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"A Day For You"

The Full Gospel Community Worship Center of Perryton is hosting their annual "A Day For You" Conference on Saturday, November 2nd. "Outrageous Joy" will be the focus as women in all stages of their lives are invited to come for a day of uplifting their spirits and rejoicing together.

The 2002 Conference will emphasize personal enrichment and inspiration in a workshop format. Women may choose subjects of interest to them. Two keynote speakers will lead simultaneous morning and afternoon sessions.

Dale Stollings will present "Love, Sex, and Intimacy in Marriage" - a Biblical model for exciting, fulfilling marriage. Carol Stavlo will present "The Gift of Singleness" for unmarried women attending the conference.

A series of lively, informative, and timely sessions will be offered following each of the main seminar presentations. Topics for the mini-workshops will be Faux Painting Tips and Techniques, Home Schooling - Is it for You?, The Power of Prayer, Finding Your Perfect Hairstyle, Step-parenting Isn't For Cowards, Quilted Art - Fast and Fun, Scrapbooking Basics and Beyond, and Understanding and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts.

The conference will begin with registration, coffee and pastries at 9 a.m., followed by praise and worship at 9:30. A salad luncheon will be provided at noon. The afternoon session will end at 3:15 p.m. There is no charge for the conference, but pre-registration is requested. For more information, please call the Full Gospel Community Worship Center at (806) 435-2506. Childcare will not be provided.

Program to Offer Entertaining Ideas

Ideas for decorating, entertaining and gift-giving will be highlighted during the "Celebrate 2002" program to be presented by area Extension Agents Tuesday, October 22, at the Texas A&M Extension and Research Center, 6400 Amarillo Blvd., West, Amarillo, Texas.

The program will be presented twice on the 22nd with the first session beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the evening presentation at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open for registration 30 minutes before the scheduled program time.

Advance tickets for the program are now available for \$8 each from the Extension office, Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman. Local ticket sales will end at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 21st. Tickets will be sold at the door on the 22nd at a cost of \$10 per person.

Todd Williams, County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources from Rockwell, Texas, will present a lively and educational demonstration on "Holiday Decorating with a Natural Flair."

20 Extension Agents from the Panhandle District will display tables of prepared foods, decorating motifs and entertaining notions. Party ideas for all seasons will be featured. A packet of instructions, illustrations, and recipes will be given to each "Celebrate" guest. Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, will also participate.

The "Celebrate 2002" program is sponsored by the Panhandle District Texas Association of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. Proceeds from the event help to fund scholarships and enhance educational programming in the Panhandle area to improve quality of life.

For further information, call the local Extension office at 659-4130 or 733-2901.



Megan Dorton, member of the Spearman High School Band, is pictured above during a recent half-time show. The band, under the direction of Anna Marie Holland, will perform at District Marching Contest this Saturday, October 19th at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo at 2:00 p.m.

Side By Side

Perryton SSA and Region 16 ESC in cooperation are providing a workshop for all parents, entitled "Side by Side, Partnership between Parents and Schools." It will be a fun and informative workshop sharing ideas and information for parents of children age 0 through High School. Parents will have an excellent opportunity to learn skills that will make their home life more efficient, relaxed and fun. Educators, parents and teachers working side by side to help eliminate stress and focus on assisting their children make good choices will be the focus of this workshop. Parenting a middle school student can be both thrilling and exasperating. Today's "teens" are faced with more choices and options than their parents. A session to

address the differences and issues that middle school millennial face daily and tips to help parent them while also working "Side by Side" with a child's school will help parents get their "kids up and running" and working together every day. Being a teenager is tough, but parenting a teenager is tougher!

A session to address the changing world of high school students with strategies to effectively parent will be held. A session entitled "When Cute is Not so Cute Anymore" will encourage parents of 3-6 year olds.

"And, You Think You Have Stress!" will be presented by Wayne Beighle, an outstanding speaker who uses "highway humor" to bring audiences smiles and laughter. This Panhandle native has received national, state, and local awards for his presenta-

tions. Other session titles include, "Don't Look Now!, Your Behavior is Showing!," "True Colors," "Let's Get It All Together," "Hints for Survival ... Strategies to Assist in Teaching Children Ownership and Management of Their Behavior," and "Middle School Madness."

This workshop will take place on October 26th from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Williams Elementary School. A barbecue lunch will be served and daycare will be provided by registering in advance and a \$2 fee.

This workshop is an excellent opportunity for all parents to receive knowledge free of charge and to give them a lift from the everyday burdens of parenting.



The 'Bubble' Of My Eye

Meghan McNulty is pictured blowing bubbles. Meghan is the daughter of Dave and Jennifer McNulty of Crofton, MD, and the granddaughter of Gary and Cathy Smith of Spearman.

Wind Energy Information Program Scheduled

Ken Starcher, Assistant Director of the Alternative Energy Institute, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, will present a program on wind energy and the development of wind farms in the Texas Panhandle on Thursday, October 31, 2002 from 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ.

This presentation will be non-technical in nature, presenting the basic of wind energy and the outlook for wind growth in our area. Some of the topics that will be discussed include potentials for development of wind farms on lands in the Northern Texas Panhandle, what developers are looking for, what potential benefits and problems can be encountered in a wind farm project, and some ranges of expected values/returns that land owners can use to project the value of a project.

Mr. Starcher has been with AEI since 1976, working as an undergraduate, graduate researcher and serving as Assistant Director now. He has installed and operated more than 60 renewable energy systems and has operated and maintained the resource assessment network for AEI throughout Texas and Eastern New Mexico. He has made presentations to local, state, national and international groups about wind energy and is serving a term on the board of directors for the American Wind Energy Association this year.

Lunch will be served. RSVP to Hansford County Extension Office at 659-4130 or 733-2901. The program is free; donations for lunch will be accepted.

Reporter-Statesman Seeking Names of Military Personnel, Veterans

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is seeking to update our list of veterans and active military personnel and reservists from Hansford County.

Please call the newspaper office at (806) 659-3434, fax to (806) 659-3368, or e-mail information to CathyRSmit@aol.com.

Military personnel will only be listed if we have persons name, rank, address, branch of service and the name of relatives who live in Hansford County.

Names must be submitted by November 4, 2002.

Reaping The Wind

Wind Energy Powers GISD Options

by Harletta Carthel

While Great Plains Windpower's wind turbine proposal will not bring the prospect of significantly lower school taxes, the venture appears to be advantageous to Gruver ISD.

Although any new construction or project within a district prompts the expectation of increased tax revenue and lower taxes, the formula used for Texas school financing does not fulfill that expectation as school tax revenues have a cap and amounts over that cap are sent to Austin to fund poorer school districts.

"Gruver ISD, in all probability, will be a Chapter 41 school district next year," said Joel Lynch GISD Interim Superintendent.

The designation of a Chapter 41 school district means that Gruver does not receive any major funding from the state of Texas. In mathematical terms, it means that GISD has a \$305,000 tax value per weighted Average Daily Attendance figure which is calculated at 750.

Using these figures, school finance laws will only allow Gruver ISD to use \$228,750,000 (\$305,000 x 750) on which to levy school taxes. When \$228,750,000 is multiplied by the 1.50 tax rate, approximately \$3,431,250 is available for annual use by GISD.

Mr. Lynch points out that school taxes paid by the proposed wind

energy farm would not significantly lower the school tax rate because Gruver ISD can only tax on \$228,750,000 and any additional revenue would have to be sent for dispersion to the poorer school districts.

"To state it simply," Lynch said, "We (GISD) are at the break-even point. We receive virtually no state aid, and we do not send any money down state."

In addition to Texas school finance laws, House Bill 1200 which was enacted January 1, 2002, will also have an effect on the proposed wind energy farm. This new law, which was not in existence when the White Deer wind energy field was built, will allow school districts to give new construction or improvements within the district a tax break after the entity has paid taxes for two years.

"Any contract made between GISD and Great Plains Windpower, LLC for compensation in lieu of taxes (after the first two years) would not be subject to recapture," Lynch said.

This means that any compensation made by Wind Energy Windpower would be able to be kept solely for use by GISD and would not be subject to the Robin Hood plan.

A compensation plan to the school in lieu of taxes could be in place for up to eight years.

"Negotiations between Great Plains Windpower, LLC and GISD would determine the amount of compensation," Lynch said.

Previous to any action, the school district would be required to do an Economic Impact study which Lynch states would be financed by Great Plains Windpower.

Lynch has been in contact with the Crockett Consolidated School District to learn more about a wind energy program in that district and its effect on the school district.

Lynch and the GISD Board of Trustees are currently setting up meetings with other school districts in which wind energy farms have been or will be built and are gathering information to be used in decisions they will be making.

Meeting with members of the Region 16 Education Service Center Financial Division on Monday, Lynch; Randy Reid, GISD Business Manager; and Terry Sherrill, of the GISD Board of Trustees were updated on possible outcomes following the two-year period in which the proposed wind energy project would be subject to a levy of school taxes.

"We want as much information as possible. We have got to do a good job in the decisions that will be made," Lynch said.

No future meeting has been set between GISD and Great Plains Windpower.

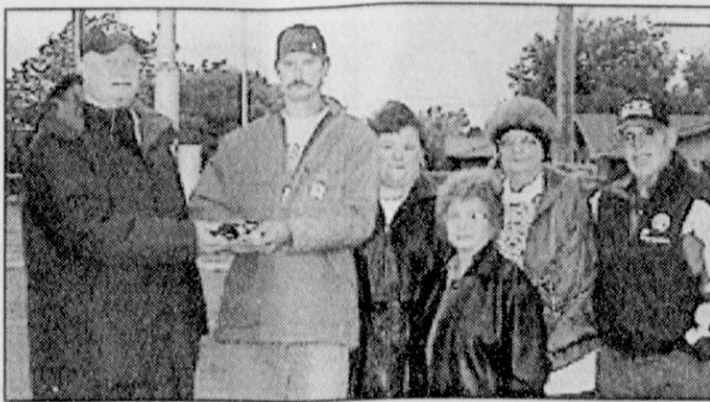
Laugh and Live

by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com



My friend Sally Desimone sent me the following. They are from "God Speaks" billboards that have been put up in Dallas and Arizona. The billboards are simple black background with white text. No fine print or sponsoring organization is included. I hope you enjoy them.

- Tell the kids I love them. -God
 - Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game. -God
 - C'mon over and bring the kids. -God
 - What part of "Thou Shalt Not..." didn't you understand? -God
 - We need to talk. -God
 - Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer. -God
 - Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage. -God
 - That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing... I meant it. -God
 - I love you and you and you and you and... -God
 - Will the road you're on get you to my place? -God
 - Follow me. -God
 - Big bang theory, you've got to be kidding. -God
 - My way is the highway. -God
 - Need directions? -God
 - You think it's hot here? -God
 - Have you read my #1 best seller? There will be a test. -God
 - Do you have any idea where you're going? -God
 - Don't make me come down there. -God
- 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 :)



Members of Specialist Stephanie (Bynum) Cousineau's family present Spearman High School Principal Bill Belger (left) with a flag that flew over Afghanistan on September 11, 2002. The flag was presented in a ceremony held before the football game with West Texas High School on Saturday, October 12, 2002. Stephanie is a 2000 graduate of Spearman High School and is serving her country in the Army. Members of her family present for the ceremony included (L-R) her father and mother, Kurt and Lelia Bynum, and grandparents Alice Goodman and Nita and Joe Bynum.

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TEETH FOR A LIFETIME

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
I would like to acknowledge the teachers and kindergarten students of Gruver ISD. It was certainly a pleasure to have such a well-mannered bunch of kids studying the letter "A" at the Texas Alligator Ranch. One can hardly believe some of the interesting questions young people can ask.
I think our community can be very proud of the teachers and students. It kind of gives a person a good feeling about living in Hansford County.
Sincerely,
Dean Coates, Texas Alligator Ranch

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Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.
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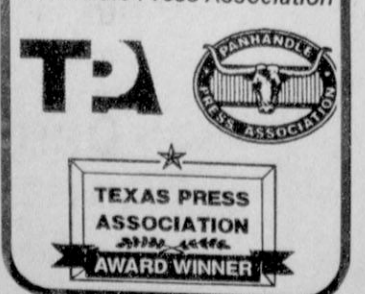
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Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine

October 17
Birthday - George B. Odum, Byron Peddy, Jackie Smith, Brad Beedy, Jeff Beedy, Carol Short, Erica Garrison, Misha Davis, Joe Paul, John Sullivan, Oscar Ortiz, Carolyn McLeod, Jacob Burch, Mac McLaughlin, Sandra Soto, Hugo Villa Jr., Joyce Sparks, Debbie Jacops
Anniversary - Edward & Theah Beck, Sharon & David Swan

October 18
Birthday - Taos Weldon, Don Knox, Wilson McClellan, Jeff Hutchison, Angelica Arjona, Floyd Dean Gatlin, Chris Williamson, Elaine Swan, David Parker, Jan Morgan, Marla Bullard, Courtney Baca, Kristian Faith Burke, Ramiro Morales, Mike Gift
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Dave Christian

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Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Traylor

October 20
Birthday - Marilyn Been, Kelly Boone, Brock Irwin, Deanda Widener, Danny Ray Hendricks, Owen Montgomery, Melissa Cochran, Sid McAdams, Deborah Bishop, Billy Jones, Amy Stinson, Cara Nichols, Misty Volden, Jeffrey Swan, Carrie Cenicerros, Angela Vela, Orle Cooksey, Cindy Sasser
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October 31
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Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cochran

Our Deepest Sympathy

DANNY WALLACE

PORTALES, NEW MEXICO - Graveside services were held for Danny Wallace, 56, on Friday, October 11, 2002 in Sudan Cemetery with Jeff Procter of Sudan officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral home.

Danny was born on July 2, 1946 in Amherst, Texas. He passed away on Wednesday, October 9, 2002. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Roe of Brownfield, Texas and Gloria Kay Williams of Tulare, California; two sisters, Julia Conley of Sudan and Sarah Hargrove of House, New Mexico; four brothers, Tex Sharp of Sudan, Rocky Sharp of Portales, Mickel Sharp of Sudan and Joey Sharp of Spearman; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Thank You!

Bill and I would like to thank the person/persons who put the "remembrance" of Becky in the paper. It touched us more than we could ever say.

Thank you for remembering her.
 Bill, Terry & Family

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Free Power Point Presentation by Jimmy Hatley, CPA, IRS Taxpayer Education and Communication Specialist

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free Power Point presentation on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m. The presentation will be given by Jimmy Hatley, CPA, an IRS Taxpayer Education and Communication Specialist. Each presentation will last approximately 2 hours. They are free to the public and will touch many aspects of business topics that will offer good information for anyone interested in opening a business, or those already in existence. Please call the Chamber of Commerce office at 659-5555, or e-mail spearman@am.net to sign up.

College Financial Program

Gruver and Spearman students and parents are invited to a new college financial program known as the 529 College Plan. The program will be held on Nov. 4th, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Gruver School Cafeteria.

PLAN Test For Sophomores

Tenth graders have the opportunity to take part in ACT's PLAN Program on Tuesday, October 29th. This is the only time PLAN will be offered this year. PLAN, which is taken by nearly one million students in preparation for the ACT Assessment, includes academic tests and a survey of career interests. Participating in PLAN gives students a head start on career and educational planning. PLAN will be offered Tues., October 29th. The cost is \$8.50. Students can receive more information about PLAN or sign up by contacting Mrs. Guthrie or Mrs. Hart at Spearman High School.

DB Ranch Rodeo Summer Series Finals

More than 30 ranch cowboy teams are competing against one another October 19th and 20th in Guymon's Hitch Pioneer Arena. The DB Ranch Rodeo Summer Series Finals will be held on Saturday starting at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Cowboy church service begins at 11 a.m. on Sunday in the arena and is led by Cowboy Church Ministry out of Ashland, Kansas. Events include team doctoring, double mugging, team penning, trailer loading, and team branding. These events are based on actual work requirements by the ranch cowboy. Spearman teams include Rusty Spur and Rocking R. Admission for the rodeo is \$8 per family or \$4 for individuals. For more information, contact Denny Bertrand at 580-206-0076.

Ministerial Alliance Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Spearman Ministerial Alliance, will be held on Sunday, November 24th at 7 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church. The speaker will be Rev. Bill Sparks. The offering from this service will go to the Angel Tree and Crisis Center.

Art In Film Series At Amarillo Museum of Art

The Amarillo Museum of Art is pleased to announce the 2nd film in a two-part series of fictional films that imaginatively explore the themes of art, artists, and art making. The Japanese film Utamaro and his Five Women, directed by Kenji Mizoguchi will be presented on Sunday, October 20, 2002 at 2 p.m. in the Museum library located on the 3rd floor of the Amarillo Museum of Art. The film depicts the career of the great, charismatic 18th century artist who lived in Tokyo's brothel district. This series will run on Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. Upcoming films include Lisbon Story on Nov. 3rd, Passion on Nov. 24, and Andrei Rublev on Dec. 8. Ben Lifson, who will introduce each film and lead discussion afterwards, has organized the series. For more information, call 371-5050 or e-mail amoa@actx.edu.

20th Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival

The 20th Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival of Arts and Crafts will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd and 3rd. The event will be held at the Texas County Activity Center in Guymon, Oklahoma. The public is invited to attend Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be no admission fee. The Guymon Fire Department will provide refreshments at the concession stand.

OPSU Receives Hartland Arts Fund performing Arts Grant

Oklahoma Panhandle State University announces that it was among a selected group of Midwest presenters chosen to receive a Hartland Arts Fund grant. This award will support an upcoming performance of Ronald Radford, Flamenco Guitarist, at Hughes-Strong Auditorium in Goodwell on November 11, 2002.

Veteran's Health Fair

A Veteran's Health Fair will be held at the Senior Citizen Center in Perryton on Saturday, October 26, 2002 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All veterans and their wives are invited to participate, and may receive free flu shots, as well as blood tests. For more information, contact Harry Stumpf at 659-2109.

Registration Deadline Is November 8th For Next ACT Test

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the December 14th test date. The postmark registration deadline is Friday, November 8th. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on November 21st (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get information from their high school counselor or register online at www.act.org. The test fee is \$25.

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October What's Coming Up

- October 17
Spearman 7th Grade, 8th Grade 6 JU vs. Highland Park @ Spearman, 5 p.m.
- October 18
SHS Varsity Football Game vs. Highland Park @ Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.
- October 19
GHS Band Marching Contest @ Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, 11:30 a.m.
SHS Band Marching Contest @ Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, 2 p.m.
- October 21
SHS Pre-K Teacher Conferences (all day) @ Elem. School
GHS District Cross Country Meet @ WTRAMU, 2 p.m.
SHS District Cross Country Meet @ Canadian (JU Girls - 3 p.m., Varsity Girls - 3:30 p.m., JU Boys - 4 p.m., Varsity Boys - 4:30 p.m., JH Girls - 5 p.m., JH Boys - 5:30 p.m.)
- October 23
SHS DEIC Meeting @ HS Library, 4 p.m.
- October 23-31
Red Ribbon Week
- October 25
SHS FCCLA Potato Supper @ HS Cafeteria, 5:30-7 p.m.
SHS Varsity Football Game vs. Boys Ranch @ Lynx Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- October 26
ACT Test @ SHS
Spearman Junior High Region Choir Auctions @ Canyon
- October 28
SHS Fall Choir Concert @ HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- October 29
PLAN Test for Sophomores @ SHS

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Bergan, Turner Wed

Christa Bergan and Brad Turner were united in marriage on September 14, 2002 in a garden wedding at the home of the groom's parents in Eastland, Texas. Officiating the ceremony was Bob Hayes of Eastland. Christa is the daughter of Ole and Bonnie Bergan of Spearman. Brad is the son of Steve and Belinda Angerer of Eastland, Texas. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Ole. Serving as maid of honor was the bride's sister, Kimberly Bergan. Best man was Steve Angerer, father of the groom. A reception was held at the Eastland Bed and Breakfast. Christa is employed at the Stephenville Bank and Trust. Brad is employed at Hendershot Equipment in Stephenville. The couple will reside in Stephenville, Texas.

Canadian Celebrates Fall Foliage Festival

Spend a weekend enjoying the natural beauty of fall as Canadian celebrates its annual Fall Foliage Festival October 19 and 20. Wagon rides, starlight creature tours, an arts and crafts fair and a tour of historic homes are only a few of the activities planned to complement this year's traditional foliage touring.

Visitors to Canadian can stop by the Welcome Center in the Chamber of Commerce Office for a complete listing of exciting weekend activities. The office, located at 216 South Second Street on Highway 60/83, features schedules, maps, directions, tickets and general information.

This year's celebration offers activities for the entire family. Children and adults alike will enjoy storytelling around the campfire or authentic Indian tepee, live falcon demonstrations, wagon rides, a junior ranch rodeo and the infamous Creatures of the Night Spotlight Tour.

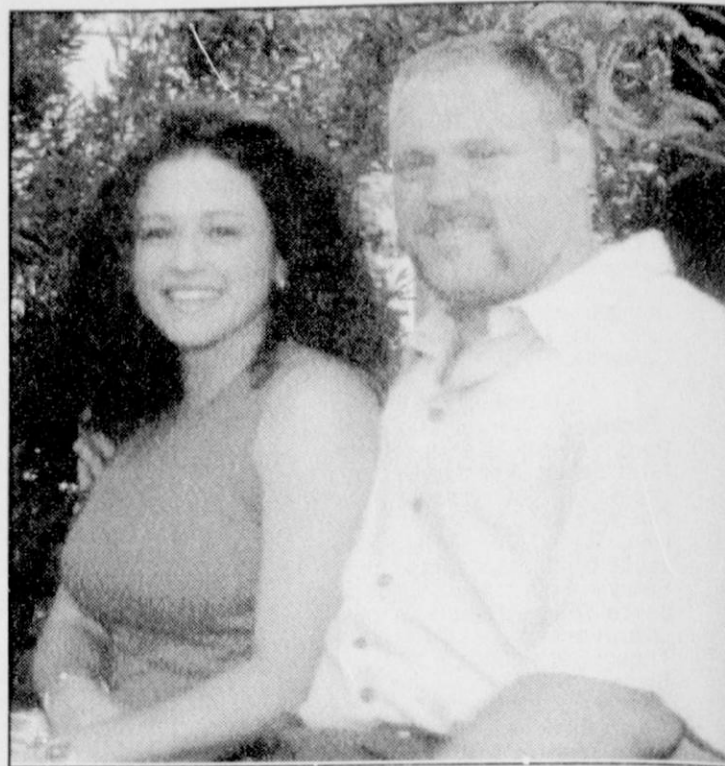
Families can celebrate the unique natural aspects of the Canadian River area with nature walks along the trails of the Black Kettle National Grasslands, wagon rides across the restored Canadian River Wagon Bridge and more.

After admiring the fall beauty of mesas, riverbottoms and caprocks on historic pioneer trails, visitors can take a meandering walk or drive through town. Scarlet maple leaves and red and purple Virginia creepers frame historic homes, many of which are open to the public for guided tours.

Fall foliage celebrants can also visit the annual Arts and Crafts Fair, take in special exhibits at the River Valley Pioneer Museum, admire local handiwork at the Quilt and Afghan Show or catch a matinee at the restored Palace Theatre.

After a day of touring, exploring, shopping in Canadian's unique stores or enjoying mouth-watering food provided by local cooks, visitors can wind up Saturday night with the old-fashioned Prairie Rivers Musical and Sing-a-Long or the Fall Foliage Festival Dance.

For more information or a brochure with a complete listing of Canadian's Fall Foliage Festival activities, those interested can call the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at 806-323-6234.



Engagement Announcement

Jerry and Tisha Moore of Gruver wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tomara Gail Moore to Scott Ray Reeves. Scott is the son of Don and Janie Reeves of Grand Prairie, Texas.

Tomara is a 1997 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2001 graduate of Angelo State University in San Angelo. She is a teacher and coach at Stafford Middle School in Houston.

Scott is a graduate of Grand Prairie High School and Rice University in Houston. He earned a Masters Degree at Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth. He is the director of Strength and Conditioning for Rice University.

The couple plan a November 30, 2002 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Duncanville, Texas. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony.

Military Update



Earl R. Wattier received his promotion from Lance Corporal to Corporal on October 1, 2002 at MirMar in San Diego, Calif.

Earl has reenlisted for four more years in the Marine Corps. He and his wife, Nicole, will be stationed at Kaneohe Bay in Oahu, Hawaii for three years.

Earl is the son of Joe and Dana Wattier, and the grandson of Ada Ruth Diggs, all of Spearman.

Our Angel

In Memory of
Mary Jean Banks Meyer
by Uncle Carl Banks

Our precious angel Mary was a shining star. Touched many people, both near and far.

Her smile and laughter, made happiness everywhere. She greeted the family with a hug she was sincere and really cared.

She could sing like an angel, and was pretty as could be. Never met a stranger, and worked like a busy bee.

She was blessed with three lovely daughters, and a husband that loved her, too. Life was so quickly over; she went to Heaven so soon.

Her mom, dad and family miss her. She was a shining star to the end. All of her neighbors and relatives loved her - She will always be a special friend.

Thank you, Lord, for sharing her, this short length of time. We'll never, never forget her, because she was so loving and kind.

In Memory of
Reba Joy Fullbright Banks
by Carl Banks

Reba was a Christian role model, Never critical of others. Striving daily to do her best, Loved her children as a dedicated mother.

She loved our Lord with all her heart, Always enjoyed going to church to worship Him. Taught the children to love our Lord, Tried to teach them to never condemn.

Reba and Leslie celebrated their fiftieth anniversary, They raised six children to grown. Their daughter, Mary, went away this year, Both will be in Heaven, that beautiful home.

We all will miss her, oh, so much, She will never know any more pain. Reba is now at perfect peace with God, Praising Jesus Christ, our heavenly King.

She has joined the heavenly choir, Singing hosannas to our blessed King. Her splendid voice rings forth to God, Helping make Heaven's bells ring.

She beckons to each of her family, Strive daily to do your best. To serve and work for our Master and Lord, One day all will enjoy the heavenly fest.

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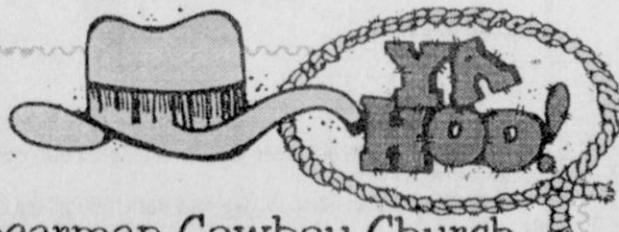
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Farm Service Agency, Texas A&M University Offer Tool To Landowners, Operators

Farm Service Agency (FSA) has launched the "Base and Yield Update Option Analyzer (BYA)", an interactive web-based tool for landowners and operators to use in evaluating and calculating base and yield options for direct and counter-cyclical payments. The web-based calculator can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/farm-bill/tools.asp

"The 2002 Farm Bill affords producers the opportunity to update bases and yields allowing them to take advantage of yield improvements due to improved technology resulting in government payments that are more in line with actual production," said Steven Orr, County Executive Director in Hansford County.

According to Orr, base and yield data currently on file at USDA service centers has been frozen since 1985.

The new tool is based on software developed by Texas A&M University's Agriculture Food and Policy Center (AFPC) in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and FSA. The analysis program helps producers evaluate the economic consequences of selecting different base and yield options on a case-by-case basis for each of their respective operations. When using the analyzer program, producers will need to provide information including planted acres, yields and types of crops grown. The software will prompt producers to enter projected crop prices and various base and yield options that will be used to estimate six years of payments for each crop.

"Making changes to base and yield data is not a pencil and paper decision. Without the web-based tool, producers would be confronted with an impossible task," said Orr.

FSA recognizes that there are numerous on-line base and yield calculators available to producers, but the Texas A&M model is the only program that has been certified and adopted by FSA and is therefore the only version that FSA supports with confidence.

Orr emphasized, "The agency fully supports educated consumers making informed decisions about their operations and encourages producers to use any and all calculation tools available to them, but return to the FSA version when making final decisions."

Landowners interested in receiving direct and counter-cyclical payments may begin to sign-up for the 2002 and 2003 crop years on October 1, 2002 and have until April 1, 2003 to make base and yield elections for the new farm program. If no election is made by the April 1, 2003 deadline, the farm's bases will default to the 2002 base, plus oilseeds if applicable. This is especially important for those farms that did not participate in the 1996 farm program and whose records currently show no base acres.

"Although the decision to change existing base and yield data is ultimately that of the landowner and FSA or its employees cannot make those decisions for a producer; we will be more than willing to assist producers. We also encourage producers to work with and seek assistance from their local County Extension Agent," said Orr.

For more information on the base and yield calculator or related information, please contact your local FSA county office at 806-659-3036 or visit the national FSA web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Robert Novak has been associated with the Palo Duro Water Authority since the project was still in the proposition on paper stage, and has been a member of the Board of Directors since it was formed 26 years ago. At the last meeting, Robert resigned.

Robert states that it has been interesting and mostly enjoyable, although there were some difficulties. He retired from active farming about ten years ago, leaving that to his tenants.

He and his wife, Margaret, have done some traveling, and for years enjoyed the winters on the coast of Mexico. However, his health now prevents much traveling.

The community owes Robert a "note of thanks" for his many years of service!

Friends of Ora Lee Blackburn were pleased to visit with her recently when she and her two daughters were in town for a few days.

Elaine Cessnum lives in Kenai, Alaska and Bodil Bradley near Hereford. Ora Lee has been with her grandson, Joe Hutchison and his family, near Miami.

Charles McIver returned last week to his duties at the elementary gym at school. He has been unable to work since July, when he had a hip replacement in Amarillo. Annetta Melver and Judy Yarbrough enjoyed attending the "Taste of Home" presentation in Amarillo a few days last week.

That life milestone for Allen Varnon (turning 50 - which most regard as a dismal date) turned into a date that won't soon, if ever, be forgotten.

A birthday party was held in his honor on Friday, where he was presented with 50 gifts, numbered one to 50, and opened in sequence

(all wrapped in black, of course). Even the desert was black ice cream colored with Oreos cookies. The cake was a tomb stone that read "You Are Older Than Dirt - Happy Birthday!"

He was awakened on his birthday by the "Grim Reaper," who visited him throughout the day.

Celebrating (or grieving) with him was his wife, Peggy, son Richard (student at Wayland University in Plainview) and son Jason, with friend Laura Hadley, both of Amarillo; Babe Pendergraft; Richard and Betty Gaines; and Glenda Close. While he was opening his gifts, his middle son, Eric, called from Ft. Worth.

Carol Sue (Keith) Hintergardt from Lake Dallas was in Spearman recently visiting her mother, Ada Pearl Keith. Mrs. Keith is a resident of Hansford Manor. Carol Sue, who graduated from Spearman High School, also contacted friends here, and made contact with friends in Perryton and Liberal. She worked in the history museums in Perryton and Liberal.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Danny Wallace. Danny, who lived in Spearman years ago, was a resident of Sudan, TX, but was hospitalized for many weeks at Hobbs, NM.

Joey Sharp of Spearman, his brother, made frequent trips to visit him, and stayed with him the last few weeks when he was placed in hospice. Barbara Sharp went to Hobbs the Friday prior to his death on Wednesday.

David and Dana Sharp attended the funeral in Sudan, where graveside services were held.

Mrs. Myrtle Doshier was returned to Spearman after a week's stay at Northwest Texas Hospital in

Amarillo. She was taken by ambulance after she fell in her home two weeks ago, breaking her hip. She is in therapy in Hansford Hospital at this time.

Mrs. Doshier, mother of Mrs. Dwayne Mitchell, lives in her home adjacent to the Mitchells. She previously lived in Hardesty, Okla.

Kathy Bryant attended the funeral of her cousin at Hemphill, Texas. Hemphill is 600 miles southeast of Spearman, on the Louisiana state line.

Kathy returned home last Wednesday, after the funeral on Tuesday.

This writer's great-nephew is a deputy sheriff in Montgomery County, Maryland. That is the county where they are investigating the sniper murders that have taken place in the Washington, DC area the past two weeks.

Weather report for the week of October 7th through 7 a.m. on the 14th: the high was on the 10th & 11th at 83; the low was also on the 10th and 11th at 36; Moisture - Dwayne emptied the bucket last week - none for this week.

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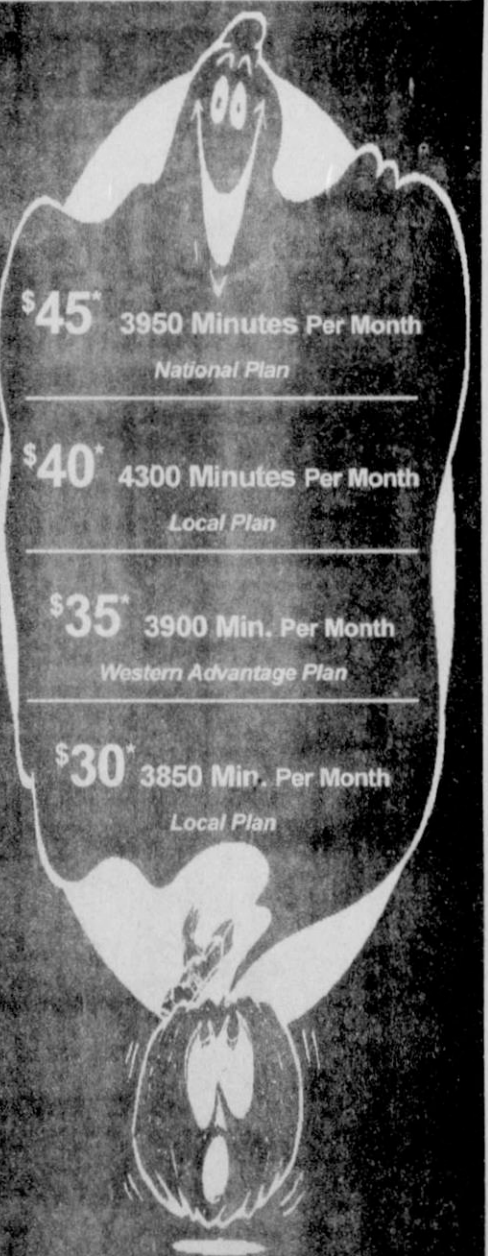
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Superintendent Search Gears Up

The search for a new Gruver Schools superintendent is gearing up with school board members reviewing applications and narrowing down the slate of candidates during their October 16 meeting.

Of those candidates making the short list, interviews are slated for October 21-23, with follow-up interviews slated for October 24.

Visits by the board to the candidate's home district are set for November 5, with the hiring of a new administrator scheduled for November 14.

City Commission Meets

Meeting in regular session on September 11, the Gruver City Commission discussed the problems of lack of personnel in the Gruver Volunteer Ambulance Service.

Volunteers Needed

The Gruver Emergency Medical Service is in great need of EMS personnel.

For those interested in filling this vital need of our community, all educational training will be provided and paid by the City of Gruver.

Any person over the age of 18 may be an applicant, and there is no educational requirement.

Should 10 individuals from the county enlist for training, classes would be held locally.

Please contact City Hall, 733-2424, to volunteer.

No Freeze, Yet

The City of Gruver officially reported 33 degrees Sunday morning, October 13, and 37 degrees Monday morning, October 14.

The average freeze date for Hansford County is the second week in October. Last year's first freeze was recorded on October 6.

District Cross County Meet Set

The Gruver Lady Hounds will be competing in the district cross country meet, Monday October 21, 2:00 p.m. at West Texas A&M University.

The top three cross country teams will advance to the regional meet in Lubbock on November 2. Stratford, Sunray, Gruver, and Claude have been the most successful teams of District 1-1A in cross country races this season.

Meagan Knight, a member of the cross country team, sustained a pulled hamstring earlier in the season but is making steady improvement.

Lindsey Clift also had minor foot surgery and has progressed well. Hopefully, both Lady Hounds will be 100% by the district race.

Junior Varsity Downs Elks

A two point PAT conversion was the margin of victory as the Hounds took an 8-6 win over the Stratford Elks, Thursday, October 10.

After the Hounds thwarted the Elks PAT attempt, Gruver marched down the field where a Tyler Lane scramble tied the game at 6.

Brock Irwin, stepping in for an injured Lance Williams, connected on a pass to Cody Mac Been for the two-point PAT which proved to be the winning margin.

In their first game of the season, the Hounds also beat the Elks by a two-point margin, in the form of a safety.

The Hounds will host Fritch Thursday following the junior high game.

Junior High Hounds Suffer Loss

by Kayla Swink

This game was played at Stratford. This week, many plays were made by Tremayne

Martinez, who ran many yards and had four solo tackles, two of them close to Stratford's end zone.

We made a touchdown. It was a made by Brian Johnson. We also had a two-point conversion also made by Johnson.

The boys fought hard, but we lost 46-8. The score at halftime was 24-0. Good job, Greyhounds, this week we play Booker, here. Let's go Hounds!

GISD Trustees Meet

The GISD Board of Trustees approved a slate of motions ranging from field trips to campus plans in their regular meeting of October 8.

Members present were Jody Irwin, Terry Sherrill, Paul Stavlo, Davin Winger, Benny Wilson, Buddy Lowe, Jr., and Interim Superintendent Joel Lynch. Absent was member Mike Yanke.

Visitors received were Randy Reid and Matt Branstine.

Motions approved by a 6-0 vote were an FFA trip to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky October 29, 30, 31, and November 1 and 2, 2002; a sixth grade field trip to Mount Capulin, New Mexico; and the revised substitute teacher list.

Also approved by the same margin were the elementary campus improvement plan, and the Education Consortium for Telecommunication Saving Consulting Service Agreement.

Terry Sherrill was approved to serve on the Hansford Appraisal District by a 5-0-1 vote with member Sherrill abstaining.

Discussion items were a review of the Gruver ISD Financial Aid report, the Texas School Health Benefits, a transfer, the audit for the 2001-2002 school year, Gold performance acknowledgements 2002, the wind energy project, and financial reports.

Students of Six Weeks Named

Gruver Junior High has named four students as Students of the First Six Weeks for their example

as good citizens and students. Chosen were Tucker Williams - 8th grade, Diana Solis - 7th grade, Anthony DeLuna - 6th grade, and Gabriel Mendoza - 5th grade.

C. Knight Wins Gold

Chelsie Knight won the gold medal in the junior high girls division of the Sunday Cross Country Meet. Her time on the two-mile course was 13.12.

Get Well Wishes

David Turner was taken to Amarillo on Saturday for internal bleeding.

Don Evans will be undergoing surgery in Amarillo Thursday, October 24.

Beverly Dorman Bennett is scheduled for an MRI and consultation with her doctor later this month.

Tom Rasor was scheduled to return from Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital Tuesday, October 15, but will travel to Spearman for blood platelets.

GHS Band To Compete

The GHS Houndsound Band will be competing for Division I Honors and the right to advance to the area marching contest Saturday at Dick Bivins Field at 11:36 a.m.

The Gruver band will be the last of twelve Class A bands performing at the Region I UIL Marching Contest. The band is under the direction of Todd Parker.

Halloween Carnival Stated

The Gruver Elementary Stated is slated for Saturday, October 26, at the Gruver Elementary Gym, according to Traci Venneman, carnival chairman.

Food booths will open at 6:30 p.m. with game booths opening at 7:00 and costume judging to begin at 8:00. The carnival will conclude at 9:30 with cleanup to follow.

Trick or treating in Gruver will also be the evening of October 26,

with young spooks requested to have their rounds made by 7:00 p.m., in order that all may attend the carnival.

For more information, contact Traci Venneman, 733-2998.

Can you Help?

As individual parked near Gruver Junior High is missing a tan leather-tooled purse. Since the purse had no significant money in it, police think the purse may have been discarded in a city dumpster. Please take a quick look in your dumpster when unloading your trash. If the purse is found, it can be brought to the junior high office and delivered to its owner.

Tailgate Party Winners

Winners in the Friday night tailgate party on the Greyhound Stadium Parking lot were Matt Johnson's team and the team of

Johnnie and Ronnie Williams. Sponsors of prizes for the tailgate party were Watley Seed Company and Gruver Farm Supply.

Where's the Beef?

You might want to drop by the home of Phyllis Rasor, Clay Reid, or Matt Johnson near dinner time as they were the winners in the Gruver Boosters Beef Raffle.

Reader Gets His Reward

Fourth grader Justin Bass, who met his Accelerated Reader goal, was rewarded by serving as water boy for the Hounds on Friday night.

Blood Drive Stated

The GHS FCCLA Chapter will sponsor a blood drive Thursday, November 14 in the high school library.



Vicki Nickel is pictured giving a flu shot to Dennis Wier. Last Thursday (October 10, 2002) Hansford County Hospital District held a Flu Shot Clinic at the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center in Spearman. Three hundred thirty-six flu shots were administered to Hansford County residents during the four-hour period.

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Internet Genealogy 101

by Pamela Rice Hahn

The Internet offers a treasure trove of genealogical data -- directories of surnames, birth records, marriage records, military records,

ships' passenger lists, census records, immigration records and much more.

There are even family history sites that contain family trees,

wills, photographs, etc.

WHERE TO START

One way to begin your search is by entering your surname into a search engine like Yahoo! www.yahoo.com. But unless your name is unusual, thousands of listings will appear. Searching all the listings is time-consuming and generally unrewarding.

Better way: Use genealogy-specific directories and search engines. An excellent directory is DMOZ Open Directory Project <http://dmoz.org/Society/Genealogy>. It's organized into categories, such as "cemetery records," "adoption search" and "military genealogy."

If you're unsure which category to use, search the entire directory by name.

Surname-specific Web directories will list family Web pages but won't list them all -- you need to go to genealogy-specific search engines for more. These work like regular search engines, but look only for sites pertaining to genealogy and family history (GenealogyToolbox www.genealogytoolbox.com, for example).

EXPANDING YOUR SEARCH

There are Web sites from all over the world containing information of interest to family tree researchers...

The US Gen Web Project www.usgenweb.com. This site provides links to every state and county genealogical Web site in the US, plus copies of census records, wills and other public documents.

Bonus: You'll find information on how to research your family tree,

find names, genealogy, vocabulary, census records and more.

American Family Immigration History Center www.ellislandrecords.org. Search passenger records (and even see original manifests) from ships that brought 22 million immigrants to Ellis Island between 1892 and 1924.

Family Search Internet Genealogy Service www.familysearch.org. This is the on-line version of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Family History Center -- but listings aren't limited to Mormons.

Roots Web Surname List www.rootsweb.com. The oldest and largest free on-line genealogy site, it provides a registry of more than 900,000 surnames. Search by surname and location... and contact the person who submitted the surname to share genealogical research.

US Federal Land Patent Records www.blm.gov. The Bureau of Land Management provides an on-line database of more than two million federal land title records issued between 1820 and 1908.

Cemetery Records Online www.internment.net. This site contains more than 1.7 million records from 3,000 cemeteries worldwide.

World Connect Project <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com>

Here you'll find a database of family trees submitted by thousands of researchers -- there are more than 74 million ancestor names. With your family tree posted here, other researchers with common ancestors will find you.

Olive Tree Genealogy www.olivetreegenealogy.com.

Here are passenger lists from ships sailing as far back as the 1400s, as well as links to other passenger lists on the Internet.

US National Archives and Records Administration www.nara.gov. Links to Enemy Alien Registration Affidavits, World War II Draft Registration Records and Indian Bounty Land Applications.

Caution: Information you discover on-line is not always accurate. Look for a citation showing where the information originated. Never accept information as valid until you verify it.

Helpful: The quickest way to make progress in genealogical research is to communicate with others. Do this by...

Joining a mailing list -- an E-mail party line.

Posting a message to a message board -- a computerized version of the old-fashioned bulletin board.

Building your own genealogy Web site -- to attract others with information about your ancestors.

YOUR OWN WEB SITE

If you publish your findings on your own family history Web site, you'll get help with your search from genealogists all over the world. They'll view your data, answer your questions and help to fill in the blanks in your family tree.

Genealogical information on the Internet is sent and received through Genealogical Data Communication (GEDCOM) files. This file format allows information that was entered into one genealogy program to be read and used by another program. It is necessary to convert your genealogical database

to a GEDCOM file.

There are dozens of automatic conversion software programs that can convert your GEDCOM files into pages suitable for the Web. Among the best...

Legacy www.legacyfamilytree.com.

Master Genealogist www.wholly-genes.com.

Next, line up a server to host your Web page. RootsWeb.com will give you free unlimited space to store your Web pages. It will help you decide what information to include on your Web site and how to arrange it, how to create your own Web pages and send them to the server.

Important: Link your Web site to the relevant surname, county, state and/or country resources. That way, users interested in the information on your Web site will see the link and find you.

HELPFUL GUIDELINES

The National Genealogical Society www.ngsgenealogy.org offers these guidelines for publishing Web pages on the Internet...

Explain the purpose of your Web site.

Provide complete contact information, including your name and E-mail address.

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Include unambiguous source citations.

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Whatever you do, update the site at frequent intervals, changing the content to keep the information current and the links valid.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



caught a 16.5-pound catfish) were catching their big blue cats, two men from Pampa who had come to camp and fish were not having any luck. They had brought a boat behind one RV and a small SUV behind the other. They found the boat ramp so steep they were afraid to use their SUV to put the boat in the water, as the boat weighed more than the car. Jim helped them by using his vehicle to put in and take out their boat.

There were 2 campers on the office side and 4 on the North side. One of the campers, a man from Dumas, said he would winterize his RV when he got back.

The Lake personnel are watching the weather and will be closing the restrooms soon.

Bobby Mosier has moved to North Carolina, and Ramon, Debbie, and Crystal Cantu have moved into the PDRA house on the north side of the dam. Ramon has been promoted to Maintenance Supervisor.

These fall days are nice to be out and about. We never know what we may see in the bird migrations, the fall flowers, and the animal kingdom. Jim saw a big flock of doves on the Gibner side, and Joan mentioned seeing a big kettle of buzzards staging over Horse Creek. (Joan didn't say that actually--she saw a 100 buzzards or more gliding on the currents above Horse Creek.)

Dale Rollins, writer for the Livestock Weekly, had a clever article on turkey buzzards this week. He is the one that says a flock of buzzards is a kettle, and that they stage this time of year to start the southern migration.

Kent Ruble with a 19-pound and a 14-pound caught on Thursday, October 10th.

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84th Judicial District Court
Hansford County, Texas

By Maria B. Ochoa, Deputy
110-17-02)B

LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive bids on surplus county property until 4 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2002. Bids will be opened and awarded at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting on Monday, October 28, 2002. On October 16th, a list of surplus items will be available in the County Judge's office, and items can be seen at the Hansford County Courthouse at that time.
Jim D. Brown
Hansford County Judge
3(10-10-02)B

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: Peterson & Ervin, Defendants
GREETINGS:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being Monday, the 18th day of November, 2002, before the Honorable 84th Judicial District Court, #1 Courthouse Square, at the Courthouse of said County in Spearman, Texas 79081. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court, on the 2nd day of October, 2002, in this cause, numbered 4584 on the docket of said court, and styled,

JONES ENERGY, LTD. Plaintiff vs. PETERSON & ERVIN and ROBERT STEMMONS, JR. Defendants

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: See PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER as is more fully known by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: Mr. Jeff G. Shrader, PO Box 15008, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at this office in Spearman, Texas, this the 2nd day of October, 2002.

Kim V. Vera, District Clerk
84th Judicial District Court
Hansford County, Texas
4(10-10-02)B

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Respondent: Jose Narciso Cervantes - Respondent
GREETINGS:

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The petition of GUADALUPE CERVANTES petitioner, was filed in Cause #4582 on the 27th day of September, 2002, in the 84th Judicial District Court of Hansford County, Texas, STYLED:

GUADALUPE CERVANTES - Petitioner vs. JOSE NARCISO CERVANTES - Respondent

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: See PETITIONER'S ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE as is more fully shown by the Petition on file in this suit.

The name and address of the attorney for the Petitioner is: DAVID T. SCOTT, PO Box 485, Perryton, TX 79070, 806-435-6121.

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Tip o' the Hat



Pictured above are (L-R) Mike Lee, Amarillo Globe News; Catherine Smith, Hansford County Reporter-Statesman; Carolyn Cummings, KRDF-FM; Will Jarvis, Spearman ISD Board of Trustees President; and Dwayne Smith, KRDF-FM.

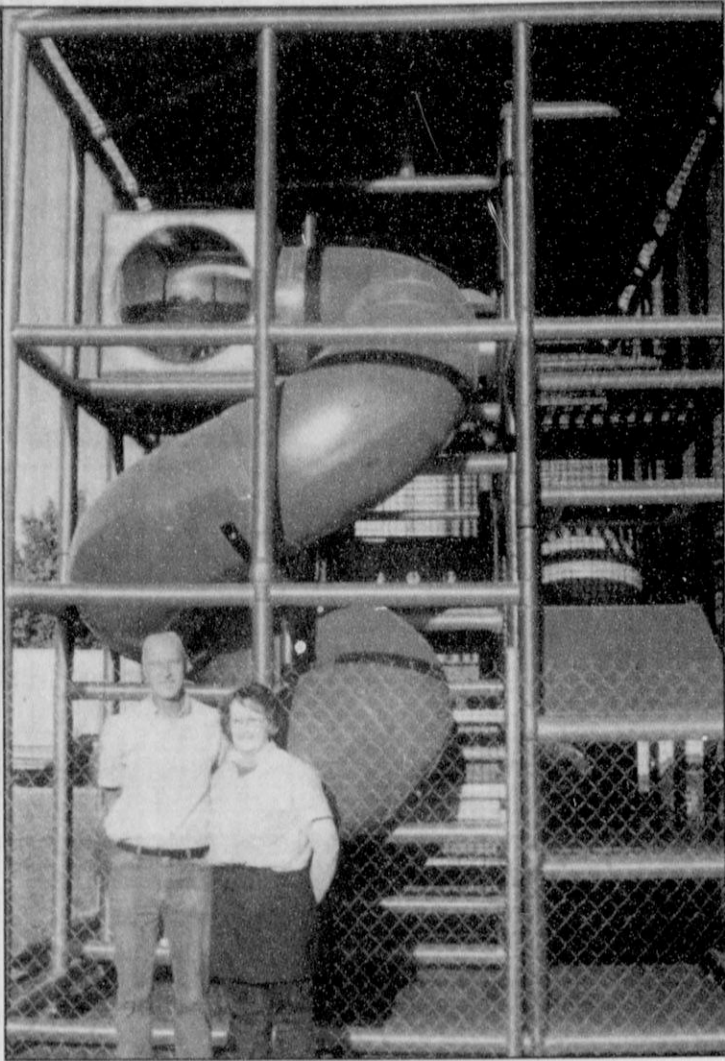
Reporters have the power to shape community attitudes about public schools, and the TASB-sponsored Media Honor Roll is a way to recognize fair and balanced reporting about school districts. As public schools advocates, trustees should not be opposed to reporters who cover our school's shortcomings fairly. We should, however, oppose unfair "school bashing."

In an effort to promote the fact that our public schools are quality places to educate Texas schoolchildren, TASB has again facilitated the Media Honor Roll. Local

districts recognized members of the media (either individuals or entities) statewide.

The Media Honor Roll was designed to cite media representatives who (1) make the effort to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; (2) report school news in a manner that is fair, accurate, and balanced; (3) give a high-profile position to good news about schools; (4) visit the schools; and (5) maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school representatives.

TASB Media Honor Roll honorees for 2002 include the following media organizations and individuals: Gary and Catherine Smith and Jeff Beedy - Hansford County Reporter-Statesman; Carolyn Cummings, Dwayne Smith, Rochelle Lacy and George Young - KRDF-FM; and Mike Lee - Amarillo Globe-News. The Spearman Independent School District passed a resolution adding these names to this honor roll.



Bob (left) and Gareda Meier, managers of the Gruver Dairy Queen are dwarfed by the 24' play land that was constructed south of the restaurant.

FUMC "Fun Bunch" Travels To Branson



The FUMC "Fun Bunch" recently traveled to Branson, Missouri. The group consisted of (L-R) Judy Nelson, Omar Sutton, Byrneice Callaway, Sharon Sutton, Anita Clemmons, Eddie Clemmons, Maylynn Ayers, Ken Cole, Roberta Cole, I.W. Ayers, LeeAnn Shields, Pauline McGee, Sheryl Meek, Kathleen Sutton, June O'Loughlin, Verna Gail Keim, Pat Dear and Dennis Nelson.

The FUMC "Fun Bunch" gathered at First United Methodist Church in Spearman on Monday, October 7, 2002 at 6 a.m. to begin a four-day adventure to Branson, Missouri. The group consisted of Ken and Roberta Cole, I.W. and Maylynn Ayers, Dennis and Judy Nelson, Eddie and Anita Clemmons, Omar and Sharon Sutton, Kathleen Sutton, Pat Dear, Verna Gail Keim, Sheryl Meek, Pauline McGee, Byrneice Callaway, LeeAnn Shields and June O'Loughlin.

The first official stop was for a picnic in Tulsa, Okla. The group arrived at the Savannah House in Branson in time for a good night's rest and were ready to begin their "shows" on Tuesday morning. They first attended "Magnificent America" at the White House Theater. After a lunch break at "Contrary Mary's," the group went to Shoji's for a marvelous show featuring the famous violinist. That night the entertainment was

the "Presley Family Theater," which is home to one of the original acts of Branson.

After a quick night's rest, the Spearmanites headed to the Lawrence Welk Theater for a breakfast show featuring the Lennon Brothers. Lunch was aboard the Branson Belle Riverboat with an entertaining variety show. The night entertainment was "Spirit of the Dance."

Thursday morning's departure time was 7 a.m. The two vans arrived in Carthage, Missouri about 9:15 a.m. for two hours at the Precious Moments Chapel. Lunch was at Burger King in Tulsa, with afternoon ice cream at Brahms in Woodward. The tired, but happy, group arrived home in Spearman about 8:30 p.m. with many memories and lots of laughs stored away for future reference.

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