

IN THE NEWS

Terror fears, stoked by Bush, now bite him

For almost five years President George W. Bush has warned Americans to fear terrorism, but now those words may come back to bite him. The president, who has cast himself as America's protector against terrorism and Islamic militancy, has been thrown on the defensive by a bipartisan revolt over his administration's approval of a state-owned company from the United Arab Emirates assuming operation of six major U.S. seaports. Bush and his aides have argued that the United Arab Emirates is an anti-terrorist ally and that the company would have no security role. But even Bush allies, like South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsay Graham, have called the deal "politically tone deaf."

Iraqis in fear after sectarian violence

Sectarian violence in Iraq after suspected al Qaeda bombs devastated a major Shi'ite shrine left religious and political leaders in Baghdad and abroad scrambling on Thursday to halt a descent into all-out civil war.

Iraqis kill Sunni prisoners in apparent reprisal

Gunmen in police uniforms seized a dozen Sunni men suspected of being insurgents from a prison in the mainly Shi'ite city of Basra on Wednesday and later killed 11 of them, police and British forces said.

Bush presses Chirac on NATO involvement in Darfur

President George W. Bush on Wednesday told French President Jacques Chirac that NATO should take a more active role in international efforts to stop the bloodshed in Sudan's Darfur region, the White House said.

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California to postpone execution indefinitely

California postponed indefinitely the execution of convicted killer Michael Morales after notifying a federal court the state could not comply with court-ordered requirements for carrying out his death sentence, a court clerk said on Tuesday.

Rice to soothe fears over ports row on UAE visit

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will seek to soothe fears of U.S. hostility over a ports deal on a visit to the United Arab Emirates on Thursday.

New Orleans mayor race heats up as recovery drags

Louisiana Lieutenant Gov. Mitch Landrieu jumped into the New Orleans mayoral race on Wednesday as a front-runner in an election being fought over what shape the battered city will take as it rebuilds from Hurricane Katrina's wrath.

FCC seen near action on decency case backlog

U.S. communications regulators plan to issue decisions soon in about 40 cases involving complaints against broadcasters for violating federal decency limits, a source close to the matter said on Wednesday.

Judge gives early nod to \$6.7 bln Enron settlement

A U.S. judge has given preliminary approval to a \$6.7 billion civil settlement by three banks accused by Enron shareholders of helping the company hide financial misdeeds that led to its ruin, an attorney said on Wednesday.

Bush unaware of ports deal

President Bush was unaware of the pending sale of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports to a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates until the deal already had been approved by his administration, the White House said Wednesday.

Philippines search thwarted

Rescue workers were thwarted Wednesday in a last-ditch effort to find an elementary school buried by a devastating landslide when a two-ton drill brought in by U.S. Marines couldn't be used and heavy rain forced officials to call off the day's search.

U.N. pursues abuse

The United Nations vowed Wednesday to pursue claims of financial waste and fraud in its peacekeeping missions worldwide, and argued for new rules that reflect the challenges of sending troops to some of the world's worst conflict zones.



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Vanderburg to compete in Texas 26th Annual Homecoming Queen Selection



Miss Britta Marie Vanderburg, daughter of Joe and Kim Vanderburg of Spearman, has selected finalist for Texas' 26th Annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held April 8th and 9th, 2006 at Hyatt Regency Dallas Ft. Worth Airport in DFW Airport, Texas. She is a senior and the Spearman High School 2005 Basketball Homecoming Queen and 2005 Football Homecoming Queen. Texas' 2006 Homecoming Queen will receive a cash scholarship plus an expense paid trip to the National Finals to compete with queens from the other states for America's Homecoming Queen, America's homecoming Queen, Inc. is a non profit organization promoting education, educational travel, and community service in schools in all fifty states.

A special note of interest to Hansford County residents: In 1986 Gruver High School Homecoming Queen, Carrie Cathleen Hart Guthrie, was Texas' Homecoming Queen.

Gigot Agra Products named Performance Plus Dealer



Pictured are Len Adams, Lance Kemp and Chad Wilson.

Valmont Irrigation recently announced that Gigot Agra Products in Spearman, Texas, earned a Valley Performance Plus Dealer designation for outstanding sales performance by delivering the highest standards of service and product support to its mechanized irrigation customers. The Performance Plus Program focuses on the recognition of dealers as they strive to meet the ever increasing and changing needs of production agriculture.

"Being named a Performance Plus Dealer is a significant achievement," said James Brown, Valmont Irrigation's Vice President of North American Sales. Gigot Agra Products earned the award by achieving outstanding ratings from clients in the key areas of sales, parts and service.

Gigot Agra Products recently accepted the award at Valmont's global sales meeting in San Francisco. The meeting brought Valley dealers together to build product knowledge, network with fellow dealers and reinforce their commitment to the Valley brand.

"Valmont Irrigation places a great deal of value in our dealer network. Customer surveys consistently show that the excellence of our dealers has made Valley the leader in all categories of sales and customer service. We're very pleased to congratulate Gigot Agra Products for their superior customer service and leadership," Brown said.

Valmont Irrigation is the global leader in mechanized irrigation technology and the world's leading manufacturer of mechanized irrigation equipment. Since founding the industry in 1954, Valley products have been enhancing food production while conserving and protecting natural resources. Valmont has sold over 145,000 Valley center pivots, linear and corner machines worldwide, irrigating roughly 14 million acres in more than 100 countries. For additional information, contact your local Valley dealer, call Valmont Irrigation at 1-800-825-6668 or visit Valmont on the Internet at www.valmont.com/irrigation.

Shattered Dreams

There will be a Shattered Dreams Parent Workshop on Thursday, March 2, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Spearman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. One of the main goals of the Shattered Dreams program is to show that teens are not solely expected to combat the problem of underage drinking and impaired driving.

Bill Carson will be the facilitator, and other guests will include Mark Snider, Assistant District Attorney; Paula Hicks, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers; John Hutchison, Hansford County Attorney; Lance Swan, Spearman Chief of Police; and Gary Evans, Hansford County Sheriff.

The meeting will be a panel discussion with an open forum for questions. All parents, teachers and concerned community members are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Bill Carson at 659-2597, Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 or Linda Winegamer at 659-5067.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Areas of freezing fog and fog after midnight. Lows in the mid 30s. South winds around 10 mph.
FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Areas of freezing fog and fog in the morning. Highs in the upper 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Light and variable winds becoming northeast 10 to 15 mph after midnight.
SATURDAY - Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. Cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Areas of freezing fog and fog after midnight. Lows in the upper 20s.
SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Areas of freezing fog and fog in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.
TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.
TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s.



The District Champion Spearman Lynx will face Dimmitt at Canyon High School on Friday night, February 24, 2006 at 8 p.m.

County Approves ES & S AutoMARK Voting Machines

Effective January 1, 2006, each precinct (polling place) within the county will have a voting system that will be accessible for individuals with disabilities, including non-visual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same opportunity for privacy and independence as other voters.

Pursuant to Title I, Section 101 and Title II, Section 251 of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Public Law 107-252, October 29, 2002, the Office of the Secretary of State informed Hansford County on September 14, 2004 that funding was available for the county as identified in the Grant. There are three basic purpose areas of funding for the county as identified in the Texas HAVA State Plan, which include the following: 1) County Education Fund 2) Accessible Voting System in Each Polling

Place, and 3) General HAVA Compliance.

In September 2004, a grant agreement was issued to Hansford County for \$103,195.42. Over the last year the Hansford County Clerk has viewed several of the Electronic Voting machines and has applied with the Texas Building and Procurement Commission and the Secretary of State for certification to purchase the Voting equipment needed for Hansford County.

Whereas, on October 24, 2005, an ORDER was signed by the Hansford County Commissioners' Court approving the expenditure of the H.A.V.A. Grant. To be in compliance by the January 1, 2006 deadline the Hansford County Clerk respectively requested the Commissioner's Court to approve the purchasing of 16 ES & S AutoMARK Voting Systems and 1

Model 100 Precinct Scanner. The expenditures for the voting equipment and training to this date is \$96,195.43. During the Grant period the County is responsible for maintaining an audit for the grant money. The ending date of the HAVA Grant will be on December 31, 2008 then the County Judge will be responsible for return of any unused funds.

Hansford County will continue to use a paper ballot but will also have an AutoMARK voting machine at each polling place. An AutoMARK voting machine will be available in the County Clerks office and Branch Office at the City Hall during the Early Voting period beginning February 21, 2006 thru March 3, 2006.

Training for Election Judges and poll workers was held January 13th and January 14th for the AutoMARK machines.

New Mr. and Ms. Hansford Manor Elected



The newly elected Hansford Manor King and Queen are Gene Cudd and Grace O'Brennan.

by Merry Sparks

The afternoon of February 14th--yeahhh--Valentine's Day was the culmination of two weeks of ballot boxes being stuffed and the Resident favorite male and female votes tallied. At the end of the voting period by staff, visitors, and Residents we had a new Queen and King for 2006.

Grace O'Brennan is the new reigning Queen of Hansford Manor. She was born in Leavenworth, Kansas in 1907. In just a few days she will be 99 years old! She has been such an inspiration and a joy to us at the Manor for the past 11 years. She was the leader of the pack at the Golden Senior Olympics. She loves to play kickball still now and has a quick smile.

Her adult years were spent in El Paso, Texas where she was a legal secretary for many years as well as for a judge there where she did investigative work for adoptions. She met and married Gerald Parks and was blessed with four children, Bryan, Alan, Andrea, and daughter Rosemary Parks.

First Runner up for the Queen's court was Viola Thompson and second runner up was JoAnne Graves. Also in the Queen's court was Lola Newcomb, Edith Womble, Betty

Scribner, Lee Perkins, Shirley Wyssmann, Ruth Benefield and Irene Edwards.

The new King of Hansford Manor is a very familiar person to this entire area. Gene Cudd was elected the 2006 King. Gene was born in Ochiltree Co., Texas in 1921. He met and married Frances in 1942. He and his family lived outside of Perryton where he farmed and raised cattle as they were raising their children. In all of that spare time he had, he worked at the John Deere house. In time he became part owner in the John Deere stores in Booker and Perryton and later opened the John Deere store in Spearman.

Gene and his family have traveled extensively and have obviously enjoyed life. He is still a light in the lives of us around him. It is a

pleasure meeting him in the hallway and also his lovely wife, Frances. The staff at the Manor have found him to be filled with humor and grace.

The Valentine festivities of February have been filled with great joy. For myself, I had a very special moment on the 13th. of Feb. I was in my office working on papers as Residents were in the activity room playing dominoes. Just as they finished and started to leave for the supper bell I heard a different, man's voice enter into the room. It was Rodney Sumner and he had brought a special flower to one of the Residents that he had met in the past week. What a nice thing to do! Not only was she blessed but the rest of us around her were blessed with this act of kindness. Thank you Rodney

DEADLINE NOTICE

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

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

Live,
Laugh &
Love



by Catherine R. Smith
cathysmith@antden.com

My dear friend Sally Desimone sent me the following "Laws of the Natural Universe." I really enjoyed them, and hope you do, too.

Laws of the Natural Universe

Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to use the bathroom.

Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of the Telephone: When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

Variation Law: If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now. (works every time)

Bath Theorem: When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result: When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Theatre Rule: At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

Law of Coffee: As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers: If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Dirty Rugs/Carpets: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich of landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.

Law of Location: No matter where you go, there you are.

Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law: If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law: As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

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 :)

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

This is the last Sunday in Epiphany. [This Sunday is also "Transfiguration Sunday" and those references are 2 Kings 2: 1-12, Psalm 50, 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6, and Mark 9: 2-9. These lessons help answer Mark's theme, "Who is Jesus called the Christ?"] In the season of Epiphany we have sought to discover the answer to the question, "Who is Jesus called the Christ?" Our lessons are in Hosea 2:14-23, Psalm 103, 2 Corinthians 3: 1-11, and Mark 2: 13-22. Hosea writes that Israel will return to the Lord; she will enjoy peace and prosperity as the "bride" of the Lord. The Psalmist sings of the Lord who does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. The Lord has the compassion of a father for His children.

Paul writes to the Corinthians that "letters of commendation" from the congregations are not needed because the Spirit has written the confirmation in the heart of the believer. The call to ministry is not from the faith community, but from God. The believer as a minister of the new covenant is called not by the letter, but by the Spirit. If those who followed the ministry of condemnation (the Law) were in glory [think of Moses coming down from the mountain with the tablets of the Law], how much more so shall be those who minister in Christ's name?

Jesus calls Levi, son of Alphaeus, from his duty as a tax-collector for the Romans, to be a disciple of His Kingdom. What irony! A Jew, a man of the priestly caste, a man working for the hated Romans, called to be a servant of God! Jesus answers his detractors, "I have come not to call the righteous but sinners." The detractors then ask why Jesus' disciples do not fast. Jesus says that the wedding guests do not fast while the bridegroom is with them. [Jewish weddings were a week of feasting and celebration]. We can also consider that fasting was a way of showing a desire to be in a right relationship with God; the disciples were in a right relationship with Jesus. Jesus then tells them that one does not put new wine into an old wineskin, but into new wineskins. Similarly, the way of the Law is good but it is the old way; the way of the cross is new and is the way we follow.

As Hosea married a prostitute to testify about God's relationship with Israel. Hosea redeemed his wife from prostitution. Hosea tells that Israel will be redeemed and "married" to God. Paul explains that the believer is called to ministry by the Spirit not by men's letters, and Jesus shows us that He can call and use the least of us to do His work. During Epiphany we have discovered that Jesus is the Son of God, during the season of Lent we will examine our relationship with Him.

May the Holy Spirit write His commendation in your heart so that others may see Christ in you.

Thank You

I want to express a great big thank you for all the concern and help shown Alton and I during the healing and recovery time, due to my accident. The wonderful delicious food, beautiful bouquets, plants, encouraging cards, phone calls and enjoyable visits are so very much appreciated. A special thank you to Dr. Hierholzer, Dr. Garnett and each and every employee at Hansford Hospital. All were very considerate and performed duties above the call.

Once again, I say thank you with love and my our Lord bless you daily,
Peggy Ellsworth

Thank You

I want to thank Dr. Garnett, the staff at Hansford Hospital and the Physical Therapy Department for all your help in aiding my recovery from my recent knee surgery. All your care and concern have truly boosted my recovery. I also want to thank everyone for the cards, visits and phone calls while I was in the hospital. We live in a wonderful community and I feel very blessed that so many of you reached out to me when I needed it.

Thank you again, Betty Gaines

Thank You

I'd like to thank all of you that kept my Mother, my daughter and me in your thoughts and prayers during their recent surgeries in Tennessee. They are both recovering nicely... Kelli faster than Mother. A very special thank you to those who called and kept me company during my long, icy trip back on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. My stay in Oklahoma was unusual to say the least. You are truly a very special group of people. I thank God for each of you!

Love and God bless, Carolyn Cummings

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Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on March 29, 2006. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Spearman Chamber sets Annual Banquet

The annual Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held on Saturday, March 4th, 2006 at 6 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center. Motivational speaker, Steve Gilliland, will return again as this year's speaker. Tickets are now on sale at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce office. The cost is \$20.00 per person or \$150.00 per table.

Anger Resolution Seminar

An Anger Resolution Seminar will be held Friday, Feb.24th from 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 25, from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Community Worship Center in Perryton. Ages 15 to adult can attend, with 12-14 year olds attending with parents. Cost is \$35 per person. Character training classes will be held for children ages 5-12 for \$5 per child. (Nursery is also provided.) This seminar is designed to help identify the causes of anger and explain how to resolve it rather than manage it, all according to God-given principles from the Bible. For more information, or to register, please call Tina Buschman at 806-435-3305.

Dames & Dollars

30 minutes to Savings, Security, Sanity and Success- a financial management series for women, sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, continues Friday, February 24, at Noon in the Fellowship Hall-Spearman Church of Christ. "Girls & Goals: Cooking Financial Success" will be presented by Nancy Granovsky, Professor and Extension Family Economics specialist. The basic ingredients to a savings and investment recipe, establishing financial goals and gauging tolerance to risk will be discussed. A question and answer session is on the agenda. Door prizes will be provided by First State Bank, First National Bank and Interstate Bank. Donations for lunch will be accepted. Please call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent, 659-4131 or 733-2901 for more information.

Men's Bible Study

A Men's Bible Study will begin on March 6th at 7 p.m. at the Spearman First United Methodist Church. The Bible Study will be a video series on Personal Holiness by Dr. Bruce Wilkinson. Facilitator will be Mike Shrode. The series is four-weeks long, and pre-registration is required in order to purchase workbooks. Register at the First United Methodist Church (659-5503) by February 20th.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School graduating class of 2006 are asking for your help to make this year's Project Graduation event a success. This event is a long standing tradition our community is proud to be a part of and has always been a success due in part by your generosity. Project Graduation is an event that is hosted by the parents of the graduation class. The celebration begins shortly after commencement exercises and continues through till the next morning. The night consists of games, food, gifts and prizes and ensures that the participants will celebrate this momentous occasion in a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free environment. To be able to continue with the Project Graduation tradition, we are asking for contributions. Contributions may be in the form of door prizes, monetary donations, book scholarships, gifts that will benefit them upon entering college, or anything of this sort. If you are interested and willing to donate to this worthy cause, we ask that you send your contributions no later than April 1, 2006 to: Project Graduation, %Audra Thomas, 207 S. James, Spearman TX 79081. If you would like to donate items that need to be picked up, please contact Audra at (806) 659-3354 or (806) 270-0266, or Diane Close at (806) 659-3615. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes
Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2006. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

Spearman Community Blood Drive

The Spearman Community Blood Drive will be held on Monday, March 13th, at The O'Loughlin Center at 502 S. Brandt from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm. Please call 1-877-574-8800 to schedule an appointment for this drive. Sponsored by The O'Loughlin Center and the Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

Young Parkinson's Disease Support Group

The West Texas Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association will have an organizational meeting on March 4, 2006 at 6:30 pm at the Homeplate Diner, 7615 university Avenue, Lubbock. This support group is for young onset Parkinson's disease patients (55 years old and younger) and their families. For more information call West Texas Parkinsonism Society, 792-9877 or 785-2732 or toll free at 1-800-687-5498.

TDA to Host Agricultural Diversification Workshop

The Texas Department of Agriculture will host an Agricultural Diversification workshop for Texas landowners Tuesday, February, 28th. Meeting topics include landowner liability, hunting, wildlife management, alternative crops, business plan development, financing programs and ag diversification success stories. The meeting is sponsored by TDA, Childress County Farm Service Agency, Childress County Cooperative Extension and the Childress Chamber of Commerce. The Ag Diversification Meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at City Auditorium, 1000 N. Commerce St., in Childress. Senator Robert Duncan is the luncheon speaker. Contact Allen Spelce or Beverly Boyd at 512-463-7664.

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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

February 23
Birthday - Hailey Lamb, Randy Reid, Dave Clement, Janyth Smith, Cynthia Miller, Phil Larson, Aaron Hager, Kacey Smith, Elizabeth Pipkin, Jim McMahan, Maxine Cline, Jason Bartimos, Edolilna Garcia, Tommy Reger, Daryl Noble, Mollie Burnam, Alan Jones,
Anniversary - M/M Richard Rasor, M/M Joe Rodriguez, M/M Tommy Boone
February 24
Birthday - Lori Messer, Linda Scroggs, Adam Holladay, Mani Noble, Tiffany Goodrich, Chuck Morgan, Sherry Boyd, Fernando Saldana, Glenda Close, Barbara Townsend, David Swink, Frances Davis
Anniversary - M/M Tom Cathey Sr., M/M Quentin Hart, Andrea & Gary Woolley
February 25
Birthday - Marian Tomlison, Lynna Renner, Don Schmer, Mike Brown, Leslie Paul, Crystal Carson, Loree Viola, Tabettha Thoms
Anniversary - Bob & Jackie Pearson
February 26
Birthday - Debbie Davis, Bruce Knight, Suzie Womble, Burl Buchanan, Pam Edwards, Margie Schubert, Lynn Pierce, Marinell Webster, Deziree Hughes, Carol Poole, LaQuita Evans, Bob Meier, Kip Francis, Denise Paschel, Tony Holquin, Nicholas Avila, Kay Ann Miller
Anniversary - Britt & Linda Jarvis
February 27
Birthday - Roy Diaz, Colby Weldon, Sharon Sutton, Cindy Jenkins, Adrian Barrera, Rosie Jackson, Melinda Hall, Winnie Vernon, Clint Goodman, Lance Wood, Vanessa Vela, Lacey Salgado
February 28
Birthday - Robert Blount, Max Davis, Karen Sparks, Shannon Bowling, Debbie Carter, James

Lair, Sammy Don Jones, Edna Anderson, Willie Shields, Hal Bennett, Davis Nash, Parker Grotegut
Anniversary - M/M Gilbert Salgado
February 29
Birthday - Clifton Harden, Michael Holt
March 1
Birthday - Lori Swink, Justin Ooley, David Stafford, Michael Rosales, Eddie Goodrich, Gary Cates, Ruby Mitchell, Mary Saldavar, Nora Baca, John Duncan, Peggy Robinson, Caleb Miller, Danny Parker
Anniversary - M/M Robbie Dewberry, M/M Harold King, Norlan & Linda Winegarner
March 2
Birthday - Wynn (Maupin) Essler, Justin Thompson, Tonni Yanke, Olive "Babe" Pendergraft, Wayne Barber, Matthew Baker, Carma Dorton, Bob Farr, Robin McCullough, Rachelle Moreno, Josh Winegarner, Ryan Hill, Sammy Renteria
Anniversary - M/M Joel Lackey
March 3
Birthday - Sue Smith, Jackie Womble, Vicky Papay, Doris Brogdon, Kim Scroggs, Kelley Hart, Cass Lasater, Andy Scarborough, Brian Black, Darla Black, Amber Fox, Allan Taylor, Denise Schuman, Crystal Harris, Richard Melton, Paxton Pittman, Matti Wheelock, Pam Schnell
March 4
Birthday - Evelyn Dahl, Don Evans, Tanner Sherrell, Tommy Hahn, Jon Garnett, Virgil Jones, Chuck Taylor, Jose Renteria, David Harbour, Ron Fox, Judy Park, Brenda Red, Ronald Kirby, Heather Hamilton, Lucio Vela, Carrie Guthrie, David Rosser
March 5
Birthday - Ron Dunning, Beth Swink, Barry Beck, Brooks Beck, Mark Garnett, Mary Garza, Mike Cowan, Trixie Pearson, Mike Garrard, Alexis Johnson, Benny Brandvick, Steve TeBeest, Shelby Williams, Ramon Garcia, Jj Anaya
Anniversary - M/M Ramiro Morales

Our Sympathy

KAREN SPARKS

GRUVER - Karen Sparks, 61, of Gruver passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2006. Graveside memorial service was Monday, February 20, 2006 at 2:00 pm at Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. George Price officiating. Boxwell Brothers Funeral home of Spearman was in charge of the services.

Mrs. Sparks was born in Spearman, Texas on February 28, 1944 to Joe and Daisy (Williams) Rhea. She was a beautician.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Billy Rhea. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law; Jackie and John Martin of San Antonio, Texas; 2 sons and a daughter-in-law; Slavin Sparks of Santo, Texas and Lance and Lori Sparks of Gruver, Texas. A brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Barbara Rhea of Dumas, Texas. Three grandsons and 2 granddaughters; Sage Sparks of San Antonio; Rhett Sparks and Allie Sparks of Gruver; Forrest and Dawson Martin of San Antonio.

HOWARD NASH

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA - Howard Clark Nash, Sr., 96, long-time Guymon resident, passed away Saturday morning, February 18th, 2006 at his home.

The son of pioneer families, Margaret (Clark) and Chester Ashley Nash, he was born September 5, 1909 at the Nash home in Guymon. He graduated from Guymon High School with the Class of 1926 and attended Kansas University where he served as President of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity.

Howard began his working career at his father's grocery store and later, went into business with his brothers, Ed and Orville, at Nash Brothers. The family business struggled to survive during the 1930s, but over time, became an established business in Guymon. Not only John Deere Implements and GMC automobiles were sold, but also appliances, and even at one time, Cessna Airplanes.



All of the Nash brothers loved to fly airplanes and it was not unusual to have them land in their customers' field and taxi to their house to service their appliance or to try to sell machinery. In 1938 Nash Brothers opened a store in Hooker, Oklahoma, which continued in business until 1972. Howard also managed the family ranch east of Guymon.

At the age of 10, Howard began playing the trumpet, played the cornet in the Guymon school orchestra. Howard enjoyed playing in the Guymon Cowboy Band and helped with many Pioneer Day parades. He also played for a dance band during his college years to help pay his tuition. He was married to Emogene Davis, of Hooker, OK in 1931. They had a daughter, Diane Nash. Emogene and their infant son died in 1938.

He was united in marriage to Floy Marie (Mickey) Dixon on January 7, 1940 and to this union was born two daughters, Nancy and Susan and one son, Clark. During World War II, Howard was a Navy Flight Instructor. He trained Navy Cadets in Stearman bi-planes at Las Vegas, NM, Norman, OK, New Orleans, LA and Ottumwa, IA.

After the War, Howard returned to the family business and farming and ranching. Always active in the church and community, Howard was a longtime member of Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, Guymon where he sang in the church choir; served on the Memorial Hospital Board for many years, was a 32nd Degree Mason, Guymon Lodge #335, AF&AM, and was a member of the Guymon Lions Club. Howard and Mickey moved to Gruver, Texas in 1968 where they made their home for 30 years and Howard enjoyed farming. They were members of Gruver United Methodist Church. Howard also enjoyed wood-working of all kinds.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Mickey Nash of the home; three daughters, Diane Broce of Cuchara, CO; Nancy Meyer and husband, Tim of Texhoma, OK; and Susan Hensley and husband, Frank of Loveland, CO; a son, Howard Clark Nash, Jr. and wife, Barbara of Tyler, TX; and ten grandchildren, Kimberly Van Wormer and husband, Brad; Leslie Grochowski and husband, Greg; Tamara Shaughnessy and husband, Kurt; Stephanie Bernhart and husband George; Brady Meyer and wife Stefanie; Brandon Meyer and wife, Julie; Julie Henander and husband, Jack; Teresa Higley and husband James; Scott Landreth and wife Sara; and Kimberly Hensley. He is also survived by twenty-one great grandchildren, Jesa and Ryan Van Wormer, Geoffrey Grochowski, Ashleigh and Amber Hauptman, Conner Shaughnessy, Allison, J.C., Nash and Jack Bernhart, Rhett, Slavin and Sawyer Meyer, Jake, Emily and Lily Meyer, James and Claire Henander, Abby Fleener, and Hope and Michael Higley; and 1 great-great granddaughter, Mykah VanWormer.

He was preceded in death by his first wife and son; a sister, Mildred Daily, two brothers, Edwin Nash and Orville Nash; and a great grandson, Matthew Fleener.

Funeral services will be Tuesday afternoon, February 21st at 2:00 PM at Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, Guymon with Rev. Michael Burkett, pastor officiating. Interment will follow in Elmhurst Cemetery under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.

Memorials may be given to the Guymon Home Health & Hospice, Victory Memorial United Methodist Church, or Gruver Methodist Church, c/o Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

The family of Howard Nash is so very appreciative of the loving caregivers to Howard and Mickey during the last five years, Tamara Shaughnessy, their loving granddaughter, Connie Martin, Tammy Ganci, Melissa Glover, Norma Aguilar, Dominga Gonzales, Jeanette Betterton, and many others. Also, thank you to the home health nurses, Chaplain Tim Brittain and Dr. Tan and staff.

Howard, "Daddy" to his children, "Pa" to his grandchildren and great grandchildren will always be remembered for his kindness and love for his family and friends. He was a true "gentle" man!

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 March 26 - 11:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer

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Engagement Announced

Marsha Townsend of Perryton wishes to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of her daughter, Debbie Townsend to Brooks Beck of Spearman. Brooks is the son of Verlin and Audene Beck of Spearman. Debbie is a 1993 graduate of Perryton High School. She is employed as the Business Office Manager at Ochilree Hospital District. Brooks graduated from Spearman High School in 1990 and attended Liberal Vo-Tech and Frank Phillips College. He is self-employed as a farmer/stockman. The wedding is set for 11 am on May 20, 2006 at the First Baptist Church of Spearman.

HANSFORD COUNTY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2006

- Feb 19-25 National FFA Week
- Feb 24 TAKS 11TH Social Studies retest
- Feb 27 Shattered Dreams Parent/Student meeting 7:00, Library
- Feb 28 Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)

MARCH 2006

- Mar 1 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 2 Shattered Dreams; Read Across America Day; Spearman HS; Area School Board Candidate Workshop, 7-9 p.m., Region 16 Education Service Center, Amarillo
- Mar 4 Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6 p.m., O'Loughlin Center
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19-25 National Agriculture Week

HANSFORD MANOR EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2006

- Feb 24 Olympic Practice, 10 a.m., living room; Birthday Party, 2:30 p.m., living room
- Feb 25 Exercise, 10 a.m., living room; Games, 2:30 p.m., activity room
- Feb 26 Church (Union Church), 3 p.m., living room
- Feb 27 Newscurrents, 10 a.m., living room; Sewing, 2:30 p.m., activity room; Bingo (Laureate Gamma Gamma), 6:30 p.m., dining room
- Feb 28 Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday); Exercise, 10 a.m., living room; Happy Hour, 2:30 p.m., activity room

Lordy, Lordy,
look who's 40!
and still playing
in the dirt!

Happy Birthday,
Slim
Love ya,
Melissa



**Proclamation
"Shattered Dreams"
March 2-3, 2006**

WHEREAS, the Shattered Dreams program with the theme of Drinking and Driving Ends All Dreams (D.E.A.D) has the goal of educating young people through as experienced to simulate the process of maturity through mourning.

WHEREAS, youth and other citizens are bombarded with messages that youthfulness is preferable to maturity,

WHEREAS, role models for youth created by the popular culture role models have lifestyles that are unrealistic compared to the lives of most young people and their families,

WHEREAS, youth markets created by advertising strategies often promote the virtues of individualism that can leave youth feeling unconnected to family and community,

WHEREAS, alcohol consumption, driving, and dating are key liberties that young people often seek when they feel powerless compared to others, especially their elders, and

WHEREAS, elders with first-hand experience in life can be the most effective sources of guidance for youth,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN GILLISPIE, Mayor of the City of Spearman, officially proclaims MARCH 2-3, 2006, as Shattered Dreams Days. This proclamation is made in recognition of the efforts of those in the Spearman School District and others in the community who demonstrate their dedication to the health, education, and life of all citizens through the sponsorship of this alcohol-education program.

IN WITNESS WHERE, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Spearman, Texas, DATED February 21, 2006.

Brian Gillispie, Mayor

American Heart Gala Set

The Hansford County Division of the American Heart Association has set its annual banquet, "Fool@Heart" for Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the O'Loughlin Center. The Silent Auction begins at 6:15 pm followed at 7 with dinner. The Wagner Family from Gruver will be catering the event with Salad, Rib Eye Steak, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Warm Buttered Bread, Cheese Cake and Topping, tea and coffee. At 8:15 the Live Auction begins.

Tickets for the evening are \$25.00 each. Special donation Scholarship levels are: The Joker- \$50.00 and receives two tickets; The Jack of Hearts- \$100 and receives 2 tickets; The Queen of Hearts-\$200 and receives 2 tickets; The King of Hearts- \$250 and receives 4 tickets; The Ace of Hearts- \$500 and receives 8 tickets.

Tickets are available from the Heart Board Members: Patricia Bratton, Peggy Frick, Carolyn Cummings, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Anita Sumner, Charlotte Bergin, Kay Hobbs, Ed Hansen, Penny Ralston, and Dr. Tom and Linda Latta. You may send your donation or ticket requests to: Fool@Heart Gala, Box 131, Spearman, Texas 79801.

It's A Girl!



A special little angel, Zoe Quinn Miller, was welcomed into this world by parents, Jocelyn (Edwards) and Dillon Miller on Wednesday, February 15, 2005, at 1:23 PM in Pearland, Texas. Zoe was born at the Hermann Medical Clinic and was 21 1/2 inches long and weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Proud grandparents are Kitty and Frank Edwards of Spearman and Marlene and Jim Miller of Pearland. Great-grandparents are Bobbie and Jack Hart of Amarillo and June Edwards of Spearman. Aunt Jentry Edwards, of Lubbock also welcomes Zoe with open arms.

You are invited to
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for a program on
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Baby Registry

- Derik & Tessa Grotegut - March 4
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by Dorothy Hudson
**Out
At The Lake**

Lake Level--February 20, 2006--23.11 feet (-0.17)

Jim reports he has been trying for pictures of the two mature bald eagles as they sit in a tree together, but so far they fly too soon each time.

He says the fishermen are now catching catfish using shad they either net in the Lake or buy away from the county. Most of the fish caught are blue catfish.

Coronado

Last week Eric Johnson of Gruver asked me if I knew anything about three saddles with a few artifacts, all from Coronado's expedition, being found in the Palo Duro Creek some years ago. His source was from a book I have, so we looked in Prairie Hinterland: The Archaeology of Palo Duro Creek, Phase I: Survey and Eric showed me a part of our history that I had not read.

I think copies of this book are in both county libraries. Chapter III is on Historic Background which starts with the army of Francisco Vasquez Coronado in the spring of 1541 traveling into the Texas Panhandle.

The part that had intrigued Eric, told of a group of the soldiers that were traveling among an enormous herd of buffalo. "... they came to a barranca, [a deep ravine]

and so many cattle fell into it that it was filled and the other cattle crossed over them. The men on horseback who followed fell on top of the cattle, not knowing what had happened. Three of the horses that fell, disappeared, with their saddles and bridles, among the cattle, and were never recovered." (Castaneda 1940:236).

"This 'barranca' was probably the headwaters of the Palo Duro Creek, somewhere southwest of Spearman, Texas." (Shroeder:1962:6)

Over 70 years ago when I had the seventh grade course in Texas history, I learned of Coronado's expedition into Texas and the Panhandle while he searched for the Seven Cities of Cibola. From that point on, I have heard about "somebody" finding chain mail, Spanish armor, bridle bits of the period, or some object that people were sure would prove that Coronado followed the Palo Duro Creek north into Kansas. However, I have yet to see any proof.

I would be interested to hear what others know of the Coronado expedition. It would be nice to prove he was here once and for all. I plan to do some additional research but would be grateful for clues that others have gleaned over the years.

You are invited to attend a
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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Many thanks go to the Lutheran & Presbyterian Church for bringing services to the Manor on the 29th of Jan as well as to the Apostolic Faith Church for Feb. 5, First Christian on Spearman on Feb. 12, and First Christian of Gruver on Feb. 19th. We appreciate all of you for sharing your time and expertise with the Residents. I know that every time that you come you leave a blessing with the Residents and I trust that you are being blessed back by the Lord.

On the 31st of January we had a special party signifying the celebration of Chinese New Year. This is the Year of the Dog for them so we had a short program with highlights about that before we feasted on finger foods prepared for us by Tong's Chinese Restaurant. Afterward, the Tang family brought individual gift bags for each resident containing several different items as an expression of good will for each Resident. Thank you to Tong's Chinese Restaurant! The Residents enjoyed it very much and especially the gift bags.

Many thanks also go out to Anne Whitaker for continuing the Bible study on Wednesday mornings. What could be better than enjoying the fresh donuts from Country Donut Shop along with food for the soul?

We have been having energetic Musercise programs on Thursday mornings and the ever faithful auxiliary hosting bingo on Thursday afternoons. Thank you to one and all!

On the 3rd of Feb. the Residents enjoyed Charles Brillhart playing for them Name That Tune! Music is so special and Charles is great to work with. He is willing to do whatever is needed to help the Residents enjoy themselves.

On the 6th we had a new program called Front Porch Travels. On this date they traveled to Costa Rica to a baseball camp there. It was a very educational program about the country and the program.

On the 7th the Residents spent the entire day cooking! They made

cookies, & cookies, & cookies & brownies, & cakes & cakes & cakes. They were preparing for a bake sale that they were hosting on the 8th to benefit the Empty Stocking Fund. We had a ball with all the sugar & flour flying everywhere & dough all over the place!

The 8th we started off with Anne's bible study & progressed to the Bake Sale while working on various craft projects at the same time.

On Saturday the 11th we had a special Valentine's Crazy Bunko game. There were piles of valentine stuffed animals. Much competition went on because of course there were 3 or 4 very special ones. A Resident was seen the next day going out on pass with her lap full of stuffed animals that she had won and was taking to great grandchildren. What fun! We have been very fortunate to have so many nice stuffed animals donated for Crazy Bunko that I have had to buy very few.

On the 13th the Residents made

cookies to serve to the Kindergarten kids the following morning. After lunch we had several special volunteers come to help with manicures. We wanted the Residents to be looking good for Valentine's day! Thank you to all the volunteers! We have also been enjoying Lauret Gamma Gamma hosting Monday night bingo all through February. Thank you for helping! The Residents enjoy it!

Valentine's day was soooooo special!! The Kindergarten class from Spearman came to visit that morning. We enjoyed having them perform, visit and then share refreshments before they had to go back to school. The Residents had made special valentines for them which we handed out to each as they left. Then--the special time

had come---Our Valentine's Party and the crowning of the new King and Queen of Hansford Manor! We had a great time with Residents. The week prior to Valentines day staff members had adopted secret Resident Valentines. They gave them little gifts, candy, and valentines throughout the week. At our party, the secret valentines were revealed. It was so funny! Some Residents were sure they knew who their secret valentine was & didn't and vice versa. It made for a good time.

Refreshments were served as the King and Queen's courts, runners up, and King and Queen were announced. Verna Strawn played and sang for the Residents and a special selection for the King and for the Queen. She also gave the history behind Valentine's Day for

the Residents. Thank you Verna--- you were great! The article announcing the new King and Queen will be elsewhere in this issue.

The rest of the week was spent with our usual programs including starting to practice for the winter olympics. We had planned a trip on Friday up to Guymon to see all of the new windchargers and out to eat at Mah's Restaurant but as you know it was 20 something degrees and we chose to reschedule for another day.

Our week end activities have been going very well. We have had several volunteers---Thank you Abbi, Kailee, Morgan, Amy, and Julie! You are a great help to us and a great joy to the Residents.

Texas Workforce Centers completes name change to Panhandle WorkSource

Texas Workforce Centers have officially changed their name to Panhandle WorkSource. Trent Morris, who coordinates the region's eight facilities, says "the new name more accurately reflects who we are and what we do."

"Many people still think of us as the State's unemployment office, and that is not true," Morris explains. "We are locally managed and operated. It is vital that the business community be able to differentiate our role from that of State agencies."

"While we receive State funding, our resources come to us through the Panhandle Workforce Development Board, a group of business and community leaders from throughout the region that sets local goals and priorities," states Morris.

Panhandle WorkSource fills over 7,000 job openings with area employers each year. "We listen to what companies want, and do our best to provide qualified job candidates," says Morris. "We recruit, screen and refer applicants for over 2,600 business locations in the Panhandle. Our services are free, and that can mean big savings to the companies that work with us."

"On any given day, we have approximately 8,000 individuals registered for work," said Morris. "Our customers have access to one of the most advanced interactive, internet-based job matching websites in the country, and our staff provides a lot of hands-on assistance." We also support occupational and basic skills training for qualified individuals, and work closely with our area's universities,

community colleges and school districts," says Morris. "If you provide workers with opportunities to increase their knowledge, develop skills and pursue satisfying careers, they will help fuel the region's economy."

"We believe that forging strong partnerships with other organizations ensures wise and efficient resource management for the community," adds Morris. "Our partners include economic development and human service organizations that also serve the region's employers and workers in creative ways."

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Gruver Hounds Bi-District Champs
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With that win under their belt the Hounds will meet the Sudan Hornets Friday night at 6:30 p.m. The Greyhounds will be the home team and play at Canyon High School. Ticket prices will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Congratulations and Good Luck to the Hounds!

Gruver Girls Receive All-District Honors for BB

Gruver High School was notified that several Gruver Girls Basketball team members had earned All-district honors. Senior, Lindsey Clift and junior, Lauren Urban, made 1st team All-District. Laci Fitzgearld, senior, made 2nd team All-District. Honorable Mention honors go to seniors; Rachelle Holt, Sarah Mireles and Liz Lopez.

SPEARMAN VARSITY GIRLS Lynxettes vs. Shallowater

46 - 38
 2-7-06
 Season Record 25-9, 9-3
 L. Short-8; Rex- 5; Flowers- 3; Schneider- 11; Hart- 9; Lozano-2
 Spearman couldn't overcome an anemic shooting night against Shallowater and the Lynxettes fell in the area round at First United Bank Center.

The Lynxettes, whose season ends at 25-9, shot 13-of-58 from the field in the loss.

Coach's Comments: Good ball game that could have gone either way. We had a very poor shooting night, but we found ways to stay in the game. We played hard we just could not get our offense going. Great season, 5 hard working seniors will be missed (Lindsey Short, Jordan Short, Tabatha Shields, Britta Vanderburg, and Tonya Hart)

School Board & City Election

February 11, 2006 was the first day to file for a place on the ballot for the School Board and City Elections that will be held on May 13, 1006. March 13th is the last day to file for a place on the ballot.
 The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is March 14th, and the last day to register to vote, and still be eligible to vote in the May 13th election, is April 13th.
 Early voting will begin on May 1st and end on May 9th.

Gus Birdwell Elementary Lynx Star Award

Gus Birdwell Elementary has a program called the Lynx Star Award. This award is given each Friday. Each month has a different theme, and each week there is a different character trait that is discussed. Teachers pick a student from their room each week who has worked hard on the trait for that week.
 The Character Trait for February 17th was "Doing a Good Deed." The winners were Yadi Villa, Miranda Hargus, Arturo Lopez, Kyler Limbocker, Belen Robledo, Alex Rosales, Jacob Corralejo, Manuel Briseno, Natalie Garza, Parker Shapely, Tyson Ortiz, Suzanna Vargas, Pancho Mendez, Klarissa Vela, Maria Pena, Kelsea Porter, Lucia Lopez, Vanessa Vela, Maria Tarango, Kim Gibson, Trevor Bennett, and Jake Willmon.

2006 Annual Chamber Banquet

by Keith Hight
 The 2006 Annual Chamber Banquet is set for Saturday, March 4th at 6:00 PM. We are very excited to have Steve Gilliland returning again this year to give the keynote. Everyone who attended last year was truly inspired and entertained to say the least. If you missed it last year you might want to know a little more about Steve. He is a professional speaker from Pittsburg PA and will motivate everyone who attends. You may read more about him at www.performanceplus.com.
 There will be a steak dinner again this year prepared by your Chamber board. Ticket prices are \$20.00 per plate or if you would like to reserve an entire table for your business or friends the cost is \$150.00 a \$10 savings. Tickets are on sale now at the Chamber office or any board member. We will also have a silent auction this year. Please call and reserve your tickets now as we are expecting a sell-out crowd.

It's A Boy!

Steve and Karen Hartgraves proudly announce the birth of their son, Graham Steven Hartgraves. Graham was born on December 1, 2005 at 1:12 p.m. in Amarillo, Texas. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.
 He was welcomed home by his two-year-old big sister, Abigaile.
 Proud grandparents are Robert and JoAnn Graham of Cleburne, John & Susie Hartgraves of Hamilton, TX and Bill & Donna Rutledge of Hico, TX. Great-grandparents are Alfred and Joyce Reinert of Hamilton.

Spearman School Calendar February, 2006

Feb. 23 - TAKS- Test - 11th Science Retest, 10th ELA Make-up
 Feb. 24 - TAKS Test - 11th Social Studies Retest; Girls Golf Tournament @ Borger; Lynx vs. Dimmitt, 8 p.m., Canyon High School
 Feb. 25 - Sunray Track Meet; Girls Golf Tournament @ Borger
 Feb. 27 - Shattered Dreams Parent/Student Meeting, 7, HS Library
 Feb. 28 - Boys Golf Tournament @ Wellington

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March 4, 2006

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Shattered Dreams set for March 2nd

The second Shattered Dreams Program is set for Thursday, March 2, 2006. Shattered Dreams is a two-day school-based program that promotes responsible decision making by high school students regarding drinking and driving by showing them how irresponsibility can end all dreams.

Shattered Dreams, developed by Bexar County DWI Task Force Advisory Board on Underage Drinking in 1998, is an expanded and renamed version of the Every 15 Minutes program first conducted by the Police Department of Chico, California, on May 15-16, 1996. The original program name emphasizes the frequency with which people die in alcohol related crashes. The name Shattered Dreams emphasizes the result of such crashes; the shattered dreams of those who drink and drive, their innocent victims, and their families.

For several reasons, this alcohol-awareness education program can be more effective than the traditional program conducted prior to such events as spring break, prom night, and graduation.

*Shattered Dreams is more comprehensive than most programs. School districts often plan such single-event programs such as those featuring mock trails, mock funerals, and assemblies with speakers. Shattered Dreams, however, features all of these activities and more over a two-day period and has a follow-up activity several months after the event.

*Shattered Dreams requires the active participation of students and parents, educators, and representatives from fourteen other segments of the community. The major activity is a dramatic reenactment in front of the school of injuries and death resulting from an auto crash caused by drivers who are drunk.

This involves several students. Another major activity is the reenactment of the death of those who die every fifteen minutes in auto crashes. Every fifteen minutes, an adult dressed as the Grim Reaper walks through school hallways to the sound of a heartbeat played over the school public address system. He then takes one pre-selected student volunteers out of a class.

These student volunteers, known as the "Living Dead", then proceed to a room to have their faces made up with theatrical makeup to make them look dead. Uniformed police who read mock obituaries then presents mock notification of their deaths to their classmates and parents.

A mock auto crash occurs near the school. The Living Dead join other students at the crash scene. The crash victims are then taken to hospital emergency rooms or area funeral homes. Later, after the day's events, counselors are available in the auditorium for students who did not participate in the event to receive support. Such students will participate in a mock memorial service for DWI victims. The families of the participating students, the seriously injured DWI victims, and law enforcement personnel could be invited to attend.

In addition, an overnight leadership retreat for the student volunteers representing those who died simulates for students and their families the experience of being teens who die as a result of alcohol-related auto crashes. They also participate in group discussions on topics related to personal power and personal identity an design posters reflecting their discussions. They then share their ideas through poster talks with the larger group.

At the retreat, counselors and other mental health professionals

help students process their experiences. Students write letters to their families on the theme of "my life has a purpose" to communicate feelings that they would not be able to share as a result of a premature death. Two letters are selected to be read in a school-wide assembly the following day. The assembly features presentations by medial and law enforcement personnel, as well as school staff, parents, and students.

New this year is the parent retreat emphasizing one of the main goals of the Shattered Dreams programs which is to show that teens are not solely expected to combat the problem of underage drinking and impaired driving.

The parent workshop will give parents the opportunity to learn tips for communicating with their teen about the consequences of risky behavior, recognizing warning signs of drinking, teen parties, and important laws they need to know. After learning about these aspects that effect underage drinking and impaired driving, the goal of this program is to create a parent support network, so that no parent tries to battle the problem alone.

Bill Carson will be the facilitator at the meeting. Mark Snider, Assistant District Attorney, Paula Hicks, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and John Hutchison, County Attorney, will open the meeting with a panel discussion and then an open forum with questions from the parents will be the format of the workshop. Representatives from the Shattered Dreams community committee and parents of the students who are participating in the program will be at this meeting along with Chief of Police, Lance Swan, and Hansford County Sheriff, Gary Evans. Representatives with Ministerial Alliance will also be present.

Spearman High School Choir Students Compete at WTAMU

Sixteen Spearman High School Choir Students competed at Solo and Ensemble contest on February 11th at WTAMU in Canyon. Six of those students will be headed to State Solo and Ensemble Contest after receiving a Superior rating on their Class I solos. Those students are: Senior-Maribel Moreno; Sophomores- Clara Kern, Justin Flores, Natalie Quintero, Maegan Smith and Freshman- Destiny fisher. The State Solo and Ensemble Competition will be held on May 27th in San Marcos.

Other students competing were: Class I soloist Sabrina Cantu, freshman, receiving a Good rating. Class 2 soloist included: Noemi Rodriguez, junior, receiving a Superior I rating and a medal; Ashley Close, freshman, receiving a Superior I rating and a medal; junior, Jessica Riley, receiving an Excellent rating and Gabriel Moreno, freshman, receiving an Excellent rating. In Class 3 soloist receiving a Superior I rating and a medal was freshman, Kegan Garnett.

Those receiving an Excellent rating in Class 3 soloist were sophomore, Amy Travis and freshman, Tyler Harper and Krystal Vela. Freshman, Jackeline Sotelo, received a Good rating in the Class 3 soloist competition.

Mrs. Hoffman, Choir Director, would like to say a BIG thank-you to all these students for their hard work and dedication. Also thank you to Mrs. Anna Marie Holland for accompanying all 16 of these students on their solos and a thank to Edwin Percy for driving the Choir safely to and from home!

Congratulations to all of these students.

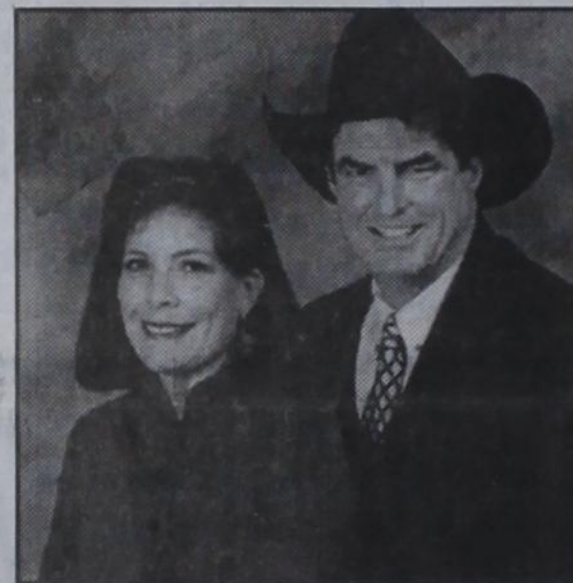
Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were above average before plunging to the single digits by week's end. The arctic front brought no moisture. The poor-to-very-poor wheat crop continues to decline from lack of moisture. Some wheat is being irrigated. Rangelands are mostly poor to very poor. Some land preparation for spring crops is in progress. Cattle condition is fair to good with active supplemental feeding.

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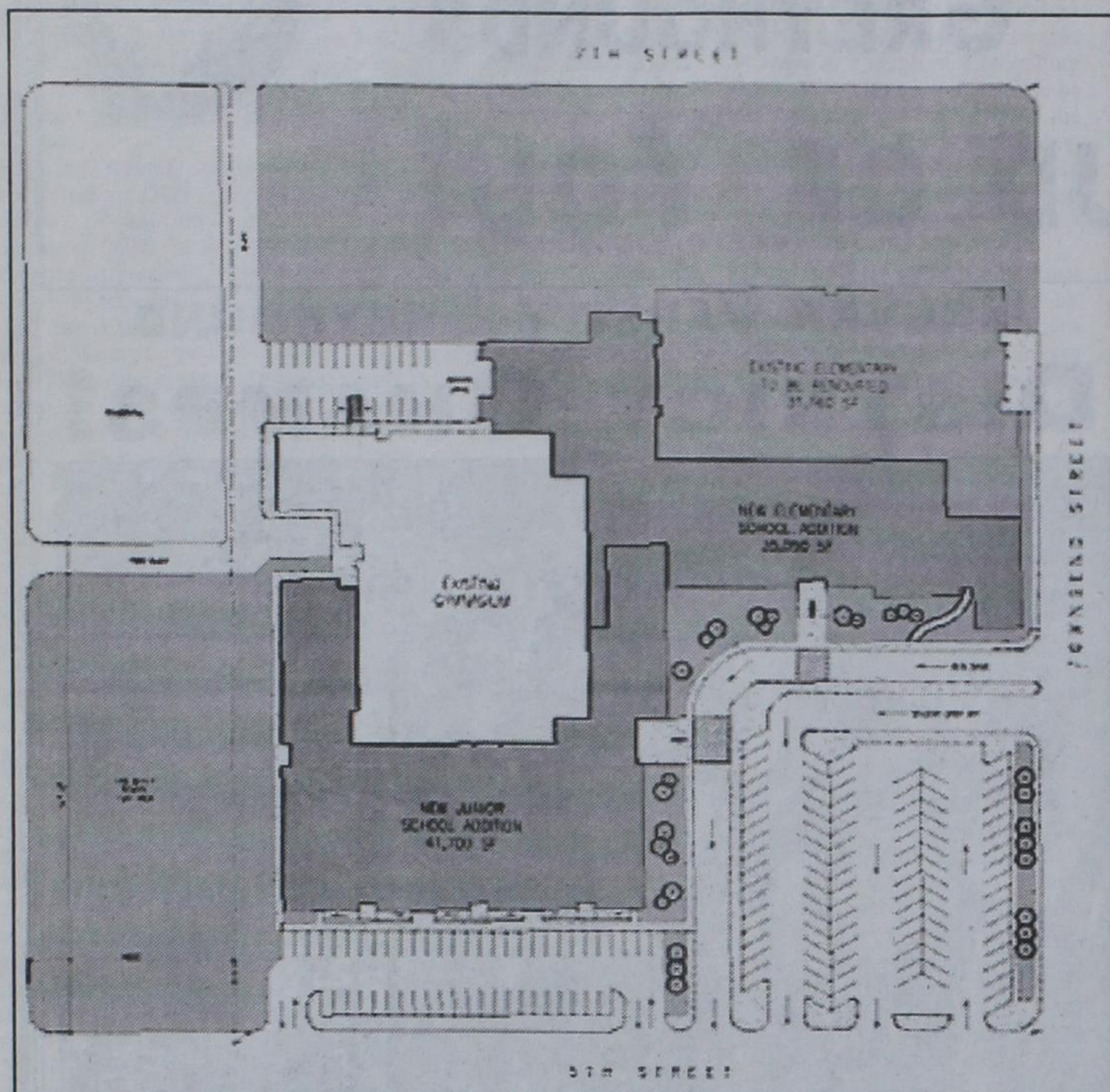
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Spearman ISD - Building Update

Proposed site plan for Spearman ISD Elementary & Junior High



by Rodney Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent

Over the past month and a half, I have been writing Building Updates for the elementary staff to keep them informed on the status of construction. Since we are building around our existing facilities, it is going to take increased communication to make sure things are coordinated around school activities. The SAFETY of our children is our number one focus.

Cathy Smith heard about these Building Updates and asked me to send them to her so she could run them in the newspaper in order to help keep the community updated on the status of our building project. Great idea! Since I am on my fourth update, I will try to summarize what has happened to this point in order to bring everyone up to date on what has happened.

Construction on the new cafeteria started on January 4, 2006. This is the first phase of our year and a half project. The cafeteria will be built between the existing elementary school and the gyms. Sidewalks were removed along with the porch of the rubber (activity) gym. In order to start work on the foundation of the new cafeteria, the main gas line going into the elementary school had to be temporarily re-routed. This was re-routed with big black tubing coming off the roof of the elementary school. The current gas line enters the back of the elementary school right square in the middle of the project.

The work on the "pad" of the building followed. The pad is the dirt below the foundation. Testing required a certain ration of compression in order to withstand the foundation of the building. Once the pad was complete, forty ten-foot piers were drilled and concrete was poured. This was just completed this past week. These piers support the foundation. Next week the plans will be to start to ditch the

footings of the building (what the walls set on). Once the ditching is down and framed in, concrete will then be poured. Then the really slow process starts with the plumber starting to work on the plumbing. It is estimated this will take at least two to three weeks. According to Jimmy Givins (Construction Superintendent), he is aiming for sometime around Spring Break to pour the slab. If everything works as planned, we should be able to see the slab of the new cafeteria when we come back to school from Spring Break.

While all of the above has been going on, we have also been re-roofing the Varsity and Rubber Gyms. This has been completed, and the next phase is to re-roof the south wing of the elementary school. Since this will be a noisy process, they will wait to finish this phase of the project during Spring Break. In addition, you might have noticed that they took down the screens/fencing around the AC units on the top of the elementary school. This was required since a new roof will be installed with a

two to three inch layer of new installation. As a cost saving, the School Board first considered not putting this screen/fencing back up; however, once it was taken down, aesthetically, it did not look very good. Therefore, the Board decided to put these screens/fencing back up. This should also be done during Spring Break.

Work was also done in the Rubber Gym to relocate three roof drains. The plumbers worked in this gym for two weeks and have completed the process of re-routing the roof drains. This was necessary due to the cafeteria butting up to a section of the Rubber Gym.

Probably one of the most noticeable parts of the project is the work to clear off the homes and lots on Barkley Street. The school district allowed the Volunteer Fire Department to burn these buildings as a continuing education process for the volunteer firemen. Over a couple of weeks, the houses were burned to the ground. The firemen were able to train, and the school district saved in the cost of demolishing the buildings. A "win-win"

for both sides! Currently, they are 90% done in clearing off the lots. Right now, it appears that they will wait to finish the final part of this project until they come back in a month or so to demolish the Junior High Band/Choir Building, the Maintenance Shop, and the metal storage building. Once these buildings are demolished, they will start work on the foundation of the new junior high school which will be wrapped around the Varsity Gym. To finish up the lots on Barkley Street, the lots will be leveled, top soil added, and prepared for seeding. What will this land be used for? Initial plans will be to make it into a grassy play area which could be used to practice football and other physical education activities. However, there has been some discussion about making this into an additional parking area. I think the plan is to wait until the project is completed to determine our playground needs.

In a nut shell, this project is

scheduled for three phases. The first phase is the construction of the new cafeteria (which is scheduled to be completed by August of 2006, just in time to start the new school year). Once the cafeteria is complete, they will demolish the old cafeteria and proceed with the new junior high school. The final phase is to tear down the old wing of the elementary school and do the remodeling of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade halls. When completed, the Junior High School will be demolished and the new parking lot constructed. All of this should be done by December of 2007.

Throughout this building project our number one concern is and will be the SAFETY of our children. Due to the construction, we are unable to use the back doors of the elementary school, and have to re-route our kids as they go to the gym and to lunch. I have asked the staff to repeatedly emphasize for our children to stay out of the construction area (anything roped off or

boarded-up). In addition, I have asked them to immediately notify me if they have any questions or concerns about anything that is unsafe and that needs to be addressed. Please rest assured that we are taking every necessary step to insure the safety of our students!

As we embark on this project, I will try to do my best to keep the public informed, but I ask that if you have any questions or concerns to please contact me by e-mail (rodney.sumner@region16.net) or call me at 659-3233. Next week, I will send the same update to the newspaper (that I send to the teachers) to keep everyone updated and informed of what is going on.

I hope you are also amazed at the daily progress. Just remember we are almost two months closer to having a new cafeteria for our elementary and junior high students. Won't that be GRAND?

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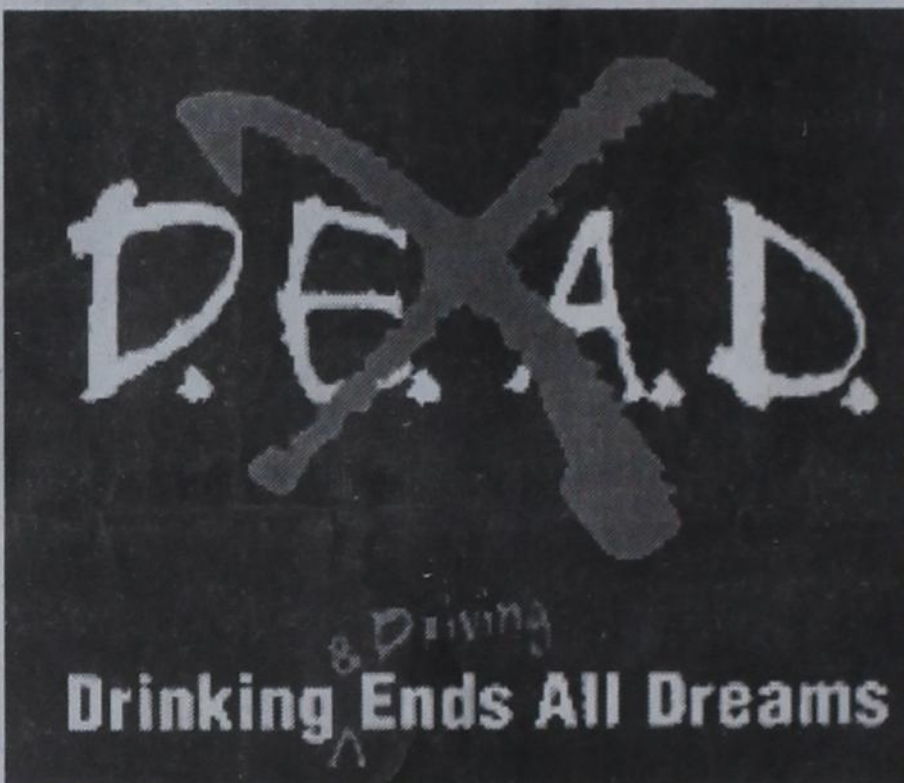
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