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State Champions!



The Spearman High School's boys doubles tennis team of (left) Adam Cherry and Kevin Beedy won the State Championship in Austin on Tuesday, May 7, 2002.



A large crowd of well-wishers were on hand to welcome home State Tennis Champions Kevin Beedy and Adam Cherry on Wednesday afternoon.

Adam Cherry and Kevin Beedy won the State Tennis Championship in class 2A boys doubles on Tuesday, May 7, 2002. They ousted Albers and Fought from Ozona 6-4, 6-1, the same team they beat in the regional finals.

Adam Cherry and Kevin Beedy advanced to the semi-finals at the state tennis tournament in Austin by winning their first match. They defeated Goeken and Goeken from Johnson City by a score of 6-1, 6-0.

Cherry and Beedy defeated Potter and Sasser from Big Sandy 6-0, 6-0 to advance to the finals of the state tennis tournament.

Cherry and Beedy ended the year undefeated.

Two Accidents Claim Lives of Four County Residents

by Harletta Carthel

Two separate vehicular accidents in a five-day span took the lives of four Hansford County residents and injured four others.

Sharon Knudson Saltzman, 50; Julian Lora Mendoza, 39; and Heracio Lora Cruz, age unknown; died in a two vehicle collision six miles north of Gruver Monday, May 6 while Cecilia Flores, 3, of Spearman died as the result of a two vehicle collision Wednesday, May 1.

Injured in the accident on Monday, May 6, was Elvira Mendoza, 39, of Gruver, who was transported by air to Northwest Texas hospital where she is listed in serious condition.

Those injured in the May 1 accident included Josefina Perez and her daughters Jennifer, 10, and Daisy, 3, all of Spearman. All three victims were taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where they were listed in critical condition. Jennifer Perez's condition was upgraded to serious on Friday, May 3.

The May 6 collision which killed three occurred at the intersection of Texas Highway 136 and Texas Farm Road 2535, approximately six miles north of Gruver, according to Sgt. Joe Medrano of Borger with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A 1993 Buick driven by Julian Lora Mendoza was southbound on Highway 136 when it was struck on the left hand side by a 2000 Ford pickup driven by Saltzman who was west bound on FM 2535. Both drivers were pronounced dead at the scene, according to Department of Public Safety reports.

"It appeared that all occupants of the Mendoza vehicle were wearing their seat belts, and that Sharon Saltzman was not wearing a seat belt," Sgt. Medrano said.

Heracio Lora Cruz, a passenger in the Mendoza vehicle, died as a result of injuries he suffered in the accident while Elvira Mendoza was transported by air to an Amarillo hospital.

Investigating officers of the accident were Trooper Grant Hickman of Perryton and Sgt Medrano of Borger.

In the May 1, fatal accident, a 1997 Dodge pickup driven by Jose Perez, 41, of Spearman was traveling east on Farm Road 759 when a northbound dump truck, pulling a back hoe on a trailer, rolled through a stop sign on County Road 3, striking the Perez vehicle, DPS trooper Steven Davis said.

Driver of the Clark Construction dump truck was Jeffrey Fox, 29, of Spearman.

Cecilia Flores, the young daughter of friends of the Perez family, was taken to Hansford Hospital where she was pronounced dead at 6:30 p.m.

The critically injured were Perez's wife Josefina who was riding in the passenger's seat and the Perez children and Flores who were riding in the back seat of the extended cab pickup.

Assisting in the investigation were DPS Trooper Ed Longoria of Spearman, and Troopers Don Johnson and Sgt Joe Medrano of the Borger DPS office.

Board of Trustee Elections Held

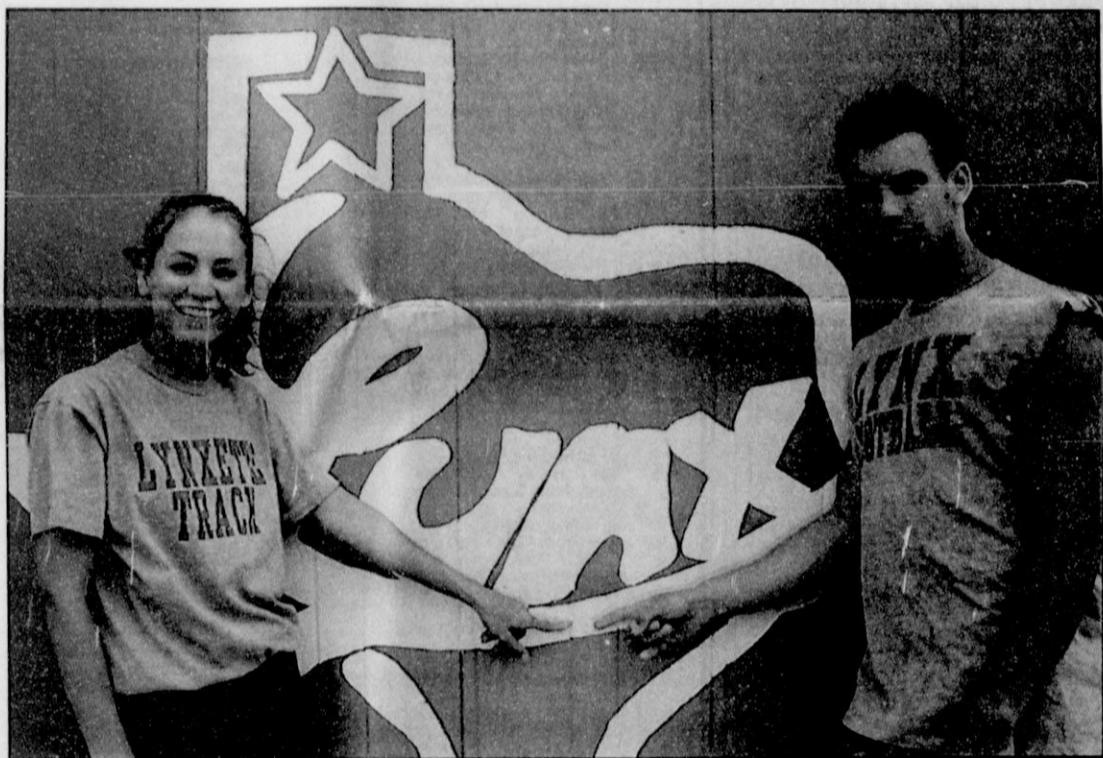
Dwayne Mitchell and Carol Dunnihoo were elected in the Spearman ISD trustee election held Saturday, May 4.

Official count gave Mitchell 223 votes, Dunnihoo (I) 209, Mark Allen (I) 148, and Glen Ray Mackie 121.

Jon Tolleson, Clyde McCloy and Robin Wilson were elected in the Pringle-Morse CISD trustee election.

Official count was as follows: Jon Tolleson 70, Clyde McCloy 63, Robin Wilson 53, Dwight Gillispie 46, Russell Field 31, and Monty Dixon (I) 13.

The newly-elected school board members will serve three-year terms.



Pointing to Austin, the site of the state track meet are Spearman High School state qualifiers Clara Shieldknight in the 100 meter hurdles and Colton Miller in the long jump. The state track meet is slated for May 10 and 11.

Shieldknight, Miller Head For Austin

by Jeff Beedy

Clara Shieldknight and Colton Miller will be heading to Austin to compete in the state track meet on Friday and Saturday, May 10th and 11th. They have excelled in track this year and now they are making a trip that only a few athletes get to make.

Clara qualified in the 100 meter hurdles. Clara has done a great job of running the hurdles all year long. Clara is the daughter of Fred and Brenda Shieldknight and the granddaughter of Jimmy and Lois Shieldknight. Clara is a senior at Spearman High School.

Colton qualified for the state track meet in the long jump. He has also done very well all year long. Colton is the son of Jim and Marlene Miller of Spearman. Colton is just a junior at Spearman High School.

Comptroller Rylander Unveils Bold New Education Plan TexasNextStep Will Ensure First Two Years of Community College Free to Every Texas High School Graduate

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today unveiled her bold, new, unprecedented next step to ensure an educated workforce for the 21st Century.

TexasNextStep will provide every Texas high school graduate an opportunity for two years of college free at any public community college, technical or two-year institution in the state, making K-14 education the norm and provide a step up for those who seek to advance their education as far as their talents can take them.

"What I am unveiling today is an unprecedented, historic, bold and necessary next step for an educated workforce," Rylander said. "My goal is clear—I want Texas to have the most educated workforce in the nation."

When Rylander took office in 1999, she set 10 principles for Texas in the new Century, the first of which is to develop a better-educated workforce. TexasNextStep speaks to that principle by leveling the playing field and offering all Texas students the same opportunities for higher education.

* TexasNextStep provides the key to Texas' economic future—a better-educated workforce, the first of Comptroller Rylander's Ten Principles for Texas in the New Century:

* TexasNextStep provides every Texas high school graduate with up to 60 semester credit hours (plus additional hours for remediation if needed) at any public community, technical or lower-division institution in the state;

* TexasNextStep is funded by using a small portion of lottery revenues and will pay the tuition and required fees, plus the cost of textbooks, to every Texas student who enrolls within 16 months of high school graduation;

* TexasNextStep gives students the education they need to enter the workforce directly, or continue their education by transferring to a senior-level college or university;

* TexasNextStep benefits students by helping to hold down the rapidly increasing cost of college attendance, making it possible for many students to live at home and avoid additional living expenses;

* TexasNextStep addresses one of the major challenges facing Texas higher education in the 21st Century: the state's student population is growing rapidly in areas of the state where there are relatively few four-year institutions of higher education;

* TexasNextStep provides a much-needed alternative to the Georgia HOPE scholarship model, to allow students to explore college while living at or near their

home. What's more, almost 60 percent of freshmen who received the Georgia HOPE scholarship lost it after the first year while 75 percent lost eligibility by their senior year. While the program is well-intended, it suggests many students are entering college who are not prepared;

* TexasNextStep takes advantage of one of our greatest educational resources—our community colleges and their ability to locate and expand rapidly through the use of shared facilities, which helps hold down the cost of providing facilities for the thousands of new students who will enroll in Texas colleges and universities in the coming decades.

"Nothing is more important than education," Rylander said. "As a former school teacher, a former school board president and founding member of Austin Community College, but most importantly as a mother and grandmother, I have a deep and abiding interest in education excellence for all Texas children."

"The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that by the year 2030, 60 percent of Texans will have only a high school diploma or less. I say 'Hogwash.' TexasNextStep will prove them wrong! The key to Texas' economic future is a better-educated work-

force. We no longer talk about education in terms of K-12, but K-16 and beyond. This generation must compete not only with those from New York and California, but Europe and Asia as well."

This program complements the existing TEXAS Grants program by providing the foundation for a full four-year college education. It also prepares students to enter the workforce directly if they choose not to pursue a baccalaureate degree.

Research consistently shows that community colleges can be an excellent stepping-stone to a four-year university. In national studies, for those who receive an associate's degree at a community college and transfer to a university, the bachelor's degree completion rate is 70 percent, often higher than it is for entering freshmen at that same university.

TexasNextStep will create a seamless transition from high school into higher education and guarantee, at the very least, K-14 and beyond for all Texas children. The Comptroller's preliminary estimates are that upon full implementation, the program will cost about \$150 million, an amount easily covered by dedicating a small portion of lottery proceeds to the program.

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

Some of you know that our daughter and granddaughter were here over the weekend. We had a great visit, although it went much too quickly. I received the following story this week and I would like to share it with you for Mother's Day. I would also like to take this opportunity to say Happy Mother's Day to my mother, Sandra Ritchie, and to my daughter, Jennifer McNulty.

Before I Was A Mom

Before I was a Mom
I made and ate hot meals.
I had unstained clothing.
I had quiet conversations on the phone.

Before I was a Mom
I slept as late as I wanted
And never worried about how late I got into bed.
I brushed my hair and my teeth everyday.

Before I was a Mom
I cleaned my house each day.
I never tripped over toys or forgot words to lullabies.

Before I was a Mom
I didn't worry whether or not my plants were poisonous.
I never thought about immunizations.

Before I was a Mom
I had never been puked on
Pooped on
Spit on
Chewed on
Peed on
Or pinched by tiny fingers

Before I was a Mom
I had complete control of my mind
My thoughts
My body
And I slept all night and got plenty of rest.

Before I was a Mom
I never held down a screaming child
So that doctors could do tests or give shots.
I never looked into teary eyes and cried.
I never got gloriously happy over a simple grin.
I never sat up late hours at night watching a baby sleep.

Before I was a Mom
I never held a sleeping baby just because I didn't want to put her down.
I never felt my heart break into a million pieces
When I couldn't stop the hurt.
I never knew that something so small could affect my life so much.
I never knew that I could love someone so much.
I never knew what love at first sight really meant.
I never knew I would love being a Mom.

Before I was a Mom
I didn't know the feeling of having my heart outside my body.
I didn't know how special it could feel to feed a hungry baby.
I didn't know that bond between a mother and her child.
I didn't know that something so small could make me feel so important.

Before I was a Mom
I had never gotten up in the middle of the night.
Every 10 minutes to make sure all was okay
I had never known the warmth
The joy
The love
The heartache
The wonderment
I didn't know I was capable of feeling so much
Before I was a Mom.

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 :)

Proclamation

"Take Pride in Spearman Week" May 12-18, 2002

TO THE CITIZENS OF SPEARMAN, TEXAS:
WHEREAS, Spearman is the host of the 2002 International Windmill Convention in June; and

WHEREAS, it is of great importance that our city be sightly and attractive for our citizens and welcomed visitors; and

WHEREAS, citizens should remove weeds, junk, and other debris from their property to preserve and improve the communities environment; and

WHEREAS, the success of this endeavor will depend upon each citizen to participate in a cleanup campaign for the betterment of their own property; and

NOW THEREFORE, I Steve Benton, Mayor of the City of Spearman, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2002 as

"Take Pride in Spearman Week"

and do encourage all citizens, businesses, civic groups, government agencies and other organizations to recognize this event and work together to cleanup our community during this week and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Spearman, Texas.

DATED the first day of May, Two-Thousand Two.
Mayor Steve Benton

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Roland Haney

First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.
Pastor - Patrick Six

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.
Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
(aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Cristo
Renditor Mass - Spanish
Rev. Scott Raef

Trinity Fellowship Church
717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service &
Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor - Dennis Alger

First Presbyterian Church
(Worships with Lutheran)
1021 Cotter • 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
(alternates monthly between Lutheran &
Presbyterian Church Bldg.)
Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
(Worships with
First Presbyterian Church)

First United Methodist
407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Ken Cole

Union Church
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Youth/Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed.
Pastor - Gene Foster

Primera Mision Bautista
502 E. 7th • 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.

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Escuela-Domical - 10 a.m.
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.
Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
Pastor - A.G. Martell
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Waka

Waka Church of the Brethren
435-4598

Gruver

First Baptist Church
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

Church of Christ
209 King • 733-2760
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2950
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30 Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30 Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gumfroy

Oso Lutheran Church (ELCA)
8 Miles West & 12 Miles
North of Gruver
339-7709
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - Paul Fiske

Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Garrett
733-2551
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - Jerry Moore

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.
Friday Evening Mass
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Happy Birthday!

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

May 9
Birthday - Teresa Barkley, James Burk, A.J. Lopez, Bobby Thompson, Jerry Virden, Tommy Gambelin, 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 Randall, 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
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, Trena 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
Anniversary - Roy & Denise Harbour, Raymond & Judy Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Mark McCloy, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Elliott

Our Deepest Sympathy

JUAN ENNIS BLACKBURN

AUSTIN - Juan Ennis Blackburn, 63, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002. Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 4, 2002 in Texas State Cemetery. Memorial services were at 1 p.m. Monday, May 6, 2002 in First Baptist Church in Spearman. Arrangements were by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home of Austin.

Mr. Blackburn was born December 12, 1938, in Hamilton County. He graduated from Spearman High School in 1957 and West Texas State University in Canyon in 1962.

He then went on to graduate from St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio in 1968 and became licensed to practice law in the state of Texas that same year.

Judge Blackburn practiced law in San Antonio in 1969 and in Spearman from August 1969 until July 1979. He was 84th District Judge from July 1979 until December 1992. He became a visiting judge from 1993 until his retirement in September 2000.

He married Nancy Hess Blackburn on August 6, 1993. Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Denise Bridges, Sara Deuillet and Adrian Robinson; a stepdaughter, Hillary Stull; a stepson, Stephen Hudson; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Mary's School of Law Scholarship Fund, Attn: Linda Lopez George, One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228.

CECILIA FLORES

SPEARMAN - Cecilia Flores, 3, died Wednesday, May 1, 2002. Services were at noon on Saturday, May 4, 2002 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Survivors include her parents, Daniel and Alicia Flores of Spearman; a brother, Leonardo Flores of Spearman; her grandparents, Antonio and Juanita Vasquez and Pablo and Asuncion Flores, all of Mexico; and her great-grandmother, Santos Loera of Mexico.

SHARON SALTZMAN

GRUVER - Sharon Saltzman, 50, died Monday, May 6, 2002. Services will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. in Gruver Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Moore and Rev. Paul Fiske officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Sharon was born in Spearman, TX on February 27, 1952. She had lived in the area her entire lifetime.

She married Tommy Saltzman on February 14, 1969 in Spearman. She was a farmer and a member of Faith Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband, Tommy, of Gruver; one daughter, Tracy Ryan of Lubbock; her mother, Ruth Knudson of Spearman; a brother, John Knudson of Amarillo; two sisters, Judy Goff of Boise, ID and Janice Porter of Troy, TX; and a granddaughter, Morgan Ryan of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jodie Knudson, and a brother, Thomas Roy Knudson.

The family suggests memorials be to the Sharon Saltzman Memorial FFA Scholarship, % Gruver State Bank, PO Box 978, Gruver, TX 79040.

REBA ANN SMITH

PERRYTON - Reba Ann Smith, 56, died Sunday, May 5, 2002. Services will be held on Friday, May 10, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in Boxwell Brothers Chapel. Rev. Danny Logan of Bell Ave. Baptist Church of Amarillo officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Reba Ann was born in Perryton on July 4, 1945. She had lived in the area her entire lifetime. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, Buddy LaRue III of Perryton and Rick LaRue of Amarillo; a daughter, Casandra Holloway of Panhandle; her father, Andrew Longcor of Perryton; two brothers, Junior Smith and Charles Smith, both of Perryton; 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the Reba Smith Fund, % Perryton National Bank, PO Box 969, Perryton, TX 79070.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Tri-City Community Concert Association; Liberal Community Concert Association

Janie Kunselman is the representative for the Tri-City Community Concert Association of Borger and the Liberal Community Concert Association. The Tri-City Community Concert Association is selling memberships to attend five special concerts in the 2002-2003 season. Season memberships are: Adults - \$25, Student - \$10, and Family - \$50. The Liberal Community Concert season memberships are \$45 for adults. Contact Janie Kunselman at 659-2631 for more information and concert dates.

Rushing Wind May Meeting will be held in Spearman

The May meeting of the Rushing Wind Emmaus Community gathering will be held in the First United Methodist Church in Spearman on Saturday, May 11, at 6 p.m. A special invitation is extended to all new members, Christs members, family and friends. Remember to invite new community members and new pastors in your community. Sponsors training will be offered. Mark your calendar to attend! The evening will begin with a potluck meal, followed by a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided for the children.

Medical Fund Established for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez

A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez. Melissa has been diagnosed with cancer. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, Melissa Vasquez Fund, 1 NE Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

Gardening Hour at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens

The Amarillo Botanical Gardens will host Gardenfest 2002 on Saturday, May 4th from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Drive (inside Medi-Park). Features include: ABG & Garden Club Plant Sale, Master Gardener Horticultural Lectures & Free Demonstrations, Garden Literature, Garden Art, Native Plants, and more. For more information, call Amarillo Botanical Gardens at 806-352-6513.

Pfizer Is Sharing

Pfizer is now offering a Share Card that enables Medicare enrollees with low incomes and no prescription drug coverage to buy 30-day prescriptions of Pfizer medicines for \$15 each. There is no charge to enroll in the program. To qualify, people must meet three requirements: 1) Currently be enrolled in Medicare, 2) Have no prescription drug coverage plan, 3) Have gross income less than \$18,000 for an individual or \$24,000 for a couple. For more information on how to enroll, contact Kathy Bryant at 659-3030.

Off-Campus Registration for Frank Phillips College

Off-campus registration for Summer I Session for Frank Phillips College will be held at Spearman High School on May 20, 2002 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. (enter east doors). For more information call Community Resource Office, 659-3233

Oklahoma Panhandle State University To Host National Cheerleaders Association Cheerleading Camp

Oklahoma Panhandle State University will be hosting a National Cheerleaders Association cheerleading camp June 19-22. The camp provides cheerleaders with the newest material, jumps, stunts and individual attention from experienced leaders. For registrations information, contact Amber Hollis tat (405) 349-1368.

Diabetes...Keep It In Check Seminar - Diseases of the Eye

Dr. John Klein, Ophthalmologist from Amarillo will present information on the signs of diabetic eye disease on Friday, May 17th from 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ. Diabetic eye disease, if left untreated, can lead to blindness. Dr. Klein will present information on learning symptoms, prevention measures, and exercise concerns. This meeting is sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service and is open to everyone. Donations for lunch will be accepted. Please call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent, at 659-4131 or 733-2901 for more information.

Diabetes...Keep It In Check Seminar

Dr. Brian Bullard, Podiatrist from Amarillo, will present information to help people, especially diabetics, learn how to care for their feet and provide tips to help avoid serious foot problems in a seminar on Thursday, May 9, 2002 from 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ. Having diabetes puts you at a greater risk for nerve damage, poor circulation and skin infections, your feet being most affected by these things. This meeting is sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service and is open to everyone. Donations for lunch will be accepted. Please call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent, at 659-4131 or 733-2901 for more information.

Jerry Smith Presents Dove Brothers

Jerry Smith presents The Dove Brothers in concert on Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borger High School Auditorium.

Spearman 5th Grade Musical Review

The Spearman 5th grade will present the musical "From the Inside Out" on May 10, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Donations Accepted for Happy, Texas

Al and Jean Smith are accepting donations to be delivered to the tornado victims in Happy, Texas. Items such as bottled water, canned goods, kitchen utilities, etc. should be taken to the Spearman Ambulance Barn. The Smiths stated, "Everyone has done so much for us, we want to help others."

Ochiltree County Wheat Field Day

All area producers are invited to the Ochiltree County Wheat Field Day on Tuesday, May 14, 2002. The field day program begins at 10 a.m. at the Dan Krienke farm, located 1.5 miles west of Perryton on County Road H. Extension and seed company specialists will give wheat related information on varieties, insects, irrigation and forage production. A free lunch and 1 applicator CEU will be offered for those attending. For more information, contact Ochiltree County Extension Agent Scott Strawn at 435-4501.

Vial of Life Program

A "Vial of Life Program" will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2002. This program is mainly for the elderly or for those who are ill. Individuals are given a form to fill out with important information such as past/current medical history, current list of medications, physicians name, social security number, and next of kin. The information is then stored in a "vial" (pill bottle) and placed in your refrigerator. If you have a family member who you think this will help, no matter how old, please feel free to bring them to the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center, located in the O'Loughlin Center, at 3:30 p.m. H&S EMS volunteers will be on hand to help fill out the forms and provide information. Participants are asked to bring all of their current medications and other pertinent information - insurance carrier, social security number, etc. This program is free to everyone interested.

Morse Baptist Church Centennial Celebration

The Morse Baptist Church will hold its Centennial Celebration beginning Saturday, May 25th with a worship service at 2 p.m. This service will include much singing, special music, and several testimonies. A dessert social and time of fellowship will follow. Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 26th, where a breakfast buffet will be served. Worship service will begin at 11 a.m. A fellowship meal will be provided afterward.

Panhandle Crisis Center Has New Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) now has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. An Outreach Caseworker is scheduled to be at that location each Wednesday and Thursday, and Children's Advocate, Marsha Neely, will continue to be in Spearman each weekday. 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.

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Panhandle Community Services Open House Slated

Panhandle Community Services will celebrate its legacy of helping people change their lives with an open house on May 10, 2002, from 2-4 p.m. at 105 South Main in Perryton. The event is part of National Community Action Month, a nationwide occurrence held annually in May.

"Our open house will spotlight how Community Action changes lives, said Johnny Raymond, Executive Director. "We've helped a lot of Ochiltree, Hansford, and Lipscomb residents, and we want our neighbors to get a first-hand look at our success."

The Community Action Partnership established National Community Action Month to recognize community Action Agencies' (CAAs) efforts to improve their communities. During May, CAAs throughout the country will host open houses, award ceremonies, and other special activities.

"National Community Action Month is a testament to Community Action's commitment to helping people help themselves," said Paul Dole, Community "Action Partnership

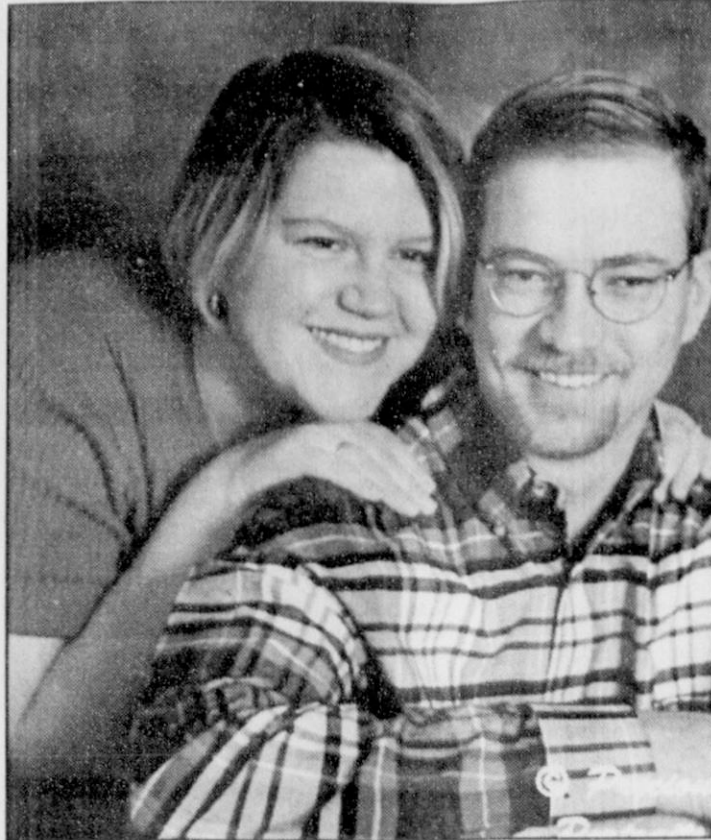
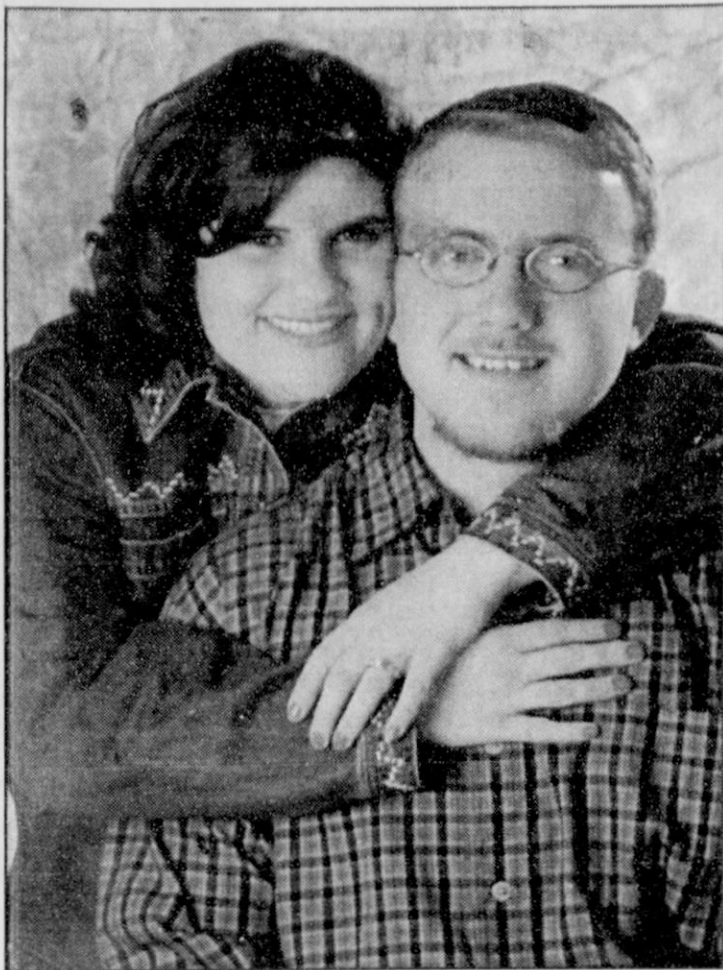
president. "We're able to make America a better place to live because we care about people"

Panhandle Community Services is a non-profit service organization dedicated to helping persons achieve self-sufficiency. PCS has 16 centers located throughout the Texas Panhandle, and has a staff of more than 100 employees. PCS serves one of the largest geographic areas of all Texas Community Agencies and leverages funds from Federal, State and private sources.

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Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Fairbanks, Montezuma, KS are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amber R. Fairbanks to Jason P. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cunningham, Dodge City, KS.

The wedding is planned for September 14, 2002 at Wilroads Gardens Christian Church.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Dodge City High School and Dodge City Community College. She is currently working toward her elementary education degree and is employed as a Para-educator at Northwest Elementary in Dodge City.

The bridegroom elect is a graduate of Dodge City High School and Dodge City Community College with an associate of applied science degree. He is employed by Foley Equipment Company of Dodge City.

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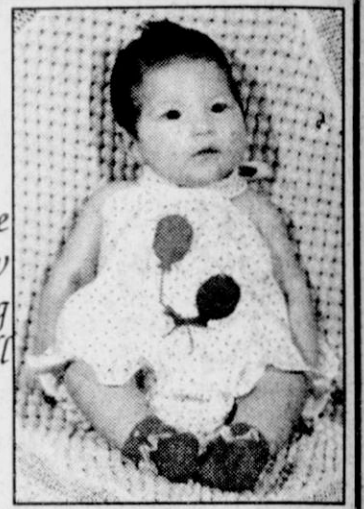
Ted and Betty Williams of Lubbock wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Ruth Williams, to Zachary Don McCammond. Zachary is the son of Yvette McCammond and the late Raymond McCammond of Spearman.

The couple plan a July 13, 2002 wedding at Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Kelli is a 1996 graduate of Lubbock High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Multidisciplinary Studies. She is a First Grade Teacher at Wheelock Elementary in the Lubbock Independent School District.

Zachary is a 1998 graduate of Spearman High School. He will graduate from Texas Tech University in May of 2002 with a degree in Political Science. He is employed by USA Relay, as a telecommunications assistant.

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The love and support has been overwhelming and very much appreciated.

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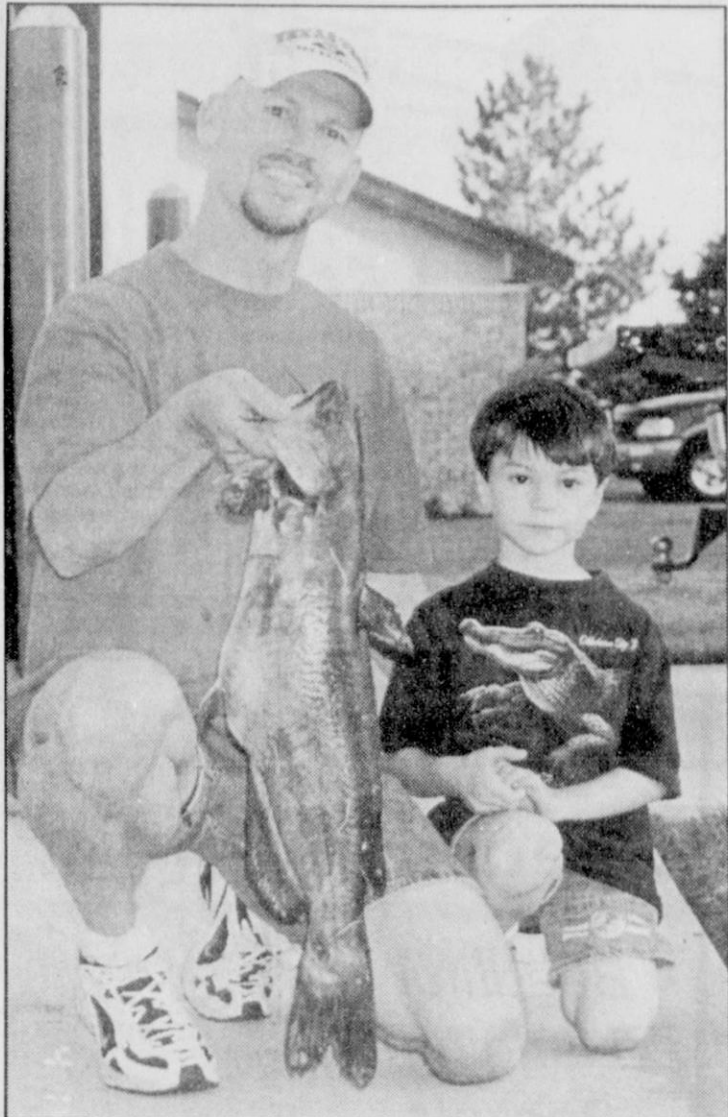
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Monte George holds a 9 3/4-pound catfish caught by his son, Griffin (right), in the Kid's Pond at Lake Palo Duro. Griffin is also the son of Mary Anne George.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--May 6, 2002--33.47 feet--temp. 62 degrees

The office only received .03 inch of rain from the violent storms that roamed the Panhandle Sunday afternoon and evening. At least we can be glad we were spared the baseball sized hail and tornadoes.

Fishing was not real good this week, but many children tried their hands at the Kid's Pond. April 30, two bus loads of third, fourth, and fifth graders from the Phillips, Stinnett, Plemons combined school system were rewarded with a day at the Palo Duro Park as a reward for doing so well on their TASS tests. As the faculty had provided fishing poles through Zebco, the students fished in shifts. A big cooker was brought for the hot dogs for lunch. It was a pretty day, and surely many good memories were made.

The second group of children to use the Park was the Ezra Boys Club. Now that Bob Adams has moved to Hawaii, Ritchie Fletcher is the leader of the club. Jim thought there were around 20 boys enjoying the campout on Friday night and Saturday.

Painted Turtles

The grandchildren who live on the Palo Duro often tell me about a snake or animal or flower that I have seen around but not observed. This time it was about the painted and snapping turtles that were being seen on warm days out of the water and sunning on the bank or a log in the water.

I have been familiar with snapping turtles since I waded in the Palo Duro as a child. We were told that if one bit you, he wouldn't turn loose until it thundered. When it was mentioned that the turtles sold in pet shops were painted turtles, I decided they were not native to our creek but had been started by pet owners or their parents dumping them in the creek.

Using "Grasslands", a National Audubon Society Nature Guide, as a source I found the painted turtle is the most widespread turtle in North America, and often dozens can be seen basking on a single log. The little map that accompanied the article showed them living close to Texas but not a native. Does anyone over 50 remember, as a child, seeing painted turtles in the creek?

The duck house that Jim built and anchored in the Kid's Pond has a ramp that has become a favorite sunning spot for the turtles. He has been trying to get a turtle picture for us. At the least disturbance, they quickly plop back in the water. He finally slipped up on some out on the bank, but there is not enough contrast for it to print well. Maybe some patient person will have a picture for us sometime.



EZRA Boys Club - sponsored by First Baptist Church - Gruver. They camped and fished Friday night and Saturday morning.

Pringle-Morse Competes in Track Meet

The Pringle-Morse Cougars recently competed in the Junior High, Class 1-A Small School Division District Track Meet in Lefors.

The cougar boys combined 7th and 8th grade team came home with a first place finish while the girls team ended the day in 6th place.

The boys ran up 123 points to finish 35 points ahead of second place Ft. Elliott.

The Cougars were led by Sammy Pena who had first place finishes in the 1200m run, triple jump, long jump and a 2nd in the 400m dash. Pena also ran the anchor leg as the Cougars won the 400m relay.

Tyler Lane also propelled Pringle-Morse with a first in the 400m run, 2nd in triple jump, 3rd in long jump, 5th in 200 and ran 1st leg on the winning 400m relay team. Other notables gaining points were Austin Zimmer - 1st place in high jump and Pedro Bonilla - 1st in the 800m run, 3rd - 1200m run, 6th in discus, Sammy Mendoza, Marcus Wilson, Guadalupe Bonilla, Chase Parks, Trae Dixon and Blane Tollefson also contributed to the cougar's District Championship.

"These ten guys obviously gave a great team effort," said Coach Jeff Forrest. "All of us at Pringle-Morse are very proud."

Jessica Schmidt and her 2nd place finish in the 800m and 1200m runs led the Cougar girls.

Other schools competing in the District Meet were Samnorwood, Hedley, Lefors, Miami, Allison, Groom, McLean, Higgins and Follett.

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The Adventures of Bob

Manly Bob is still excited about his week at DeWitt Lumber. He spent a lot of his time checking out the wide selection of toys - err - tools. They have everything from tools for your garden to "real man" power tools. Do It Yourself Bob thought of several projects he had been putting off, so he gathered supplies to do them. One of his jobs was to do some painting so he tried his hand at the computer matching system. He was sure glad it was able to match the polka dot fuchsia color so perfectly. Picasso Bob couldn't say enough about the quality of the Behr paints that DeWitt Lumber carries. With the painting all under control, Gardener Bob moved on to planning his salsa garden. He was most excited about the "Green Light" products which include everything from fertilizers to weed killers. Green Thumb Bob says DeWitt has everything you need to make your garden or lawn happy & healthy. Roofer Bob went out one day with the boys to put on a new roof. He was sure impressed with their professionalism and he wished he had a house just so he could get them to roof it. Suzy Homemaker Bob spent his last day helping with the dusting, sweeping, and organizing although we aren't sure how he was able to accomplish all of that from the forklift seat in the yard. Move Along Bob regretted his time was over at DeWitt's but was anxious to move on to his next assignment.

"Dead Men Don't Need Dress Rehearsals", is coming to the Diner in June for Dad's Night Out. Auditions are Monday, May 13th beginning at 6:00 pm. Everyone interested in performing in this interactive comedy murder mystery is urged to come down and audition. We will begin taking reservations for the performance as soon as a definite date has been set. This is one you don't want to miss.

Linkletter Bob is very excited about the "Kids Say the Darndest Things" performance for Mom's Night Out this Friday night. If you weren't fortunate enough to reserve a seat for Mom's night out (it sold out quickly!) Plan Way Ahead Bob says try to get an early reservation for Dad's night out.



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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Spring Storm Hits Gruver

A brief and fast-moving storm hit the Gruver community at 6:45 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The storm pelted mostly dime-sized to fifty-cent size diameter hail. Only .15 of rain was reported with the storm. Damage to vehicles and vegetation was reported.

Carthel Takes Fifth in State Contest

Kade Carthel placed fifth in the State UIL Headline Writing Contest held May 3, in Austin. The top three qualifying competitors from each of the four school regions of Texas were eligible for the state competition.

Gruver Prom Held

Beautiful weather and a Mardi Gras theme greeted GHS juniors and seniors to the 2002 Junior Senior prom.

Junior parents cooked a delicious meal for the event with Roger Clift and other junior fathers grilling marinated pork tenderloin, and mothers preparing green bean bundles, potato casserole, rolls, and cherry-topped cheesecake.

A senior highlight video which featured the 31 members of the 2002 graduating class was made and shown by Roy Mayhew.

Sophomore class members were servers for the event.

Get Well Wishes

Pauline Winger suffered a broken rib in a fall suffered attending the 100 birthday celebration of Eva Dozier. She was able to return to Hansford Manor where she is recuperating.

Prayers have been requested for former resident Vicky Britt who is having surgery in Oklahoma City this week which requires the cut-

ting of the optic nerve.

Granddaughter of Gruver Couple Takes State Titles

Courtney Moore, a senior at Goodwell High School, captured the Oklahoma state title over the weekend in both the discus and shot competition.

It was the third straight state discus title and the second straight shot title for the talented thrower.

Moore suffered a severe break in her lower leg during a basketball game in February which required the implanting a permanent plate and screws to repair the damage.

Her victories provided an exciting conclusion to a hard-fought return to competition following the injury.

Moore, the daughter of Gordon and Misha (Davidson) Moore and the granddaughter of Fred and Georgia Davidson, will attend South Plains College next fall on a rodeo scholarship.

Early School Dismissal Set

Gruver Schools will dismiss at 12:30 p.m., Friday, May 10. The remainder of the day is slated as a teacher in-service day.

School will resume at the usual time on Monday, May 13.

Community Events Calendar

May 9 - Deerslayer Celebration 7:00 p.m., Lake Palo Duro Junior high all school picnic - Lake Palo Duro

May 10 - Early school dismissal 12:30 - Teacher in-service in afternoon

Senior trip to Oklahoma City

FFA Area Convention

May 11 - Junior High Band Contest

May 13 - High school academic awards Program, Gruver United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.

May 14 - High school art exhibit in junior high building, 6:30

p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Spring Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., School Auditorium
Building Bridges Meeting in elementary, 1:30 p.m.
Elementary and talented Program, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Lions Club

May 15 - GHS Student Council sponsored volleyball games in City Park 2:11 p.m.

May 16 - Ident-a-kid for PreKindergarten through 4th grade, at elementary (Parents need to have forms in this day.)

May 17 - GHS Athletic Banquet, First Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.

Elementary's Muffins for Mom in school cafeteria, 7:50 - 8:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Rodeo in City Park during school day

Baccalaureate Practice, 2:00 p.m. Methodist Church.

May 18 - Junior Olympics, Greyhound Stadium, 9:00 a.m.

May 19 - Reception for Retiring Teachers, 2-3:30 p.m., Gruver United Methodist Church

Senior Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m., Gruver United Methodist Church

Elementary Musical Well Received

"America and Me," a spring musical program, was presented

last week by the Gruver Elementary Music Department under the direction of Debby Mayhew and LaVon Reid.

Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade presented "Magical Me," and "When I Grow Up."

The Second, Third, and Fourth grades presented patriotic selections "America, I Hear You Singing," "We Speak the Same Language," and "A Little More Love," as well as other selections.

Woven through the choral programs were dialogue, solos, dance ensembles, ribbon routines, and signing.

The program was concluded with a rousing rendition of "I Am Proud to Be An American" complete with a core of marching flag waving young men.

Banquet Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the GHS Athletic Banquet, May 17, are now on sale for \$10 per person.

The banquet which honors the achievements of GHS athletes will feature a full course meal. Tickets must be reserved in advance by calling Traci Clift, 733-2029, or Sheila Watley.



Mrs. Mary Olsen explains how an animal chute works to Cub Scouts (L-R) Lonnie Born, Harley Davidson, Marshall Thornton, Griffin George and Devin Wells during a recent tour of the Olsen farm located in Oslo.

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Spearman Schedules Spring Cleaning

Spearman will be cleaning up, sprucing up, and fixing up May 13-18, in preparation of the International Windmills Convention which is slated for June 5 - 8, and the annual Heritage Days Celebration June 8.

Mayor Steve Benton has declared the week of May 12 - 18 as an official week of community clean-up activities.

In place of their annual fun day, Spearman High School students will be taking part in the clean up effort May 17, by working at city parks.

Students in grades 9-11 will meet at the high school at 9:00 a.m., May 17 for a briefing of duties to

completed at community parks. Following the meeting students and their sponsors will be bused to the parks to begin work, according to Mollie Holton, SHS teacher and

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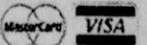
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Junior Lynxettes End Season

submitted by Jan and Rick Howard

The Jr. Lynxettes had a great 2002 All-Star season. Due to the large number of girls out for basketball, we decided to pick two All-Star teams this year. We had a team of 6th graders and another with combined 5th and 6th grade girls.

Both teams traveled to Morse for the first tournament of the year. Spearman 6th graders met Cornerstone in the first round, winning 29-5. In the second round, we matched up with White Deer, winning the game 46-3. The Spearman 5th and 6th team won their first two games, to meet Spearman 6th graders in the finals.

It was a hard-fought game, but the 6th grade team came out on top, winning 15-5. (I would like to thank the Harts, and everyone who helped host the Morse Tournament. They are always very hospitable and serve great meals.) Spearman was host to the 3rd Annual Garrett Rex Memorial Tournament. The 6th graders drew a bye for the first round, and met Gruver for a 31-6 win. They moved into the finals to face a tough Panhandle team, but took the win, 28-18. The Spearman 5th & 6th team won the consolation trophy. (I would personally like to thank everyone who helped with the Spearman tournament. It's success is possible only through the joint effort of everyone involved.)

The 6th graders then traveled to Dumas, where they faced an aggressive Dalhart 5th grade team in the 1st round. It was a tough game, but Spearman won, 44-33. They advanced to the 2nd round and went head to head with Dumas TNT, winning 29-13. The 3rd round was against the Pampa Red Hots with another big win, 19-8. Advancing to the finals, we played our toughest opponent yet, facing the Dalhart 6th graders. It was a close game to the end, but we pulled off another victory and championship, winning 26-19.

The Spearman 5th & 6th grade girls finished their season in Perryton and took 2nd place, losing to a tough Panhandle team. (Thanks to Luke Pittman for coaching the team.)

The 6th grade Lynxettes were on the road again traveling to Dalhart, where we met a Clayton, NM team, winning 33-10. In the second round we met up with the talented Dalhart 6th grade, but the Lynxettes were up to the challenge and won 38-20. In the Championship game, we faced the the scrappy Dalhart 5th graders and won in a commanding way, 44-15, taking home the 1st place trophy.

For our final tournament of the year, we traveled to Panhandle where the competition is always

challenging. The 6th grade Jr. Lynxettes faced an Amarillo team in the first round winning easily, 32-6. The second round was the toughest team we faced all season, and the biggest obstacle to get into the finals. We went toe-to-toe with an AAU Amarillo team. It was a hard-fought battle but our girls suffered their first defeat of the year, losing 23-17. But, the girls didn't quit. The loss eliminated us for the finals but we had to pick our heads up and play for third place. We met Hereford in the third

round winning 25-10, advancing to play the Claude girls. It was close throughout the game but we took the bronze, winning 21-16 to finish a great season with 15 wins and 1 loss.

Way to go 6th grade Lynxettes. Good luck in 7th grade sports.

I would like to thank all parents for getting their girls to practice and all the support during this long season. They're a great bunch of girls. Thanks for the memories, girls. I'll miss you.



6th Grade All-Stars: (Back Row, L-R) Callie Cazares, Amy Brown, Kylee Howard, Clara Kern, Coach Rick Howard; (Middle Row, L-R) Mattie Davis, Kyla Reed, Kendall Schneider, Justine Rosales; (Front Row, L-R) Brittney Bradley, Christy Lang-Swan

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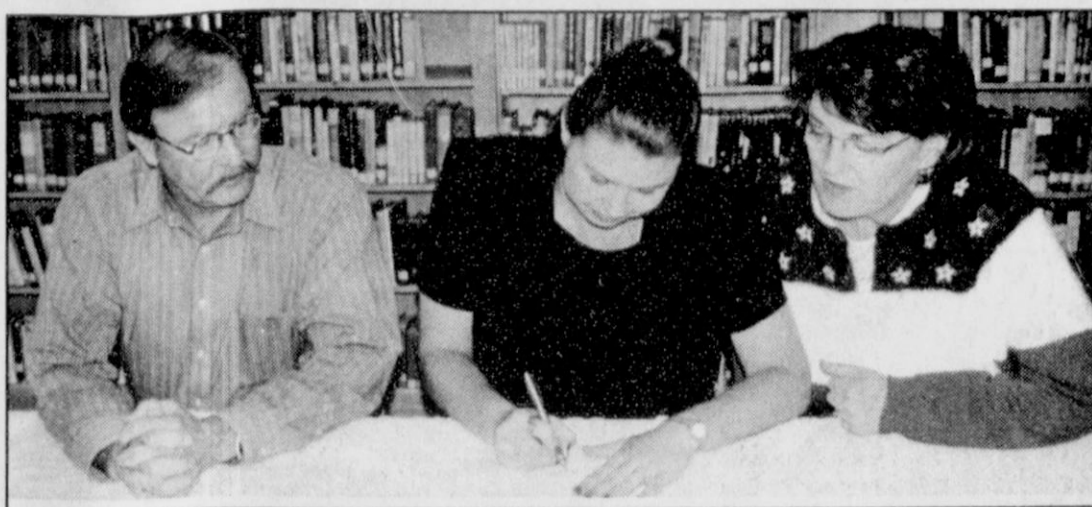
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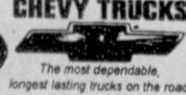
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Furniture Designers?



Adriana Pinon (center) is seated on a chair made from newspapers as her teammates Aaron Maestas (left) and Aleisha Sweat (right) look on.

by Adriana Pinon and Aleisha Sweat

Recently, Mrs. Mardell Strawn and Mrs. Beckee Baker, the 7th and 8th grade Gifted and Talented teachers, gave the assignment of designing and constructing a safe, comfortable, and durable chair. Although this seemed like an easy task, there were two requirements which made this seem virtually impossible. We were to use only newspaper and masking tape. And if this wasn't hard enough, we were restricted to approximately three yards of this "masking tape." No scissors, no glue, no extra instruments were to be used at all.

The requirements of the chair were: the legs had to be at least forty-five centimeters off the floor (you couldn't just pile up paper), it had to have a back, leg supporters, strong joints, and a seat. In addition, one member of the group had to sit on it for five minutes without it breaking. Impossible!

The class was randomly divided into six groups of three: Callie Hargis, Melissa Lesly and Brynn Garnett were The Carpenters. Adriana Pinon, Aleisha Sweat and Aaron Maestas were Triple A's. Jacob Jones, Britney Montgomery and Zack Nollner were Harry Potter. Lynette Woodward, Cara Gwin and Clayton Smith were The Chair Busters. Saylee Flowers, Collin Gillaspie and Tarin Rice were The Lazys. Jordan Short, Maribel Moreno and Stuart Martin were The Breakers. Each group had to put their heads together and use their noodles to construct these

eccentric chairs.

We were given three weeks to complete our project. During this time chairs broke, tape ran out, and everyone started turning black from the ink. The pressure was on. Which team would eventually be "King of the Newspaper Chair?"

After three weeks of hard work, headaches, stress and misery, it was time for the test. Mrs. Strawn and Mrs. Baker sat at the high throne. Each team presented their chair and were graded with this scoring system: 30 points for overall durability, 30 points for chair to person ratio, 10 points for the strength of the back, 10 points for chair response when occupied, 10 points for comfort of occupant, 10 points for creative design, extra points were awarded for extras such as rockers, chair arms, or other amenities.

After serious judging, first place was awarded to The Breakers, second to The Carpenters, and third was given to Harry Potter.

Every group did well, and we learned that teamwork is essential to accomplish great feats. Nothing is impossible if you never give up. If you make mistakes, try even harder to correct them. Creativity is more than a 10-letter word and if put to good use, many great creations may come of it. In this case not just a newspaper chair, but proof that the unattainable or unthinkable can be accomplished when perseverance, hard work, inventiveness, collaboration, and a desire to win are combined into an invincible formula for success.

DID YOU KNOW?

By Gary Ellsworth, City of Spearman Municipal Judge

New child safety seat laws went into effect on September 1, 2001. Most prominent about the laws is the increase of minimum and maximum fines for not securing children in 'child passenger safety seat systems'. The minimum fine for this offense is now \$100, while the maximum fine is now \$200. The new law also makes it an offense to operate a motor vehicle without properly restraining a child younger than four (4) years of age, or less than 36 inches in height in a child passenger safety seat system. Also, under the new law all passengers under the age of 17 are required to be properly restrained. Plus, all front seat passengers must be properly restrained regardless of age. Below is a chart outlining the Seat Belt Laws effective September 1, 2001:

Children in Safety Seats	A child under 4 years old or less than 36 inches tall must be restrained in a child safety seat in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
Children in Seat Belts	A child age 4 through 16 must be restrained in a seat belt regardless of position in the vehicle.
Pick-up trucks and trailers	A child under age 18 cannot ride in the open bed of a pick-up truck or trailer on a public road.
Adults in Seat Belts	A person age 15 or older must be restrained in a seat belt if seated in the front seat.

This chart outlines the Responsible Person and the Penalties:

Person	Type of Restraint	Location in Vehicle	Penalty
4 or < 36"	Driver Safety Seat	Front & Back Seats	\$100 - \$200
4 and < 17	Driver Safety Belt	Front & Back Seats	\$100 - \$200
15 +	Person Safety Belt	Front Seat	\$25 - \$50

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If you would like to help make this an event to remember with a special prize or donation, please call Steve or Sheri Benton at 659-3568, 659-2231 or 659-3743, or Teresa Maestas at 659-5544.

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