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## At A Glance

### Great Plains Ag Credit Stockholders Meeting

The Annual Stockholder's Meeting of Great Plains Ag Credit, PCA, will be Saturday, March 10, 2001 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. The business meeting begins at 4 p.m.

Joel Zeff, award-winning comedian and creative speaker from Dallas will be the after dinner entertainment. Ken Watson from Claude will provide dinner piano music.

Great Plains Ag Credit, formerly the Amarillo and Plainview Production Credit Association is a major agricultural lender in the north and South Plains of Texas having over 945 farmer-rancher stockholder/borrowers. Troy Christian of Farwell serves as Board Chairman. Other members include: L. Mike McLain of Gruver, Vice-Chairman; Dennis Anthony of Friona; Danny Detten of Panhandle; David Doshier of Vega; Joe Everett of Stratford; Earl Harkins of Hereford; Joe Stokes of Hale Center; and Dwight Teeple of Lockney.

### Conservation District Announces Essay Contest Rules

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District would like to announce the rules and deadline for its annual scholarship contest.

The contest is open to all high school students who reside within the Water District. The District includes all of Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties, as well as most of Dallam, Hartley and Moore counties and the northern portion of Hutchinson County. By writing an essay emphasizing the importance of water conservation, high school students are eligible for scholarships up to \$1000 a year for the college of their designation. Each essay must be more than 1,000 words but fewer than 1,500 words in length and must be typewritten and double-spaced. The essays will be judged on accuracy of information, originality, neatness, arrangement, subject matter, grammar and spelling. Additional points are awarded for each applicant's scholastic record, school activities, community involvement and future plans.

All essays must be received by the District Office located at 603 E. First (P.O. Box 795) in Dumas by 5 p.m. on April 2, 2001. Any essay which is found to be a resubmission of a previous winning essay will be disqualified.

Any students who are interested in entering the contest may obtain additional contest and resource information from the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

### Panhandle Professional Writers Meeting

Panhandle Professional Writers encourage writers, teachers and anyone wanting to learn to write more economically to attend their meeting Saturday, March 17, 2001 at the Amarillo Senior Citizen's Center at 1217 S. Tyler.

Short story writer Joyce Larsen will discuss the elements of writing concisely and Cheryl Webster will talk about battling writer's block.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$5 for non-members only but is waived for anyone joining PPW. Winners of the PPW's annual writer's contest will be announced at the conference. Deadline for the contest is March 15.

## Rylant Retires From H&H Water Well

H&H Water Well Service, Inc. would like to extend their best wishes to Bob Rylant upon his retirement.

Mr. Rylant is retiring from H&H Water Well Service after 40 years of service as a bailing rig foreman.

"Bob was a loyal, valuable, trustworthy, conscientious and fun-loving employee," said Jerry Holton.

Another employee commented that "Bob always helped other employees' jobs go easier."

Mr. Rylant was born and raised in Ponca City, OK. He has been married to Dolores (Dodd) Rylant since June of 1956. They have five daughters, Kim Wright of Perkins, OK, Pam Archer of Amarillo, Kellie Hart of Gruver, Nikki Lozano of Spearman, and Shannon Perry of Carnegie, OK and 11 grandchildren.

After retirement, Mr. Rylant plans to visit his family and enjoy the life of leisure. He is an avid fisherman, and enjoys working in the yard and making improvements on his home. He and his wife enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and cheering them on in their extra-curricular activities.



Jerry Holton, Bob Rylant, and Don Moore



Bob Rylant stands next to the bailing rig he worked on at H&H Water Well Service, Inc.

## Severe Weather Awareness Week Set For March 4-10

The National Weather Service, along with the Department of Emergency Management of Texas and Oklahoma have proclaimed Sunday, March 4 through Saturday, March 10 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Since 1950, there have been 57 deaths and hundreds of injuries as a result of tornadoes across the Panhandle. While there were only 8 tornadoes reported across the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandle last year, considerable damage did occur. Long range forecasts indicate that this spring will likely be more severe than last. Flash floods and lightning were also responsible for two deaths in the Texas Panhandle last year, along with millions of dollars of damage from hail and strong thunderstorm downburst winds.

On April 7, The Amarillo Weather Service and the Amarillo Department of Emergency Management will host a Severe Weather Workshop to be held at the Civic Center open to the public and free of charge. The Workshop will feature a panel discussion of local TV meteorologists, questions and answer time as well as other authorities on severe weather and tornadoes.

For more information, call the Amarillo National Weather Service at (806) 335-1121.

## Bruce Ayres: HSU Development Officer, Church Relations Director

Bruce Ayres, who came to Hardin-Simmons University in 1994 as director of church relations, is now serving as development officer in the University Advancement area and in church relations.

A native of Gruver, Texas, he operated his own farming-ranching business for over 14 years following a stint of teaching school and writing and performing music in Nashville, Tennessee.

A 1967 HSU graduate with studies in English, speech, drama and education, he has also served in church youth and music ministry positions. Ayres was involved in

music evangelism for many years and has sung and performed after-dinner entertainment for church and civic groups for over 40 years.

He served at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, 1985-1994 as development officer and director of denominational relations, working in all areas of fund-raising.

His wife, Martha, also attended HSU. The Ayreses are members of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church in Abilene. They have two grown sons, Barris, who has a Christian counseling ministry in Grapevine, and Luke, a 1999 HSU graduate who is a musician in Nashville.



## Hansford Hospital To Take Over Skilled Nursing Facility

The Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility will be discontinued as of April 1, 2001 according to a recent decision by the Hansford Hospital Board of Directors.

On February 26, 2001, the board decided that the need for these services was being met by the Hospital Swing Bed program at Hansford Hospital.

Post-hospital care is available in two forms as a limited Medicare benefit: in a nursing home setting and in a hospital setting.

According to Pete Alberty, Hansford Hospital CEO, the services are identical.

"Hansford Hospital is well-equipped to meet the rehabilitation therapy and extensive nursing needs of Medicare recipients following a hospitalization," said Alberty.

Hansford Hospital has Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology and

Respiratory Therapy services available.

"It is not necessary to remain in Amarillo for these services when one can receive them from highly skilled, dedicated staff right here at home," said Mr. Alberty.

Because of extensive changes in Medicare payments to nursing homes for the Skilled Nursing Facility program were enacted by Congress, many facilities were forced to close down their programs, including that of BSA in Amarillo.

Identical services under Hospital-based Swing Bed are paid on a cost-reimbursement basis.

"Swing bed was designed specifically for rural hospitals like ours," said Mr. Alberty. "It just makes sense to preserve our precious financial resources and better utilize our hospital building and nursing staff, while still giving our

patients the same level of services."

Swing Bed will cover such types of services as post-surgical wound care, pressure sore treatment, physical strengthening, gain training, post-stroke rehabilitation, teaching and training for self-care, IV therapy and speech therapy.

Medically-necessary services provided following a three-day hospital stay are a benefit of the Medicare program. Up to 100 days of this type of care per benefit period are available, depending on the medical need. Co-payments apply from the 21st day through the 100th day.

Services such as outpatient therapies, lab and x-ray are not effected by this decision.

Medicare beneficiaries are encouraged to contact Mr. Alberty, Hospital CEO or Lelia Bynum, Swing Bed Coordinator at 659-2535 or 733-2954.

## Spearman Airport Receives Funding for Improvements

Funding for planned improvements to the Spearman Municipal Airport are on the way following action last week by the Texas Transportation Commission.

The commission approved \$890,860 for plans to upgrade the airport's facilities. The grant was part of a larger funding package that awarded \$6 million for 26 community airports in Texas.

"Community airports play a crucial role by providing air transportation access to all areas of our state," said Dave Fulton, aviation director for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Improvements to the Spearman Municipal Airport include pavement improvements to the runway and taxiways, and installation of precision path indicators, which serve as aircraft navigational aids.

"I am very pleased to learn of this significant allocation of dollars that the Texas Department of Transportation has awarded the city of Spearman," said State Senator Teel Bivins. "Whatever the state can do to make community airports safer for the pilots who use them is money well spent."

Construction can begin within 60 days after a contract has been awarded.

Ten percent of the projects' cost will be picked up by the city of Spearman. The remainder will be covered through TxDOT's Aviation Facilities Grant Program.

This year, TxDOT expects to provide approximately \$60 million in funding for planning, constructing and maintaining community airports. There are approximately 275 community airports in Texas eligible for funding.

Nearly 8% of all general aviation aircraft in the U.S. are located in Texas - placing the state second in the nation.

Community airports log more than 3 million flight hours per year and provide aircraft facilities for agricultural, medical, business and commuter use.

## Ag Commissioner Reminds Producers About Linked Deposit Program

Farmers and ranchers who suffered agricultural losses from the December ice storms will be able to get help from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Linked Deposit Program, according to Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

To be eligible for the Linked Deposit Program, producers must have suffered an agricultural loss in a county that has received a Presidential or Secretarial Disaster Declaration due to a natural disaster. Those eligible must also have a loan approved by an eligible lender who then will submit the completed application to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority for approval. If approved the rate on the bank's loan would be reduced to an interest rate that is established at the time of closing. The maximum loan amount financed for disaster relief under the Linked Deposit Program is \$250,000.

The Linked Deposit Program can also assist producers with water conservation projects such as brush control or for the purchase of water conservation equipment.

For more information on the Linked Deposit Program, contact the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority at the Texas Department of Agriculture at (512) 475-1614.

Laugh  
and  
Live



by Catherine R. Smith  
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Someone sent me the following story. I can't remember who it was, but I thought it was worth sharing. Thank you to whoever it was who sent it to me.

### Leafage & Rootage

American President Woodrow Wilson once pointed out that "a man's rootage is more important than his leafage." What others see are the leaves, the outside. What they can't see are the roots, the values and principles that ground a person. Character is grown from a good system of roots.

No one believed in the solid "rootage," the character, of President Jimmy Carter more than his own mother, "Miss Lillian." She was aware of her son's reputation for honesty which had become a topic of curiosity among many politicians and even reporters. During a 1986 speech at the University of Tennessee, Jody Powell told a story about a television reporter who grilled Miss Lillian on this topic. "Is it true," asked the reporter, "that your son doesn't lie? Can you tell me he has never told a lie?"

"Well, I reckon he might have told a little white lie now and then," replied Miss Lillian.

The reporter spotted the opening. "I thought you said he didn't lie!" she exclaimed. "Are you telling me that white lies aren't as bad as black lies? Just what do you mean by a white lie?"

"Well," drawled Miss Lillian, "do you remember when you came in this morning and I told you how nice you looked and how glad I was to see you...?"

Jimmy Carter has tried to develop a strong and principled inner life. This is character.

People of character have both the strength and grace to give their best to the world.

To their enemy they will give forgiveness. To an outsider, understanding. To a friend, their heart. To their child, a good example. To their mate, faithfulness. To their parent, respect. To themselves, gentleness. To all people, kindness.

Strong roots produce a strong character. And a strong character is needed to give one's best to life. When the tree's roots are well-tended, the leaves will be full and healthy.

If I can throw a single ray of light  
Across the darkened pathway of another;  
If I can aid some soul to clearer sight of life and duty,  
And thus bless my brother;

If I can wipe from any human cheek a tear,  
I shall not have lived my life in vain while here.

If I can guide some erring one to truth,  
Inspire within his heart a sense of duty;  
If I can plant within my soul of rosy youth a sense of right,  
A love of truth and beauty;

If I can teach one man that God and heaven are near,  
I shall not then have lived in vain while here.

If from my mind I banish doubt and fear,  
And keep my life attuned to love and kindness;  
If I can scatter light and hope and cheer,  
And help remove the curse of mental blindness;

If I can make more joy, more hope, less pain,  
I shall not have lived and loved in vain.

If by life's roadside I can plant a tree,  
Beneath whose shade some wearied head may rest,  
Though I may never share its beauty,  
I shall yet be truly blest

Though no one knows my name,  
Nor drops a flower upon my grave,  
I shall not have lived in vain while here.

Author Unknown.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26  
Catherine :)

# Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



## Think Outside The Box, But Don't Lose The Box

Recently, an old friend and business associate came by to see my new office. While we were visiting he threw out this little gem of wisdom. He said, "I know you've got to think outside the box, but somebody has to stay in the box or it will blow away."

Every year I work with business owners who become so enamored with new ideas that they forget to take care of the customers who are paying the bills. I believe in forward thinking, and I certainly believe in thinking outside the box. However, if you forget to guard your box it may blow away or a competitor may take it from you.

Small-business owners seem to struggle with this concept. Some know they must change, but are reluctant. Others spend so much time creating change that they create nothing of value. Both types are likely to go broke in today's environment.

When I think of resistance to change, I remember a little story regarding President Martin Van Buren. Seven years before he became president, Van Buren wrote a letter to then president Andrew Jackson complaining that the new-fangled railroads were threatening the canal system of the states. Van Buren pointed out that if railroads replaced its canals, serious unemployment would result and America would lose its ability to defend itself.

Van Buren wrote this paragraph in fierce resistance to this technological change: "As you may well know, railroad carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by engines, which in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed."

Ah, Mr. President, if you could only see us now. Hurting through space at the speed of sound. Yes, the times are still changing.

**Change Is Positive**  
Change is positive but needs balance to succeed. We can still stand in our box while we're thinking outside it.

The best possible attitude you can take toward change is to embrace it. Don't try to resist change because you can no more

stop it than you can hold back a river by standing in it. The water will pass you by. So it is with change. You may advance your business by learning to swim with the current. Use change to get ahead, accomplish more and travel faster.

Your objective must be to master change. Learning about life and life's lessons gives you a real competitive advantage. Since change is the only constant in life, we will benefit if we learn more about it.

The learning process is only the beginning. Knowledge (the product of learning) is ineffective without action. I know a few folks so filled with knowledge that they can talk about anything. However, what you know should never prevent you from doing what needs to be done. When you know what to do, get right after it. While learn-

ing never stops, you must supercede talking with action.

**Swim Upstream**  
Sometimes change means going against established trends. Sometimes you may have to swim upstream. Regardless of the latest fads, you'll find that doing the right thing is more important than doing things right. For example, stealing a car - no matter how well you do it - is not a right or proper thing to do.

Always ask yourself, "Is this fair to everyone?" "Is it honest?" "Would I show to appear on a national TV show and defend my decisions?" If you can answer yes to these questions, you're learning about positive change. Your actions are appropriate and you will be making the right changes.

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# Happy Birthday!

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**March 8**  
**Birthday** - Patty Cator, Drew Grotegut, Mike McLain, Bill Harnish, Melvin Swene, Kirby McAdams, Deana Shields, Dee Allen, Steve Cruse, Candi Delozier, Ben Cook, Colby Red, Eric Olsen, Rae Lynn Cook, Cindee Thomas, Christi Clift, Michelle Schick

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Wagner

**March 9**  
**Birthday** - Roy Byrd, Craig Cooper, Tommy Henson, Elizabeth Holt, John Brown, Mary Lou Vela, Amy Tucker, Jerry Younger, Cole Ivey, Aletha Lesley, Deann Turner, Karla Acton, Brandon Hathaway, Vickie Urban, Nita Byrd, Richard Barnhart

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. John Knowles, Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Boone, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Wheelock

**March 10**  
**Birthday** - Shanna Jarvis, Sandy Kirby, Debby Odom, Perry Lamb, Tucker Williams, Roy Uptergrove, Ricky Reger, Reba Ooley, Pam Hart, Shane Pearce, Eugene Barnes, Jr. Barnes, Felipe Lozano, Michael Lozano, Melinda Taylor, Sandy Spivey, Curtis Pearson, Jennifer Keim, Summer Fernandez, Kellyn King

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mosier

**March 11**  
**Birthday** - Ila Jo Hart, Daniel Rojas, Nina Hendricks, Dorothy Buzzard, Monty Dixon, Bob Breedson, Sandi Holt, David Ortega, Willie Jones

**Anniversary** - Buddy & Amber Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Brumlett

**March 12**  
**Birthday** - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, J.L. Griffin, Sammi Johnson, Makenzie Crane, Katie Hintergardt

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hoel, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Henson

**March 13**  
**Birthday** - Fran Duncan, Bonnie Frick, Gene Leatherman, Brady Tidwell,

Vernon Pipkin, Gary Pracher, Roy Flowers, Shannon Holton, Chuck Fletcher, Lynell Williams, Kevin Bynum, Gretchen Collinsworth, Jerry Garcia, Dolores Moreno, Larry Butts, Hadley Fletcher, LeAnn Sheets, Thomas Cain, Pam Mayfield

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Willie Vasquez, Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Acker, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Vasquez Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Jim Dick Goodall

**March 14**  
**Birthday** - Sue Gerardy, Chris Johnson, Brandy Shelton, Buck Tidwell, Edward Papay, Steve Cook, Barbara Brown, Reagan Renner, James Ray Barimus, David Terry, Kelly Mills, Curtis Dudley, Mike Wilhelm, Madison Williams

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bishard, Mr. & Mrs. James Kinniard

**March 15**  
**Birthday** - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Varnon, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones, Cleo George, Trenton Finley

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Roberston, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bynum, Mr. & Mrs. Joe T. Venneman

**March 16**  
**Birthday** - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Bates, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Suzanne Schad, Hadley Spivey

**Anniversary** - Carey & Denice Bridges, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Womble

**March 17**  
**Birthday** - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elwana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Joe Baca, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown, Makayla Wheelock

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ooley, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Christy

**March 18**  
**Birthday** - Danny Henson, Bill Burger, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Percy, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bullard

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### Manuel Desantiago

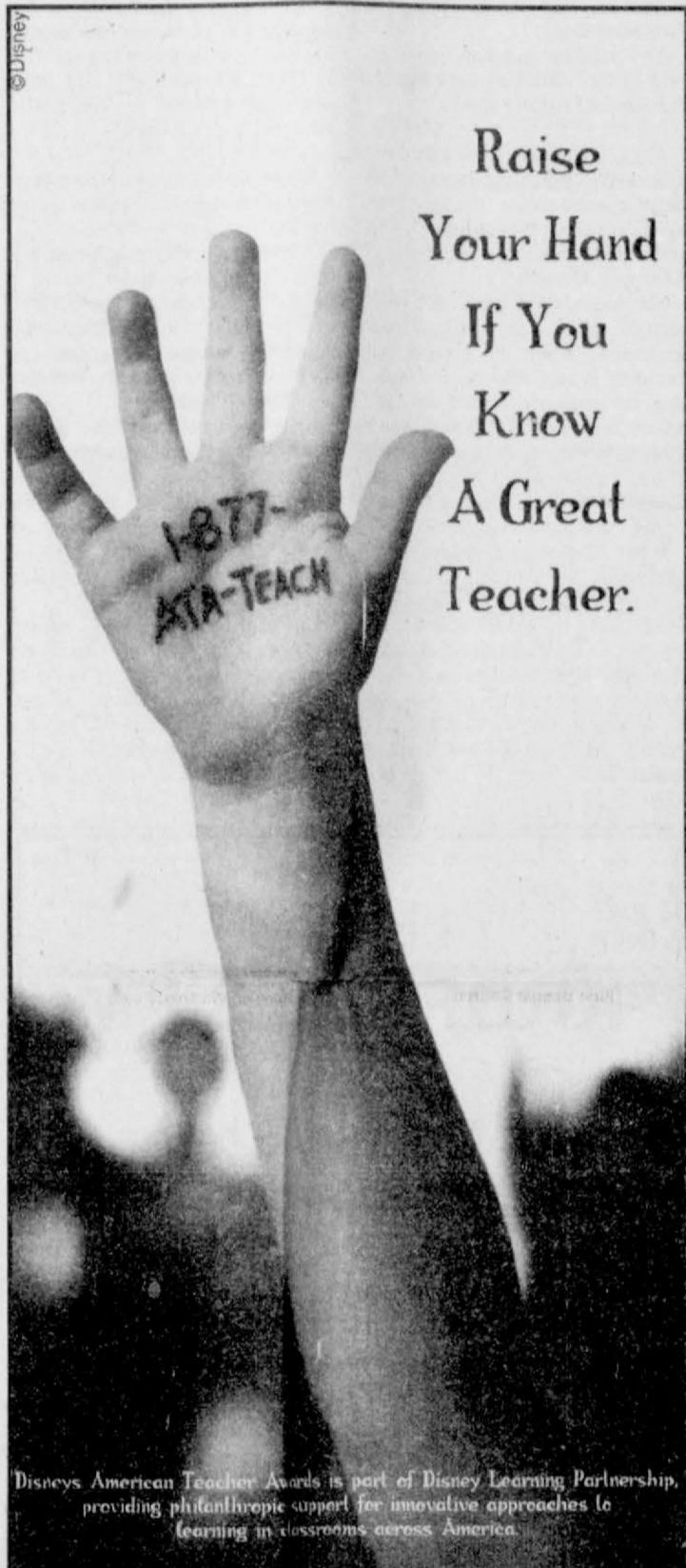
Manuel Desantiago, 55, died Friday, March 2, 2001 in Dumas. Services were Sunday, March 4, 2001 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Cactus, Texas with Father Darryl Birkenfeld officiating. Interment was at Gruver Cemetery.

Mr. Desantiago was born September 22, 1945 in Chihuahua, Mexico. He was a former longtime Hansford County resident. He was also a resident of Moore County since 1978. He married Edwige Rojas on August 22, 1971 in Mexico. He was employed at ConAgra Beef Packing Plant.

Survivors include: his wife, one brother, Ruben Desantiago of Gruver; and four sisters, Estefana of Mexico, Madel Rugufo Lebario of Las Cruces, N.M., Juanita Romero of Childress and Maria Estela Rodriguez of Cactus.

## Thank You

The family of Fred Holt would like to thank the 911 operator, the Emergency Medical Team, and Deputy Lance Swan. We appreciate your speedy arrival and valiant effort to try and save Fred's life on such a foggy night. Thank you Hansford County.



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## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from February 1st through April 15th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

### Genealogy Society

The Hansford County Genealogy Club has changed their meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., starting with March 20, 2001. The meetings are held at the Hansford County Library.

### March Breast Cancer Screening in Spearman

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at 712 S. Roland in Spearman on March 26, 2001.

### Police Department Asking For Cell Phones

The Spearman Police Department, the Gruver Police Department and the Sheriff's Department are asking for cell phones for their Operation 911 program to put cell phones in the hands of all Spearman, Gruver and Morse teachers. Turn in handheld cell phones at the Sheriff's Department or call 659-4140 or 733-2901 for pickup.

### Free Golf Clinic

A Free Golf Clinic will be offered at Hansford Golf Course for Hansford County high school students. Participants must provide their own golf clubs. Following are the instructors for this clinic: Eddie Clemmons - putting, Danny Womble - chipping, Keith Hight - irons, Troy James - driving. For more information, or to sign up, call Troy James at 659-3004, or Charlie Salgado at 659-2233 after Wednesday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### Rushing Wind to Meet in Spearman

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet on Saturday, March 10, 2001 in the First Christian Church in Spearman. A fellowship potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by a praise and worship service and sponsor's training. The Board of Directors will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. Friends and family are welcome and a nursery will be provided.

### Frank Phillips College Spring Break

Frank Phillips College offices will be closed for Spring Break from Monday, March 12 through Friday, March 16, 2001. Offices will re-open at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 19, 2001.

### Frank Phillips College Summer & Fall Schedules

Sneak Peak Schedules for Summer and Fall will be available on the FPC website ([www.fpc.cc.tx.us](http://www.fpc.cc.tx.us)) under class offerings) the week of March 5th. Pre-registration for the May Mini-Term, Summer and Fall is scheduled for April 18 & 19 in the Library Building.

### Hansford Hospice Volunteers to Meet

Hansford Hospice Volunteers will meet Monday, March 12, 2001 at the Church of Christ Fellowship hall at 7 p.m. for a covered dish supper with the Hospice class that is currently in session. Members are asked to bring a covered dish.

### Spearman Dairy Queen's Kiss The Ferret Project

Saturday, March 10, 2001 is the deadline to donate money to the Kiss the Ferret Project. All proceeds go to the Children's Miracle Network sponsored by the Spearman Dairy Queen. On March 17, 2001 at 2 p.m., Carma Dorton will kiss the ferret if the money is collected. She will kiss four ferrets if the money is doubled. Spearman Dairy Queen will also feature \$.99 mint blizzards on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

### "Pathways" At Harrington Cancer Center

The Supportive Care Division of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Pathways" a four-part support series for those who have lost a loved one. The sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the Amphitheater of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Boulevard. Following are the titles of this month's sessions: March 13 - "The Four Tasks of Grieving," March 20 - "Anger, Guilt and Other Problems," March 27 - "Finding Your Way Again." To register call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673 or (800) 274-4673, ext. 235.

### "Dialogue" At Harrington Cancer Center

Dialogue is offered on Thursdays from Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater - 2nd Floor. Listed below are the topics for this month's sessions: March 8 - Open Forum - facilitated by Gerry Kelly and Stan McKeever; March 15 - "Thinking Your Way Through Chemotherapy" - managing the side effects of treatment - Stan McKeever; March 22 - "Getting Help at Home" - programs and services available through home health-care - Laura Reyher; March 29 - "Simply Wonderful" - how simplifying can improve your life - Cinda Courtney

### Project Graduation 2001

Parents of the Senior Class of 2001 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement services on Friday May 25th. To encourage the seniors to stay the entire night, the last activity is an auction. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the auction. Contact Lenis Simpson at 659-2052 or 659-2852 or Ginger and Bill Pittman at 659-2847 or 659-5544.

### Calligraphy for Beginners

This short class will introduce you to the fine art of calligraphy. Using special pens students will learn the italic alphabet and learn to use this art to design their own cards and invitations. If you are interested in this class, call the Community Resource Office at 659-3233 and let Cindy know. Time and class dates will be determined at a later date. Maxine Little will be the instructor.

### Power Wheelchairs Available

Miracle on Wheels makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (66 years old & up) usually at no out of pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required. The electric wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self propel a manual wheelchair in their home or independent living quarters and who meet the additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. Please call 1-400-749-8778 or visit our web site at [www.durablemedical.com](http://www.durablemedical.com) for more information on the details of this program.

### Musical Jam Session At Golden Spread Senior Center

The Golden Spread Senior Center, 502 S. Brandt, is hosting musical jam sessions on the first Thursday night of every month from 7 - 9:30 p.m. All musicians and singers are welcome as well as those who like to just come and listen. And yes, toe-tapping and clapping are allowed. Come on down - you won't be sorry you came. Call Kathy at 659-3866 with any questions.

## Thank You

The family of John and Janice Boney wants to express our thanks and appreciation to all of you who have demonstrated your care and concern in so many ways at this sad time. Your support and sympathy following the death of Janice Boney we will not forget. Then so many of you in Sunray, Gruver, Spearman and Amarillo have provided transportation and companionship for John's mother to spend time at the Lubbock Burn Center with her son. Your prayers and good wishes mean the world to us.

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## Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

After many months, some years, at last an available liver was found for Leah Baker. She underwent a transplant last Wednesday - February 28 at Methodist Hospital in Houston. Leah, 21, has a rare blood type which has contributed to the difficulty in finding an organ that could be used.

Her mother Cassie Baker and grandmother, Charlesie Baker have been with her for weeks. Her

grandfather, Billy Baker, flew down for the operation and flew back on Saturday.

Leah appears to be responding well and Mrs. Baker is expected home in a few days. She hopes to be home and rested for the Saturday bridal shower for another granddaughter, Laci Baker.

Donetta Greene returned from Tulsa where she had been for

more than a week with her mother, Edna Scroggs Owens. Mrs. Owens had undergone hip replacement and was in a hospital in Tulsa.

She now lives in Coweta, near Tulsa and is already walking with a walker. Donetta returned to Spearman on Wednesday during the ice and snowstorm and it was a long, slow drive, but a safe drive home.

Roy and Denise Harbour spent the first weekend of spring break at Red River. They and the children spent a pleasant weekend doing some skiing and some snowmobiling.

Superintendent Rod and Penny Sumner, and sons Kolby and Keith, drove to Corpus Christi Friday after school for spring break. They attended Penny's sister's 25th wedding anniversary reception, then Penny flew back late Saturday.

Mr. Sumner and sons spent the rest of the week there visiting old friends and fishing some.

Mickey Davis Gribble called her father, Willard Davis, late after the Seattle earthquake. Mickey lives at Centralia, Washington - 38 miles from Seattle - and close to Olympia, Oregon.

She teaches 5th grade at a rural school about ten miles from Centralia. When the ground and building started moving and shaking, her students immediately got under their desks. Mickey didn't realize what was happening until it was over, but her students did. She took the students outside and school was dismissed early.

When she arrived at her home, she was relieved to find little damage - some glasses and dishes had fallen from the cabinets and were shattered. There was no structural damage. Her families and their homes also escaped damage. Information was that the epicenter was closer to Centralia than to Seattle.

Another Spearman connection to the earthquake was Charles Bogle and family, son of Elmer and Nora Delozier. The Bogles live in Lynnwood, north of Seattle, but both work in nearby Kent. One of their daughters lives in Douglas and all felt the earthquake but were relieved there was no real damage to their homes, but moved dishes and small household objects. Another daughter lives in Idaho and they also felt the earthquake.

Betty Clifford of Ingersol, Ontario, Canada has been visiting her parents Edith and John Pipkin, also other relatives for two weeks.

She and her parents attended First Baptist Church on Sunday where she greeted old friends. She pleased the congregation with one of her inspiring solos.

All those who have heard Betty sing are glad to know that she has made a CD of her solos - mostly the old favorite gospel songs. She is leaving some CD's and tapes with her parents for sale, also some with Carol Pack.

Reports from some of the groups making ski trips during the spring break:

A group of senior youth returned Saturday from a snowy outing in the Rockies under the sponsorship of the First United Methodist Church. Adults accompanying them were Lyn and Joey Woolley and Betty Womble.

Lyn, their son Brady and Randy Duffy left Monday and went to Denver to check out Colorado State University. They met the rest of the group Wednesday and all spend the next three days at Eldoro, New Mexico for skiing and snowmobiling.

In addition to those named above making the trip were: Dusty Vinson, John Brock, Nicholas Benton, Lance Baker, Amber Elliot, Nicole Ramon, Jessica Crossland, Mandie Hunter, Jentry Edwards, Sami Cazares and Clara

Shieldknight.

The Methodist Junior High group enjoyed a ski and snowboarding trip leaving on Monday and returning on Wednesday. They went to Angel Fire. Sponsors accompanying them were Linda Cummings, Kelly and Darryl Chambers. The boys were Jeffrey Jackson, Brian Close, Jarick Howard, Josh Evans, Ryan Ramon, Brandon Sauz and Courtney Evans, daughter of the Chambers.

From the flat prairies to the high mountain tops went a group of Junior High students from the First Baptist Church. They left on Friday and returned on Monday. Adults joining in the fun and fellowship with them were Brian Foster, David Wood and Mary and Buford Baker.

Students enjoying the snow activities were: Jacob Jones, Brock Town, Roy John Bulls, Steven Vaquero, Jeff Brock, Wayne Gibson, Isaac Herndon, Kylie McGaha, Tracy Brown, Sam Duffy, Christen Ferguson, Miranda Paul, Brodie Savage and Linzi McCubbin - all returned without one broken bone between them.

Enjoying the spring as much as any of her students, Karen and Richey Thompson left Monday and arrived Tuesday at Ruidoso,

New Mexico. They were guests of Robbie and Larry Butts who have a vacation home there.

They returned by Abilene and visited Toby and Ashley Thompson and little Gailie.

Virginia Head, Delinda and Dana McLaughlin returned Sunday from several days in Denver. They had planned to drive up last Wednesday, but due to the storm, they left Thursday but still had icy highways to Stratford.

They were going to Denver to visit Jay Head, Garland's brother who was seriously ill. However he passed away before their arrival. They remained for his funeral. Ronnie and Della Head from Carlsbad also attended.

Jay was known in Spearman as he had visited here many times.

The dreadful accident on Saturday afternoon south of Borger which took the lives of four teenagers included that of 16-year-old Lynley Herbert, of Borger.

She was the niece of Stephanie Brock of Spearman. Sympathy is extended to the family in this tragic accident.

Weather as reported by Dwayne's accurate records show for the week of 2-26 to 7 a.m. 3-5 - the high was 66 degrees on 3-3; the low was 18 degrees on 2-27; moisture .18 with 1 inch of snow.

## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--March 5, 2001--45.6 feet

A lot of the bridge is now showing. That makes it nicer for the crappie fishermen, but the fish they are catching are too small to keep.

The water temperature was 43 degrees this morning, but the crappie like it warmer for spawning.

Spring is playing tag with us, and winter is still coming back at times. Jim had a camper on the office side, more fishermen are trying their luck, and the pretty days bring out a few boats.

The birds that are winter visitors are leaving now. There were only 5 bald eagles this morning, but some years they are all gone by this time. The lone white pelican is still here, but it has moved from Horse Creek out into the Lake. Mandy and Jim are seeing fewer birds at their feeder, but the female merlin did perch on their high line for a few moments.

Sybil Miller of Spearman loaned me some of Carrie Wells Cotter's Memoirs to copy for my files. Part of the Memoirs are in the Hansford County Volume I on page 402-3, but there were some stories that were not included. The date of an event was not important to Mrs. Cotter, an early day schoolteacher who taught many of the children of the early day settlers in the county.

This story involves Cap Bernstein, one of the colorful early settlers. Mrs. Cotter wrote:

"The second year I taught they put in a fourth school in Hansford County.

"To it came 21 children. Near school were twenty wild antelope in two bunches--ten in each bunch. The schoolhouse was not quite finished when school began.

I named it 3Grand Plains2. [1902] Among the students were the children of Frank Wilmeth who had just come to the Plains and settled three miles from this school. Three of his children attended--Walter, Hattie, and Ken. Walter is today a leading cowman in this country.

"Several children and myself lost our way while trying to reach the schoolhouse--about eleven the fog lifted and we reached school. One boy about eleven was missing, never reached school until later. He rode six miles every day. His father took a team and plowed a furrow to school then skipped about six feet before plowing back home, so the boy had no more trouble being lost."

In another place she listed Art Bernstein as one of her students; he should have been about eleven in 1902, and this sounds like something Cap Bernstein would do to protect his son. As Mr. Bernstein was a sea captain for many years before buying land where Bernstein is now located, he had brought some equipment that helped him forecast the coming weather.

Omar Cotter told me that his mother said she would turn out school early if Art didn't come to school. If the barometer and whatever else he used predicted a storm, Art stayed home, and Carrie Wells trusted Cap's judgment.

I have not been able to locate the section where the Grand Plains school was built. Another clue besides the 6 miles Art rode and the 3 miles from the Wilmeth place was that Carrie Wells roomed with the John Walker family and rode 4.5 miles to school.

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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## Delegation to Represent Gruver

Gruver was represented by six local delegates at Panhandle Day at the state capitol in Austin on Wednesday. Johnnie Williams, Chad Logsdon, Kevin Babbs, Cathy Davis, Janet Williams, and Linda Weller began the day with a meeting in the Texas Senate Chambers for the reading of the Panhandle Day Resolution and then in the Texas House Chambers. During lunch at the Omni Austin Hotel, area legislators addressed the group.

Later in the afternoon, the delegation was able to meet with legislators and address issues important to the Panhandle.

The top four legislative concerns expressed by the group were Agriculture - support legislation to allow creation of rural economic development initiatives and subsequent funding; and Economic Development - support maintaining the authorizing legislation under which the economic development sales tax is adopted and administered. They also expressed resistance to any effort to modify the statute which would reduce local control, increase state reporting requirements, or otherwise limit the ways in which the tax revenue may be used.

In the area of Groundwater Resources - they advocated support legislation that preserves reasonable management of groundwater resources on a local or regional basis.

Concerning Higher Education - the group sought support funding of the state's community colleges to 100% of the state funding formula. In specific regard to West Texas A&M University, the Panhandle group supported coordinating board formula recommendation, the funding for faculty and staff salary increases, and the use of estimated funding for group insurance premiums. They also sought deregulation to the full time equivalent employee cap, travel expenditure cap, and relief from regulatory control of pur-

chases, contract reporting and delegated authority on contract amounts. They also asked for increased exceptional item funding for the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum to reduce the impact of the new infrastructure formula. They also sought increased funding for alternative energy research, a new biotechnology research effort, the Integrated Pest Management program, agribusiness economic development and Internet based distance learning.

The Panhandle delegation also supported West Texas A&M University TRB projects which include a fine arts complex, the second phase of the special events center, a life safety initiative, and the construction of a teaching/research facility in Amarillo.

Finally, the group supported the funding request by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center system which would provide funds for the completion of the current TTUHSC projects in Amarillo and the training of health care providers for the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Panhandle Day is observed in the state capitol biennially.

## GJHS Honors Students

Four Gruver Junior High School students have been selected as Citizens of the Six Weeks for the fourth six weeks.

The students are chosen as those who best exemplify the qualities necessary to be a good citizen.

The students are in fifth grade - Jose Huerta, six grade - Saul Pandey, seventh grade - Allison Reid, and eighth grade - Brittanee Osbourne.

## Former Resident Update

Clayton Acker, now a senior at Bronte High School, was a member of the Bronte boys basketball team which competed in the sectional tournament at Levelland.

Lance Hallum was in attendance

at the Hounds' basketball game at Levelland. Lance is currently attending Lubbock Christian College and is a member of the LCU basketball team.

The barrow of Bethany Soloman the daughter of Judy and Craig Soloman and a senior at Vega High School, placed in the top five in its weight division at the Houston Stock Show.

Todd Hiles, the husband of Tasha Haight Hiles, was spotted on a television news story by many Gruver residents, as he stood beside President George Bush, at the dedication of the ship named in memory of Ronald Reagan. Hiles is a member of the United States Secret Service.

Lauren Pringle, the three-year-old daughter of former resident Brad Pringle, was scheduled to undergo her third surgery in mid February.

Lauren was injured on December 15, when the car in which she was riding in her buckled car seat, was hit by a driver who ran a stop sign.

The young girl has already had surgery to cut a portion of her skull away to provide for the swelling of her brain. The surgery on February 16 was to drain fluid off her brain.

According to her father, Lauren will need at least one additional surgery to replace a piece of missing bone in her head.

The youngster is also fighting Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome.

Lauren's progress following the third surgery has not been reported.

## Seniors to be Honored

Gruver High School seniors will be honored with a meal and entertainment at the Gruver Church of Christ on Monday, March 12.

## Appreciation Expressed

Mothers of the Hounds varsity basketball team express appreciation to Bartlett's Ace Hardware for paint sticks used to make cheer sticks for the sectional tournament, to G&G Foodliner for white butcher paper for spirit signs, and to Gruver Irrigation for the poles used in the construction of a drive-through sign for the boys' bus as the Hounds departed Gruver for the sectional tournament in Levelland.

## First Meets of Season Slated

The Gruver High School tennis team will compete in the Canyon Invitational Meet on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10.

Gruver High School and Junior High thinclads will compete in the Canadian Track Meet on March 9 and 10.

The GHS girls golf team will compete in Shamrock on March 12 while the boys will compete in Shamrock on March 13.

## Get Well Wishes

Elmo McClellan is in hopes of returning to Gruver this week. McClellan has undergone several procedures for heart problems and also had surgery for the repair of his rotator cuff.

Peggy Casdorff is currently undergoing work-ups for a possible liver transplant.

John Robinson underwent

bypass surgery and also valve replacement. Both procedures went well.

Little Ella Speck underwent extensive heart tests on February 26. She also underwent a heart catheter procedure on February 27.

Linda Walters was transferred by ambulance last week to Amarillo. She is currently home and seeking to upgrade her platelet count for further testing procedures.

## Moore Recognized

Jared Mark Moore, the son of Ann Moore, was named to the President's Honor Roll at Texas Tech University.

The President's Honor Roll is comprised of students who maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average while completing 12 or more semester hours of study.

## Blood Drive Slated

A blood drive has been slated for March 14, in the Home Economics Department of Gruver High School from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

## UIL Competitions Set

The GHS one-act play will compete at the west zone competition in Vega, Tuesday, March 20, at 1:30 p.m. in Vega.

All other UIL academic contests will be on Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 22 at Amarillo College.

## GJHS Raises Funds

The students of Gruver Junior High raised \$761.19 in the Pennies for Patients program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma

Foundation.

## GJHS Students Attend Game

Twelve students who were selected good citizens of the six weeks during the first semester of school were honored by the Amarillo Rattlers Hockey team.

The students were accompanied to the Rattlers game by GJHS Principal Ann Moore. The group was given Rattlers T-shirts, and also recognized during halftime of the game.

## Gruver Good Guy named

A senior on the Lady Hounds basketball team suffered a torn ACL in her knee near mid-season. For most players, the injury would have been a season-ending one, yet this young lady chose to finish her year in basketball. Fitted with a special brace, she was an important part of the Lady Hound team that had a perfect district record, then went on to win bi-district honors before ending the season with a loss in the sectional tournament.

Several times in games she collided the gym floor. Obviously in pain, she would pick herself up, usually refusing assistance, and resume play.

While playing with an injury is not a course that many would choose or that is even recommended, for her dedication and commitment, Sammie Stavlo is chosen as a Gruver Good Guy.

Thanks to all the Grapevine readers who missed this column last week. My boss, Cathy Smith, was kind enough to allow me to attend the Houston Stock Show last week.

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# Spearman High School Sports

## 2000 Spearman Lynx Basketball

Date: 2/10/01  
Place: Spearman  
Season Record: 14-15  
Score by Quarters

Lynx	25	13	13	19	70
Sunray	17	11	12	19	59

Date: 2/13/01  
Place: Highland Park  
Season Record: 15-15  
Score by Quarters

Lynx	12	13	16	17	58
High. Park	5	12	12	12	41

Date: 2-20-01  
Place: Palo Duro High - Amarillo  
Season Record: 15-16  
Score by Quarters

Lynx	11	22	19	12	64
Lockney	17	18	16	15	66

### Spring Sports Begin

Spring is in the air and spring sports are just around the corner. Golf, tennis and track will begin shortly and things will get busy again.

Spearman is looking to excellent in just about all of the spring

sports. Let's hope we can have decent weather!  
Good luck to all the athletes!

### Track News

Highland Park had their track meet over our spring break, so Spearman did not have all their athletes at this meet.

Richard Vamon won the gold in the discus with a throw of 159' 11 1/2". Richard also placed second in the shot put with a throw of 47' 6".

Adam Cherry came in 6th place in the mile.

Congratulations to both Adam and Richard on a job well done!

There will be more track action this weekend as all the teams go to Wheeler for the Canadian track meet. (The meet is in Wheeler because Canadian's track is not completed yet.)

### Nollner Makes Academic All-State

Chelsea Nollner has been named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Academic All-State team. This is a very high honor because there were only seven girls named in class 2A. Chelsea is a senior at Spearman High School and is the daughter of Kyle and Jennifer Nollner. Chelsea did a great job for the Lynxettes on the court this year and did an even better job in the classroom. Congratulations Chelsea. We are very proud of you!

## Hansford County Livestock Show

### 2001 Commercial Steer Results

1. Tara Shields, 2. Tabatha Shields, 3. Brittany Morris, 4. Travis Brown, 5. Brad Holt, 6. Tracy Brown, 7. Rachelle Holt, 8. Bailey Reid, 9. Kaylee Holt, 10. Keisha Barton, 11. Clayton Thompson, 12. Jacob Harbour

Brace, Cassie Margrad, Justin Edwards, 9. Seward County #2 - KayLonni Williams, Travis Winchester, Trent Winchester, 10. Spearman Junior - Britta Vanderburg, Rhett Renner, Jordanna Lozano

### High Individual

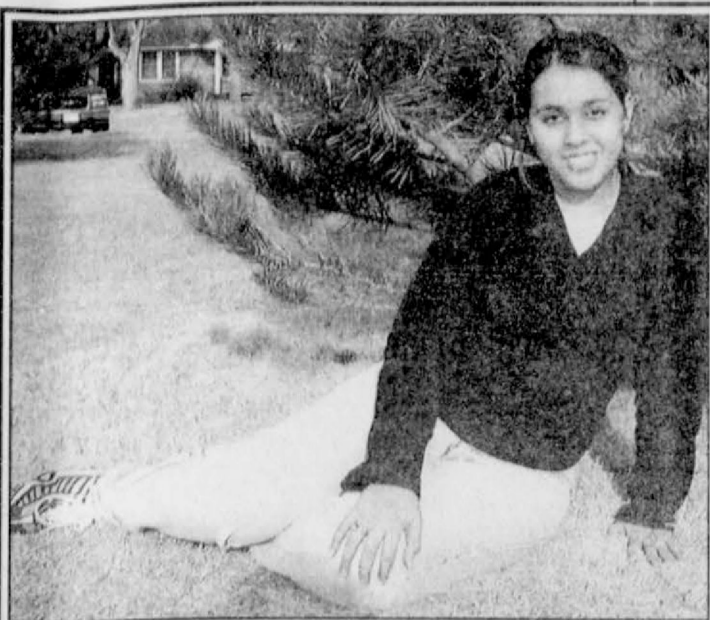
1. Kirby Johnson - Hansford 4-H, 2. Dustin Mackie - Hansford 4-H, 3. Logan Brace - Texhoma Blue, 4. Kendle Moore - Texhoma White, 5. Kyna Shields - Hansford 4-H, 6. Kent Williams - Seward County, 7. Lance Williams - Hansford 4-H, 8. Melody Shields - Hansford 4-H, 9. Justin Wallace - Seward County, 10. Casey Cator - Hansford 4-H

### Adults

1. Craig Clyburn, 2. Lenny Pecha, 3. Marshall Cator, 4. Margaret Reid, 5. Matt Thompson, 6. Justin Lane, 7. Josh Bynum, 8. Lonnie Clemmons, 9. Clay Reid, 10. Alfred Ochoa

### Livestock Judging Teams

1. Hansford 4-H - Melody Shields, Brad Holt, Kirby Johnson, Kyna Shields, 2. Hansford 4-H Junior - Nick Slough, Dustin Mackie, Clete Vanderburg, Lance Williams, 3. Seward County #1 - Kent Williams, Justin Wallace, Trevor Winchester, Brittany Harlow, 4. Texhoma White - Justin James, Ryan Powers, Ole Dahl, Kendle Moore, 5. Hansford 4-H Junior - Charlie Slough, Bailey Reid, Casey Cator, 6. Spearman FFA - T.J. Vasquez, Tim Bynum, Coy Herrington, David Sharp, 7. SWAT - Seth Clemmons, Tyler Lane, Miles Messer, Brian Johnson, 8. Texhoma Blue - Logan



### Gruver ISD Student Of The Month

Monalisa Garcia has been selected as student of the month for the month of December. A member of the National Honor Society, Monalisa assists with ESL (English as a Second Language) classes in Gruver Junior High and the adult classes currently being taught. She has competed in UIL Cross X debate and science team contests and was a member of the GHS band for two years. She is the daughter of Ramon and Connie Garcia.

### Pot O' Gold Dinner & Dance

Saturday, March 17, 2001  
7 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center  
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# Hansford County Sports

## A Winning Tradition!



Thanks to the fine sponsors below, you can follow the Lynx, Lynxettes & Hounds & Lady Hounds in 2000-2001!



### Hounds Pass Bucks To Claim Bi-District Title

In a game which would rival the suspense of a Hollywood movie, the Gruver Greyhounds took bi-district honors with an 51-49 overtime victory over the White Deer Bucks.

After a tied first quarter and two quarters in which the Bucks led by a single point, the Hounds aided by two layups by Cory Schneider and one by Anthony Villalobos led by six points at 2:34 in the fourth quarter.

Fighting back, the Bucks sank a three-point shot at 2:03 and followed with a layup. With Gruver leading by a single point, Brady Hart answered with a bucket, only to have the Bucks pick up one on a free shot as post Jason Shoulders fouled out with 1:04 minutes remaining.

After a Hound missed bucket, the Bucks were able to net a basket and tie the game at 32 seconds. Gruver missed the first end of a one-and-one shot with 72 seconds remaining to put the game in overtime.

The Bucks scored first in overtime on a free throw but were never able to net a basket in the period. Gruver's pull-ahead points came on a layup and free throw by Schneider.

Winning the bi-district title, the Hounds advanced to the sectional tournament in Levelland.

**Score by Quarter**  
Gruver 15 29 44 59  
White Deer 14 26 37 48 49  
**Individual Scoring**  
Shoulders 12, Anthony Villalobos 4, Cory Schneider 17, Kasey Harris 5, Kade Carthel 5, Brady Hart 7, Kirby Johnson 1.

### Hornets End Hounds Hopes

Like Houdini, the second-ranked Lorenzo Hornets were able to make a last-minute escape from the Hounds to take a 63-59 win in the first round of the sectional tournament in Levelland.

Dominating most of the final period, the Hounds saw their five-point lead vanish in the final three minutes of play.

The Hounds trouble began when post Jason Shoulders was called for his fourth foul at 2:53, netting the Hornets a free-throw point.

Missed shots by the Hounds resulted in two turnovers that added four more points for the Hornets to give Lorenzo a one-point lead.

After a successful Hound basket, Shoulders fifth foul was called with 53 seconds remaining. The Hornets added two free shots to move ahead by one.

After a turnover put the Hornets up by three, the Hounds fouled in an attempt for ball control. Sinking both free throws, Lorenzo was up by 5 at 14 seconds.

A Kirby Johnson three-pointer narrowed the margin to 59-61, Lorenzo, with seven seconds remaining. The Hounds tough luck continued as a foul for ball possession netted the Hornets an extra two.

In early action, the Hounds, not intimidated by the ranked Hornets, came out strong and tied the first quarter with a Kasey Harris three-pointer.

After a more-or-less even second quarter, the Hounds began the third quarter with a three-pointer by Anthony Villalobos and went on to lead the stanza by three.

**Score by Quarter**  
Gruver 15 29 44 59  
Lorenzo 15 30 41 63  
**Individual Scoring**  
Jason Shoulders 15, Brady Hart 11, Cory Schneider 10, Kasey Harris 3, Kade Carthel 6, Anthony Villalobos 3, Kirby Johnson 6.

### Lady Hounds Capture Bi-District Title

The Lady Hounds had been there before, but their 74-37 third win over the White Deer Does on Tuesday, February 13, in Fritch, brought with it the sweet sound of a bi-district championship.

In an aggressive first quarter, the Lady Hounds wasted no time in establishing their dominance by sinking a trio of three point shots to gain a substantial lead.

Even when the Lady Hounds' shooting took a cold streak in the second quarter and miscues resulted in several turnovers, a stifling Gruver defense gave up only five points to White Deer.

Senior Lindsay Messer's sizzling shooting attack of 23 points in the game included five three pointers

and a perfect four for four at the free throw line.

With the game under control, the fourth quarter was a celebration for the Lady Hounds who poured in 25 points.

**Score by Quarter**  
Gruver 18 29 49 74  
White Deer 8 13 27 37

**Individual Scoring**  
Amy Watley 13, Lindsay Messer 23, Sammie Stavlo 8, Lisa Johnson 10, Tessa Yanke 6, Brandi Griffin 7, Cassie Myatt 6, Teal Armes 1.  
Free Throws 14 of 17 shots, 82%

### Sudan Stings Lady Hounds

"Float like a butterfly, sting like bee" might describe the Sudan Lady Hornets 42-31 defeat of the Lady Hounds in the first round of the sectional! tournament in Levelland on Friday.

Down by a single point at half time, the Lady Hounds' shooting percentage dropped to 20% in the second half due to a speedy and relentless Lady Hornet defense. In the final period, Gruver was also only 4 of 9 at the stripe. In the early going, Sudan took a five point lead as they ended the first quarter with back-to-back three pointers and a layup from a steal.

Only a total of eight points was scored in the second quarter, six for Gruver and two for Sudan. Gruver post Lisa Johnson netted four of Gruver's points with a shot under the basket and two successful free throws. A turning point came late in the period when a go-ahead basket by Johnson was ruled a charge.

In the second half, Sudan widened its lead to five points early in the third quarter and was able to hold that margin for most of the period. Sophomore Ashley Davidson came in from the Lady Hornets' bench to make two free throws, a layup, and an outside shot to keep Sudan ahead.

Finding the basket with more regularity in the final quarter, the Lady Hounds narrowed their deficit to 6 with a three-pointer by Stavlo at 5:35., but the Gruver would never come closer. Shooting less than 50% from the stripe in the fourth quarter, the Lady Hounds fell further behind with Sudan's deadly free throw accuracy.

**Score by Quarter**  
Gruver 9 15 20 31  
Sudan 14 16 27 42

**Individual Scoring**  
Lindsay Messer 3, Sammie Stavlo 7, Kaylee Holt 2, Amy Watley 4, Lisa Johnson 11, Teal Armes 3, Brandi Griffin 4, Tessa Yanke 1.

Three Point Goals - Stavlo 2  
Fouled Out - Lindsay Messer  
Season Record 23 - 9, District Champs, Bi-District Champs.

### Hounds Rip Riders; Advance to Playoffs

In their third meeting to the year, the Hounds made their dominance known with a 63-38 lashing of Boys Ranch in Fritch on Tuesday, February 13.

With each team boasting a win in their previous meetings, the decisive game for a playoff spot was a physical and emotional battle.

Holding a five-point lead at the first quarter's end, the Hounds upped their margin and confidence with each successive period.

With cold shooting by Boys Ranch, the Hounds, with five players scoring, jumped out to a five-point lead at the first quarter's end.

The Rider's persistence tied the game at 13 with a three-pointer at the five minute mark of the second quarter. Hound Cory Schneider answered with two trademark layups to put the Hounds ahead by 4. Teammate aided to push the Hounds up by 10 with three minutes remaining in the half.

If the hounds were warm in the second quarter, they were scorching in the third as Jason Shoulders netted a quick six points on put backs and Schneider's drives to the basket added two buckets and two free throws.

Leading by 20 at the start of the fourth quarter, the Hounds took advantage of cold shooting and turnovers by the Ranchers to plump the Hound lead.

**Score by Quarter**  
Gruver 10 26 48 63  
Boys Ranch 5 17 28 38

**Individual Scoring**  
Jason Shoulders 16, Anthony Villalobos 7, Cory Schneider 23, Kade Carthel 6, Brady Hart 1, Chad Howe 3, Kirby Johnson 2, Aaron Weller 2, Kasey Harris 3.

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3(3-8-01)B

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of TRAVIS HARBOUR DAVIS were issued to RUTH ELVANNA LACKEY DAVIS, Independent Executrix, on the 26th day of February, 2001, in Proceeding Number 2313 in the County Court in and for Hansford County, Texas, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate which is being administered in Hansford County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to me before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes if limitations, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address is: RUTH ELVANNA LACKEY DAVIS, P.O. Box 931, Spearman, Texas 79081. DATED this 26th day of February, 2001.

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



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Saturday Night, 3/10 - Steak Special

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### FOR SALE

# Christmas In Action • Hansford County

It is hard for many to imagine that there are homeowners in America who have no hot water, no electricity, no indoor plumbing and holes in their walls that are large enough to walk through. It is hard to believe because we consider such unsafe living conditions to be symptomatic of developing nations - not of a nation that is as powerful and advanced as the United States.

- 5.5 Million elderly and/or disabled Americans live in substandard housing
- Nearly half of all poor homeowners spent the majority of their income on housing in 1993
- One-third of Americans will be older than age 65 and chronically ill or disabled by the end of 2001

In 1973, caring people in Midland, Texas, led by an oil scout named Bobby Trimble, saw that many of their low- and fixed-income neighbors were indeed living in such deplorable conditions and decided to take action.

Volunteers are recruited to rehabilitate deteriorating homes in their community. The name "Christmas in April" was conferred in Midland

when one of the early recipients likened the help to "Christmas in April."

In 2000, the name "Christmas in April" was changed to "Christmas in Action."

**Who We Help?** Christmas in Action provides assistance to people who own their own home but who, because of physical limitation or income, are not able to cover the costs of home repair. Typically, these individuals have a disability and/or are elderly, but low-income families and non-profit facilities such as schools, shelters and daycare centers are also included.

**When We Work?** After months of extensive planning and preparation, Christmas in Action culminates on National Rebuilding Day, usually the last Saturday in April.

**How It Works:** Christmas in Action takes its cue from the old fashioned idea of "barn raising," with as many as 75 skilled and unskilled volunteers assigned to a particular project. Homeowners are frequently amazed at the sheer number of people who come out to lend them a helping hand. They are

even more amazed at the massive amount of work that can be accomplished by caring volunteers in a short period of time!

**Why It Works:** Christmas in Action does more with less. Every dollar spent is leveraged with over \$4 in donated goods and services. It works because it's neighbor-helping-neighbor to build safer and stronger communities.

**Who Sponsors Christmas In Action?** Funds come from corporations, individuals, labor organizations, foundations, civic organizations and religious organizations interested in helping build a better community.

**How Are Homeowners Selected?** The selection process takes place locally. Qualified homeowners are low-income, elderly or disabled, and unable to make the needed repairs themselves. Referrals come from a variety of sources including non-profit agencies, police departments, social service organizations, churches, synagogues and individuals.

**Is Christmas In Action Affiliated With A Particular**

**Church Or Religion?** No. The program embraces all people: all faiths, walks of life, racial and ethnic groups, ages and sexes.

**Is There A Charge For Christmas In Action's Services?** No. All repairs are free. Our work is done with families, not for them. Homeowners and family members are asked to participate as extensively as possible in the rehabilitation of their house.

**The Christmas In Action 1999 National Impact**

Number of houses - 6,776; Number of non-profits - 274; Total number of rehab sites - 7,050; Number of volunteers - 220,000; Number of volunteer hours - 2,327,000; Estimated market value - \$74 million; Number of roofs - 1,620; Number of accessibility improvements - 1,891; Number of smoke detectors - 5,675; Number of electrical rewirings - 2,972; Number of plumbing repairs - 3,243; Number of new hot water heaters - 541; Number of new stoves - 470; Number of new doors/windows - 6,268; Number of heat restorations - 810; Elderly

people helped - 10,452; People with disabilities helped - 5,990; Children helped - 49,458.

**Christmas In Action 2001**

This year's Christmas In Action • Hansford County workday is being planned for Saturday, April

21st. If you would like to help, make a donation, or recommend someone who might be helped through the Christmas In Action program, please contact Beverly Cook at 659-2033.

## Gibson Named KRDF Sweetheart Of The Year

Congratulations to Gwen Gibson, the 2001 KRDF Sweetheart of the Year.

As a daily winner, she received prizes valued at \$40, which included a Brighten lipstick case from Main Street in Gruver and a rose budvase from All Occasion Flowers.

As the grand-prize winner, she received a dozen red roses, a rose corsage, \$50 cash, and a nights stay at the Radisson Inn in Amarillo, including dinner for two of prime rib, baked potato, asparagus, a Valentine dessert, champagne and keepsake glasses.

Other daily winners include Sandi Smith, Ruby Burger, Denise Ooley, Paula Clemmons, Brenda Ferguson, Sara Eisfeld, and Martina Miller.



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## Christmas In Action • Hansford County

Would you like to give a gift that will be appreciated and remembered for years to come? Well, here's your chance! Christmas In Action • Hansford County is now accepting donations. If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of someone, please call Beverly Cook at 659-2033, or fill out the form below and mail it to: Christmas In Action • Hansford County, c/o Beverly Cook, 1011 S. Archer, Spearman, TX 79081.

In Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hansford County Veterans

Listed below are the names of three Hansford County Veterans who were inadvertently left off of the Veteran's List that was published on November 9, 2000. If you know of others, please call the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office at 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine Smith

Bob Rylant  
Donald E. Reed  
Robert A. Reed

## NOTICE OF GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

To the registered voters of Gruver Independent School District, Gruver, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that Gruver ISD will be conducting a school board of trustee election on May 5, 2001. Three (3) trustees will be elected. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Gruver Jr. High library.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Gruver ISD business office, 601 Garrett St., Gruver, TX. Early voting will begin on April 18, 2001 and end on May 1, 2001.

Applications for a place on the ballot may be obtained at the Gruver ISD business office. Applications must be filed by 5:00 p.m. on March 21, 2001.

### NOTICE

The Spearman Housing Authority is now accepting applications for residents. Eligible applicants will be placed on a community-wide waiting list. Rents are based on family income, minus allowances for children and elderly occupants.

Income limits for the Spearman Housing Authority are as follows:

FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME
1 Person	\$12,900
2 Persons	\$14,700
3 Persons	\$16,550
4 Persons	\$18,400
5 Persons	\$19,850
6 Persons	\$21,350
7 Persons	\$22,800
8 Persons	\$24,300

For more information, contact Gary Ellsworth at the Spearman Housing Authority office located at 201 S. Brandt, or call (806) 659-2524. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Spearman Housing Authority does not discriminate based on race, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, or other classification protected by federal and state laws.

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