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Spearman City Manager Resigns, Takes Henrietta Position

by Harletta Carthel

Spearman City Manager Robert Patrick has resigned to accept the position of City Administrator in Henrietta, Texas. He will assume his duties effective June 1.

Patrick will replace Joe Pence who is retiring after 16 years as city administrator in Henrietta, and 30 years of service in city administration.

"It was a hard decision to make," Patrick said. "Spearman has been wonderful for my family and me during our six-and-a-half years here."

Patrick, who became Spearman City Manager in October of 1997, has had a tenure of accomplishments.

"We have been fortunate to leverage our local funds with grant funding to construct or improve several projects including parks, the airport, utilities, and recycling facilities," Patrick said.

A most unforgettable day for Patrick was the January 8, 2002, coming down of Spearman's water tower, which had been erected in 1924.

"Who can forget that day - it was the spectator event of the year!" Patrick said.

Patrick praised the Spearman City Council and the two mayors with whom he has worked, Burl Buchanan and Steve Benton.

"They have supported me fully during my tenure, and I consider them friends as well as bosses."

He also classified the city staff as "top notch" and reflected his pride in the city's emergency service professionals.

"I am very proud of our ambulance, police, and fire departments, all of which have excellent reputations - not only locally, but also area wide," Patrick said.

Henrietta is a town of 3,500 located 18 miles southeast of Wichita Falls.

Patrick will receive an annual salary of \$60,200 with \$4,800 vehicle allowance.

Ramon Selected Outstanding Senior at OSU



Amber Ramon

Amber Ramon has been selected as an outstanding senior of the Oklahoma State University School of Journalism and Broadcasting.

Each year the OSU School of Journalism and Broadcasting (SJB) selects one outstanding senior in each of four major areas of study. These four areas are public relations, advertising, broadcast journalism and news editorial. This year the school broke tradition and selected two seniors in each field. According to Dr. Sheree Martin, a professor of the SJB, this year's senior class contained a high number of exceptional students and it was too difficult for the staff to select only one student in each category.

The recipients were honored at the annual SJB awards banquet on April 15, 2004 where Amber was named as co-recipient of the outstanding public relations senior of the class of 2004. There were approximately 125 SJB seniors eligible for

this year's awards.

Amber was also inducted into the honor society of Kappa Tau Alpha. KTA was established in 1910 and is one of the oldest members of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS). Membership is based solely on scholarship and character. Candidates for membership must rank in the upper ten percent of their class. KTA is the fourth honor society that has invited Amber for membership.

During her four years at OSU she has also been inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key. She has also been named to the OSU Presidents Honor Roll every semester of her college career. The OSU Presidents Honor Roll requires a 4.0 grade point.

Other accomplishments Amber was recognized for included scholarships earned while attending OSU. These included the Thomas Wayne and Nora Platt Simpson scholarship, the Shepherd Foundation scholarship, the Janice and J.I. Gibson Scholarship and the Oklahoma Press Association scholarship. She was also awarded a \$5,000 Lew Wentz undergraduate research grant during her senior year.

In 2003 she was accepted into the prestigious Kansas University Spanish study abroad program and spent last summer in Spain. The study abroad class she participated in is ranked in the top ten in the nation.

This fall Amber will be attending law school at Texas Tech University.

Pringle-Morse CISD Wins Protest

Superintendent Kent Hargis announced on Tuesday morning that Pringle-Morse CISD won the property value protest filed in April with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The Comptroller had assigned a \$188.61 value per acre on dry-land crops for 2003. After hearing the protest, the Comptroller accepted Hansford County Appraisal District's value of \$99.54 per acre on the property.

"I received a call from Attorney Woodrow Menn of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins and Mott at about 10 a.m. this morning," Mr. Hargis stated. "I was extremely pleased to hear the favorable outcome of all our efforts. The ruling will save the district an estimated \$80,000 in equalization payments to the state in 2005."

The District extends thanks to everyone who wrote letters to the Comptroller's office regarding the 2003 values.



Gruver Jr. High principal Matt Branstine and Gruver Elementary principal Diane Brown display a certificate received for being named a Title I Distinguished Performance School for 2004.

Hansford County Library Receives Tocker Grant

Hansford County Library has been advised that the Tocker Foundation will be funding a recent proposal submitted to provide additional materials and displays in the children's section of the library.

The Tocker Foundation has adopted a goal of promoting Texas public libraries in communities of 12,000 or less. Over 75 library projects were reviewed for the benefits to be provided to the community. All grant applications were reviewed by the grant review committee which is composed of librarians appointed by the Texas Library Association.

Sheri Benton, Library Director, received word recently that the grant application submitted in January had been approved. The total amount of the grant is \$8,871.00, which will be used to purchase children's videos, book and tape sets, audio books and the shelving units or displays to house these collections.

Hansford County Library received its first Tocker grant back in 1996, and has continued to apply, receiving grants totaling \$34,410.00 prior to this most recent grant amount. Benton noted that without the help of the Tocker Foundation, the library would not have a video collection, books for children and adults in Spanish, computer furniture, most of the existing young adult collection or some 500 titles that were added to the juvenile collection when the elementary and junior high schools began the Accelerated Reader programs several years ago.

At a recent Texas Library Association annual conference in San Antonio, Benton was asked to serve as one of the presenters at the workshop on how to write a successful Tocker grant application and implement the grant once funding had been received. Unlike many foundations, this one does its best to make the application process simple and easy to understand. The Tocker Foundation has been extremely generous to the Hansford County Library during the past eight years, and, hopefully, this association between foundation and library will continue far into the future.

Early Balloting Begins In City Council, School Board Elections

Early voting for the upcoming city council and school board elections will continue through Tuesday, May 11. School board voting will be conducted at the business office of each school, and city council voting will be conducted at City Hall.

The general election will be held on Saturday, May 15th.

Mayor Steve Benton and aldermen Charles Elliott and Don Reed are up for reelection this year. Mayor Benton has filed, as did Charles Elliott. Incumbent Don Reed did not file. Other candidates filing for Spearman City Council are Kathy Boyd, Roger Buchanan and Jon Garnett.

Those who will be vying for three seats on the Gruver Board of Trustees are Curt Fitzgearld, Jeff Graves, Pat Harris, Larry

Hicks, Paul Stavlo (I), Davin Winger (I) and Todd Williams. Incumbent Buddy Lowe did not file for the election.

Three seats are also being decided in the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees election. Those filing are Bob Boxwell (I), Stephanie Crossland (I), Tony Ferguson, Will Jarvis (I), Glen Ray Mackie and Trace Worley.

Two seats will be decided on the Pringle-Morse School Board. Filing were James Lieb and Carolyn Shields (I) and Bob Zimmer. Incumbent Betty Womble did not file.

Chad Logsdon refiled for his position on the Gruver City Council. Since no one else filed, an election will not be held.

School board seats are for three-year's duration, while city council terms are for two-years.

Fitzgearld Advances To State Meet

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver sophomore Laci Fitzgearld slammed her way to the state tennis tournament in Austin on May 10 and 11, by taking second place in girls singles at the regional meet.

Fitzgearld defeated Monica Lance of Sudan 6-1, 6-1, Klaudia Rodriguez of Sterling City 6-2, 6-1, before falling to tournament winner Courtney

Parsley of Vega.

The Gruver boys doubles team of Cass Cooper and Carlos Borunda fell in the first round to eventual second-place winners Kade Gaston and Dagan Providence of Sudan 6-1, 6-0.

Tennis coach Mike King will be accompanying Fitzgearld to the state meet.



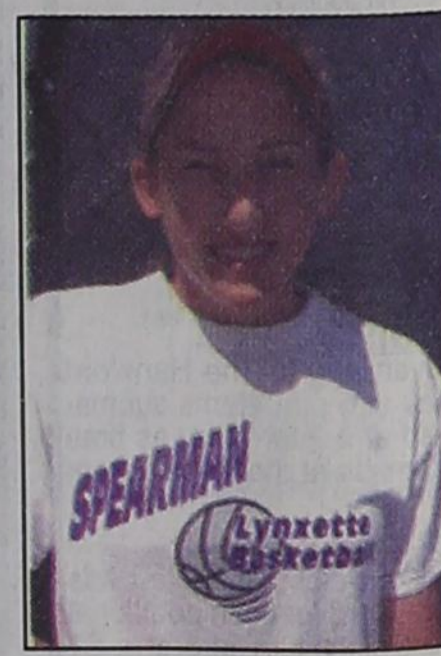
Blythe Finley (left) and Lindsey Clift (right) will compete in the State Track Meet due to their placing in the regional track meet. Blythe will compete in the pole vault and Lindsey will compete in the high jump and the triple jump. See related story on Page 8.



SHS freshman Collin Gillaspie will travel to the State Track Meet in Austin to compete in the high jump due to his second place finish in the high jump at the regional competition. See related story on page 8.



SHS sophomore Melissa Lesly earned the right to compete in the State Track Meet in Austin with her first place finish in the 400 M Run. See related story on page 8.



SHS Singles Tennis player Lindsey Short is headed for Austin to compete in the state tennis tourney May 10 and 11. The freshman was the champion in the regional tennis tournament last week in Abilene. See related story on page 8.

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Gruver Schools Honored



Gruver Jr. High principal Matt Branstine and Gruver Elementary principal Diane Brown display a certificate received for being named a Title I Distinguished Performance School for 2004.

Gruver Jr. High and Gruver Elementary were named Title I Distinguished Performance Schools for 2004. A total of 262 schools in Texas received the award, sixteen of which were middle schools or junior highs, and a handful of which were high schools.

Schools qualifying for this award must have been school-wide Title I since 2001 (requires 40% or more students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunch); 95% of enrolled students must have taken the TAKS or SDAA in the spring of 2003; schools must meet the Adequate Yearly Progress according to the USDE; have equal to or greater than the state average rate of commended performance on reading and math TAKS in spring of 2003; and be rated exemplary or recognized for the spring of 2002 and exemplary for spring of 2003.

Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith
cathysmith@antden.com

My friend Sheri Benton sent me the following story entitled "The Next Survivor Series." I would like to dedicate it to all the women in honor of Mother's Day.

The Next Survivor Series

Six married men will be dropped on an island with 1 car and 3 kids each, for 6 weeks.

Each kid plays two sports and either takes music or dance classes.

There is no access to fast food.

Each man must take care of his kids, keep his assigned house clean, correct all homework, complete science projects, cook, do laundry, etc.

The men only have access to television when the kids are asleep and all chores are done. There is only one TV between them and there is NO REMOTE.

The men must shave their legs, wear makeup daily, which they must apply themselves, either while driving or while making four lunches.

They must attend weekly PTA meetings; clean up after their sick children at 3:00 a.m.; make an Indian hut model with six toothpicks, a tortilla and one marker; and get a 4-year-old to eat a serving of broccoli. The kids vote them off the island, based on performance.

The last man wins only if.. he has enough energy to be intimate with his spouse at a moment's notice.

If the last man does win, he can play the game over and over again for the next 18-25 years ... eventually earning the right to be called "Mother."

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 :)

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the community. My name is Jennifer Laxson and I am the new account manager at KRDF 98.3 FM. I'm a 1999 graduate of Spearman High School and I will graduate from West Texas A&M University in August.
My mother is Paulette Laxson, who works at First National Bank of Spearman. My future husband is Aaron Langston of Canyon.
I am extremely excited to come back home and work with such a great community like Spearman. I have quite a full plate in front of me for the next few weeks, but I hope I can make time to meet a lot of you and talk with you about your views of KRDF.
I want to extend an invitation for anyone to stop by or call the station and talk about any compliments or concerns towards the station.
One goal I have here at KRDF is to not only get the station supporting the community, but the community supporting the station.
Thank you to all that have already greeted me with kindness and smiles. Again, thank you, and I hope to be working with and/or seeing many of you soon.

Jennifer Laxson,
Account Manager KRDF 98.3 FM

Wilmeth Artwork Exhibited

submitted by Texas State Representative Warren Chisum, District 88

Will Governor Perry's proposed school finance plan help the schools in the Panhandle? "Best case scenario? The governor's teacher incentive plan might bring a rural school district \$300 a year." That's the perspective of Gerry Nickell, superintendent of Samnorwood ISD. Solidly grounded in reality, Gerry points out one of the problems with the governor's funding plan is that no teacher can be expected to have 100% of students score at 90% or above.
Does that mean the teacher didn't excel? No! In some cases a teacher may have brought a child from 25% to 87% - quite an accomplishment, but not worthy of incentive awards under this plan.

Other school people remember the ill-planned teacher career ladder from a few years ago. It sounded great when it was passed in the legislature, but in reality the competitive plan led to animosity among teachers vying for the dollars available.

"Teacher incentive pay would do the same thing," several teachers told me. "It pits teacher against teacher and the losers are the students."

However, incentive pay is just one of the problems in Governor Perry's recently released plan for public school finance. An even bigger problem for most taxpayers is his plan to split business tax from residential tax - a plan that will cause devastation in rural Texas. What will a rural school district do when it loses all business property tax? Who defines what constitutes a business? The way I'm looking at it now is that if it's not a residence, it must be a business. We'll see if the definitions change along the way.

The special session on public school finance has begun, and these are just two of the many concerns I've heard from my constituents. Over the next few weeks we'll look at other plans and suggestions and report on what the solutions are. Let me hear your opinion of the plans as they are presented. Maybe together, we can figure some of this out.

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In the event that numerous letters are received concerning the same subject, letters can be limited to one pro and one con letter per publication. Eligible letters will be published in the order in which they were received.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Reyna Ruiz Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established for Reyna Ruiz through the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Donations may be mailed to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ruiz Scholarship Fund, PO Box 127, Spearman, TX 79081. Reyna is the daughter of Elva Ruiz and the late Gerardo Ruiz of Spearman.

Medical Fund Established for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez

A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez. Melissa has been fighting cancer for several years and is continuing treatment. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, Melissa Vasquez Fund, 1 NE Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Senior Class of 2004 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises on Friday, May 28th. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2004" memory, making this project "special," please call Nikki Lozano at 659-2568 or 659-3964; or Charlotte Sheets at 659-2971. Thank you, in advance, for your support!

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant

The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce will host "An Enchanted Evening" Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant on June 8, 2004 at 7 p.m. Age divisions are: Little Miss (4-6), Jr. Miss (7-9), Preteen (10-12), Teen (13-16) and Miss Hansford (17-21). Entry forms are available at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Office, Lady Fair, Kid's Stuff, Dreamer's and at Main Street in Gruver. The deadline for entries is May 7, 2004. For more information, contact Jodie Hight at 659-3720.

Gruver Flea Market

A flea market is slated for Saturday, May 22, in Gruver City Park, according to Lisa Salmans, Gruver Chamber of Commerce Director. Food booths, garage sale items, antiques, crafts, and fun booths such as face painting are some of the ideas Gruver Chamber members hope to incorporate in the event. Booths at the flea market will be \$10 for an 8' by 10' space. Interested individuals or groups may reserve a space by contacting Salmans, 733-2861, after 5 p.m. or director Holly McLain, 733-5040 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on weekdays or 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Memorial Day Wreaths

Orders are now being taken for Memorial Day Wreaths to be made by the Golden Spread Senior Citizens. Please place your orders as soon as possible as supplies are limited and time is of the essence. For more information, contact Kathy Bryant at 659-3030, or stop by the Sr. Citizens Center at 502 South Brandt in Spearman.

Walk Across Texas!

You know you should get regular exercise but you need some motivation? Call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901, to find out how you can Walk Across Texas. Walking, running, biking, aerobics, swimming, all count in the total mileage. You may participate as an individual or as a team made up of 8 people who keep track of the amount they walk for eight weeks. Immediate benefits include increased energy levels and feeling less stressed. Walk Across Texas starts May 10th and goes through July 12th. If you would like to participate, call today!

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet at the Waka Christian Center on Saturday, May 8th with covered dish at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m., and sponsors training will follow. A nursery is provided in the trailer house at the back of the complex.

Hansford Hospice Meets

Hansford Hospice will meet on Monday, May 10th at 7 p.m. at the El Vaquero restaurant in Gruver. The program will be presented by Sue Hudson of Stratford on "Dignified Dressing."

Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles

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

Lunch & Learn - "Herbs for your Garden"

Even if you don't have a square foot of garden soil, you can grow herbs. "Herbs for your Garden" will be the topic for Lunch and Learn, Thursday, May 13, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Linda Washington, Master Gardener from Happy, will present basics for growing herbs, drying techniques, and the culinary aspect of making your own delicious oils and vinegars. Donations will be accepted for the salad luncheon and program sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service and Extension Education clubs. Door prize drawings! Please call Peggy Winegarner at 659-4131 for more information.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) now has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Beware of FAFSA Web Scam

Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.

Texas Aggie Football Coach To Speak in Amarillo

Texas A&M football coach Chris Thurmond will speak to Aggie football fans on Monday, May 10th at 7 p.m. at the Big Texan's Cowboy Palace in Amarillo. Coach Thurmond is the cornerbacks coach under Aggie Head Coach Dennis Franchione and recruits the west Texas area. Coach Thurmond came to Texas A&M from Alabama with Coach Franchione in 2003. All Aggie fans are invited to attend. Coach Thurmond will answer questions and visit with those attending after his presentation. A buffet dinner will be served and a cash bar will be available. Please RSVP on or before May 5th at (806) 878-2240, or by e-mail to jmjarvis@am.net.

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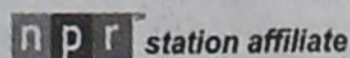
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Our Deepest Sympathy

ERNEST WAYNE WEST

SPEARMAN - Ernest Wayne West, 61, died on Tuesday, May 4, 2004.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2004 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Interment will be in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Ernest was born on April 23, 1943 in Burkburnett, TX. He had lived in the area for 35 years, moving from Odessa, TX. He married Eulalia Torres on January 17, 1962 in Topeka, KS.

He was an inspector for pipeline construction. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, E.V. West and a sister, Sandra Morgan.

Survivors include his wife, Lila West of Spearman; a son, David W. West of Amarillo; his mother, Marie West of Wichita Falls; a sister, Betty Osletto of Wichita Falls; a brother, Jack West of Chandler; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, PO Box 127, Spearman, TX 79081.

SUE TINDELL

SPEARMAN - Sue Tindell, 56, died on Wednesday, May 5, 2004.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2004 at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Frank Sutherland and Rev. Ralph Mireles officiating. Interment will be at Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Sue was born on June 28, 1947 in Spearman. She had lived in Spearman her entire life. She married Lawrence Tindell on December 22, 1962 in Spearman.

She was employed in the Junior High/Elementary Cafeteria for 27 years, retiring as manager in 2000. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her father, Cecil Fryear.

Survivors include her husband, Lawrence Tindell of Spearman; a son, Stephen Tindell of Amarillo; a daughter, Teresa Dodson of McKinney; her mother, Naomi Fryrear of Spearman; a brother, Cecil Fryrear, Jr. of Sanford; a sister, Donna Giddens of Mangum, OK; and a granddaughter, Kristan Dodson of Tallahassee, FL.

The family requests memorials to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081, or a favorite charity.

EARL EDWARD NOVAK

SPEARMAN - Earl Ed Novak, 69, died on Thursday, May 6, 2004.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, 2004 at the First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Interment will be at Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

North Plains Electric Offering Free Trip to Washington, DC

The Board of Directors of North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. has authorized the sponsorship of a speech contest among students attending school in the Cooperative's service area. Winners of the Government-in-Action Youth Tour contest, one boy and one girl, will be awarded an exciting 9-day, all expense paid trip to Washington, DC, June 10-18, 2004.

This contest is open to any boy or girl, age 15-19, who attends school (public, private, or home taught) in the North Plains Electric Cooperative service area. Schools considered to be in NPEC's service area include Booker, Canadian, Darruzzett, Follett, Gruver, Higgins, Perryton and Spearman. Each public school will have a preliminary contest and will send two contestants (one boy and one girl) to the final contest. All students from the entire service area who attend non-public schools (private or home taught) will compete in one preliminary contest against each other and will be represented by two contestants (one boy and one girl) in the final contest.

Each contestant will be required to give a five-to-eight minute speech on the subject, "North Plains Electric Cooperative - 60 Years of _____" (The blank can be filled in with any of the following words: Service, Growth, Cooperation, Development, Progress, Power, Success; or contestant can use a word of their choice.)

After each presentation, a panel of judges will ask the contestant three questions about North Plains Electric or rural electric cooperatives in general. Reference and study material will be furnished for each contestant.

The final contest will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2004 in the "Willie Room" of North Plains Electric in Perryton.

The winners of North Plains Electric's speech contest will travel to Irving, TX on June 10th. There, they will join other young people from Texas who have won similar contests for the trip to Washington, DC. While in Washington, they will meet other youth from all over the United States and visit many scenic and historical places, including the White House, U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian Institution, Library of Congress, Arlington National Cemetery and Mount Vernon, just to mention a few. Tour participants will also meet with and view their congressmen and senators in action.

Students interested in more information about the contest or the Youth Tour should call Paula Lehw or Bill Carson at North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., 1-800-272-5482 or (806) 435-5482.

Wilmeth Artwork Exhibited

Albuquerque artist Ernest Wilmeth II has been selected for inclusion in a show entitled "From the Ground Up" at the Fine Arts Museum in Las Cruces, NM. The show is a juried show open for ceramic artists from Arizona, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico and northern Mexico.

The exhibit will run May 1-29 at the museum gallery. Additionally, Wilmeth competed in a nationally juried exhibit with his piece "Japanese Tea Garden," a 48-by 36-inch collage on canvas. The show, juried by David Leach of Dayton, OH, was held in February at Columbia College in Columbia, MO. The exhibit, entitled "Paper In Particular" showcased 96 works from 29 states. Each artist was allowed three entries and over 300 applicants entered.

Wilmeth received his BFA from Northern Arizona University in 1976 and has lived and worked in New Mexico since 1980.

Wilmeth, a native of Hansford County, regularly exhibits his ceramics and collages in Albuquerque, NM and in Southern California. His works can be viewed online at www.ernestwilmeth.com.

Thank You

Mere words cannot express the heartfelt gratitude we feel in our heart for the outpouring of love toward Melissa and her entire family. We want to thank everyone for the meals, cards, donations, kind words, and prayers.

We are truly blessed to live in such a generous and loving community. Everyday is a new day of hope, and we just wanted to take this opportunity to say Thank You and God Bless You.

Melissa, Willie, and family; Jody and Reg Robertson; Tammy and Chris White and Christa the rest of Melissa's family, too numerous to mention

Thank You

The family of John Mark Parker would like to thank the ladies of the First Christian Church for serving dinner Sunday and for all who brought food to our home.

We would like to thank the Petal Patch of Gruver for the flowers and for delivering them. We thank everyone for their prayers and concern.

The family of John Mark Parker

Happy Birthday!

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

May 6

Birthday - Mike O'Connell, Robin Hargis, Cecil Fryer Jr., Andrea Archer, Raymond Jenkins, Audrey Regen, Joan Dahl, Sybil Vera, Dr. Darrell Duke, Angie McCarney, Tim Smith, Tyler Schnell

May 7

Birthday - Allan Beasley, Bette Burk, Chris Deakin, Ashley Gammon, Helen Holt, Adelaida Vela, Stephanie Bayless, Scott McCloy, Carley Coomer, Becky Reagan

Anniversary - Ramon & Trish Rosales

May 8

Birthday - Cody MacBeen, Kris Horton, Allan McCloy, Mike Pierce, Richard Pipkin, Pat Cudd, Carla Barkley, Phil Tripp, Monica Cantu, Denise Bridges, Clydeen Ramsey

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don Hudson, Curtis & Bonnie Gross

May 9

Birthday - Teresa Barkley, James Burk, A.J. Lopez, Bobby Thompson, Jerry Virden, Tommy Gamblin, Chuck Sparkman, L.T. Wright, Dusty Ellis, Alicia Francis, Ruby McLain, Toni Davis, Liz Cazares, Julie May, Nikkie Stork

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Dale Hodge

May 10

Birthday - Sandi Foster, Hayley Garland, Paula Williams, Butch Lasater, Teresa Kirk, Alva Garner, Brenda Shieldknight, Kevin Bellows, Bobbie Novak, Deborah Randell, Paul Garza Jr., Robert Howell, Adrian Garza, Tashiana Schumann, Troy Seagler, Tammy Mitchell

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Harley Murrell, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gibson

May 11

Birthday - Pake Eckhardt, Jeff Hand, Diane McLain, Maria Arjona, Scotty Evans, Francis Ortega, Mary Ellen Vitele, Jimmy Blain Jr., Jeremy Austin, Larue Whitefield, Jared George, Wylee Maupin, Darla Myatt

May 12

Birthday - Kristin Evans, John Holland, Trevor Ferguson, Deanna Johnson, Dave Karlin, Jimmy Greene, Hazel Scott, Gary Gumfory, Ernesto Puentes, Karen Hamilton, Toni Atwood, Bonnie Benson, Anita Spivey, Lauren Carter, Karen Hodge, Kenneth Redwine

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Davis

May 13

Birthday - Kerry Foster, Billy Horton, Cora Meyer, Terry Butt, Roy Stinson, Henry Babitzke, Tom Fanning, Sarah Moore

May 14

Birthday - Nancy Barkley, Debbie Deeds, Gerald TeBeest, Vickie Kay Hand, Patsy Barrera, Fran Quinby, Janice Gerrad, Luis Garcia, Sharon Seagler, Eric Titus, Jim Bartimus, Chris Johnson, Buck Tidwell, David Terry, Brandy Shelton, Sue Gerardy, Kevin Harris

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Felipe Lomeli

May 15

Birthday - Barbara Cluck, Monte Cluck, Brooke Holt Ruhlin, Jamie Maize, Tommy Russell, Charles Eaton, Wayne Cook, Francisco Borunda Jr., Tommie Mitchell, Luis Moreno, Trent Seagler, Ortha Fay Watkins, Treva Horton, Sadie Goodall, Billie Nobles, Janeen Baumgardner, Jean Armes, Bryan Dudley, Jennifer Traylor, Lance Smith

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don Kjos

May 16

Birthday - Charles Evans, Louise Hedding, Mary King, Justin Miller, Ashleigh Sherrill, Gayle Smith, Kurt Spoonmore, Linda Latta, Cinda Wolf, Shelly Whitefield, Mary Trent, John Sprig, Michael Gruver, Linda Lujan, Rhonda Christian, Landry Fletcher, April Payne

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. L.F. Hand

May 17

Birthday - Bart Thoreson, Karen Burke, Billy Close, Lorene McGuire, Earla Spencer, Matt Lair, Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Scott Boyd, Angela Pipkin, Lloyd Laxton, Marcy Villalobos, J.P. TeBeest, Cleavene Elliott, Edith Volden

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Randy Reid, Mr. & Mrs. Justin Gifford, Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Wright

May 18

Birthday - Dan Carthel, Colt Cluck, Phyllis Haefner, Amy Lewis, Darrell Messer, Clint Swink, Jerry Swink, Sally Desimone, Paula Fryrear, Alma Ricketts, Byron Kenney, Joy Gafford, Ernestine Gray, Luis Moreno Jr., Kimberly Rhea, Ann Atchison, Amy Sparks, Ivan Allen, Thea Beck, Danny Henson, Kenny Virden, Travis Hodge, Justine Rosales

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Engagement Announcement

Michael and Rita Holbrook of Hurst, TX wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Holbrook, to Quentin Shieldknight. Quentin is the son of Fred and Brenda Shieldknight of Spearman.

Kristin is the granddaughter of Lavera Vest of Celina, TX and Marian Holbrook of McKinney, TX. Quentin is the grandson of Lois Shieldknight and the late Jimmy Shieldknight of Spearman and Ben and Florence Wheeler of Greenville, NM.

The couple plan a July 24, 2004 wedding at the Heard-Craig Garden in McKinney, TX. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Heard-Craig Auditorium.

Kristin is a 1999 graduate of Richland High School, and a December 2003 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Nutritional Sciences. She is currently employed as a teacher.

Quentin is a 1999 graduate of Spearman High School, and a December 2003 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Agronomy. He is employed as an Agronomist.

The couple will make their home in Spearman.



Wedding Announcement

Krystal McDonald and Clay Scribner were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the First Christian Church of Spearman. Judge Benny Wilson officiated the ceremony.

Krystal is the daughter of Ann and Larry Parrish of Dumas. Clay is the son of Cindy and Jerald Ray Scribner of Spearman.

Serving as flower girl and maid of honor was Sydney McDonald, daughter of the bride.

Serving as ring bearer and best man was Alex McDonald, son of the bride.

Krystal is a 1992 graduate of Dumas High School and a 2002 graduate of Frank Phillips College's School of Cosmetology. She is employed with Hansford County.

Clay is a 1994 graduate of Spearman High School and attended Panhandle State University. He is employed at Speartex Grain in Spearman.



Wedding Announcement

April Vincent, daughter of Jack and Wendolyn Vincent of Stratford, TX and Ronald Schmehr, son of Don and Faye Schmehr of Spearman, TX exchanged their vows of marriage on April 15, 2004 in the outdoor gazebo of the Wedding Bells Chapel in Las Vegas, NV

April is employed by PIA Insurance Agency, Inc. and Ron is employed at the Velero Refinery northeast of Dumas, TX. They reside in Amarillo.

Happy Mother's Day

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- Leslie Biesheuvel & Eric Varnon - May 22
- Kristin Holbrook & Quentin Shieldknight - May 22
- Cynthia Moseley & Alfonso Martinez - May 29
- Krystal (McDonald) & Clay Scribner
- Christina Alvarado & Aaron Huffaker
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- Cynthia Moseley & Alfonso Martinez
- Jennifer Laxson & Aaron Langston
- Krystal (McDonald) & Clay Scribner
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

City Seeks Police Officer
The City of Gruver is currently seeking a police officer to replace officer Terry Webster who recently took a similar position at Borger.

Community Care Concerns
Barbara Cluck underwent knee surgery Monday in the Panhandle Surgical Hospital in Amarillo.

Colton King, a 2002 GHS graduate, was injured last week in Rapid City, South Dakota. Lisa and Ronnie King flew to be by his bedside. Reports early

Monday morning indicated Colton was not as seriously injured as first believed and could be released this week from the hospital.

Jean Holland is recuperating from recent back surgery

Welcome Mat
Gruver cordially welcomes the Ryan Mathews family. Ryan, Rebecca, Coley, a second-grader, and Cagen, 17 months old, live 18 miles southwest of Gruver.

Ryan, the son of Betty and Royce Mathews and a 1992

graduate of Gruver High, is employed by Benny Wilson Electric. The family has moved from Shallow Water.

Osbourne Admitted to Graduate School
Laci Osbourne, a 2004 graduate of West Texas A&M University, has been admitted to the graduate school of that university and will have an English teaching assignment at the school during her course of study.

Osbourne, who will graduate with a degree in Secondary English Education this month, will obtain her Masters Degree in English.

Brazile Competes in Guymon Rodeo
I crossed paths Friday with former resident Glenda Brazile in Amarillo.

While she was spending the day with her mother, her plans were to attend the Guymon Rodeo where her son Trevor was competing.

She was quite pleased to learn that her son's rodeo successes were closely followed by many in Gruver.

Glenda Brazile now resides in Decatur, Texas.

Harpers Announce Arrival Of Son

Dr. Lee Bob and Jennifer Harper proudly announce the arrival of their son Robert Leon. The little lad was born

Saturday, April 24, 2004, in Amarillo. He weighed 5 pounds and 14 and 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His grandparents are Mike and Lee Wilhelm of Gruver, Tony Harper of Amarillo, and Beryl and Clyde Waddell of Lubbock.

Great grandparents are Charlene Wulfekamp of Lubbock and Clyde Sr. and Nellie Waddell of Warren, Ohio.

Dairy Queen To Aid Fund For Finley

The Gruver Dairy Queen will donate 50 cents from each combo meal sold on Saturday, May 22, to pole vault in Australia this summer.

FFA Takes Honors At District Meet

Several Gruver FFA students took honors at the April 26 district FFA meeting in Pampa.

Vicki Vela placed second in Junior Prepared Speaking while Timber Barkley also placed second in Senior Prepared Speaking.

Both young ladies will compete at the Area I Convention May 14, at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

T Jay Sherrill placed third in Extemporaneous Speaking. Sherrill also gave an inspirational speech at the district meet. He will present the speech again at the area convention in a bid for a state FFA office.

Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Christian Church for bringing Church to the Manor on the 25th of April. We do appreciate you.

The week started off with a busy Monday. I found out through the Newscurrents program that John Wayne's real name was Marion Michael Morrison and that Lithuania was once one of the most powerful countries in Europe and is one of the seven new members of NATO. I also found out that Barcelona, Spain has voted to make their city an "anti-bull-fighting" city. Imagine that!

After lunch on Monday afternoon we held our 254th Resident Council Meeting. We had very good participation from the residents. They took care of a great deal of business and then we watched a short video.

Johnnie Lee was elected to be the Resident of the Month and Cindy Beck was elected as the CNA of the month for May. A new wish was drawn out of the Make a Wish folder since the prior wish has now been fulfilled.

This next wish is a doozy. It may take some creative planning as the one drawn was a wish to go to Wyoming to see a grandson. We will work on it and see what we can work out. That night the Hospice Volunteers hosted bingo for the residents. We all say a great big thank you to the Hospice Volunteers--you are special!

Tuesday morning was heralded with Musercise. We all enjoyed that!

Then after lunch we had a guest musician from Las Cruces, New Mexico to perform. He himself is well up in his 70's and makes a tour through this part of the world about twice a year. He puts on a

very entertaining program with his keyboard, stories, and jokes. He is definitely a one man show. The residents enjoyed that very much.

Wednesday morning Janie Kunselman led a Bible study group using books that had been donated to the Manor by the First State Bank several years ago. They are titled Golden Treasury of Life and contain several very good bible stories.

That afternoon the activity room was filled with residents working on the corsages for the upcoming Mother's Day Tea.

Thursday morning we had exercise during the commercials while we watched The Price is Right. We watched that with much interest since a former Spearman resident was on the show. She won the Showcase estimated at over \$23,000.00.

That afternoon the auxiliary was on hand to host bingo. Thank you to the auxiliary for your faithfulness in this most worthy service. Thursday evening the meal was catered by the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Yum Yum--Thank you very much!

Friday morning was split up with staff at an in-service and kickball going on in the living room. It worked though and we had a great game of kickball.

That afternoon the auxiliary members were back with a multitude of pies of all sorts for the birthday party.

Afterwards, the talented Verna Strawn brought one of her music classes to preview their piano recital for the residents. The students that played were Bradley Duvall, Tristian Hughes, Cassie Bowers, Keyley Rice, Halee Neese, Brittini Rice and Sharon Haney. They did a very good job of entertaining.



Anna Sowder and Audrey Lieb recently competed in the casual daywear construction category at the District 4-H Fashion Show.



Jessica Montgomery was selected District FFA President for the 2004-2005 school year at the April 26th district meeting held in Pampa. She will succeed Colby Red, also of Gruver, who served as president for the 2003-2004 school year.

4-H Fashion Show Winners

One hundred thirty-three youth gathered in Borger on Saturday, April 24th to compete in the District 4-H fashion show. Youth completed a clothing project in either the buying, sewing construction or fashion design divisions.

The objectives of the 4-H fashion project are for youth to learn construction techniques, comparison shopping and clothing selection skills, fibers, clothing care, interpretation and understanding of style and modeling and presentation skills.

In the junior age division (9-11), Anna Sowder of Spearman competed in the dressy daywear construction category, winning first place. Audrey Lieb of Morse also competed in the casual daywear construction category, receiving a blue rib-

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Kathy Boyd



Family Members: married to David for 31 years (owner of North Plains Insurance and Triangle Internet Service); one son, Justin (part owner of both businesses and a paramedic volunteer with H&S EMS), who is married to Kenda (an RN at Hansford Hospital), and they have one son, Thaxton; one daughter, Crystal, who lives in Amarillo (works in the business office of the Acute Pain and Spine Center)

Occupation: retired from banking; work part-time in the family business

What organizations/clubs are you a member of? past director of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Women's Division of the Chamber, former member of Financial Women's International, and Lay Representative for the Hansford County Library

Church affiliation: First United Methodist Church
Background/Education: former vice-president/cashier of a local bank

Hobbies/Interest: church, golf, spoiling my grandson, and working with my horses.

What do you think the biggest problems are facing the City of Spearman? Economic growth and maintaining our local businesses; drug and alcohol abuse among our youth

What changes or improvements would you seek as a City Council member? The first and most important order of business will be filling the vacancy of our City Manager. Finding someone who fits into our city and keeping the cities best interest in mind may be a difficult task.

What do you view as the role of a City Council member? To be open minded and looking for growth opportunities for our city. To use our tax dollars wisely while keeping them as low as possible.

What do you like best about Spearman? I like living in a small city where everyone is concerned about their neighbors. Spearman has been a great place to raise my kids and I'm thankful my grandson will have the opportunity to grow up here.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient City Council member? Being a property and business owner gives me a very vested interest in the future of Spearman. I have an open mind and would like the opportunity to serve and promote our city.

Comments: For the past 36 years I have tried to support the local businesses, and keep our money in the county, to keep the community strong. I sincerely wish the very best for the other candidates.

Charles Elliott



Family Members: wife, Melanie Elliott; three daughters, Amber Elliott and Michelle Vasquez and Taydawn Hawkins

Occupation: general contractor
What organizations/clubs are you a member of? City Council and Spearman Economic Development Corporation

Church affiliation: First United Methodist Church

Background/Education: graduated from Palo Duro High School in Amarillo; attended one year at Texas A&M University and two years at West Texas A&M University

Hobbies/Interest: fishing, reading and working in the yard

What do you think the biggest problems are facing the City of Spearman? Presently Spearman is searching for a new city manager which will be our top priority. Economic stability, maintaining present services and infrastructure maintenance are also problems that must be addressed.

What changes or improvements would you seek as a City Council member? Presently Spearman is financially sound and our five-year plan is on track with up-grades in utilities in place. I would like to see better community cooperation in dealing with language differences and basic service needs.

What do you view as the role of a City Council member? A council member must be a good listener and sounding board for the people and use these comments to make better decisions. Many times we get to be cheerleaders and tell people about how great Spearman is.

What do you like best about Spearman? The people of Spearman are our greatest assets. Great schools, churches and hospital make Spearman a truly great place to live. I have been proud to serve as alderman for twelve years and see first-hand why Spearman is seen as a great town by other area communities. Our people take pride in Spearman and strive to keep it clean and attractive when visitors come to town.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient City Council member? I feel that I am a good listener and appreciate the views of the other council members, which allows me to make sound decisions at meetings. As a member of the EDC, I look forward to the challenges of maintaining present businesses and bringing new growth to Spearman. A positive outlook is very important in dealing with our present issues and the challenges of the future.

Comments: I feel like the knowledge and experience that I've gained over the last twelve years as alderman will enable me to make good decisions for Spearman and its citizens. Spearman is in

great shape financially, and we're updating infrastructure every year. I feel that as great as Spearman is, we can be better. I look forward to serving the people of Spearman for another two years.

Roger Buchanan



Family Members: no response

Occupation: insurance, farming

What organizations/clubs are you a member of? Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association

Church affiliation: Methodist

Background/Education: Associate Degree from Clarendon College; BS in Animal Science from Tarleton State University

Hobbies/Interest: hunting, fishing, skiing

What do you think the biggest problems are facing the City of Spearman? Finding a new city manager of the same quality as the one we are losing; Improving our tax base

What changes or improvements would you seek as a City Council member? I would like to see better working relations between the city, county and the school.

What do you view as the role of a City Council member? To pass ordinances to better our community; To see that the City is properly maintained financially and physically; To help guide the city manager and not micro-manage the city.

What do you like best about Spearman? The warmth and friendliness of the community; It is a clean well-maintained community with good public works

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient City Council member? I served a two-year term on the Spearman Economic Development Corporation. During this time I have had the opportunity to see that Spearman can become a stagnant community or pull itself together to continue to grow and prosper for its citizens and businesses.

Comments: I have taken an interest in our local government since returning to Spearman after graduating from college. I think every citizen must be willing to step forward and contribute to the community. As a business owner in the community, I know that the city must be efficient in its spending to keep the tax dollars down. A city council member must be willing to make hard and difficult decisions and stand behind them.

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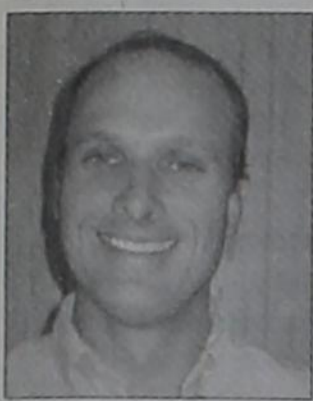
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Jon Garnett
Family Members: wife, Kelly; children, Brynrr, Kegan, Sutton, Gately, Slade, Finley and Aiden
Occupation: farmer
What organizations/clubs are you a member of? no response
Church affiliation: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints
Background/Education: no response
Hobbies/Interest: all of the activities my children are involved in, hunting, scuba diving

What do you think the biggest problems are facing the City of Spearman? Lack of economic development; The need for new money coming in to stop raising city taxes

What changes or improvements would you seek as a City Council member? Continuing with current street improvements; Insuring that we have an adequate water supply for future generations; Keeping the morale of our city employees high; Continuing to raise the standard of customer service

What do you view as the role of a City Council member? Directing the future of the city; Voice the opinions and concerns of the residents of Spearman

What do you like best about Spearman? Spearman is a great place to raise children. We are relatively crime-free and our children enjoy a safety here not available other places. Our school system is outstanding.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient City Council member? I'm a good listener. I've worked on committees and with organizations in the past and enjoy problem solving. I have a genuine interest in the future of Spearman and would like to take an active part in seeing that we remain an active, viable community.

Comments: I am a fourth generation resident of Spearman and have chosen to raise my family here. I would consider it a privilege to serve on the Spearman City Council.

Curt Fitzgeard



Family Members: wife, Trisha; daughter, Laci; son, Blake
Occupation: mechanic for ANR Pipeline
What organizations/clubs are you a member of? Gruver EMS; Gruver Junior High Campus Improvement Committee; Gruver Youth Basketball; and Gruver Little League
Church Affiliation: First Baptist Church
Background/Education: grew up in Dimmitt, TX; graduate of Dimmitt High School, Clarendon Junior College; Certified Paramedic & EMS Instructor; moved to Gruver in January of 1989

Hobbies/Interests: family time, wood working, fishing and most sporting activities

What do you think the biggest problems are facing the school district? financial needs

What changes or improvements would you seek as a school board member? stability

What do you view as the role of a school board member? To identify and understand the needs of faculty, students and GISD as a whole

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient school board member? I take pride in the community and school system and I have a desire to keep the standards high.

Jeff Graves

Family Members: wife, Shanna; daughter, Lanie; son, Cory
Occupation: technician for ANR Pipeline
Church Affiliation: First Baptist
Background/Education: graduated from Spearman High

School; received Associate Degree in Applied Science from TSTI; worked for Natural Gas Pipeline for 12 years; have worked for ANR Pipeline for 5 years

Hobbies/Interests: golf, fishing, working with youth and youth sports programs

What do you think the biggest problems are facing the school district? financial needs

What changes or improvements would you seek as a school board member? stability for the entire school district

What do you view as the role of a school board member? As a school board member I feel the best interest of the students of the school are the most important. As a school board member we should feel we are accountable to the students, the school and the community.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient school board member? I feel I am a good listener with an ear and a voice for the community and the school.

Larry Hicks

Family Members: wife, Rhonda; two daughters, Brandea and Chelsie; one son, Jordan

Occupation: farmer

What organizations/clubs are you a member of? Baptist Men Church Affiliation: First Baptist Church

Background/Education: graduated from Gruver High School in 1974; attended Clarendon Jr. College and Panhandle State University

Hobbies/Interests: being with my family, hunting and fishing

What do you think the biggest problems are facing the school district? morale

What changes or improvements would you seek as a school board member? I can't know of any changes or improvements until I become a member.

What do you view as the role of a school board member? Making good, well informed decisions. Representing the students first. Representing the school, faculty and parents as well as you can.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient school board member? I think morals should have a lot to do with being a school board member. I am a Christian and want to treat everyone fairly.

Comments: I love Gruver. I have lived here for the most part of 37 years. I care for the good of the school system and community. I will do my part to help Gruver Independent School District thrive and be successful.

GISD Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup for 2004-2005

Gruver Elementary will be conducting the 2004-2005 Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Screening and Preregistration on Tuesday, May 11th. Due to space limitations at the elementary school building, the round-up will be at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 209 King Street.

In order to be eligible for the prekindergarten program, children must be four years old as of September 1, 2004, unable to speak or comprehend the English language, or be educationally disadvantaged or homeless.

In order for a student to be eligible for kindergarten, he/she must be five years old as of September 1, 2004.

Parents are encouraged to bring their prekindergarten and kindergarten-aged children to this screening, as well as the child's birth certificate, immunization records, and Social Security Card.

The children will be given a pre-school screening assessment which will help determine their readiness level in three areas. The assessment will require approximately 60-90 minutes. Using the first letter of your last name, parents are asked to bring their children to 209 King Street according to the following schedule:

Pre-Kindergarten 2004-2005: A-B at 8:30 a.m.; C-E at 10 a.m.; F-G at 12 noon; H-L at 1 p.m.; and M-Z at 2 p.m.

Kindergarten 2004-2005: 8:30 a.m. - All children NOT enrolled.

Pat Lee Harris

Family Members: wife, Pam; two sons, Jeremy and Joshua; two daughters, Bethany and Erin

Occupation: owner of "The Grocery Store" and Handyman

What organizations/clubs are you a member of? no response

Church Affiliation: First Baptist of Gruver

Background/Education: graduated from Gruver High School; received Bachelor of Arts in Business Management from Wayland Baptist University

Hobbies/Interests: computers, reading, and fixing things that are broken or not working

What do you think the biggest problems are facing the school district? I am sure finances would be a problem as they are everywhere. But I believe we need to make stability for teachers, administration and students a priority.

What changes or improvements would you seek as a school board member? I would prefer that our long-term teachers be kept on staff as I believe that provides students with a more secure learning environment.

What do you view as the role of a school board member? To help make sure that our teachers and administration are given the tools they need to provide the best education possible.

What special qualities or qualifications do you possess which would make you an efficient school board member? I was born and raised in Gruver. I have a great love for the community, but especially for the people of Gruver. For many years, I have desired to help the children and youth of our nation be given what they need to become a solid, helpful part of society. They are our future. God gave me a compassionate heart to care for people.

Additional Comments: Many people have wondered why someone who has chosen to home-school his children would ever run for school board. Pam and I believe God brought us back to Gruver after leaving New Mexico. We still do not know all of the reasons God has for bringing us back, but we do feel that He has provided many ways for us to serve our community. I feel strongly that God laid on my heart to run for school board even though we do home-school.

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High School Sports

Clift, Finley To Compete At State Track Meet

by Harletta Carthel
 Gruver thinclads Lindsey Clift and Blythe Finley punched their ticket to the state track meet with their performance in the regional meet this weekend.
 Sophomore Lindsey Clift will be making her first appearance at the meet in the triple jump and the high jump by taking second place in both events. Blythe Finley will return to the meet by virtue of her second-place finish in the pole vault.
 In the triple jump, Clift's 33' 1" took second place behind Brittany Spradling of Happy's jump of 34' 7" on Saturday at the Region 1-1A at Levelland.
 On Friday, Clift tied for first place in the high jump with a leap of 5' with Brittney Lewis of Hamlin but was awarded second-place based on the number of misses.
 Finley, whose vault of 9' 6" was short of her season best of 10' 3", took second place behind Amanda Ailey of Crosbyton's 12' vault.
 For the Hounds, Sammy Pena placed sixth in the 800 meter run with a 2:09.09 while T Jay Sherrill also took sixth place with his 13' vault, his season's best.
 Other Hounds placing at the meet were Hutch Reed, eighth in the high jump with a leap of 5' 8, Matt Messer, tying his season's best vault with 12' 6" for eighth place, Manny Lopez placed ninth in the 800 with 2:11.56, and also ninth in the 1600 meter run with 2:11.55.
 The Hounds 1600 Meter Relay took eighth place, after experiencing some difficulties, with a time of 3:46.98. Team members are Hutch Reed, Jose Rodriguez, Tyler Lane, and Sammy Pena.
 "Each member of the mile relay ran their personal best of the year, and I am very proud of them," Gruver Bryant, Hounds' track coach said.
 Also competing at the regional meet were Oscar Medina in shot, and Reed and Lane in the 400 Meter Dash.
 Weather conditions for the track meet were reported by Coach Bryant to be very cool and windy.
 The Lady Hound Track Coach, Wynn Essler, will be accompanying Clift and Finley to the state meet.

Short Takes Regional Tennis Title Again

Sophomore Lindsey Short repeated her capture of the Regional Championship in Girls Singles Tennis on Saturday night, May 1, 2004 in Abilene.
 Short, who easily won last year's Region 1-2A title, had to defeat four district champions to claim this year's title at Abilene Christian University.
 Short came from behind to defeat Sonora's Suzanna Street 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 in the final match, which lasted three hours. "It was a good victory against a great opponent," stated Kyle Short, her father and coach.
 She defeated Forsan's Lacy Eggleston 6-2, 7-5 in the semi-finals. Street advanced to the final by defeating Canadian's Gretchen Ashley 6-1, 6-0. Short also defeated Estrada of Tornillo 6-0, 6-0 and Raindl of Tahoka 6-1, 6-0.
 In girls doubles, the team of Jordan Short and Keilee Goodheart finished third, defeating Crane's Krista Henry and Chrystal Sharp in a consolation match.
 They defeated Calmaco-Gonzales of Stamford in their first match 6-0, 6-0 and Bedoy-Beverly of Crane 6-0, 6-1 in their second match before a hard-fought loss to the team of Ridgeway-Cortinas of Big Lake, 3-6, 4-6, who finished in second place.
 "Keilee and Jordan played great tennis all year," stated Coach Short. "They didn't reach their goal of getting to the state tournament, but ended the year with an overall record of 19 wins and only three losses as well as a third place regional medal."
 Short will compete in Austin on Monday and Tuesday, May 10 and 11 at the University of Texas Penick-Allison Courts. Quarter-finals will be held on Monday morning, with the Semi-Finals on Monday afternoon. Finals will be held on Tuesday morning.

Lesly, Gillaspie Qualify for State Track Meet

Spearman High School sophomore Melissa Lesly and freshman Collin Gillaspie will make the long trek to Austin to compete in the State Track Meet on May 14 and 15 thanks to their performance on April 30 and May 1. The Region I-2A track meet was held at Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene.
 Lesly qualified by taking first place in the 400 M Run with a time of 61.46. She qualified for the finals with a time of 60.05, which is just over her district qualifying time of 59.81.
 Gillaspie leaped his way to the state competition in high jump with his second place jump of 6' 04".
 Melissa also ran the 200 in the regional meet, placing fifth with a time of 26.79, and 25.96 in the prelim. She was also a member of the 1600 M Relay, which placed fourth with a time of 4:22.50, after their 4:17.17 in the prelim. Other members of the relay are Macy Harbour, Cayla Smith and Sonny Parker.
 Sonny Parker placed fourth in the high jump with a leap of 5' 0".
 Clete Vanderburg was just out of the money with his third place finish in the discus with his throw of 155' 07".
 Ricky Garcia bounded into sixth place in the long jump with his leap of 21' 00.50". Garcia also competed in the triple jump.
 Other Lynxettes competing in the regional track meet for Spearman High School were Mallory Paul and Cayla Smith in the 100 M Hurdles, Macy Harbour in the 400 M Run and the Pole Vault, and Claudia Vaquera in the Triple Jump.
 Also competing for the Lynx was Daniel Kern, who ran in the 400 and 800.

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 - May 8 - Academic UIL State Competition; Austin
 - May 8 - GHS Prom
 - May 10 - Ag Banquet
 - May 10-11 - State Tennis Tourney in Austin
 - May 10-11 - Boys/Girls State Golf Tournament; Austin
 - May 12 - FCCLA Luncheon
 - May 14-15 - State Track Meet; Austin
 - May 14-15 - Area I FFA Convention; Amarillo
- Gruver Jr. High**
 - May 13 - All-School Picnic at Palo Duro Lake
- Gruver Elementary**
 - May 11 - Muffins for Mom's, Elementary
- Spearman ISD**
 - May 10 - Bad Weather Day, School Holiday
 - May 10 - Regular School Board Meeting; HS Library; 7 p.m.
 - May 15 - School Board Election; HS; 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Spearman High School**
 - May 6-8 - State One-Act Play Contest at Austin
 - May 6 - Southwest Music Festival; Amarillo; 6 p.m.
 - May 8 - SHS Junior/Senior Prom; HS Cafeteria; 7 p.m.
 - May 10-11 - State Tennis Tournament; Austin
- May 11 - Baptist Church Senior Supper; Baptist Church; 6:30 p.m.
- May 12 - Last DEIC Meeting of the Year; HS Library; 4 p.m.
- May 13 - Spring Band Concert; HS Auditorium; 7 p.m.
- May 14-15 - State Track Meet; Austin
- May 14-15 - FFA Area I Convention; Amarillo
- Spearman Jr. High**
 - May 6 - Mrs. Baker's Class AR Trip
 - May 7 - Jr. High Dance; Cracker Box Gym; 6-9 p.m.
 - May 13 - Spring Band Concert; HS Auditorium; 7 p.m.
 - May 14 - 8th Grade Trip to Amarillo
- Gus Birdwell Elementary**
 - May 6 - Kindergarten Roundup in elementary office; last names beginning with N-Z from 8-11 a.m.; A-M from 1-3:30 p.m.
 - May 6 - Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea; 2 p.m.
 - May 7 - Elementary Track Meet (alternate weather day is May 12); 4th-6th Grade, 10 a.m.; Kindergarten-3rd Grade, 1 p.m.
 - May 12 - Steve Kirsch to present weather program to 5th grade
 - May 12 - Kindergarten Musical; 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon
 - May 13 - Kindergarten Musical; 8:30 a.m.
 - May 14 - First Grade to Pampa; 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
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 Location: From Spearman TX - 2 mi, W. on Hwy 15, then 1 3/4 mi N. on FM 2387

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| <p>TRACTORS</p> <p>1967 JD 4650 MFWD, DH PTO, OH, Axle Duals, New Front Rubber, 8544 hrs. In Frame O-I 9 6174 hrs, Rear End O-I 9 6667 hrs. SN 17962</p> <p>1963 JD 4650, 3 hyd, PTO, CH Axle Duals, 6334 hrs. In Frame O-I 3163 hrs, SN 2422. One Owner</p> <p>1978 JD 4640, DH, PTO, CH, Snap on Duals, 70% Rubber, 12,802 hrs. In Frame OH 9 8910 hrs, SN 2240. One Owner</p> <p>1975 JD 4630, DH, PTO, OH, 8572 hrs. In Frame OH 9 5985 hrs, SN 17602. One Owner</p> <p>1953 Ford Golden Jubilee</p> | <p>2 - JD 520 Spt Grain Drills, DD, 71/2" Spacing, PW, Hyd Markers</p> <p>KRAUSE 5400 Minimum Till Drill 30", 7 1/2" Spacing, Hyd MKrs, Hun 5000 ac.</p> <p>1H-500 3pt Cyclo Planter, BR-30", DD CRUSTAUSTER 40" Spike Drill, Fold Forward</p> <p>AC Grass Drill, Needs Repair</p> <p>JD 1408 3pt Shredder</p> <p>JD 537 3pt 6' Mower</p> <p>KRAUSE 20' Offset Disc, Mod 1463, New Discs</p> <p>KRAUSE 18' Offset Disc, Mod 1472</p> <p>JD 15' Offset Disc, Corned Discs</p> <p>BIG OX 5' Shank V Ripper</p> <p>KRAUSE 20' Chisel</p> <p>JD 5' Bottom Roll-over Moldboard</p> <p>Globalbuster for Above Rollover</p> <p>CRUSTAUSTER 40' Spring Tooth</p> <p>Harrow, 3 Bar, Harrows</p> <p>NOBLE Flex Harrows, 8 - 5' Sections w/Hitch</p> <p>8' Drag Spring Tooth Harrow</p> <p>4R-60' Spt: Lister, Liquid & NH3 Attachments, 2-10g Tanks, Knives, 3 Bar, SGW</p> <p>4R-60' Spt: Lister, DGW</p> <p>88B 4R-60' 3pt Furrow Cleanout, 2 Bar</p> <p>CA-DWELL 47-60" Disc Redder, 3 Bar, SGW</p> <p>22' 3pt Fert Applicator, Knives, DGW Hyd Markers, 3 Bar</p> <p>4R-60' Spt: Rodweeder, SGW 3 Bar</p> <p>6R-40' Spt: Rodweeder, Diamond Bar, Best Knives & Furrow Cleanouts, SGW</p> <p>ULLSTON 4R-60" Rolling Cultivator, Big Bar, SGW</p> <p>ULLSTON 6R-40" Rolling Cultivator, 20 3pt Cultivator</p> <p>JD 400 3pt 21 Rotary Hoe</p> <p>JD 3pt: 20 Rotary Hoe, Staveli Ganga</p> <p>16' 3pt Sweep, Diamond Bar, 17 Shanks</p> <p>3ABBS 24' Land Leveler, 2 Blades, 3pt Hitch</p> <p>-LANCOCK 9' Land Leveler</p> <p>2 - Land Drags, 14 X27, 1 w/o Wheels or Hubs</p> <p>RHINO 1500 8' 3pt Blade, Hyd, 6 Way</p> <p>RHINO 8' 3pt Blade, Manual</p> <p>DEARBORN 6' 3pt Blade, Manual</p> <p>2 Wk Sprayer, 25' Boom, FW, 300g</p> <p>2 D-I-Hitch</p> <p>EVERSMAN V Ditcher</p> <p>2 D Hitch</p> | <p>GRINDER/MIXER - TUB GRINDER</p> <p>NH 357 Grinder Mixer w/Scalps, Hay Bed, One Owner, Shredded, SN 446395</p> <p>BEARCAT Tub Grinder, Mod 4200, SN 589</p> | <p>CORN HEAD - GRAIN CART</p> <p>JD 643 BR-30' Cornhead, Low Profile</p> <p>W3 16' Crowding Panels, Bumper Pull</p> <p>LYNCH How Harvester, 511-40"</p> <p>Grain Auger, 25', 110v, 1ph</p> <p>3 - Drill Fill Augers</p> | <p>IRRIGATION</p> <p>2 - 1H 805's, Running</p> <p>7 - FORD 534's, 1 Rebuilt, 1 Running, 5 Rebuildable</p> <p>4 - 534 Rebuilt Heads</p> <p>Lot 534 Parts</p> <p>2 - 454's, Dualled, Running</p> <p>2 - DHCVY 292's, Running</p> <p>3 - 20' Pipe Trailers</p> <p>30' Pipe Trailer</p> <p>Lot Hydrants - 8X10 & 8X12, Tees, Elts, Extensions, Plugs</p> <p>Drain 200 hp, 4.3 Gearhead</p> | <p>TRACTORS - TRUCK BEDS</p> <p>2 - 80W EGR Stock Trailers, 24 & 20 20' Needs Floor</p> <p>WW 16' Stock Trailer</p> <p>2 - GN 1000g Water Trailers</p> <p>DONAHUE 10X28 Implement Trailer</p> <p>2 - 4 Wk Trailers, 12' X 20', 712' W</p> <p>3 - Truck Beds, 13' X 14'</p> | <p>TRACTOR & TOOL MAKEUPS</p> <p>2 - 300G NH3 Tanks</p> <p>Side Mounts For NH3 Tanks</p> <p>Front Mount For 300g Liquid Fert Tank</p> <p>Discs, Lister Bottoms, 19' Sweeps</p> <p>Shanks, Clamps, Cylinders</p> | <p>LIVESTOCK</p> <p>2 - DANUSER PHD's, Mod F2 & F7 81/2" & 12" Augers</p> <p>20 - 10' Portable Panels On 2 Wk Trailer</p> <p>Portable Loading Chute</p> <p>WW Portable Squeeze Chute, Side Delivery</p> <p>ALLISON Squeeze Chute</p> | <p>SHOP - NON CLASSIFIED</p> <p>HOBART Beta Mig II Wire Welder, 200V To 460v, 1 Ph</p> <p>FORNEY 250 Stock Welder</p> <p>Oxy/Ace Torch, Gauges, Hoses</p> <p>CRAFTSMAN Drill Press</p> <p>Dench Grinder & Stand</p> <p>12" Chop Saw & Ring</p> <p>Floor Jack</p> <p>Boiler Jacks</p> <p>C-Clamps, Pulls</p> <p>Handtools - Wrenches, Hammers, Screwdrivers, 1/2" & 3/4" Sockets</p> <p>Groove Guns</p> <p>Chains & Boomers</p> <p>L Diesel Tanks</p> |
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Roy Flaherty from Hardesty with 27.14 blue catfish

Lake Level--May 3, 2004--25.68 feet (-0.12)

We regretted not having a picture of Roy Flaherty's 27.14# catfish, but luckily his wife made one that he shared with Jim.

Fishing the past week was not too good, but the fishermen were catching ones that they didn't keep. Usually catfish 12 inches or under they throw back.

This seems to be a good time to notice the birds at the Park. A dozen pelicans were back for 2 days. We may have a pair of osprey, but Jim isn't sure yet. More bob white quail are paired up and in evidence than most years. The Deringtons have had a Blue Grosbeak at their feeder.

Mona Pugh and her brother John Gibson have had unusual visitors arrive at the Gibson home. Mona had placed a very attractive grapevine wreath on the front door that proved irresistible to a pair of nesting house finches.

Although the wreath had been decorated with two fake nests with little eggs.

Mona discovered a little nest lined with hair and soft material that had four bluish white eggs with little speckles nestled in the grapevines.

When she shared the story

with me, I learned that the house finches come in more than one color. The ones I had seen had red heads with some red coming down the breast on the males. On her birds the male had yellow on the head and breast. My bird book mentioned that there are three colors, as there is also an orange color on some. I wonder if they are the result of matings between the red and yellow birds. I mistakenly told Mona they eat insects, but it seems they eat weed seeds, blossoms, fruits, and buds. At a bird feeder they like sunflower seeds.

With the passing of Robert Novak we lost a man that served on the Palo Duro

Water Authority board for 26 years with most of them as president. I have fond memories of the time I served on the board with him. He gave so much to community service and always served in a gentlemanly fashion.

Reflections from Yesterday

When I was a teenager, I was employed by a local real estate office, mostly to answer the phone. One local, highly respected old gentleman, Irv. Steele, would come in to pass time. I enjoyed his reminiscences and now regret that I did not write them down. This is one such reminiscence that he shared with me.

Some of his grain was hauled to the Hardesty elevator. One day when he was there, the manager told him that in cleaning out the attic, they had found a wooden leg and wondered if

he could shed any light on why it was there.

Mr. Steele identified the leg as belonging to a previous manager. Mr. Steele related that in an early day, he and some other cowboys had been on a cattle round-up when the later manager, a cowboy with them, was bitten by a rattlesnake. The nearest medical help was very far away at Dodge City--too far to save the man. The cowboys severed the man's leg at the knee, then closed the area of the bite and amputation with a hot branding iron. No anesthesia was available. They then hauled him to Dodge City because he could not ride. The abandoned wooden leg in the attic was his, discarded in the attic when he got a new one.

Paul Stavlo

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We have chosen to home-school because of personal conviction and to keep the close ties we have with our children. We do not dislike the school system, but are trying to provide a consistent and stable education for our children. We believe we have done that and want to finish what we started many years ago.

Among The Neighbors
by Helen Fisher

Granville and Muriel Boyd returned Sunday from a trip down state. They visited Granville's sister and brother-in-law at Whitesboro and their granddaughter, Amanda Fryer at College Station. The blue bonnets and other flowers were beautiful and they had nice weather throughout their trip.

Carolyn Savage and Pauline McGee spent an enjoyable week end as they traveled to Lubbock to attend the Gaither concert in the Spirit Arena. It was another great concert of gospel music and songs lasting four hours.

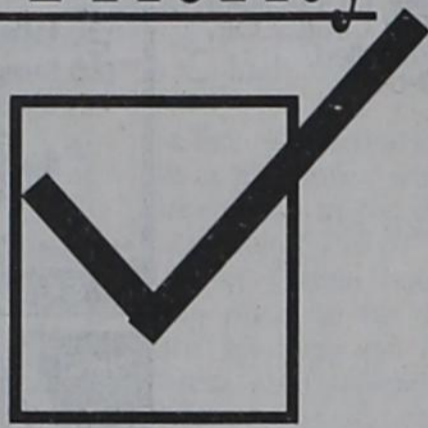
Two of the group had passed away since the December concert; Vestal Goodman and Jake Hess. They spent the night in

Lubbock and returned Sunday, stopping in Amarillo to shop and visit friends in the hospital.

Due to the increasing deterioration of my hearing, I request that you take your news articles to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; or you may call (806) 659-3434; fax (806) 659-3368; or e-mail to cathysmith@atden.com.

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