

It's A Girl!

Mika and Garrett Gumfory are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Marsha. She was born August 9, 2006 at 12:16 p.m. at the covenant Women's Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her big brothers, Sam and Gage. Proud grandparents are Carla and Mike Johnson of Morse and Ann and Verna Pipkin of Spearman. Great-grandparents include Mary Schumann, Doris Jean Pipkin and Peggy Archer, all of Spearman.

Thank You!

The Gruver Chapter of Alpha Mu Psi would like to thank Hansford County citizens for their continued support!

Donations in 2005-2006 include: City of Gruver, Gruver Girls' Softball League, Gruver ISD's AR Program, GHS' Current Course Scholarship Fund, Gruver Lion's Club Scholarship Fund, Pack 550 Boy Scouts, Gruver Volunteer Fire Department

Thank You!

The family of Clint Davis would like to take this time to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for all you did during our loss.

Whether you sent flowers, cards, made phone calls, or came by to visit, word's alone can't say how much this meant to us and it was greatly appreciated. That's the joy of living in small town Spearman, USA. During trying times like these, everyone comes through to help cope with your loss.

Sorry it has taken so long to say thanks to everyone, but once again, thank you for everything you did for our families.

Sincerely,

Randy Davis; Curley Davis; Gloria Goodson; Sharron & David Swan; Lance, Sally & Reid Swan; Landon & Cassie Swan; Twila, John Paillette & Families

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who called, visited and showed concern while I was in the hospital and later while I recovered at home. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. The doctors, nurses and therapists at the hospital are the very best.

Thank you,
Ruth Ann Jones

Thank You!

The family of Kay Hamilton would like to take this time to say thanks to everyone for so many acts of kindness shown to us during our loss.

Word's can't say how much we appreciated all the phone calls, cards, flowers and the wonderful food that was brought to us during this trying time.

We would like to say a special thanks to the ladies at the First Baptist Church for all your hard work, and for feeding us such a wonderful meal. You ladies did a great job!

Hansford County is a great place to live with such wonderful and loving people. Thanks so much for everything that was done for our families during these days.

Sincerely,

Georgia McLeod; Jim Hamilton Family; Rita, Pat Underwood & Family; Jeanie, Dave Hand & Family; Roxie McLeod & Family; Susie, Jack Holloway & Family; Jimmy, Carolyn McLeod & Family

Six Spokes

Six spokes set forth
Many years ago
In the wheel of life
They chose their road.

They endured steep hills
Low valleys and turns,
Together as one family
They surpassed much hurt.

Now one spoke is gone
Leaving just five.
The absence of one
The hurt, much more.

But the wheel will roll on
To face the next hill
The next valley, or turn
With the strength of will.

We will never forget
Our lost sister, for sure
She was the spoke that completed us
In our hearts, still pure.



Engagement Announcement

Randall and Kay Ann Edwards of Stephenville, Texas, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Jean Edwards to John Christopher Brock of Spearman. John is the son of Kim and Stephanie Brock of Spearman.

Courtney is a 2002 graduate of Stephenville High School. She earned a BS in math education from Abilene Christian University, and currently teaches 8th grade math at Mann Middle School in Abilene.

John is a 2002 graduate of Spearman High School. He will graduate in May with a degree in finance from Abilene Christian University. He is a full-time student and a member of the ACU Wildcat football team.

The couple plan to wed on Saturday, December 30, 2006 at the Graham Street Church of Christ in Stephenville.



Engagement Announcement

Mike and Carla Martin of Shamrock, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Martin, to Brad Newman. Newman is the son of Mike and Kathy Newman of Walker, MO.

The couple plan to wed on January 6, 2007, at the First Baptist Church in January.

The bride-elect graduated in 2003 from West Texas High School in Stinnett. She plans to graduate from Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, OK in December, with a bachelor of arts degree in secondary English education.

The prospective groom graduated in 2002 from Northeast Vernon County High School in Walker, MO. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from Oklahoma Baptist University in May 2006, and is employed at the Amarillo Globe-News in Amarillo.

Hansford County Tax Office closed for training

The Hansford County Tax Office will be closed on Friday, September 8th, until 2:30 p.m.

Employees at the Tax Office will be attending training in Amarillo for the new House Bill 4, which will go into effect October 1, 2006.

HB 4 requires the Department of Transportation to create a database and determine the "standard presumptive value" of a motor vehicle based on a national industry reporting service, such as Kelley Blue Book. A county assessor would then have to use the amount paid to assess the sales tax, if that amount is at least 80 percent of the value of the standard presumptive value. If the amount paid for the vehicle is less than 80 percent, the buyer could provide evidence of the paid value in order to get the sales rate for that value.

You are invited to attend a **Wedding Shower** honoring **Halee (Beasley) & Steve Scott** on **Saturday, September 9th** from **10:00-11:20 a.m.** in the home of **Karen Thompson** 1104 Linn Dr. Spearman

Blood Drive deemed success

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center held a blood drive in Spearman on Monday, August 28th. Forty units of blood were drawn from the 44 people who attended.

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center also held a blood drive in Gruver on Tuesday, August 29th. Twenty-four units of blood were drawn from the 28 people who attended there.

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center, and the patients of the High Plains Region, would like to thank the citizens of Hansford County for their support, and for giving the Gift of Life!

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Sarah Martin & Brad Newman - Oct. 14
Courtney Edwards & John Brock - Nov. 19
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Andie (Hager) & John Stafford
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Lori (Green) & Eric Vasquez
Marcy Cherry & Taos Weldon
Kassi Wilson & Steven Foster
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Baby Registry

Sara (Jones) & Jeremy Farmer - Nov. 19
Leonard & Ronda (Renner) Haynes
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Gruver Greyhounds

Head Coach: Terry Felderhoff, third season at Gruver 16-4; third season overall.

2005 Record: 9-1 overall, 4-1 in District 1-1A.

Returning Experience: Eight lettermen, three offensive and two defensive starters.

Players to Watch: Travis McDowell OL-DL; Diego Luciano, QB-DB; Charlie Slough, OL-DL; Drew Grotegut, TE-DB; Tucker Williams, WR-DB; Baldo Garcia, OL-DL; Justin Thompson, OL-DE.

Promising Newcomers: Seth Thompson, QB-DB; Tony Lora, RB-LB; Chandler Miner, RB-LB; Tanner Sherrill, OL-DE; Jake Wills, OL-DL; Miles Messer, RB-LB.

Basic Offense: Wishbone-Flexbone.

Basic Defense: 3-5-3.

Keys to Success: With inexperience on both sides of the ball, Gruver must have first-year starters produce to compete in what could be a wide-open district. The move from a 4-3 to a 3-5-3 defensive set will allow the Greyhounds to take advantage of a deep group of linebackers in an attempt to excel in a run-oriented district.

High School Enrollment: 134.

2005 JV Record: 5-4.

Playoff History: 1955, 1958, 1961 (regional), 1965, 1967, 1968 (regional), 1984 (quarterfinals), 1997 (quarterfinals), 1998 (regional).

Player	ROSTER			
	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
Travis McDowell	6-0	240	Sr.	OL-DL
Diego Luciano	6-0	135	Sr.	QB-DB
Charlie Slough	6-0	182	Sr.	OL-DL
Drew Grotegut	6-0	135	Sr.	TE-DB
Tucker Williams	5-8	135	Sr.	WR-DB
Baldo Garcia	5-9	171	Sr.	OL-DL
Justin Thompson	5-10	163	Jr.	OL-DE
Lorenzo Torres	5-8	167	Jr.	OL-LB
Seth Thompson	6-0	135	Jr.	QB-DB
Tony Lora	5-7	150	Jr.	RB-LB
Chandler Miner	5-7	150	Jr.	RB-LB
Tanner Sherrill	6-1	180	Jr.	OL-DE
Jake Wills	6-1	205	Jr.	OL-DL
Miles Messer	5-8	148	So.	RB-LB
Matt Salazar	6-0	180	So.	OL-LB
Jordan Hicks	5-11	232	So.	OL-DL
Saul Hernandez	6-1	178	So.	TE-DE
Jesse Bucknell	6-0	175	So.	TE-LB
Justin Vasquez	5-6	140	So.	RB-DB
Roberto Mendoza	5-7	160	So.	OL-DE
Gustavo Vega	5-7	145	So.	RB-LB
Jorge Soto	5-9	156	So.	OL-LB
Taylor Williams	5-6	110	So.	QB-DB
Rey Gaspar	6-0	130	So.	WR-DB
Carlos Lopez	5-8	175	So.	OL-DE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Texhoma	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Wheeler	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	Panhandle	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Clarendon	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	West Texas High	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Boys Ranch	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	White Deer	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Sunray	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Vega	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Booker	7:30 p.m.



Spearman Lynx

Head Coach: Ric Smith, 15th year at Spearman, 106-50; 15th season overall.

2005 Record: 7-4, including 4-2 in District 7-2A. Lost to Childress 50-14 in Division II bi-district.

Returning Experience: 12 lettermen, including nine offensive and nine defensive starters.

Players to Watch: Collin Gillaspie, QB-DB; Brynrr Garnett, WR-DB; Lance Huddleston, TE-DE; Roberto Flores, RB-DB; Aaron Maestas, RB-DB.

Promising Newcomers: Blayne Baker, TE-DE.

Basic Offense: Wing-T.

Basic Defense: Multiple.

Keys to Success: Find a middle linebacker to replace defensive captain Brock Town. Adjust to being one of the district favorites instead of an up-and-comer. Find consistency within the offensive line.

High School Enrollment: 221.

2005 JV Record: 8-2.

Playoff History: 1932, 1947 (regional champion), 1951 (regional champion), 1974 (finals), 1976, 1977, 1978, 1984, 1990, 1991 (regional), 1993, 1996 (regional), 1997 (area), 1998 (Division II quarterfinals), 1999 (Division II regional), 2000 (Division II area), 2001 (Division II regionals), 2004 (Division II); 2005 (Division II).

Player	ROSTER			
	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
Collin Gillaspie	6-4	190	Sr.	QB-DB
Roberto Flores	5-7	142	Sr.	RB-DB
Zack Nollner	6-1	160	Sr.	RB-LB
Aaron Maestas	5-10	172	Sr.	RB-DB
Stuart Martin	6-0	172	Sr.	WR-LB
Cesar Macias	5-8	188	Sr.	OL-DL
Bryan Thomas	6-2	190	Sr.	OL-DL
Luis Quezada	5-9	220	Sr.	OL-DL
Francisco Briseno	5-8	165	Sr.	OL-LB
Rhett Renner	5-10	228	Sr.	OL-DL
Keith Sumner	6-1	205	Sr.	OL-DL
Nic Avila	6-23	190	Sr.	OL-DE
Brynrr Garnett	6-1	160	Sr.	WR-DB
Lance Huddleston	6-5	195	Sr.	TE-DE
Victor Flores	5-7	145	Jr.	RB-LB
Austin Benton	5-10	160	Jr.	RB-LB
Jesse Moreno	6-0	170	Jr.	OL-DE
J.J. Rojas	5-7	185	Jr.	OL-DE
Juan Ibarra	5-10	225	Jr.	OL-DL
Blayne Baker	6-2	200	Jr.	TE-DE
Jeremy Frost	6-0	155	Jr.	WR-DB
Jordan Ashmore	6-2	150	So.	QB-DB
Kegan Garnett	5-9	150	So.	RB-LB

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Wheeler	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Boys Ranch	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Texhoma, Okla.	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Wellington	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Childress	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Stratford	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Canadian	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	at West Texas High	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Sanford-Fritch	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Panhandle	7:30 p.m.



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Gruver ISD Greyhound News



The Gruver High School Cross Country Team finished 1st in the Guymon Rattlesnake Run, this past Saturday. (back row, L-R) Gonzalo Vega, Jeronimo Trejo, Gabriel Mendoza, Kory Jackson, Mattie Yanke, Dalila Santillan, and Eva McCloy; (front row, L-R) Kailee Reed, Devlin Reynolds, Shaney Collier, Abbi Yanke, Megan Stedje, Katie Gibson, Lindsey Mireles, Emily Williams and Sorrele Blevins.

Cross Country
The Gruver High School Cross Country Team finished 1st in the Guymon Rattlesnake Run, this past Saturday.

In the Junior Varsity Boys Division: Gabriel- 1st, Jeronimo Trejo- 2nd, Gonzalo Vega- 3rd, Kory Jackson- 15th

In the Junior Varsity Girls Division: Megan Stedje- 1st, Kailee Reed- 3rd, Emily Williams- 4th, Devlin Reynolds- 6th

In the Varsity Girls Division: Katie Gibson-3rd, Dalila Santillan-4th, Mattie Yanke- 5th, Eva McCloy- 10th, Abbi Yanke- 13th, Shaney Collier- 17th, Sorrele Blevins- 19th

Tailgate Party
A football tailgate party will be held at Wheatbowl Stadium on Friday, September 1, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in Texhoma, prior to the Texhoma vs. Gruver football game.

Hamburgers will be \$2.50 and German sausage wraps (Jalapeno or regular) will be \$2.

This event is being sponsored by: Boehringer, Jerry Miller, Texhoma Livestock Auction, Garland Dahl, Walco International Inc., and Roger Powers. They would like to thank you in advance for the support of Texhoma Basketball.

GHS Improvements
The community is invited to stop by Gruver High School anytime to see the new improvements.

"It really does look great," said Mike King, GHS principal. "We are thankful to the Board and the community for making this happen."

Improvements include new ceilings and lights in the hallways, classrooms and offices, new wiring in Mrs. Irwin's computer lab, a neat and organized switch box for the computer lab and new server technology for the district.

ACT Practice Session
An ACT practice session for Juniors and Seniors will be held on Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m. in the high school with Mrs. Curry.

Meet the Hounds
The Gruver Booster Club would like to invite everyone to Meet the Hounds and have ice cream Thursday, Aug. 31st at 7 p.m. at the fieldhouse. Gruver Booster Club is also selling football t-shirts (short and long sleeve). Orders may be placed at this time.

The Three Bears Performance
Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade were treated to a perform-

ance of the childhood favorite "The Three Bears" Friday, at the elementary where their very own teachers were the actors. Peals of laughter could be heard up and down the hall as the teachers performed for the students.

This was a culmination of the bear unit the kindergartners just completed and a great way to teach many other concepts including etiquette during a live performance. It was a fun time for everyone!

Fourth Grade Science
In science last week, the fourth grade studied lab safety with their teacher, Mrs. Parker. They investigated chemical reactions, learned about the correct use of chemicals, and explored fire safety.

As an additional treat for fire safety, the class went to the Junior

High where Mr. Mayhew demonstrated using a blow torch and lycopodium powder. The demonstration made the need for safety very apparent to the students. This was an interesting study and a great week of learning thanks to our competent teachers.

Yard Dogs
Gruver Booster Club will be taking orders for Yard Dogs at "Meet The Hounds" on Aug. 31st.

The cost is \$10.00 for painted dogs, \$7.00 if parents come and help paint.

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Texas Monthly Oil & Gas Statistics

Texas production in June 2006 came from 136,326 oil and 73,149 gas wells.

July Permits to Drill

The Commission issued a total of 1,547 original drilling permits in July 2006 compared to 1,313 in July 2005. The July total included 1,347 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 38 to re-enter existing well bores, and 162 for re-completions. Permits issued in July 2006 included 280 oil, 437 gas, 783 oil and gas, 40 injection, zero service and 7 other permits.

June Crude Oil Production

Texas preliminary June 2006 crude oil production averaged 879,239 barrels daily, down from the 894,253 barrels daily average of June 2005.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for June 2006 is 26,560,960 barrels, a decrease from 26,845,369 barrels reported during June 2005.

July Oil & Gas Completions

In July 2006, operators reported 319 oil, 846 gas, 41 injection and one other completion compared to 208 oil, 433 gas, 10 injection and one other completion during July 2005.

Total well completions for 2006 year to date are 7,482 up from 5,841 recorded during the same period in 2005.

Operators reported 1,643 holes plugged and zero dry holes in July 2006 compared to 531 holes plugged and zero dry holes in July 2005.

June Natural Gas Production

Texas oil and gas wells produced 423,051,832 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for June 2006, down from the June 2005 preliminary gas production total of 428,538,346 Mcf.

July Texas Oil & Gas Drilling Permits & Completions by District

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA - Permits To Drill

Oil/Gas Holes: 70; Oil Completions: 14; Gas Completions: 10

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 81; Oil Completions: 4; Gas Completions: 45

RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 71; Oil Completions: 5; Gas Completions: 15

RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 140; Oil Completions: 7; Gas Completions: 159

RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 81; Oil Completions: 1; Gas Completions: 52

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 220; Oil Completions: 7; Gas Completions: 171

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 52; Oil Completions: 2; Gas Completions: 4

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 139; Oil Completions: 56; Gas Completions: 156

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 213; Oil Completions: 134; Gas Completions: 9

RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 92; Oil Completions: 44; Gas Completions: 1

RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 264; Oil Completions: 13; Gas Completions: 127

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE - Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 124; Oil Completions: 32; Gas Completions: 97

June Texas Top Ten Oil Producing Counties

(ranked by preliminary production)

County	Crude Oil (BBLs)
1. Gaines	2,140,256
2. Yoakum	2,052,719
3. Andrews	1,965,700
4. Hockley	1,597,648

5. Ector	1,426,819
6. Scurry	1,285,334
7. Pecos	942,351
8. Midland	802,844
9. Upton	775,459
10. Crane	755,798

June Texas Top Ten Gas Producing Counties

(ranked by preliminary production)

County	Total Gas (MCF)
1. Zapata	19,434,692
2. Panola	19,153,677
3. Freestone	18,970,897
4. Webb	16,005,327
5. Pecos	15,178,980
6. Hidalgo	13,456,232
7. Wise	13,095,976
8. Denton	11,342,665
9. Tarrant	11,036,937
10. Crockett	8,920,512

RRC Production Statics & Allowables for September 2006

The Texas average rig count as of Aug. 25 was 790, representing about 48 percent of all active land rigs in the United States. In the last 12 months, total Texas reported production was 316 million barrels of oil and 5.8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Texas natural gas production represents approximately 29 percent of total U.S. natural gas demand.

The Commission's estimated final production for June 2006 is 28,228,989 barrels of crude oil and 445,969,144 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The Commission derives final production numbers by multiplying the preliminary June 2006 production totals of 26,560,960 barrels of crude oil and 370,806,638 Mcf of gas well gas by a production adjustment factor of 1.0628 for crude oil and 1.2027 for gas well gas. (These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for July 2006 is 333,025,335 Mcf compared to 278,723,720 Mcf in July 2005. The August 2006 gas storage estimate is 316,688,256 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas

Division set initial September 2006 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 21,250,926 Mcf (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial September 2006 allowables, the Commission used historical production figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted after actual production for September 2006 is reported.

Spearman ISD recognized for overall safety & loss prevention

The Public Workers' Compensation Program, Spearman ISD's worker's compensation provider, recognized the District for their overall safety and loss prevention efforts, with its Safety Excellence Decade Award. This distinction was earned based on Spearman ISD's involvement and performance in the area of safety and injury prevention. The district has participated effectively and wholeheartedly in the area of safety training and education for employees, and in controlling injury claim occurrences and costs through their efforts.

This award recognizes Spearman ISD for obtaining significant savings for the district and their taxpayers as a result of their active participation in the loss prevention services offered by Edwards Risk Management, their partner in workers' compensation/loss prevention services. This award recognizes the outstanding performance of the District's employees in creating a safer workplace for themselves and their students.

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Spearman Varsity Lynx: (front row, left to right) J. J. Rojas, Cesar Macias, Francisco Bresino, Victor Flores, Marlon Robledo, Roberto Flores, Blaine Barton; (middle row, left to right) Kegan Garnett, Luis Quezada, Austin Benton, Aaron Maestas, Rhett Renner, Juan Ibarra, Jeremy Frost, Jessie Moreno; (back row, left to right) Manager Gus Lopez, Jordan Ashmore, Blayne Baker, Zack Nollner, Collin Gillaspie, Lance Huddleston, Keith Sumner, Brynr Garnett, Nic Ceniceros, Head Football Coach Ric Smith.

Spearman Lynx begin 2006 season

The Spearman Lynx will begin their 2006 football season on Friday, September 1st in Wheeler against the Wheeler Mustangs.

The Mustangs are moving to 11-man football this year, after playing six-man football for the past two years. The Mustangs also have a new coach this year, Coach Brandon Smith.

Although the move to 11-man football will be challenging, Wheeler is returning five starters on offense and all six on defense, including Cole Hathaway, who was the district's defensive MVP at linebacker, James Riveria was an all-state defensive end, and Steven McAlpine was all-state in the secondary.

The Spearman Lynx only lost four starters from last year's team that finished 7-4 for the season. The Lynx made the bi-district play-offs, losing to Childress, the eventual state semifinalist, 50-14.

"I think we're going to be OK," Spearman coach Ric Smith said. "We're pretty much a senior ball-club. Experience in high school football is the main thing. These guys put in their time and made some mistakes last year because they were young. Hopefully they've learned from their experience."

The Lynx will return nine starters on both sides of the ball. Quarterback Collin Gillaspie, tight end Lance Huddleston, running back Roberto Flores, and wide receiver Brynr Garnett return to lead the offense.

"We didn't have much choice but to play those guys as juniors," Smith said. "But they definitely played well and they deserved to be there. But there were also times when they let their youth show when they'd take part of a ballgame

off." Most of the Lynx's defense will also return, led by Huddleston, defensive end, who was probably Spearman's leading tackler last year.

"Huddleston has a really good nose for the football," Smith said. "He made a lot of tackles by chasing down plays from the opposite side. He's pretty quick for a big guy (6-foot-5, 195 pounds). He hustles and he plays hard."

Joining Huddleston on defense will be returning linebackers Stuart Martin and Zack Nollner, and Garnett, who doubles as a defensive back.

The Lynx will also experiment with returning to a five-man line to add size in the middle after playing a split six the last couple of seasons.

The secondary will be led by returning safety Aaron Maestas who was one of the team's top tack-

lers last season. All four in the secondary, Gillaspie, Flores, Garnett and Maestas come back.

"We are looking for our juniors and sophomores who are coming off the junior varsity to step up and help the returners get into the play-offs," Smith said. "District 1-AA will be a very tough district with Canadian (defending district champion), Fritch (last years quarterfinalist), and Stratford (2005 class A state champions) all returning solid teams. District will be almost like the play-offs each week. Any slip up could cost a team a trip to the play-offs."

"This has always been a good, tough district with a lot of people who take their football pretty seriously," Smith continued. "This district has historically been one of the toughest in the state and we just added the defending Class 1A state champion. Every district game is going to be like a playoff game."

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- If you think about drinking because you are bored, then you aren't really trying that hard to find something else to do.
- If you think about drinking to escape your problems, the problem will still be there and you might create other problems like saying or doing something you might regret.
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