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Agco Rises From Tornado's Destruction

by Harletta Carthel

When Agco Buzzard Elevator of Spearman was destroyed by a tornado June 5, 2003, only two years after a tornado had destroyed Agco A Elevator, there was never any doubt in Jimmy Shieldknight's mind to rebuild.

Relying on a philosophy that had served him well - turning bad luck into something good, Shieldknight had no hesitation in rebuilding what the tornado had devastated.

"We will build her back," Shieldknight said. "We owe it to our customers, family, and employees."

He told his eldest daughter, Marcia, "We will not miss a paycheck to our employees."

Shieldknight, known for his persistence, often told his children, "If you start something, finish it."

And Shieldknight did just that. On September 18, less than four months after the storm's devastation, Agco Buzzard Elevator was rebuilt with greater storage capacity and new innovations for faster and more efficient grain handling. The completion was a bitter sweet time for the Shieldknight family with the death of Jimmy Shieldknight on September 4, 2003.

But Agco Elevators is only a chapter in the story of Shieldknight's life and legacy. His story is characterized by the merits of hard work, strong family ties, persistence, and trust.

Shieldknight was just ten when his family moved to Spearman to start a new life. The dream of the family dimmed when Shieldknight's father died only two years after the relocation. His mother, a noted seamstress, worked at the cleaners to help provide for the family, and young Shieldknight eventually became a butcher in a local grocery.

But changes were on the horizon for the young man.

"My mother and dad were married in July 1947, and shortly after that time, he began to work on my granddad's (George Buzzard) farm," said Charles Shieldknight, Jimmy's eldest son.

In 1957, Shieldknight began work at Excel Chevrolet, located at the present site of Hansford County Library. His work at the dealership also brought him in contact with owner Erlis Pittman, a man whom Shieldknight would have a working relationship and partnership at different times in his life - not only in the car dealership but also in grain elevators, cattle and the Pittman-Shieldknight office building.

Although details vary on how Shieldknight went from shop worker to dealer of Excel Chevrolet, the fact is evident that Shieldknight and Pittman meshed as a team.

"Jimmy (Shieldknight) and my dad had very different personalities, but in business, they complemented each other," said Frank Pittman, son of Erlis Pittman.

Frank Pittman's remembrance of the story is that when the elder Pittman's partnership in Excel Chevrolet did not work out, Pittman walked to the shop of the business where Jimmy Shieldknight was working.

"He asked Jimmy if he would like to run the place. When he said 'Yes,' he (Erlis) threw Jimmy the keys to the front door and said 'Don't call me,'" Pittman said. "I think my dad was looking for someone who could take care of things on their own, and he felt Jimmy was a man who could do that."

Shieldknight's son Fred remembers the partnership beginning on a trip to Oklahoma City.

"Erlis called and told my dad to be ready early one morning to go to Oklahoma City with him. After they arrived, Erlis talked to Chevrolet executives there and told them of his firing of his dealer and his desire to have my dad take the dealer's place," Fred Shieldknight said.

"The exec said that was fine but since Dad had no experience, it might be a good idea for him to have a six week dealership course in Detroit, which my dad took."

Shieldknight eventually bought half of the dealership with Erlis Pittman telling Shieldknight to "Pay me when you can."

The dealership was sold to Gerald Heinrich in 1977. After four years in the business, Heinrich sold the business back to Shieldknight and his son-in-law Dick Gillaspie, who later became sole owner until partnering with Jeff Beedy in 1998.

A new era in Shieldknight's career came in 1970 with the buying of a former cotton gin, which had been made into a feed mill by Bozie Hays.

"The business was used by our family as a feed mill and an elevator," Charles Shieldknight said.

In 1977, Shieldknight with Lloyd Buzzard and Punk Jackson, bought the Four Tex Elevator which was owned by Buzzard, Jackson, Earl Novak, and Pat Patterson.

The business, which became known as Agco of Spearman, expanded in 1980 with the building of the Buzzard Elevator.

Eventually Shieldknight bought out his partners (except Pittman) in Agco of Spearman, and in 1986, became the general manager of the elevators. The Shieldknight family became the sole owners of Agco of Spearman in 2000.

With the return of Jimmy and Lois Shieldknight's grandchildren over the past several years, each has become a part of the business, assuming designated areas of responsibility based on their individual interests and expertise.

"Each of us has an area of responsibility. We trust each other to take care of their part," Fred Shieldknight said.

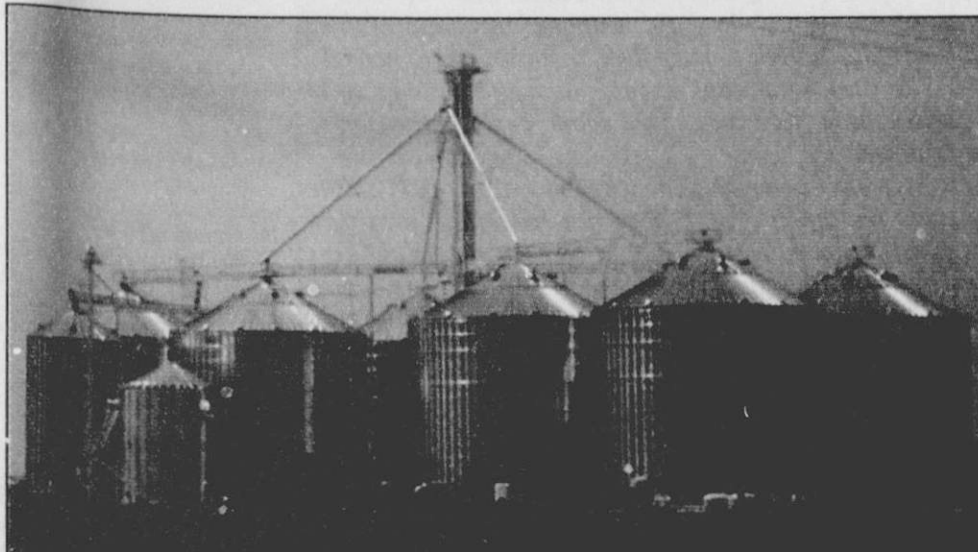
Today, Charles Shieldknight manages Agco Elevators with his brother Fred handling farming interests, and other family members assisting.

In a time when many family businesses fail, the Shieldknights have an amicable and smooth-running family business.

"Everyone supports one another," Shieldknight's daughter Leann Gillaspie said. "There is a bond of trust. Everyone does his part. Growing up we all worked together and were best friends."

Lois Shieldknight echoed the sentiment of her children, "Our family has always worked together. We taught our children to work."

Marcia Shieldknight agrees, "It started when we were young - we did things together; we supported each other. Times were not always good, but hardships mold commitment. Mom and Dad were the catalysts."



Pictured above is the new AGCO Buzzard Elevator, located six miles south on FM 760. This facility was completed on September 18th, just four months after it was damaged by a tornado on June 5th. Photo submitted



Pictured above is the AGCO Buzzard Elevator that was damaged in a storm on Thursday, June 5th. Photo by Gary Smith



Jimmy Shieldknight

NOTICE

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be CLOSED November 24th-28th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

We will reopen on Monday, December 1st at 9 a.m.

Lynxettes Compete At State Meet

The Lynxettes finished 8th in the State Cross Country Meet held on Saturday, November 15th at Round Rock.

"The team standings tell you that it was a really close race," said Coach Kyle Short. "The Lynxettes ran well and they would love to have another experience like this one. They ran stride for stride with the elite Cross Country teams in the state - we did not bat an eye. The girls battled a course and conditions that most of the other teams were familiar with."

The Lynxettes set a goal this year of getting to the State Cross Country Meet. "Next year we will want more," said Coach Short.

"They now know that they are one of the best AA teams in the state. Spearman is now going to be a team that everyone shoots to beat," said Coach Short.

"The returnees should be gearing up for next season knowing with improvement and goal setting that anything is possible," concluded Coach Short.

The Lynxette Cross Country team would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the tremendous support they received.

Team Results: 1. Jim Ned, 45; 2. Holliday, 50; 3. Alvord, 85; 4. Salado 154; 5. Krum, 173; 6. Elysian Fields, 175; 7. Shallowater, 176; 8. Spearman, 177; 9. Chapel Hill, 179; 10. Comfort, 218; 11. Brackettville, 246; and 12. Dekalb, 252.

Individual Results: 43. Melissa Lesly, 13.06; 45. Sonny Parker, 13.08; 52. Tabatha Shields, 13.15; 66. Lindsey Short, 13.39; 72. Macy Harbour, 13.47; 73. Ashlee Flowers, 13.48; 80. Claudia Vaquera, 13.57.

Retirement Party

You are invited to a Come & Go Retirement Party from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2003 in the District Court Room, Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas, honoring Retiring County Judge Jim D. Brown.

You are cordially invited to attend the Lighting of the Hansford Hospice Lights of Love Tree and Open House

Monday, December 1, 2003, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Beginning in the Living Room at Hansford Manor and moving to the Hospice Gazebo at Hansford Hospital. Refreshments will be served.

Thanks Be Unto God

You are invited to attend the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

4 p.m. • Sunday, November 23rd

Primera Iglesia Bautista (502 E. 7th • Spearman)

Roland Haney - Speaker

All monies donated at this service will be matched by the Ministerial Alliance (up to \$1,000) and donated to the Panhandle Crisis Center.

Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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A friend sent me the following stories and I thought you might enjoy them.

Story Number One

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. Capone wasn't famous for anything heroic.

He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder.

Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie." He was his lawyer for a good reason. Eddie was very good! In fact, Eddie's skill at legal maneuvering kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. Not only was the money big, but also Eddie got special dividends. For instance, he and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day.

The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block. Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him. Eddie did have one soft spot, however.

He had a son that he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that his young son had the best of everything: clothes, cars and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was.

Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son; he couldn't pass on a good name and a good example. One day, Easy Eddie reached a difficult decision. Easy Eddie wanted to rectify wrongs he had done. He decided he would go to the authorities and tell the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone, clean up his tarnished name and offer his son some semblance of integrity. To do this, he would have to testify against

The Mob, and he knew that the cost would be great. So, he testified. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes, he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer, at the greatest price he would ever pay.

Story Number Two

World War II produced many heroes. One such man was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare. He was a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.

One day his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized that someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to the mother ship he saw something that turned his blood cold. A squadron of Japanese aircraft were speeding their way toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenseless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet.

Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger. There was only one thing to do.

He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 caliber's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault.

He dove at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly. Finally, the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction.

Deeply relieved, Butch O'Hare and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival he reported in and related the event surrounding his return. The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had in fact destroyed five enemy aircraft.

This took place on February 20, 1942, and for that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WW II hero to fade, and today, O'Hare Airport in Chicago is named in tribute to the courage of this great man.

So, what do these two stories have to do with each other? Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son.

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
is countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

99 Cents

by Harletta Carthel

Scrooge from the Dickens Christmas Carol who made his employee Bob Cratchet work on Christmas Day?

It seems there is a modern version of Scrooge who thinks his employees should work on Thanksgiving Day.

It seems one nationally-owned business located in Hansford County is having its employees work from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Day which means that in every outlet of this store throughout the US, workers will work the same hours as any other day of the year and will not be at home with their families.

Excuse me, but isn't Thanksgiving our oldest national holiday? Doesn't its beginning pre date the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution?

While I understand that some professions, especially health care, are so vital, that a day off would be a life and death matter, and while it maybe ugly, I never known known being out of mascara to be a health hazard.

I know, also, that one business in Spearman and Gruver is open 365 days a year, but that business does sell gasoline which may help to get us to Grandma's house while the turkey is still warm.

Years ago, Texas had a set of laws known as the Blue Laws, the gist of which stated that businesses would be closed on Sunday. Employees were free to go to worship services and

spend the day with their families.

It was difficult on Blue Sundays to buy a tank of gas and impossible to purchase a shirt. It was amazing - no one had to run around nude, and no one died of starvation due to the Sunday closings. On the contrary, families flourished.

It would have been unfortunate if old Scrooge had ruled that employees must work 2-6 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, but working 9-6 is putting this special day and time in the same category as a ho hum business day. It's a business as usual, nothing is sacred day to this Scrooge, who thinks making a buck is more important than giving faithful employees time with their family.

I called Scrooge's corporate office Monday, to inform him that I would not be needing his services Thanksgiving Day, and therefore, it would be fine with me if he shut his door for the holiday.

I informed him that my family was willing to sacrifice -we would forego nutmeg in their pumpkin pie, we would do without hair spray even if it proved a bad hair day, and we would use plain napkins rather than ones with turkeys on them. In other words, we were willing to go the distance in order to give his employees the holiday off.

I don't know if Scrooge was impressed, but at least he'll know I will not be a part of his mean scheme.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Register Tapes for Education - Gus Birdwell Elementary

The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

Register Tapes for Education - Pringle-Morse CISD

Pringle-Morse CISD is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Pringle-Morse CISD would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be given to a Pringle-Morse CISD student or mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062.

Senior Citizen's Book Exchange

For those who are 55 or older and are tired of reading the same old book, come to the Golden Spread Center and exchange your book for something more exciting. Don't have a book to exchange? That's okay, come and get one any way. We have mysteries, biographies, romance, Christian books, you name it, we've got it! 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Golden Spread Center, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, 659-3030 Donations appreciated.

Medical Fund Established for Roney Clark

A fund has been established at First State Bank for Roney and Veann Clark to help with medical expenses.

Medical Fund Established for Ashley Bates

A fund has been established at First National Bank for Ashley Bates to help with medical expenses. Ashley, the daughter of Debbie and Larry Hornsby, was injured in a car accident on Wednesday, November 12th and was taken to Lubbock, where remains hospitalized with multiple injuries.

Methodist Church Chancel Choir Thanksgiving Dinner

The Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church will be having their annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner in the fellowship hall on November 21, 2003 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.. Tickets are \$6.00 each and under 6 years old free and can be purchased from any choir member or at the door. We will be serving turkey, dressing and all the trimmings plus tasty pie. For carry-outs please call 659-5504 by 10 a.m. and pick-up through the double glass doors at the front of the church. Don't miss this wonderful meal!!!! Come join us for fun, good food and great fellowship on Friday, November 21st.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Bake Sale

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church ladies are having their annual Bake Sale at Lowe's Marketplace on Wednesday, November 26th from 8:30 a.m. until sold out.

First Christian Church Rummage/Bake Sale

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Spearman will have a Rummage Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 22nd from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the First Christian Church, located at 29 S. Bernice.

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. The Scouts will travel to Amarillo for an Amarillo Gorillas Hockey Game on November 22nd. Don't Forget - Boy Scouts are currently delivering and selling Trails End Popcorn. Buy yours today!

Gruver Booster Club To Host Hamburger Feed

Gruver, Spearman and Pringle-Morse fans are invited to a hamburger feed sponsored by the Gruver Booster Club on Monday, November 24th. Hamburgers will be served beginning at 5 p.m., preceding the junior high Pringle-Morse vs. Gruver and the high school Spearman vs. Gruver basketball games.

PANHANDLE PLANNER

Wesley Methodist Church's Festival of Arts & Crafts

Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford will be hosting its 23rd Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts, December 6th, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford. Only a limited number of booths are available. Booth fee is \$10.00. Applications may be obtained by writing or calling Ellen Collins, 801 Mile St. Hereford, TX 79045. Phone: (806) 364-0774.

Amarillo National Weather Service Winter Weather Workshop

The Amarillo National Weather Service and Amarillo College will host a "Winter Weather Workshop" on Tuesday, November 18th from 1-3 p.m. for officials of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles who make critical decisions regarding winter weather. This workshop will be held in the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center located at 1314 S. Polk in Amarillo. The National Weather Service (NWS) in Amarillo will showcase all of our products and services that relate to winter weather. Many of what we have to offer is new, which includes graphical products, radar information, webpage services and improved text products. This workshop will provide details on how to access, interpret, and use these products and services so that you can make the most informed decision possible when winter weather threatens, whether it be road or school closings, or the postponement or cancellation of events. The Amarillo NWS will also be seeking ideas from attendees on ways the NWS can improve or provide additional products or services. There is no charge to attend. This workshop has been approved through Amarillo College for participants to receive 2 hours of CEU credit. Educators earn 2 hours of CPE credit. Please RSVP by contacting Steve Drillette at (806) 335-1421 or by email at steve.drillette@noaa.gov.

Panhandle Community Services Utility Classes Set

Funding is now available from Panhandle Community Services for those who need help with their utility bills. Utility classes will be held for co-pay clients the second Friday of every month at the Expo Center in Perryton from 10-10:30 a.m. These classes are mandatory for clients who wish to continue receiving help in paying utility bills. For more information, call PCS at (806) 435-2478.

American Society of Agricultural Appraisers Seminar

The American Society of Agricultural Appraisers is offering a 4-½ day Personal Property Appraisal Seminar in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas, December 10-14, 2003. This seminar is designed specifically for those who currently are, or desire to become, a livestock, farm equipment or horse appraiser. This is an excellent opportunity for those who are looking to enter the appraisal profession and for those appraisers who desire to enhance their professional appraisal skills. Topics covered include principles of appraising, valuation methodology, market research and analysis, appraisal report writing and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. This is Don't Miss opportunity! For more information, call 1-800-488-7570 or go to www.amagappraisers.com.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Open House

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum will host an Open House on Sunday, November 23, 2003 from 2-4 p.m. The open house is to recognize local participants in rodeo events in conjunction with the Exhibit USA/Texas HELP photograph exhibit entitled *This Contest is for Real Hands: Rodeo Photographs of the 1930s*. Local residents who have loaned rodeo material to the museum for this exhibit are Kathryn Paul, Lipscomb; Elaine Matthews, Slapout, OK; and Scott Beeson, Shattuck, OK. The museum is located on Hwy. 305 and Main in Lipscomb, TX. For more information on this event, you can call the museum at (806) 852-2123.

Our Deepest Sympathy

ALICE HUFFMAN LACKEY

SPEARMAN - Alice Huffman Lackey, 99, died Wednesday, November 12, 2003.



Services were on Saturday, November 15, 2003 at 10 a.m. in the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Interment was in Lieb Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers of Spearman.

Alice was born July 27, 1904 in the Cherokee Strip in Grant County, northwest of Jefferson, OK, to John Willard and Eliza Huffman.

She attended country schools at Klondike and Riverdale High School in Jefferson and attended normal school at Alva, OK and Dague Business College at Wichita, KS. She taught 1st through 8th grade at country schools for 2 1/2 years.

She met John F. Lackey of Spearman at Business College in 1924 and they married August 21, 1927 at Medford, OK. They lived in and around Spearman most of their lives, living in Sunray from 1952-1979. They moved back to Spearman in 1979. They went to Port Aransas for 25 years, where they enjoyed their favorite sport, fishing.

She became a member of the First Christian Church at Pond Creek in 1922. She was a charter member of the Dahlia Flower Club and was a member of the Blue Monday Bridge Club, and a thirty year member of the Home Demonstration Club in Hansford and Hutchinson Counties. They joined the First Christian Church in Spearman in November of 1927, where she was active as a High School Sunday School teacher and Christian Women's Fellowship leader. She loved gardening, cooking and fishing.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna Sheets, of Spearman; two granddaughters, Sue Ellen and Dr. Randy Felder of Amarillo and Sharon and Richard Lesly of Canyon Lake, TX; six great-grandchildren, Travis Durham of Dallas, Jessica, Lauren and Austin Felder of Amarillo and Glen and John Jeffrey Lesly of Canyon Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Eliza Huffman; her husband, John Lackey; a son, Johnny Lackey Jr.; a brother, Robert (Bart) Ratliff of Silsbee, TX; three sisters, Bessie Mathis, Pearl May Combs and Grace Barber, all of Wichita, KS; and two granddaughters, Karen Elizabeth Woodward and Rebecca Ann Sheets.

The family requests be to the First Christian Church Building Fund, Box 637, Spearman, TX 79081, or one's favorite charity.

FRANCES TERRY HUDSON

WICHITA FALLS, TX - Frances Terry Hudson, 83, died Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at Rolling Meadows in Wichita Falls, TX.



Services were held Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at 2 p.m. at Lunn's Colonial Chapel with Ken Schroder, chaplain of Hospice of Wichita Falls, officiating, under the direction of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home of Wichita Falls. Burial will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 20, 2003 in Spiro City Cemetery in Spiro, OK, under the direction of Mallory Funeral Home of Stigler, OK.

Ms. Hudson was born June 20, 1920 at Zoe, OK. She was a teacher and a methodist.

She is survived by her husband, Faber, Francis of Oklahoma City, OK; four children, Richard Clay Hudson and wife, Grace of White Deer, Terry Peters and husband Rick of Wichita Falls, Toni Hudson of Wichita Falls and Stan Hudson and wife Patti of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandsons; and her step-mother, Eva Smith Terry of Spiro, OK.

LOIS BUSCHMAN

PERRYTON - Lois Buschman, 69, died Thursday, November 13, 2003 at Covenant Medical Center at Lubbock.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday, November 17, 2003 in Perryton Mennonite Church with Don Stoll, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Ochiltree County Cemetery by Johnson's Good Samaritan Funeral Service of Booker.

Lois Marie Buschman was born October 19, 1934, near Booker to Morris E. and Anna (Harbour) Smith. She graduated from Booker High School in 1954 and married Alvin Buschman at Booker on November 28, 1954. They were life-long area residents, and were engaged in farming and ranching.

She was an active member of the Perryton Mennonite Church, where she was involved with the Mennonite Women's Organization, and where she taught Sunday School for numerous years. Lois was also a member of the Gideon's Auxiliary, Waka Home Extension Club, and the Beehive Child Care Center. She was a full-time homemaker, and was named Homemaker of the Year in 1989. Mrs. Buschman made quilts for her children and grandchildren, and was involved with numerous charity organizations in the area. Lois was known as a servant, who spent her life serving her husband, family and her community.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Alvin, of the home; five sons and their wives, Job and Janis Buschman of Lubbock, Kit and Jilda Buschman of Amarillo, Terry and Sherri Buschman of Spearman, and Tim Tina Buschman and Mark and Janelle Buschman, both of Perryton; two sisters, Shirley Robinson of Booker and Edna Bowen of Perryton; 16 grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideons International. Friends may share their sympathies and sign the memorial registry by visiting the web at www.johnsongoodsmaritanwoodward.com.

ADA PEARL KEITH

SPEARMAN - Ada Pearl Keith, 90, died Thursday, November 13, 2003.

No services were scheduled. Cremation was by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Keith was born February 14, 1913, in Montague. She had lived in the area since 1926. She married Elbert Keith on August 26, 1929. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Spearman.

Survivors include a daughter, Carol Hintergardt of Lake Dallas; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL E. FRANKLIN

GUYMON, OK - Michael E. Franklin, 50, died Monday, November 10, 2003.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, November 12, 2003 in Living Word Fellowship with the Rev. Leon Lothman and the Rev. Dale Stephens officiating. Burial was in Elmhurst Cemetery by Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home.

The son of Loyd and Mary Louise (Jackson) Franklin, was born on September 14, 1953 in Comanche, OK. The Franklins moved to Guymon in 1967 from Skellytown, TX.

He was married to Sherry (Weant) Shields on August 21, 1988 in Spearman.

Mr. Franklin was a truck driver. He was employed with Shupe Brothers, Hofferber Truck Lines, Seaboard and K&J Trucking.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife, Sherry; two daughters, Aliecha Franklin of Phoenix and Heather Franklin Atwood of Texhoma, TX; two stepchildren, Tammy Herndon and Will Shields, both of Spearman, Texas; a brother, Les Franklin and his wife, Susan of Liberal, KS; a sister, Carol Fletcher and her husband, Lonnie of Amarillo; and seven grandchildren, Jessi Franklin, Andrew Atwood, Aiden Atwood, Isaac Herndon, Matt Diaz, Dalton Shields and Lilly Shields.

The family suggests memorials be to Memorial Hospital Home Health and Hospice and may be sent to the funeral home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

VIOLA "VI" DAHL MONROE

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. - Viola "Vi" Dahl Monroe, 67, died Thursday, November 13, 2003.

Services were at 1 p.m. Sunday, November 16, 2003 in Jones-Wynn Funeral Home Douglas Chapel with the Rev. Ken Cross and Kevin Berkenkamp officiating. Burial was in Meadowbrook Memory Gardens in Villa Rica.

Mrs. Monroe was born June 22, 1936, in Gruver, Texas. She was a member of First Christian Church in Tulia, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Jim; three sisters, Alma Walker of San Angelo, Texas, Pauline Fischer of Optima, Okla., and Adeline Berkenkamp of Douglasville; and a brother, Elmo Dahl of Gruver.

The family suggests memorials be to Driskill House Inc., P.O. Box 23, Tulia, TX 79088; or First Christian Church, 102 N.W. Sixth St., Tulia, TX 79088.

REBECCA M. WESTERFIELD

GRUVER - Rebecca M. Westerfield, 96, died Friday, November 14, 2003.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Monday, November 17, 2003 in Gruver Cemetery with the Rev. George Price, pastor of United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Westerfield was born February 27, 1907. She was a retired owner of Westerfield Dry Goods in Gruver. She was a native of Kenton, Cimarron County, OK and a Gruver resident for over 80 years.

She was a member of First Christian Church and Gruver Eastern Star.

Survivors include a son, Pat Westerfield of Utopia; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, P.H. "Mickey" Westerfield on January 26, 1965, and her son, Paul Westerfield on June 13, 2002.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

FRANCES "FANNIE" SPARKS VENNEMAN

SPEARMAN - Frances "Fannie" Sparks Venneman died Tuesday, November 18, 2003.

Funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 2003 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Interment will be at Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Ms. Venneman was a homemaker and a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Spearman.

Survivors include a son and his wife, Joe T. and Linda Venneman of Gruver; two daughters, Hattie Marie Davis of Hooker, OK and Mary Elizabeth Venneman of Spearman; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, PO Box 127, Spearman, TX 79081.



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.

November 20

Birthday - Scott Davis, Jr. Rodriguez, Johnny Lee, Mrs. Ray McCammond, Jerry Wayne Dunaway, Danny Close, Ron Riley, Garland Dahl, Brenda Ferguson, Freda Sheets, Tammy Batton, Carie Tidwell, Casey Villines, Jason Payne, Josh Purvines

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Turner, Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Garcia Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Renteria, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Tarango

November 21

Birthday - Kaysa Cluck, Jackie Wilson, Jim Burch, Robert Janzen, Jody Robertson, Mark Pearson, Ellen Vernon, James Owens, Angie Salgado, Margie Alford, Matt Burnam, Denise Rojas, Victor White, Haley Coomen, Dawn Loomis, Brittanie Osbourne, Jody Robertson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Johnny White, Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Griffin, Ted & Cheryl Whitefield, Jose & Sylvia Tarango

November 22

Birthday - Garret Miner, Kevin Russell, Rusty Reed, Bonita Reimer, Phillip Janzan, Lesly Hayes, Nancy Morris, Russell Sheets, John David Bergin, Emily Lilley

November 23

Birthday - Steven Francis, Randy Karlin, Kim Venneman, Clint Venneman, Wanda Widener, Ronald Swan, LaDell Scroggs, Delores Rylant, Sara George, Mary Hart

Anniversary - Lesly & Maureen Stinson, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Francis, Mr. & Mrs. Val Winger, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Stork, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Mitchell, Andy & April DeLaRosa

November 24

Birthday - Brady Hart, Pablo Perez Jr., Danna Sue Floyd, Helen Gibson, Patti Younger, Duane Hart, James Jackson, Dana Garza, Lashera Snider, Jamie Dawn Hanson, Stephanie Villalobos, Raymond Fairbank, Brianne Burkhammer, Georgia Holt, Teresa Page, Dennis Stedje, Linda Weller, Elvin Wright, Sharon Arrington, Whitney Maestas

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Pete Vera, Mr. & Mrs. Rex Casdorff, Mr. & Mrs. David Imke

November 25

Birthday - Kasey Cazares, Tracy Logsdon, Krista Davis, Opal Wallin, Trudie Goodheart, Terrie Orr, Mike Hager, Melissa Moyer, Dustin Red, Kristi Holt, Carmen Roy, Sara Vela, Kathy Wheelock, Katy Mitchell, Jerry Moore

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Willis Boyd

November 26

Birthday - Lori Perez, Chad Stork, Mollie Holton, Tracy Vernon, Chris Stewart, Scott Barkley, Dale Red, Eldon Sparks, Aaron Brown, James Smith, Jorge Soto, Jr.

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Gerardy

November 27

Birthday - Jim Potts, Dorothy Evans, Marilyn Davis, Jackie Nelson, Monty Ross, Tony Pacheco, Susan Poole, Jesse Moreno

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Dale Wofford, Mr. & Mrs. James Winger, Mr. & Mrs. James Dorman, Mr. & Mrs. Ty Williams

November 28

Birthday - Casey Smith, Clint Williams, Jeanie McClellan, Frank Shields, Patty Spoonemore, Thelma Ford, Caroline Schick, Jennye Womble, Pat Hamilton, Harley Murrell, Marie Belle Vargas, Rick Howard, Toni Pittman, Tammy Red, Darlene Curry

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Julian Rodriguez, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Matthews

November 29

Birthday - Brian Presley, Steven Salazar, Wanda Wagner, Genna Floyd, Robert Browning, Ciria Vela, Ted Vela, Troy Lane Brown, Brenda Salgado, Amanda Burress

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Ford, Mr. & Mrs. David Schick, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Garcia, Mr. & Mrs. Phil Tripp, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Hart

November 30

Birthday - Cass Cooper, Roxane Holt, Rosie McClenagan, Judy Stedje, Miranda Thoreson, Adalyn Barnes, Dan Desimone, Don Maize, Jed Meisner, Mark Nelson, Judy Speck, Steve Harnish, Ernest Bowen, Eulalia Reyes, Mary Reyes, Marion Mitchell, Lisa Payne, David Reid

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lee Roy Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Ross Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Harvey, Mr. & Mrs. Luis Salazar

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Art Salazar and his family would like to thank everyone of you who have had a part in contributing to the battle against Art's cancer. Your concerns, the prayers, the cards, the food, and the money given to us since Art was diagnosed with Mesothelioma Cancer have touched our hearts beyond measure.

- Thanks for the many, many ways you have helped:
- for all who visited
 - Gruver ISD for everything you did for our children
 - participants in the volleyball tournament - those who played, those who came and those who gave (that money enabled us to pay for tests to help diagnose Art's type of cancer)
 - for those who have volunteered time to drive Art to Amarillo for check-ups and treatments
 - for those who hosted and attended the rib cook-off (that money paid for Art's surgery, doctor bills, and continued medical costs)
 - for the churches who have sent meaningful prayer grams and for those of you who pray endlessly
 - for those who have given and continue to give sacrificially and anonymously
 - for the Little Dribblers who paid money on our utility bills
- We appreciate our community so much! It is amazing the way you have pulled together to help us in such an enormous way. Even though we have a long way to go to be cured of this type of cancer, we will continue to fight it, and everyday we will get better. From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say thank you and tell you that we love you all.
- We so thank God for every one of you.
Art, Leticia, Stephen & Matt Salazar

Thank You

We would like to thank all who encouraged Tabatha in her Cross Country running the past few weeks. The support that Spearman, Pringle-Morse and Gruver showed was greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,
The Steve Shields Family

2003-2004 Spearman ISD G/T Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for the G/T program. Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade may be nominated. The gifted educational program is designed to challenge students with above average potential in academic, creative, and productive thinking skills to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the Elementary, Jr. High, or High School office and complete the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted from November 21, 2003 through December 12, 2003. Nominated students will go through a screening process in the spring semester to determine eligibility. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the counselor's office at 659-2326 (Jr. High) or 659-2565 (Elementary).


Nominaciones G/T para el 2003-2004

Ya estamos aceptando nominaciones para el programa G/T del año escolar 2002-2003. Los estudiantes del Kinder hasta el grado 12 pueden ser nominados.

Este talentoso programa educacional esta designado para desafiar estudiantes con potencial de promedio avanzado con pensamientos de habilidades creativas y productivas para acelerar y estar encima y sobre encima del curriculum de la escuela regular. Si alguien desea nominar a un estudiante que crea que sea un aprendiz intelectualmente dotado y creativo los animamos para que vengan a la oficina de la escuela elementaria para llenar la forma de nominacion. Las nominaciones van a ser aceptadas del 21 Noviembre 2003 al 12 de Diciembre 2003.

Los estudiantes nominados pasaran por un proceso de examen para determinar su elegibilidad.


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Out At The Lake

Lake Level--November 17, 2003--28.31 feet (-0.08 feet)

The gentle rains last week that left around sixty hundredths in the office gauge were not enough to raise the level from last week but a loss of one inch is better than a loss of 2 inches.

There was only one camper this week. Oklahomans with a new RV spent 4 days at the Lake. They were evidently trying to see which camp they liked best, as they spent 2 nights on each side of the dam.

Although the water has cooled to 50 degrees, the fishermen are not bringing in the big ones yet.

Last Saturday while Jim was near the south entrance pay booth changing the film in his camera, an armadillo wandered by. Jim, rushing to get a picture, found that the battery in the camera was dead. Maybe he will have another opportunity. Although they have not been seen in the Park for some time, Ramon thinks they usually stay on the Gibner side.

Boy Scouts from Spearman

and a Jr. High Youth Group from a Spearman church camped out in tents over the weekend.

A small flock of white pelicans spent two days at the Lake and then moved on. Jim was not sure of how many eagles are staying as he has seen only one mature bald eagle in the past week.

This afternoon I got to see a rustic bed that Archie Nelson, our creative ex-mayor of Gruver, is building for a grandson. He gathers Chinaberry wood from the Palo Duro, and then debarks it with a draw knife. It is a really tedious job to uncover this beautiful yellow wood from the rough bark. The next step is to sand it until it is satin smooth and a deep yellow. Grandson Jack Farren will have a treasure when it is completed and delivered.

Last week Archie had returned to the creek for more wood, and while there he found a perfect muledeer antler to add to his collection of nature items.

Spearman Recognized For Recycling Effort

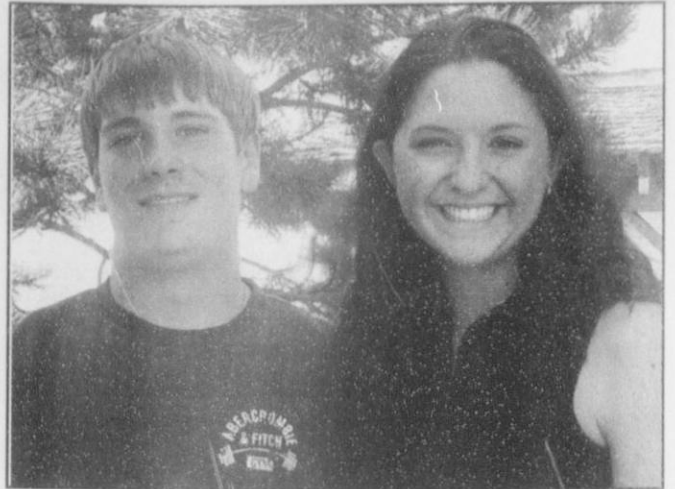
November 15, 2003 was Texas Recycles Day, which was also adopted as "America Recycles Day." The day was established to acknowledge the many efforts made across the State and nation to conserve precious resources through recycling.

Since many Panhandle communities are significantly contributing to this effort, the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) would like to recognize Panhandle communities that have, through the Panhandle Environmental Partnership (PEP), demonstrated a strong commitment to recycling and waste diversion efforts through the past year. Two PEP awards are given annually to recognize individual communities' exemplary efforts.

The annual *Recycling Award* is granted to the municipality that recycles the most pounds of materials per capita each year. The 2003 recipient of the *Recycling Award* is the City of Canadian for recycling 196.55 pounds of materials for each resident of that community. Canadian has recycled 177.9 tons of scrap metal, 11.44 tons of newsprint, 27.73 tons of cardboard, and 2.38 tons of other materials. Following in a close second and third were the City of Stratford with 186.91 and the City of Spearman with 194.67 pounds of materials for each resident.

The annual *Wood/Yard Waste Diversion Award* is given to the municipality who diverts the highest per capita amount of wood and yard waste from the regions landfills in a given year. The 2003 recipient of the *Wood/Yard Waste Diversion Award* is the City of Dalhart for diverting 252.82 pounds per capita of yard and wood waste from its landfill through chipping and composting programs. Following in a close second was the City of Amarillo with 246.18 pounds of wood waste diverted for each resident.

Each community in the Texas Panhandle that actively participates in a recycling or other waste diversion program is most definitely a winner for helping to conserve our natural resources, protect our environment, and saving valuable landfill space.



Tracy Brown and Kali Shields

Shields, Brown Honored At District Gold Star Banquet

Kali Shields and Tracy Brown were honored at the 46th Annual Panhandle District 1 4-H Gold Star Banquet on Saturday, November 8, 2003 at the West Texas A&M University's Alumni Banquet facility.

The Gold Star may be awarded one time in a 4-H members career for outstanding club work and leadership.

Kali is the 16-year-old daughter of Lonnie and LeAnn Shields of Spearman. Tracy is the 16-year-old son of Billy and Joan Brown of Spearman.

The theme for the banquet was "Growing into the Future." The banquet is sponsored by area electric cooperatives.

Earlier in the day, two Hansford 4-H members competed in the District 4-H Roundup competition held on the West Texas A&M University campus. Tori Sheets competed in the Junior Musical category of Share-the-Fun, and Sharon Haney competed in Senior Vocal, placing third in that category of Share-the-Fun.

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You are invited to a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Ruth Shields** bride-elect of **Blake Nelson** on Saturday, November 22, 2003 from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. in the Morse Community Building

You are invited to a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Angela Pipkin** bride-elect of **Ethan Johnson** on Saturday, December 6, 2003 from 1:00 -1:30 p.m. in the country home of **Marti Garnett** Hwy. 207 South, Co. Rd. Z • Spearman

You are invited to a **Baby Girl Shower** honoring **Karen & Steve Hartgraves** on Saturday, November 22, 2003 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the home of **Helen Holt**, 711 Gibner Dr. • Spearman, TX

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

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Students Honored At GJHS

Students of the second six weeks receiving Citizenship Awards have been announced by Gruver Junior High.

Chosen for exemplifying the characteristics that define the qualities of good citizenship were Gabriela Barrera in fifth grade, Gage Parker in sixth grade, Saul Hernandez in seventh grade, and Flor Gonzales in eighth grade.

Rainfall Reported

The city of Gruver recorded

.13 inch of rain Thursday, November 13.

Thanksgiving Closing Announced

Gruver City Hall will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Former Residents In The News

Mary Cluck, the wife of Brad Cluck and the daughter in law of Del and Barbara Cluck was pictured in the Sunday Amarillo Globe News in conjunction with the Amarillo Art Museum Alliance and Amarillo Symphony Guild Christmas Roundup.

Gruver graduate Melanie (Morris) Rodman is coach of the Crane girls volleyball team who competed in the state semi finals in Abilene over the weekend.

Community Condolences

The community was saddened to learn of the death of Rebecca Westerfield. Her services were Monday at

the United Methodist Church of Gruver.

I remember Rebecca best from her ownership of Westerfields on Main Street in the present location of the Main Street Store and Paula's Dance Studio.

The department store was large and had a vast array of children's womens', and mens' clothing when we arrived in Gruver in 1972.

Sympathy is extended to her family.

Myatt, Been Featured

GHS senior Cassie Myatt and GHS junior Cody Mac Been were pictured on the cover of the Panhandle Plains Basketball book recently distributed in the area.

Volunteers Read To Students

Among the volunteers reading to elementary students last week as a part of National Young Readers Guest Readers were GHS Principal Mike King for pre kindergarten, Davin Winger and Renea Swink for the kindergarten, Troy Seagler and Teague Winger for the first grade, Peggy Frick, Jody Irwin, and Blythe Finley for the second grade, George Price and Peggy Frick for the third grade, John Haynes and T.Jay Sherrill

for the fourth grade, and GHS Superintendent David Teal for the third and fourth grade choir.

Booster Club Slates Hamburger Night

The Gruver Booster Club will be sponsoring a county-wide hamburger feed Monday, November 24, beginning at 5 p.m. at the varsity gym.

The feed, which is a fundraiser for the club, will be in conjunction with the junior high basketball games with Pringle Morse and the high school games with Spearman.

Coach Returns To GHS

Coach Steve Myatt has returned to his full time teaching and coaching duties.

Myatt has been recuperating from ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome) following heart surgery in August.

Cara Hathaway, a 2003 graduate of Oklahoma Panhandle State, has been his substitute in both the classroom and in athletics.

Lighting Contest Slated

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a holiday lighting contest.

This year there will be one residence and one business chosen for awards.

Get Well Wishes

Edna Marie Walker has returned home after being hospitalized in Arkansas for breathing problems.

Peggy Dillow underwent back surgery in Amarillo Tuesday.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Patricia Holguin and two children, Kristin, 6 years and Damion, two years went to Bucklin, KS on November 3rd to spend some time with her mother, Janell Darnell.

While there they enjoyed the play that her mother was in that Bucklin puts on each year.

The obituary for David Hand Sr., 84 was in an earlier issue of this paper.

Services were held November 6 at First Christian Church. Dave and this writer's friendship goes way back to the 40's when he was a cowboy for Walter Wilmet and I was a bookkeeper.

Sympathy is extended to Helen and Dave, Jr. and their families.

Judy Buchanan Ward, daughter of the late Wilson and Millie Buchanan, visited in Spearman Saturday. Her relatives live in Bucklin, KS. She was accompanied by her friend and neighbor.

Judy and her brother, John Buchanan, both live in the Houston area. She visited other relatives while here and spent some time at the Hansford Cemetery.

Burl and Nellie Buchanan spent last week at their lodge near Eagles Nest, N.M. They were back home in time for

Nellie to prepare one of her outstanding meals.

Louise Vaught and Edna Bassel of Amarillo, Virginia Cates, Booker and Sandy Atkinson of Lipscomb were out of town guests.

Sympathy is extended to the families of Mrs. Ada Pearl Keith and Anne Waggoner, both of Spearman.

Formerly Mrs. Keith lived in Amarillo and Mrs. Waggoner in Russell, OK.

Services for Rita Ann Holland's father and Wesley's granddad, John Herman Farr, were held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, at the First United Methodist Church in Seymour. Archer Funeral Home in Seymour is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made through the Bill David Farr scholarship fund (John Herman Farr's son) at First National Bank, P.O. Box 752, Seymour, TX. 76780, or to First United Methodist Church, Seymour.

My column is cut short by recent sojourn by the writer in Hansford Hospital emergency room. Was checking out for the truth in the statement that hospitals are places where people who are run down get wound down!

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Spearman Schools Honor Veterans

submitted by Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent

Spearman Varsity Gym was the site November 11, 2003 for a gathering of the student body of all Spearman schools, its teachers and administrators and many members of the community as tribute was paid to the local veterans who have served in the military at the present time and through the years.

Boy Scout Troop #551 began the event with a flag ceremony followed by the National Anthem played by the Spearman High School Band under the direction of Ms. Anna Marie Holland.

Mr. James Cunningham gave the welcome and led the tribute to the many veterans present. Special recognition was given to Private First Class Sara George, home on leave from Iraq, where she has been stationed since March 28, 2003. Sarah is a Supply Clerk for the 300 Military Police Company currently stationed right outside Baghdad.

Speaker for the event was Mr. Scott Bullard, an Aviation Structural Mechanic Senior Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy, currently assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron

FOUR at Tinker Air Force Base. During his 19 1/2 years of military service, Scott was deployed on board the USS Theodore Roosevelt to the Adriatic Sea in support of NATO during the 1995 Bosnia/Kosovo conflict. In December of 1998, Scott was deployed for Operation Desert Fox, on board the USS Enterprise.

Other ships he has served on during his Navy career include the USS Nimitz, and the USS Harry S. Truman. He has been able to cruise the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, Mediterranean Sea, Adriatic Sea, Indian Ocean, and the Persian Gulf.

Scott is the son of Ronnie and Vicky Bullard of Spearman. He and his wife, Marla, and their children, Josh and Rachel, live in Oklahoma City, OK.

Musical selections for the program were provided by the Spearman school bands and choirs, under the direction of Mrs. Betty Womble, Mrs. Lora Hoffman and Ms. Anna Marie Holland. "American Tears" by the 4th Grade Choir, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by the High School Band, "A Patriotic Festival" by the Junior High Choir, "Oh, Freedom" by the 7th and 8th Grade Band,

"Where the Stars and Stripes and the Eagle Fly" by the High School Choir and "God Bless America" by the High School Band and Choir.

Rev. Ken Cole, minister of the First United Methodist Church of Spearman, led the benediction, followed by the playing of TAPS.

This program is sponsored annually by the Texas Extension Education Clubs of Hansford County and the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
Hats off to Spearman and its townspeople and all the participants in the Veterans Day Celebration.

I would like to thank the Veterans in particular! My husband was known as Jack Dacus. Jack was the stepson of Leo Dacus and the half-brother of Don and Ted Dacus and Lee Marie Dacus Watson. Jack's birth father was Frank Hendrix, drum major for the John Phillips Sousa band in WWII. Jack was classified as Seaman First Class, serving in the Asiatic/Pacific Theatre. Jack was a nickname; his brothers, sisters and I always called him by his birth-name, Joye Travis Hendrix.

He, like you, loved his country. I had the great pleasure of attending your commensuration service with my eldest daughter, Cynthia DeArmond. God bless you, Spearman! We are proud of you! You are a credit to our nation.

May we never forget the price that was paid for our freedom.

Keep up the good work!
With deepest regard,
Rose Hendrix

MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

Last Saturday, the 8th I went to the Memory Walk in support of alzheimer's research at the walking park. It turned out to be a cold, windy day and Steve Mathews was good enough to brave the weather to play music for the ones that came. Although we had intentions of walking, since Steve was doing such a good job of playing dancing music, we had a line dance under the gazebo instead of walking. We got the most spirited team award. Can you imagine that with Tubby Hays leading the dancing? I think so. Thank you Steve for hanging in there-weather and all!

Sunday the First Christian Church of Gruver brought the church service to the Manor. Thank you to everyone that came!

Monday morning's exercise session was executed with patriotic music. Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy will get you in the exercise mood. Then Kate Smith's God Bless America. The stage was being set for Veteran's Day on Tuesday. That afternoon Charles Brillhart played for the residents Name That Tune. He plays by ear and can play anything that you give him a hint on! We all enjoy it a great deal. Most of the residents not only know the tunes, they know the words too and sing along to many of the tunes.

Tuesday morning 17 residents went to the Veteran's Day program at the Spearman school. It was a very nice program and was enjoyed by all. Afterwards, everyone was loaded up again and headed out to the Sparks place. We toured the longhorns and saw all the new speckled babies and enjoyed the sunshine and fresh air and just being in the country. The next thing on the trip was back to the home-

stead for a little brisket, brown beans and cornbread. I had cooked a huge pot of beans and 2 large briskets. All together we had 26 people for lunch. When we were through, there was nothing but bean juice left and a little salad, and very little brisket. Who said they didn't have an appetite? Couldn't prove it by me! I love for the residents to come out and have a leisurely lunch and visit.

Wednesday started off with the delicious Kountry Donuts. Anne Whitaker led bible study and stayed to visit with several residents. Thanks Anne! That afternoon was spent on crafts, cutting, gluing, painting, and finishing the projects that we are making for the kindergarten kids and for the family night Thanksgiving supper decorations.

Thursday morning instead of

doing exercise, we watched the complete film of the Veteran's Day program on Tuesday morning since all residents were not able to attend. The afternoon was filled with bingo, visiting, and ice cream. Thank you to the auxiliary for your help.

Friday morning was the current news program. It is always informative with highlights of news from the past week along with pictures that are displayed on the big screen t.v. That afternoon was the birthday party. I cannot say thank you enough to the auxiliary for the delicious pies they bring and for helping serve and also to Charles Brillhart and Steve Mathews for providing music for the party. All these things are what make Hansford Manor special!

Thank you to everyone for serving our seniors!

Gruver Schools Honor Veterans

The Veterans Day program last Tuesday, sponsored by the Gruver High School Student Council was enthusiastically received by the community.

Seth Thompson and Roman Rodriguez of Gruver Eighth grade posted the colors while Laina Grotegut, Student Council Secretary/Treasurer, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

The third and fourth grade choirs presented "Open Your Heart America."

Paul Fiske, keynote speaker, was introduced by David Puebla, Student Council President.

The Gruver High School choir sang the Star Spangled Banner and "Cohan Medley" before the recognition of veterans by Jenny Hart, Student Council Vice President.

Patriotic drawings by the first grade classes were presented to the veterans.

Shell Haynes is the Student Council faculty advisor.

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Pictured above are the Gruver High School students and Hansford Manor residents and employees who attended the Fall foliage Tour in Canadian on October 28th.

Winning Combinations

by Merry Sparks

On October 28th nine High School kids from Gruver came to Hansford Manor. They were offering their time, talent, and love to the residents of Hansford Manor by volunteering to go on the Fall Foliage Tour with them. This has almost become a tradition for Gruver High. The hours are long, the work is hard but they step right up and fill the bill.

Gruver's high school principal, Mike King is fully aware of the benefits of volunteerism. He has been a great supporter of the young people of Gruver High. Not only do they benefit by serving others, many scholarships are awarded that are directly tied into community service.

When I sit back and think on the whole picture I see Mr. King's enthusiasm for the young, the young's enthusiasm for the old, the old's enthusiasm for the young, the need and those that are willing to fill the need. Mr. King said that when he hung up a sign up sheet for volunteers to go on the trip with the residents it was filled in 10 minutes. These are not kids just trying to get out of school either. Every one of them were dedicated to each resident they were assigned to. This was an act of

love straight from their hearts.

It blesses me to know that I am among such a large group that understands the benefits of giving of yourself to others. It has been documented that you will live longer and you will live healthier because of it. Recently I have become aware that it rewards in other areas as well.

In 2001, Brittney Morris and in 2002, Ashley Sherrill were awarded \$1,000.00 scholarships

by Globe News as outstanding volunteers. The Lion's Club of Gruver itself awarded three \$1,000.00 and seventeen \$500.00 scholarships. Many scholarships are awarded that are partly dependent on community service. Of course, other things such as grades are considered as well as accomplishments in school.

What a great country we live in that doing good is rewarded!

SHS Forensics Team Takes Honors

The Spearman High School Forensics team took third place in the Small Schools Invitational Tournament at West Texas A&M in Canyon Friday, November 14, and brought home the Sweepstakes Trophy. This brought the total amount of team medals and trophies to 21 this year.

Placing second in Novice Cross-Examination Debate and bringing back two trophies were Si Li Tang and Maribel Moreno. Russell Sheets medaled in Finals of Super Congress.

Qualifying in semifinals were Si Li Tang and Cristal Alverado in Poetry, Russell Sheets in Domestic Extemporaneous and in Impromptu Speaking, and Joshua Derington in Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate.

Joshua received a medal for placing in the quarter finals of LD Debate.

Other team members included Jeremy Ashby, Nic Avila, Katie Baehler, Mark Thomas, Joel Lopez, Adriana Pinon, and Clayton Smith.

Spearman High School competed with many 5-A schools including Gregory Portland, Plano Senior High, Belaire, Abilene, Midland Lee, Tascosa, Coronado, and Amarillo high.

After the meet, Spearman High School is considered one of the best National Forensic League squads in this region for our school size.

Amarillo Agency, Panhandle Crisis Center Receive Funds

by Jessica Raynor

Grants made to Family Support Services in Amarillo and Panhandle Crisis Center in Perryton aim to benefit children and divorced parents across the area.

The nonprofit agencies shared in \$500,000 of statewide funding for services that help non-custodial parents maintain meaningful contact with their children, the state attorney general announced Wednesday. The Attorney General's Child Support Division administers the Access and Visitation grants.

Approved services include mediation, visitation enforcement, supervised visitation, counseling and parenting education.

Family Support Services in Amarillo will use its almost \$18,000 grant to continue funding a children's divorce recov-

ery group, parental counseling and supervised visitation, said Roy Bowen, executive director of the agency.

"This money is really an attempt to do something different. It's about accessibility to services. It's about reaching out to these young kids," Bowen said.

Some of those children participate in Rollercoasters, a children's divorce-recovery group, Bowen said.

The agency works with school counselors to select the neediest children, and those are divided into age groups. About 10 to 15 children in each group meet at school for eight weeks, Bowen said.

"This is a wonderful way - in bringing this to the school - to work with school counselors and make sure these kids get the attention they need," he said.

The Panhandle Crisis Center will use its almost \$14,000 in funds to provide supervised visits for noncustodial parents, parenting classes and family mediation, said Cindy Smith, executive director of the agency.

The agency has used this funding for at least three years, she said.

"It (the grant) allows us to offer programs to the general public," she said. "Most of our other funds go to victims of violence."

The crisis center, opened in 1984, generally serves victims of sexual assault, Smith said. The agency serves about 60 to 80 clients each year.

The attorney general's office will reimburse the center monthly until it has spent its grant amount, Smith said.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Pringle-Morse

Basketball teams will compete in the Hardesty Tournament November 17, 20, and 22.

The Pringle-Morse Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 20, at the school cafeteria.

The Gifted and Talented Club Day in social studies for all students will be held Friday, November 21.

The district UIL academic meet will be held November 24 at Lefors.

Pre-K students and kindergarten students will prepare their Thanksgiving feast.

There will be no school November 26, 27, and 28 due to the Thanksgiving holidays.

The Campus District Improvement Planning committee will meet at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 3.

Gus Birdwell Elementary

The district UIL Academic meet will be November 18-20 in Highland Park for grades 2-5.

Kindergarten students will visit Hansford Manor at 9:15 a.m. November 24. They will also have a Thanksgiving feast at 2 p.m.

November 25 - A Thanksgiving program will be presented by Kindergarten at 9 a.m. First graders will have a Thanksgiving feast.

School will be dismissed for the Thanksgiving Holiday November 26-29. All Spearman schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Texas Cultural Heritage Center will present a program December 3, at 9:30 - 10:15 in the Little Gym.

Second graders will present a Christmas play at 8:30 and 12:15 on December 4 and again at 8:30 p.m. on December 5.

Spearman Jr. High

District UIL Academic competition will be held November 18 and 20 at Highland Park.

School will be dismissed for the Thanksgiving Holiday November 26-29. All Spearman schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Spearman High School

School will dismiss at 1 p.m. for the Thanksgiving Holiday. There will be no school November 26-28.

Gruver Elementary

Students in grades 2-4 will be taking the Pearson Field Test, which is an on-line assessment test for math., beginning November 17.

November 20 will be Thanksgiving Dinner in the school cafeteria.

Mrs. Gibson's first grade class will present a play at 9:45, November 20, in the auditorium, while Mrs. Cooper's first grade will present their play at 10:30 in the auditorium.

Report cards will be issued Thursday, November 25.

The second grade will be presenting the play Stone Soup, November 25.

Dec 5 - UIL academic competition will find 29 Gruver Elementary students competing at Frank Phillips College.

Gruver Jr. High

Competitors in the UIL writing events of ready writing and editorials will write at school Thursday with winners in the events to be announced at the UIL district academic meet December 5, at Frank Phillips College.

The canned food drive at Gruver Junior High sponsored by the gifted and talented class surpassed its goal of 400 cans of food. 482 cans of food and seven turkeys will be distributed to seven Gruver families as a result of the drive.

Gruver High School

Sophomores will be taking the PLAN test Monday, November 17.

Thanksgiving holidays will be November 26 - 28.

The AP Science students and Gifted and Talented students will attend a science clinic in Amarillo on December 1.

Students will try out for parts in the UIL One-Act Play December 1.

Lions Club guest for December 3 will be Dimnia Cruz and Manuel Lopez.



Pictured is the Spearman Lynxettes Basketball team at Hansford Manor during the trick or treat at the Manor night. Thanks to Coach Baird and Coach Short, the girls came to the Manor to help with trick or treat. The girls were wonderful helpers. They came in costume, helped hand out candy, helped the residents when needed and had a wonderful time. They were so good that they made the night extra special for the residents. Thank you girls-you were great!



The following Spearman High School students won the Red Ribbon Week poster contest: 1st - Christen Ferguson, 2nd - Russell Sheets, 3rd - Michael Lozano, and Honorable Mention - Maribel Moreno

Gruver Junior High 2003-2004 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	7G	8G	7B	8B
Nov 24	Pringle-Morse		6:00		7:15
Dec 1	@ Booker	4:00	5:00		6:00
Dec 8	*White Deer (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Dec 15	Stratford (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Jan 8	Sunray (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Jan 12	Booker (Here)	5:00	6:15		7:00
Jan 15-17	Spearman JH Tourney			TBA	TBA
Jan 19	@Pringle-Morse		5:00		6:15
Jan 26	Stratford (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Jan 29-31	Gruver JH Tourney			TBA	TBA
Feb 2	White Deer (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Feb 9	Sunray (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15

Gruver Greyhounds & Lady Hounds 2003-2004 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Nov 21	Texhoma	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Nov 24	Spearman		5:00		6:30
Nov 25	@ Panhandle	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Dec 2	@ West Texas	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Dec 4-6	Gruver JV Tournament	TBA	TBA		
Dec 4-6	@ Lake Meredith Classic			TBA	TBA
Dec 9	@ Hooker, OK	4:30	5:30	6:30	8:00
Dec 11-13	@ Hugoton, KS Invitational			TBA	
Dec 11-13	@ Sunray Varsity Tourney				TBA
Dec 13	Spearman JV Tourney	TBA			
Dec 29-31	@ Canadian Tourney			TBA	TBA
Jan 2	Claude	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 5	Memphis @ FPC (Borger)	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 8-10	Perryton JV Tourney		TBA		
Jan 9	*Vega	5:00		6:30	8:00
Jan 13	@ *Booker	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 16	*White Deer	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 20	@ *Stratford	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 23	*Sunray	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 27	*Booker	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 29-31	@ Canadian JV Tourney	TBA			
Jan 30	@ *Vega		5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 3	*Stratford	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Feb 6	@ *White Deer	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 10	@ *Sunray	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00

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FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1114 Haney, Spearman - 3BR, 1B, 1CG - \$30,000. Call 659-3727 or 662-9203.

FOR SALE: 1009 Townsend, Spearman - 2BR, 1B, new central H/A, WH and carpet. Call 930-1170 or 659-1741.

FOR SALE: 1022 Dessen, Spearman - Brick, 3BR, 1B w/fireplace, hardwood floors & carpet in bedrooms, built-in dishwasher, oak cabinets, large utility room, ceiling fans, central H/A, new roof, covered patio in back w/ceiling fan, RV carport w/storage and carport in front. For more information, contact Lance Swan at 659-5594 after 5 p.m. Priced to Sell!

FOR SALE: 222 S. Hazelwood, Spearman - 3300 sq. ft. 4BR, 2 1/2B brick home with metal roof, fenced back yard, detached 1200 sq. ft. shop and carport. Call 659-3550 5(10-30-03)B

FOR SALE: 720 Gibner, Spearman - 3BR, 1 1/2B, 2 living areas, sunroom. Shown by appointment. Call 659-2204 2(11-13-03)B

FOR SALE OR RENT TO OWN: 200 S. Snider, Spearman - 1700 sq. ft., 3BR, den, fireplace, on 2 lots with detached garage and fenced backyard. Call 898-8451 or 659-5205 and leave message or (806) 653-2252 after 6 p.m., 4(11-06-03)B

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HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the position of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice-President. Please mail resumes to PO Box 161, or bring by the Chamber Office, 211 Main Street. Resumes will be accepted until December 15, 2003. 4(11-20-03)B

AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE: 1985 Chevy Caprice, 4DR, excellent condition, 78,000 miles. Contact Charlie Ball at 659-3037. 2(11-13-03)B

FOR SALE: 2001 Daewoo Nubira. Loaded w/ new tires. Still under warranty. Excellent gas mileage. Call 659-3964 after 6, or leave message. TFN(10-23-03)B

FOR SALE

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Seasoned Oak in Perryton this weekend, November 21 & 22. Delivery available to Spearman. Call 435-9933 or 435-8862, leave message. 1(11-20-03)B

AGRICULTURE

FOR SALE: Alfalfa Hay, Alfalfa Hay w/Grass Mix, Dry Cow Hay - All in large squares, located 25 miles South of Spearman, Hwy. 207. Call Terrell Roberts at 878-3215. 8(11-06-03)P

SERVICES

GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS! Detail and general cleaner. 20+ years experience. Construction and office cleans, as well as home. All work guaranteed. Excellent references. Call Carey at 1-806-733-2492. Yes, I do windows, and everything else! 4C(11-13-03)P

TREE TRIMMING & REMOVAL. Fully insured. Bucket truck. Call 580-625-3490 or 580-922-5796, cell. 4(11-13-03)B

GARAGE SALE

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LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will receive sealed bids until 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2003 on the following insurance policies: COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY; AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY; PUBLIC OFFICIALS' LIABILITY; LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' LIABILITY; INSURANCE ON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COUNTY AG BARN IN SPEARMAN AND IN GRUVER, MAINTENANCE BARN IN SPEARMAN and WORKER'S COMP, to be effective on January 1, 2004. Bids will be for one year. Bids should be sent to Hansford County Judge, 16 Northwest Court, Spearman, Texas 79081-2052 or taken to the office of the County Judge at the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas and should be marked "Insurance Bids" on the outside of the envelope. Bids will be opened during Commissioners Court on Monday, November 24, 2003 and will be awarded at the regular meeting to be held Monday, December 8, 2003. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 4(10-30-03)B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Edward Harold Papay, Deceased, were issued on October 1, 2003, in Cause No. 2415, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to: Margaret Papay. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Cecil R. Biggers Attorney at Law PO Box 342 Spearman, Texas 79081 DATED the 1st day of October, 2003. Cecil R. Biggers Attorney for Estate State Bar No.: 02308500 PO Box 342 Spearman, Texas 79081 Telephone: (806) 659-5531 Facsimile: (806) 659-5531 1(11-20-03)B

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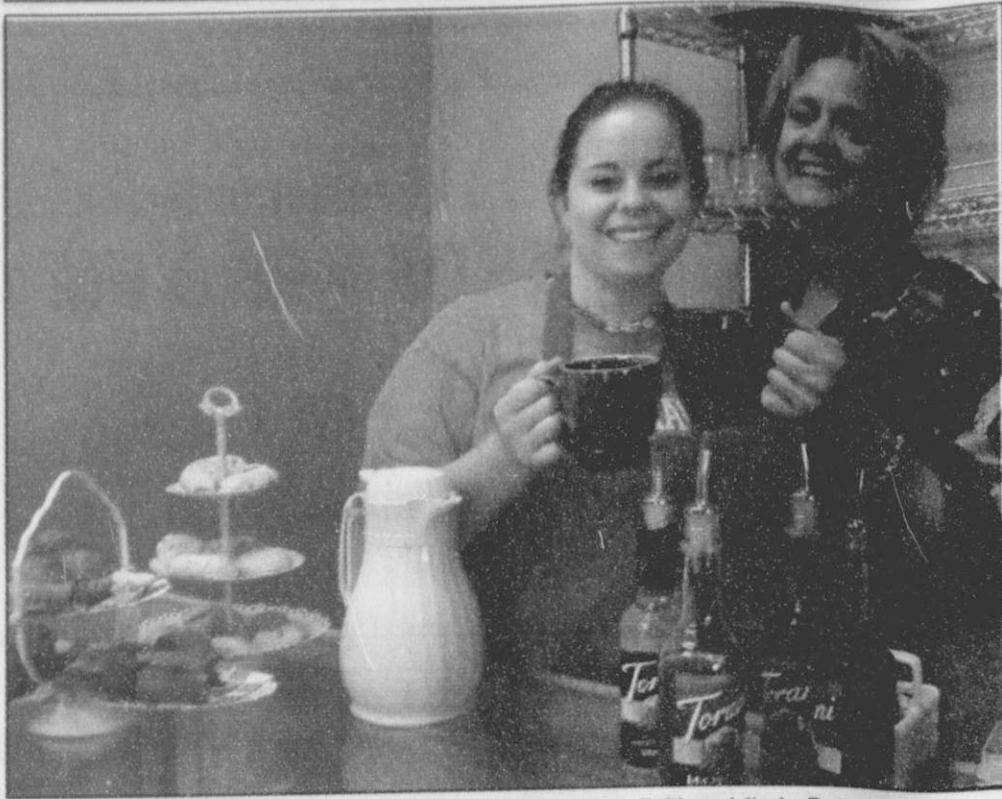
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With a toast of freshly ground coffee, Tashi Schumann (left) and Linda Butts announce the opening of Grammy's Grinder. Coffee and tea, ground fresh daily, will be offered with an assortment of flavorings as well as gourmet pastries from Jeanette's Sweet Creations to make Grammy's Grinder the perfect coffee and dessert house. The new business will be open from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturdays. An adjoining party room, nearing completion, offers the perfect gathering place for bridge clubs and sororities and businesses to rent.

Panhandle Crisis Center Seeks Volunteers

The Panhandle Crisis Center, a nonprofit organization, is located at 317 South Main Street in Perryton. The new outreach office is located in the Pittman-Shieldknight Office Building, at 511 SW 11th Street in Spearman. Formed in 1981 by a group of concerned citizens, the Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Hansford, Lipscomb and Ochiltree Counties.

Along with a 24-hour hotline, the Crisis Center provides counseling, emergency shelter, transportation and emergency food and clothing. Also offered are referral services for adult (male and female) and child victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Trained volunteers and staff conduct individual adult and child counseling. Follow up and walk-in counseling are available in the Perryton and Spearman offices and at designated outreach areas in Hansford and Lipscomb Counties. A full-time children's worker is located in the Perryton Office; this worker also goes into the Perryton school district to counsel with children. A new part-time worker has been hired for Hansford County. She will be working with children in Spearman and Gruver and counseling with the children in the Spearman and Gruver school district. The Hansford/Lipscomb outreach worker counsels with adults in the Hansford County area and adults and children in the Lipscomb area.

Advocacy and accompaniment through the medical, legal and judicial system are provided to clients as individual needs arise. The crisis center works with the Hansford, Lipscomb, and

Ochiltree County District Attorneys office in preparing protective orders.

Crisis Center staff and on-call volunteers work closely with the police departments and sheriff's office in all three counties - as many times they are the first ones the victim calls for help.

Counseling and support groups are conducted in both English and Spanish. Parenting classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at the Trinity Presbyterian Church located at 18th and Drake in Perryton. Batterers Intervention Prevention Program Classes meet on Thursday nights from 7-9 p.m.

Even though the Crisis Center has closed the old post office for remodeling, they are still providing furniture and clothing to clients using a house located on Baylor Street. A limited amount of donations are being taken at this time.

United Supermarket of Perryton donates food items to the Crisis Center. The items are used at the Center's 24-hour shelter and at the Office as an emergency food source for clients.

All victims' services offered through the Crisis Center are free except the BIPP classes, which are based on a sliding fee. The Crisis Center is able to provide services free of charge through federal and state grants, private donations, fundraisers, city and county funds, United Way donations and the use of trained volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Crisis Center, contact the main office in Perryton at 435-5008, toll free 1-800-753-5308, or the Spearman outreach office at 659-3391.

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