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Hansford County Livestock Show

The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, February 7th and 8th in Spearman, Texas.

Friday's show will begin at 7 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The grand opening of the show will be held at 9 a.m. The lamb show will begin at 9:15 a.m., with the steer show following immediately. The weighing of pigs will be held after the steer show, around 2:30 p.m.

Saturday's schedule is as follows: 8 a.m. - swine show; 1 p.m. - judging contest; 6:30 p.m. - floor prices will be auctioned, with the presentation of Showmanship and Commercial Steer Awards. Immediately following the presentation of awards, the auction will begin. The sell order will be lamb, swine and steer.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the 4-H and FFA members of Hansford County.

A concession stand with lots of great food will be open both days.

2003 Department Superintendents are: Steer - Jerry Williams, Ricky Thompson, Kevin Holt, Danny Harrington and Clay Reid; Sheep - David Armes, Bret Burgin and Richard Pipkin; Swine - Clint Irwin, Kyle Nollner, Scot Martin, Lonnie Shields, Dwayne Thompson, Archie Smith, Keith Hight, Kenneth Slough, Brent Stedje and Lenny Pecha; and Commercial Steer - Ricky Thompson, Kevin Holt, Billy Brown, Dwayne Thompson and David Harbour.

The 2003 Board of Directors are: Brent Stedje, David Armes, Lenny Pecha, Clay Reid, Kevin Holt, Clint Irwin, Kenneth Slough, Danny Harrington, Scot Martin, Bret Burgin, Dwayne Thompson, Richard Pipkin, Kyle Nollner, Archie Smith, Ricky Thompson, Jerry Williams, Lonnie Shields, Burt Williams, Weston Born and Scott Stedje.

Gruver FFA Participants: Teal Armes, Timber Barkley, Cody Mac Been, Hunter Beville, Colt Cluck, Jordan Hick, Katie Jones, Jake Karlin, Regan Karlin, Jessica Montgomery, Hutch Reed, TJay Sherrill, Nicholas Slough, Lori Swink

Spearman FFA Participants: Orie Cooksey, Jared George, Tanner Hand, Tiffany Hand, Marshall Hearon, Isaac Herndon, Gregory Jacobs, Jacob Jones, Zack Murray, Justin Parker, Sonny Parker, Chase Schubert, Michael Torres, Clete Vanderburg, Eric Vasquez

Hansford County 4-H: Teal Armes, Blayne Baker, Preslee Baker, Justin Bass, Kaysha Bass, Lexi Batton, Tate Batton, Sydney Been, Austin Benton, Cody Benton, Gabi Boyd, Travis Boyd, Tracy Brown, Travis Brown, Lorissa Buschman, Nathan Buschman, Ryan Buschman, Casey Cator, Dakota Cator, Kyler Cator, Seth Clemmons, Mackenzie Crane, Addam Ferguson, Lauren Ferguson, Sheldon Field, Eric Flores, Ricky Garcia, Keilee Goodheart, Trent Goodheart, Cory Graves, Lanie Graves, Cara Gwin, Rachelle Holt, Emily Hood, Lance Huddleston, Brock Irwin, Tanner Irwin, Jessica Jarvis, Matthew Jarvis, Brian Johnson, Sammi Johnson, Kellyn King, Tyler Lane, Jacob Lieb, Dustin Mackie, Garrett Martin, Malory Martin, Stuart Martin, Britney Montgomery, Malissa Montgomery, Zack Nollner, Charles Oltman, Christian Patrick, Amanda Pearson, Joey Pearson, David Pipkin, Bailey Reid, Brenna Reid, Rhett Renner, Jeffrey Rice, Noemi Rodriguez, Seth Salgado, Jessica Schmidt, Chase Schubert, Kali Shields, Kyna Shields, Tabatha Shields, Tara Shields, Charlie Slough, Nicholas Slough, Kallie Smith, Megan Stedje, Sawyer Sutterfield, Justin Thompson, Ali Tyler, Rily Urban, Britta Vanderburg, Clete Vanderburg, Lynn Vela, Victoria Vela, Lindy Weldon, Dani Wheelock, Mattie Wheelock, Hudson Williams, Lance Williams, Taylor Williams, Tucker Williams

H&S EMS Recognized At Banquet



Kevin McDonald and Dwayne Comp are pictured above with the plaques they received at the Panhandle Emergency Medical Services System Banquet held January 11, 2003 in Amarillo. McDonald was recognized as the 2002 Director of the Year and Comp was recognized as the Emergency Care Attendant of the Year.

Two members of H&S EMS, a volunteer-based ambulance service in Spearman, were honored with two awards at the 2003 Panhandle Emergency Medical Services System Banquet, held January 11, 2003 in Amarillo.

Kevin McDonald was recognized as the 2002 Director of the Year. Kevin was cited as being instrumental in bringing the H&S EMS service to where it is today. As service director he is always positive and uplifting to all, promoting his service and employees as being the best, and always strives to do better. It's obvious that his crews like him a great deal, and are proud of the level that he brought this service to.

Kevin is married to Krystal, and they have a daughter, Sydney, and a son, Alex.

Dwayne Comp was recognized as the Emergency Care Attendant of the Year. Dwayne was cited as being a vital part of the H&S EMS service and community, even before he became certified. He has always been eager to help with the mechanical operations of the service. He always seems willing to place the needs of the service before his own. He can be counted on to respond at any time he is needed. Besides being an active member of the service, he operates his own cattle hauling business.

Dwayne is married to Beatrice, and they have four daughters, Amber, Ashton, Allysa and Anne Marie.

PEMSS, a department of Northwest Texas Healthcare System, provides offline medical control through a number of emergency physicians, coordinates communications between hospitals and EMS providers as well as presenting educational opportunities for 28 counties in the Texas Panhandle.

"H&S EMS would not be what it is without the financial support of the City of Spearman, Hansford County and Hansford Hospital," stated McDonald, full-time paramedic and EMS Director. "We are very grateful for their support."

The service is comprised of 21 members, which includes nine certified or licensed paramedics, one EMT-Intermediate and 11 EMTs. In addition, two EMT Intermediate's obtained their Paramedic certifications in 2002.

The roster also boasts four Texas Department of Health certified instructors, one TDH-certified course coordinator five American Heart Association certified CPR instructors, two Red Cross First Aid CPR instructors and two nationally-registered paramedics.

H&S EMS' members presented several trauma prevention programs for children, which included a bicycle safety program called "Skid Lids for Kids" that gave out over 100 helmets to children in the community. They also taught CPR to schools, the community and hospital staff at no charge and presented an emergency care attendant class.

An optional incentive program, which pays a token amount to the technician for covering pager time, was also instituted in 2001 to help with call coverage.

H&S EMS members include: Justin Boyd, EMT-LP; Beatrice Comp, EMT-P; Dwayne Comp, ECA ; Dean Greene, ECA; Brandie Jarvis, EMT-I; Jay Lamb, EMT-LP; Kevin McDonald, EMS Director, NREMT-P; Krystal McDonald, ECA; Mike Terry, ECA; Cynthia Scribner, EMT-P; Jason Varnon, Asst. EMS Director, EMT-LP and NREMT-P; and Karen Vasek, EMT-B. Reserve members include Joe Anstey, EMT-P; Jorge Arenivar, EMT-LP, Bill Baker, NREMT-P; Jolaine Ball, EMT-B, Roger Close, EMT-B, Michele Davis, EMT-LP; Kevin Harris, EMT-I; Donna Miller, EMT-LP; Tashi Schumann, EMT-B; Darrell Scroggs, EMT-B; Brandon Standerfer, EMT-P and Ryan Wells, EMT-B.

There is no differentiation in the educational requirements of a paid provider versus a volunteers. Volunteers generally already have full time jobs, which means training is generally done after work hours.

Last year Beatrice Comp was named the PEMSS 2001 EMT-Intermediate of the Year and H&S EMS garnered the PEMSS 2001 Volunteer Provider of the Year Award.

Nominations for the award were submitted by members of the community, primarily from hospital staff and physicians who work on a day-to-day basis with EMS personnel. The PEMSS advisory board, consisting of 10 members representing five different regions in the organization, evaluated all nominations sent in from across the Texas Panhandle and made the final selection.

Illness Bugs Spearman Schools

by Harletta Carthel

Spearman schools were closed last week after a flu-like illness resulted in a 15% absentee rate.

"I've been in education 27 years, and I've never seen anything like it," SISD Superintendent Rod Sumner said.

The outbreak started in the elementary and resulted in the dismissal of those students on Monday and Tuesday, January 20 and 21. Unfortunately, the illness spread to the junior high and high school, resulting in 110 absentees, about 15% of the total school enrollment, on Friday, January 24.

This figure, and the number of staff members attempting to work while ill in order to keep the schools open, prompted a later decision to close all Spearman campuses at noon on Friday through Wednesday, January 29.

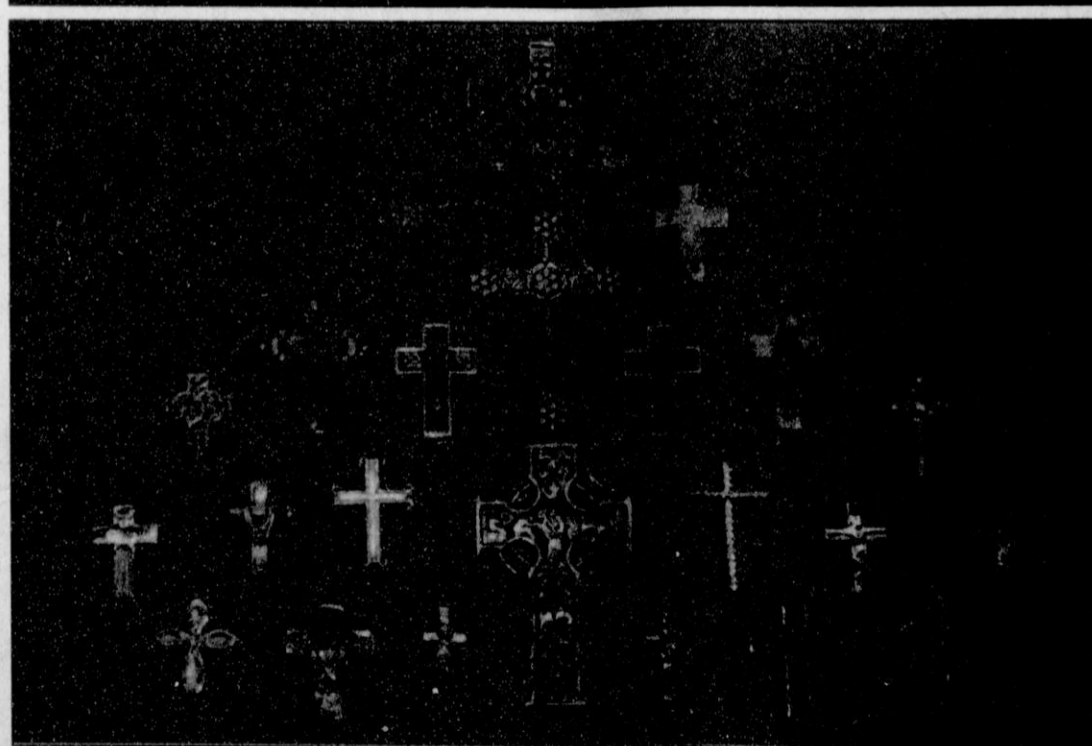
The move was aimed at giving sick students and

teachers time to recover, stopping the spread of the illness to others, and giving school custodians time to disinfect all areas of the school buildings.

Spearman Junior High did not participate in Saturday's games in the Gruver Basketball Tournament and the Spearman Stock Show was rescheduled to a later date in an effort to stop the spread of the illness.

School officials are hopeful that school attendance will be much improved when school resumes on Thursday, January 30, but Superintendent Sumner issued a word of warning. "We're just trying to tell all our parents, please don't send your kids back to school if they're sick."

"I know the kids are wanting to come back to school, but if they've got sniffles and a fever, it's best to keep them home so they'll get better and not infect somebody else," Sumner said.



Margarette Evans, Mary Kay Harbour and Betty Jean Davis arranged a display of crosses in the dining room of Hansford Manor. This display was dedicated in memory of Virginia Head by the Hospital Auxiliary.



Spearman Stock Show Rescheduled

The Spearman Stock Show was postponed due to illness and has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2003.

Heifers, steers, lambs, and swine will be shown by Spearman 4H and FFA members in the Spearman County Barn.

The annual Hansford County Stock Show is slated for February 6th and 7th, also in the Spearman County Barn.



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Happy Birthday!

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

January 30

Birthday - Vicki Crawford, Terry Jackson, Timothy Schultz
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Eusebio Vela Sr., Richard & Arlene Paschel, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Perez

January 31

Birthday - Breanna Dearin, Brian Stewart, Austin Zimmer, James Schnell, L.C. Owens, Cory Schneider, Charles Lilley, Hudson Williams, Jim Younger, Karen Ferguson
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Ruiz, Mr. & Mrs. John Shields, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Hintergardt, Mr. & Mrs. Royce Mathews

February 1

Birthday - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, JoeBob Breedon, Terri Goodknight, Lacie Baker, Clint Linde, Anthony Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cheryl Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. George C. Lowe

February 2

Birthday - Sergio Favela Jr., Margie Boone, Michael T. Davis, Sheila Brand, Grace McDade, Nadine Bishard, Connie Garcia, Cayla Simon, Toby Thompson
Anniversary - Jeff & Chris Spencer, Bill & Dalene Baker, Louis & Mary Miesner

February 3

Birthday - Jerry Kiser, Joanne Hays, Kelly Davis, Jr. Hart, Pip Craig, Glenna Dibbern, Todd Ware, Donna Roberts, Beth Baker, Jerry Laird, Roy Dee Martin, Evelyn Burch, Traci Clift
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Cook, Bob & Candy Boxwell, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Salgado, Mr. & Mrs. James Stedje

February 4

Birthday - Mary Dawn Henson, Bill Logsdon, Argelia Rodriguez, Heath Tolleson, Misty Barnes, Roy Lee Uptergrove, Linda Davis, Dale Hendrick, Tina Marie Jenkins, Andres Ortiz, Chris Evans, Cynthia Goodman, Ted Widener, Joan Farr, Bonnie Ball, Landri Burnam, Samantha Myatt

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Nick Jordan, Lenis & Holly Simpson
 February 5

Birthday - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tipps, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Pipkin, Theron Spencer, Zachary McCammond, Matt Watlington, Matison Jones, George DeSantiago, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter, Larry Murphy
 February 6

Birthday - Erica Blount, Larry Irlbeck, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Carlos Espinosa, Cora Lesly, Ruben Vera, Bradly Laxton, Ofelia Zamora, Courtney Jo Myers, Wayne Shook, Betty Allen, Kimberly LaFarr, Becky Brown, Moses Lomeli, Tammie Purvines
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hohertz, Patsy & Jerry Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. Curt Fitzgearld
 February 7

Birthday - Alicia Barkley, Chris Johnson, Buddy Lowe, Mike Stedje, Monique Yancy, Virginia Poole, Tracy Taylor, Calvin Pearson, Jill Havens, Kay Atkinson, Michelle Bass, Janice Noble, Dustin Mackie, Sara Eisefeld
 February 8

Birthday - Louise Etter, Bobby Mosier, Ben Vaughn, Domingo Salazar III, Ruth Hill, Verlin Beck, Dorothy Karns, Jesse Brisen, Verlene Bass, Zachary Logsdon, Sue Watts
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Tony Herndon
 February 9

Birthday - Lorene Dahl, Andy Hoel, Elena Salazar, Carole Hall, Sara Avila, Paula Garza, Doris Breedon, Jackie Pearson, Linda Rodriguez, Lori Williams, Rossetta Barrera, Michelle Laughlin, Armando Borunda, Drew Mireles, Betty Scribner
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Martin Ochoa, Bill & Alice Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne TeBeest
 February 10

Birthday - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Nina Evans, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Travis Garnett, Evelina Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick, Karen Schnell
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Perry Dixon

DOC@Distance Degree Program Seeks Doctoral Students

A groundbreaking Texas educational program is now accepting applications for its second group of participants, according to Dr. Glen Shinn, Texas A&M University agricultural education department head. Texas A&M and Texas Tech University are accepting applications for the second group of students for Doc@Distance, a joint doctoral program in agricultural education delivered via distance education. "Unlike the first group of 17 students, which was limited only to Texas residents, the second Doc@Distance class will be open to students both inside and outside the state," Shinn said. "Course work will begin in the fall 2003 and students will complete the doctorate in agricultural education in the summer 2007." Interested individuals must submit applications to the graduate schools at both institutions no later than March 15, he said. For more information on this unique program, view the Web site <http://doc-at-a-distance.tamu.edu/> or contact Matt Baker, matt.baker@ttu.edu or Shinn, g-shinn@tamu.edu for more information.

THE HANSFORD COUNTY REPORTER-STATESMAN proudly presents the Hansford Manor Resident of the Month



Louis Flowers was recently elected "Resident of the Month" for January. This is an honor that is voted on by Hansford Manor Residents. Louis was born in Perryton and raised 21 miles south of Perryton. He raised four boys and five girls in that area as he farmed and ranched, as well as doing mechanic work. Louis has always had a love for horses. He enjoys looking at them and working with them. He has spent many years enjoying riding. Louis has become one of the leaders of the resident volunteer action at Hansford Manor. Volunteer activities include wrapping silverware and helping other residents any time and in any way that he can. "Louis is always a gentleman. He is always friendly and smiling," were some of the comments written on the voting ballots.

Louis Flowers, Manor Resident of the Month, with Ernestina Salgado, Activities Assistant.

Congratulations, Louis!

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Bereavement Support Group Begins
 Hansford County Hospice is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group that began January 20, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the parlor of the the First United Methodist Church in Spearman. This group is for anyone whose loved one or friend has died. It is part of the on-going services provided by Hansford County Hospice. Please call 659-3054, 659-5503 or 659-5811 if you have any questions.

Weigh Down Weight Loss Class
 There will be a Weigh Down weight loss class beginning Monday, February 3rd at 7 p.m. in the parlor of the Spearman Church of Christ. If you have any questions, or would like to join, please call Rhonda at 659-3309.

Swim Team Meeting
 There will be an organizational meeting Thursday, February 6, 2003 in the First State Bank Hospitality Room for the Spearman Swim Team. Items on the agenda include the election of officers and the hiring of a coach for the 2003 season. New and returning swimmers and their parents are urged to attend. For more information, please contact Jackie Nelson at 659-2230 or Bonnie Bergan at 659-5529.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help
 AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from February 4th 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, call 1-888-AARP NOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit their web-site at www.aarp.org/taxaide/, or contact Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

Red Hat Club
 Any ladies interested in joining the "Red Hat Club" are asked to call Patty Spoonemore at 659-2294 or Marva Hohertz at 659-2061. There are no dues, no committees, no programs – just fun! The club meets the last Wednesday of each month at noon (subject to change). All ladies 50 and over are asked to wear red hats and purple clothing, and all ladies under 50 are asked to wear purple hats and red clothing.

St. Patrick's Day Lad 'n Lassie Pageant
 The 11th annual St. Patrick's Lad 'n Lassie and Pre-Teen Pageant will be held March 16, 2003, at the Shamrock High School Auditorium in conjunction with the 57th annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Any child between the ages of birth to 8th grade are eligible to participate. The pageant will begin at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Entry fee is \$10 and must accompany an entry form and two photos. The entry deadline is March 3, 2003. For more information, contact Betty Lee at 256-5337 or Connie at the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce Office at 256-2501. For complete list of rules and requirements and entry forms, please send a SASE to: Lad 'n Lassie Pageant, % Saint Patrick's Association, PO Box 588, Shamrock, TX 79079.

Medical Fund Established for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez
 A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez. Melissa has been diagnosed with cancer. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, Melissa Vasquez Fund, 1 NE Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

Medical Fund Established for Holly Tercero
 A medical fund has been established for Holly Tercero at First National Bank. Holly was injured in an automobile accident in Hansford County on November 30, 2002.

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Thank You

A special thanks to everyone in the community who sent cards and flowers, made phone calls or visits, and especially the prayers for Billy while he was in the Dumas Hospital. A special thanks to our Union Church family!

The Bill Sparks Family

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who for the cards, calls, prayers and support in the death of Juanita Batts of Perry, OK. (She was the sister of Shirley Stafford and was a resident of Spearman in the late 50's and early 60's).

Batts Family; Evans Family; and the Stafford Family

Thank You

Thank you so much for your support of the Community Health Fair. We appreciate the time and space you gave promoting the event so that more people might be aware. It takes the best in each of us to make the best world for all of us.

Steve Hartgraves; Carol Sell; Anne Snow; Hansford County Hospital District

Thank You

We express our sincerest appreciation for the flowers, food, cards, visits, and many other acts of kindness and compassion shown to us during our recent loss.

We extend a special thank you to the Gruver EMS for their quick response, to the Gruver ambulance crew, and Hansford Hospital.

The Tommy Pepper Family

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

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Joyce Crooks, who lives east of Spearman, called Joan Hawkins last week to tell her that she had counted 13 bald eagles near the neighboring playa lake. Then Saturday Jim counted 14 eagles at Palo Duro. This Monday morning he had seen 7 with the office scope. Lots of ice being on the Lake has probably brought more eagles in.

Last week Jim made a trip to Austin for a Water Law Conference sponsored by the Texas Rural Water Conservation and the Texas Water Conservation groups. A lawyer for Boone Pickens and friends made an eloquent speech, and then he was rebutted by two others. Jim said they had a few sparks flying.

Not many fish were caught, but people are buying permits anyway. The state winter meeting for the Texas Ornithological Society is to be in Amarillo Feb. 6-8. The Panhandle Bird Club is sponsoring it at the Clarion Hotel. Friday and Saturday mornings will be devoted to field trips. Of the 10 field trips listed I expect the one to see the Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat, Lipscomb and Hemphill Counties may be the most popular as the birds can be seen in such few places.

Palo Duro Lake, Hansford County is on the list, so I was curious about what birds would be the drawing cards at our Lake. The first thing they are targeting is Black-billed Magpies. Maybe some will show up for them, but none have been reported this year. The next target is American Tree Sparrows. Expected birds include Virginia Rail, Golden Eagle, Bald Eagle, Prairie Falcon, Horned Grebe, Ring-necked Pheasant, Ross's Goose and Hooded Merganser.

Horned Grebe is not a duck as I had supposed. It is closer to a loon. These birds are irregular--not seen some years, but in other years they are numerous. The Hooded Mergansers are ducks and uncommon in the Panhandle. These little ducks are long-bodied and long-tailed with a unique hammerhead crest.

Cleon Roberts has sent me a Sherman County W. P. A. interview by Mrs. Cline Gilbert (Jessie Loomis) to Winnie Davis Hale in 1941. In it Jessie tells of the shooting of her brother J. E. Loomis at Farwell. Some of the material disagrees with other statements, so I will need to work some more at the story. She says her brother was the second sheriff to serve in Sherman County--something that shouldn't be hard to confirm.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Helen Fisher's column will not appear this week due to the illness of the author.

Mrs. Fisher will undergo a heart procedure on Friday in Amarillo. She is currently at Integrated Health Services (IHS) in Amarillo and plans to return there after the procedure.

Look for *Among The Neighbors* to return soon.

Davidson Promoted To Sergeant

Captain Vincent J. Ellis, Commanding Officer of Troop A, Lee's Summit, announced a promotion to sergeant. Corporal Gary Davidson was promoted to the rank of sergeant and designated as the zone Commander of Zone 15, Henry County in Missouri.

Sergeant Davidson graduated from Carthage High School in 1980, and then attended Missouri Southern State College in Joplin. He graduated in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in accounting and an associate degree in computer programming. While attending college, Sergeant Davidson was employed with Leggett and Platt, Inc. in Joplin, as an accountant and assistant transportation manager. Sergeant Davidson began his career with the Patrol on September 1, 1985. Upon graduation from the Academy, he was assigned to Bates and Cass counties. He was assigned to the Gaming Division in January of 1995, as a background investigator until February of 1998. Sergeant Davidson was assigned to patrol duty in Cass County and promoted to corporal in August of 1998. Sergeant Davidson continued to work patrol duties in Cass County until his promotion to sergeant in Henry County on September 22, 2002.

Sergeant Davidson is married to the former Denise Massie of Harrisonville, MO. They have four children: Zachary, 7; Stephanie, 8; Ashley, 16 of Monett, MO; and Ashley Saffel, 19 of Blue Springs, MO. He is the son of Dale Davidson and the late Florence (Holton) Davidson of Spearman, Texas. Sergeant Davidson is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Harrisonville, and actively participates with the American Cancer Society.

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- 2002 Focus SE - 4-door, light gold, tan cloth, 4-cycle, auto, windows, locks, cruise, tilt, CD, aluminum wheels, 13,000 miles, balance of 3 yr./36,000 mile warranty \$11,900
- 2002 Escort SE - 4-door, silver, 4-cycle, automatic, air, cruise, tilt, windows, locks, keyless entry, ABS, 11,000 miles, balance of 3 yr./36,000 mile warranty \$9,900
- 2002 Escort SE - 4-door, white, 4-cycle, automatic, air, cruise, tilt, windows, locks, keyless entry, ABS, 13,000 miles, balance of 3 yr./36,000 mile warranty \$9,900
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- 2001 Pontiac Montana Mini Van - Quad bucket seats, 3rd-row bench seat, V6, automatic, windows, locks, tilt, cruise, dual air, very clean with 42,450 miles \$15,500
- 1999 Lincoln Continental - Red fire mist, V8, automatic, driver-select system, Alpine, memory seats, entry system, loaded, 1-owner, clean, new tires, 82,000 miles, (Doctor's car) \$11,500
- 1998 Dodge Ram 1500 - Good cab, red, magnum V8, automatic, laramie SLT, windows, locks, tilt, cruise, clean truck, good tires \$8,750
- 1996 Chrysler Concord LXI - 4-door, white, tan leather interior, windows, locks, tilt, cruise, CD, 34,000 miles, very clean car \$7,500
- 1996 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera SL - 4-door, brown, tan cloth, windows, locks, tilt, cruise, cassette, 62,000 miles \$4,000



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Application Deadline for Federal Farm Program Fast Approaching

Linda Counts, Acting County Executive Director for the Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds area farmers and ranchers to make an appointment to sign-up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). The deadline to apply for DCP is April 1, 2003. This date is outlined in legislation and no extensions or exceptions will be made.

"The new farm legislation is complex in nature," said Counts. "Maximizing benefits from these programs will require producers to organize and plan ahead before visiting our offices," she said.

Counts, commented that sign-up for DCP is averaging at least one hour per farm. She encourages producers to avoid procrastinating

and offers the following advice for preparing for a visit to FSA. If a producer is planning to update bases and yields, Counts encourages using the Base and Yield Analyzer Internet tool available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/farm-bill/tools.asp>. The analyzer assists producers in evaluating a farm's historic data and enables them to make educated decisions about their specific operations.

If electing to update yields, producers will be required to provide all production records for 1998-2000. For cash leased land, FSA requires a copy of the lease agreement if available and proof of lease payment. If no written lease agreement is provided, the landowner must sign for zero shares.

Additionally, producers who have

dropped, added, purchased, sold or otherwise changed their farming operation need to be prepared to report these changes to the FSA office. Also, producers must certify any 2002 crop plantings or land use changes not previously reported.

"Gathering all necessary documentation and arriving at our office with a general idea of specific farm program goals, will insure accurate program decisions and better use of staff and customer time," said Counts.

For more information about DCP, FSA or the farm bill provisions contact your local FSA office at (806) 659-3036 or visit the national website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Futures and Options Topic at Seminar

A special seminar to help producers understand how to use futures and options in commodities trading is scheduled here for Feb. 6-7.

The shortcourse, one of 10 being offered around the state, will be held at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

The session is offered under the Advanced Topics Seminar Series, a part of the Master Marketer Education System, said Dr. Steven Amosson, farm management economist with Texas Cooperative Extension in Amarillo.

The goal, he said, is to fully prepare producers on using advanced hedging strategies, such as cover calls, spreads, storage hedging, and windows. Participants will learn the pros and cons of each technique, and when to use them.

"The ATS course is absolutely

more in-depth than the well-known Master Marketer training," said Amosson. "As we surveyed our Master Marketer graduates, the average profit increase being reported was around \$25,000, so we know the trainings have an impact where it counts."

Ed Usset, a grain marketing specialist for the Center for Farm Financial Management at the University of Minnesota, will lead the training. Usset teaches beginning and advanced marketing classes to Minnesota producers and has been instrumental in the successful Master Marketer education program there. He worked as the marketing director of commodity operations for the Pillsbury Company before joining the university.

"Marketing these days is far more sophisticated than ever before," Amosson said, "Producers need to

understand it to unlock profits."

Pre-registration is required, but time is running short. Classes tend to fill rapidly as the deadline nears, Amosson said. Tuition for the workshop costs \$150 per person, and covers materials, breaks and lunches. Contact Fran Bretz at (806) 677-5600, or stop by any county Extension office to pick up a registration form.

Partial funding for this year's Advanced Topic Series is provided by the Southern Region Risk Management Education Center. Other sponsors underwriting the series include: Master Marketer Educational System, Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farm Bureau, the State Cotton Support Committee, and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Operation Ready: Easing The Strain On Family Finances

When military personnel are deployed, they and their families face the emotional stress of separation.

But before they say goodbye, said Nancy Granovsky, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist and project director for Operation READY, "these families would be wise to look at areas where the family budget is likely to be stressed when the primary wage-earner is overseas." And then they need to find ways to combat that financial stress before it happens.

Operation READY (Resources for Educating About Deployment and You), developed by Texas Cooperative Extension in cooperation with California Cooperative Extension, is a mobilization and deployment training program developed for the Department of Army and U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, said Diane Wisneski, Extension assistant with program.

Operation READY's "The Soldier/Family Deployment Survival Handbook" is available online; go to www.goacs.org

Click on the link to deployment readiness.

When facing deployment, military families owe it to themselves to have their family finances in as much order as possible before shipping out, added Granville Tyson, Extension associate with Operation READY.

The first step would be to make sure the remaining spouse knows

where to go and who to contact if a problem with the serviceman's pay arises.

According to the handbook, the Finance and Accounting Office provides information on the pay of military personnel. Such information is sent to the rear detachment. Families who experience problems with pay should contact the rear detachment commander.

In addition, the rear detachment and unit Command Financial Specialist or Army Community Service financial readiness section should be contacted in case of financial difficulties while the military spouse is away.

But what about preparing the family finances before deployment? The Soldier/Family Deployment Survival Handbook offers these suggestions:

- Open a joint checking and/or savings direct deposit account for the remaining spouse to maintain while the serviceman is away from home. The family bills and expenses should be paid from this account.

- To help prevent missed payments, bounced checks or overdrawn accounts, open a second checking account in the military spouse's name. That way he or she will know how much is available to spend and won't accidentally spend too much of the family's joint funds. If desired, the military spouse can start a predetermined allotment to his or her separate checking account or have the remaining spouse make monthly

deposits.

- Send an allotment to the remaining spouse; make sure all household expenses will be covered.

- If questions or problems with pay come up, contact the unit Command Financial Specialist or the Family Readiness Liaison.

But when establishing a budget for the family to use during deployment, Granovsky advised to be on the lookout for unexpected changes in paychecks. One example discussed in the handbook is the Basic Allowance for Subsistence, the amount of money provided for the military spouse's meals while he or she lives at home, she said. Since the military spouse will eat in military facilities while on deployment, his or her BAS may be removed from the paycheck until deployment is over. This amount missing from the paycheck can cause a shock to the family budget if it's not planned for.

The handbook also advises military families to check into the possibility of establishing a separation allowance for the remaining spouse. The unit Personnel and Administration Center can provide information on qualifications and application.

Also, check into benefits provided by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Military Star Contingency Deployment Policy. Under this policy, qualifying military personnel can utilize benefits provided by the Exchange Credit

program deployment policy while they are serving overseas.

For more information, contact AAFES at (877) 891-7827 or online at <http://www.aafes.com>

And remember, the handbook advises: Identification cards issued by the military are necessary for accessing these benefits. If an ID card is lost or missing, contact the Division/Installation Adjutant General Customer Service Section for information on getting a replacement.

For more information on this or any other ways to preplan for deployment, visit the Web at www.goacs.org

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Bonnie and Kyle Woolam of Carrollton, TX wish to announce the birth of their son, Drew Thomas Woolam. Drew was born on January 21, 2003 at 4:30 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long.

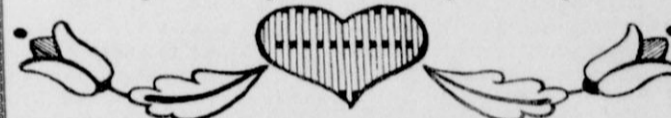
He was welcomed home by his three-year-old big brother, Luke. Proud grandparents are Linda and Britt Jarvis of Spearman; Judie Woolam of Lake Jackson, TX; and Lynda and Tommy Woolam of O'Donnell. Great-grandparents are Helen and Nolan Holt of Spearman and Mollie Luckenback of Lake Jackson.

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Data	10		Total	
Control	General	Other	Governmental	
Codes	Fund	Funds	Funds	
REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,280,635	\$ 26,700	\$ 3,307,335
5800	State Program Revenues	854,609	75,411	930,020
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,811	409,831	411,642
5020	Total Revenues	4,137,055	511,942	4,648,997
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	2,129,832	401,041	2,530,873
0012	Instructional Resources & Media Services	42,282	25	42,307
0013	Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	11,769	-	11,769
0023	School Leadership	256,831	-	256,831
0031	Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	45,427	-	45,427
0033	Health Services	48,566	-	48,566
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	161,650	1,322	162,972
0035	Food Services	-	134,435	134,435
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	169,498	-	169,498
0041	General Administration	309,911	-	309,911
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	397,202	-	397,202
0053	Data Processing Services	30,248	-	30,248
Debt Service:				
0071	Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	-	28,054	28,054
0171	Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	-	37,314	37,314
Intergovernmental:				
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of	22,404	-	22,404
6030	Total Expenditures	3,625,620	602,191	4,227,811
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	511,435	(90,249)	421,186
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915	Transfers In	-	90,368	90,368
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(90,368)	-	(90,368)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(90,368)	90,368	-
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	421,067	119	421,186
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	736,352	14,231	750,583
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1,157,419	\$ 14,350	\$ 1,171,769

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VARSITY LYNXETTES

LYNXETTES - 46, PANHANDLE - 31
 JANUARY 14, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Vaquera-0; Short, J.-3; Goodheart-6; Smith-5; Flowers-13; Cazares-0; Edwards-9; Whitefield-10; Vargas-0
Coach's Comments: We feel good about winning in Panhandle - that's a major achievement. Good team effort on offense and defense.

LYNXETTES - 47, CANADIAN - 55
 JANUARY 17, 2003

Player - Points Scored: Vaquera-3; Short, J.-2; Goodheart-5; Smith-5; Flowers-11; Cazares-5; Edwards-9; Whitefield-7
Coach's Comments: We were happy with our offensive production overall. It's hard to score against Canadian quickness, but we just couldn't stop them in the end half and they made free throws late. Good ball game.

VARSITY LYNX

LYNX - 31, CHANNING - 33
 JANUARY 10, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Beedy-3; Cherry-6; Miller-8; Vera-12; Griffin-2

LYNX - 58, PANHANDLE - 68 (OVERTIME SCORE)
 JANUARY 14, 2003

Player - Points Scored: Beedy-14; Cherry-4; Baker-5; Vera-11; Sheets-0; Griffin-13; Miller-11

LYNX - 54, CANADIAN - 39
 JANUARY 17, 2003

Player - Points Scored: Smith-5; Beedy-13; Cherry-6; Baker-2; Vera-6; Sheets-0; Griffin-14; Miller-8

JUNIOR VARSITY LYNXETTES - PURPLE

LYNXETTES - 42, PANHANDLE - 46
 JANUARY 14, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Short, L.-7; Cherry-3; Harbour-15; Shields-2; Hernandez-0; Parker-0; Vanderburg-3; Paul-2; Hart-6; Winegarner-2
Coach's Comments: Our defense got better every quarter as we became more aggressive and stronger with the ball. We just gave up too many points in the first half.

LYNXETTES - 50, CANADIAN - 46
 JANUARY 17, 2003

Player - Points Scored: Short, L.-18; Cherry-5; Harbour-12; Shields-7; Hernandez-2; Parker-0; Vanderburg-0; Paul-2; Hart-2; Winegarner-2
Coach's Comments: We shot the ball great in the first half. Canadian made a big run in the second half, but we were able to knock down some free-throws late to win. Good effort and a really good win against an undefeated team.

JUNIOR VARSITY LYNX

LYNX - 46, PANHANDLE - 43
 JANUARY 14, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Thomas-6; Vasquez-4; Vanderburg-2; Jones-3; Gillaspie-1; Moreno-5; Kern-10; McGaha-15

LYNX - 58, CANADIAN - 56
 JANUARY 17, 2003

Player - Points Scored: Thomas-2; Savage-3; Jones-4; Moreno-6; McGaha-8; Gillaspie-10; Kern-25

JUNIOR VARSITY LYNXETTES - WHITE

LYNXETTES - 23, CANADIAN - 33
 JANUARY 21, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Bulls-0; A. Mendoza-5; S. Mendoza-0; Ruiz-0; Mallory Paul-3; Barnes-2; Swan-3; Baca-6; McElroy-4
Coach's Comments: We had a hard time putting the ball in the basket. We made a little run at them in the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late. We've got to block-out better.

Sweethearts Sought

The Hansford County Reporter Statesman is seeking to honor Hansford County couples who have been married 50 years or more in the February 13 edition. To recognize a couple who has celebrated 50 years or more of marriage, submit their names and the number of years they have been married by mail to the Hansford County Reporter Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, Texas 79081, by e-mail cathyrsmit@aol.com, or by dropping the information by the newspaper office (a window drop-in slot is available for use after business hours).

Deadline for submitting names is Thursday, February 6, 2003. Names submitted after the deadline will not be published in this year's list.

FRESHMEN LYNX

LYNX - 55, PANHANDLE - 49
 JANUARY 13, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Sander-8; Gallegos-4; Town-18; Bulls-2; Pillow-9; Howard-13

FRITCH TOURNAMENT
 LYNX - 46, WEST TEXAS - 43
 JANUARY 16, 2003

Player - Points Scored: Gallegos-3; Town-15; Chambers-3; Pillow-11; Howard-14

FRITCH TOURNAMENT
 LYNX - 41, BORGER - 46
 JANUARY 17, 2003

Player - Points Scored: Sander-1; Gallegos-4; Town-12; Chambers-1; Pillow-15; Howard-8

FRITCH TOURNAMENT
 LYNX - 41, RIVER ROAD - 31
 JANUARY 18, 2003

Player - Points Scored: Gallegos-6; Town-6; Chambers-11; Pillow-8; Howard-8; Baca-2

7TH GRADE BOYS

SPEARMAN TOURNAMENT
 JANUARY 9-11, 2003

by Stuart Martin: The 7th Grade Lynx played some really tough teams and came out on the losing end of each of them. They were defeated by Gruver 30 - 35, Dalhart 25 - 30, and Perryton 27 - 35. They played some very close games, with the final one having everyone standing on their toes!!

LYNX - 28, PANHANDLE - 26
 JANUARY 13, 2003

by Zack Nollner: The 7th Grade Lynx score many 4th quarter points and come away with a victory, 28 - 26.

LYNX - 10, CANADIAN - 30
 JANUARY 20, 2003

by Elliott Sheets: The Lynx tried as hard as they could, but still couldn't come away with a victory. The final score was 10-30.

8TH GRADE BOYS

SPEARMAN TOURNAMENT
 JANUARY 9-11, 2003

by Stuart Martin: The 8th Grade Lynx came out with 2nd place at their tournament. They defeated Gruver 41 - 29 and Dalhart 43 - 25. They played an extremely talented Borger team in the championship game and came up on the losing end 31 - 52.

LYNX - 54, PANHANDLE - 37
 JANUARY 13, 2003

by Zack Nollner: The Lynx win 54 - 37 with Collin Gillaspie scoring 24 points. The rest of the team had a great game as well.

LYNX - 63, CANADIAN - 11
 JANUARY 20, 2003

by Elliott Sheets: As usual, the 8th grade Lynx came out on top. They defeated Canadian with a final score of 63-11. Way to go!!

7TH GRADE GIRLS
 SPEARMAN TOURNAMENT
 JANUARY 9-11, 2003

by Cara Gwin: The 7th Grade Lynxettes won 1st place by defeating Gruver, Dalhart and Stratford. They are having an awesome year.

LYNX - 34, PANHANDLE - 28
 JANUARY 13, 2003

by Britney Montgomery: The girls won a close game with a score of 34 - 28. They were ahead by 10 before the half, but Panhandle began to score. All in all, the 7th grade Lynxettes played a tough game.

LYNXETTES - 41, CANADIAN - 14
 JANUARY 20, 2003

by Amy Boyd: The 7th grade Lynxettes are undefeated and still going strong. Canadian had some tall girls, but the Lynxettes would not let them shoot the ball. Spearman has a great defense that doesn't allow the other team many chances to shoot. Canadian was a bit frustrated and so was their coach. It was another happy win for Spearman, 41 - 14.

8TH GRADE GIRLS
 SPEARMAN TOURNAMENT
 JANUARY 9-11, 2003

by Cara Gwin: The 8th Grade Lynxettes also won 1st place. They lost their first game to Gruver, but came back and won their second game against Dalhart. Because of a three-way tie situation, the Lynxettes played in the championship game and defeated Stratford. Way to go!!

LYNX - 55, PANHANDLE - 18
 JANUARY 13, 2003

by Britney Montgomery: Last time the 8th grade Lynxettes played Panhandle they lost by 1 point. This game was a totally different story with the Lynxettes coming up with a 43-point win, 55 - 18. Coach Baird was very proud of their comeback.

LYNX - 49, CANADIAN - 18
 JANUARY 20, 2003

by Amy Boyd: The 8th grade Lynxettes are doing super as they took another win. They were sinking 3-pointers left and right. Canadian's defense couldn't hold off the Lynxettes post players who sank many shots. Final score...Lynxettes 49, Wildcats 18.

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