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Gruver Educator Named Tops In Region



Gruver Junior High Teacher Patricia Overbey, who received regional recognition for her work in the classroom, stands in front of one of the numerous pictorial lessons in her classroom.

Gruver educator Patricia Overbey has been selected the Region 16 Texas Middle School Association's Outstanding Teacher of the Year. Overbey, who has taught in the Gruver School system since 1984, is a 22-year teaching veteran. She currently teaches fifth grade social studies, sixth grade English and reading and seventh and eighth grade art.

The award was announced by Matt Branstine, Gruver Junior High Principal.

"Mrs. Overbey is a great asset to our school," Branstine said. "She designs and teaches collaborative lessons with other teachers on units of study. She uses her talents to enhance the learning experience of her students."

Overbey's students are quick to add their praise. "Mrs. Overbey's songs, art, and posters make history and homework fun," fifth grader Mariela Barrera said.

Overbey, who minored in art, often incorporates projects and other artistic learning tools into her lesson plans.

"I try to bring my own personality to the classroom by encouraging my class to organize their learning through music, art and graphic organizers," Overbey said.

Her students enjoy Overbey's blend of methods into their learning experience.

"I'm not surprised she is the teacher of the year," student Daniel Swink said. "She is a very fun teacher."

Overbey hopes the experience in her classroom will have lasting effects on her students.

"I want my students to be life-long learners," Overbey said.

Her dedication and concern for her students has not gone unnoticed by Region 16 or her students.

"We have been learning about role models," Chris Ortiz said. "Mrs. Overbey is a role model to a lot of people, like me."

The Gruver teacher and other regional winners will be honored at the Texas Middle School Association's Celebration on February 28, 2004 in Austin.

Unofficial Election Results Special Election, State Senate, District 31

A special election was held on January 20, 2004 for the purpose of the Office of State Senate, District 31. Early voting began Monday, January 5th and lasted through January 16th.

Gov. Rick Perry called the special election when state Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, announced his resignation. Bivins left the seat he had held since 1989 to accept the nomination by President Bush to serve as ambassador to Sweden.

Texas counties had less than 30 days to prepare from the time the governor called the special election on December 8, 2003, with the holidays landing right in the middle of that period.

Election results for the state returns were as follows: Kel Seliger (R) - 24,791, Kirk Edwards (R) - 14,273, Don Sparks (R) - 11,213, Bob Barnes (R) - 9,478, Elaine King Miller (D) - 5,738, Lee Gibson (R) - 2,429, Jesse Quackenbush (R) - 1,488

Since no candidate came away from the special election with more than 50 percent of votes, the top two vote getters (Seliger and Edwards) will face each other in a run-off in February on a date yet to be determined.

Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, will face each other in the runoff because they placed first and second, respectively, in the special election.

Anyone registered to vote can participate in the runoff. Even those who didn't vote in the special election can vote in the runoff.

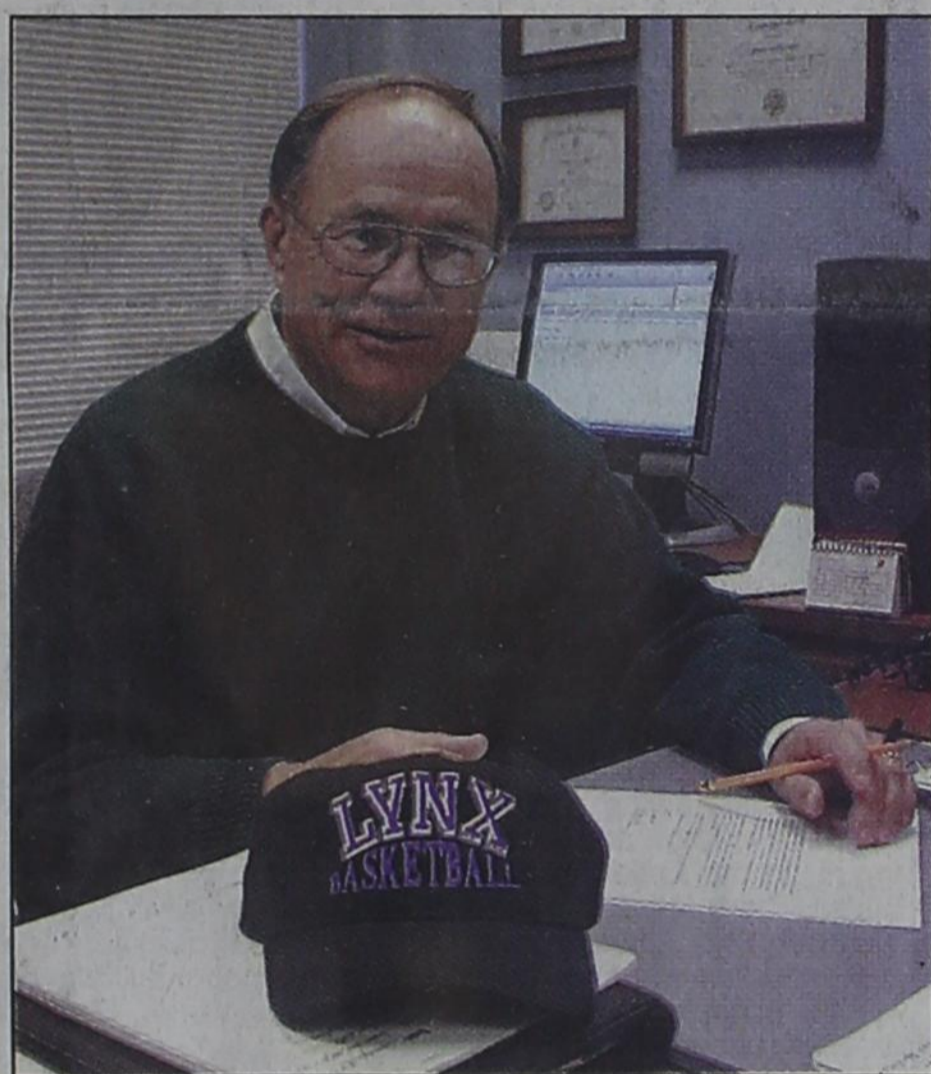
Bob Barnes, R-Odessa, Lee Gibson, R-Dumas, Elaine King Miller, D-Amarillo, Jesse Quackenbush, R-Amarillo, and Sparks failed to make the runoff, but not all is over for them.

They now have to decide whether to keep on toward the March primary election or cut their losses.

The March 9 primary will be to choose the parties' nominees for the regular election in November. The regular election will determine the seat holder for its next full term.

Hansford County Results

Candidate	E.V.	Spearman	Gruver	Total
Kel Seliger (R)	64	165	130	359
Don Sparks (R)	45	84	87	216
Kirk Edwards (R)	13	51	33	97
Lee Gibson (R)	9	54	29	92
Bob Barnes (R)	8	16	28	52
Jesse Quackenbush (R)	2	17	6	25
Elaine King Miller (D)	2	11	5	18



Retired Perryton Principal Ken Splawn "wears a new cap" in his role as Gus Birdwell Interim Principal.

Splawn Named Interim Principal at Gus Birdwell Elementary

Although the surroundings are new, Ken Splawn is already at home behind the principal's desk at Gus Birdwell Elementary where he dons his purple shirt, a gift of the faculty, every Friday.

A 35-year veteran in the education field, Splawn replaces Susan Kelly who recently took medical retirement upon her doctor's request.

Splawn served as elementary principal in Perryton schools for 17 years, from 1985-1999 at Central Elementary and from 1999-2002 at Willams Elementary, a school for fourth and fifth graders. Twenty-six of his 35 years in education have been with the Perryton School system. Before becoming a principal, Splawn was a teacher and a football coach.

"It was so unusual, on a Monday night in December, I was attending a retired school personnel meeting, and we had been discussing retired administrators who had served as interim principals," Splawn said. "I made the remark, 'There is no market for interim principals.'"

The next day, however, Splawn received a call from Spearman Superintendent Rodney Sumner concerning the interim position at Gus Birdwell.

Splawn, who began his new role January 5, 2004, has quickly assumed the work of completing teacher evaluations, finalizing the campus improvement plan, and preparing for the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) tests.

"I am not here to change things, but to facilitate the needs and do what needs to be done from now until the end of the school year," Splawn said. "I am someone the teachers can bring their problems and needs to."

"I appreciate the wonderful way the faculty has welcomed me. I am excited about being here," Splawn said.

Splawn and his wife Sandra, who spent 28 years in teaching elementary, have two children, Michael, a 1989 graduate of Perryton High School who is married and has four sons, (including one set of twins), and Kendra Ruecker, who is a 1993 Perryton graduate and married with one son. Both children and their families live in McKinney.

Interstate Tourism Route Planned Around Wind Energy

Capitalizing on increasing car travel in the High Plains regions of Oklahoma and Texas, a consortium of cities, businesses, and agencies have launched a travel project that interprets the history of wind energy along a 600-mile corridor.

Windmills and barbed wire were responsible for widespread settlement of the High Plains, and giant wind farms now promise to play an equally important role as a source of renewable energy. The historic, cultural, and scientific tale of wind will be wrapped up in an interpretive driving route, made accessible to car and RV travelers in the form of a map, an audio CD, and a web site.

Participating communities hope that the map and CD will entice travelers to spend a little more time in their town, perhaps rounding out their visit with a meal, some Main Street shopping, and a good experience that will make them want to return. Business partners are hoping that the trail will help publicize wind energy. State and local agencies are using the trail as a way to foster economic development in rural towns, create interstate relationships, help small communities work with large ones, and deliver new tourism "product" to the region.

The project is designed to coincide with the annual International Windmill Fair, held this June in Shattuck, Oklahoma. The event attracts windmill enthusiasts from all over the world, and will be a showcase for the other communities on the trail.

Begun as a light-hearted conversation at the Panhandle Diner in Spearman, the wind power trail was dreamed up by chamber director Gina Gillespie and developed as a concept by the Spearman Economic Development Corporation. The trail now includes stops in Lawton, Norman, Elk City, Woodward, Shattuck, Spearman, Canyon, Plainview, and Lubbock. Additional communities will likely be added to the trail, and many "right-of-way" windmills—those observable from the road—will also be included on the map.

This is the first large-scale cooperative tourism project between Oklahoma and Texas, and crucial support from the Oklahoma Department of Tourism helped turn a local initiative into an interstate venture. Major energy suppliers such as Oklahoma Gas and Electric, and Western Farmers' Electric Cooperative of Lawton have also seen the trail as a vehicle to advance their twin goals of community development and publicity for renewable energy. Bergey Wind Power, a manufacturer of home wind energy turbines, saw the trail as a way in increase consumer awareness about its products.

The world's largest historic windmill collection, the American Wind Power Center in Lubbock, also saw the project as a way to address important conservation issues related to the upkeep and restoration of historic windmills. Similar concerns of the Buchanan Windmill Park and Shattuck Windmill Museum led to early support for the project. The historic collection at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, and the Alternative Energy Institute at West Texas A&M University, were also interested in the exposure to their facilities that the trail could bring.

Convention and visitor bureaus in Norman and Lubbock see the venture as a way to add another level of activities and tourism product to their current mix. The Big 12 rivalry between Sooners and Red Raiders has, like all football rivalries, caused the respective communities to learn a lot about each other. In the case of Lubbock and Norman, the wind power trail was a natural extension of the tourism exchange that occurs every year between the two cities.

Wind energy and the construction, maintenance, and business activity associated with it made the wind power trail a logical link for communities such as Woodward and Elk City, towns that have aggressively pursued economic development through tourism. These same issues—wind power, community revitalization, and a

desire to publicize their community—led to early support by the Spearman Economic Development Corporation.

Although Oklahoma and Texas have robust tourism industries, and although both states have complementary tourism products, the division created by state lines has long acted as a barrier to cooperation between the two neighbors. Hardy Watkins, director of Travel and Tourism for the Oklahoma Department of Tourism, immediately recognized that a successful project in the sparsely populated High Plains would depend on cooperation that followed geographic contours rather than state lines. "The wind doesn't exactly respect state borders," was a comment heard early on.

Watkins and travel package manager Barbie Elder, also with the department of tourism, emphasized that the scope of the trail needed to follow the wind farms and windmill museums—even if that meant leaving the

comfortable confines of the state line. In the same vein, Kathy Adams, director of the regional tourism council Red Carpet Country, saw the interstate project as one that deserved the regional support of her organization. Shattuck, Oklahoma, has a lot more in common with Spearman, Texas, than either of those towns have with their respective state capitals.

Participants do not expect that their communities will be filled overnight with wind power enthusiasts. They are confident, however, that the wind power trail will attract interest in the short term, and will pay long-term dividends in terms of tourism, economic development, and support for renewable energy.

The map, audio CD, and web site will be completed by May 31, 2004.

For more information visit the web site: <http://www.windpowertrail.com>

Wind Power Trail Contacts

- Western Farmers' Electric Cooperative: Scott Williams, S_Williams@wfec.com, (405) 247-4563
- Norman Convention and Visitor Bureau: Marcy Jarrett, marcy@visitnorman.com, (800) 767-7260
- Oklahoma Department of Tourism: Hardy Watkins, hwatkins@travelok.com, (405) 522-3932
- Elk City Chamber of Commerce: Pam Gregory, elkcitychamber@itlnet.net, (580) 225-0207
- Woodward Chamber of Commerce: Dale Steenberg, dsteenbergen@sbcglobal.net, (580) 256-7411
- Oklahoma Gas and Electric: Susan Harkness, harkness@oge.com, (405) 553-3366
- Shattuck Chamber of Commerce: Bev Eitzen, shattuckcc@pdi.net, (580) 938-2818
- Red Carpet Country, Kathy Adams, klanda@ponccity.net, (800) 447-2698
- Spearman Chamber of Commerce: Gina Gillispie, spearman@arn.net, (806) 659-5555
- West Texas A&M University: Dana Olmstead, dolmstead@mail.wtamu.edu, (806) 651-2120
- Alternative Energy Institute: Ken Starcher, aeimail@mail.wtamu.edu, (806) 651-2296
- Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon: Linda Moreland, lmoreland@wtpphms.wtamu.edu, (806) 651-2244
- Plainview Convention and Visitor Bureau: Brian Thomas, plainviewcvb@texasonline.net, (806) 296-7431
- American Wind Power Center: Coy Harris, charris@windmill.com, (806) 747-8734
- Lubbock Convention and Visitor Bureau: John Armour, john.armour@lubbocklegends.org, (800) 692-4035
- Wildsteps.com, Inc.: Seth Davidson, seth@wildsteps.com, (806) 688-2094

Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

My dear friend Sally Desimone sent me the following article. I don't know who wrote it, but I believe it is something everyone needs to hear.

Never Forget

There are at least two people in this world that you would die for.

At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.

The only reason anyone would ever hate you is because they want to be just like you.

A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.

Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.

You mean the world to someone.

You are special and unique.

Someone that you don't even know exists, loves you.

When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good comes from it.

When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a second look.

Always remember the compliments you receive. Forget about the rude remarks.

"Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble."

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 :)

Chamber Accepting Business of the Year & Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2004. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2004.

Business of the Year

This award recognizes a Spearman business for achievement and leadership in business. Eligibility requirements include membership in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce; a business that has been in business for at least two years; a record of involvement in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic endeavors; and a business that promotes Spearman and the residents it serves.

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment, make this business uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: _____

Phone: _____

Nominations must be returned to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2004.

Citizen of the Year

This award recognizes an individual for exceptional service that has contributed to the development of Spearman. The award may recognize contributions that have enhanced Spearman's quality of life, or its economic development. It may encompass exceptional achievements related to government leadership, the arts, social welfare programs, civic services, or other appropriated avenues that have enhanced life for all Spearman citizens. While the award is intended to recognize an individual for specific achievements that have occurred during the year immediately preceding the presentation, it may, however recognize an individual for distinct lifetime achievement in the area of community service. Nominations may be made by any resident of Spearman or by any Spearman social service or organization.

Nominee: _____

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment make this individual uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: _____

Phone: _____

Nominations must be returned to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2004.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Out-Of-School TAAS Examinee Registration
Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections. The TAAS test will be given on February 24th (writing), February 25th (math), and February 26th (reading). A student can register for the TAAS test online by accessing the website at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/ooos> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms may be picked up at the high school counselor's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Registration packets are due in Austin no later than 5 p.m. on January 23, 2004. Please contact Krista Baird at 659-2584 if you have any questions.

Los individuos que ya no estan matriculados en la escuela y que todavia no han cumplido con los requisitos minimos en todas las secciones del examen de TAAS, pero han cumplido todos los otros requisitos necesarios para graduarse, pueden tomar los exámenes necesarios del TAAS. Darnos el examen de TAAS el 24 de febrero (escritura), el 25 de febrero (matematicas), y el 26 de febrero (lectura). Un alumno puede registrar para el examen por computadora en el sitio <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/ooos> o pueden cumplir una forma de registracion. Pueden recoger esta forma en la oficina de la consejera de high school entre las horas de 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Los papeles de registracion tienen que estar en Austin antes de las 5 p.m. el 23 de enero, 2004. Favor de comunicar con Krista Baird, 659-2584, si tienen preguntas.

Rotary Club "Employee of the Year" Nominations
The Spearman Rotary Club is currently accepting nominations for "Employee of the Year". This award will be presented at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Saturday, February 28th. Nominations should be submitted in writing to Jason Cantrell or any Rotary Club member, or may be mailed to: Rotary Employee of the Year, Box 492, Spearman, TX 79081. Nominations must be received on or before February 15, 2004.

Chamber Business & Citizen of the Year Nominations
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Hospice Bereavement Support Group
A new Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be held March 22nd through April 19th on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. This support group is being sponsored by Hansford Hospice Volunteers and is open to all persons dealing with grief. It will meet in the First Methodist Church parlor in Spearman. For further information, or to enroll, please call the Hospice office at (806) 659-5811, or call Ken Cole at 659-5503.

Hansford Gun Club To Meet
The Hansford County Gun Club will meet Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at Spearman City Hall in the City Council Room at 7 p.m. Anyone interest in joining the club or learning more about the club is invited to attend. For more information, call Larry Hornsby, 806-659-3259.

Quilt To Be Raffle
A quilt made by the geometry classes of Julie Babbs will be raffled off January 27 during the Gruver/Booker basketball games. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 with all proceeds to go to the local Gruver Scholarship fund. The quilt was constructed by geometry class members using squares of logos from T-shirts and athletic shirts depicting all areas of Gruver sports. The squares surround a large "Gambler" G with a silhouette of Greyhound above the emblem. Mrs. Babbs sewed the quilt together while Ada Joyce Stedje did the binding.

Lunch & Learn
Do you know how many points that speeding ticket will cost you? Is it really illegal to talk on your cell phone while driving? Is it true a DWI can cost you up to \$6000 for the first offense? Trooper Wayne Beigle, Public Information Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety in Amarillo, will give an entertaining and informative program on new laws you need to know about on Tuesday, January 27th, from 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ. There is a lot of confusion regarding the new point system in Texas and how it impacts you. A question and answer session is also on the agenda. Donations for lunch will be accepted. Please call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent for more information.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on January 26, 2004. 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.

Adult English Classes
Adult English classes will continue on Thursday night from 7-9:30 p.m. in the Gruver Jr. high, 600 Garrett St. Classes begin January 29th, and will be taught by Mr. Acevedo. 15 students are needed for the class.

Clases de Ingles Para Adultos
Las clases de Ingles vana continuar el jueves de las 7-9:30 p.m. Estaremos en la escuela jr. high de Gruver en la calle 600 Garrett. La clase comienza 1/29/04, Maestro Senor Acevedo, 15 estudiantes necesario.

Gruver ISD Community Meeting
Gruver ISD will host a Community Meeting in the Cafeteria on Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in exchanging information about an open Pre-Kindergarten for the 2004-2005 school year is encouraged to attend.

St. Patrick's Day Lad 'n Lassie Pageant
The 12th annual St. Patrick's Lad 'n Lassie Pageant will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2004, at the Shamrock High School Auditorium in conjunction with the 57th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Any child between the ages of birth to 8th grade are eligible to participate. For more information, contact Dana Hosack at (806) 256-3503 or Betty Lee at 256-5337 after 6 p.m. Entries need to be received no later than March 1, 2004. For a complete list of rules, requirements, and entry forms, please write to: Lad 'n Lassie Pageant, % Dana Hosack, PO Box 43, Shamrock, TX 79079.

Hansford County Livestock Show
The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on February 13th and 14th in the Gruver County Barn.

Spearman Boy Scouts Meet
The Spearman Boy Scout Troop meets every Tuesday night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Hall, located at 5th and Hazelwood. Doug Cummings is the Scout Master. All boys age 11-18 are invited to attend and find out more about scouting. All Scouts are reminded to attend every meeting. For more information, call 659-3942 or 659-2378.

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Gerardo Ruiz Velazquez

SPEARMAN - Gerardo Ruiz Velazquez, 45, died Friday, January 16, 2004, in Amarillo.
 Services were at 3 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2004 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.
 Mr. Ruiz was employed by Patterson Drilling Co. He attended the University Autonoma de Chihuahua, earning a master's in engineering.
 Survivors include his wife, Elva; a daughter, Reyna Ruiz of Spearman; two sons, Gerardo Ruiz Jr. and Kevin Ruiz, both of Spearman; four brothers, Bernardo Ruiz, Gabriel Ruiz and Refugio Ruiz, all of Namiquipa, Mexico and Manuel Ruiz of Chihuahua, Mexico; and four sisters, Librada Ruiz, Lourdes Ruiz, Guadalupe Ruiz and Leticia Ruiz, all of Chihuahua.

Josephine "Jo" Kirk

SPEARMAN - Josephine "Jo" Kirk, 87, died Friday, January 16, 2004.
 Services were at 10 a.m. in First United Methodist Church in Stinnett with the Rev. Steve Gaines officiating. Burial was in Holt Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Kirk was born September 4, 1916, in Osage County, OK. She had lived in the area since 1942, moving from Phillips. She married C.W. "Jake" Kirk on October 10, 1936, in Spearman. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Stinnett. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.
 She was preceded in death by her husband in 2001.
 Survivors include two daughters, Janet Kirk Reger and husband, Travis, of Spearman and Karen Kirk Fiedler and husband, Bruce, of Colorado City, CO; a sister, Edith McCain of Guthrie, OK; four grandchildren, Debra Schwarz and husband, Bob, of Silver Lake, KS, Dale Reger and wife, Kimberly, of Oklahoma City, Jennifer Fiedler of San Francisco, Mark Fiedler of Portland, OR; and three great-grandchildren, David Reger and Morgan Reger, both of Oklahoma City and Cole Schwarz of Silver Lake.

Thank You!

For every prayer, card, memorial, for every hug and consoling word, for every dish of food and every phone call, every floral remembrance and visit, we thank you. During the darkest time of our lives, you brought us light and comfort. To Ken and Roberta Cole, we will be forever grateful for the many hours you spent with us in Oklahoma City. Charles' Memorial Service was the most beautiful because of the message Ken brought, memories of friends and the most beautiful music we have ever heard sung by the choir. It was such a sad day, but we left there with peace. Thank you for remembering Charles in these many ways. He loved all of you and you certainly returned that love and more to his family.
 With grateful hearts,
 The Family of Charles Little; Maxine; Sabrina, Kathy & Danny Beebe; Tanner, Trevor & Katie Beebe; Barbara & Jerry Eads

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
 On behalf of the millions of farmers and ranchers in the United States, I want to assure you there is nothing we take more seriously than the health of our families, our animals, and the consumers of this nation.
 The policy of the (STATE) Farm Bureau is to be completely honest and straightforward about the recent and isolated U.S. discovery of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).
 Unlike some of the misinformation that is being put forth by those who desire to hurt the livestock industry for any number of reasons, our concerns and comments have and will continue to be based on sound science and solid facts.
 First, and foremost the discovery of BSE in one cow from Canada in the Pacific Northwest shows definitely that our system is equipped to handle such incidents. Furthermore, the Agriculture Department's immediate recall of the meat was an extraordinary precaution taken by the agency even though it posed zero risk to consumers.
 That being said, we would like to thank the consumers of this state and nation for sticking with America's farmers and ranchers and not being influenced by a false impression of this controlled and contained situation. Right now, we need to continue to support the excellent efforts of President Bush, his Secretary of Agriculture Ann Venneman, and her competent staff of scientists and veterinarians.
 Despite the current setback, America's farmers and ranchers will continue to focus on growing and maintaining the safest food supply in the world.
 Sincerely,
 Hansford County Farm Bureau Board of Directors

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

- January 22**
Birthday - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Vargas, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila, Callie Hopkins
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. James Scroggs, Mr. & Mrs. Walter McDade, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gross, Mr. & Mrs. John Arnes
- January 23**
Birthday - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Duncan
- January 24**
Birthday - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Dearl Shelton, Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts
Anniversary - Larry & Gayle Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Smith
- January 25**
Birthday - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, R.L. McFarlin, Mike Dodd, Deloris Sloan, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sparks
- January 26**
Birthday - Chase Reid, Joe Cage, Gary Woolley, Matt Archer, Patsy Hunt, Jon King, Tiffany Hendricks, Lori Ann Perez, Patsy Brown, Kellie KJoes, Mark Thomas, Debbie Hagerman, Rodolfo Garcia
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- January 27**
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Former Resident Becomes Columnist

Kathy Floyd, the wife of former Gruver postmaster Mike Floyd, is writing a column for The Journal of North Texas newspaper.

Kathy, a gifted writer, entitled her column "Life with Mike" I have perused several of the columns and can attest they are highly entertaining. To wit: a column written about the "Extend-O-Ladder" a device made by Mike to reach to the top of the couple's two-story home. The extend-o-ladder was made of old fence railings and 2x4's with a 16 foot aluminum ladder attached above.

This invention may be the start of another column for Kathy - Life with Mike in the Emergency Room.

Gruver Grad Coaches Baseball, Basketball

Jim Potts, a December 2003 graduate of West Texas A&M University has been employed by Dumas High School to teach social studies and coach baseball and basketball.

Potts began teaching and coaching duties at Dumas High School after the Thanksgiving holidays, several weeks previous to his college graduation.

Potts was an outstanding athlete at Gruver High School, competing in football, basketball, and track. He was also an outstanding pitcher in the Hooker, OK summer baseball program.

He is the son of Joe and Cathy Potts of Gruver.

Community Invited to Lifting Meet

Gruver will host its first-ever power lifting meet on Saturday, January 24, at 9:00 a.m. in the elementary gym. Workers are asked to report for duty at 8:00 p.m.

Ten schools are expected to send competitors to the meet, according to Bruce Bryant, GHS Weight-Lifting Coach.

Meeting To Discuss Open Pre-K Program

A discussion on opening Pre Kindergarten to all students wishing to attend will be held in the Gruver School Cafeteria on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Thompson Honored

Seth Thompson, GJHS eighth grader, was honored Saturday at the junior high regional band concert, as a three-year member of the honor band.

Immunization Clinic Set

An immunization clinic will be held in the junior high library on Tuesday, January 27 from 10-12 . and from 1-3:30.

Teams Have Great Week on Court

Gruver teams gave fans a lot to celebrate this past week.

Both the Hounds and lady hounds kept their district records perfect with wins over Booker and White Deer, and the

eighth grade boys took second place in the Spearman Junior High Tourney with both the seventh and eighth grade girls teams taking consolation honors.

Former Resident Suffers Fall
Jerry Swink, formerly of Gruver and now of South Padre Island, suffered a fall resulting in head injuries last week.

Blood was drained from the injury site, and Swink was being sedated to allow his body to heal.

David and P.D. Swink traveled to Padre Island to be near the bedside of their father.

Condolences Extended
The community expresses its sympathy to Patty Miner in the death of her father who resided in Colorado.

Sympathy is also extended to Carlos and Crispin Borunda in the loss of their uncle in Mexico.

Master Derington Arrives

Jennifer and Hart Derington of Lubbock proudly announce the birth of their son, Hart Grayson. Making an early arrival on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., Grayson weighed three pounds and 14 ounces and was 17 inches long.

His grandparents are Jim and Mandy Derington of Spearman, Sue Derington of Pampa and the late Bill Derington, and Robert and Marlene Baxter of Lubbock.

Great grandparents are Don Hart of Mesa Arizona and the late Mary Hart, and Allene Davis of Lubbock.

GHS Juniors Have Poetry Published

Gruver High School has won the fourth poetry award in a row from Creative Communications for the number of entries selected from the GHS students.

This year, twelve junior students of Darlene Curry have learned that their poems have been selected for inclusion in Creative Communications.

The students are Cody Mac Been, Cass Cooper, Blythe Finley, Laina Grotegut, Brock Irwin, Jessica Montgomery, Brittanie Osbourne, Chelsea Reid, Ryan Renick, Mark TeBeest, Ben Williams, and Gaby Rosales.

This and That

Thanks to the reader who answered the community request for a "Rome, Paris, Gruver" T shirt.

If you're in the mood for a movie you can enjoy with family and friends and not be embarrassed, try "Cheaper by the Dozen."

It's even funnier than clips shown of the movie and also has good family values. I'd give it an A.

Although not news to Gruverites, the El Vaquero Restaurant was recently cited by Texas Monthly magazine as a great place to eat in Texas.

China, Poole Wed



Mrs. George China, Jr.

Shauna Poole of Spearman and George China Jr. of Amarillo were united in marriage on December 20, 2003 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo with Dr. Morris O. Poole of Houston, uncle of the bride, officiating.

Shauna is the daughter of Stephen and Susan Poole of Spearman.

George is the son of George and LaVene China of Amarillo. Junior bridesmaid was Cheyenne China, daughter of the groom.

Flower girl was Dakota Howard, daughter of the bride. Ring bearers were Conner and Michael China, sons of the groom.

Candlelighters were Kaitlyn Poole of Spearman, niece of the bride, and Kristina Howell of Spearman, sister of the bride.

Robert Howell of Spearman, the bride's brother-in-law, served as usher.

Shauna is a 1997 graduate of Spearman High School. She attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon, receiving a B.S. in elementary education and a minor in mathematics in May 2002. She is a first grade teacher at Coronado Elementary in Amarillo.

George is a 1988 graduate of Amarillo High School. He is employed at Jerry Dickey Motors.

Following a five-day honeymoon to Las Vegas, the couple will reside in Amarillo.

Tidwell, Young Wed



Mrs. Crockett Tidwell

Melinda Michelle Young and Crockett Lane Tidwell were married on Thursday, December 4, 2003 at Peter Island in the British Virgin Islands.

Honor attendants were Marcus Young of Lubbock, brother of the bride, and Brady Tidwell of Lubbock, brother of the bridegroom.

Parents of the bride are Mike and Kay Young of Lubbock, parents of the bridegroom are Buck and Linda Tidwell of Gruver.

The bride, a graduate of Monterey High School, attended Texas A&M University in College Station and is employed by United Supermarkets. The bridegroom, a graduate of Gruver High School and Southwest Oklahoma School of Pharmacy, is employed by American Pharmaceutical Services.

Following the wedding trip to Peter Island, the couple will live in Lubbock.



Engagement Announcement

Leeta Everett and Will Fernandes, both of Wink, TX, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jess Anne Fernandes to Michael Lusby of Spearman. Michael is the son of Ronnie and Donita Lusby of Spearman.

Jess Anne is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Fernandes and Mrs. Gerald Lewis, all of Pecos, TX.

Michael is the grandson of Don and Mavis Floyd of Gruver and Dorothy Lusby of Spearman.

The couple plan a May 15, 2004 wedding at the Grace Baptist Church in Canyon. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Whittaker Ranch, south of Canyon.

Jess Anne played volleyball for West Texas A&M University in Canyon, where she earned a B.S. in education. She teaches second grade at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

Michael played football for West Texas A&M University, where he earned a B.A. in general business. He is a dirt contractor.

Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Woolley are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Meg, to Ben Walton.

Ben is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bill Walton of Clyde.

The couple will be married on Saturday, June 19, 2004 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Abilene.

Meg Woolley is a 1998 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2002 graduate of McMurry University. She currently is in her second year of teaching first grade for Little Elm ISD.

Ben is a 1998 graduate of Clyde High School and a 2002 graduate of McMurry University. He is stationed at Mobile, AL as an officer in the United States Coast Guard.

Once married, the couple will move to Pensacola, FL. Ben will begin Naval Flight School to become a search and rescue pilot, and Meg will continue to pursue her teaching career.

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It's a Girl!

Abigail Kay Hartgraves was born on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 11:19 p.m., to proud parents Steve and Karen Hartgraves. She was born at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, Texas. Abigail weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. She has light brown hair and dark blue eyes. Proud Grandparents are Robert and JoAnn Graham, John and Susie Hartgraves, and Bill and Donna Rutledge. Great Grandparents are Alfred & Joyce Reinert.

Watch over this child, O Lord, as her days increase; bless and guide her wherever she may be, keeping her unspotted from the world. Strengthen her when she stands; comfort her when she cries; raise her up if she falls; and in her heart may Your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord... Amen.

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March 9th Republican Primary

February 9th is the last day to register to vote for the March 9th primary election.

Early voting will be held at the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman and the branch office in Gruver City Hall from February 23rd through March 5th.

March 1st is the last day applications may be submitted for an early ballot by mail for the primary, runoff and the general elections. Ballots will be mailed beginning January 24th.

The primary election day will be Tuesday, March 9, 2004 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following polling places: **Precinct 1:** City Hall, 30 SW Court, Spearman; **Precinct 2:** Renner Ranch, 10175 Co. Rd. H, Spearman; **Precinct 3:** Cristo-Redentor Catholic Church, 202 Hwy. 15, Gruver; **Precinct 4:** Gruver High School Library, 405 Garrett, Gruver; **Precinct 5:** Assembly of God Church, 214 SW 6th, Spearman; **Precinct 6:** Spearman High School, 403 11th, Spearman; **Precinct 7:** Oslo Lutheran Church, 8605 Co. Rd. F, Oslo; and **Precinct 9:** Morse Community Building, 301 Main, Morse.

Two candidates filed for the Hansford County Judge position. Benny Wilson, who was appointed by the Hansford County Commissioners Court to fill the unexpired term of Judge Jim Brown, and Cody Cazares.

Four candidates filed for the Hansford County Sheriff position, including Deputy Pete Ochoa, Deputy Gary Evans, Deputy Lance Swan and Spearman Police Officer Edward Mayfield.

Two candidates filed for the Tax Assessor/Collector position. They are Linda Cummings, currently serving as assistant tax assessor/collector, and Jackie Reed Nelson, an employee at First State Bank.

Three candidates filed for the Precinct 3 County Commissioner seat. They include Tim Stedje, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Kent Guthrie, as well as Charlie Bell and Ty Williams.

Butch Reed, County Commissioner for Precinct 1, County Attorney John L. Hutchison, 84th Judicial District Judge William D "Bill" Smith and 84th Judicial District Attorney Clay Ballman are all running unopposed in the primary election.

No democrats filed for Hansford County.



Julie Babb's Algebra I class recently built Birdhouses from architectural blueprints. Pictured are (L-R) Gloria Lora (1st place), Bonnie Frick (2nd place), Drew Grotgut and Artemio Mundo (tied for 3rd).

HCHD Milestone Meal Honorees



(Front, L-R) Carmen Ortiz, Shirley Burton, Kyla Ortiz and Judy Anders; (Back, L-R) District Administrator/CEO Steve Hartgraves, Jan Ellsworth and Dennis Wier. Not pictured are Annie Torres, Elsa Martinez, Rita Vasquez, Tanja Whitefield, Cleo Hughes, Christa Covell, and Wanda Schubert

Shortly after Steve Hartgraves became the Administrator/CEO for Hansford County Hospital District, he implemented a program to recognize and express appreciation for employees working for the Hospital District.

A special lunch is served in the Board Room once each

month to employees whose anniversary of hiring occurs in that month. This "Lunch with the CEO" gives him an opportunity to visit with employees in a small group setting. He informs the honorees of plans for the District, etc. and encourages feedback and suggestions from the employees.

Employees for December

were: Christa Covell, 2 years; Jan Ellsworth, 2 years; Kyla Ortiz, 2 years; Wanda Schubert, 2 years; Cleo Hughes, 3 years; Tanja Whitefield, 3 years; Dennis Wier, 4 years; Shirley Burton, 9 years; Carmen Ortiz, 9 years; Rita Vasquez, 9 years; Elsa Martinez, 16 years; Annie Torres, 20 years; and Judy Anders, 23 years.

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Lake Level--January 19, 2004--27.17 feet (-0.10)
The new Lake Permits are in. One year--\$15 for one person, \$30 for a family, and \$30 for a boat.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Mary Brock is making good progress and is pleased with the installation of her pacemaker. She was in Northwest Texas Hospital last Saturday morning for the installation and was able to return home on Sunday.

Their daughter, Debra Brown of Austin, was here to help out for a few days.

Mary is grateful for all the calls, cards and prayers, and expresses her thanks to all.

Don, Lorene, Carl and Janie Kunselman visited Cameron and Kristi Kunselman at their new home in Ulysses, KS.

Dan Kunselman joined them for lunch at a Mennonite cafe called Iris's, which serves a big variety of homemade pies.

Daniel and Gabriela Enriquez are proud new grandparents to baby boys born to both of their sons, Miguel and Dago.

Dago and Patricia's new boy was named David. He was born on December 12th at 4:23 p.m. David weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. He was 20 inches long.

Miguel and Patricia's new boy was named Miguel Angel. He was born on January 15th at 3:48 a.m. Miguel Angel weighed 7 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces. He was 20 1/2 inches long.

This cold weather reminds us of the weatherman in Amarillo on the jukebox - when he tried to get "Blue Skies," he got "Stormy Weather!"

Spearman graduate Jason Villines, a member of the 25th Division, currently stationed in Wahiawa, HI, has received word that his division will be deployed to Afghanistan in February to conduct patrols, provide continued force protection, and give humanitarian assistance.

The mission is the first large-scale mission for the 25th Division since the Vietnam War and will utilize 3,500 troops.

The division will be part of the ongoing war against the Taliban and al Qaeda terrorists.

Villines is a member of the 125th Signal Battalion, a unit of the 25th Infantry Division (Light). He joined the Army in May 2002.

He is the son of Tony Villines of Spearman and Teresa Eakins of Borger. He and his wife, the former Rebecca Howard, have three children, Triston, 5, Dawson, 3, and Payton, 11 months.

Rebecca is the daughter of Rick and Jan Howard of Spearman, and Andy and Darrie Francis of Perryton.

Jason address is PFC Jason Villines, 2180-C Bennett St., Wahiawa, HI 96786. or Jason.Villines@us.army.com.

MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the Apostolic Faith Church for bringing the church services to the Manor. It fills a need that cannot be filled any other way.

Monday morning was filled with music and exercises. I watched the residents under the leadership of Janie Kunselman stretch to the music of "Faded Love."

As everyone got limbered up and the blood got to pumping they progressed to exercises to "The Chicken Dance" and "Wake up Little Suzie." (After those two songs, they required a few cool down numbers!)

Monday afternoon we were blessed to have Charles Brillhart on the piano for "Name That Tune."

Several people took turns dancing to his tunes and even ole "Willhe" showed up for a couple of dances.

The residents are pretty sharp at naming tunes from the past. (One of my favorites is "The Ole Gray Mare." There are times that it reminds me a lot of me!) Thank you Charles!

Xi Zeta hosted bingo Monday night. We had a great time.

Most of the residents play bingo. We all certainly enjoy the desserts that the different clubs and organizations bring!

Tuesday we rocked in Musercise with "The Yellow Rose of Texas" and "I Danced With a Dolly with a Hole in Her Stocking." (Did you ever hear of such? I just wonder when that

particular song came out. If any of you know of the original let me know.)

The afternoon was spent visiting over manicures. It makes us all feel better to look better, you know.

Wednesday morning was enjoyed with Ann Whitaker bringing Bible study and donuts from Kountry Donuts. It is refreshing spiritually and physically.

That afternoon we had a packed house as everyone busily worked on the heart-shaped boxes for Valentines.

Thursday morning we had fun with the parachute. We formed a circle and pitched the ball in the air with the parachute to the time of music.

Afterwards, we played with the mini-basketball shoot for a while and then listened to music while waiting for music.

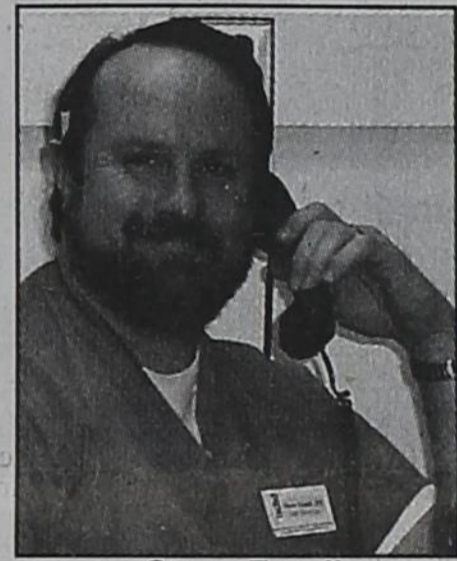
That afternoon the faithful auxiliary helped with bingo.

Friday morning was spent on the current news program. There is much happening in the world today and our seniors have definite opinions on the same. (We should listen more carefully to them at times as experience speaks loudly!)

Friday afternoon was great fun as Verna Strawn brought her keyboard up and played for the residents. They especially enjoyed "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" and "Down by the Old Mill Stream."

Thank you, Verna, for sharing your time with us.

Hansford Hospital Welcomes Steve Ezzell



Steve Ezzell

Steve Ezzell, HCHD's new Director of Laboratory Services, was born and raised in Borger, Texas. He graduated from Borger High School in 1980. Steve attended Frank Phillips College in Borger for one year and then moved to Canyon to attend West Texas

State University, where he graduated in 1985 with a Bachelors degree.

Steve taught Science and Art at the Junior High level for several years before becoming a Laboratory Professional in 1990.

He currently lives in Borger where he helps take care of his mother. He is married and has four children and two grandchildren. Steve attends church at Grace Fellowship in Borger and enjoys Bible study.

"I feel very fortunate to be chosen as Lab Director for HCHD and look forward to many years of service in that capacity. I come to this position with the philosophy that if we approach life with honesty, integrity and a respect for one another, the rest will fall into place," Steve W. Ezzell said. "I look forward to meeting each of you."

SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2003

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Gus Birdwell Trust	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 4,288,054	\$ 24,145	\$ 339,523	\$ 4,651,722
5800 State Program Revenues	1,481,367	-	193,896	1,675,263
5900 Federal Program Revenues	28,209	-	466,771	494,980
5020 Total Revenues	5,797,630	24,145	1,000,190	6,821,965
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,618,734	-	362,387	3,981,121
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	132,114	-	11,852	143,966
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	38,685	-	38,029	76,714
0021 Instructional Leadership	6,543	-	3,042	9,585
0023 School Leadership	306,223	-	6,823	313,046
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	167,172	-	5,893	173,065
0033 Health Services	54,509	-	1,000	55,509
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	190,708	-	1,012	191,720
0035 Food Services	7,498	-	334,985	342,483
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	301,878	-	-	301,878
0041 General Administration	413,727	-	5,053	418,780
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	682,805	-	55,494	738,299
0053 Data Processing Services	18,775	-	-	18,775
0061 Community Services	23,008	-	1,015	24,023
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	7,690	-	220,000	227,690
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	-	-	15,815	15,815
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	43,144	-	-	43,144
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	93,450	-	-	93,450
6030 Total Expenditures	6,106,663	-	1,062,400	7,169,063
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(309,033)	24,145	(62,210)	(347,098)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	49,664	-	72,745	122,409
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(72,745)	(49,664)	-	(122,409)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(23,081)	(49,664)	72,745	-
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS:				
7919 Extraordinary Item - Resource	96,748	-	-	96,748
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(235,366)	(25,519)	10,535	(250,350)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,365,591	1,442,861	28,035	4,836,487
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,130,225	\$ 1,417,342	\$ 38,570	\$ 4,586,137

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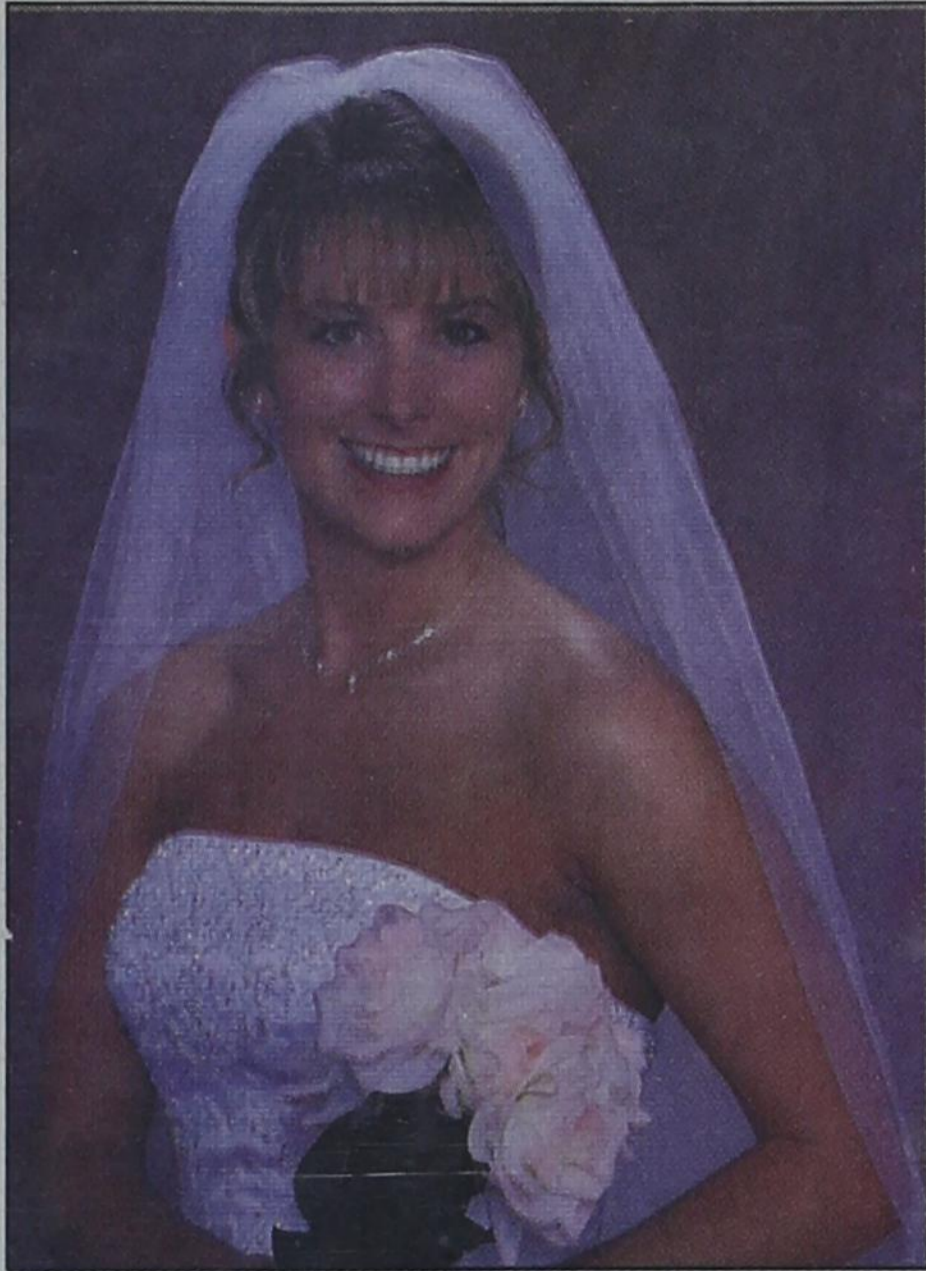
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Carthel, Brabham Wed



Mrs. David Brabham

KiKi Dee Carthel and David Gregory Brabham, both of Fort Worth, were united in marriage Saturday, January 3, 2004 at the Gruver Church of Christ with Harold Sneed, minister, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Harletta and Dan Carthel of Gruver. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carthel of Friona and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Capps of Vernon, all of whom attended the wedding.

Parents of the groom are Linda and Dale Brabham of Syracuse, N.Y. Grandparents of the groom are Virginia Grant of Gainesville, FL, the late Arthur Grant and the late Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Todd.

Maid of Honor was Dusti Welch of Lubbock, college friend and teammate of the bride; Matron of Honor was Martha Cashion of Stephenville, college roommate and sorority sister of the bride. Bridal attendants were Tarabeth Holmes of Amarillo, high school friend of the bride; Ashley Justus of Mesquite, college friend and teammate of the bride; Molly McCloy of Gruver, lifelong friend of the bride; Shayna Goldston of Borger, high school friend and college sorority sister of the bride; Emily Brabham of Syracuse, sister of the groom; and Dr. Melanie Diamond of San Antonio, college friend and teammate of the bride.

The attendants were attired in claret red two-piece strapless gowns with embroidery and crystals accentuating the empire waist. They carried silver tussy mussels of baby roses and Alstomeria with tulle. Serving as best man was Mike Brabham of Brooklyn, NY, brother of the

groom. Groom's attendants were John Brabham of Syracuse, brother of the groom; Justin Carthel of Gruver, brother of the bride; Kade Carthel of Abilene, brother of the bride; Carlos Clark and Charlie Guy, both of Fort Worth, medical school friends of the groom; Dr. Scott Young of Killeen, medical school friend of the groom; and Kevin Caufield of Ridgewood, NJ, college friend of the groom.

Snowflake princesses were Mardi Wisdom of Crowell and Caitlin Carthel of Friona, both cousins of the bride, and K.D. McCloy of Gruver. They wore white satin gowns with tulle skirt overlays and carried white satin baskets filled with snowflakes.

Ring bearer, Vaden Carthel of Amarillo, cousin of the bride was dressed identically to the groom.

Ushers were Andy Carthel of Friona, and Mac Shipley of Lakin, KS, cousins of the bride.

Registry attendants were Molly Carthel of Friona, Abbey Carthel of Amarillo, and Chelsie Shipley of Lakin, KS, cousins of the bride; and Ellen Brabham of Syracuse, sister of the groom.

Scripture reader was Sue Bacsik of Fort Worth with Mandy Cofer of Fort Worth providing the memorial tribute.

Candlelighters were Hannah Carthel of Friona and Rachel Capps of Vernon, cousins of the bride. They wore silver gowns with rose and tulle combs in their hair.

Candle bearers were Dedra Peacock of Crane, college friend and teammate of the bride; Lisa Chavez of Lubbock, college friend and sorority sister of the bride; Angie Head of Arlington, college friend and

teammate of the bride; Megan Gentry of DeSoto, TX, friend of the bride and bride's brother; Sahala Gaillard of Morse, high school friend of the bride; Jodie Popp of Tulsa, OK, medical school classmate of the bride; Courtney Burgoon of Canyon, cousin of the bride; and Joni Hart of Dallas, lifelong friend of the bride.

Special guests were Jim and Mindy Davis, bride's teacher, coach and lifelong friends; and Marie Bell, bride's adopted grandmother, all of Gruver, and Rynn Sloan of Fort Worth, medical school advisor and friend of the couple.

Special music was provided by an a cappella quartet of Ross Renner of Gruver, Kristi Pearson of Amarillo, and Victor and Debbie Schumann of Spearman, who sang "The Greatest Command" and "How Beautiful."

The bride wore a princess-style gown of white delustered satin with a strapless bodice that was accented with hand-beaded embroidery and crystals. The embroidered and crystal motif extended over the full skirt and flowed from the hem around the cathedral train. The cathedral-length veil was enhanced with identical crystal and embroidered motifs. The bride completed her ensemble with white elbow-length gloves.

Her bouquet was of blush roses encircled with crystal stems. Entwined in the bouquet was a locket given to the bride's mother by her father on their wedding day. The reception was adorned in a Texas and New York motif in honor of the couple's home states. The Texas backdrop for the bride's table

and the New York backdrop for the groom's table were a wedding gift by artist Tom Beasley of Gruver.

The groom's table featured an assortment of New York style cheesecakes and flavored coffees. Attendees were Christina Puffy of Rochester, NY, sister of the groom and Julie and Jennifer Thigpen of Fort Worth, friends of the couple.

The bride's table featured a lighted four-tiered cake with sugar stars and bluebonnets topped with a crystal Texas. Attendees were Memory Ross of Arlington, lifelong friend of the bride; Adrienne Kincaid, sorority sister and tennis partner of the bride; and Sayeh Barzin of Fort Worth, medical school friend of the couple.

The couple left the wedding reception in the bride's high school car, a 1955 red and black Buick Special. After a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Fort Worth.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2000 graduate of McMurry University. She graduated as a Master Physician Assistant from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth in 2003. She is in family practice at Timarron Family Medicine in Southlake.

The groom is a 1991 graduate of Notre Dame High School in Elmira, NY and a 2000 graduate of the University of Houston. He will receive his medical degree in May 2004 from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth and begin residency in internal medicine in June 2004.

College Corner

Abilene Christian University

Kade Carthel of Gruver, a sophomore Biology major, has been named to the Deans' Honor Roll at Abilene Christian university for the fall 2003 semester. To be on the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn a 3.45 or higher grade point average.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University

Elizabeth Duncan of Gruver has been named to the President's Honor Roll of Oklahoma Panhandle State University for the fall 2003 semester. To be named to the list, a student must carry a minimum of 12 hours and have a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Six Hansford County students have been named to the Dean's List at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. They are Bradley Duncan, Krista Graves, Autumn Gruver, Christie McDowell, and Lauree Stedje, all of Gruver and Bertha Watts of Spearman. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses with a GPA of 3.5 - 3.99.

Texas A & M University

Holly Shea Pipkin graduated from Texas A & M University December 20, 2003 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education.

Texas Tech University

Kathryn Anne (Gumfory) Mancini received her Doctorate in ceremonies December 20, 2003, from Texas Tech University. Mancini's dissertation was entitled "Meeting Fears and Concerns: Perceptions Regarding the Inclusion of Students Who Are Medically Fragile in the Early Classroom."

A graduate of Gruver High School, Mancini received her Bachelor of Science degree from the university of Texas in Austin in 1991 and her Masters of Education degree from Texas Tech in 2000. She is the daughter of Mike and Carla Johnson of Morse and the late Tommy Gumfory.

South Plains College

Andrew Clyburn from Spearman has been named to the President's Honor List for the fall 2003 semester at South Plains College. Students named to the President's Honor List must maintain a straight A or 4.0 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours of college-level work.

Oklahoma State University

A total of 4,040 students were named to the fall 2003 honor rolls at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, including 1,398 students who received all "A" grades and were named to the President's Honor Roll.

Full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 4.00 and with no incomplete grade, were placed on the President's Honor Roll. Listed on the President's Honor Roll was Amber Ramon, a 2000 graduate of Spearman High School.

Students who completed 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher, with no incomplete grade or grade below a "C," were placed on the Dean's Honor Roll. Listed on the Dean's Honor Roll was Bradley Holt, a 2001 Gruver High School graduate.

West Texas A&M University

Brittini Haun (Beedy) Sanders graduated Magna Cum Laude from WTAMU December 12, 2003, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,200 students to honor lists for the fall 2003 semester. Of that total, 305 were named to the Presidents List and 949 students were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 or better on a 4.0 scale and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours. Students on the President's List were: **Gruver** - Lacie Osbourne, a junior English major; Nikki Stewart, a junior Biology major; Tessa Yanke, a junior EC-4 Generalist Bilingual major; **Spearman** - David Holt, a junior History major.

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours. Students listed on the Dean's List were: **Gruver** - Sara Bass, a sophomore Accounting major; Derik Grotegut, a senior Agribusiness major; Lisa Johnson, freshman 4-8 Ela/Reading major; Julie May, a freshman English, Language Arts, Social Studies major; Misael Rosales, a freshman Computer Science major; **Morse** - Christopher Parks, a senior Speech Communication major; Jerry Womble, a freshman Sociology major; **Spearman** - Michael Griffin, a freshman Accounting major; David Pipkin, a freshman Biology/Wildlife Science major; Clayton Vanderburg, a sophomore Social Sciences major; Elsa Vargas, a freshman EC-4 Generalist major.

Amarillo College

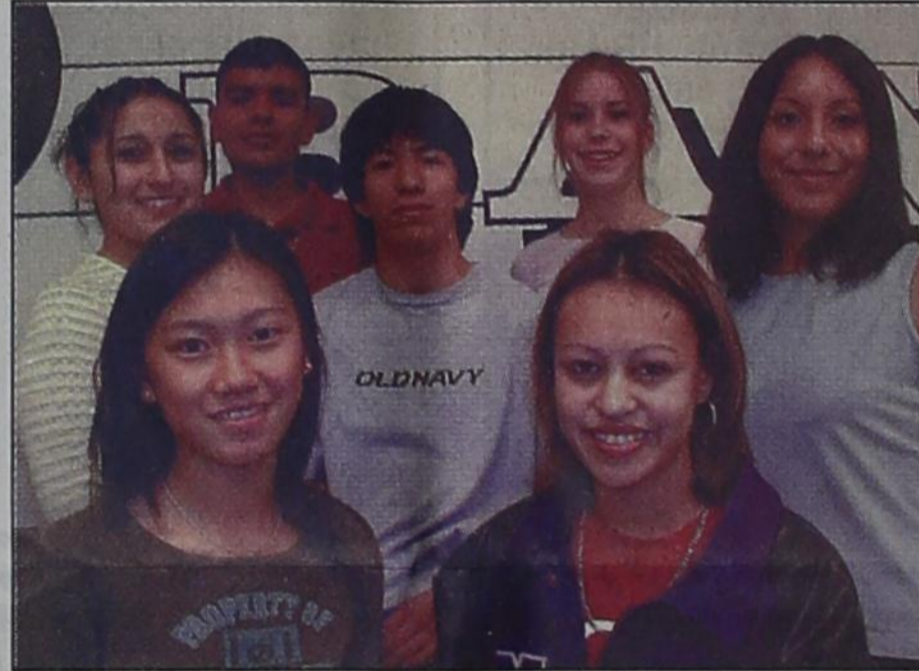
Amarillo College named 340 students to the fall 2003 honor roll. Students on the list must have been enrolled in 12 or more hours in academic courses and have earned a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. Included on the Honor Roll from Gruver is Richard Thomas Schad.

Wayland Baptist University

Wayland Baptist University has released its honor roll lists for the fall, 2003 semester.

The Dean's List is made up of students who maintained a grade-point average of 3.5-3.9 for the semester. Listed on the Dean's List was Mindee Gillaspie of Spearman.

The President's List is reserved for those students who completed the semester with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Listed on the President's List was Laura Gillaspie of Spearman.



Seven members of the Spearman High School band were named to the Five States Honor Bank in recent competition. Selected were: (Back, L-R) Bertha Ortiz, clarinet; Carlos Hernandez, trumpet; Anthony Renteria, French horn; Aleisha Sweat, clarinet; Jessica Blan, clarinet; and (Front, L-R) Joanne Tang, flute; and Adriana Mendoza, baritone.



Surrounding the Spearman High bass drum are Spearman High School UIL All-Region Band members: (L-R) Joanne Tang, flute; Alicia Sweat, clarinet; Michael Torres, tuba; Jessica Blan, clarinet; and Bertha Ortiz, clarinet.

A Time for Love

Plan now to be included in the Reporter-Statesman's Valentine picture page. Photos of your children, grandchildren, sweetheart, spouse or special valentine will be published in the February 12th newspaper.

Deadline for bringing photos to the paper will be noon on Monday, February 9th. Your pictures will be available for pickup after the Valentine weekend. Any size photo is okay.

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