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THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2008

Amy Boyd of Spearman was named the 2008 Miss Irish Rose during Shamrock's St. Patrick's Day Festival. She is the daughter of Willis and Sherry Boyd and was sponsored by Willis Boyd Dirt Service, Inc. Amy was Miss Irish Rose second runner up in 2007.

2008 Elections

Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD, the City of Spearman and the City of Gruver will NOT be holding elections on May 10, 2008. There are no contested positions in any of the five entities.

Spearman ISD had two open positions, and two candidates filing. Dwayne Mitchell and Carol Dunnihoo were up for re-election. Dwayne filed, but Carol chose not to run again. Joel Shields also filed, and will fill Ms. Dunnihoo's position. Other board members are Bob Boxwell, Maria Sibley, Dr. Mark Garnett, Will Jarvis and Glen Ray Mackie.

Gruver ISD Board Members are Dwayne Thompson, Brent Stedje, Jeff Graves, Curt Fitzgearld, Jeff Purvines, Traci Venneman. Lee Bob Harper did not file for reelection this year, but Teague Winger has filled, and will be taking his place.

The current City Council for the City of Spearman consists of: Brian Gillispie (Mayor), Charles Elliott (Mayor Pro-Tem), and Aldermen Jon Garnett, Ron Antalek, Kathy Boyd, and Mike Schnell. The term for Brian Gillispie, Charles Elliott and Jon Garnett are up for reelection this year, but no one other than the incumbents filed, so they will be swom back into office for another two-year terms at the May City Council meeting.

Chad Logsdon's term is up for reelection for the City of Gruver, and he has filed for the position again, with no opponents. Mark Irwin is the Mayor of Gruver and Johnnie Williams is the other coun-

cilmember. Both were reelected last year.
Pringle-Morse CISD will hold an election in November 2008 for school board.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 50. West winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the northwest around 10 mph after midnight.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 80. North winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in

the upper 40s. MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in

the lower 80s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Breezy.

Lows in the mid 50s. TUESDAY - Mostly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the lower 80s.

TUESDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Hansford County Library Thriftshop Celebrates 40th Anniversary

the group also held a sale of donated items. The Thriftshop, which is located in a back portion of the library building, began as a weekend rummage sale to help pay off the building debt. However, so many quality items were donated by the people of the community that the club members chose to continue the rummage sale for a "few more weekends." Those few weekends extended into years, and now the Thriftshop is still an into years, and now the Thriftshop is still an integral part of the library and the community. Staffed entirely by volunteers, the Thriftshop is managed by Jo McLaughlin and meets weekly on Tuesday's to sort, price and prepare items for Saturday's sale.

The Thriftshop is open to the public from 1-3 p.m. each Saturday, but donations are accepted anytime the library is open. On a consistent basis this valuable group of vol-

On Tuesday, May 6th, the Hansford County Library Board and Staff honored its Thriftshop volunteers with a luncheon at the Bunkhouse to begin festivities celebrating the Thriftshop's 40th Anniversary.

When the Twentieth Century Club began holding bazaars, art shows, stew dinners, teas and book sales in the fall of 1968 to help pay off the mortgage on the library building at 122 Main Street in Spearman, the group also held a sale of donated items. comfortable working long and hard to keep the Thriftshop going. Not a day goes by without one of these ladies checking to see what might need to be done.

Mentoring was another star point noted. Devoting many years to the program, Sara Dossett and Nina Hendricks have helped the Thriftshop to thrive while mentoring other volunteers along the way. Lorene McGuire and Margaret Novak were praised for their

patience. Working with the Thriftshop takes time each week, and Lorene and Margaret are willing to give of their time. Love is another important part of volunteering. One must love the people being served while also loving the work – Betty Pugh and Pauline McGee do just that. Kindness completes the star of volunteering. Although not working star of volunteering. Although not working with the ladies on a regular basis, Bill Porter and James Pugh are very kind remaining in the background while giving of their time and talent to the benefit of the many projects of both the Thriftshop and the library.

Because these citizens tirelessly give of their time night and day to serve the com-munity while making the library a better place, all points of the volunteerism star are complete. The Hansford County Library Board and Staff are proud to begin the Thriftshop's 40th Anniversary Celebration.



Enforcement Blitz Buckling Down on Those Not Buckled Up -Day and Night

In 2006, 15,046 passenger vehicle occupants died in traffic crashes between the nighttime hours of 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m., according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) - and 64 percent of those passenger vehicle occupants killed were NOT wearing their seat belts at the time of the fatal crash.

The proportion of unbuckled deaths at night is considerably higher than the alarming 46 percent of passenger vehicle occupants who were killed and were not wearing their seats belts during daytime hours across the Nation that same year.

That's why the Spearman Police Department announced today that they are joining with State and local law enforcement agencies and highway safety officials May 19th - June 1st to launch an aggressive national Click It or Ticket seat belt enforcement mobilization to increase seat belt use and reduce highway fatalities - with a new emphasis this year on convincing more motorists to buckle up - day and night.

"Research shows us that there is a problem with drivers and passengers not buckling up at night - when the risk of a fatal crash is greatest. Clearly this is an indication that these individuals are not taking the law seriously," Sr. Patrolman Brian Massey said. "That's why we'll be out in force making sure that all passengers, in all vehicles, are buckled up - day and night."

Officer Massey said regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. He said that in 2006, 77 percent of passenger vehicle occupants in a fatal crash who were buckled up survived the crash, and that when worn correctly, seat belts have proven to reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat passenger car occupants by 45 percent - and by 60 percent in pickup trucks, SUVs, and minivans.

Yet nearly one in five Americans (18% nationally) still fail to regularly wear their seat belts when driving or riding in a motor vehicle according to NHTSA's observational seat belt studies.

Stepped-up law enforcement activities will be conducted during the national Click It or Ticket enforcement mobilization. The mobilization is being supported by a projected \$7.5 million in paid national advertising and additional State advertising to encourage all motorists, but especially motorists at night, to always buckle up.

"Seat belts clearly save lives. But unfortunately, too many folks still need a tough reminder, so we are going to be out in force buckling down on those who are not buckled up," said Officer Massey "Wearing your seat belt costs you nothing, but not wearing it certainly will. So unless you want to risk a ticket, or worse - your life, please remember to buckle up day and night - Click It or Ticket."

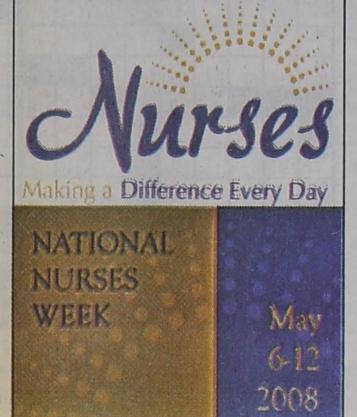
For more information, please visit www.nhtsa.gov.



The Hansford County Library Thriftshop volunteers were honored at a luncheon on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. Volunteers are (Standing, L-R) Jo McLaughlin, Claudine Laxton, Pauline McGee, Betty Pugh and Lorene McGuire; (Seated, L-R) Nina Hendricks, Margaret Novak and Sara Dossett.



Lindy Weldon, a member of the Gruver FFA, won 1st Heavy Weight Chester, Breed Champion Chester at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. (See related story on page 8)







Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

My thoughts and my heart war... often go out to our service men and women who are Terrorism."

great heroes.

I don't know if you remem- involved with the war effort. ber her from school, but her Sampson. It was our first Sampson was

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

Sunday evening. After two

trips to the Texas Coast,

Georgia and I now know that

the Great State of Texas is

extremely large. We also

have educated everyone we

Distinguished Service Award

cemeteries and for our desig-

Designation. We will be dis-

our commission to position

ourselves for grant opportu-

nities and state programs.

You can explore all the THC

it, we are setting up an

exhibit from the Scurry

County Museum entitled

visit and give us your com-

programs at their website.

by Virginia Scott

Historical

"The War for Independence."

Many women and children fighting in our "War on signed up to aid in the war effort. Some sewed clothes. Occasionally, this causes Some filled cartridges. Some me to think about and con- washed clothes. Some template some of the wars of cooked and some nursed. our past and some of our Some even acted as unofficial spies. These folks were

> But, Deborah Sampson Deborah was different. Deborah special.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

to exhibit their dress and

wedding photos, call us. We

also need decade dresses

90's. This exhibit is always

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

and celebrate Cinco de

This week we recognize

Amazingly, no one knew how special she was until her service ended.

It all came to an end, eighteen months after it started. She fell ill and was taken to the infirmary. There, it was discovered that for the past year and a half, she had fought side by side with American soldiers... while she was impersonating a man.

Today, I would like to acknowledge Deborah Sampson, a true American. Love for country and patriotism can be amazing things.

Until the next time, May God Bless.



GOVERNOR ASKS FOR HELP IN CURBING FOOD AND FEED PRICES



by Ed Sterling

Gov. Rick Perry asked a fed- days to submit their returns out Texas. eral agency to help bring or file an extension without

In a letter dated April 25, by 50 percent.

The waiver, if granted, would provide Texans with relief at the grocery store and enable the Texas livestock industry to continue providing its big share of the nation's food supply. Perry Property Texas almounced April 23 the release of a personal memoir, "Dolph Briscoe: My Life in Texas Ranching and announced the formation of Politics." Briscoe served as governor from 1973 to 1979.

"We appreciate the good energy portfolio at a rapid the 13-member panel. rate, but this misguided The assignment is mandate is significantly review sections of the tax the process, Briscoe read affecting Texans' family food code and the Texas and revised the text,

bill," Perry said. tion through 2015. The established the mandate and amended by the Energy Jan. 13, 2009. Independence and Security Act of 2007.

Count of YFZ children increases

removed from the polygamist Virtual School Network. YFZ Ranch near Eldorado on April 3 and ensuing days originally was tabulated at 416. The count increased to 437, and then climbed to

The increase from 437 to 462 accounts for the discovery that at least 25 of the mothers who left the religious sect's 1,700-acre ranch compound are in fact less than 18 years of age.

Ranch children have been transferred to state-certified foster homes, with their parentage to be determined and legal status still up to

Texas courts of law. In a related development, authorities identified 33year-old Rozita Swinton, a Colorado Springs, Colo., woman as a "person of interest" in calls made to a crisis hotline that resulted in law enforcement intervention at the ranch compound. The Texas Rangers are investi-

Due date for new tax is extended

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on April 22 announced that businesses

51. Police informer

52. Used on farmer's

penalty.

Perry requested a waiver revised franchise tax and the list of approved course offerfrom the Environmental newness of the enhanced ings will be available this fall. Protection Agency to cut the electronic reporting methods renewable fuel mandate for have caused concern among shelves ethanol produced from grain taxpayers statewide, Combs said.

nation's food supply, Perry Property Tax Relief and said.

Appraisal Reform.

intentions behind the push Otto, R-Dayton, as chair and views with Gov. Briscoe. for renewable fuels. In fact Rep. Ken Paxton, R- After we're diversifying our state's McKinney, as vice chair of Carleton edited the tran-

Constitution that deal with Carleton said. The renewable fuel man- the appraised value of propdate increases corn crop erty and the limitation of Guerrero diversion to ethanol produc- increases in appraised value. Energy Policy Act of 2005 findings to the 81st Texas at half-staff in memory of

> High school classes will and be online

Agency announced April 25 after a long battle with can-The number of children the launching of the Texas cer. Burial was in the Texas Authorized by the Texas

AUSTIN - With grocery bills unable to meet the May 15 Legislature in 2007, the netand livestock feed prices due date for the franchise tax work will provide online inching higher and higher, will have an additional 30 courses to students through-

> Classes for grades 9 through 12 are scheduled to The complexity of the begin in the spring of 2009. A

> > New Briscoe memoir hits

The Center for American History at the University of Panel to study property Texas announced April 23

Don Carleton, executive director of the history center, Craddick named Rep. Jim conducted a series of intereach interview, scripts to build a narrative in The assignment is to Briscoe's voice. Throughout

Flags at half-staff for

Gov. Rick Perry on April 24 The panel will report its directed that flags be flown Legislature, which convenes Lena Guerrero of Austin. The former state representative Texas Railroad Commission member died The Texas Education April 23 at the age of 50, State Cemetery on April 26.

met that Texas top Northeast Mayo. corner is Lipscomb county not Texarkana or Dallas. The State is pretty and green but summer is going to be rough if we don't get some rain from the bottom 52 counties

Mexico declared its independence from mother Spain on midnight, the 15th of September, 1810 so why do we think that the 5th of May is Mexican Independence up. The wind is also bad on Day. It took 11 years before the coast all the way home. the first Spanish soldiers Our meeting with other were told and forced to leave county historical commis-Mexico and fifty - two years sions was very educational before 4,000 Mexican soland we came home with a lot diers smashed the French of information. Our commisand traitor Mexican army of sion received for the second 8,000 at Puebla, Mexico, 100 year in row the Texas miles east of Mexico City on the morning of May 5, 1862. Commission

We made it home on especially the 70's, 80's, and

The French had landed in for this years work with our Mexico (along with Spanish and English troops) five months earlier on the prenation as a Preserve America text of collecting Mexican cussing more about the debts from the newly elected was being chased by Diaz' State organization and how government of democratic superb horsemen miles we are going to reorganize President (and Indian) away. The Mexicans had Benito Juarez. The English and Spanish quickly made deals and left. The French, however, had different ideas.

Under Emperor Napoleon III, who detested the United May and June are going to be exciting for our summer States, the French came to exhibits and programs. stay. They brought a Beside the wildflower exhibit Hapsburg prince with them and the memorial day exhibto rule the new Mexican empire. His name was Maximilian; his wife, Carolota. Napoleon's French Army had not been defeated "Creating a Better Life: the Hispanic Workforce in West in 50 years, and it invaded Mexico with the finest mod-Texas." This exhibit tells of ern equipment and with a the Hispanic settlers in West newly reconstituted Foreign Texas. I hope we will be able to use this exhibit to develop Legion. The French were not afraid of anyone, especially our own for our early German and Hispanic since the United States was Settlers utilizing our books embroiled in its own Civil as starting points. Plan to

The French Army left the port of Vera Cruz to attack ments and opinions on the Mexico City to the west, as Yes it is almost June and the French assumed that the Lovella is planning her Mexicans would give up Bridal Exhibit. Anyone who should their capital fall to is celebrating their 50th the enemy -- as European anniversary and would like countries traditionally did.

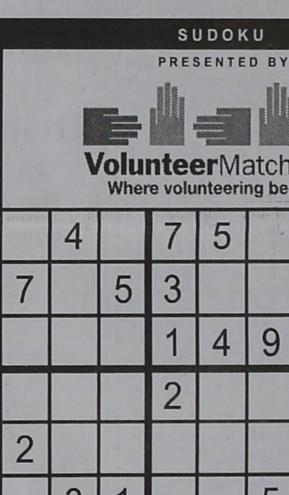
Under the command of Texas-born General Zaragosa, (and the cavalry under the command of Colonel Porfirio Diaz, later to be Mexico's president and dictator), the Mexicans awaited. Brightly dressed French Dragoons led the columns. enemy Mexican Army was less styl-

General Zaragosa ordered Colonel Diaz to take his cavalry, the best in the world, out to the French flanks. In response, the French did a most stupid thing; they sent their cavalry off to chase Diaz and his men, who proceeded to butcher them. The remaining French infantrymen charged the Mexican defenders through sloppy mud from a thunderstorm and through hundreds of head of stampeding cattle stirred up by Indians armed only with machetes.

When the battle was over, many French were killed or wounded and their cavalry won a great victory that kept Napoleon III from supplying the confederate rebels for another year, allowing the United States to build the greatest army the world had ever seen. This grand army smashed the Confederates at Gettysburg just 14 months after the battle of Puebla, essentially ending the Civil

Union forces were then rushed to Texas/Mexican border Phil under General Sheridan, who made sure, that the Mexicans got all the weapons and ammunition they need to expel the French. American soldiers were discharged with their uniforms and rifles if they promised to join the Mexican Army to fight the French. The American Legion of Honor marched in the Victory Parade in Mexico

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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

RITES OF SPRING

ACROSS

1. It's tin and where

idea.

- cat hung out 5. It's done to a mint
- julep in spring vera, used for
- treating minor burns
- 12. Not active
- 13. Between mini and maxi
- 14. Spring vacation
- 15. Film
- 16. Related
- 17. Corpulent
- 18. Predictor of spring
- 20. Not found
- 21. "When expected"
- 23. Munch's masterpiece "The
- 26. Intense dislike
- 30. Type of chart 31. Rational motive
- 34. Teen skin problem 7. Golf club maker
- forgiven"
- 37. Motion of approval 38. It can have 1, 2, or 9. Bruce and Spike
- 3 wheels 39. Former name of
- Thailand
- 40. In entirety 42. Short for "radian"
- 43. May Day dance prop
- 45. Her husband's
- parents 47. Inside a pen
- 48. South Pacific Kingdom
- 50. Filled with travel-
- ers, pl. 52. Botticelli painting
- about spring
- 56. "April showers

bring May flowers," e.g.

- 57. Snoopy's original
- owner 58. Individual unit
- 59. Brimless cap 60. Welcoming store
- sign
- 61. Scissors' sound
- 62. Inquires
- 63. "I Thee
- 64. Christian Andersen

DOWN

- 1. Wedding band
- 2. O in B.O. 3. Mixture of stewed meat
- 22. Pesky, clingy plant 4. A rod or a cane
 - used for punishment 5. Adherents of
 - Sikhism 6. Dostoevsky's "The
 - 8. Spring tree-planting holiday
 - 10. Kiln for drying hops
 - 11. To supplement with great effort, often used with "out"
 - 13. Married Frenchwoman
 - 14. Large pill 19. Approaches
 - 22. Trash container, e.g.
 - 23. Accompanies seizure
 - 24. Hairlike projections that provide
 - locomotion 25. Team race

These games are brought to you by the **Hansford County Reporter-Statesman**

- 26. "Go the way of the 40. A kind of person
- 27. Capital of Ghana
 - 28. A spouse's parent
 - 29. As opposed to
 - wants

 - 32. Actress Hathaway 33. Drunkard

36. Infringes

38. Latin party dance

- - writing
- 44. Early stages 46. Extravagant 48. Nonsensical talk or 54. Horse control

41. Rust-prone movie

- 49. Well- machine
- and book character field in spring 53. Highest volcano in Europe
- 55. Basic unit of electric current, pl. 50. "Beware the ___ of 56. Loose, sleeveless garment of an Arab March"

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

Anniversary - M/M Don Hudson, Curtis & Bonnie Gross May 9

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

Anniversary - M/M Dale Hodge

May 10 Birthday - Sandi Foster, Hayley Garland, Paula Williams, Butch Lasater, Teresa Kirk, Alva Garner, Brenda Shieldknight, Kevin Bellows, Deborah Randell, Paul Garza Jr., Robert Howell, Adrian Garza, Tashiana Schumann, Troy Seagler, Tammy Mitchell, Abigail DeLeon, Bonnie Novak Anniversary - M/M Harley Murrell, M/M Gary Evans, M/M Ray Gibson

May 11 Birthday - Pake Eckhardt, Jeff Hand, Diane McLain, Maria Arjona, Scotty Evans, Francis Ortega, Mary Ellen Vitele, Jimmy Blan Jr., Jeremy Austin, Whitefield, Jared George, Wylee Maupin, Darla

May 12 Birthday - Kristin Evans, John Holland, Trevor Ferguson, Deanna Johnson, Dave Karlin, Jimmy Greene, Hazel Scott, Ernesto Gumfory, Puentes, Karen Hamilton, Toni Atwood, Bonnie Benson, Anita Spivey, Lauren Carter, Karen Hodge, Kenneth Redwine Anniversary - M/M Bob Davis May 13

Birthday - Kerry Foster, Billy Horton, Cora Meyer, Terry Butt, Roy Stinson, Henry Babitzke,

Tom Fanning, Sarah Moore

May 14

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

May 14
Birthday - Nancy Barkley, Debbie Deeds, Gerald TeBeest, Kay Hand, Patsy Barrera, Fran Quinby, Janice Gerrad, Luis Garcia, Sharon Seagler, Eric Titus, Jim Bartimus, Chris Johnson, Buck Tidwell, David Terry, Brandy Shelton, Sue Gerardy, Kevin Anniversary - M/M Felipe

May 15
Birthday - Barbara Cluck,

Monte Ćluck, Brooke Holt Ruhlin, Jamie Maize, Tommy Russell, Charles Eaton, Wayne Cook, Francisco Borunda Jr., Tommie Mitchell, Luis Moreno, Trent Seagler, Ortha Fay Watkins, Trena Horton, Sadie Goodall, Janeen Baumgardner, Jean Armes, Bryan Dudley, Jennifer Traylor, Lance Smith Anniversary - M/M Don Kjos May 16

Birthday - Charles Evans, Louise Hedding, Mary King, Justin Miller, Ashleigh Sherrill, Gayle Smith, Kurt Spoonmore, Linda Latta, Cinda Wolf, Shelly Whitefield, Mary Trent, John Sprig, Michael Gruver, Linda Lujan, Rhonda Christian, Landry Fletcher, April Payne May 17

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

Anniversary - M/M Randy Reid, Mr. Darrell Wright
May 18 Reid, M/M Justin Gifford, M/M

Birthday - Dan Carthel, Phylis Haefner, Amy Lewis, Darrell Messer, Clint Swink, Jerry Swink, Sally Desimone, Paula Fryrear, Alma Ricketts, Byron Kenney, Joy Gafford, Ernistine Gray, Luis Moreno Jr., Kimberly Rhea, Ann Atchison, Amy Sparks, Ivan Allen, Thea Beck, Danny Henson, Kenny Virden, Travis Hodge, Justine Rosales Anniversary - Roy & Denise Harbour, Raymond & Judy Jenkins, M/M Mark McCloy, M/M Robert Elliott May 19

Birthday - Yvette Miller, S.J. Wells, Cora Lee Frantz, Wayne Ellsworth, Bettie Davis, Debbie Schumann, Nita Burger, Lori Scroggs, Ricky Deluna, Joanne Blodgett, Sandi Pearson, Beatrice Self, Mary Delarosa, Brandi Allen, Otho Gammill, Brandy Morris, Linda Cummings, Cami Winegarner, Kate Haruch

Anniversary - M/M Terrell Evans, Shorty & Carol Hestor, M/M Tom Fanning, M/M Tim

May 20 Birthday - Donna Ralston, April Graham, Barbara Kenney, Ronny Smith, Cindy Scribner, Ellsworth, Jacob Vernon Gardner, Beatrice Harbour, McCloy, Lanesa Beatrice Washburn

Anniversary - M/M Steve Stedje, M/M Pete Stafford, M/M Donnie Davis, Richard &

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



As we prepare for Pentecost we study Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34,35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3-13, and John 7:37-39. Pentecost was one of three great festivals. Pentecost celebrated the giving of the Law and the barley harvest. Pentecost is also the third great feast of the Christian church. Luke tells of 120 disciples gathered in a large upper room awaiting the paraclete promised by Jesus. There is a rushing noise as of a great wind; the appearance of tongues of flame and the disciples start speaking other languages. The disciples leave the room, go out into Jerusalem, and start proclaiming the "good news". Peter tells the curious Jews that what they are witnessing is the Day of the Lord (when God directly intervenes in History) through Christ Jesus. Some despair over the state of Christianity today. Yet, the Spirit is moving. In Africa, the nation of Namibia is 50% Lutheran and 85% of the people are Christian. The Spirit is moving in Sierra Leone, Mozambique and over the "Dark Continent". In Asia, Korea was 99% Buddhist only a generation ago, today it is 20% Christian and the world's largest Christian church (500,000 members) is in Seoul, Korea. In Sao Paulo Brazil, a city of seven million, there are Korea. In Sao Paulo Brazil, a city of seven million, there are 80,000 home group bible studies, led by lay people. The Spirit is like a flame, like a raging prairie fire. It is the laity who led the events at Pentecost in Jerusalem. It is the laity who lead today. Martin Luther once said, "Everyone by virtue of baptism is called to preach." Later theologians such as Brooks, said, "Nothing but fire kindles fire"; Fosdick said, "If you want to set someone on fire, you must bu-u-urn a little bit yourself"; finally, Spurgeon said, "A burning heart will soon find a burning tongue". Your daily witness dear Christian is more important than the cleric's most stirring sermon. most stirring sermon.

The Psalmist sings praises to God whose Spirit brings life to all his creatures and joy to His creation.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that we as believers all have the same Spirit and serve the same Lord. We each have different gifts/talents to use to Christ's glory; but, together we are the church and the church is Christ's body today. We are to promote mutual respect and concern among Christians. Ever remember that the Holy Spirit is not a status symbol; the Holy Spirit is the means of nurture for all Christians. "I" am not great, but the Spirit that is within me does great things.

John shows Jesus on the last day of the Feast of Booths, which celebrated God's provision for his people during the Exodus by providing water from the rock. Jesus is our spiritual rock, and from Him flows the Spirit of "living water". Jesus promises that "out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

May the Holy Spirit burn in you that you may ignite hope in Jesus Christ in others.

Postal Service: No material in or on mailboxes without stamps

Editor's Note: This article was submitted by Spearman Postmaster Sharolyn Larson. It is being reprinted with permission from The Eagle-Tribune.

By Meghan Carey
Carol Grant said she has been distributing fliers by rolling them up and wedging them between mailboxes and their flags for nearly 40 years. The U.S. Postal Service is

advising her to stop doing it.

The state postal inspector made his way to town last week to stop a practice that has been happening for years,

according to residents and officials.

Michael Blanchard met Wednesday with police, the local postmaster, and Carol and Ken Grant, whom police found outting fliers on mailboxes earlier this month. While the J.S. Postal Service will not prosecute, Blanchard said, he did give local officials letters explaining that the practice

was illegal and should not be allowed. "You can't put anything in or on a mailbox without postage," he said. "There's federal law to back it up."

According to the police log, the Grants were putting fliers on mailboxes on Maple Avenue on March 10. When pulled over, they denied doing so, and were sent to the local post-

It's standard protocol to call in the postal inspector when there is a legal question, according to Todd Sculnik, communications coordinator for New Hampshire and Vermont post offices. He said the fliers were being hung on the mailboxes and didn't know how many had been distributed.

Carol Grant said she has distributed handouts for about 38 years and hasn't ever had a problem before. She checked with the last four postmasters and followed their rules, she said, but didn't get a chance this year to check with the new postmaster. She just followed the same rules nothing in the mailbox or on the latch, she said.

According to the law, circulars and other mailable matter cannot be deposited in a letter box on any mail route without paying postage. The law was updated on March 8 just days prior — to not allow anything on letter boxes

"I don't know if it's a warning, but more to alert them that if this activity continues, they could be subject to civil or criminal prosecution," Blanchard said.

Selectman Paul Sullivan said while he heard complaints about the fliers, he didn't think anyone thought they affected the election.

Perhaps Blanchard's visit and letter will prevent the incident from reoccurring in the future, he said.

"I'm perfectly satisfied with that," Sullivan said. "The law is clear. As long as everyone is aware of it, I'm just looking ahead positively for this year."

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Cowboy Poetry Breakfast

This Saturday, May 10, the monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will be at the Big Texan, starting at 8:00. Bill Crenshaw of Canyon will headline. His two oldest grandchildren, Billy Odegaard and Wade Crenshaw, will help on one of their PaPa's poems. Tom Moss, the Pony Express poet, will emcee the program. Members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will perform with cowboy/girl poetry, songs and music, tall tales and perhaps a skit. Those with cowboy and ranching heritage will thoroughly enjoy these memorable programs that can make you laugh and cry, as well. The Big Texan serves a chuckwagon breakfast of scrambled eggs, panfried potatoes, biscuits and gravy, as well as omelets made to order, burritos, breakfast breads and rolls, and fresh fruit for \$6.50, which includes the entertainment. Reservations are needed for groups over eight. Call President Ivan Cates at 353-5617 or Coordinator Marianne Logan at 354-4354 for more information.

Concealed Handgun Class

A concealed Handgun Class will be held Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 12, 14, 15 & 16 at the Frank Phillips College Allen Campus, 2314 S. Jefferson in Perryton. The class will be held in room 112 from 6-9:30 p.m. It will be taught by Davy Gurley. The cost for the class is \$115 for a new license and \$95 for a renewal. For more information, call 806-648-1450.

Spearman Athletic Banquet

Spearman Booster Club and Spearman ISD would like to invite anyone that wants to attend Spearman Athletic Banquet to be held at O'Loughlin Center, May 13, 2008 at 6:30 PM. Hungry Cowboy is furnishing the meal. The cost for the banquet is \$10 a person to attend. Come out and support the great athletes one last time for this year of a awesome perform

Career Expo for Area High School Sophomores

The 3rd Annual Top of Texas Career Expo is being held on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Expo will be held at the Carter Fitness Center on the AMarillo College Washington Street Campus in Amarillo. A wide variety of exhibitors and careers will be covered at the fair, ranging from agriculture and natural resources to criminal justice, arts and communications to medical sciences and health care. The vision for the Topo f Texas Career Expo is to educate Panhandle area high school sophomores to make informed decisions about career choices and educational pathways. For information, contact the Panhandle AHEC at 806-651-3480.

Spearman Community Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a Spearman Community Blood Drive on Monday, May 19th from 1-7 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt Street. Every eligible donor will receive a T-Shirt! To schedule an appointment to donate please call 1-877-574-8800. ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED! The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

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Top of Texas Wheels Extravaganza

The Amarillo Area Corvette Club invites all car enthusiasts to "rev" up their engines and head for the Fifth Annual Top of Texas Wheels Extravaganza on May 24, 2008! Gates are open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Gate fee is \$5 per person, with ages 7 and under free. This year's event will be at a new location, The Vintage Autohaus & Imports, located at 8201 Amarillo Blvd. West (between Coulter and Soncy). This 40,000 square foot, climate controlled facility will provide a comfortable, a weather venue for both exhibitors and visitors. The open show includes street rods, classics, muscle cars, pickups, and motorcycles. There will also be a Corvette class. For car show entry information, visit www.amar-illocorvetteclub.com or call Larry Teague at 806-353-5276.

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 May 29, 2008. 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. tance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Hansford County Scholarship Pageant

Calling All Girls ages 4-21! The Hansford County Scholarship Pageant has been scheduled for June 3, 2008. Entry Forms can be picked up at and returned to: Spearman - Dreamer's, Chamber of Commerce & City Hall; Gruver - City Hall. The deadline to turn forms has been extended to May 15, 2008. Entry fees must be turned in with the form. For additional information contact Donna McCubbin @ 659-2516, Tami Kunselman @659-5544 or Cheryl Salgado @659-2524.

Lake Fryer Children'[s Fishing Tournament
The Wolf Creek Improvement board will be hosting a Children's Fishing
Tournament at Lake Fryer on Saturday, June 7, 2008. Registration will
begin at 9 a.m. at the gazebo located on the north shore of the lake.
There will be a \$1/contestant registration fee with all proceeds dedicated
for improvements to the lake. The first 125 contestants will receive a free registration bag including a fishing pole, t-shirt and a cap. Saturday is a free fishing day for all ages, so no permits will be needed. The tournament ends at 2 p.m., with prizes awarded at 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded in three age groups: Ages 1-5, Ages 6-10, and Ages 11-14. Additional "All Ages" prizes will be awarded for First Fish Caught, Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, First Turtle, Most Unusual Thing Found in the Park, and the Contestant Who Traveled The Farthest. A special category prize will be given for anyone 80 or over assisting a contestant. For further information, please contact Kay Allison at Allegiance Communications, 806-435-3231, during business hours, or Jan Hickey at 806-435-3249.

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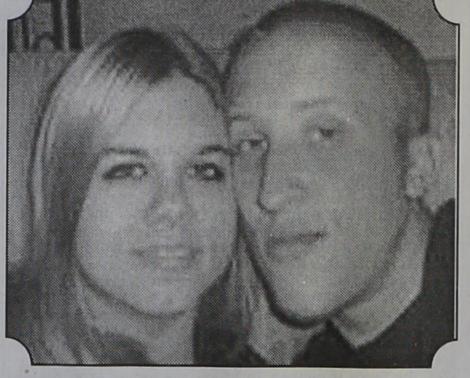
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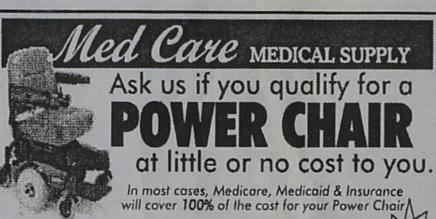
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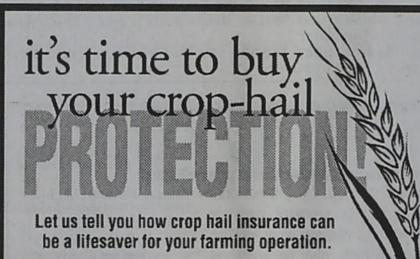
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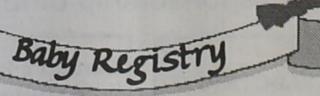
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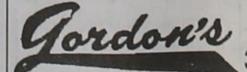


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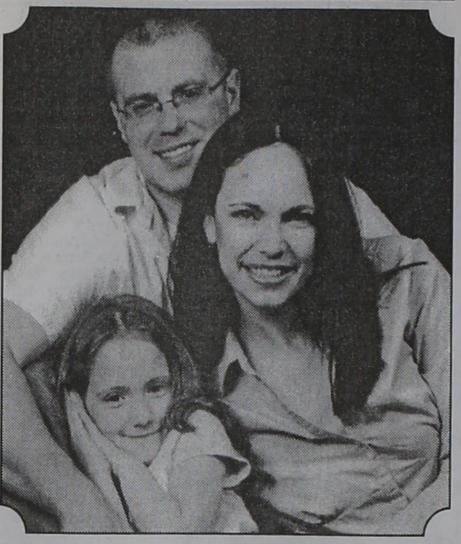
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Engagement Announcement

Don and Kathye Archer are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Heath Archer, to Naomi McCullar of Terrell, TX.

Heath is a 1996 graduate of Spearman High School. He attended Tarleton State University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in education in 2002. He is now working for Hodges Elementary in Mesquite, TX.

Naomi is the daughter of Joetta and Arley McCullar of Denton, TX. She graduated from Mayfield High in Lacrosse, NM. She currently works as a nurse at the State Hospital in Terrell. She will graduate from Trinity Valley Community College May 9, 2008 with an Associates degree of nursing. Makaylin, her daughter, will be attending kindergarten in

The couple plan to wed on July 20, 2008 at Ben Gill Park in Terrell, TX.

> you are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Meghan Blanek

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LIPSCOMB COUNTY HIS-TORY QUESTION: another puzzle to be solved, we found an article undated that reports that F.C. Gex of Lipscomb was in the Caylor

Hospital suffering from It might be a historical internal injuries from a fall with his horse. He was being treated by Dr. A.W. Dawson in Canadian. Unfortunately, faced an army twice as large he succumbed to his injuries. The article reports In gratitude, thousands of that he was among Lipscomb County's most progressive ranchers having lived on the home place about ten miles northwest of Lipscomb five years, having come from Missouri. We think this trying to join up and fight in occurred in the 1930's. We the Persian Gulf War. That's can not locate a burial site in Lipscomb or Hemphill county or death records. Help us learn about this man and his family. Who were the Gex? Enjoy the week and I hope

you celebrated Cinco de Mayo and learn how it is part of our Texas Heritage and History.

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The picture shows a lake level that we haven't seen in several years. It was taken from the Palo Duro Creek area, west of the office, looking toward the spillway, in the corner of the dam. Much of the area that is exposed today, is covered with water in the picture. I am not sure of the date for this particular picture. Scooter, my dog, has probably forgotten how he likes to ride on the boat. I like to be reminded of what the lake can be, and I hope you do, too.

May 5, 2008 Lake level - 17.56 feet

Lake Palo Duro continues to drop each day. The warm, windy weather has caused the decline to increase.

The recreational use at the lake has increased, as the weather warms. Wind has been a problem much of the time. The bank fishermen, and even a few boats, are trying to catch that "big one." Victor White caught a 17-pound and a 10-pound Blue Cat, one day last week. May has been a very productive time, in the past, to catch most of the fish that we have here.

R.V. camping is picking up, with eight behind the dam, over the weekend. One ended up on the south side, but stayed five nights. Tent campers are even starting to brave

Spearman third graders enjoyed the park and covered shelter on Friday, after a hard week of TAKS tests. A small group used the shelter Sunday afternoon.

Saturday morning, a mature Bald Eagle was perched in the trees at the lake. I believe this is later than I have ever seen one. They usually leave in March. A raccoon, a beaver, scissor-tailed flycatchers, cedar waxwings, a cardinal, and numerous deer, cormorants, and buzzards have been seen this week.

The lake has receded almost to the point where the end of the water on both creeks can be seen from the office. It is not quite as low as it was in mid December, 2006.

The creeks appear to be dry. Just under the surface, they are still very wet. Several vehicles have been stuck in the last two weeks. Please do not drive in the creeks.



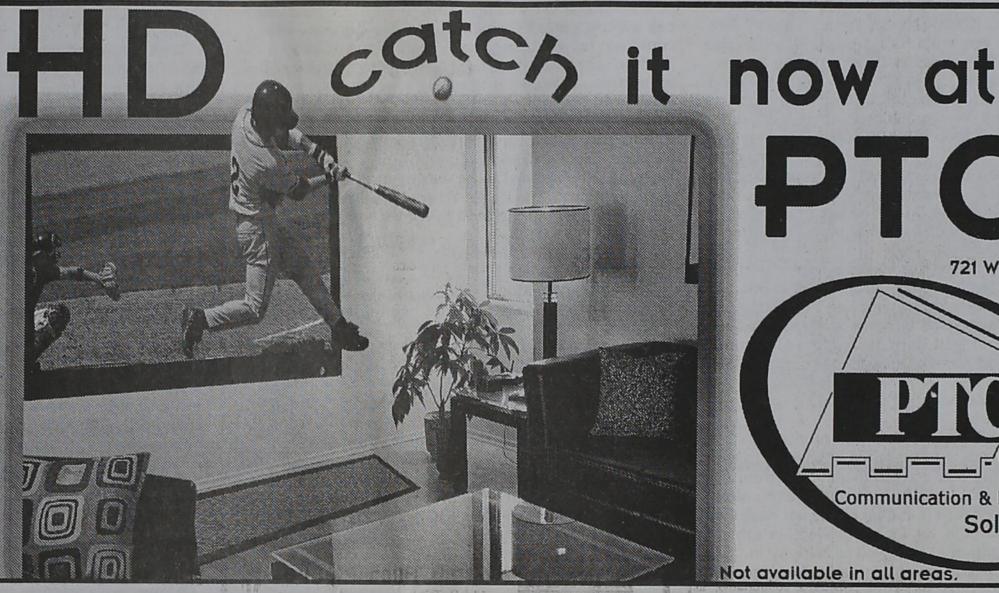
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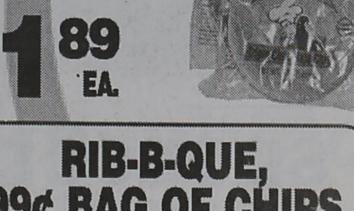
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Chapter 11: Ramona's Engagement Ring, Part 2

The story so far: Ramona makes an unusual engagement ring and gets a new pair of boots

Sure enough, that evening rain began to fall, and all night long it beat against the south side of the Quimbys' house. The next morning Ramona, in her boots and raincoat, was out long before Howie arrived to walk to school with her. She waded through the wet lawn, and her boots became even shinier when they were wet. She stamped in all the little puddles on the driveway. She stood in the gutter and let muddy water run over the toes of her beautiful new boots. She gathered wet leaves to dam the gutter so she could stand in deeper water. Howie, as she might have expected, was used to his boots and not a bit excited. He did enjoy stamping in puddles, however, and together they stamped and splashed on the way to school.

Ramona came to a halt at the intersection guarded by Henry Huggins in his yellow slicker, rain hat, and brown boots. "Look at all that nice mud," she said, pointing to the area that was to be the parking lot for the new market. It was such nice mud, rich and brown with puddles and little rivers in the tire tracks left by the construction trucks. It was the best mud, the muddiest mud, the most tempting mud Ramona had ever seen. Best of all, the day was so rainy there were no construction workers around to tell anyone to stay out of the mud.

"Come on, Howie," said Ramona. "I'm going to see how my boots work in the mud." Of course, she would get her shiny boots muddy, but then she could have the fun of turning the hose on them that afternoon after kindergarten.

Howie was already following Henry across the street. When Henry executed his sharp about-face on the opposite curb, he saw that Ramona had been left behind. "You were supposed to cross with me," he told her. "Now you have to wait until some more kids come."

"I don't care," said Ramona happily, and marched off to the muddy mud.

"Ramona, you come back here!" yelled Henry. "You're going to get into trouble."

"Traffic boys aren't supposed to talk on duty," Ramona reminded him, and marched straight into the mud. Surprisingly her feet started to slide out from under her. She had not realized that mud was so slippery. Managing to regain her balance, she set each boot down slowly and carefully before she pulled her other boot from the sucking mud. She waved happily to Henry, who seemed to be going through some sort of struggle within himself. He kept opening his mouth, asif he wanted to say something, and then closing it again. Ramona also waved at the members of the morning kindergarten, who were watching her through the playground fence.

More mud clung to her boots with each step. "Look at my elephant feet!" she called out. Her boots were becoming heavier and heavier.

Henry gave up his struggle. "You're going to get

stuck!" he yelled. "No, I'm not!" insisted Ramona, and discovered she was unable to raise her right boot. She tried to raise her left boot, but it was stuck fast. She grasped the top of one of her boots with both hands and tried to lift her foot, but she could not budge it. She tried to lift the other foot, but she could not budge it either. Henry was right. Miss Binney was not going to like what had hap-

pened, but Ramona was stuck. "I told you so!" yelled Henry against the traffic rules. Ramona was becoming warmer and warmer inside her raincoat. She pulled and lifted. She could raise her feet, one at a time, inside her boots, but no matter how she tugged and yanked with her hands she could not lift her precious boots from the mud.

Ramona grew warmer and warmer. She could never get out of this mud. Kindergarten would start without her, and she would be left all alone in the mud. Miss Binney would not like her being out here in the mud, when she was supposed to be inside singing the dawnzer song and doing seat work. Ramona's chin began to quiver.

"Look at Ramona! Look at Ramona!" shrieked the kindergarten, as Miss Binney, in a raincoat and with a plastic hood over her hair, appeared on the playground. RAMONA THE

Beverly Cleary was born in McMinnville, Oregon, and, until she was old enough to attend school, lived on a farm in Yamhill, a town so small it had no library. Her mother arranged with the State Library to have books sent to Yamhill and acted as librarian in a lodge room upstairs over a bank. There Mrs. Cleary learned to love books. When the family moved to Portland, where Mrs. Cleary attended grammar school and high school, she soon found herself in the low reading circle, an experience that has given her sympathy for the problems of struggling

By the third grade she had conquered reading and spent much of her childhood either with books or on her way to and from the public

from the windows of the big school.

Ramona, how are we going to get you out?"

When children ask Mrs. Cleary where she

mentioned the great reading program they were doing in class. It seemed like something Ramona's class would do, too, so she put it in

Mrs. Cleary's books have earned her many prestigious awards, including the 1984 John Newbery Medal for Dear Mr. Henshaw, for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children in 1983. Her Ramona and Her Father and Ramona Quimby, Age 8 were named 1978 and 1982 Newbery Honor Books, respec-

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Miss Binney was sympathetic but firm. "I know how you feel, but I'm afraid there isn't anything we can do about it."

Miss Binney's words were too much for Ramona. After all the times she had been forced to wear Howie's ugly old brown boots she could not leave her beautiful new red boots out in the mud to fill up with rainwater. "I want my boots," she howled, and began to cry again.

"Oh, all right," said Henry crossly. "I'll get your old boots. Don't start crying again." And heaving another gusty sigh, he waded back out into the empty lot, yanked the boots out of the mud, and waded back to the sidewalk, where he dropped them at Ramona's feet. "There," he said, looking at the mud-covered objects with dislike.

Ramona expected him to add, I hope you're satisfied, but he did not. He just started across the street to school.

"Thank you, Henry," Ramona called after him without being reminded. There was something very special about being rescued by a big, strong traffic boy in a yellow slicker.

Miss Binney picked up the muddy boots, and said, "What beautiful red boots. We'll wash off the mud in the sink, and they'll be as good as new. And now we must hurry back to the kindergarten."

Ramona smiled at Miss Binney, who was again, she decided, the nicest, most understanding teacher in the world. Not once had Miss Binney scolded or made any tiresome remarks about why on earth did Ramona have to do such a thing. Not once had Miss Binney said she should know better.

Then something on the sidewalk caught Ramona's eye. It was a pink worm that still had some wiggle left in it. She picked it up and wound it around her finger as she looked toward Henry. "I'm going to marry you, Henry Huggins!" she called out.

Even though traffic boys were supposed to stand up straight, Henry seemed to hunch down inside his raincoat as if he were trying to disappear.

"I've got an engagement ring, and I'm going to marry you!" yelled Ramona after Henry, as the morning kindergarten laughed and cheered.

"Yea, Henry!" yelled the big boys, before their teacher shut the window.

As she followed Miss Binney across the street Ramona heard Davy's joyful shout. "Boy, I'm glad it

library. Before long her school librarian was suggesting that she should write for boys and girls when she grew up. The idea appealed to her, and she decided that someday she would write the books she longed to read but was unable to find on the library shelves, funny stories about her neighborhood and the sort of children she knew. And so Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, Ellen Tebbits, and her other beloved characters

finds her ideas, she replies, "From my own experience and from the world around me." She included a passage about the DEAR program in Ramona Quimby, Age 8 (pages 40-41) after she received numerous letters from readers who

"Oh dear!" Ramona heard Miss Binney say. Drivers of cars paused to stare and smile as tears mingled with the rain on Ramona's cheeks. Miss Binney came splashing across the street. "My goodness,

"I d-don't know," sobbed Ramona. Miss Binney could not get stuck in the mud, too. The morning kindergarten needed her.

A man called out from a car, "What you need is a few boards." "Boards would only sink into the muck," said a

passerby on the sidewalk. The first bell rang. Ramona sobbed harder. Now Miss Binney would have to go into school and leave her out here alone in the mud and the rain and the cold. By now some of the older boys and girls were staring at her

"Now don't worry, Ramona," said Miss Binney. "We'll get you out somehow."

Ramona, who wanted to be helpful, knew what happened when a car was stuck in the mud. "Could you call a t-tow t-truck?" she asked with a big sniff. She could see herself being yanked out of the mud by a heavy chain hooked on the collar of her raincoat. She found this picture so interesting that her sobs subsided, and she waited hopefully for Miss Binney's answer.

The second bell rang. Miss Binney was not looking at Ramona. She was looking thoughtfully at Henry Huggins, who seemed to be staring at something way off in the distance. The traffic sergeant blew his whistle summoning the traffic boys to return from their posts to school.

"Boy!" Miss Binney called out. "Traffic boy!" "Who? Me?" asked Henry, even though he was the only traffic boy stationed at that intersection.

"That's Henry Huggins," said helpful Ramona. "Henry, come here, please," said Miss Binney.

"I'm supposed to go in when the whistle blows," said Henry, as he glanced up at the boys and girls who were watching from the big brick building.

"But this is an emergency," Miss Binney pointed out. "You have boots on, and I need your help in getting this little girl out of the mud. I'll explain to the principal."

Henry did not seem very enthusiastic as he splashed across the street, and when he came to the mud he heaved a big sigh before he stepped into it. Carefully he picked his way through the muck and the puddles to Ramona. "Now see what you got me into," he said crossly. "I told you to keep out of here."

For once Ramona had nothing to say. Henry was

"I guess I'll have to carry you," he said, and his tone was grudging. "Hang on." He stooped and grasped Ramona around the waist, and she obediently put her arms around the wet collar of his raincoat. Henry was big and strong. Then, to Ramona's horror, she found herself being lifted right out of her beautiful new boots.

"My boots!" she wailed. "You're leaving my boots!" Henry slipped, slid, and in spite of Ramona's weight regained his balance. "You keep quiet," he ordered. "I'm getting you out of here, aren't I? Do you want us both to land in the mud?"

Ramona hung on and said no more. Henry lurched and skidded through the mud to the sidewalk, where he set his burden down in front of Miss Binney.

"Yea!" yelled some big boys who had opened a window. "Yea, Henry!" Henry scowled in their direction. "Thank you, Henry," said Miss Binney with real gratitude, as Henry tried to scrape the mud from his boots

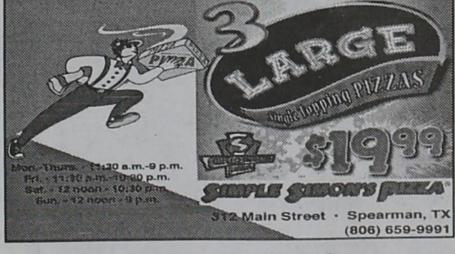
on the edge of the curb. "What do you say, Ramona?"

"My boots," said Ramona. "He left my new boots in the mud!" How lonely they looked, two bright spots of red in all that mud. She could not leave her boots behind, not when she had waited so long to get them. Somebody might take them, and she would have to go back to shoving her feet into Howie's ugly old boots.

"Don't worry, Ramona," said Miss Binney, looking anxiously toward the rest of her morning kindergarten growing wetter by the minute as they watched through the fence. "Nobody is going to take your boots on a day like this. We'll get them back when it stops raining and the ground dries off."

"But they'll fill up with rain without my feet in them," protested Ramona. "The rain will spoil them."

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Beverly Cleary

Chapter 12: The Baddest Witch in the World, Part 1

When the morning kindergarten cut jack-o'lanterns from orange paper and pasted them on the
windows so that the light shone through the eye and
mouth holes, Ramona knew that at last Halloween
was not far away. Next to Christmas and her birthday, Ramona liked Halloween best. She liked dressing
up and going trick-or-treating after dark with Beezus.
She liked those nights when the bare branches of
trees waved against the streetlights, and the world
was a ghostly place. Ramona liked scaring people,
and she liked the shivery feeling of being scared herself.

Ramona had always enjoyed going to school with her mother to watch the boys and girls of Glenwood School parade on the playground in their Halloween costumes. Afterward she used to eat a doughnut and drink a paper cup of apple juice if there happened to be some left over. This year, after years of sitting on the benches with mothers and little brothers and sisters, Ramona was finally going to get to wear a costume and march around and around the playground. This year she had a doughnut and apple juice coming to her.

"Mama, did you buy my mask?" Ramona asked every day, when she came home from school.

"Not today, dear," Mrs. Quimby answered. "Don't pester. I'll get it the next time I go down to the shopping center."

Ramona, who did not mean to pester her mother, could not see why grown-ups had to be so slow. "Make it a bad mask, Mama," she said. "I want to be the baddest witch in the whole world."

"You mean the worst witch," Beezus said, whenever she happened to overhear this conversation.

"I do not," contradicted Ramona. "I mean the baddest witch." "Baddest witch" sounded much scarier than "worst witch," and Ramona did enjoy stories about bad witches, the badder the better. She had no patience with books about good witches, because witches were supposed to be bad. Ramona had chosen to be a witch for that very reason.

Then one day when Ramona came home from school she found two paper bags on the foot of her bed. One contained black material and a pattern for a witch costume. The picture on the pattern showed the witch's hat pointed like the letter A. Ramona reached into the second bag and pulled out a rubber witch mask so scary that she quickly dropped it on the bed because she was not sure she even wanted to touch it. The flabby thing was the grayish-green color of mold and had stringy hair, a hooked nose, snaggle teeth, and a wart on its nose. Its empty eyes seemed to stare at Ramona with a look of evil. The face was so ghastly that Ramona had to remind herself that it was only a rubber mask from the dime store before she could summon enough courage to pick it up and slip it over her head.

Ramona peeked cautiously in the mirror, backed away, and then gathered her courage for a longer look. That's really me in there, she told herself and felt better. She ran off to show her mother and discovered that she felt very brave when she was inside the mask and did not have to look at it. "I'm the baddest witch in the world!" she shouted, her voice muffled by the mask, and was delighted when her mother was so frightened she dropped her sewing.

Ramona waited for Beezus and her father to come home, so she could put on her mask and jump out and scare them. But that night, before she went to bed, she rolled up the mask and hid it behind a cushion of the couch in the living room.

"What are you doing that for?" asked Beezus, who had nothing to be afraid of. She was planning to be a princess and wear a narrow pink mask.

"Because I want to," answered Ramona, who did not care to sleep in the same room with that ghastly, leering face.

Afterward when Ramona wanted to frighten herself she would lift the cushion for a quick glimpse of her scary mask before she clapped the pillow over it Among Mrs. Cleary's other awards are the American Library Association's 1975 Laura Ingalls Wilder Award, the Catholic Library Association's 1980 Regina Medal, and the University of Southern Mississippi's 1982 Silver Medallion, all presented in recognition of her lasting contribution to children's literature. In addition, Mrs. Cleary was the 1984 United States author nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award, a prestigious international award.

Equally important are the more than 35 statewide awards Mrs. Cleary's books have received based on the direct votes of her young readers. In 2000, to honor her invaluable contributions to children's literature, Beverly Cleary

was named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress. This witty and warm author is truly an international favorite. Mrs. Cleary's books appear in over twenty countries in fourteen languages and her characters, including Henry Huggins, Ellen Tebbits, Otis Spofford, and Beezus and Ramona Quimby, as well as Ribsy, Socks, and Ralph S. Mouse, have delighted children for generations. There have been Japanese, Spanish, and Swedish television programs based on the Henry Huggins series, PBS-TV aired a ten-part series based on the Ramona stories, and one-hour adaptations of the three Ralph S. Mouse books have been shown on ABC-TV. All of Mrs. Cleary's adaptations still can

be seen on cable television, and the Ramona adaptations are available in video stores. In addition, The Beverly Cleary Sculpture Garden for Children featuring bronze statues of Ramona Quimby, Henry Huggins, and Ribsy, was recently opened in Portland, Oregon.

You can read more about Mrs. Cleary in her memoirs, A Girl from Yamhill and My Own Two Feet and by visiting www.harpercollinschildrens.com.

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again. Scaring herself was such fun.

When Ramona's costume was finished and the day of the Halloween parade arrived, the morning kindergarten had trouble sitting still for seat work. They wiggled so much while resting on their mats that Miss Binney had to wait a long time before she found someone quiet enough to be the wake-up fairy. When kindergarten was finally dismissed, the whole class forgot the rules and went stampeding out the door. At home Ramona ate only the soft part of her tuna-fish sandwich, because her mother insisted she could not go to the Halloween parade on an empty stomach. She wadded the crusts into her paper napkin and hid them beneath the edge of her plate before she ran to her room to put on her long black dress, her cape, her mask, and her pointed witch hat held on by an elastic under her chin. Ramona had doubts about that elastic - none of the witches whom she met in books seemed to have elastic under their chin - but today she was too happy and excited to bother to make a fuss.

"See, Mama!" she cried. "I'm the baddest witch in the world!"

Mrs. Quimby smiled at Ramona, patted her through the long black dress, and said affectionately, "Sometimes I think you are."

"Come on, Mama! Let's go to the Halloween parade." Ramona had waited so long that she did not see how she could wait another five minutes.

see how she could wait another five minutes.

"I told Howie's mother we would wait for them," said Mrs. Quimby.

"Mama, did you have to?" protested Ramona, running to the front window to watch for Howie. Fortunately, Mrs. Kemp and Willa Jean were already approaching with Howie dressed in a black cat costume lagging along behind holding the end of his tail in one hand. Willa Jean in her stroller was wearing a buck-toothed rabbit mask.

Ramona could not wait. She burst out the front door yelling through her mask, "Yah! Yah! I'm the baddest witch in the world! Hurry, Howie! I'm going to get you, Howie!"

Howie walked stolidly along, lugging his tail, so Ramona ran out to meet him. He was not wearing a mask, but instead had pipe cleaners Scotch-taped to his face for whiskers.

"I'm the baddest witch in the world," Ramona informed him, "and you can be my cat."

"I don't want to be your cat," said Howie. "I don't want to be a cat at all."

"Why not, Howie?" asked Mrs. Quimby, who had joined Ramona and the Kemps. "I think you make a very nice cat."

"My tail is busted," complained Howie. "I don't want to be a cat with a busted tail."

Mrs. Kemp sighed. "Now Howie, if you'll just hold up the end of your tail nobody will notice." Then she said to Mrs. Quimby, "I promised him a pirate costume, but his older sister was sick and while I was taking her temperature Willa Jean crawled into a cupboard and managed to dump a whole quart of salad oil all over the kitchen floor. If you've ever had to clean oil off a floor, you know what I went through, and then Howie went into the bathroom and climbed up - yes, dear, I understand you wanted to help - to get a sponge, and he accidentally knelt on a tube of toothpaste that someone had left the top off of - now Howie, I didn't say you left the top off - and toothpaste squirted all over the bathroom, and there was another mess to clean up. Well, I finally had to drag his sister's old cat costume out of a drawer, and when he put it on we discovered the wire in the tail was broken, but there wasn't time to rip it apart and put in a new wire."

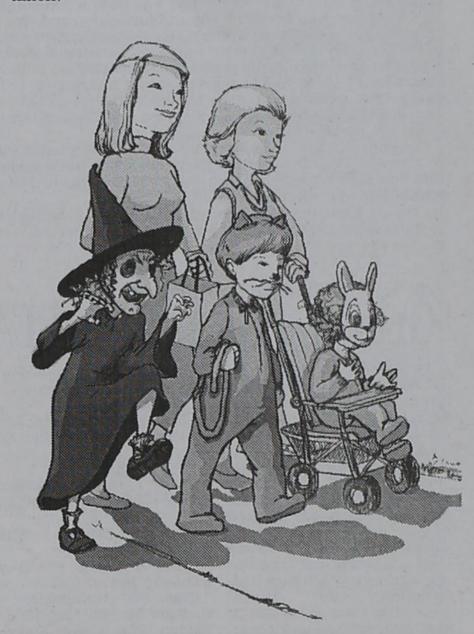
"You have a handsome set of whiskers," said Mrs. Quimby, trying to coax Howie to look on the bright side.

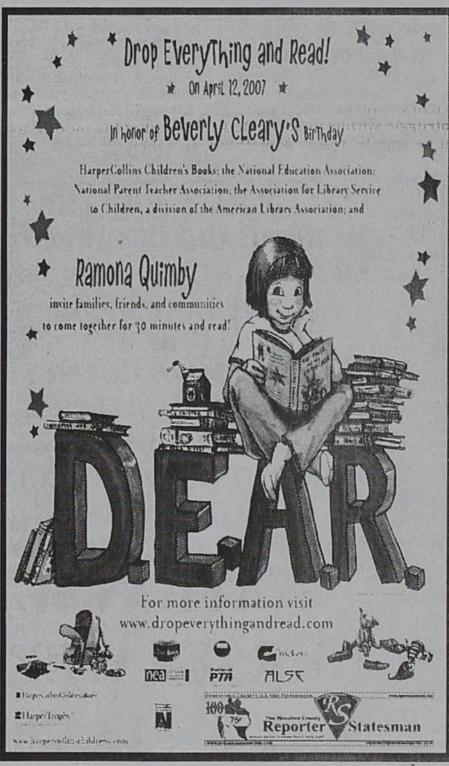
"Scotch tape itches me," said Howie.

Ramona could see that Howie was not going to be any fun at all, even on Halloween. Never mind. She would have fun all by herself. "I'm the baddest witch in the world," she sang in her muffled voice, skipping

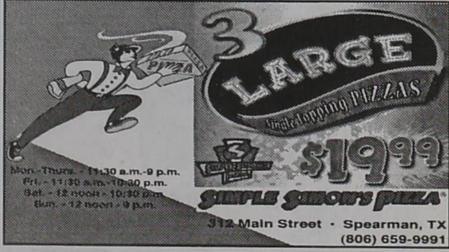
with both feet. "I'm the baddest witch in the world."

When they were in sight of the playground, Ramona saw that it was already swarming with both the morning and the afternoon kindergartens in their Halloween costumes. Poor Miss Binney, dressed like Mother Goose, now had the responsibility of sixty-eight boys and girls. "Run along, Ramona," said Mrs. Quimby, when they had crossed the street. "Howie's mother and I will go around to the big playground and try to find a seat on a bench before they are all taken."





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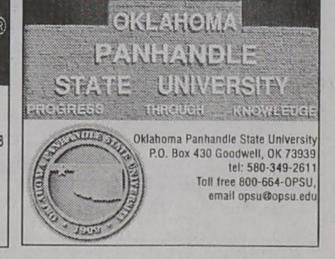




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Presently, there are 123 directors in the US. Stephanie will be attending New Directors training this fall in Minneapolis. She and Delinda recently won the Achiever Trip to Maui, which they will enjoy in May with their spouses.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR MAY 2008

- SHS AP US History Exam, SHS, 8 a.m.; Spearman Pre-Kindergarten Programs, Cafeteria, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.; Spearman DARE Graduation, Elementary, 9:40 a.m.; Spearman Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea, 2 p.m.; Spearman First Grade Field Trip, Lake Palo Duro; GHS Senior Meeting/Tutorials

9-10 - State Track Meet, Austin 10 - Gruver ISD Little Olympics

12 - SHS AP Biology Exam, SHS, 8 a.m.; Diabetes Walk, SHS Track Noon; Spearman ISD Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting,

13 - TAKS TEST: 5th Grade & 8th Grade Math Retest; AP Chemistry Exam, SHS, 8 a.m.; Spearman 4th Grade Field Trip, Goodwell/OPSU Activity Center; SHS Awards Assembly, SHS Auditorium, 1:30 p.m.; Spearman DEIC Meeting, SHS Library, 3 p.m.; SHS Athletic Banquet, O'Loughlin Center, 6:30 p.m.; GHS Athletic Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

14 - SHS AP English Exam, SHS, 8 a.m.; Spearman Elementary Science Department Meeting, Elementary, 8 a.m.

15 - SHS End-of-Course Field Test Exams (US History/Chemistry);

SHS NHS Senior Supper, Borger, 6:30 p.m. 16 - SHS End-of-Course Field Test Exams (US History/Chemistry) Spearman 5th Grade Field Trip, Palo Duro Canyon; Spearman 8th

Grade Field Trip, Oklahoma City; GISD School Holiday 16-17 - Area I FFA Convention & Degree Check, Amarillo 18 - SHS Baccalaureate, SHS Auditorium, 7 p.m.

20-23 - Spearman Elementary Early Release, 12:30 p.m. (for parent conferences that begin at 1 p.m.)

20 - SJH Semester Exams, Classes 1, 3 & 7; Spearman Elementary Awards Assembly (2nd-5th Grade), Rubber Gym, Noon; GISD Spring Band Concert, Grades 5-12, 7 p.m.; Retirement Reception for Amy Babbs & Pat Overby, GHS Library, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. 21 - SHS Final Exams, Classes 1A, 2A, 3A; SJH Semester Exams,

Classes 2, 6 & 8 22 - SHS Final Exams, 1B, 2B, 3B; SJH Semester Exams, Classes 4

& 5; Spearman Junior High Graduation, Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.; GHS Ag Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Gruver Elementary Pre-Kindergarten registration for Gruver Elementary will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at the Gruver United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall. To be eligible for the Pre Kindergarten program, your child must be 4 years old as of September 1, 2008, unable to speak or comprehend the English language, or be educationally disadvantaged or homeless.

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We will work with four children each hour. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. We will break for lunch from 11:00 -

Bring your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization records with you. We will register your child for the 2008-2009 school year at this time.

Spearman Elementary Spearman Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2008-2009 school year. All parents with children who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1, are invited to come by the elementary school office at 511 S. Townsend May 8 and May 9 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to complete registration information. Office Staff will be available to answer any questions. You will need to bring the following items for

registration: 1. Your child's social security card

2. Your child's birth certificate

3. Your child's updated immunization record

4. Some form of proof of income such as a pay check stub or income tax record 5. Proof of address

For more information please contact the elementary school office at 659-

Gruver FFA and Jr. FFA Livestock Show Results

by Weston Born

taken so long to have a report on the livestock shows for the Gruver FFA and Jr. FFA program.

It is not that often that we are able to celebrate such outstanding success such as the reserve grand market hog at the Hansford County Livestock Show Breed along with all of the accomplishments the students have had including the Breed Champion Chester barrow at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The results are as follows:

HANSFORD COUNTY STOCK SHOW MARKET STEERS

Class 2 Medium Weight -Taylor Williams, 2nd Class 3 Heavy Weight -Brenna Reid, 3rd

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Class 2 - Cory Graves - 2nd Class 7 - Hadlee Spivey,

MARKET SWINE Class 1 Duroc - Jordan

Hicks, 2nd; Macy Haight,

Class 2 Duroc - Dax Miner, 3rd Haight, 4th Class 3 Duroc - Ashley Boyd, 5th

Williams, 2nd Class 5 Hampshire -Madison McLain, 1st; Lindy Weldon, 2nd; Cason Finley, 3rd; Travis Boyd, 5th; Greyson Karlin, 6th

Class 6 Hampshire - Blake Fitzgearld, 4th Class 7 Hampshire - Rily Urban, 2nd

Class 8 Hampshire - Cory Graves, 1st, and Breed Champion, Reserve Grand Champion Overall; Parker Showmanship Champion

Taylor Williams - Sr. Grotegut, 2nd, and Reserve Breed Champion; Madison Williams, 3rd; Makenzie Crane, 4th

Class 9 Hampshire -Hadlee Spivey, 2nd; Carson Williams, 3rd

Class 10 Yorkshire - Jack Karlin, 1st, and Reserve Breed Champion; Chandler Steer

Class 12 Cross - Gabi Class 13 Cross - Ashlynn

Miner, 1st; Reagan Karlin, Class 14 Cross - Kennedy King, 2nd; Reagan Haynes,

Class 15 Cross - Mason McLain, 1st, and Reserve Breed Champion; Tanner Sherrill, 3rd

Class 16 Cross - Miles Messer, 2nd Lindy Weldon - Sr.

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Jack Karlin, Yorkshire Lindy Weldon, 1st Heavy

Chester, Breed Weight Champion Chester Taylor Williams, 4th, Chi

I hope that I did not leave any Fra of Jr. Fra member out of the results. The livestock show program was a complete success this year. The FFA had 29 students involved in the show program this year and we would like to encourage anyone that wants to get started in the show program to contact me anytime. A successful show program comes from great students with encouraging parents.

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2(5-1-08)B GARAGE SALE - SPEARMAN! Saturday, May 17, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Log House 1 mile East of Spearman FB field. Lots of Odds & 2(5-8-08)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners'
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Friday, May 27, 2008 on up to 1800
tons of A-3. A-4, B-3 and B-4 gravel, F.O.B. the plant and F.O.B. the
site (one-third to Spearman and two-thirds to Gruver sites) Bids should be submitted to the Hansford County Judge's office, 16 Northwest Court, Spearman, Texas 79081-2052

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 during the Commissioners' Court meeting in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas. Meeting will begin at 10:00

Hansford County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all

Benny Wilson Hansford County Judge 3(5-01-08)B

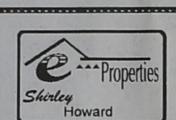
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Proposals for concrete work for the Gruver Independent School District, Gruver, Texas, will be received by the Board of Trustees until 1:00 p.m. on May, 19, 2008. Proposals shall be addressed to the Owner, The Board of Trustees, Gruver Independent School District, Gruver, Texas. Proposals should be delivered to the Board Room, 601 Garrett Street, Gruver, Texas 79040, or mailed to PO Box 650, Gruver TX 79040.

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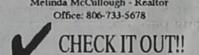
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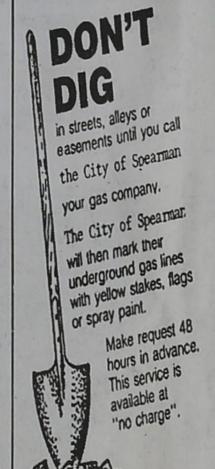
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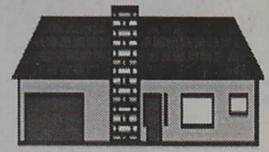
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION CV04876 STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HANSFORD

TO: JOSE FLORES NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: "YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY

EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 A.M. ON THE MONDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE EXPIRA-TION OF 42 DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU."

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Parentage, cause at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the issuance of this citation before the Honorable William D. Smith 84th District Court of Hansford County at the Courthouse in said County in Spearman, Texas Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 7th day of August 2007 in the above entitled cause #CV04876.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: to adju-

dicate parentage. As is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court in Hansford County, Texas, the April 24th, 2008. Attorney for Plaintiff:

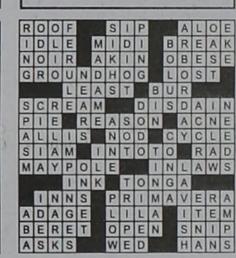
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Art Students Receive Scholarships



Amy Brown won a top scholarship award of \$1500 from West Texas A&M University's art department.

School seniors, who plan to major in art, have their artwork on display at the during the awards reception Amarillo Museum of Art for a Senior Portfolio Show and Rosales won a top scholarcompetition for scholarships.

Rosales have participated in art department, which is the interview portion of that renewable if the student competition. They both won proves to continue to be a scholarships from WTA&M University and received their was surprised with an addischolarship award at the tional award from the awards reception on the Amarillo evening of May 2, 2008 at Association who did their the Museum of Art.

their portfolios full of artwork to the Amarillo Museum of Art, under the supervision of their art teacher, Ms Clement. During the interview process they met some of their potential college art professors, after their artwork had been examined.

This competition was the Texas Panhandle Invitational Student Art Show and was on display from April 16 through May 2 at the Amarillo Museum of Art. A large part of this show was the senior art portfolio competition for Texas Panhandle seniors who are planning on majoring in art. Colleges participating and awarding scholarships for top portfowere Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University, and Amarillo College. Other area art organizations also gave awards of cash scholarships

choice.

On Friday, May 2, 2008, at the Art Museum, Justine ship award of \$2000 from Amy Brown and Justine West Texas A&M University's good art student. Then she Fine Arts own separate judging and Amy and Justine took awards. Justine also won

Two Spearman High to the college of the student's their second place \$600 scholarship award. Justine is the daughter of Trish and Ramon Rosales.

Amy Brown, daughter of Doug and Cathy Brown, won another of West Texas A&M University's top scholarship awards. For her outstanding artwork, she won a \$1,500 scholarship, which is also renewable.

The officials and professors from the colleges all commented on the high level of art ability and how impressed they were with the interviews

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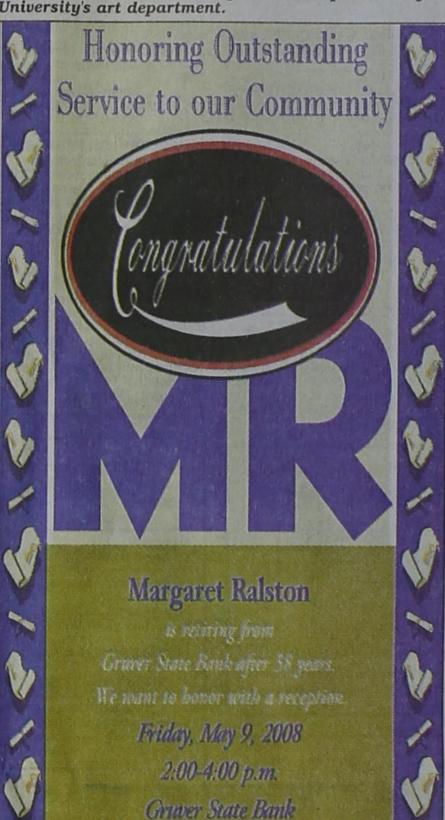
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