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Hansford Hospice: Delivering Solace, Preparation for the Terminally Ill

by Sara Eisfeld

When Henry and Rosie Grotegut were informed that Henry's illness was terminal, their doctor recommended that they look into Hospice. As Henry's illness became too much for Rosie to handle by herself, Hansford Hospice stepped in to provide care and prepare the Groteguts for the process of dying.

Rosie gives much commendation to Rosetta Barrera and Charla Hargis for their faithful explanations and encouragement as Henry's illness progressed.

"Hospice helped us to understand death much better," said Rosie.

She said Hospice not only did everything to control her husband's pain in his final weeks, but helped her and her family to know how to respond as well.

"Henry had an easy death, even though he suffered," she said. "He was happy because he was going through the transition of death and we shared it with him."

One decade ago, at its genesis, Hansford Hospice purposed to bring the qualities of in-home terminal illness care closer to home.

While the goal of Home Health is to provide short-term in-home medical treatment towards a patient's recovery, Hospice is dedicated to in-home palliative (pain control) care for the terminally ill.

"Hospice is for those who have had two doctors agree that they have less than six months to live," said Jack McWhirter, a volunteer who first took the Hospice volunteer class before Hansford Hospice was established in 1990.

When an individual knows death is eminent, his or her family also goes through the process of preparing for that death.

"One of the main things in Hospice is that we are not here to tell them [the family] what to do, to take over, but to support them, give them informed choices and support them in that," said Rosetta Barrera,

volunteer coordinator for Hansford Hospice.

Hospice is a non-profit organization, unique in that it serves the community almost primarily with the help of volunteers, who share of their time and resources.

Volunteers are always on call to bring a meal for the family, sit with a patient, run errands for a patient or visit with the family.

"Hospice is concentrated on quality of life, the comfort of the patient and making the last minutes of their life better quality," said Jolinda Hutchison, a volunteer who got involved after her mother-in-law went through terminal illness.

Volunteer Carolyn Hicks echoes the feelings of many of the volunteers that the gratitude of the people she serves makes the whole experience very worthwhile.

"You just know that your job is to make their lives as dignified and happy as possible under the circumstances," she said.

Rosetta Barrera agrees, "If there is one little thing you can do to make someone more comfortable, that's what life is all about."

Volunteers are also responsible for the fundraisers each year. All of the funds go toward direct patient care and comfort.

"Fundraisers are important for the reason that Hospice never sends a bill to a family," said Connie Gammill, a volunteer who has been involved since the inception of Hansford Hospice.

Each year, volunteers spend hours in preparation for the fall garage sale and the chili and stew luncheon held in March, as well as other smaller projects to raise money

needed to provide their unique care.

Hansford Hospice program continues working after a Hospice patient has passed away, providing comfort to the family through the grieving process for 13 months after the death.

Rosetta Barrera acknowledges that death in many cases is a blessing, but that letting go of the friend or loved one remains the most difficult task.

"There's always pain in letting go, but God has ultimate control of our

lives," she said. "There's a greater plan in life and there are a lot more things worse than death."

Jack McWhirter agrees that death is the hardest for those left behind, but considers it an honor to be able sit with and support the suffering one and their family.

"That's what we're supposed to do," he said. "We're supposed to help each other."

For the families of the 167 patients whom Hansford Hospice has faithfully served, this is true.



Pictured above are June and Doyle Jackson, chairmen for the Hospice Garage Sale. They, and several other volunteers, spent many hours of hard work preparing for the sale, which helps provide funds for Hansford Hospice. This year, Hospice raised around \$5,000 from the garage sale. These funds are used to stock the Hospice Kitchen Unit so that families do not have to leave the Hospice Unit for meals, to purchase items that patients may need but are unable to afford, to purchase home-like furnishings for the Hospice Unit and the Hospice Family Unit at the hospital, to send our Hospice nurses and doctors to special Hospice training seminars at larger hospitals and to purchase Hospice educational materials for our community and patients, and countless other areas to insure a quality Hospice program for our area.

At A Glance

Spearman Merchant's Association Christmas Promotion Winner

This week's winner of the Spearman Retail Merchant's Association Christmas Promotion Drawing was: Antonio Chavez.

Gruver FFA Selling Fruit/Turkeys

The Gruver FFA is now selling fruit and turkeys for Christmas. Available are grapefruit, apples, pears and oranges. Call Clay Montgomery at 733-2091.

Christmas Pageant To Be Held In Amarillo

The Annual Christmas Pageant presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church at the Civic Center Auditorium has established itself as one of the premiere family-oriented holiday traditions in the entire tri-state area.

The Christmas Pageant portrays the true meaning of Christmas by telling the life story of Jesus Christ with the spectacular use of music and drama. Dramatic lighting and special effects enhance the audience's experience, but it is a simple message of the love, forgiveness and acceptance that Christ brought to this world that touches their hearts and souls.

The Pageant takes the audience back 2,000 years to experience the life of Christ. Featuring new music and a completely new script every year, the Pageant always remains fresh and exciting. This year the Pageant is entitled "Freedom" and is told from the viewpoint of Barrabas and a couple of modern day convicts.

The dates for this year's presentations are Friday, December 15 through Monday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday afternoon matinees at 3 p.m.

Tickets are free and can be obtained from the Music Ministry Office located at the east entrance of the church at 4000 Mays Ave beginning Monday, November 27. For more information, call the Music Ministry office at (806)353-6615 or check out the website at www.ChristmasPageant.com.

WTAMU Christmas Ornament Available

The first West Texas A&M Christmas ornament of the University's Centennial Countdown series is on sale now at the bookstore on the WTAMU campus in Canyon. This limited-edition collectible, the first of an 11-piece series, features "Old Main," the oldest and grandest building on the WTAMU campus.

The three-dimensional ornament, made of solid brass and finished in 24 kt. gold, is packaged in a presentation box and is accompanied by an explanatory brochure.

Ornaments are available at the University Bookstore, located in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center, for \$12.95 plus tax. Collectors and WTAMU friends may also mail requests to Bookstore, WTAMU Box 60937, Canyon Texas 79016-0001, call (806)651-2744, fax (806) 651-2752 or go to the online store at www.wtamu.edu/bookstore. Handling and shipping is an additional \$3.95 per order and will require about two weeks for delivery.

Beginning this year and each of the next 10 years, a new ornament depicting a WTAMU building, symbol or event will be released. The last ornament of the series will be available as part of the University's Centennial Celebration in the year 2010.

WANTED:
CHARLES NEWCOMB
For: 1 missing bus, 1 missing piano, 2 missing parade floats, 1 missing membership roster



Bret Burgin (right) "congratulates" Chuck Newcomb for receiving the 2000 Liars Badge.

For the past 10 of the 16 years he has been a Spearman Lions Club member, Chuck Newcomb has held the position of "Lion Tamer." Officially his duties as Lion Tamer involve being in charge of all Lions Club property.

But several Lions Club items have turned up missing. At 88 and the senior of the 37-member group, Chuck became the recipient of the "2000 Liars Badge."

"Because of his advanced age, he has lost numerous things and can't keep up with stuff anymore," said Bret Burgin, who was last year's recipient and delegated the honor to Chuck this year.

However only rumors and speculation verify that the 10 items missing can be traced to Newcomb or his age.

"Seems that I'm the senior, they can blame anything on me," said Newcomb.

For his supposed knack for misplacing things, Chuck also received a new nickname with his Liars Badge award: Chuck "Where's It At" Newcomb.

"Actually he hasn't lost anything, but we are blaming him for it," said Burgin.

Some past recipients include Bret "Weenie Boy" Burgin and Gary "Belly Button" Smith.

Forum To Discuss Cotton Production In North Texas Plains Scheduled

Producers want to know - is cotton production a viable option in the northern Texas High Plains? According to Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the time is right to explore a variety of options when profits are at stake.

"When many farmers are faced with switching to alternate crops in order to stay in business, cotton might be worth considering," said Bean, who will join with other experts to explore the risks and benefits of growing the crop.

On December 14, area producers, crop consultants and agribusiness operators can address many of the

issues associated with cotton production during a meeting slated at the Moore County Community Building, 16th and Maddox Streets in Dumas. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered to certified crop advisors and licensed pesticide applicators (all classes).

The event will be a forum to answer questions dealing with production risks, management strategies for successful production, disease and insect control concerns, potential for profit and marketing options.

Registration begins at 1:30 and the meeting will cover such topics as historical climatic data and heat unit requirements for cotton, growing cotton in a short season production environment, pest and weed control in cotton as well as cotton diseases and control and marketing for cotton production.

For more information, contact Brent Bean at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center at (806)359-5401 or Robert Harris at the Moore County Extension office at (806) 935-2594.

Who's Who List Includes 43 From Hansford County

Included in the 34th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000 are 43 students from Gruver and Spearman high schools.

The list, published by Educational Communications, Inc. of Lake Forest, IL is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

This 34th edition features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the national 14 million high school students.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes.

Students from Gruver and Spearman include:
Gruver High School Students
Boyd, Kimberly D.; Carthel, Kade D.; Clift, Christi R.; Flores, Suguey; Grotegut, Derik; Henson, Dallas D.; Lopez, Ashley; McDowell, Christie M.; Morris, Brittany; Schneider, Amanda N.; Stavlo, Sammie; Stedje, Lauree B.; Valencia, Liza C.
Spearman High School Students
Alvarado, Cristina; Banks, Melissa R.; Beasley, Halee D.; Benton, Nicholas S.; Boxwell, Erin E.; Brock, John C.; Bynum, Timothy N.; Camacho, Laura J.; Cummings, Andrew; De La Cruz, Jennifer R.; Freeman, Jared L.; Gillaspie, Laura E.; Griffin, Martin C.; Haney, Allison; Haney, Steven J.; Lozano, Erin N.; Lozano, Jared B.; Miesner, Marty R.; Moreno, Junior; Nollner, Chelsea J.; Paschel, Denise M.; Pipkin, Angela; Ramon, Amber; Schumann, Tashiana D.; Shieldknight, Clara A.; Smith, Lanna C.; Vanderburg, Clayton E.; Volden, Jessica R.; Woodington, Sydnev; Woolley, Brady K.

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Lake Depth--December 4, 2000--47.86 feet (down 3 inches)

Red Byrd, one of the remaining regular fishermen, was rewarded last Friday with three catfish with the largest weighing eight pounds.

Jim reports seeing eight mature and eight immature eagles on the Gibner side between 5 and 6 o'clock Saturday evening. He had to use both the scope and his binoculars to separate the mature from the immatures.

Today the numbers of geese had picked back up. Joan saw one big flock of white geese in the air. They were dotted with 6 dark geese. The geese are mainly on the east of the water covered bridge. Part of the time the eagles are in the trees in that area watching the geese. The ducks are more often in the creek.

Jim has been seeing more mountain bluebirds. He is also seeing a scrub jay with some blue jays at their feeder. The scrub jays, unlike blue jays, are crestless, but they are alike in having white throats with black necklaces. This fall we have had the Steller's jay reported, so that gives us 3 jays. Another one

that is seen in the Panhandle some years but has not been sighted at the Park is the pinion jay. It is not seen every year, but sometimes it is reported in numbers. It is steel-blue all over but too big to be a mountain bluebird.

Daniel Harris reports a mystery killer in the chicken house at their home on the Palo Duro Creek. One evening at 8 o'clock he had gone to shut the chickens in, when he heard them in an uproar and a noise in some weeds near the pen. He was using a lantern rather than a flashlight and was not able to see what it was.

In the chicken house he found 3 dead hens. Closer examination showed they had puncture wounds on their throats and that their blood had been sucked out. He laid the hens out of the pen to dispose the next day. Later he found their heads and necks had been eaten off. He felt the killer had to be able to climb the fence.

I seem to remember that some local animal--skunk, opossum, or raccoon killed in this manner, but I can't find it. Can anyone solve Daniel's mystery?

Letter To The Editor

To the Editor

At this time, as a Lions Club member of the Texas Panhandle, I want to thank everyone who has donated their used eyeglasses to The Lions Eyeglass Program. This is a continuous project and has provided improved vision for thousands of needy people in the United States and all over the world.

Another important program that the Lions have in the Panhandle is The Lions Eye Bank of District 2-TI. We have provided corneas for our local doctors for the past 30 years.

Eye donations to the Lions are the greatest gift. If you are interested in donating your eyes, please tell a family member or loved one. They will see that your gift of sight is fulfilled. Your gift will be honored by our Lions Eye Bank and we will see that everything possible will be done to provide better vision for a needy person. This is our way to serve.

Thank you once again. Without the help of the gracious people of Spearman and the Texas Panhandle, we would not be where we are today.

Sincerely,
Frosty Hickerson
Lions Eye Bank
District 2-TI President

What is an eye donation?

Eye donation actually involves transplantation of the cornea which is the clear central portion of the eye that lets light in. Behind the cornea are the iris and pupil which are never transplanted. Corneal transplantation is used to treat corneal blindness and other condition.

Can the whole eye be transplanted?

No, the vast number of nerves that connect the retina to the brain make it impossible to transplant the whole eye. Many people benefit from the transplantation of parts of the eye however.

I don't think my patient can be an eye donor because:

- **They have been dead for an hour or more.** Our standards allow us plenty of time to recover eye tissue. If the donor has not been refrigerated, we have up to 10 hours to recover the tissue. If the donor has been refrigerated, we have 18-20 hours.
- **My patient is too old.** Our upper limit for donation is 70 years of age. There is no scientific evidence that proves a correlation between donor age and graft success. The transplantability of the cornea depends on its condition at the time of death. Proper postmortem eye care plays a vital role. Children under 2 years of age can be donors but their corneas must be transplanted into children of the same age.
- **This patient died of...and isn't suitable for donation.** There are many causes of death that are acceptable for eye donation. Cancer in most cases is acceptable. Since the cornea is vascular, cancer can't metastasize to it. Lymphoma and leukemia have a different mechanism. These blood cell and lymphatic cancers may have viral components and White Blood Cells are occasionally observed in the periphery of the cornea and either may pose a risk of transmission.
- **The family is too upset to discuss donation.** There are many reactions to the loss of a loved one. Many families are comforted by the knowledge that their loved one can help someone to see again. Our personnel are specially trained to discuss donation with grieving families. Their experience in working with families everyday makes the discussion of donation a positive one for the family regardless of whether they choose to donate or not.

What should I do?

1. Obviously the family should be treated with respect. This includes respecting their right to make their own informed decision about eye, organ and tissue donation.
2. Not approach the family about donation. New Federal guidelines from HCFA specify that only specially trained personnel should approach families regarding donation. Studies have shown a better outcome for families when they are approached by the recovery agency's trained staff.
3. You should call within one hour of the patient's death. The call will take about 5 minutes and you will need the patient's chart. You do not have to wait for the patient to be pronounced by a physician to make the phone call.
4. Call us if you or the family has questions about eye, organ and tissue donation. There are trained personnel available to answer questions 24 hours a day.

Small Business Disaster Loans Available

Businesses in some Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Missouri and Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Excessive heat and drought that occurred beginning from July 1, 2000 may have resulted in diminished income for some farmers and ranchers and leaving an adverse economic effect on businesses who depend on these producers.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in Hansford County are eligible to apply.

To obtain an application or to receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1(800) 366-6303 or TDD at (817) 267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is July 2, 2001.

3rd Annual Celebrity Livestock Judging Contest

The Seward County Community College Agriculture Department recently completed the Third Annual Celebrity Livestock Judging Contest. This event brings together SCCC alumni, college employees, area businesses and agricultural producers to raise money for the agricultural scholarships through the SCCC Development Foundation.

This year's brought in over \$5,000, the largest total raised in the short history of the contest.

Each celebrity raised between \$300 and \$425 for the ag program. Top Ten Individuals Overall: Frank Swan, Johnson - 1st; Todd Thrasher, Texhoma, OK - 2nd; Aaron Preator, Lubbock - 3rd; Lenny Pechey, Spearman - 4th; Charliss Ruff, Hanston - 5th; Seth Owensby, Liberal - 6th; Kent Williams, Liberal - 7th; Sam Skinner, Hugoton - 8th; Clay Louderback, Liberal - 9th; and Justin Wallace, Liberal - 10th.

The top ten individual winners in the SCCC Celebrity Livestock Judging Contest were: Justin Wallace, Liberal, KS; Kent Williams, Liberal; Lenny Pechey, Spearman; Seth Owensby, Liberal, KS; Aaron Preator, Lubbock; Sam Skinner, Hugoton, KS; Charliss Ruff, Hanston; Todd Thrasher, Texhoma, OK; Clay Louderback, Liberal, KS; and Frank Swan, Johnson.

The Texas Railroad Commission adopted an emergency rule on November 28 prohibiting gas utility providers from disconnecting the heat during the winter months.

At least 21 people died in 1999 from hypothermia, many of them over 60 years of age, and many of them in their own homes. Without adequate heat, many people, especially the elderly, are in danger long before the temperature drops to freezing.

"Our action today protects disadvantaged Texans, especially chil-

dren and the elderly when winter temperatures drop towards freezing," said Williams. "We do not want Texans forced to choose between home heat and other needs."

Under the new rule:

- Natural gas utility companies may not disconnect a customer on a day when the previous day's temperature in the county where the customer takes service fell below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the National Weather Service predicts that the temperature in the county will fall

below that level during the next 24 hours.

- Providers may not disconnect service to a delinquent residential customer for a billing period in which the provider receives a pledge, letter of intent, purchase order, or other notification from an energy assistance provider that is forwarding sufficient payment to continue service.

- Providers may not disconnect service to a delinquent residential customer on a day, or on a day immediately preceding a day, when personnel of the provider are not available for the purpose of receiving payment or making collections or reconnecting service.

- Providers are also encouraged to offer customers a deferred payment plan as set forth in the

Commission's quality of service rule 16 TAC 7.45 (2) or a level or average payment plan.

Text of the emergency rule will be provided on the Railroad Commission Web site at www.rrc.state.tx.us.

Hansford County Farm Service Agency Announces Changes

- Pay Limits have been increased to \$150,000 for crop year 2000.
- Change to Loss of Beneficial Interest Provisions for 2000: Subject to certain conditions, a producer who is otherwise eligible to receive a loan or LDP will be allowed to receive a marketing loan gain or LDP on an eligible crop produced in 2000, even though the producer has already marketed the commodity. If you have been told that your crop no longer had Beneficial Interest, please call the office. You may be eligible for payment. The local rates for LDP's may now be accessed on-line at www.fsa.usda.gov/dafn/psd/ldp.

Thank You

Joe and I would like to say Thank You to everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, food and flowers during my illness.

Once again we are overwhelmed by the love and generosity of the people of Spearman. We love each and every one of you.

Joe and Nita Bynum

The Gladiola Flower Club wants to thank KRDF, the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, those showing their homes and all who attended the 2000 Home Tour.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Undoubtedly Virginia Head and Butch and Mary Ann Lasater would welcome each other's family into either home, but last week for Thanksgiving, Ronnie and Della Head of Carlsbad spent the weekend with Virginia and joined other Spearman relatives for Thanksgiving dinner with Jo McLaughlin.

The Lasaters enjoyed having their daughters, Laci and Bobby Murray with son, Max of Amarillo, as well as their other daughter, Mendy and Chad Riggins with son, Cadon from Lubbock. Cass made the gathering complete for the weekend.

The two items sort of intermingled in last week's column - apologies.

Eulalie and W.R. Greever's Thanksgiving company have left after ten days here. Their daughter, Billie Joan and Leslie Reynolds, with Jan of San Antonio returned to their home late last week.

Other guests for Thanksgiving weekend were their granddaughter, Heather Batson and a friend from Plano. Their grandson, Troy Batson also visited with his wife and baby from McKinney.

Robert Darin and Stephen Greever were co-hosts with their parents.

Selma Reneau and Ruth Knudson had a pleasant weekend in Amarillo when they attended the annual Juletfest Day of Sunday. This is the annual Christmas dinner by the Norwegian Association of Texas.

After a bountiful dinner, there is entertainment and a silent auction and much visiting. The entertainment was superb with the Norwegian Folkdancers of Amarillo. This group have won several awards.

Selma's son Jean and his daughter, Christine are members and were performers on this occasion.

It is with regret that the neighbors learn that long-time Spearman resident has sold her home and is moving to Amarillo. Martha Haden is leaving Saturday. She sold her home to James and Kara McDowell of Guthrie.

Martha, the daughter of the H.W. Caytons moved here with her sister and two brothers in 1944 when she was in the 7th grade.

Her parents are now deceased; her sister, Mary Jane DeArmond lives in Roswell; her brother Wally lives in Amarillo with his wife and her brother James lives in Wheatland, Wyoming.

One of Martha's sons, Billy Ray, his wife and three children live in Amarillo. During her years here,

Martha worked in the County Tax Collector's office for 30 years. She married Billy Haden in 1952 and lived in England while he was stationed there in military service. He passed away in 1999.

She has been active in the choir and pianist at the First Methodist Church.

Martha stated that she is sad to leave friends in Spearman and will welcome their visits in Amarillo. Her address will be 3630 Brennan Blvd, Apt 28-B, Amarillo, Texas 79121 - these are the Windtree Apartments.

All wish her comfort and pleasure in her new home and thank her for all her accommodations in her years here.

Weather report for the week of November 27 through 7 a.m. December 4: the highest temp was on the 30th at 68 degrees; the lowest on the 2nd at 19 degrees. No moisture.

Reports from those making the Home Tour and those providing it are that it was very successful and interesting. The pleasant, though chilly weather, the gracious hosts and hostesses, the various decor in decorations around the homes combined to make it an achievement.

Always comes the wrenching question "Why?" when a young person is taken from this life and left here are the old, the suffering and many who are ready to go. Such sentiment follows the untimely death of 33-year-old Bob Jarvis. His service was Friday morning at the First Baptist Church. Interment was at Lieb Cemetery, near his father, Tom Jarvis who died last July.

His grief-stricken widow, mother, grandmother and other relatives can find solace in the knowledge that he went quickly with no suffering.

Bob was fatally injured in a vehicle accident on highway #207 north of Stinnett.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Junior High Students Make All Region Band

Nine junior high band students were selected for the all region band and five others chosen as alternates in tryouts Tuesday, November 28, in Panhandle.

Chosen from Gruver were Mary Watkins, seventh chair clarinet; Angelica Huerta, eighth chair trumpet; David Parker, second chair French horn; Jessica Vela, fifth chair French horn; Ben Williams, first chair baritone; Stephen Salazar sixth chair baritone; Kade Shoulders, seventh chair tuba; Ryan Winger, eighth chair tuba; and Bradley Clawson fourth chair drums.

Alternates were Jessica Montgomery, first alternate French horn; Valerie Burnam, first alternate baritone; Steven Villegas, first alternate tuba; Cesar Ortiz, second alternate tuba; and Sarah Mireles, first alternate bells.

Students earning a position in the all region band will rehearse and present a concert on the campus of West Texas A&M University on January 12 and 13.

Vehicle Destroyed by Fire

A 1996 Plymouth Voyager belonging to Benny McCullough was completely destroyed by fire last week.

McCullough was enroute to Spearman to have repairs on the vehicle when the fire occurred four miles south of Gruver.

The Gruver Volunteer Fire Department responded to the call.

Christmas Festivities Slated

The kindergarten class will present the play, "Bob Humbug" on Wednesday, December 13. The time of the play was not available at press time but may be obtained by calling the elementary office, 733-2031.

The high school's salute to the Christmas season will be held on Friday, December 22, in the school auditorium. The GHS band will perform their Christmas concert, and high schoolers will present a Christmas play. The holiday offer-

ings will begin at 8:45 and conclude at approximately 10:45.

Christmas parties will be held in the junior high beginning at 10:30-10:45.

Schools to Dismiss Early for Holiday

Gruver schools will dismiss at noon on Friday, December 22, for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Classes will resume on Monday, January 8, 2001.

Get Well Wishes

Mary Gruver underwent knee replacement surgery on Monday, December 4, at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital. She will be moved to the St. Anthony's campus for rehabilitation later this week.

Senior Chase Lamb received eight stitches in his lip this weekend after suffering a snow skiing accident.

Loyal Hound supporter Hugh Bell was injured in the line of duty Friday night when he fell over a pipe railing in the parking lot of Gruver High School. Bell, who had attended the junior varsity tournament, was taken to Hansford County Hospital where he was treated for multiple facial cuts and bruises and a shoulder injury.

Bell was able to attend church on Sunday but may require additional treatment for his shoulder injury.

Junior High Students Scheduled for College Test

Fourteen Gruver Junior High students have qualified to participate in Duke University's Talent Search

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The students will take the ACT Assessment, a test normally taken only by college bound junior and senior students. From the results of the tests, students may receive national recognition.

Eligible participants are Lauren Bergin, Crispin Borunda, Lindsey Clift, Rachele Holt, Justin Horton, Mike Lora, Matt Messer, Sarah Mireles, Samantha Myatt, Stephen Salazar, Reid Winger, Kelly Jones, Rafael Perez, and Allison Reid.

Team to Work in El Salvador

Five members of the First Baptist Church will be traveling to El Salvador to aid in a crusade January 4 - 16. Making the journey will be Bob Adams, Jim and Sue Deakin, Richie Fletcher, and Bill Hadley.

Athletes Receive Academic Recognition

Thirteen GHS football players were named to the District 1-A Academic list.

They include junior Kade Carthel and seniors Chad Clift, James Crow, Brad Clawson, Kirby Johnson, Chase Lamb, Cory Schneider, Clint Swink, Chad TeBeest, Anthony Villajobos, David Villegas, Taos Weldon, and Aaron Weller.

Pheasant Season to Open

The population of Hansford County could double or triple this weekend with the opening of the annual pheasant season.

Despite a dry summer, pheasant numbers are high. Several local organizations will be hosting events for hunters including Alpha Mu Psi Sorority who will host a hunters breakfast from 5:30-7:30 a.m. in the Gruver Schools Cafeteria. There will also be a raffle tickets available for two \$300 gift certificates.

Teams Gear Up for Tourney

Both the Hounds and Lady Hounds will be competing in the Suaray Tournament this weekend.

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Lynx Basketball Schedule

Spearman Lynx & Lynxettes 2000-2001 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	9G	9B	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 7-9	@ Hugoton Varsity Tourney					TBA	TBA
	@ Dumas 9th-JV Tourney	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA		
	@ Wellington	TBA					
Dec 11	*Sunray			5:00		6:30	
Dec 12	@ *Highland Park			5:00		6:30	
Dec 15	@ *West Texas			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Dec 28-30	Clarendon Varsity Tourney					TBA	TBA
Jan 2	@ *Clarendon			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 4-6	@ Perryton 9th Grade Tourney	TBA	TBA				
Jan 12	*Panhandle			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 15	Panhandle	TBA					
Jan 16	@ *Sunray			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 19	*Highland Park			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 22	Sunray	5:00					
Jan 23	@ *West Texas			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 26	*Clarendon			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 29	West Texas	5:00					
Jan 30	@ *Wellington			4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 2	*Canadian			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 5	@ Canadian	7:30					
Feb 6	@ *Panhandle			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 9	*Sunray					6:30	8:00
Feb 13	@ *Highland Park					6:30	8:00

Greyhound Basketball Schedule

Gruver Greyhounds & Lady Hounds 2000-2001 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	9G	9B	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 7-9	@ Sunray Varsity Tourney					TBA	TBA
Dec 12	Hooker, OK			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Dec 15	@ Perryton			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Dec 21	Nazareth @ WTAMU			4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Dec 28-30	@ Canadian Varsity Tourney					TBA	TBA
Jan 2	@ Vega			4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 5	@ Goodwell, OK			4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 9	Happy			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 12	Turpin, OK			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 16	@ Happy			4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 19	@ *Stratford			4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 23	*Booker			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 26	@ *Boys Ranch			4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 30	@ *Booker			4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Feb 2	*Stratford			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 6	*Boys Ranch			5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00

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Meetings & Minutes



Rachel and Gaylord Cook

Gruver Greets New Minister

Gruver is welcoming new Gruver Church of Christ minister Gaylord Cook and his wife Rachel to the community.

Moving from Seagraves, Texas, Cook began ministerial duties on October 1. The Cooks are acquainted with many in Hansford County as they resided in Spearman from 1979-1985 where Gaylord was minister of the Church of Christ. Cook has also preached at the Denver Avenue Church of Christ of Dalhart and has served as a volunteer chaplain at the Dalhart prison.

Children of the couple are Gay Lynn (Mrs. Darrell) Bonjour of Amarillo and Kim (Mrs. Timothy) Jones of Chesapeake, Virginia. The Cooks also have five grandsons.

Rachel enjoys sewing, writing to friends, and antiques while both the Cooks enjoy attending their grandsons' athletic events of football, baseball, and wrestling.

The Cooks are excited to make their home again in Hansford County and look forward to meeting those residents they have yet to meet. Gaylord states, "Gruver has been so warm and friendly. We already feel at home. Our door is always open to others."

Hospital Auxiliary Meets

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary met Monday, December 4, 2000 at the Palo Duro Cafe for lunch and their meeting.

President Jackie Graham presided. Treasurer Mary Fern Terry gave the report of purchases from the 1999 Christmas Card Fund.

New members Judy Nelson, Harriet Hutchison and June Patterson were welcomed.

Next regular meeting will be in April with installation of officers.

After their regular meeting, all adjourned to the Hospital and Manor to decorate for Christmas.

Those attending are as follows:

Mary Fern Terry, Jackie Graham, Teresa Kirk, Ora Lee Blackburn, Rosa Lee Butt, Virginia Head, Judy Nelson, Verna Brown, Alva Garner, Frances Cudd, Beth Phelps, Peggy Ellsworth, Harriett Hutchison, June Patterson, June Jackson, Mary K. Harbour, Betty Davis, Dorothy Lusby, Judy Yarborough and Callie, Carol Sell, Margarette Evans

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Meets

On Thursday, November 9, 2000, the Board of Directors met at noon at IV's Hungry Cowboy. Members present were Diane Maxwell, Sharon Cook, Carolyn McLeod, and Gina Gillispie. Absent were Scot Martin, Bruce Stinson, Kim

Brock, Robert Patrick and Linda Coombs.

President Carolyn McLeod called the meeting to order. Gina reported that the Artist in Residency Program was a wonderful success. Gina will pay the expenses associated with the week, which are in addition to the regular budget items. Sharon made a motion, with a second from Diana, to move \$2000 from Chamber Savings into the general checking account. Motion carried.

Retail Merchants: Carolyn reported that the Retail Merchants would meet quarterly and begin the year in January with a planning session to discuss the program of work and the year's calendar.

WDSCC: Diane stated that Cindy Blackman was on the radio to discuss the Chamber Banquet and the decorations. The theme will be "Civic Pride" and will be held Saturday, January 14. After some discussion about a dance, Gina will fax the board for comments.

Carolyn reported the following seven were nominated to serve on the Board of Directors: Rosie Martinez (Golden Spread Sales Co.), Justin Boyd (North Plains Insurance), Lenny Pecha (First State Bank), Rosalee Bueno (First State Bank), Sergio Vargas (Sergio's), Missy Bates (Dreamer's Salon), and Paige Pickering (First National Bank). Carolyn also reported that she has asked Lynanne Maize and Bill Pittman to serve as advisors to the President. Both have agreed.

Gina and Carolyn will visit the City, County and SISD to ask for Ex-officio members to represent each entity and serve in an advisory capacity to the Chamber.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pringle-Morse School Board Meeting

Board members present: Lonnie Clemmons, Monty Dixon, Jerry Hart, Alan Leach, Carolyn Shields, Betty Womble and Bob Zimmer.

Administration present: Superintendent Linda Kay Barnhart and Business Manager Paige Speck. Guests present: Kristina Howell and Connie McCloy.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Alan Leach.

Connie McCloy addressed the Board in open forum on the subject of teacher absences.

Kristina Howell appeared before the Board with plans to spearhead a fundraising group, "Pringle-Morse Playground Partners," with the goal of raising funds to be used to purchase playground equipment for the school.

Business Manager Speck gave the financial report, which consisted of budget update, cash position and review of expenditures.

Jerry Hart moved to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of:

- October 10, 2000 minutes;
- Approval of Sandra Blankenship, Dana Coldiron, Gayle Irwin, Lori Limbocker and Lori Sparks to the 2000-01 textbook committee; the motion was seconded by Monty Dixon and carried 7-0.

Bob Zimmer moved to use the previously allotted \$3000 for playground upgrade in the following priority order:

1. Mulch under jungle gyms;
2. Remove merry-go-round and monkey bars;

3. Remove slide; Jerry Hart seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Carolyn Shields moved to authorize Superintendent Barnhart to dispose of Acer computers; the motion was seconded by Lonnie Clemmons and carried 7-0.

Lonnie Clemmons moved to approve policy CI (Local), School Properties Disposal - first reading; Jerry Hart seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

Monty Dixon moved to decline to sell fence; the motion was seconded by Jerry Hart and carried 7-0.

Jerry Hart moved to amend the first sentence of GKD (Local), Community Relations: Use of School Facilities - first reading, to read: "Designated District facilities shall be available for use by groups or individuals that reside within the District."

In her report, Superintendent Barnhart:

- Stated that she has completed her yearly appraisals.
- Reported current enrollment of 101 students
- Gave a facilities maintenance report
- Briefed the Board on legislative/COSTS meetings
- Reported the results of the Texas Primary Reading Inventory
- Announced the Board/Faculty Christmas Party on December 7
- Announced regular Board meeting on December 12
- Announced Board/Superintendent Christmas Party on December 16
- Reported various cafeteria changes/improvements

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 10:40 p.m. on November 14, 2000.

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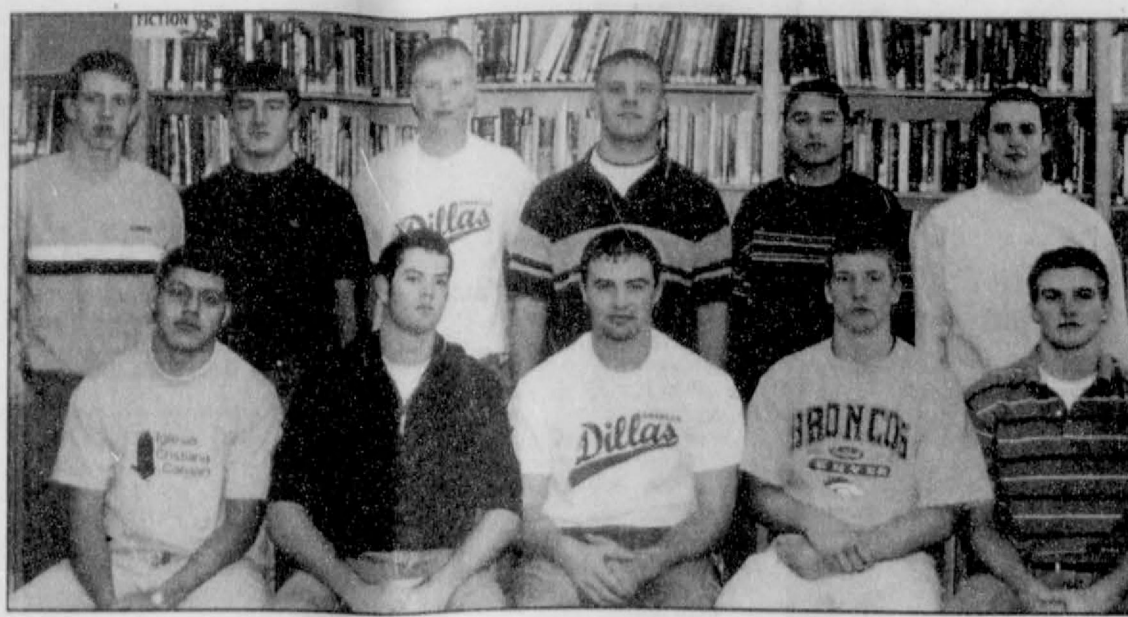
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Kasey Harris steals the ball from a Canadian Wildcat during their final game of the Lake Meredith Classic Tournament. The Hounds overcame the Wildcats 83-44. (Photo by Charlie Johnson)



(Picture at Left) Mixing brains and brawn, thirteen members of the Gruver High School Hound football team were named to the all-district academic list. Seated from left to right are David Villegas, Kade Carthel, Chase Lamb, Kirby Johnson, and Cory Schneider. Back row: James Crow, Bradley Duncan, Chad TeBeest, Clint Swink, Anthony Villalobos, and Aaron Weller. To qualify for selection, athletes were required to have a 90 or above average in each subject for the first two six weeks. Not pictured are Taos Weldon and Chad Clift.

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Spearman Basketball News

by Jeff Beedy

The Lynx and Lynxettes traveled to Miami to play their first game in the Miami Invitational Tournament on Thursday, November 30. The Lynxettes played Follett at 9:00 a.m. but came up a little short as they were defeated by Follett 37-34. They made a run at the end of the game and almost pulled it out, but time expired before they could overcome a 12 point deficit late in the game.

The Lynx also played Follett on Thursday and had a close game. They played very well for the second game of the season and they came out on top 65-61.

two very good teams. The Lynx got beat by a very good Fort Elliott team by three points and then had to turn around an hour and a half later and play the Borger JV team. They had a good team and since the Lynx just aren't in tip top shape yet, they came up a little short. Spearman ended up earning fourth in the tournament.

The Lynx and Lynxettes got some valuable game time this week end which will help them to get ready for district. Both teams did a super job! Congratulations!

Date: 12-1-00
Place: Maimi Tournament
Season Record: 3-4

Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 2 17 9 19 47
Booker 5 12 7 13 37
Coach Short Says: We played 3 of our best quarters after a slow start.

Spearman JV Lynxette
Date: 11-28-00
Place: Spearman
Season Record: 2-5

Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 9 17 10 12 48
Trinity Fell. 4 7 2 1 14
Coach Walker's Comments: Good effort. Without much depth in this game, the girls had to play tired. We had pretty good defensive intensity the second half.

Friday: The Lynx and Lynxettes both won today and they will both be in action Saturday. The Lynxettes defeated Booker by a score of 47-37. They played much better today and hopefully they will get on a roll and continue to get better and better. The Lynx also beat Booker by a score of 70-47. The Lynx got off to a slow start in the first half, but broke the game open in the third quarter as they went on a 27-4 run.

Saturday: The Lynxettes won both of their games on Saturday to win consolation in the Miami Tourney. They defeated McLean in the first game and then had to come from behind in their second game to defeat Allison to win consolation. The Lynx lost both of their games, but were defeated by

Spearman Lynxette
Date: 11-28-00
Place: Spearman
Season Record: 2-3

Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 8 20 16 9 53
Trinity Fell. 7 8 4 20 39
Coach Short Says: We played well in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. We caused turnovers and got better offensively. We went to the boards better on offense, but we must block out better on defense.

Date: 12-2-00
Place: Maimi Tournament
Season Record: 4-4

Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 13 21 17 23 74
McLean 4 10 10 17 41
Coach Short Says: We caused 30 turnovers and shot a lot better. The free throw percentage was the best this year.

Date: 12-2-00
Place: Maimi Tournament
Season Record: 5-4

Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 4 14 15 8 41
Allison 10 10 6 4 30
Coach Short Says: We won the consolation trophy. It was a long hard day. We played two games in a matter of hours. It is always a good day when you can win two basketball games in one day.

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Gruver Basketball Update

JV Tourney Held
Junior Varsity Lady Hounds - first game, Gruver JV Tourney
Gruver 38 West Texas High 28

Bryn Lowe 4, Jenny Hart 4, Ashley Sherrill 2, Kristina Christian 9, Kayce Howe 4, Lori Swink 1, Kasey Cazares 8, Sammie Johnson 6, Carley Bryson 1.

Trailing at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Hounds, playing solid basketball, amassed a twenty point lead by the fourth quarter to completely dominate the Lady Panthers.

Scoring for the Lady Hounds were Teal Armes 6, Christi Clift 2, Amy Watley 10, Brandi Griffin 2, Tessa Yanke 6, Lisa Johnson 8, Kaylee Holt 4, Sammie Stavlo 12, and Cassie Myatt 4.

After playing a close game in the first and second quarters, the Hounds fell victim to empty basket syndrome in the second half.

Aaron Weller 3, Kasey Harris 5, Kade Carthel 10, Brady Hart 7, Kirby Johnson 8, Chad Howe 5, Cory Schneider 2, Chad Clift 5, Hugo Hernandez 2.

JV Lady Hounds - second game, Gruver JV Tourney
Gruver 20 Sunray 42

Bryn Lowe 2, Jenny Hart 2, Ashley Sherrill 1, Kristina Christian 5, Lori Swink 6, Kasey Cazares 2, Sammie Johnson 1, Carley Bryson 1.

Competing in the Lake Meredith Classic Tournament in Fritch, the Lady Hounds fell in overtime to Canadian, 54-61 in the consolation game.

Although leading much of the game, the Lady Hounds down by one point in the fourth quarter with 37 seconds remaining, tied the game with a free throw by Sammie Stavlo.

GHS Hounds - second game Lake Meredith Tourney 12-1-00
Gruver 39 Perryton 57

After a first close quarter, the Hounds shooting took a nose-dive in the second quarter. In sync the third quarter, the Hounds scored 16 points while keeping Perryton to 7 points to lower the margin to 4 before falling to the Rangers in the fourth quarter.

JV Lady Hounds - third game, Gruver tourney
Gruver 29 Stratford 21

Bryn Lowe 2, Jenny Hart 6, Julie May 1, Kasey Cazares 10, Sammie Johnson 2, Carley Bryson 2

In overtime, the Lady Hounds began on a three-point boost by Stavlo, but their luck quickly changed with the fouling out of Amy Watley and Lisa Johnson.

Amy Watley 12, Lindsey Messer 10, Brandi Griffin 1, Lisa Johnson 8, Kaylee Holt 4, Sammie Stavlo 19.

GHS Hounds 57 Panhandle 70

In regular season play on Tuesday, November 28, a close game with Panhandle turned into a Panther victory when the Hounds field and free throw shooting went cold in the fourth quarter.

Results of the Gruver JV boys were not available at press time. Complete listing of their games will be forthcoming.

Lady Hounds Handle Panhandle
11-28-00
Gruver 54 Panhandle 34

Lady Hounds - first game, Lake Meredith Tourney 11-30-00
Gruver 55 West Texas High 32

Teal Armes 7, Christi Clift 3, Amy Watley 4, Brandi Griffin 7, Tessa Yanke 11, Lisa Johnson 7, Sammie Stavlo 10, Cassie Myatt 2, Courtney Goad 4.

Senior Brady Hart had a big night, pouring in 30 points aided by sharp passes from point guard Anthony Villalobos.

Anthony Villalobos 7, Brady Hart 30, Chad Clift 2, Kade Carthel 6, Cory Schneider 2, Kasey Harris 6, Hugo Hernandez 4

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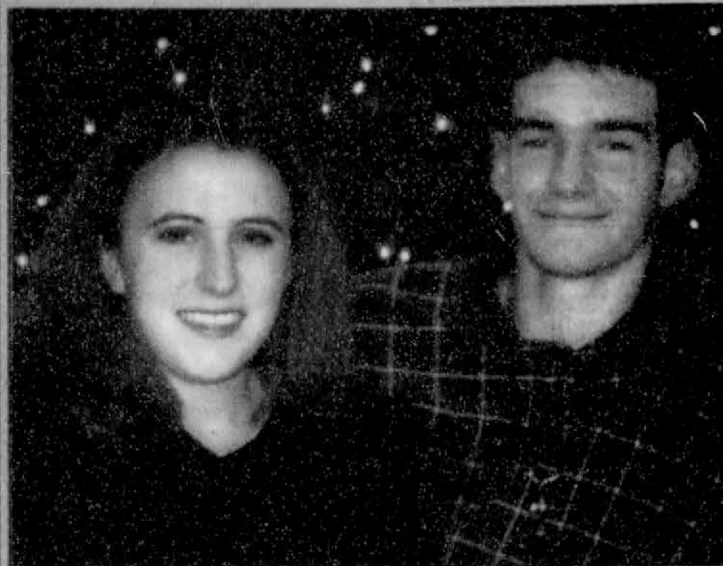
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SHS November Students Of The Month



Angela Pipkin and Brady Woolley

Brady Woolley, son of Joey and Lyn Woolley and Angela Pipkin, daughter of Roy and Frances Pipkin represent Spearman High School for the month of November.

Brady is a member of National Honor Society and First United Methodist Youth. He has participated in basketball, cross country and track. In his spare time, Brady and his dad build jeeps. Having successfully built three already, Brady plans to start work on a fourth.

He plans to attend college in Colorado to earn a degree in engineering.

Angela is active in debate, having placed 1st in districts in 1999, 1st in districts 2000 and 1st in regionals 2000. She competed at state in UIL.

She is active in One-Act Play which advanced to area last year. She is also a member of National Honor Society.

She has participated in seminary, a four-year program with her church, from which she will graduate in May.

She will attend Texas Tech, majoring in political science. She plans to be active in the Forensic Science Program and attend law school.

Auxiliary Heads Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary is asking once again for your donations for our annual fund raiser. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

You can donate to Operation Christmas Greeting instead of mailing greeting cards and we will publish your name in the Reporter-Statesman each week.

Your donations can be mailed to Mary Fern Terry, 906 Bernice, Spearman, Texas 79081.

Merry Christmas

John and June Patterson - In memory of L.M. and Maudine Patterson and Marvin L. Kemp

Verna Brown - In Memory of Dude Brown and Doug Maupin

Harriett Hutchison - In Memory of Craig Hutchison

Dorothy Lusby

Virginia Head

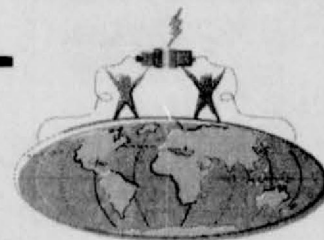
Rosa Lee Butt

Dennis and Judy Nelson

Olive "Babe" Pendergraft

Mary Fern Terry

The library will be closed on Monday, Dec. 11 for new computer installation and networking upgrades.



Please excuse any inconvenience.

Spearman School Board Meeting

On November 13, 2000, the Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in regular session at 7 p.m.

Mr. Mark Sheets, President of the Board of Trustees announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

*Spearman Junior High and Spearman High School received certificates from TEA for recognized performance on the TAAS test during the 1999-2000 school year.

In action items, the school board:

- approved consent items:
 - Minutes of regular meeting on October 9, 2000 and called meeting of October 11, 2000
 - Paying the bills in the amount of \$175,874.50.

- awarded the gas and diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of December 2000.

- approved the financial report as presented.

- approved the auditor's report from Cornell and Company, P.C. for the year ending August 31, 2000.

- approved resolution to appoint nominee Butch Reed to serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Hansford County Appraisal District.

- approved the request of Brenda Pierson for thirty-day sick leave.

- approved the resolution supporting a uniform statewide fully funded group health insurance plan for retired and active school employees.

- approved Update 64 (legal) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 64.

- Tabled action for awarding bids for bleacher replacement in the Varsity Gym.

In Items Discussed, the school board:

- discussed the criteria to identify at-risk students and the number of at-risk students at each campus.

- heard Mr. Sumner review chapter 4-7 of the book, *A Framework for Understanding Poverty*.

- heard Mr. Sumner discuss the request for an Honorary Diploma for Richard Burk who was called into the service during his senior year at Spearman High School in 1945 and did not receive his high school diploma.

In Information and Announcements:

- student enrollment as of November 13, 2000 is 765.

- reviewed substitute teacher usage from Sept. 19 through October 18, 2000.

- provided information that the Spearman Lynx will play Abernathy at 7:30 p.m. on November 17 at Canyon High School.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Hansford County Veterans

Listed below are the names of some of the Hansford County Veterans who were inadvertently left off of last week's list. If you know of others, please call the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office at 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine Smith

Fred Dahl
John Dahl

Orville Hill

Harry Stumpf

GHS November Student Of The Month



Gruver High School senior Shea Lowe has been named November Student of the Month. Nominated by her teachers, Shea is a repeat winner of the honor, having been chosen last year as a junior.

Shea is active in Gruver FFA where she has served as an officer and competed in FFA contests. She is a member of National Honor Society and is active in UIL academic competition. She is the daughter of Buddy and Marsha Lowe.

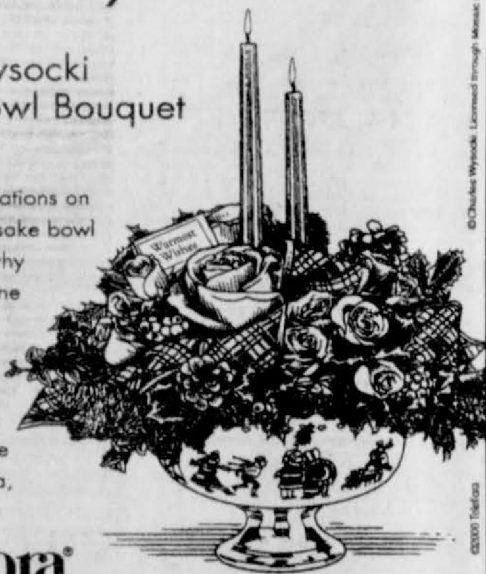
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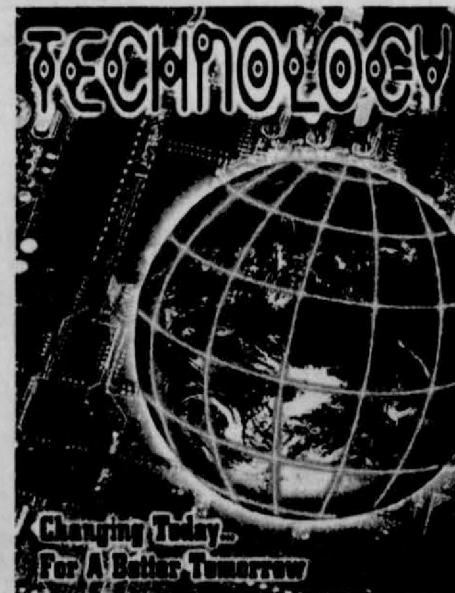
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