little over half an inch. There is enough stored moisture now to give some runoff with a rain of an inch or so.

There are a few fishermen coming out, but the big fish that bite in late February and March are not hitting the hooks yet.

Jim had a fun experience last week when he drove up behind a bobcat on a road in the Gibner place. Due to a high wind, the dark spotted cat did not hear Jim's car. The cat ambled along sniffing things out, but when Jim got closer, he heard the car and disappeared.

Grandson Daniel Harris is fairly confident he saw a mountain lion while he was hiking south of their home on the Palo Duro two weeks ago. He never got a look at the tail, but the cat was too big to be a bobcat and didn't move like a coyote. When it started coming toward him and he didn't think the cat had seen him, he put his plan into effect of what to do if a lion is coming your way. He carries a sharp knife, and

since there are numerous yucca where he hikes, he quickly cut a plant below the crown and thru the root. He says one would make a good shield. The cat soon crossed the creek and moved off from him. I am glad that the adequacy of this plan was not truly tested.

Two weeks ago I wrote about the big flocks of geese that feed north of Gruver. Now I have heard a first hand story from Stan Seagler. He checks each morning, and if he finds they have moved on to the corn stalks that he has cattle grazing, he fires a high-powered rifle over them, and usually they will take flight. I asked if he ever used a shotgun. His reply was that from a half mile they only turn and look when a shotgun is fired, but that a rifle disturbs them. Some of the men are placing barrels out in their fields, and Stan thinks that helps. Usually they are using the 30 gallon white barrels, but Stan doesn't know if the color makes any difference.

He was not sure whether the geese were spending the nights on the Miller Lake or other playa lakes where they would be close to the corn and maize stalks and the wheat fields.

You're invited to attend a **Wedding Shower** honoring **Kandi Keltz** bride-elect of Jared Johnson on Saturday, February 12th from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the Morse Community Building Morse, Texas

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## A Good READ



I am starting an experiment. It will test to see how many people in Spearman interested in learning more about our history and also about what may happen in the future. You will find each month at the Hansford County Library at least one new book, hand picked and discussed in this new monthly column. These non-fiction selections may reflect a bias towards American History, biography, economics, and subjects which are likely to impact the future of this country or region.

-Stinson Gibner

### His Excellency George Washington

His Excellency George Washington, available now at your local library, stands as our first selection. As I write this, the book stands as the 61st most actively purchased at Amazon.com and is awarded 4 out of five stars there. The author, Joseph Ellis, has received both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for his historical writing. His Excellency provides a concise and readable account of the life of our first President which focuses on his public life and his service to the country. It shows the development of a young man of great ambition into a powerful statesman who was instrumental in pushing for the expansion of federal powers needed to keep the young United States from falling apart but was widely trusted not to attempt to turn the new government into a Monarchy. Greatly admired, Washington is the only President ever elected by a unanimous vote of the electoral college, and this for both terms.

I am fascinated that like General Washington's miraculous survival of numerous battles before and during the Revolutionary War, this nation was formed and managed to survive it infancy against incredible odds due largely to the wisdom and dedication our Founding Fathers.

Let me know how you like the book or if you have comments or suggestions about other non-fiction books which might be of interest to you. I can be reached by email at [psg@write.com](mailto:psg@write.com).

Coming soon: Flaws of Our Fathers by James Bradley

Stinson Gibner graduated as valedictorian from Spearman High School during the late Ice Ages. After traveling to Rice University and then Pasadena, California in search of warmth, he came back to Texas. Stinson, now a frequent visitor to Spearman, currently lives in Houston, Texas where he has survived both natural and man-made catastrophes. He currently worries about energy and commodity shortages and can be reached at [psg@write.com](mailto:psg@write.com).

### Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Parish Lay Minister Candidate

By the time this is printed, Myrna and I will have graduated and been certified as Lutheran Parish Lay Ministers. Two years of study, writing papers and sermons will have ended and our new service is begun.

We approach the last Sunday in Epiphany, February 6th, which is Transfiguration Sunday. In Matthew 17:1-9, Jesus' transfiguration is shown as a confirmation of the office and favor He has from the Father. God is great, we behold the King in his glory. Yet in our contemplation of the scripture, nothing changes for Jesus. He is still bound for Jerusalem where He will die. In this Season of Epiphany we have considered the Incarnation of our Lord in which we find comfort that God is with us and shares our lives. In His crucifixion we find comfort in the troubles of this world and a reason for self-sacrifice to be like Him. When we contemplate this gospel passage we should learn not to place too much importance on appearances, either of the transfiguration or of the world. Only after the resurrection can we know what is reality. Our prayers for this season suggest that we focus on "transformation" and pray that God will transform us by his love, through our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may sacrifice ourselves for others.

My first Lenten service as a lay minister will be February 13, 2005. The Rev. Beverly Cook is pastor of Faith Lutheran and Grace Presbyterian Churches. May the Holy Spirit keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

## HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

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Anna Navarrete, who has been employed by HCHD since October 31, 2001, is Hansford County Hospital District's February 2005 Employee of the Month. Anna is responsible for data entry in the Hospital's Business Office.

Anna was nominated by five of her coworkers for the following reasons:

- Loyalty: She always gets her job done, even if she's sick. She cares and is a perfectionist about her work.
- Positive Attitude: When others are upset or stressed about their jobs, she is a great listener. She keeps a positive attitude around everyone.
- Devotion to Duty: She comes in early and stays late, even works weekends if that's what it takes to get the job done.
- Courtesy to Patients/Residents/Employees: Anyone can ask her for help. She has made herself available to help with training new business office employees.
- Promotion and Participation in District Functions: She plans all business office meetings and parties and makes certain everyone is included.

Other employees nominated for this honor were: Rosetta Barrera, Annette Hopkins, Janie Kunselman, and Danita Sanders.

The Employee of the Month receives one day off with pay, a reserved parking space for the month, and becomes a candidate for Employee of the Year.

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## Gruver Junior Livestock Practice Show held

The Gruver Junior Livestock Practice Show was held Saturday, January 23, 2005 at the Gruver county barn. Results are as follows.

**CLASS I STEERS**  
1. Brenna Reid, 2. Taylor Williams, 3. Callie Stedje

**CLASS II STEERS**  
1. Bailey Reid, 2. Rachelle Holt, 3. Lance Williams  
**Grand Champion Steer:** Bailey Reid

**Reserve Grand Champion:** Brenna Reid  
**Junior Showmanship:** Brenna Reid  
**Senior Showmanship:** Rachelle Holt

**CLASS I LAMBS**  
1. Rachelle Holt, 2. Callie Stedje, 3. Seth Thompson, 4. Sabrina Butman, 5. Lance Williams, 6. Wil McCloy

**CLASS II LAMBS**  
1. Justin Thompson, 2. Jessica Schmidt, 3. Travis Stedje, 4. McKenzie Crane, 5. Jimmilee McCloy

**Grand Champion Lamb:** Rachelle Holt  
**Reserve Grand Champion:** Callie Stedje  
**Junior Showmanship:** Callie Stedje  
**Senior Showmanship:** Jessica Schmidt

**SWINE, OPB LIGHT**  
1. Bailey Stedje, 2. Callie Stedje, 3. Kaitlyn Stedje

**SWINE, HEAVY**  
1. Travis Stedje, 2. Tyler Stedje  
**Breed Champion:** Travis Stedje  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Bailey Stedje

**SWINE, LIGHT DUROC**  
1. Jessica Schmidt, 2. Chandler Miner, 3. Jessica Montgomery, 4. Ashlyn Miner, 5. Coley Ruebush  
**Breed Champion:** Jessica Schmidt  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Chandler Miner

**SWINE, LIGHT HAMP**  
1. Carson Williams, 2. Cason Finley, 3. Timber Barkley, 4. Cason Finley, 5. Molly Lieb

**SWINE, HEAVY HAMP**  
1. Brock Irwin, 2. Rachelle Holt, 3. Tanner Sherrill  
**Breed Champion:** Carson

Williams  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Brock Irwin

**SWINE, LIGHT YORK**  
1. Seth Thompson, 2. Tori Bydston, 3. Malissa Montgomery, 4. Jacod Lieb

**Breed Champion:** Seth Thompson  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Tori Boydston

**SWINE, LIGHT CROSSES**  
1. Tanner Irwin, 2. Jessica Schmidt, 3. Jacod Lieb, 4. Audrey Lieb

**SWINE, MEDIUM CROSSES**  
1. Rachelle Holt, 2. Justin Thompson, 3. Coley Ruebush, 4. Jacob Lieb, 5. Hannah Boydston, 6. Molly Lieb

**SWINE, HEAVY CROSSES**  
1. Trenton Finley, 2. Timber Barkley, 3. Brock Irwin, 4. Blythe Finley, 5. Megan Stedje

**Breed Champion:** Rachelle Holt  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Trenton Finley  
**Overall Grand Champion Swine:** Carson Williams  
**Overall Reserve Champion:** Rachelle Holt  
**Junior Showmanship:** Callie Stedje  
**Senior Showmanship:** Seth Thompson

## Spearman Junior Livestock Practice Show held

The Spearman Junior Livestock Practice Show was held Saturday, January 30, 2005 at the Spearman county barn. Results are as follows.

**STEERS, LIGHTWEIGHT**  
1. Jacod Lieb, 2. Britta Vanderburg

**STEERS, HEAVYWEIGHT**  
1. Clete Vanderburg, 2. Audrey Lieb, 3. Jacod Lieb  
**Grand Champion Steer:** Clete Vanderburg  
**Reserve Grand Champion:** Jacob Lieb

**HEIFER**  
**Grand Champion Heifer:** Jessica Jarvis  
**Junior Showmanship:** Audrey Lieb  
**Senior Showmanship:** Britta Vanderburg

**CLASS I LAMBS**  
1. Addam Ferguson, 2. Allison Brown, 3. Lauren Ferguson, 4. Joel Lopez, 5. Seth Salgado

**CLASS II LAMBS**  
1. Tara Shields, 2. Preslee Baker, 3. Amanda Pearson, 4. Joey Pearson, 5. Tate Batton

**CLASS III LAMBS**  
1. Tabatha Shields, 2. Tara Shields, 3. Sonny Parker, 4. Lexi Batton

**CLASS IV LAMBS**  
1. Christen Ferguson, 2. Jessica Jarvis, 3. Corian Rivera, 4. Justin Parker

**CLASS V LAMBS**  
1. Eric Flores, 2. Tabatha Shields, 3. Blayne Baker

**Grand Champion:** Tabatha Shields  
**Reserve Grand Champion:** Tara Shields  
**Junior Showmanship:** Lexi Batton  
**Senior Showmanship:** Tabatha Shields

**SWINE, BOAR**  
1. Tate Batton  
**SWINE, CLASS I DUROC**  
1. Kyler Cator, 2. Colton Cator, 3. Bryce Jarvis, 4. Casey Cator

**SWINE, CLASS II DUROC**  
1. Zane Patterson, 2. Tylo Farrar, 3. Casey Cator

**Breed Champion:** Zane Patterson  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Tylo Farrar

**SWINE, CLASS III HAMPS**  
1. Dakota Cator, 2. Jared George, 3. Daniel Jarvis, 4. Calli Pearson

**SWINE, CLASS IV HAMPS**  
1. Blayne Baker, 2. Jared George, 3. Carson Pearson, 4. Joey Pearson, 5. Amanda Pearson

**SWINE, CLASS V HAMPS**  
1. Lauren Patterson, 2. Amanda Pearson

**Breed Champion:** Blayne Baker  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Lauren Patterson

**SWINE, CLASS VI YORKS**  
**Breed Champion:** Dustin Kelly  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Trent Goodheart

**SWINE, CLASS VII CROSSES**  
1. Brock Schroeder, 2. Lexi Batton, 3. Tanner Baird, 4. Seth Carson, 5. Trenton Baird

**SWINE, CLASS VIII CROSSES**  
1. Blayne Schroeder, 2. Preslee Baker, 3. Matthew Jarvis, 4. Dakota Cator, 5. Baylee Baker

**SWINE, CLASS IX CROSSES**  
1. Clete Vanderburg, 2. Blayne Baker, 3. Mabry Sutterfield, 4. Sawyer Sutterfield, 5. Resse Clark

**Breed Champion:** Clete Vanderburg  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Blayne Schroeder

**Overall Grand Champion Swine:** Clete Vanderburg  
**Overall Reserve Champion:** Blayne Baker

**Junior Showmanship:** Dakota Cator  
**Senior Showmanship:** Casey Cator

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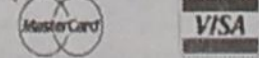
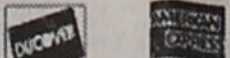
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## Varsity Lynxettes

### Lynxettes level Highland Park

The Lynxettes put the "D" on Highland Park, keeping the Lady Hornets in single digit scoring for four quarters to take a 49-23 district win.

Dominating in every category except defensive rebounding, the Lynxettes commanded the game. Kendall Schneider with 12 points and Kelcee Rex with three three-pointers and an 11 point total led the Lynxettes scoring attack.

Lindsey Short led the defensive assault with six steals while Schneider and Rex posted three steals each.

Others scoring were Lindsey Short 4, Tabatha Shields 3, Britta Vanderburg 4, Saylee Flowers 5, Tonya Hart 5, and Jordanna Lozano 5.

### Lynxettes fall to Eagles

The Lynxettes fell to the Sanford-Fritch Lady Eagles 44-49 on Friday, February 4th. The Lynxettes led the Lady Eagles for the better part of the game, but were outscored in the fourth quarter and were unable to pull away with the win.

The Lynxettes went into the half with a 18-16 lead, and outscored the Lady Eagles 14-11 in the third quarter, but the Lady Eagles dominated the fourth quarter scoring 22 points to Spearman's 12.

The Lynxettes were 71% at the free-throw line, making 17 of 24 attempts. They were led by Rex, who made 10 of her 11 attempts at the free-throw line for an amazing 90.1%. Rex also led in total scoring, posting 12 points.

Other Lynxettes scoring were Lindsey Short 10, Tonya Hart 10, Saylee Flowers 5, Jordanna Lozano 3, Kendall Schneider 2, Tabatha Shields 1, and Kylee Howard 1.

Coach's Comments: "We did not shoot well and had many turnovers. We did fight back late, which gave us a chance to win. The game Tuesday will decide play-off seeding (2nd and 3rd place).

### Lynxettes take third in district

The Lynxettes took third place in district after falling to the Panhandle Panthers on Tuesday night, 53-44.

Leading scorers for Spearman were Kelcee Rex 17 and Lindsey Short 11.

### 7-2A District Records

Canadian\* 12-0 28-2, Panhandle+ 9-3 17-9, Spearman+ 8-4 21-7, Sanford-Fritch 7-5 15-15, West Texas High 3-9 6-23, Highland Park 2-10 7-21, Boys Ranch 1-11 4-21

\*clinched district championship, + clinched playoff berth

### Play-off Game

The Spearman Lynxettes will play Henrietta in a play-off game on Monday, February 14th at 6 p.m. in Childress. The game will be

followed by the Panhandle vs. Seymour play-off game.

Tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Spearman ISD will dismiss at 1 p.m. to allow time for those interested to attend the game.

## Varsity Lynx

### Hornets take 7-2A lead

Highland Park kept their perfect away-from-home record in District 7-2A when they defeated first-place Spearman on Tuesday, Feb. 1st.

The Hornets used a 26-11 run in the fourth quarter to put the game away. The win gave Highland Park a half-game lead in the District 7-2A race over Spearman.

Spearman kept pace through the first three quarters as Lance Huddleston scored 12 of his team-high 14 points. But in the fourth period, the Lynx could not keep up with Highland Park's 7-of-10 shooting.

Leading scorers for Spearman were Lance Huddleston 14, Jeff Brock 7, Caleb Gillaspie 5 (one three-point goal), Kylie McGaha 4, Brodie Savage 3 (three-point goal), Bryn Garnett 2, Brian Johnson 2, Justin Parker 2 and Jarick Howard 1.

### Lynx clip Eagles' wings

The Spearman Lynx easily defeated the Sanford-Fritch Eagles on Friday with a final score of 59-34.

The Lynx went into the half with a 21-19 lead, following an 8-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Lynx continued to lead the Eagles in scoring in the third quarter (11-8), and clinched the win in the fourth quarter with a 27-9 run.

Leading scorers for the Lynx were Lance Huddleston 19 and Jeff Brock 16.

### Panthers leave scars on Lynx with 56-39 win

The Panhandle Panthers dominated the Lynx in the first quarter of play on Tuesday, outscoring them 22-6. The Lynx were never able to recover, however, dropping their record to 7-3 in district and 11-16 overall.

The Lynx went head-to-head with the Panthers the rest of the game, with each team scoring 11 in the second quarter and 9 in the third. The Lynx were only outscored by one point in the fourth quarter, 14-13.

Leading scorers for the Lynx were Caleb Gillaspie 10 and Lance Huddleston 8.

### 7-2A District Records

Highland Park 8-2 17-10, Canadian 8-3 11-5, Spearman 7-3 11-16, Panhandle 7-3 19-6, West Texas High 4-6 10-14, Sanford-Fritch 2-9 5-20, Boys Ranch 0-10 10-14

The Spearman Lynx will host the West Texas Comanches on Friday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m. (The JV Lynx will play at 5 p.m.) The Lynx will travel to Canadian on Tuesday, February 15th for their last district game. The junior varsity will play at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity at 6:30.

## JV Lynxettes

### JV Lynxettes swat Lady Hornets

The JV Lynxettes took a first quarter lead over Highland Park and marched to a 36-13 win.

Scoring were Amy Brown 2, Christy Lang 8, Kyla Reed 2, Brittney Bradley 4, Callie Cazares, Clara Kern 8, Sara Barnes 2, Trudy Hart 2.

Coach's Comments: "We passed the ball well and got a lot of good shots. We played a little more physical than we did the first time."

### JV Lynxettes ground Lady Eagles

The JV Lynxettes grounded the Sanford-Fritch Lady Eagles with a score of 41-23. After an 8-8 first quarter, the Lynxettes went into half-time with a 25-19 lead. The Lynxettes posted eight points in the third quarter, while keeping the Lady Eagles scoreless. They sealed the win in the fourth quarter by outscoring the Lady Eagles 8-4.

Christy Lang led the Lynxettes in scoring with 11 points, with seven of those (out of 11 attempts) from the free-throw line. Other scorers were Tara Shields 7, Brittney Bradley 7, Kyla Reed 6, Callie Cazares 5 and Clara Kern 5.

Coach's Comments: "We were just going through the motions early, but got it together in the second quarter and made a nice run to finish the half. This was a nice road win."

## 7th Grade Lynx

2/7/05  
Lynx 52, Highland Park 44

2/14/05  
Lynx vs. Sanford-Fritch

## 8th Grade Lynx

2/7/05  
Lynx 42, Highland Park 37

2/14/05  
Lynx vs. Sanford-Fritch

## 7th Grade Lynxettes

1/27/05  
Lynxettes 26, Sunray 18

1/28/05  
Lynxettes 22, Gruver 28

1/28/05  
Lynxettes 14, Sanford-Fritch 27

1/31/05  
Lynxettes 36, Boys Ranch 5

2/7/05  
Lynxettes 26, Highland Park 14

Overall Record 7-9

## 8th Grade Lynxettes

1/27/05  
Lynxettes 33, Sunray 15

1/28/05  
Lynxettes 33, Gruver 19

1/28/05  
Lynxettes 36, Sanford-Fritch 10

1/31/05  
Lynxettes 25, Boys Ranch 28

2/7/05  
Lynxettes 35, Highland Park 16

Overall Record 12-4

## Varsity Lady Hounds

### Lady Hounds take 'kneaded' win from Does

Fighting for their district lives, the Lady Hounds overcame a third quarter rally by the White Deer Does Friday night to keep their dream alive with a 42-35 win.

Having a 23-15 lead at halftime, the Lady Hounds saw their lead vanish midway in the third period. Lady Hound Liz Lopez scored Gruver's only points in the third period with two baskets, their second, tying the game at 1:20 to hold to the quarter's end.

Laina Grotegut established the Lady Hound momentum again in the fourth quarter with two back-to-back three pointers early in the period.

With Lindsey Clift, Lopez, and Lauren Urban each sinking two free shots late in the game, and Urban picking up two key rebounds, the Lady Hounds took the win.

The Lady Hounds were playing without the services of Laci Fitzgerald who suffered a severely ankle sprain in practice.

Adding to the Gruver win were Laina Grotegut 8, Liz Lopez 9, Rachelle Holt 2, Lindsey Clift 8, Lauren 7, Sarah Mireles 2.

## Varsity Hounds

### Hounds pass the Bucks

A fourth quarter surge by the White Deer Bucks made for a nail-biter 45-43, victory for the Hounds Friday night.

A 34-23 third quarter lead was not enough to subdue the feisty Bucks who scored eight points in the first two minutes of the fourth quarter to narrow the Hounds' hold 38-37.

With the final seconds ticking off, the Hounds success at the free shot line gave them a 45-40 advan-

tage that held despite a White Deer three-pointer at the buzzer.

Matt Messer 11, Lance Williams 10, Reid Winger 3, Cody Mac Been 11, Cass Cooper 8, Brock Irwin 2.

### Hounds down Stratford

The Hounds dittoed their earlier win over Stratford by taking a 53-49 victory over the Elks February 1.

Lance Williams, Matt Messer, Cody Mac Been, and Reid Winger all scored in double figures.

Lance Williams 10, Cass Cooper 3, Stephen Salazar 1, Matt Messer 12, Ryan Winger 2, Cody Mac Been 14, Reid Winger 11.

## 2004 All-Academic Football Teams

The Texas High School Coaches Association recently announced the Academic All-State Football team for 2004-05. Spearman High School had nine players listed and Gruver High School had three players listed.

The teams are selected by a point system that awards points for GPA, class rank and SAT or ACT score. The student/athletes are then placed on teams according to the number of points they have earned. The Elite team represents the highest point total that can be achieved.

Criteria required to be nominated is 1) overall GPA of 92 or above, including grades 9-12 and the first six weeks of grade 12; 2) Be a member of the team in good standing at the time of nomination; 3) Be of good moral character.

**SPEARMAN: Elite** - Brodie Savage; **First Team** - Jeff Brock and Wayne Gibson; **Second Team** - Tracy Brown, Eric Flores, Gerardo Ruiz and Justin Parker; and **Honorable Mention** - Clete Vanderburg and Daniel Kern

**GRUVER: First Team** - Brock Irwin - Gruver and **Honorable Mention** - Cody Mac Been and Ryan Winger

## Hounds place in powerlift

Sammy Pena took first place in the 123 pound weight class at the powerlifting meet at Dalhart Saturday while three teammates placed in their weight categories.

Pena's lifts of 245 pounds in the squat lift, 160 in the bench lift, and 330 in the deadlift, captured first place with a total of 735 pounds.

Teammate Brad Clawson took fourth place in the same weight division with a squat lift of 240 pounds, a bench lift of 155, and a dead lift of 265 for a total of 660 pounds.

In the 181 pound weight division, Sheldon Atwood finished in seventh place with 390 pounds in the squat lift, 185 pounds in the bench lift and 400 pounds in the dead lift for a total of 975 pounds.

Travis McDowell won the bronze medal in the 275 pound weight division with a squat lift of 425 pounds, a bench lift of 220 pounds and a dead lift of 450 pounds for a total of 1,095 pounds.

Terry Felderhoff is the GHS weightlifting coach.

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### 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 2003-2004 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 Educational Code §51.403(e) from the Texas Higher Educational 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 14, 2005 starting at 7 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:** Monday, February 14, 2005  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**RE:** Education Performance Report  
**PLACE:** Spearman High School Library

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Spearman ISD will hold a **Public Hearing** on February 14, 2005 to solicit the public's input on the District's intent to apply for a *First Day of Instruction Waiver* to begin the first day of instruction for students on August 15, 2005 for the 2005-2006 school year.

**DATE:** Monday, February 14, 2005  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Spearman High School Library

The public is invited to attend this meeting. If for some reason you are unable to attend this meeting and you would like to have your opinion considered, please send your written response to the following address: ATTN: President of the Board of Trustees, Spearman ISD, 403 East 11th Avenue, Spearman, TX 79081.

Feel free to contact the Superintendent's Office at 659-3233 if you have questions or want additional information about the 2005-2006 Instructional Calendar.



**Hansford Hospice plans golf tournament**

The Hansford Hospice volunteers met on Monday, January 10, 2005 at Gruver State Bank in Gruver.

The meeting was called to order by President Verna Lee Shirley. Jo Linda Hutchison read the minutes of the last meeting, and the minutes were approved.

Pat Sutterfield, treasurer, gave a treasurer's report. She reported that over \$5,000 had been donated to Hansford Hospice during the Lights of Love campaign. She also reported that \$149.12 had been raised in the Alco Baby Contest.

The Hospice Golf Tournament, which will be held as a fund raiser in June, was discussed. The possibility of participating again in the Jr. Ranch Rodeo this summer was also discussed.

Discussion was held about having the newsletter ready to publish by the first of each month.

The Hospice Training Class was also discussed.

Nell Patterson will give the pro-

gram at the February Hospice meeting.

Carolyn Hicks will deliver the angels in Gruver.

Garland Hopper will send get well and sympathy cards to members and staff on behalf of Hospice Volunteers.

The February meeting will be held on February 14th at 7 p.m. at First State Bank in Spearman.

The possibility of having an Alzheimer's program for the community in the fall was discussed.

Linda Lieb discussed the Shawl Program and interest was expressed in having the program presented at a future meeting.

Following discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

**Stationmaster's House Museum discusses plans for memorials**

The Stationmaster's House Museum board of directors met on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 2 p.m. at the museum.

Members present were: Jennie

Blankenship, Don Maize, J.D. and Rubyjo Wilbanks, Helen and Irvin Boyd and Gina Gillispie.

President Helen Boyd called the meeting to order. Gina Gillispie read the minutes of the previous meeting, and the minutes were approved as read.

Rubyjo stated that Reba had received correspondence on a regional training program offered by Frank Phillips College by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). The cost is \$95 per day and will be held from February 15-18, 2005. Reba said that she would be willing to go for two days and pay for half the cost. The board approved a motion to pay for one day, as well as to pay her regular day's wages to help cover the cost of other expenses.

There was some discussion that the photos and story concerning R.L. McFarlin and Helen Dry had not been featured in the paper. Helen suggested that we add information in the bank statements. Gina suggested that we include our introductions at the Chamber Banquet each year to acknowledge our parade king and queen, etc.

Rubyjo received a basket of memorials for Johnny Lee. Joann would like to do something special in his memory for the museum, possibly a cabinet.

It was discussed that at the next meeting, Don would bring a list of memorials so we can discuss and decide what tombstones the medallions will go on. We will then contact the families for permission, and hopefully have them placed during the warmer months.

Helen reported that it was time to consider our next parade king and queen.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**City of Spearman awards sealcoating bid**

The City of Spearman, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 30 SW Court, on December 21, 2004 with Mayor Steve Benton presiding. Aldermen present included Brian Gillispie, Alfred Avila and Charles Elliott. Alderman Jon Garnett was absent. Staff present included City Manager Ed Hansen and City Secretary Cheryl Gibson-Salgado. No visitors were present.

At 7:10 a.m. Mayor Benton declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott gave the invocation and Mayor Benton led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
Consideration of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 16, 2004.

Consideration of the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax and water/waste-

water reports for November and the natural gas report for October.

Consideration of the monthly bills payable for November and the current cash position.

Consideration of the annual agreement with Hansford County for joint dispatch service.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on November 16, 2004;

and

Approve the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax, and water/wastewater reports for November and the natural gas report for October;

and

Approve the bills payable for November in the amount of \$256,866.13 and the current cash position;

and

Approve the annual agreement with Hansford County for joint dispatch service. Motion unanimously carried.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Consideration of awarding a contract for the 2005 sealcoat project.

Sealed bids were publicly opened and read aloud on December 15, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

The following is the bid tabulation: **Lewis Construction of Dumas** - \$0.826/unit for \$74,290.44 - 30 days to completion; and **G.W. James of Amarillo** - \$0.840/unit for \$75,549.60 - 45 days to completion.

Motion was made to award the 2005 Sealcoat project to the low bidder, Lewis Construction. Motion unanimously carried.

Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 a.m.

**Spearman Economic Development Corp. reviews loans**

The Spearman Economic Development Corporation (SED Corp.) met for a regular meeting on December 15, 2004.

Members present: Brian Gillispie, Charles Elliott, Mary Dixon, Clay Schnell, Charles Shieldknight, Keith Hight and City Manager Ed Hansen. Jackie Pearson.

Visitors Present: Tim Nelson, David Johnson, Rick Harrell, and Cheryl Gibson Salgado.

**Call to Order**  
President Gillispie declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

Vice President Schnell reported that a) Berry Cleaners would need

to present a report at the next scheduled meeting, b) David Johnson reported on Gordon's Drug & Photo, and c) Tim Nelson gave a financial report on his loan for Liquid Control Systems. No loans were due at this time, just annual reports were given. No action was taken.

Keith reported on his trip to visit

Jon Klemme Farms in New York and showed pictures that he had taken.

The minutes of the November 10, 2004 meeting were approved.

Motion was made and approved for the the treasury report.

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**Flu Shots Available at Hansford Hospital**

Flu activity has picked up in Hansford County, and has become widespread throughout Texas. Many in Hansford County may suffer unnecessarily by not taking advantage of the flu vaccine available at Hansford Hospital.

Hansford Hospital has vaccines available for those wanting it. Shots are available at the Hospital Nurses Station from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. as well as local clinics. It is not necessary to call for an appointment if you wish to receive your shot at the Nurses Station, but if you prefer to go to the clinic an appointment will be needed.

Medicare patients will receive the vaccine for free, but will need to bring their Medicare number. All others will be charged \$18.00. Medicaid patients will need to go to Clinic 1 to receive their shot.

For more information, or to make an appointment at Clinic 1, please call 659-2846.

**AGRICULTURAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**Wildlife Management Workshop**

Texas Cooperative Extension will host the "Texas Wildlife Experience-Toolbox For Success" workshop on Feb. 22 in conjunction with the Texas Farm, Ranch and Wildlife Management Expo.

The program will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Western Heritage Ranch House, next to the general offices of the Taylor County Expo.

"Wildlife continues to grow as an important source of income throughout our entire region," said Gary Bomar, Extension agent in Taylor County. "This program's purpose is to help producers recognize and optimize the growing list of activities and governmental options currently available to them. We've gathered some of the best in the business to present this information. This program will be a day well spent for anybody in the wildlife business, or for those contemplating entering the industry."

The program's scheduled topics are:

- "Reading the Land - The Key to Better Management,"
- "From Goals to Implementation - The Lowdown on Federal and State Programs,"
- "Wildlife Cooperatives and Associations,"
- "Legislative Issues and Updates,"
- "Developing Deer Genetics -

What it Really Takes,"

"Rio Grande Turkey Management,"

"Texas Quail Index," and

"Feral Hog Management - Making a Silk Purse From a Sow's Ear."

Presenters are: Steve Nelle, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, San Angelo; Chuck Kowaleski, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department farm bill coordinator, Temple; David K. Langford, Texas Wildlife Association, Comfot; Debbe and Johnny Hudman, Stasney-Cook Ranch, Albany; Kathy McGinty, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, Abilene; Mike McMurry, Texas Department of Agriculture, Giddings; Homer and Earline Hutto, Cedar Gap Farm, Tuscola; and Rob Hailey, Hailey Ranch, Abilene. Workshop sponsors are Extension, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Abilene Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Wildlife Association. Individual registration is \$35 per person if received by Feb. 15; after that date it is \$50 per person. The fee includes lunch, a "meet the speakers" social, dinner and notebook.

Further information is available from the Extension office in Taylor County at (325) 672-6048.

**North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Approves Rule Changes**

After over four years of working on a set of proposed rule changes for the North Plains Water District (NPWD), the Board of Directors of NPWD has approved a set of rules to guide the District into the future. At a public hearing on January 19, 2005, the Board voted five to two to approve the proposed rules.

The proposed rule changes had been under construction for approximately two years when the NPWD Board of Directors presented them to residents of the District for comment in 2003 and 2004. After a series of town hall meetings, which were held in Perryton, Dumas, and Dalhart, and after considerable rewording, a new set of Proposed Rules was presented at a public hearing in Dumas on May 25 of 2004. At that time, the Board of Directors again heard comment from the public, and those comments and suggestions convinced the Board of Directors to make further changes to the proposed rules before consideration for adoption. From May 25, 2004 through December 11, 2004, additional consideration and refining occurred. On January 19, 2005, a final set of proposed rules was presented for public comment.

The rule changes for the North Plains Water District include assigning allowable water production, requiring reporting of water production, requiring wells to be spaced away from property lines, changes in the permitting process, and requiring registration of all new domestic and livestock wells.

The January 19th Public Hearing was attended by approximately fifty five citizens, with seven people giving public comment. There were also three written comments on the proposed rules received by NPWD. After consideration of the comments given during the Public Hearing, the NPWD Board of Directors voted on accepting the proposed rules with some minor clerical corrections, and the rules were adopted by a five to two vote.

Directors voting were as follows: Danny Krienke, Ochiltree County - Yes, Gene Born, Lipscomb County - Yes, Phil Haaland, Hartley County - No, Tom Mellema, Dallam County - No, Bob Zimmer, Hansford & Hutchinson Counties - Yes, Wesley Spurlock, Sherman County - Yes, David Moore, Moore County - Yes.

President of the Board, David Moore, then announced that the vote had passed and the Rules were adopted.

Currently the Rules are in the process of clarification and will be available on the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District website at www.npwd.org as soon as possible. The rules will also be available in print form from the NPWD office at that time. Anyone having questions about the new rules and the changes in the rules may call the NPWD office at 806-935-6401.

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**City of Spearman approves Community Development Program**

The City of Spearman, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 30 SW Court, on October 19, 2004, with Mayor Steve Benton presiding. Aldermen present were Brian Gillispie, Jon Garnett and Ron Antalek. Aldermen Alfred Avila and Charles Elliott were absent. Staff present were: City Manager Ed Hansen, City Secretary Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, and Public Works Director, Danny Parker. Visitors present were Chris Sharp of PRPC and Dwayne Comp.

At 7:18 a.m. Mayor Steve Benton declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Alderman Gillispie gave the invocation and Mayor Benton led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Consideration of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held September 21, 2004
- Consideration of the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax and water/wastewater reports for September and the Natural Gas report for August.
- Consideration of the monthly bills payable for September and the current cash position.

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on September 21, 2004;

AND  
Approve the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax, and water/wastewater reports for September and the natural gas report for August;

AND  
Approve the bills payable for September in the amount of \$265,213.90 and the current cash position. Second by Garnett. Motion unanimously carried.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- Public Hearing concerning the 2004-2005 Texas Community Development Program Grant.

Mayor Benton declared the public hearing open at 7:20 a.m. Chris Sharp, Grant Administrator with PRPC, was present and reviewed the application with the City Council. The application is in the amount of \$250,000 for sewer line replacement and the City's match would be \$73,466. There being no public comment about the grant the Mayor declared the public hearing closing at 7:25 a.m.

- Consideration of Resolution #5-04, a resolution of the City of

Council of the City of Spearman, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Program application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Community Development Fund; and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development Program.

Motion was made by Garnett to approve Resolution #5-04. Second by Antalek. Motion unanimously carried.

**OTHER**

Dwayne Comp of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department was present and gave a report on the used fire truck the department wants to purchase and the cost will be shared with the County. No action was taken.

Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 a.m.

**City of Spearman approves SEDCorp funding request**

The City of Spearman, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 30 SW Court, on November 16, 2004, with Mayor pro-tem Charles Elliott presiding. Aldermen present were Brian Gillispie, Jon Garnett and Alfred Avila. Mayor Steve Benton and Alderman Ron Antalek were absent. Staff present were: City Manager Ed Hansen, City Secretary Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, and Public Works Director, Danny Parker. Visitors present were Bob Gray, VP of Community Affairs and Larry Watson, Area Manager of Valor Telecom; and Chamber Executive Director Keith Hight.

At 7:04 a.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Charles Elliott declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Consideration of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting

**Texas crop and weather report**

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Below-average temperatures and snow were reported. Cotton harvest is complete and ginning continues. Wheat was rated fair to good. Some greenbug and Russian wheat aphid colonies were reported. Rangeland conditions were rated fair. Cattle are in fair to good condition. Rain and snow created muddy conditions for stocker cattle. Supplemental feeding continued.

held October 19, 2004

- Consideration of the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax and water/wastewater reports for October and the Natural Gas report for September.
- Consideration of the monthly bills payable for October and the current cash position.

Motion was made by Garnett to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on October 19, 2004;

AND  
Approve the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax, and water/wastewater reports for October and the natural gas report for September;

AND  
Approve the bills payable for October in the amount of \$272,802.15 and the current cash position. Second by Gillispie. Motion unanimously carried.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

- Consideration of SEDCorp's approval of a funding request from Jon Klemme for a dairy.

SEDCorp President Brian Gillispie and Chamber Executive Director Keith Hight gave an update on the subject matter. After discussion was held, motion was made by Garnett to approve the funding request from Jon Klemme for a dairy in the amount of \$45,000 grant and a \$57,500 loan, with respective stipulations. Second by Avila. Motion unanimously carried.

- Consideration of Resolution #6-04, a resolution of the City Council for the City of Spearman, Texas, authorizing the submission of a FY2005 Regional Solid Waste Grant Program application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) and authorizing the City Manager to represent the City in all matters pertaining to this application.

City Manager Ed Hansen stated that the City was applying for a used oil filter crusher.

Motion was made by Gillispie. Second by Garnett. Motion unanimously carried.

- Consideration of appointments

to Economic Development Board and the Housing Board.

Alderman Gillispie stated that the appointment for SEDCorp did not resolve, however, he made a motion to appoint R.L. McClellan to the Housing Board. Second by Garnett. Motion unanimously carried.

**OTHER**

Bob Gray, VP of Community Affairs and Larry Watson, Area Manager of Valor Telecom were present to give an update of equipment and services offered in Spearman.

Mayor Pro-Tem Elliott declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 a.m.

**Hansford Hospital Auxiliary holds Christmas luncheon**

The Hansford County Hospital Auxiliary met December 2, 2004 in the home of Judy Nelson for their Christmas luncheon and business meeting. A delicious lunch was catered by Paula Clemmons. Following the meeting, the group met at Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor to decorate for Christmas.

The Auxiliary voted to purchase a table and chair to be placed by the door at the covered entrance to Hansford Manor with funds from the Jackie Graham and Edith Smith Memorials. Judy Nelson appointed Sandee Smith and Mary Kay Harbour to purchase the chair and table. The Auxiliary also voted to

purchase a large popcorn popper for Hansford Manor with funds from Operation Christmas Greeting Card.

Judy Nelson appointed a nominating committee of Margarette Evans, Mary Fern Terry and Betty Jean Davis.

Those present were: LoRee Booth, Sandee Smith, Mary Kay Harbour, Virginia Trindle, Nordeen Cochran, June Jackson, Teresa Kirk, Alva Garner, Mary Fern Terry, Verna Gail Keim, Rosa Lee Butt, Dortha Keys, Muriel Boyd, Norma Jean Mackie, Lorene Kunselman, Peggy Ellsworth, Judy Yarbrough, Carol Sell, Margarette Evans, Judy Nelson, Patty Sheppard and Verna Brown.

**Gladiola Flower Club hosts Thanksgiving social**

The Gladiola Flower Club met on November 11, 2004 for their annual Thanksgiving social with Eloise Renner and Estelle Jackson serving as hostesses.

The meal was opened with a blessing and the tables were decorated beautifully with a Thanksgiving theme. A delicious meal and desserts was enjoyed by all.

Those present were: Dickie Allen, Muriel and Granville Boyd, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean and Irvin Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann & Roy Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June and

Doyle Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Eloise Renner, Pam & Clay Schnell, Gwen Smith, Virginia & John Trindle, and Judy and Eugene Yarbrough.

After a wonderful meal, everyone had a good time playing crazy bridge.

**Gladiola Flower Club enjoys Christmas party**

The Gladiola Flower Club met on December 9, 2004 at the home of Virginia Trindle for their Christmas party. The tables were decorated with a festive theme.

A delicious meal and desserts were enjoyed by everyone. Gifts were exchanged and everyone shared what they received. President Margarette Evans gave every member a gift of a trinket box.

Margarette Evans opened the business meeting, and Virginia Trindle gave the treasurer's report. Discussion was held on the home tour.

Those present were: Dickie Allen, Muriel Boyd, Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, and Judy Yarbrough. Everyone had a great time.

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# Hansford Hospital District holds awards banquet



Joanne Schneider, Director of Hospital Nursing Services, presents the Hansford County Hospital District "Employee of the Year" award to Diana Cantu.

Hansford County Hospital District employees enjoyed their Annual Awards Banquet, sponsored by the H&M Employee Fund, January 29, 2005. The event was held at the O'Loughlin Center. H&M Employee Fund Board President, Rosa Ortiz, welcomed the approximate 215 in attendance. Merry Sparks offered the invocation, and Maria Vela led the group in singing *The Star Spangled Banner*.

After dinner, Suzie Lawrence, H&M Board Secretary, presented "Together We Make a Difference" pins to employees, Administration, and District Board members. Next, Merry Sparks, the Fund Board's Treasurer, presented a treasurer's report.

Lelia Bynum, RN, Manor Director of Nurses, presented pins to those who have successfully completed the certification class and testing during 2004: Erika Castorena, John Harper, Brandy Jones, Casey Jones, Rose Lopez, and Angelica Rocha.

Todd Ware was introduced as Manor Certified Nurse Aide of the Year by Anne Snow, Manor Administrator. This honor is determined by the Residents of Hansford Manor.

Next, District CEO Steve Hartgraves presented the following Years of Service pins:

- 20 Years: Carolyn Ring, Margy Schoenhals
- 15 Years: Linda Beeson, Jim Miller, Vicki Stewart
- 10 Years: Shirley Burton, Carmen Ortiz, Rosa Ortiz, Nohemi Rosales, Carol Sell, Rita Vasquez
- 5 Years: Deloris Guthrie, Yolanda Jones, Janee Russell, Jeanne Swan, Todd Ware

John Kunselman presented the Leader of the Year Award to Sharon Sutton. Kunselman

received the award for 2003. The Leader of the Year is chosen by his/her peers, with consideration given to the ability to lead others, meet challenges successfully, and provide overall support of Hansford County Hospital District. The Leader of the Year receives \$250 and a reserved parking space for one year. Only Department Managers who have been in their current position for at least one year are eligible.

Steve Hartgraves presented the following Employees of the Month:

- Stacie Ruga, February
- Diana Cantu, March
- Vicki Risner, April
- Frank Hopkins and Mona Sandoval, May
- Eva Espinosa, June
- Carmen L'Esperance, July
- Cindy Beck, August
- Rosa Villarreal, September
- Cecilia Randall, October
- Andy DeLaRosa, December

The Employee of the Year, Diana Cantu, was presented by Ginger Pittman, President of HCHD's Board of Directors, and Joann Schneider, Director of Hospital Nursing Services. The Employee of the Year is the recipient of \$300, three days off with pay, and a reserved parking place for one year. The Employee of the Year is nominated from the Employee of the Month honorees for the year, and is elected by the Department Managers.

The meal was catered by Dake's Restaurant of Borger. Security was provided by Dee Mayfield of the Gruver Police Department. Door prizes donated by local businesses were awarded throughout the evening. Kayla Coutts won the 27" TV, DVD, VCR combo, which was raffled off by the H&M Employee Fund Board. After the banquet, employees enjoyed dancing and Karaoke, DJ'd by Darin Clark of Perryton.

The H&M Employee Fund Board of Directors wish to thank everyone who donated to the event and helped make the banquet such a success. Board members are: Rosa Ortiz, President; Carmen L'Esperance, Vice President; Suzie Lawrence, Secretary; Merry Sparks, Treasurer; and Danita Sanders, Maria Vela, and Tanja Whitehead, Board Directors.



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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Feb. 6, 1788: Massachusetts ratifies the constitution and becomes the sixth state of the Union

Feb. 7, 1827: America's first ballet company has its debut at the Bowery Theater in New York.

Feb. 8, 1861: Elizabeth Cady Stanton pleads unsuccessfully at a special session of the New York State Senate to make willful desertion and cruelty grounds for divorce (this would not become New York law until 1966).

Feb. 9, 1861: Jefferson Davis, former U.S. secretary of war and senator from Mississippi, is elected provisional president of the Confederate States of America.

Feb. 10, 1863: Alanson Crane is awarded a patent for a fire extinguisher.

Feb. 11, 1789: William Short, Thomas Jefferson's secretary, friend, and confidante, writes to Jefferson from Italy that he has obtained a macaroni mold, as requested. Short's return with this implement marks the debut of pasta in the United States.

Feb. 12, 1793: Congress enacts the first fugitive slave law, making it a crime to hide or protect a runaway slave.

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