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Hansford Happenings

Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary will be starting their annual fund raiser on December 1, 1997. This is money that is donated instead of mailing Christmas Cards and is used for equipment and supplies for the hospital and manor. Your check should be made to Operation Christmas Greeting and mailed to Mary Fern Terry, 906 Bernice, Spearman, Texas 79081. Your name will be published in the paper each week as a donor.

Gruver Chamber Annual Christmas Home Decorating Contest

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce will be having its Annual Christmas Home Decorating Contest on December 22, 1997. There will be three (3) \$50.00 Gruver Bucks awarded to three different homes. If you have won in the past and would like to see someone else win, please turn off your lights the evening of December 22, 1997.

Knights of Columbus Tenderloins

Need help cooking for the Christmas holiday? The Knights of Columbus Council #5552 can help you! We are cooking up some of our county - famous Beef Tenderloins on December 22, which will be available for pickup or delivery in the Spearman or Gruver city limits. The cost is \$60 per tenderloin. Please call one of the following persons by 7 p.m. on December 21st to order up this taste bud treat: In Spearman -- Don Allen - 659-2066 or Richard Paschel - 659-5907. In Gruver -- Dwain Weller - 733-2007.

FPC Courses Offered in Spearman

The following courses will be offered in Spearman by Frank Phillips College in January. Psychology - Drug & Alcohol Dependent (3 hr. credit) - \$110; Business Management - Management Training (3 hr. credit) - \$110; Infant Massage Workshop (2 hr. workshop - soothes infants and parents) - \$25; Painted Floor Cloths (rugs) - Thursday evening classes - \$33; Volunteer Management - Thursday evening - \$23; First Things First - Time Management Class (Tuesday evenings - 6 weeks) - \$40. To register, or for general information, please call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

Gruver Methodist Cantata

The Gruver United Methodist Church choir will present a Christmas Musical, "From the Realms of Glory" by Dave Clark and Russell Mauldin, Sunday, December 21st at 8:00 p.m.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs provides services to make homes warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer through the Weatherization Assistance Program of Panhandle Community Services. Other grants are leveraged with these funds and could assist in repairs such as: Caulking, Weather-stripping, Insulation, Repairing/replacing door/windows, Plumbing, roofing, etc. These weatherization services are for low-income families. Each eligible applicants house is assessed on a prioritized basis for allowable repairs. Call Panhandle Community Services' office at 435-2478 to see if you qualify.

Immunization Notice

The Texas Department of Health is no longer providing immunization clinics in Hansford County. Instead, all children living in Hansford County may be immunized by Dr. Raul Tamayo by calling 659-5234 or 733-2954 to make an appointment. Bring the child's immunization card, insurance or Medicaid information, and information about the child such as allergies, previous medical conditions, and Social Security number, if available. A parent or guardian must accompany the child to give permission.

Vacunas

El Departamento de Salud ya no esta dando las vacunas en este condado. Todo niño que vive en el condado de Hansford puede tomar sus vacunas con el Dr. Raul Tamayo. Favor de llamar al 659-5234 o al 733-2954 para una cita. Traiga la tarjeta de las vacunas. Informacion de aseguransa o Medicaid, y informacion del niño, como alergias, condiciones medicas, y el numero de seguro social si lo tiene. Los padres o un guardian deben acompañar al niño para dar permiso.

Spearman ISD Offers Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome Diagnosis

If you or a family member of any age experience difficulty in reading, it may be because of Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome. There is a simple, painless test that can be given to diagnose this problem. Students of Spearman ISD will be tested free of charge, all others will be charged \$10. For more information, call Beekie Baker at Spearman Jr. High (659-2563) and leave a message, or call 659-3402 after 4:30.

WWW - Witness Wear Wednesday

Everyone is invited to participate in WWW-Witness Wear Wednesday so that Christians of all ages and denominations can identify with and encourage one another. Christian shirts and/or Christian lapel pins are to be worn on Wednesdays.

O'Loughlin Center Receives Grant

The Spearhead Corporation was recently granted a \$50,000 matching grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation. These funds would apply toward the \$86,366 improvement project to the Corporation's non-profit community center.

Improvements cannot begin, however, until 100% of the funds needed to complete the project are in hand. Currently, an additional \$15,000-\$20,000 needs to be pledged or collected by March 1, 1998 in order for the Spearhead Corporation to utilize the \$50,000 grant.

The improvement project is composed of two improvements. One is the installation of acoustical panels and a permanent sound system for the center's multi-purpose room. The second is additional paving and enlargement of the loading/unloading area in the rear of the building.

The project can be completed in less than a year from the time the full-funding is available. Proposed acoustical/sound improvements will cost \$16,796. To date, \$7,000.00 has been contributed specifically for these improvements. The paving project will cost \$69,570. To date, contributions of \$7,600.00 have been made toward the paving project.

The Spearhead Corporation was founded in 1990. It's purpose was to construct and operate a 13,800 square foot building, a gathering place for the community's events and the community's organizations. Facilities for such gatherings were few, antiquated, and too often inadequate for even simple events. The community building which Spearhead proposed was essential to our town's quality of life. Now completed, our building provides a permanent home to Golden Spread Center, the local senior citizen's organization, as well as providing meeting facilities for many groups in our community.

Generous grants from the Amarillo Area Foundation, The Meadows Foundation, and the Mabee Foundation along with gifts from several smaller foundations, and from numerous corporations and local individuals made the construction of a debt-free facility possible. By design, the building was to meet a variety of needs for the community, including fitness, recreational, social and educational. Overflow parking for large events would be provided by the nearby swimming pool parking lot.

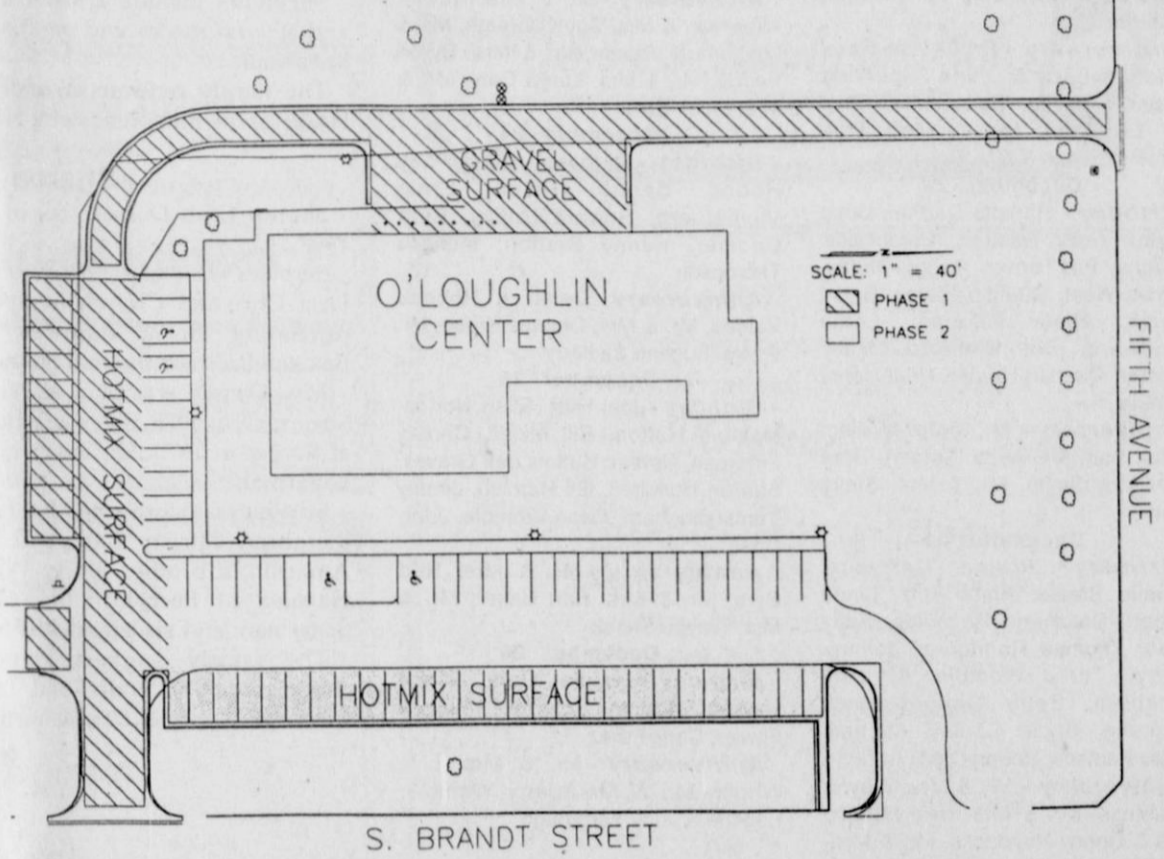
Soon after its summer 1994 opening, it was apparent that, although the majority of the facility is meeting the goals for its use, (1) the acoustics in the multi-purpose room fell far short

of requirements, and (2) the parking was inadequate. The large size, smooth wall surfaces and lack of an appropriate sound system in the multi-purpose room create echoes which make it difficult to understand speakers. This short-coming limits the use of this room for events with public speakers and inhibits the enjoyment of musical entertainment.

In addition, the parking and rear access for loading and unloading are inadequate to meet the needs of the large crowds attending many functions at the center. The use of the facility has exceeded our expectations. We have been pleasantly surprised. School functions are even held in the facility because of the convenience of decorating prior to the events. However, the limited access to the rear of the building creates a traffic hazard, and the lack of sufficient parking near the front of building is an inconvenience for all groups, especially for our senior citizens.

The proposed improvements, installation of acoustical panels for the walls, the installation of a permanent sound system and expansion of the parking lot and rear access will substantially benefit those who sponsor and attend the many functions held in the center. Since it is the only area facility which can host community events, these improvements will have a direct, positive impact on the community's use of the center, especially to the Golden Spread Senior Citizens organization.

The success of the improvements will be immediately apparent and will be tested by the contracted renovation companies as part of their contracts with Spearhead Corporation before receipt of payment.



Funds from the Amarillo Area Foundation will be applied toward the purchase of the audio equipment, acoustical panels and improvements to the parking lot described above. In recognition of such a generous gift, the Spearhead Corporation would be happy to provide permanent recognition of the Foundation's gift on a plaque at the main entrance to the multi-purpose room.

The total cost of the project is \$71,366. Spearhead Corporation

has raised \$14,600 toward the funding for this project.

The proposed expenditures outlined above will have no impact on the operational budget of the facility other than increasing the earned revenues possible from the rental of the multi-purpose room. Community opinion has assured us that improved sound equipment, acoustics in the multi-purpose room and improvements to the parking lot will stimulate increased rentals of this space.

Operation Christmas Greeting

We wish all of our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Instead of sending greeting cards this year, we have donated to Operation Christmas Greeting for Hansford Hospital Auxiliary.

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| <i>Dorothy Lusby</i> | <i>Gwen Smith</i> |
| <i>Froin and Betty Dooks</i> | <i>Bob and Diane Thorpe</i> |
| <i>Rosa Lee Butt</i> | <i>Gus and Clementine Renner</i> |
| <i>Bill and Jettie Dooks</i> | <i>Myrtle DeArmond</i> |
| <i>Mary Fern Terry</i> | <i>Willie Clement</i> |
| <i>Adalyn Barnes</i> | <i>Floyd and Ruby Hull</i> |
| <i>Granville and Muriel Boyd</i> | <i>Rosa Mae Co tor</i> |
| <i>Dude and Verna Brown</i> | <i>Dave and Helen Hand</i> |
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| <i>Ralph and Jobanne Blodgett</i> | <i>Orelle and Mariba Catbam</i> |
| <i>Don and Gwen McCain</i> | <i>Leota Giblin</i> |
| | <i>Glen and Myrt Bobanan</i> |
| | <i>Roy and Ann Flowers</i> |

Please Consider Making A Christmas Donation To:
The O'Loughlin Center
502 S. Brandt, Spearman, TX
79081 or call (806) 659-3030.

You can mail your donation to Mary Fern Terry, 906, Bernice, Spearman, Texas 79081.

Happy Birthday!

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

December 18
Birthdays - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia

Anniversaries - Thomas & Rita Reed, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Hart, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Karlin

December 19
Birthdays - Steve Beville, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaitner, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dossett, Pat Dear, Mrs. Roscoe Nelson, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Cindy Rice, Zachary Brelans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling

Anniversaries - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, Reagan & Beckee Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ethredge, Mr. & Mrs. True Leatherman, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz

December 20
Birthdays - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Cecil Ralston, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittini Beedy, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Bill Whitford, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria

Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Myatt

December 21
Birthdays - Lidwine Carpioux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dallasene Reynolds, Eddy Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl

Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Haden, Doris & Danny Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Tolleson, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Slough, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Duncan, Mr.

& Mrs. Roy Kauffman

December 22
Birthdays - Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, DeAnn Kenny, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominguez

Anniversaries - R.L. & Kay McFarlin, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tindell, Mr. & Mrs. Wes Maupin

December 23
Birthdays - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Tindell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid

Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Newell Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Zay Gilbreath, Mr. & Mrs. Marty Rasor, Mr. & Mrs. Byron Peddy, Mr. & Mrs. Loren Dahl, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Beville

December 24
Birthdays - Glendon Etling, Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Ernie Vanderberg, Howard Heffey, Beth Coomer, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson

Anniversaries - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kruse, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sadler

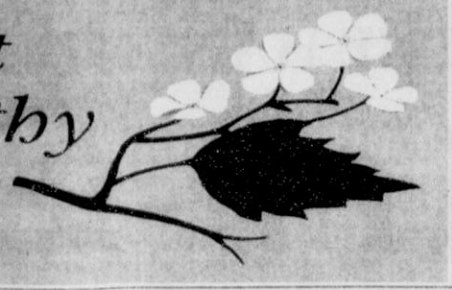
December 25
Birthdays - Joni Hart, Ellen Norton, Melanie Hutton, Bill Miller, Christy Freeman, Noreen Sutton, Jeff Graves, Sharon Hamilton, Gil Harnish, Jimmy Vanlandingham, Dean Womble, John Cass

Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Red Byrd, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Shook

December 26
Birthdays - Jennifer Dahl, Glinda Harvey, Rodney Schroder, Woody Fowler, Chris Perez

Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. L.T. Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Womble, Eugene & Judy Yarbrough

With Deepest Sympathy



Ernest M. Newcomb

Ernest M. Newcomb, 94, died Sunday, December 14, 1997. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at First Christian Church with the Rev. Joseph Weeks, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Newcomb was born in Dickens County and had lived in the Spearman area most of his life. He worked for the city of Spearman for 25 years before retiring in 1975. After his retirement, he worked for the Stationmaster's House Museum in Spearman for several years.

Mr. Newcomb served in the Army during World War II. He was an amateur photographer and a member of First Baptist Church. Survivors include a sister-in-law, Joy Newcomb of Wichita Falls; and several nieces and nephews, including, Charles H. Newcomb of Spearman.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Manor, Hansford Hospice, the Stationmaster's House Museum, or a favorite charity.

Sharon Leah Dossett

Sharon Leah Dossett, 56, of Amarillo, died Sunday, December 14, 1997.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 1997 at the First Christian Church in Spearman, with the Rev. Joseph Weeks officiating. Burial followed in Hansford Cemetery, directed by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Inc. of Spearman.

Mrs. Dossett was born at Winner, SD, and moved to Amarillo from Spearman in 1979. She was a homemaker. She completed beauty school at Borger in 1973. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Spearman.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard Dossett, of the home; a daughter, Christy Campbell of Canyon; a son, Jeffrey Dossett of Amarillo; a brother, Larry Whitford of Guymon, OK; a sister, Jody Harnish of Perryton; her parents, Bill and Lillian Whitford of Spearman; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Road, Lubbock, Texas 79424; Harrington Cancer Center, P.O. Box 51025, Amarillo, TX 79159-1025; or a favorite charity.

Gloria Turner Wallace

Gloria Turner Wallace, 50, died Monday, December 8, 1997. Services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 11th in Templo Bautista Church with the Rev. Donnie Carrasco of Lubbock and the Rev. Jose Lopez of Clovis, NM, officiating. Burial was in Friona Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wallace was born in Tucumcari, NM, and had been a lifetime resident of Friona. She owned Mandy's Restaurant in Friona for several years. She worked at Poor Boy's Barbecue and at Moore's Grocery Store for several years. She also was a dispatcher for the Friona Police Department.

She was a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Clovis. Survivors include a son, Dorsey Perez of Gruver; two daughters, Rachel Burkhart and Amanda Henry, both of Friona; her mother, Nora Martinez of Friona; two brothers, Henry Martinez of Friona and Marty Martinez of Wichita, KS; two sisters, Cleo Guana of Friona and Eva Ancira of Farwell; and 11 grandchildren.

Charles Leonard Williamson

Charles Leonard Williamson, 74, died Tuesday, December 9, 1997. Services were at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 1997 in Emmanuel Baptist Church in Rolla, KS; with the Rev. Craig Long, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Rolla Cemetery at Rolla. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Williamson was born in Elkhart, KS. He lived in Spearman for two years after moving from Okemah, OK. He also lived in Guymon, OK, for many years. He had lived in the Booker area for two years. He retired from Swift Co.

He married Velda Davis in 1946 at Liberal, KS. Survivors include his wife; three sons, Ed Williamson of Spearman, Les Williamson of Shawnee, OK, and Steve Williamson of Guymon; two daughters, Terri Roth of Clay Center, KS, and Ronda Clinesmith of Weleetka, OK; a brother, Gerald Williamson of Canyon County, CA; four sisters, Helen Barnes of Elkhart, Betty Eastepp and Francis Richardson, both of Rolla, and Faye Nugent of Quitman, AK; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association.

Jean H. Close

Jean Hart Close, 71, died Wednesday, December 10, 1997. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 1997 in Gruver Cemetery at Gruver with Willie Tolison officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Ms. Close was born in Lowell, KS, and had been a lifetime resident of the Spearman area.

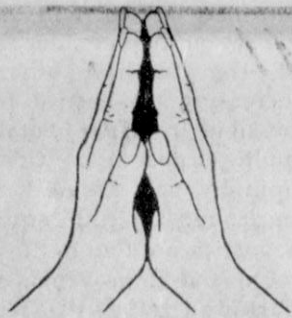
She was a tax assessor employed by Hansford County for more than 30 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Billy Frank Close of Lubbock; two daughters, Sue Close of Lubbock and Jeanne Close of Spearman; three sisters, Mable Adams of Amarillo, June Adair of Rainier, WA, and Pat Mott of Pampa; a brother, John Homer Hart of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Manor, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081; or the Church of Christ Children's Home, 121 S. Haney, Spearman, TX 79081.

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Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sun.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Pastor - James Brown

Trinity Fellowship Church
717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service & Children's
Church: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor: Johnny Taylor

First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

First Presbyterian Church
(Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)
1001 Cottler • 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at
Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly
between Lutheran and Presbyterian
Church Buildings)
Pastor - Beverly Cook

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Bible Study
Worship: 6:30 p.m. Sun.
Senior Minister - Joseph Weeks

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
(Worships with
First Presbyterian Church)

First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Jr. High Youth: 6 p.m. Wed.
High School Youth: 7 p.m. Wed.
Youth Choir: 6 p.m. Sun.

First United Methodist
407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Rainbow Kids Club: 3:00 Wednesday
Pastor - Ken Cole

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: p.m.
Bible Study: Wed. 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living With Christ: 7:50 a.m., M-F
Minister - Willie Tollison

Union Church
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m. Wed
Pastor - Bill Sparks

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. - English
(9:00 a.m. Service on KRDF 98.3 FM)
Sunday Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo
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Rev. Scott Raef

Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sunday
Youth & Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed.
Pastor - Gene Foster

Primera Mision Bautista
502 E. 7th • 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

Church of Christ
209 King • 733-2760
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2960
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 6:30, Wednesday
Pastor - Gary Gumfory

Oslo Lutheran Church (ECLA)
6 Miles West & 12 Miles
North of Gruver
339-7709
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - John R. Chandler

Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Garrett • 733-2651
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - Jerry Moore

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.
Friday Evening Mass
Summer - 8:00 p.m.
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

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by Gina Davis

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I would like to thank all of the wonderful friends for all the cards, phone calls, flowers, and all the many prayers for me while I was in the hospital. Thanks for the visits, and the food that was brought to the house. Spearman is a great place to live, everyone is so kind and grateful.

Love,
Virigina Head

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Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and talents to help make out "Christmas Celebration" a success. Special thanks to: Candy Boxwell and her elves, Santa for being Santa, Janet and Larry Trosper for the cotton candy, George Young, Bruce Stinson, Carolyn Cummings for the lighting, Randy Willis and all the band members, LaQuita Evans as M.C., Frances Pipkin and her drama students, Tika and Shawn Farrar as Mary and Joseph, and The Mackies, McLeods, and Farrars for bringing their beautiful animals.

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December 18-28

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7:00 p.m. - Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Meets

Friday, December 19

12:30 p.m. - Gruver School Dismisses for Christmas Holidays
2:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Christmas Party
2:30 p.m. - Spearman School Dismissed for the Christmas Holidays
3:15 p.m. - Pringle-Morse School Dismisses for Christmas Holidays
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8:00 p.m. - Gruver Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Canadian - T
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Sunday, December 21

11:00 a.m. - Spearman First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service

Monday-Thursday

8:00-9:00 a.m. - Aerobics Class at The O'Loughlin Center
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
6:00-7:00 a.m. - Aerobics Class at The O'Loughlin Center

Monday, December 22

12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor

Tuesday, December 23

12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor

Wednesday, December 24

10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor

Thursday, December 25

Sunday, December 28

3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To ad, delete or change items on the Community Calendar (Holiday Happenings), please call The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman at 659-3434.

Out At The Lake



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--Dec. 15, 1997--36 ft., 8.5 in.

Jim reports a few fishermen on the nicer days, but the fishing is slow. Red Byrd of Spearman is a cold weather fisherman who is really enjoying his recent retirement. He has bought a boat that he can take in the Gulf.

Jim had fun watching six eagles with the scope on Saturday morning. They were in the big dead cottonwoods on the west side of the Lake. The two mature eagles were adding to a nest in one of the trees. One brought in a rather long limb and had trouble getting it in the nest but finally did. It was a comical sight to watch the bird work at it.

My apologies to James and Ada Joyce Stedje for placing them in the northeast corner of the county instead of the northwest where they live. Our granddaughter Amy Harris also saw a Magpie about the time Marian Tomlinson did. Since she lives in the

southwest corner of the county, there would have been over 20 miles between the sightings.

When Marian reported this rare bird sighting to Kenneth Seyffert, birdman of Amarillo, he said he had been looking for 34 years for a magpie in the Panhandle without success. These black and white birds, larger than jays and smaller than crows, are found fairly close to us in northeast New Mexico and Colorado. Their iridescent black tails are longer than their bodies. One of my bird books said the only other North American land birds with tails longer than bodies were the Scissor-tailed and the Fork-tailed flycatchers.

Rosalie Cator called with a suggestion to talk to Jerry or Dean Sparks about starting the first pheasants in Hansford County. Jerry told me that he and Dean had raised pheasants when they were school boys living west of Gruver in the early 1950's. They had some cocks and hens and a little incubator, and they did turn quite a few young pheasants out near their home. He said they didn't start the pheasants, because a wild cock would come up to their pens and try to fight with the tame roosters. By placing some chicken wire just right, they were able to capture this wild rooster.

This puts us back to Marian Tomlinson's theory that they worked into the area, but adds that Jerry and Dean improved the number of birds.

HC Judging Team Places 7th At Nationals

submitted by Bret Burgin

The Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team just completed their most successful year ever with a trip to the National 4-H Livestock Contest in Louisville, Kentucky. The team represented Texas by virtue of winning the state championship in June. Only one team from each state is invited to compete in the national contest, so this is quite an accomplishment. After many long hours of practice and countless miles traveled over the last five months, the team judged in the contest on November 18. The Texas team finished 6th in sheep, 6th in swine, and 6th in reasons for a final placing of 7th in the nation overall.

In the specific categories, the Hansford County youth's results follow. In sheep; Mandy Vernon placed 16th (11th in performance sheep), Ruth Shields finished 18th, and Jared Johnson placed 24th. Ruth placed 19th in both the swine and cattle categories. In the reasons portion of the contest, Jared placed 13th, Ruth finished 14th, and Kathy Slough placed 21st. Overall, the team was paced by Ruth's 8th high individual overall award.

The top ten teams overall in the nation ranked as follows: 1-Illinois, 2-Kansas, 3-Minnesota, 4-Colorado 5-Michigan, 6-Virginia, 7-TEXAS, 8-Oklahoma, 9-Wyoming, 10-New Mexico.

Although the team members and coaches were somewhat disappointed in their finish, they can all look back with pride. Not only did they make it to the National Championship, they beat all but 6 teams in the NATION! With a finish like that, the team members are assured of many college coaches offering scholarships to judge at the collegiate level upon graduation.

Team members and coaches would like to thank the countless individuals and businesses that provided travel expenses as well as the livestock owners in the area who have allowed them to practice on their animals.

The 4-H team members making the trip to Kentucky were Kathy Slough, daughter of Kenneth and Alice Slough of Gruver; Jared



(L-R) Burt Williams, Jared Johnson, Mandy Vernon, Kathy Slough, Renee Cass, Ruth Shields and Bret Burgin

Johnson, son of Kenton and Janice Johnson of Gruver; Ruth Shields, daughter of Lonnie and Leann

Shields of Spearman; and Mandy Vernon, daughter of Regina Vernon of Spearman.

Accompanying the judges on the trip were Burt Williams, Bret Burgin, and Renee Cass.

Farris Files For County Treasurer



Donna Farris

submitted by Donna J. Farris

Donna J. Farris has filed as a Republican Candidate for the office of Hansford County Treasurer.

She has lived in Hansford County for 47 years and graduated from Spearman High School in 1966. She raised her family in Spearman.

She has worked for the Hansford County Judge for the last thirteen years as Secretary and County Court Administrator and is Treasurer for the Spearman Welfare Association and the Spearman Division of the Salvation Army.

She is married to LeRoy Farris. She has a daughter, Jennifer Wells of Amarillo, two step-daughters, Evette Layton of Macungie, PA and Terri Farris of Sopkane, WA, and a step-son, Darl Farris of Pond Creed, OK, and five grandchildren. Her mother, Lilly Love resides in Spearman.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

For Sharon Whitford Dossett, 56, her long, painful illness ended on Sunday evening, December 14 in the Critical Care Unit of High Plains Baptist hospital in Amarillo. She had been a patient in it for nearly one month. She had fought the good fight, valiantly, and hopefully, surrounded by her loved ones.

Her detailed obituary is elsewhere in this issue. She finished high school here in 1960 after the Whitford family moved to Spearman in 1956.

Although her years were fewer than the usual lifetime, hers were filled with love and devotion. She raised a Christian family, was a devoted mother, wife, sister, daughter and grandmother.

Sharon's passing occurred just ten days before the Yuletide, so it may always be a time tinged with sadness for her family. Sincere sympathy is extended to the Dossett and Whitford families with the hope that Christmas will be a symbol of that Eternal Promise for which it is celebrated rather than a time of sadness.

Denise and Roy Harbour returned Sunday, relaxed and rested, after a very pleasant three days in Santa Fe. A snow fell, so heavy that the schools were closed and roads hazardous, so they stayed in the city. They did some shopping, some local driving, but mostly just resting.

Beth and Ray Phelps had guests for several days enjoying the pheasant hunting. Their grandson, Dr. David Phelps, of Temple was accompanied by five other doctors from the staff of Scott and White in Temple. They

were enthusiastic about the hunting this year as they had excellent results and the weather was pleasant.

Mary Lou Wysong is back from ten days in Marco Island, Florida with her sister, Dee and C.M. Sampson. The weather was perfect, and the entertainment and hospitality ideal. Dee had a birthday so it took two parties to properly celebrate it. Her daughter, Tanya and family also live there.

Mary Lou, previous to her Florida trip, had visited her son Gary. He lives in Stephenville. She also visited in Azle, Texas for some time with her daughter Pam and family.

Mary Lou had also recently visited former Spearman residents, Jo and Bill Cochran. They are enjoying their retirement in Kingston, Oklahoma. The Cochrans send greetings to their many old friends in Spearman.

Ruth Bryan had a house overflowing with pheasant hunters of much joviality, fellowship and good hunting. Her son, Mansel and Manda Bryan, came from Ft. Stockton bringing a friend. They met her two nephews here; one from Austin, one from Temple. Another friend came from Cuero, and another from Ft. Worth.

Ruth's other son, Joe Mike Bryan came from Amarillo and also brought a friend.

Word comes that Virginia Whitaker passed away in her sleep on December 4 in her home in Grand Coulee, Washington. Her services were held there on Monday morning.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy, in August. In

addition to her husband, Hal Whitaker, of Grand Coulee, she is survived by a daughter, Micky Davis Gribble, and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Whitaker was a former resident of Spearman, as were her two daughters. Both finished high school here and have often returned on visits. Her classmate extends sympathy to Micky in the loss of her mother.

Robert Blount, 43, of Gruver is fortunate indeed that he was not more seriously injured on Sunday afternoon. He is an employee of the City of Gruver and was working in the warehouse on his son's car. The jack slipped and the car fell on him, cutting a deep gash on the left side of his head. He was taken by Gruver ambulance to the Ochiltree General Hospital at Perryton.

The wound required more than 100 stitches. However after the medical care was completed, he returned home, and reported for work on Monday.

Cathy and Gary Smith, with Clayton, attended the funeral of her grandfather, George Watkins, 92, in Midland. It was held Saturday afternoon, and they returned Sunday night.

For the week ending December 15, Weatherman Dwayne Smith, reports that the high temperature was on December 14 - 60 degrees; the low was 15 degrees on the 12th. There was two inches of snow which produced .03 of moisture.

Dwayne is very low key - not conceited as so many weathermen are - like a rooster, he thinks the sun rises to hear him crow!

T. Ray Robertson, ex-postmaster, is displaying heretofore unrecognized talents - that of an expert landscaper. At the intersection of Archer Street and 5th, on the south side, there

had been an eyesore since an old apartment building had been moved. There was broken slabs of foundation-trash, caliche, ragged, ugly trees.

Ray, who lives just south, was apparently distressed at having to look at it, so he bought it. He cleaned it, leveled it, fenced it, and it will be a miniature park when the grass grows. That is providing it is grass he will sow and not revert to sowing wild oats!! He is not one of those who said it was too hot to do it last summer, and too cold to do it this winter.

Thanks, T. Ray, maybe your vacant lot will be an example to numerous other vacant lot owners here.

The passing of Ernest Newcomb, 92, on Sunday, brought back many memories to those who have lived in Spearman any length of time. He came from pioneer stock and was well known. He was always accommodating, always pleasant. His obituary carries his biography.

The National Finals of the Professional Cowboys Association was held in Las Vegas last week, ending Sunday.

Hansford County had a fine representation, but unfortunately they failed to perform whatever was required to get the Panhandle Cowboys in the big money.

Among those enjoying the rodeo and Las Vegas were: Phillip and Lynna Renner, Terry and Patti Butts, Perry and Mary Dixon, Sonny Windom and Omar Sutton.

From Morse there were: Monte Dixon and Lonnie and Paula Clemmons; from Gruver: Garrett Gumfory, Rex Ralston, Carla and Mike Johnson.

Brock Signs With Nebraska



Janna Brock

submitted

Janna Brock, a two-time junior national champion and a senior national finalist, has signed a letter of intent to compete for the Nebraska women's swimming and diving team next season.

Brock, from Allen, TX, formerly of Spearman, was a three-time Texas state high school champion in the 100-yard breaststroke. Brock finished as a U.S. All-American at the Long Course Nationals last summer.

Janna is the daughter of Kim and Stephanie Brock, and the granddaughter of J.L. and Mary Brock, all of Spearman.

Hight Honored For Invention

submitted by Danny Womble

Keith Hight was one of twenty individuals in the nation chosen to be represented at the National Farm Bureau Convention. He participated in the state farmer's idea exchange with a machine he has invented to roll up poly

irrigation pipe. His "idea" was submitted to the national level where he was chosen one of twenty to participate at the national convention to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, January 11 - 13, 1998.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

The population of Gruver and the surrounding area was greatly increased this weekend by the arrival of pheasant season. Most hunters reported an increase in the number of pheasants they saw and an easier time bagging their limit. Most of the birds taken by the hunters were also said to be young roosters from this year's hatching. The season will continue through December 28th. So far, it has been an accident-free season in Hansford County, and it is hoped this will hold true for the remainder of the season.

Appearances by Lindsay

Lindsay Barkley, the daughter of Dave and Regina Barkley of Amarillo and the granddaughter of June Barkley of Gruver, can be seen in commercials for Appearances by Jane, an Amarillo retailer. The commercials can be viewed most often in the mornings on channel 7.

Sports

New Sports Writer

Candice Casdorff, GHS sophomore, is the new high school girls' sports reporter. Candice is manager of both the junior varsity and varsity girls' basketball teams and is active in FHA. Candice's mother, Jaime Casdorff, was a teen writer for the Hansford Reporter during her high school years writing a weekly column of Spearman High School news entitled "Jaime's Jargon." Welcome, Candice!

Injuries

It was good to see Janie May back on the basketball court for the Lady Hounds after being sidelined for several weeks with a knee injury.

Senior Autumn Bateman, who sustained a broken finger in the first game of the Amarillo Tournament last Thursday,

collided with a Vega player in Monday night's game and possibly fractured her nose.

Area Athlete in Sports Illustrated

Brad Cornelson, former Texhoma star athlete, was honored for his accomplishments at Missouri Southern State where, as a junior, he has already become the first Division II player to pass for more than 4,000 yards and rush for more than 2,000 yards in his collegiate career. His totals were passing 4,136 yards and rushing 2,134 yards. Gruver fans and players in the 92-95 era will remember watching and playing against this young man.

Residents' Grandson in Playoffs

Greg Evans, a senior at Winters High School the son of David and Nancy Evans, was a member of the Winters football team which advanced to the quarterfinals in the recent state football playoffs.

GJH News

The junior high faculty honored the VIPS (volunteers in public schools,) high school and junior high aides, library aides, and SWAT (students with aptitude for tutoring) on Friday with a luncheon in the junior high library.

Honored were office aides Wade Stewart, Cody Cazares, and Jason May; library aides Kade Carthel, Steven Salazar, and Dustin Red; teacher aides Colby Hunt, Kristi Harris, Justin Johnson, and Candice Casdorff; SWAT members Sara Bass, Dallas Robinson, Israel Azarte, Zack Christian, Beth Yanke, Britt Morris, Julie May, and Sammie Johnson; and parent volunteer (VIPS) Rhonda Ward and Lori Lippincott, and Shawn Thompson who was substituting on the luncheon date.

Principal Laura Blasingame praised the volunteers and stated that based on the minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour, these

individuals contributed 3,759 hours to Gruver Junior High or \$19,358.85 of time.

Alan Tarrango, the GJH student who is currently undergoing chemotherapy, is keeping up with his school work at home with the aid of Angie Lopez. While many boys Alan's age are wishing for Nintendo games and footballs for Christmas, Alan just wants to play with his friends again. The junior high is currently having a food drive for Alan's family. If you have food items, cards, or a holiday gift to cheer Alan, the items may be brought to the junior high office.

Residents Injured

Nathan Kirk, Clarendon Junior College freshman, was involved in an accident with a semi-truck Friday morning near Sunray Coop Elevator, Gruver Branch, while enroute to farm chores. Nathan sustained a badly sprained ankle and is on crutches, but fortunately, Nathan was not seriously injured. His dog, which was riding in the back of the pickup, went through the back glass of the pickup but he, like Nathan, only had minor injuries.

Robert Blount received a cut on his head Sunday when the automobile he was repairing fell on him. More than 100 stitches were required to close the wound. We are also grateful that Robert was not more severely injured.

Sure Sign of Christmas

Just as the return of certain migratory birds heralds the arrival of a season, the return of our college students is an unmistakable sign that the Christmas season is here. Early arrivals spotted at the game Monday night were Cara Hathaway, Amber Murrell, KiKi Carthel, Sahala McCloy, and Tucker Henson. The remainder of the collegians are expected at the end of the week.

It's Elementary!

Junior High Librarian Glenda Renner entertained elementary students on Tuesday around the elementary's Christmas tree with

a reading of Dicken's "A Christmas Carol."

Elementary students have collected 744 canned goods to be distributed by Alpha Mu Psi to needy families in the Gruver area.

GHS Students of the Month

Students of the month for this semester at Gruver High School include September - senior Jill Odom, October - junior Jennifer Lopez, November - junior Jason TeBeest, and December - senior Amber Weller.

New Arrival

Victoria LeAnn Sotelo arrived at 11:09 a.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital on December 6, 1997. Her parents are Tony and ReBecca Sotelo of 8006 Hoving Place in Amarillo.

Victoria weighed 7 pounds and 10 1/4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

The paternal grandparents are Juan and Paula Sotelo of Gruver, and the maternal grandparents are Ann Burney of Mineola, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burney of Dalhart, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Fite of Midland.

The paternal great grandfather is Guadalupe Sotelo of Fort Worth. The maternal great grandmothers are Jeanette Porter of Midland and Jo Rudd of Odessa.

In the News

Ten Years Ago

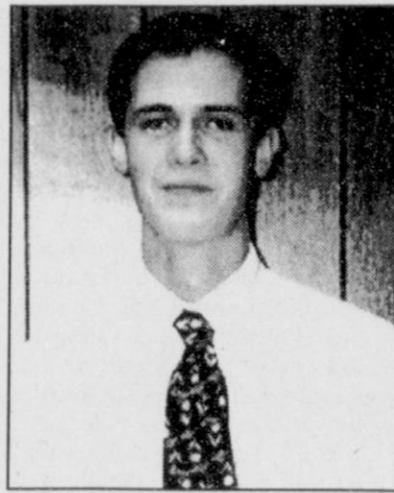
A winter snowstorm dropped 15 inches of snow in Gruver during a two-day period.

GHS Hounds 48 Canadian 51
Troy Seagler 11, Brian Hoel 12, Roberto Rodriguez 11, Theron Park 8, Ron Green 6.

Twenty Years Ago

Dear Santa Claus, I want a bysickl, a piano, and a big trampoline. Oh, and have a good, merry christmas from Shell Babbs

Harris - Division Award Winner



Ben Harris

President, Dr. W. A. Griffin, Jr., and division representatives recognized these students on November 20, 1997, at a Presentation Ceremony in the Mesquite Room.

Ben Harris is a sophomore music major, specializing in piano performance from Gruver, Texas. He lives at home with his parents, Kenneth and Jean Harris and six brothers and sisters and commutes to FPC.

Ben is the president of the music club; a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the national two-year college honor society; and was also recognized as a Student of the Month as a freshman.

After graduating from FPC, he plans on completing a bachelor's degree in piano performance and pursuing a master's degree in accompanying. Eventually, he hopes to teach and perform in a college setting.

Ben selected FPC because it was affordable, close to home and the friendliness of the people. He believes, "FPC has given me the opportunity to lay a good higher education foundation while I continue to live at home."

submitted

The Frank Phillips College November Students of the Month are: Denise Cooper, Business Division; Staci Dukes-Fitzer, Cosmetology Division; Nick Benavidez, Health, Physical Education and Athletics Division; Ben Harris, Liberal and Fine Arts Division; Valeri Morse, Licensed Vocational Nursing Division; and David A. Casida, Jr., Math, Science and Technology Division. Frank Phillips College

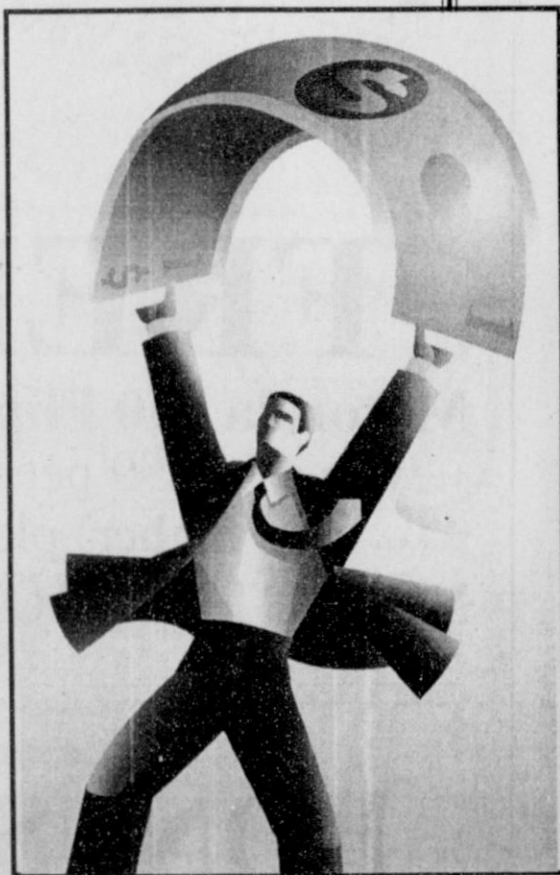


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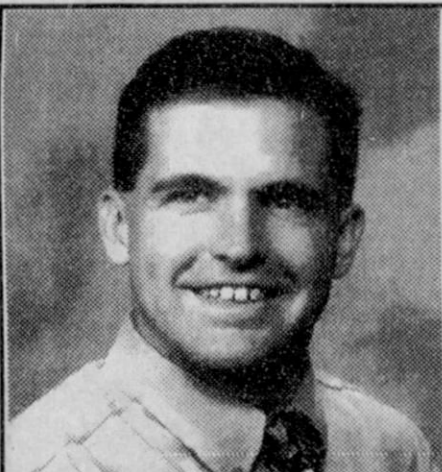
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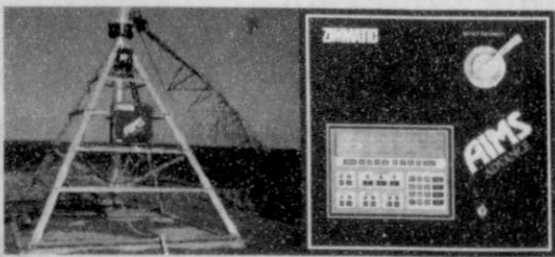
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by Jack McWhirter

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You are invited to view the tree at the North end of the Hospital each evening. It is a special tree with a special kind of caring.

We thank those who have contributed and those who continue to contribute by sending their gift to Hansford Hospice at 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Texas 79081.

Following is a list of those who have already contributed:

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TAEX-BUDPRO Computer Training

submitted by Burt Williams

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is offering a one day training on enterprise budgeting with the computer software package BUDPRO in Spearman Friday, January 9th. This windows based program is very user friendly and includes programs utilized in projecting budgets for corn, wheat, sorghum, cotton and stocker cattle enterprises.

In addition, to generating enterprise budgets, the package calculates break even prices. BUDPRO provides a simple way for analyzing the impact of various prices and quantities produced.

No prior computer experience is necessary to attend the course. Extensions mobile computer lab allows all participants to receive

hands on experience in using the program.

The registration fee is \$50 per participant. Each registered participant will receive the BUDPRO software package (a \$100 value). Couples are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee if they share a computer. The course will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m.

Space in the course is limited and pre-registration is required by January 7th. For more information or to register contact the Hansford County Extension office at 806-659-4132 or Steve Amosson at 806-359-5401. This program is sponsored by the Hansford County Extension Program Development Committees and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Gladiola Flower Club Meets

by Verna Brown

The Gladiola Flower Club met on Thursday, December 11, 1997 at the home of Dorothy Buzzard for our Christmas Party. After a delicious meal, the members had an enjoyable evening visiting, playing games and revealed our secret pal as we had our gift exchange.

President Betty Davis had a short meeting and installation of officers. The new officers for 1998 are: Virginia Trindle - President; Kathleen Sutton - Vice-President; Verna Brown - Secretary; Gwen Smith - Treasurer; Rose Cummings - Flower Chairman; Judy Martin - Historian; Denise Carter - Project Chairman; Myra Berner, June Jackson and Dickie Allen -

Yearbook Co-Chairman; and Charlsie Baker, Dorothy Buzzard and Ann Flowers - Program Co-Chairman.

Flower winners for the year were: Virginia Trindle - Home grown; Rose Cummings - Specimen; Betty Davis - Borrowed; and Virginia Head - Potted plant.

Members present were: Myra Berner, Dorothy Buzzard, Denise Carter, Rose Cummings, Betty Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Jo Larson, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle and Verna Brown.

The next meeting will be March 19, 1998.

Barkley Files For Commissioner

submitted

Tim Barkley has filed as a candidate for Hansford County Commissioner for precinct 2 and 6. His campaign treasurer is his father, Howard Barkley.

Tim is a life-long resident of Hansford County. He graduated from Gruver High School in 1971.

He and his wife, Teresa also a Hansford native, have a ten year old daughter, Timber. She attends Gruver Elementary School.

Tim farms 12 miles northeast of Gruver or 14 miles northwest of Spearman where he and his family live.



Blake Ferguson

by Harletta Carthel

Air Force Airman Blake A. Ferguson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, as well as special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ferguson, a 1997 graduate of Gruver High School, is currently stationed at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, Texas, in technical school where he is studying aircraft armament. Ferguson is the son of Rodger and Pat Ferguson of Gruver.

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Academic All-District

by Harletta Carthel

The Academic All-district football team for district 1-1A has been announced by Larry Darbison, District Chairman of District 1-1A football schools. The team is composed of varsity football players who achieve a grade average of 90 or above in each subject at the end of the second six weeks.

Selected from Gruver are Dallas Henson, Luke Johnson, and Jason TeBeest

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Ochoa Files For County Treasurer



Maria Ochoa

submitted

Maria R. Ochoa would like to announce her filing as a Republican candidate for office of

Hansford County Treasurer in the primary election to be held March 10, 1998.

Maria is a 1985 Spearman High School graduate. She has lived in Hansford County since 1980. She is married to Daniel Ochoa and has two children, Christina and Marcus. Maria's parents, Roy and Maria Garcia, reside east of Spearman, and her brother, Robert Rivera, and mother-in-law, Candy Ochoa, are also of Spearman.

Maria worked for the Hansford County Appraisal District for two years and has worked for the Hansford County Clerk's Office for seven years, the past two years as Chief Deputy Clerk.

Maria is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce.

Fuller Qualifies For State



Bryson Fuller

submitted by Joanne Eaton

Bryson Fuller won 1st place in his division in the Canyon wrestling competition last weekend. This win qualified him to compete in the state wrestling competition in February of 1998.

Bryson competes with the Dumas Wrestling Team. The team has won 13 matches and lost 1. In his division, he has placed 1st in the Borger Classic, the Maverick Club, the Amarillo Invitational, and 2nd in the Panhandle National.

Bryson is the son of Kelly and Johnnie Fuller, the grandson of Charles and Joanne Eaton, and the great-grandson of Roscoe and Marguerite Nelson.

by Robert Patrick

Recently, because of our landfill problems, questions have arisen about recycling and how trash customers of the City of Spearman can help cut down the solid waste expense of everyone in the City.

Currently the City of Spearman is equipped to handle several recyclable materials. Of the recyclable materials, cardboard material takes up most of the space in dumpsters and landfills. An estimated 10 to 15% of the materials going into dumpsters and the landfill is cardboard.

The City has a cardboard baler and does have a company that regularly picks up the baled cardboard. This material not only saves landfill space, but also escapes the 90 mile round trip to the Borger Transfer Station, saving time and money for citizens.

Other recyclable materials the city accepts include type I plastic, aluminum drink cans, steel and tin cans, glass, and most paper material.

With the recycling companies currently available in the Panhandle and 100% cooperation from homeowners, our total waste stream could be cut up to 25% according to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. This number could increase if more recycling companies find more end uses for solid waste.

While recycling is not the entire answer for our solid waste concerns (for now anyway), we can still all work at keeping our natural resources out of the landfill. If you have questions on how you can help recycle call me, Robert Patrick, City Manager at 659-2524.



Gruver All-District Players

by Harletta Carthel

The class 1-1A All District Football Team has been announced for the 1997 season by Larry Darbison, District Chairman of District 1-1A football schools.

Topping the list were Brant Armes, most valuable player of the district and Doug Frick co-coach of the year with Wheeler's Jim Verden.

Selected to the first team on offense were quarterback - Jim Potts, junior; running back - Brant Armes, senior; receiver - Buster McLain, senior; offensive linemen - Luke Johnson, junior and Jared Johnson, senior; center - Jody Robinson, senior; and kick returner

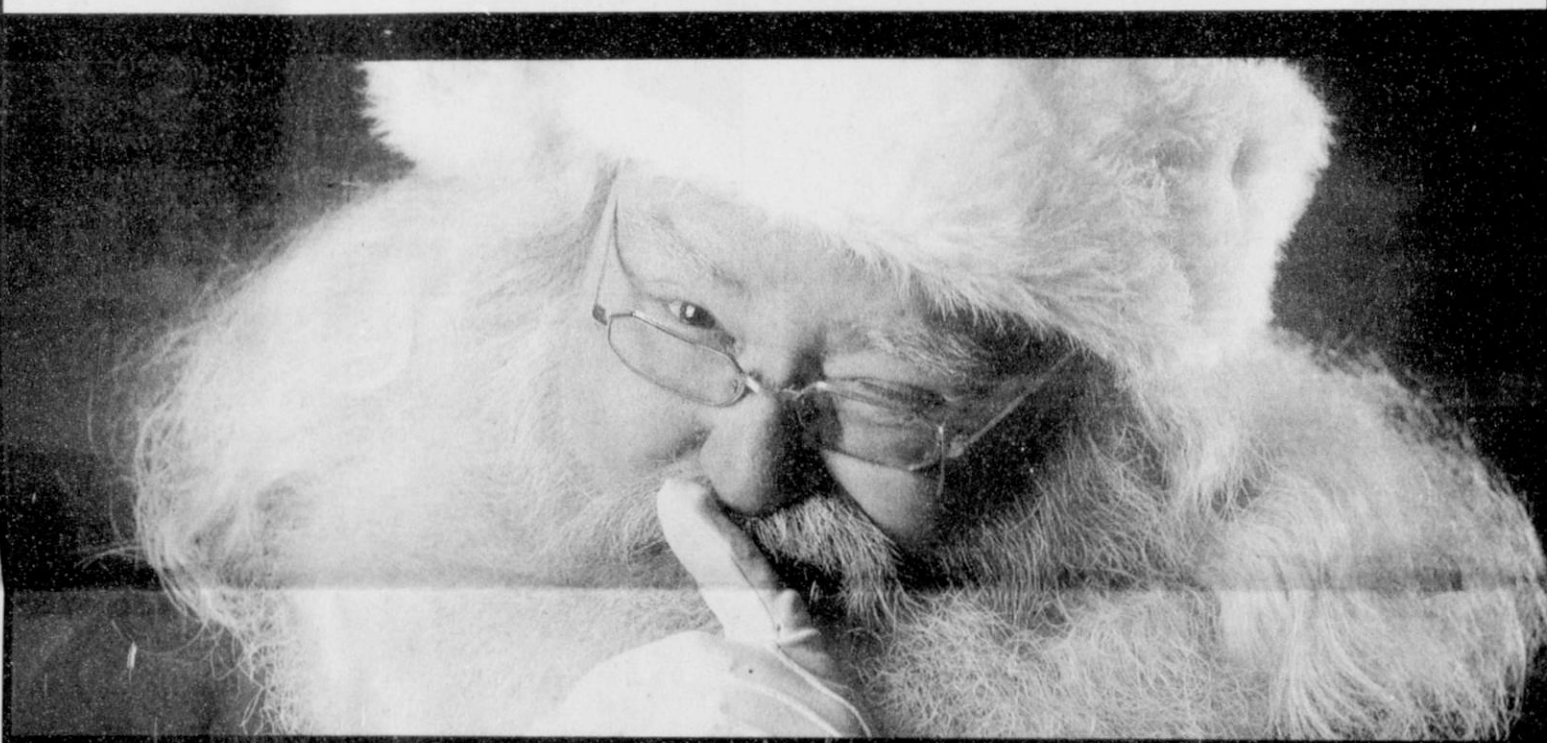
- Brant Armes, senior.

First team defense included defensive lineman - Luke Johnson, junior and Jared Johnson, senior; linebacker - Brant Armes, senior; secondary - Brant Armes, senior and Buster McLain, senior.

Named to the second team on defense were defensive lineman - Rob Murrell, senior and linebackers - Jim Potts, junior, and Jody Robinson, senior.

The honorable mention list included on offense Kyle McNett, senior; Travis Bayless, senior; and Jeff McClure, junior. Making the defensive list was T.J. McClure, junior.

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Frank Phillips Courses

submitted by Cindy Blackman

The following continuing education courses will be offered in Spearman by Frank Phillips College in January.

Psychology - Drug & Alcohol Dependent (an overview: substances, diagnosis, treatment, history, AA/ALANON) - 3 hr. credit - Thursday evening - \$110;

Business Management - Management Training (the purpose of the course is to provide students in their work environment practical application of what was learned in the classroom. The course will consist of at least weekly discussions between the student and the instructor in regard to the job held by the student) - 3 hr. credit - Thursday evening - \$110;

Infant Massage Workshop (2-3 hr. workshop that gives massage techniques that soothe infants and parents) - Saturday morning - \$25;

Painted Floor Cloths (rugs) - (The painted floor cloth is an art form from Victorian days. Crafty Europeans made these floor cloths instead of paying the high price for an Oriental rug. This class will offer students an opportunity to design and paint a unique rug or work from one of the instructor's designs. The class is for people of

all artistic ability.) - Thursday evening - \$33;

Volunteer Management - (This course would be of benefit for volunteer supervisors, directors and committee chairpersons working in non-profit organizations, government entities, churches, and civic groups. They will learn how to effectively recruit, train and supervise volunteers and to structure their services and gain the maximum benefit from volunteer services) - Thursday evening - \$23;

First Things First - Time Management Class (Traditional time management suggests that working harder, smarter and faster will help you gain control over your life and that increased control will bring peace and fulfillment. This course is based on best-selling author Stephen Covey's book on how to deal with the daily problems of the ever-increasing demands of work and home. Instead of efficiency, this new approach emphasizes effectiveness.) - Tuesday evening - \$40.

To register, or for general information, please call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233. All classes will begin in January.

submitted

The second annual Bowl For Kids' Sake, benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle - the Hansford/Ochiltree Satellite, is scheduled February 7, 1998 at Ranger Bowl in Perryton.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a volunteer, driven organization dedicated to matching children ages six through fourteen from single-parent or extended family homes in a one-to-one relationship with a qualified mentor for the development of positive life skills and social values.

"The support the communities have shown to Big Brothers Big Sisters and last year's Bowl For Kids' Sake has been fantastic," says Don Rice, Chairman of the Hansford/Ochiltree Satellite Advisory Council. "This year we are looking to make the event even better, and one way to do so, is to bring in more Corporate Sponsorships," continues Rice. A \$500 Corporate Sponsorship includes the company's name and logo printed on the back of the event t-shirt, the name and logo on all printed material, the company banner hanging at

Ranger Bowl the week preceding the event, and the company will receive recognition in all press releases. Also, \$100 Lane Sponsorships are available. This sponsorship includes the company's banner hanging at Ranger Bowl the week preceding the event and receiving recognition in all press releases as a Lane Sponsor.

Bowl For Kids' Sake has three, two-hour shifts beginning at 10:00 a.m. Each team has five bowlers with a designated team captain. Team members raise \$50 each, a total of \$250 for the team, through pledges or sponsorships. Teams bowl two games during their shift. Food and drinks are provided for bowlers and everyone is eligible to win door

prizes. Each bowler raising a minimum of \$100 in pledges will receive an engraved Big Brothers Big Sisters writing pen. Bowlers raising \$200 receive the pen and a Big Brothers Big Sisters desk clock. The top three bowlers raising the most pledge money will receive special prizes.

The 1997 Bowl For Kids' Sake raised \$10,000 to benefit the Hansford/Ochiltree Satellite, allowing operations to begin. Kimberley Lopez is the Case Manager and the office is located at 409 Amherst, Suite B in Perryton. A recent Public/Private Venture study proves that mentoring helps children avoid drugs and alcohol abuse. The program also helps them gain confidence in themselves and

improve relationships with others. A cornerstone of the Big Brothers Big Sisters philosophy is this: The time an adult spends, one-to-one with a child, does make a difference in the life of a child.

Members of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Hansford/Ochiltree Satellite Advisory Council include Don Rice, Gina Davis, Jim Derington, Mandy Derington, Jim Mara, Vera Dominguez, Stacy Terhune, Robert Holland III, David Landis, and Charles Kelly. For more information about the Big Brothers Big Sisters program or Bowl For Kids' Sake call 434-0016, the regional office at 1-800-687-8282, or contact one of the council members listed above.

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HRSEA Met

by Wilma Clark

The Hansford Retired School Personnel met for their Christmas dinner last Tuesday, December 9, 1997, at the Hospitality Room of First State Bank. A short business meeting was conducted by Dorothy Roden, president, and a fund was established for their Christmas project. Two local students were selected as recipients. Members shared accounts of memorable

Christmases past.

Enjoying the covered-dish meal were: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Birchfield, Wilma Clark, Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson, Olga Gafford, Georgianne Hutchison, Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Jones, Orville Latham, Pauline McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Robinson, Dorothy Roden, Worley Smith, and Minnie Weaver.

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American Red Cross Meets

submitted

Marsha Jarrell, Chairman for the Ochiltree Chapter of the American Red Cross, presided for limited business. Julie Oler, the new chapter manager, was welcomed.

Adam Day and Ernie Shira volunteered to man a booth at the Lipscomb County Health Fair on December 10, 1997, in Darrouzett.

Day and Oler were authorized to purchase a new printer, improve economy and efficiency for the office staff.

Chapters of American Red Cross are regularly involved in training volunteers in teaching skills and service projects. "Turning the Tables," an extended session of training for board members, was conducted by Texas ARC Organizational Development Associate, Terry Kelly-Marquadt, assisted by past chair, Cavita Kile.

Information was presented in key policy areas to be considered

on a continuing basis: strategic planning, finance and financial development, community relations, chapter operations, human resources, and chapter programs and services.

Major emphasis was on maintaining sensitive awareness of new and changing needs in the community and involvement of both those receiving and providing services.

Since Hansford County and Lipscomb County have not renewed their charters, Ochiltree County Chapter is designated to provide services to residents of all three counties.

From Hansford County, board members are Kathy Lindsey, Kim Blevins, and Nelle Evans. The board is seeking members representing Lipscomb County.

Other members present were Lynn Crain, Pauline Finke, Christine Ellis, Wilma Srof, Jennifer Dunsworth, and Carol Moore.

HC Representatives Attend Farm Bureau Convention

submitted by Danny Womble

Hansford County was represented by Aubery and Melba Rasor and by Danny Womble at the State Farm Bureau Convention in Arlington, Texas, held Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 1997. Those attending from Hutchinson County were David and Mary K. Harbour, James and Sharon Lieb, and Doyle and June Jackson. Governor George Bush Jr. gave the keynote address on Monday. He stressed the importance of education, especially reading, and tax relief for property owners.

Candidates aspiring to the office of Agriculture Commissioners, comptroller, and

Lt. Governor spoke on Monday afternoon.

Most of the day Tuesday was spent on resolutions submitted from the county level to be considered for incorporation into the policy book. Some of the issues receiving attention were environmental concerns, water rights, property rights and taxation.

The main purpose of Farm Bureau is to support agriculture. One of the key ways they do this is through lobbyist working directly with our state and federal politicians. Farm Bureau is committed to being a strong voice for agriculture and fighting for those concerns that threaten it

Postal Data

by George Finley, Postmaster, Spearman, Texas

The Postal Service is working with postage meter manufacturers to phase out mechanical meters and replace them with electronic or digital meters. This action is being taken to stop postage meter fraud which costs millions of dollars in losses per year. Fraud caused by tampering with mechanical meters represents the greatest share of this revenue loss.

Recently developed electronic and digital meters have proven less vulnerable to tampering than outdated mechanical meters. For these reasons and more, the Postal Service wants everyone to change meters. The time for some to change is over a 3 year period. I have heard stories from customers saying the Postal Service is making them buy another meter. This is not true.

We are encouraging anyone getting a new meter to get an electronic one. We are working to phase out the mechanical meter. I will explain how it's done.

If you have a mechanical meter process mail for a fee, or provide metering and mailing services, such as private post office box outlets, letter shops, or mailing

houses, you need to convert by March 30, 1997. Mailers using mechanical meters which pull the letter through and place the meter directly on the envelope are asked to convert by December 31, 1997. If you have a mechanical meter and all it produces is meter strips, you are asked to convert by March, 1999. As you can see, this is taking place over a three year period.

We do encourage you not to wait until the last minute.

It will be hard for meter manufacturers to meet the demand if they have to replace these meters in the last six months. The closer customers wait to the March, 1999 deadline, the greater their risk of not getting a meter in time. Meter manufacturers are offering incentives to encourage their customers to convert early. I have had a business that has converted, and they say it's saving them time in the mail room. This is good, if that's what you are wanting.

The important thing to remember is the Post Office is not saying you must change meters now. We are asking you to work toward this over a three year period.

FUMC Choir To Present Cantata

by Betty Womble

The Chancel Choir of the Spearman United Methodist Church will present a Christmas Work for Choir, Congregation, Soloists and Narrators on December 21, 1997 in the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

With *How Great Our Joy*, Tom Fettke captures the incomparable sense of joy surrounding the birth of Christ. From the orchestral overture to the choral finale, every note of this extraordinary Christmas release shouts "Hallelujah!"

Joy can be expressed in many ways, and *How Great Our Joy* integrates them all -- combining instrumental passages and narration by Randy Kirk and Verna Strawn with a blend of

both familiar carols and fresh new compositions. Solos will be performed by Tindle Ramon, Linda Rowland, and Linda Kay Barnhart.

Perhaps this work's most important element is the opportunity for congregational participation. Like the message that Jesus brought, it is meant to be shared; because even as the wise men knelt before His manger, they did not understand the full significance to this event. They could not comprehend that, today when we celebrate the birth of Christ, we find joy in something more.

Please join this regionally acclaimed choir to celebrate... *How Great Our Joy*.

Chamber News

by Gina Davis

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11 at the First State Bank Hospitality Room.

Special guests were Rusty Tindell, representing Golden Spread Sales Company (Chamber Business Spotlight), Daniel Longoria and Wesley Patterson, representing the Junior JayCeas, and new board member Carolyn McLeod.

Others present were President George Young, Norlan

Winegarner, Judy Tindell, Jeff and Shelly Beedy, Bruce Stinson, Jimmy McLeod, Brian Gillispie, Mattie Davis, and Gina Davis.

The Chamber Banquet will be set tentatively for Thursday, February 19th.

Worth Whitworth, Tami Kunselman, Kim Brock, and Carolyn McLeod are the new members.

The election of officers will be held at the January meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Auxiliary Meets

by Alva Garner

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary met December 2, 1997 for a luncheon and business meeting in the fellowship hall at the Union Church.

Margarette Evans presided. Plans were made for operation Christmas Card. Mary Fern Terry will accept donations. LoRee Booth was welcomed as a new member. We adjourned to decorate for Christmas at Hansford Manor and the Hospital.

Our next meeting will be on

April 13, 1988.

Members present were: Margarette Evans, Beth Phelps, Ora Lee Blackburn, Verna Gail Keim, Maria Avila, Virginia Trindle, Muriel Boyd, Verna Brown, Rosa Lee Butt, Jackie Graham, Mary Fern Terry, Jettie Davis, Adalyn Barnes, Judy Yarbrough, Lorene Kunselman, Dorothy Lusby, Betty Davis, Patty Sheppard, LoRee Booth, Gwen Smith, and Alva Garner.

Guests present were Carol Sell, Debby Sanford and Ann Snow.

Gruver Greyhounds Basketball

by Harletta Carthel

The Gruver High School Hound basketball team played in four games over the weekend in the Perryton Tournament. The results of the games are listed.

Canadian 53, Gruver 46; McLain 10, Brant Armes 6, Hallum 4, Potts 16, Murrell 4, and Jared Johnson 6.

Gruver 57, Perryton 44; McLain 10, Watlington 2, Brant Armes 9, Hallum 10, Potts 4, TeBeest 3, Murrell 2, Jared Johnson 4.

Gruver 58, Spearman 57; Stavlo 4, Henson 2, McLain 12, McNett 1, Brant Armes 1, Hallum 1, Potts 13, Kevin Harris 2, Jared Johnson 12.

Canadian 52, Gruver 42; McLain 8, Brant Armes 16, Hallum 2, Potts 10, Murrell 3, Jared Johnson 3.

In action Monday night, the Hounds defeated the Vega

Longhorns 63 to 32. The scoring was as follows: Brant Armes 8, Potts 16, Jared Johnson 9, Stavlo 2, Henson 2, McLain 8, Watlington 2, TeBeest 4, K. Harris 5, Hallum 6.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gruver Independent School District will accept bids for band uniforms. Bids will be received in the administration office of the Gruver ISD at P.O. Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040 until 1:00 p.m., on January 8, 1998 at which time bids will be opened and read. The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or any part thereof, and to waive any or all formalities. Please contact the administration office at (806) 733-2001 for information pertaining to the particulars as related to this bid.

2(12-18-97)B

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Plains Redi-Mix has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 36525 to authorize an existing concrete batch plant located four miles south of the city of Spearman on Highway 760, Hansford County, Texas. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter (aggregate, cement, and road dust). A person who may be affected by air contaminants emitted from the proposed facility may request a hearing.

If the applicant demonstrates the proposed facility will comply with all applicable air quality requirements, the applicant will qualify for issuance of a permit. The subject of a hearing would be limited to applicable air quality requirements, which do not include issues such as water quality, noise, traffic safety, or zoning. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

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