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I Am the Nation

by Otto Whittaker

I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things and many people. I am the nation.

I am 213 million living souls -- and the ghost of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called, I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Field, on the rock of Corregidor, on the bleak slopes of Korea and in the steaming jungle of Vietnam.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the coal fields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the West, the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific ... my arms reach out to embrace Alaska and Hawaii ... 3 million square miles throbbing with industry, I am more than 5 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages -- and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his bread loaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas and hear the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 110,000 schools and colleges and 30,000 churches where my people worship God as they think best. I am a ballot dropped into a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Tom Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers and the Wright Brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Jonas Salk and Martin Luther King Jr.

I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Thomas Paine.

Yes, I am the nation, and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom, and God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such Form, as to them shall seem best, provided always that alterations of such fundamental Laws shall never be effected without the unanimous Consent of the whole People.

John Hancock
Thomas Jefferson
John Adams
Benjamin Franklin
George Washington
James M. Smith
Richard Henry Lee
George Mason
Patrick Henry
James Wilson
George Clinton
John Jay
Roger Sherman
William Livingston
Francis Pickens
John Rutledge
Edmund Randolph
George Wythe
Richard Henry Lee
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Francis Pickens
John Rutledge
Edmund Randolph
George Wythe

At A Glance

TAAS Test

The 2001 Summer TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) exit level tests will be given in July at Spearman High School, (403 East 11th Street) for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students as well as out-of-school students who have not passed some or all portions of this test.

Dates for the TAAS are Writing- July 10th, Math- July 11th, Reading- July 12th. Testing will begin at 9:00 a.m. each morning in the video conference room. Students should report ten minutes prior to the testing time.

Only students who are not currently enrolled in Spearman High School who still need to pass the TAAS to fulfill graduation requirements must preregister for the test. Students preregistering for the TAAS must have a picture identification for each testing day in order to be able to take the tests.

Police Department Asking For Cell Phones

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

New Rural Addresses

If you now receive your mail on a rural route in Hansford County, you may not be aware that your mailing address has changed, or is in the process of changing.

The post office is now required to use the 9-1-1 emergency address number as the official mailing address of residents. The new numbers were sent earlier this year to all residents who have been affected.

If you have lost the notification of this new address, or did not receive it, call 1-800-687-7911.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is asking that as soon as a subscriber receives this new address, to please call (806) 659-3434, or come by the office with the new address.

It will not be too long until the new address will be required for mail delivery.

Public Education In Texas

Public education in Texas is for every child. Don't leave any child behind. The children of Texas come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and abilities. They do not all learn the same way, but they ALL do learn. Do you know of an infant, child, or young adult who does not learn easily or has an impairment that might affect his/her success in life? Do you know that public school programs can serve these children from birth to age 21? For more information, call Marsha Murphy, Special Education Director, at (806) 435-4412.

Liebs Receive Family Land Heritage Award

The Family Land Heritage Award was recently presented to the Lieb family ranch by Texas Department of Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. The award recognizes farms in the state that a family has kept in continuous operation for 100 years or more.



Pictured above is a steam engine at threshing time on the Lieb farm around 1913.

W. M. Lieb, born near Berlin, in 1860, emigrated from Germany with his family, including his parents and several brothers and sisters. In exchange for their passage to America, the Liebs worked for three years at a plantation owner near Galveston. After fulfilling their obligation with the plantation owner, they moved to Washington County Texas, Brown County, and other places doing tenant farming. In 1879 they took a claim in western Shakerfork County on Hog Creek (east of Leuders, TX). At this site, near the Clear Fork of the Brazos River, W.M.'s father raised sheep. After a disagreement with his father, W.M. left home to become a cowboy, working in West Texas. He met and married Mary Kitchens of Brown County in 1886.

In 1899, W.M. filed on four sections near present-day Pringle, going to Miami to file since Hutchinson County did not yet exist. In 1900, he came back and discovered someone had jumped his claim, so he moved a short distance south and filed on four more sections. His family came that summer, built a dugout, broke out a small native pasture, and planted feed for cattle. By that spring (1901), they were here to stay.

Dean Lieb, grandson of W.M., commented, "My father (Ernest) related his first memories to be of native grass that was stirrup-high on a horse, and buffalo skulls found scattered over the area. The famous drift fence, which ran across the south section, was still evident by bones left from cattle dying in earlier blizzards." Water for the family was hauled about 8 to 10 miles from the Tyler place north of Morse, which is also where Ernest and Maude Lieb rode their horses to attend school. The Zulu Post Office was located about two miles north of the Tyler place.

In 1902, more people had settled in the area, so the settlers applied for a post office. Lieb was the only name not already applied to a post office, thus the area became known as the Lieb community. (This post office lasted until the mid 1900s). About this time, a man who owned the section where the Lieb cemetery is now located, donated five acres of land for educational and religious purposes. A young cowboy, Frank Fox, was killed by lightning and was the first person buried in the Lieb Cemetery. That same year (1902), the community decided to build a school. Lumber was hauled from Channing, TX, and a one-room schoolhouse was built by

escape the chronic malaria. Ernest and Ruby had three sons, Chesta, William M. (Pete), and A.A. (Dean) Lieb. Maude Lieb married Lloyd Henderson and had one daughter, Denzil Lee Carp. Mabel Lieb married Ross Chisum and had a daughter, Erlene Flower, and three sons, Eaul, Don, and Orveda (Vedie) Chisum. Iris Lieb married Merel Bentley and had no living children. Pete and Dean are the only living of these generations. Today, Dean Lieb and his brother, Pete Lieb, have retired. Pete Lieb has moved from the ranch to the Hansford Manor, where he enlivens it with his merry disposition and wit. Dean Lieb and his wife, Linda, still live on the ranch. Their two sons John and James Lieb continue to farm and raise cattle on the ranch. "Our families faced many hard and difficult times, especially during the '30s" commented Dean. "But, through hard work and tenacity, they managed to hang on. "We were lucky during the '50s, and cut a little bit of wheat, but most farmers in Hansford County didn't cut any wheat for seven years," he said. "We think this is the grandest place in the world to live," stated Dean. "And thanks to the full-blooded German who had the nerve to take a chance on the Great American Desert, the fourth generation is now farming some of his original claim."

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Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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Combust Leads House Vote For Crop Year Assistance

Approval sets urgency for Senate to act within weeks



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House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combust (R-TX) led support for today's House passage of economic assistance for farmers squeezed by low prices and high input costs for 2001 crops. H.R. 2213, "The Crop Year 2001 Agricultural Economic Assistance Act," passed the U.S. House of Representatives without objection. Chairman Combust called for Senate action that must occur within weeks to ensure that the \$5.5 billion funds get to producers before the funding authority expires with the end of the 2001 Fiscal Year, September 30.

"The important point is to move the process along," said Chairman Combust in advocating the bill's passage. "Because the FY2001 funds will expire unless delivered to hard-pressed farmers by the end of September, it is imperative that a bill be sent to the President for signature before the August recess. In my opinion, this amount is not sufficient to meet the minimum needs of our producers, and I

intend to work further as this bill moves through the legislative process to improve the package."

\$4.6 billion of the total is for Market Loss Assistance based on the AMTA transition payments, with the balance going to cottonseed, oilseeds, peanuts and other producers. Although current low commodity prices and higher energy costs justify no less than the \$5.5 billion provided in last year's Market Loss Assistance to row crop producers alone, Combust said there will be opportunities to improve upon the bill as it moves through the legislative process.

H.R. 2213 includes:
• Market Loss Assistance-- \$4.6 billion in Market Loss Assistance to producers of AMTA crops (wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton, and rice).
• Oilseeds Assistance-- \$424 million in economic assistance to

producers of oilseeds (soybeans, sunflower seed, rapeseed, canola, safflower, flaxseed, mustard seed).

• Peanut Assistance-- \$54 million in economic assistance to producers of peanuts.

• Tobacco Assistance-- \$129 million in economic assistance to producers of tobacco.

• Wool and Mohair Assistance-- \$17 million in economic assistance to producers of wool and mohair.

• Cottonseed Assistance-- \$85 million in economic assistance to producers and first handlers of cottonseed.

• Specialty Crops Assistance-- Provision includes \$26 million in grants to states to promote agriculture with \$500,000 for each state and \$1 million for Puerto Rico; \$133 million in grants to states in amounts that represent the proportional value of specialty crops in each state relative to the national

value of specialty crop production; and \$10 million in payments to states for the processing, transportation, and distribution of commodities purchased under the Emergency Food Assistance Act (EFAP) of 1983.

• Payment Limitations-- Increases payment limits on marketing loan gains and deficiency payments to \$150,000 per person for the 2001 crop.

Below is a delightful piece presented by Paul Harvey some years ago on his nationally syndicated radio program. His words serve as a reminder to all of us as to just how dearly many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence must have paid for placing their signatures on that document and putting their full support behind the Revolutionary cause. Please note that the information contained in the Harvey broadcast has not been verified to be accurate or true.

They Paid the Price

By Paul Harvey, News and Commentary
July 4, 1974

Americans, you know the 56 men who signed our Declaration of Independence that first 4 of July--you know they were risking everything, don't you?--cause if they won their war with the British, there'd be years of hardship and a struggling nation. If they lost they'd face a hangman's noose. And yet there where it says, "We herewith pledge, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor," they did sign. But did you know that they paid the price?

When Carter Braxton of Virginia, signed the Declaration of Independence, he was a wealthy planter and trader; but thereafter he saw his ships swept from the seas and to pay his debts, he lost his home and all of his property and he died in rags.

Thomas Lynch, Jr., who signed that pledge, was a third generation rice grower and aristocrat--a large plantation owner--but after he signed his health failed. With his wife he set out for France to regain his failing health. Their ship never got to France; he was never heard from again.

Thomas McKean of Delaware was so harassed by the enemy that he was forced to move his family five times in five months. He served in Congress without pay, his family in poverty and in hiding.

Vandals looted the properties of Ellery and Clymer and Hall and Gwinnett and Walton and Heyward and Rutledge and Middleton. And Thomas Nelson, Jr. of Virginia raised two million dollars on his own signature to provision our allies, the French fleet. After the War, personally he paid back the loans, wiped out his entire estate; he was never reimbursed by his government. And in the final battle for Yorktown, he, Nelson, urged General Washington to fire on his, Nelson's own home, then occupied by Cornwallis. And he died bankrupt. Thomas Nelson, Jr. had pledged his life, his fortune, and his sacred honor.

The Hessians seized the home of Francis Hopkinson of New Jersey. Francis Lewis had his home and everything destroyed, his wife imprisoned--she died within a few months. Richard Stockton, who signed the Declaration of Independence, pledging his life and his fortune, was captured and mistreated, and his health broken to the extent that he died at 51. And his estate was pillaged.

And Thomas Heyward, Jr. was captured when Charleston fell. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside while she was dying; their thirteen children fled in all directions for their lives. His fields and gristmill were laid waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves and returned home after the War to find his wife dead, his children gone, his properties gone. He died a few weeks later of exhaustion and a broken heart.

Lewis Morris saw his land destroyed, his family scattered. Philip Livingston died within a few months of hardships of the War. John Hancock, history remembers best, due to a quirk of fate--that great sweeping signature attesting to his vanity, towers over the others--one of the wealthiest men in New England, he stood outside Boston one terrible night of the War and said, "Burn Boston, though it makes John Hancock a beggar, if the public good requires it." He, too, lived up to the pledge.

Of the 56 signers of the Declaration, few were long to survive, 5 were captured by the British and tortured before they died, 12 had their homes--from Rhode Island to Charleston--sacked and looted, occupied by the enemy or burned. Two of them lost their sons in the Army; one had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 died in the War from its hardships or from its more merciful bullets. I don't know what impression you'd had of these men who met that hot summer in Philadelphia, but I think it's important this July 4, that we remember this about them: they were not poor men, they were not wild-eyed pirates; these were men of means, these were rich men, most of them, who enjoyed much ease and luxury in personal living. Not hungry men, prosperous men, wealthy land owners, substantially secure in their prosperity. But they considered liberty--this is as much I shall say of it--they had learned that liberty is so much more important than security, that they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. And they fulfilled their pledge--they paid the price, and freedom was born.

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

Catherine :)

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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Roland Haney

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 Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.
Pastor - Brian Foster

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 8 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.
Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Roland • 659-2792
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Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
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Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
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Redentor Mass - Spanish
Rev. Scott Raef

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

First Presbyterian Church
(Worships with Lutheran)
1021 Cotter • 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at
Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly
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Pastor - Beverly Cook

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1101 Bernice • 659-2252
(Worships with
First Presbyterian Church)
First United Methodist
407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Ken Cole

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: 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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.

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1105 S. Roland
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Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.
Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
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Waka Church of the Brethren
435-4598

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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. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2960
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30 Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30 Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gumfory

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)
6 Miles West & 12 Miles
North of Gruver
339-7709
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - Paul Fiske

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

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Happy Birthday!

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

July 5
Birthday - Sydney Clawson, Kent Benton, Mrs. George Rook, Mack McLain, Linda Walker, Jamie Davis, Tom Dortch, Dawn Bridges, Connie Gibson, Blayne Schrader, Alfonso Martinez, Melanie Elliott, Alyssa Boynton

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Been, Mike & Kathy Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Wilkerson, Burton & Wanda Schubert

July 6
Birthday - Scott Attwood, Monte Beck, Rickey Shields, Gene Dennis, June Day, Kimberly Ann Vasquez, Cody Benton, Lometa Sparks

July 7
Birthday - Pat O'Connell, Steve Benton, Brenda Sue Bowling, Greg Meisner, Steve Lesly, Virginia Reyes, Magda Rivera, Brian Sparks, Justin Bowman, Daniel Ward, Karen Pierce, Mattie Davis, B.J. Hughes

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Bratton, Kelly & Johnnie Fuller

July 7
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July 8
Birthday - Buddy Benton, Janna Nickles, Aaron Hart, Craig Morris, Gay Pipkin, Luis Martinez, Jody Fowler, Samantha Prouty, Loree Espinosa, Kathy Lindsey

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Clawson, Leo & Phyllis Cummings, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Fulce, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Miesner

July 9
Birthday - Beulah Bort, Edith Smith, Donna Farris, Johnny Jo Roach, Sally Swan, Kyle Kirk, Sean Travers Baker, Donna Custard, Sharolyn

Finley, Darlene Hoel
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Booth, Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Finley, Joanna (Moore) & Wayne Pierson, Kevin & Ann Rook, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bagwell

July 10
Birthday - Eunice Spivey, Steven Greever, Donna Sheets, Lorene Kunsleman, Carolyn Shields, Cathy Gafford, Mitch Gillian, Belinda Francis, Felex Lopez, Jolynda Vasquez, Justin Bass, Jerrill Key, James Sursa

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Randy Kirk

July 11
Birthday - H.M. Frazier, Louis Schnell, Marvin Jones, Danny Pope, Juanita Paul, Sharon Archer, Scott Russell, Kenneth Schaeffer, Debbie George, Zeke Henson

July 12
Birthday - Carolyn Fletcher, Larry Hicks, Justin Horton, Jolene Thompson, Jenie Kirkland, J.W. Jenkins, Cheryl Long, Glenda Guthrie, Olga Gafford, Lucas Biggs, Stan Josephson, Dustin Irlbeck, Charlie Spencer, Madison Schad, Colton Meek

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Davidson, Harold & Joyce Crooks

July 13
Birthday - Mary Schroeder, Terri Ann Porter, Ron Clark, Gary Burke, Rounder Jackson, Gary Schnell, Claude (Junior) Crossland

Anniversary - Allen & Margie Alfred

July 14
Birthday - Scott Bullard, Jo Alice Clawson, Shelly Logsdon, Albert Baker, Linda Jarvis, Carrie Pearson, Rebecca Rosales, Butch Baker

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Roy Stinson

July 15
Birthday - Julie Imke, Carol Pack, Chris Jenkins, Sonya Nitschke, Maude McClellan, Ryan Renick, Julie Stork, Hazle Britt, Clarence Zabel, Samantha Baker, Kayla Schrader, Nelva Snow, Galen Coates

Anniversary - Alvin & Becky Byers, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Gillispie, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Shad, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Hayes

Our Deepest Sympathy

William Noah Hoggatt

William Noah "Bill" Hoggatt, 78, of Amarillo, died Tuesday, June 26, 2001.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Friday, June 28, 2001 in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Brent Ashby, of Paramount Terrace Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home in Amarillo.

Mr. Hoggatt was born and raised in Lakeview. He was career Air Force, having retired as chief warrant officer in 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Hoggatt; a daughter, Donna Littlejohn of Amarillo; a son, Dale Hoggatt of Amarillo; a sister, Gloria Knox of Spearman; two brothers, Damon Hoggatt of Phoenix and Leon Hoggatt of Burleson; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Amarillo Public Library, 413 E. Fourth Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

Atha Marie Wright

Atha Marie Wright, 91, died Friday, June 29, 2001.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday, July 2, 2001 in Gateway Baptist Church with Rev. Tunis Schurman, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery by Brown Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wright was a homemaker and former employee of Dilly Bakery. She married Floyd Ray Wright on June 14, 1947.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Cecil Wright of Odessa and Harold Wright of Paris; a daughter, Barbara Payne of Mountain Home, AR; a sister, Wanda Jean Burke of Spearman; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Cecil Ralston

Cecil Ralston, 76, died Thursday, June 28, 2001.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2001 at First Christian Church. Burial was at Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Ralston was a lifetime rancher and farmer in the Gruver area. He was a veteran of World War II as a marine.

He was married to Margaret Reed on December 4, 1948, in Spearman. He was a member of the Antique Car Club of America and the Horseless Carriage Club. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his son, Alfred Dennis Ralston, in 1998.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Mike Ralston of Spearman and Dan Ralston of Dallas; a brother, Ray Ralston of Gruver; a sister, Jean Cox of Fort Worth; a grandson, Rex Ralston of Gruver; and a granddaughter, Tisha Ralston of Mustang, OK.

The family suggests memorials be to the First Christian Church of Gruver or their favorite charity.

Mary K. Bennett

Mary K. Bennett, 88, died Monday, July 2, 2001.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2001 at the First Baptist Church in Canadian with Rev. Denzil Leonard and Brother Jerry Golden, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Stickley-Hill Funeral Directors of Canadian.

Mrs. Bennett was born December 16, 1912 in Lipscomb, Texas to Albert and Annie A. Bull Minton. She moved to Canadian in 1937. She married Dr. Morris Bennett on December 26, 1937 in Canadian. He died July 11, 1976. Mrs. Bennett attended West Texas Normal College and played tennis in Canyon. She taught in a country school in Lipscomb and taught a Sunday School class in Canadian at the First Baptist Church. She was a china painter and was a past member of the Golden Spread Porcelain Art Club. Mrs. Bennett was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Dorcas Sunday School Class, PEO, Women's Club, and the Merry Bidders Bridge Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Ann Flowers of Spearman; one son, Ben Bennett of Canadian; three granddaughters, Beth Reeves of Spring, TX, Jane Pinkston of Amarillo, and Jan Blackwell of Liberal, KS; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to: Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th St., Canadian, TX 79014; or Abraham Memorial Home, 803 Birch St., Canadian, TX 79014.

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I received word recently that my junior high principal had died. Mr. Passmore was a no-nonsense man who seldom laughed and had a voice that let you know he meant business.

I knew Mr. Passmore as a principal, Sunday school teacher, and later, friend and fellow Christian. Even so, our whole relationship was defined by one moment in time during my seventh grade year.

That year, I was in an all-girls health class taught by a teacher who was seldom on time; a fact that provided fertile ground for antics and merriment. And the 32 of us each did our share of filling in the minutes of waiting with "entertainment."

This particular day found me and two friends standing on top of a table in the cafeteria where our class was held, singing a rousing chorus of "This Is My Country."

This particular day also found our teacher uncharacteristically earlier than usual. The coinciding of the two particulars resulted in an irate teacher and three young ladies sent to the principal's office.

In the long walk down the hall to judgement, our minds had ample time to imagine the repercussions of our actions. The voices which had sung with volume and spirit only moments before, were silent as visions of detention, parental calls, and even a paddling filled our heads.

The encounter with the principal was worse and sooner than anticipated. As we approached the open area where announcements were made, we saw not only Mr. Passmore but also a host of others and to witness our shame.

As Mr. Passmore read the note from our teacher, his stern face grew even more somber. Our lives passed before us before he spoke our fate.

"Well, young ladies, I am sad to see you have been disruptive and disrespectful. Whatever possessed you must have been a powerful force so please compete your song. Sing it now."

With faces burning and voices that could barely squeak, we eventually stumbled though the now detested song.

"Girls, that was not the worst singing I've ever heard, but I do not want an encore. Is that understood? Now get back to class."

That was it! Our punishment was over. We had been embarrassed, even humiliated, but we had been spared from our worst fears.

Mr. Passmore never mentioned the incident, to my mother, and even became one of my greatest encouragers in later years. But that "one defining moment" has stayed with me.

In an age where "zero tolerance" seems to be the norm in the nation's school discipline, with no consideration given to circumstances, I'm glad for a principal who used punishment like good medicine - just enough to cure what ailed.

Open Letter

Dairy Queen of Gruver would like to inform our valued customers that there will be a change in management and staff on July 1, 2001. The new manager, Philip Martinez plans on being an active member of the Gruver community and looks forward to meeting everyone.

There are going to be a lot of changes in the store, starting with the new "Red, White, & Blue" exterior. A new electric sign will be erected within the next few weeks as well making the store more visible at night. Philip's goal is to make the Gruver Dairy Queen a fun place to eat and a great place to work.

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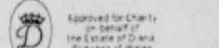
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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Bobby Smith and daughter Cayla returned Wednesday from a four-day sight-seeing trip to South Dakota. They drove to Rapid City, and visited Mt. Rushmore.

They took a nine-hour bus tour and, among other sights, spent some time at the Crazy Horse Memorial site that is still under construction. A descendant of Crazy Horse who was leading the memorial organization has passed away, and his widow is now the leader. Tuesday was her 75th birthday, and to celebrate it, blasting was postponed until nightfall. A great deal of blasting is required in the rocky, mountainous region.

The blasting was spectacular and loud, lighting up the sky and leaving the viewers breathless and awed.

The trip could give Cayla a renewed interest in geography and history.

Lynanne and Don Maize put their many civic and church duties on hold for two weeks while they enjoyed the cool, pleasant mountains, where they met friends. They camped in luxury in their motor home.

Guests of LaDelle and Dallan Scroggs for a few days over the weekend were her mother, sister and her family of Paducah. They were here for the wedding of Julie and Bruce Howell.

Friends report that Ed Dear underwent multiple by-pass surgery on Thursday at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. All went well and he is now home and on his way to full recovery.

Alton and Peggy Ellsworth recently took their granddaughter, Kallie Smith, on a Caribbean cruise.

They drove to Memphis, saw Graceland, then went to Orlando, stopping first at Epcot Center. At Port Canaveral they embarked on a fabulous Disney Magic Ship for a seven-day cruise.

The ship - a floating town, has three main dining rooms, buffet and snack bars; two theaters, inter-

net service, shops, game rooms, swimming pools, and even a room equipped with ESPN for sports watchers. It carries 950 employees, with only 50 who are American.

After three days at sea, the first port was St. Maarten, owned jointly by French and Dutch. St. Thomas was the next stop after two more days of sailing.

The Ellsworths spent little time on the islands due to the heat - just some sightseeing and a little shopping.

The ship was cool and the food more appetizing. The Ellsworths appreciated having the same two waiters assigned to them for all their meals, even though they alternated dining rooms and meal times.

The last port was on Castaway Cay, owned by the Disney Company. It had the most beautiful beach and good water sports. The majority of the passengers participated in the activities there.

The next morning, they arrived back at Port Canaveral, disembarked. They then drove south to Miami Beach and Key Largo.

Going west through the Everglades and eyeing the ugly alligators, they stopped to see the memorial exhibit to the flight that was lost six years ago.

Reaching Dallas, they stopped overnight with Kacee Smith. They were pleased to have good weather for the entire trip, but did drive through smoke at intervals in Florida.

Gary, Cathy and Clayton Smith attended the 50th anniversary celebration of her aunt and uncle, John and Dec Watkins, in Odessa this past weekend.

Gary and Cathy returned on Saturday night. Clayton stayed for an extended visit with his grandparents, Gerald and Sandra Ritchie, in Midland.

Weather for the week of June 25th through 7 a.m. on July 2nd: the high was on both June 28th and 29th at 102 degrees; the low was on July 1st at 64; no moisture.



Golden Anniversary Celebration

Richard and Betty Gaines of the Holt community celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on July 1, 2001, with a private family reception at the First Christian Church in Spearman.

The former Betty Beck and Richard Gaines were married June 23, 1951 in the home of the bride's parents in the Holt community.

Richard is a 1950 graduate of Eureka High School in Eureka, Kansas and a 1975 graduate of Frank Phillips College with an Associate of Arts Degree. He is a farmer and rancher. Betty attended Spearman schools for nine years and graduated from Morse High School in 1951. She is a homemaker.

The couple has two daughter, Glenda Close and Peggy Varnon, both of Spearman.

In celebration of their fiftieth anniversary, the Gaines travelled to Nashville, Tennessee where they stayed in the Grand Ole Opry Hotel and attended the Grand Ole Opry. They also toured the Graceland and other attractions in the Memphis area.

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28th

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Tara Shapley & Chad Gardiner

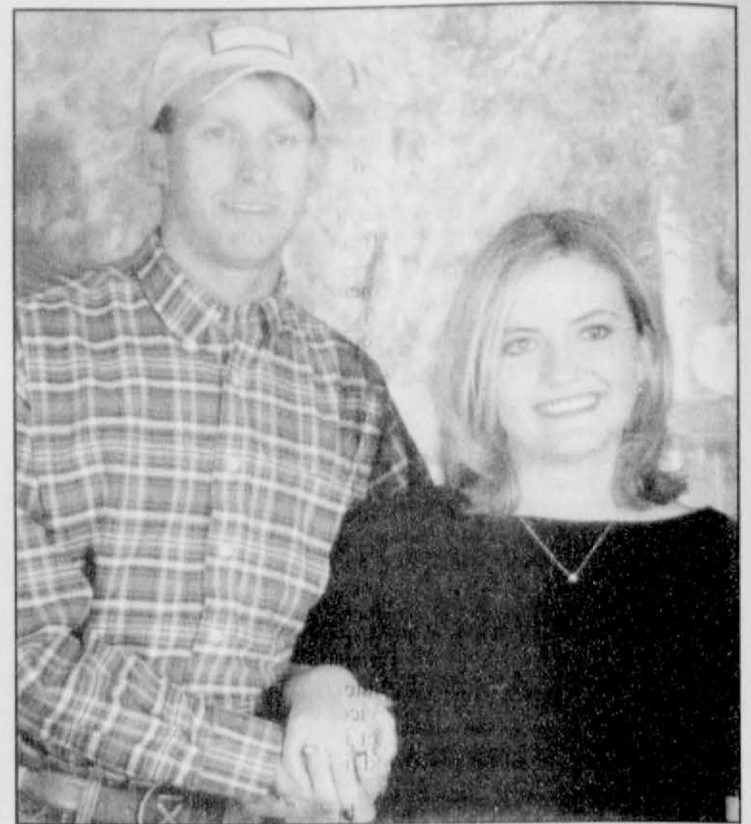
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Engagement Announcement

Perry and Denise Johnson of Amarillo and Brian Berry of Espinosa, New Mexico proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Alice Berry to Kyle Deeds, son of Roy and Debbie Deeds of Gruver.

The couple plan a September 1, 2001 wedding in Canyon.

Engagement Announcement

Molly Eileen Wiemann, granddaughter of Mrs. June O'Loughlin and the late Bob O'Loughlin, will be married July 21, 2001 at the Old Mission in Santa Barbara, CA to Chad Renick Ludwig.

The bride-elect, currently residing in New York City, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Wiemann of Santa Barbara. The groom-elect, also of New York City, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ludwig of Shreveport, LA.

Mrs. June O'Loughlin will honor her only granddaughter with a bridesmaids' luncheon in Santa Barbara on the eve of the wedding at her daughter's home. Her sisters and daughter-in-law will also attend.

Mrs. O'Loughlin's four grandsons will be in attendance at the wedding festivities, along with her son, John O'Loughlin, of Lafayette, CO.

NOTICE

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be closed the week of July 9-13, 2001. The deadline for items for the July 14th issue will be Friday, July 6th at 5:00 p.m.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Gunlocks To Be Distributed
The City of Gruver has received its allotment of safe storage kits to distribute to the public from Project Childsafe.

The Gruver Police Department will give gun locks and instructions for use to the first 100 people requesting the devices.

Project Childsafe is the statewide firearms safety education and gun lock program that was initiated by the Office of the Governor and is administered by the non-profit National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).

The goal of the program is to promote key firearms safety messages and provide free gun-locking devices to all Texas gun owners.

The safety kits to be distributed will include the locking device, two keys, and a safety booklet in English but can be requested in Spanish.

The safety lock kits may be picked up during regular business hours of City Hall, according to Nick Jordan, Chief of Police.

Storm Causes Damage

A fast-moving thunderstorm on Thursday evening, June 28, inflicted wind damage on the city of Gruver while depositing 1.05 inches of rain accompanied by hail.

A large tree uprooted at the Archie Nelson home did damage to a workshop. Another large tree was uprooted at the home of Maude Alexander. Several wooden fences were also blown down in the storm's path.

Fire Department Has Busy Week

The Gruver Volunteer Fire Department responded to numerous calls last week.

The largest blaze extinguished was on Saturday, June 30, one mile east of the intersection of Highway 15 and County Road 4.

According to fireman Jake McCullough, the blaze was caused by a piece of hot rubber from a truck tire blowout. Firemen worked at the scene for nearly two hours to extinguish the CRP fire.

The GVFD also responded to a car fire near the intersection of Farm to Market Road 2018 and Highway 136. The car, which did not belong to a Hansford County resident, was destroyed in the blaze.

A fire which was started by fireworks at the intersection of Cooper and 10th Streets was also extinguished by the GVFD.

Homecoming, The Real Story
Homecoming 2001 has been

scheduled for September 14 (not the 21st as reported last week,) when the Hounds will host the Texhoma Red Devils.

All classes which graduated in years ending with a one will be honored at the homecoming celebration.

Football Workouts Slated

Two-a-day workouts for the GHS Hounds will begin on August 6th.

Free physicals for all boy athletes participating in any sport during the school year will be given to incoming seventh and ninth graders and all other boys, whose medical questionnaires indicate a need, at 9:00 a.m. on August 1, in the Gruver Medical Clinic.

Church Sets Lake Service

The United Methodist Church will host a special lake service and picnic at Lake Palo Duro on Sunday, July 8.

Individuals and families are responsible for bringing their own picnic lunch and drink.

The early service of the church at 8:30 a.m. will remain the same.

Get Well wishes

Lisa Salmans underwent surgery on her hand to remove a piece of glass from an accident several years ago.

Former Resident

Named Honor Student

Clayton Acker, formerly of Gruver, was named the highest ranking boy in the 2001 graduating class of Bronte High School.

The Forest Acker Family has only recently relocated to a residence just north of Sunray following Clayton's graduation.

Clayton and his younger sister Shyanne are pictured in an advertisement brochure for Blunck's Studio that was mailed in June to students in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.

Sympathy Expressed

The community was saddened by the death of Cecil Ralston last week.

Ralston was laid to rest at the Gruver Cemetery on Saturday just miles from where he spent his entire life (other than his time in military service).

Ralston and his wife Margaret were married over 52 years and raised three sons on their farm north of Gruver.

An avid vintage car restorer, Ralston was to have been honored by the Ford Motor Company later this month for his restoration of Ford vehicles.

Ralston's knowledge of vintage autos was extensive, and his restorations were intently researched and accurate.

He will be greatly missed in the community.

Gruver Girls Honored at Camp

Three outstanding Gruver incoming eighth grade girls brought home a bevy of awards from the Wayland Queens Flying Basketball Camp last week.

Sarah Mirales who won a hustle award and was ball handling runner-up was named to the all star team.

Laci Fitzgerald won the ball handling champ award, the free throw award, a hustle award, and was also named to the all star team.

Allison Reid was chosen top defensive player and best jump shot champ. A hustle award winner, she was selected for the all star team.

Davis Family Celebrates Birth

Max and Crissy Davis proudly announce the birth of their daughter Alexandria Lee Davis. The little miss was born May 20, 2001. She weighed eight pounds and was 19 and 3/4 inches long.

Gruver grandparents include Jim and Mindy Davis and great grandparents Buddy and Frances Murrell.

Alexandria has an older brother Braydon.

Gruver Basketball Camps Begin

The Lady Hound Basketball Camp will get underway on Monday, July 9, under the direction of Coach Wynn Essler.

The camp runs through Friday, July 13, with awards and demonstration skills to be presented at that time for parents and friends.

The Hound Basketball camp will begin on Monday July 16 and run through Friday, July 20. The camp will be under the direction of coach Troy Seagler.

Nollner Named Harrington Scholar



The Amarillo College Foundation announced Chelsea J'Linn Nollner was awarded a Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship to attend Texas Christian University.

Nollner is a 2001 graduate of Spearman High School, where she excelled academically and in extra-curricular activities. She was president of the National Honor Society and worked on the staff for both the newspaper and yearbook. Her writing earned district, regional, and state recognition in UIL competition.

She represented Spearman in varsity track and cross country, bringing home district, regional, and state championships. She shattered Spearman High School records in the 400, 800, and 1600 relays and the triple jump. Nollner

was recognized for Academic All-District Track each year.

Among the honors she received were Student of the Month, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and Who's Who in Sports.

Nollner is the daughter of Kyle and Jennifer Nollner. She plans to major in mass communications at Texas Christian University.

Mrs. Harrington endowed the Sybil B. Harrington Scholarship through the Amarillo College Foundation in 1989. The fund encourages and assists outstanding students to pursue higher education. Students receive up to \$3,500 for tuition and fees a year and may reapply for up to three additional years. Since 1990, more than \$2 million has been awarded.

Clift To Attend National Youth Leadership Forum



Christi Clift of Gruver will be attending the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED), in Houston July 24 through August 2, 2001.

Clift, a junior at Gruver High School, will join 350 other high school students from the nation in the program which introduces students to a variety of concepts in public health, medical ethics, research, and general practice at medical facilities and clinics.

In addition to site visits to cutting-edge medical schools and clinical facilities, Clift will hear from and have the opportunity to

interact with leaders within the medical field.

The NYLF is a nonprofit educational organization that brings various professions to life and provides outstanding high school students with the confidence to make well-informed career choices. Since its beginning in 1991, more than 50,000 young people have benefited from the NYLF programming. The NYLF also offers programs for students in law and national security.

Clift is the daughter of Roger and Traci Clift.

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It's A Girl!

Anthony Bravo and Mia Burrell wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Ivy Kincaid Bravo.

Ivy was born on June 16, 2001. She weighed 8 pounds, one ounce.

Proud grandparents are Leon and Cindy Beck and Richard Sasser, and Jose and Elodia Bravo, all of Spearman.

Great-grandparents are Pat Hamilton and the late Jack Hamilton of Spearman, and the late Antonio and Juana Bravo of Big Spring, TX and Lola Salgado and the late

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by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



Max Taylor of Spearman is pictured with a 33 inch, 19.4 pound blue catfish caught on crawdads while he was fishing off the bridge last Friday.

Lake Depth—July 2, 2001—41.75 feet.
Max is not the only one catching catfish. Several are catching nice strings of them. Crappie fishing is good, too. Karen Swink of Spearman caught a 3 pound one on minnows at the bridge on Thursday or Friday, and Gene Gardner of Morse caught a 2.5 pound crappie off the bridge on Sunday. Bob Hood, a camper and

fisherman from Booker, had 13 crappie on a stringer over the weekend. He fishes with jigs from a waterwagon on the east side of the bridge and fairly close to the bank where he is very successful at luring the fish out of the brush.

Jim mentioned having several reservations for campsites on the 4th of July. Last weekend was slow.

Ramon has spotted a turkey hen with 10 or 12 pounds so watch for them. The short eared doe made it through the winter, but Jim hasn't seen her with a fawn. Last week he photographed a coyote pup near Horse Creek.

More on Mountain Lions:
Kathleen Brillhart sent me a second article on mountain lions. She copied Killer Cougars by Don Zaidle from this year's February Outdoor Life. It detailed several lion attacks on humans in a very graphic way. The lead anecdote was of a mother who gave her life in saving the life of a child who was attacked while she and her three children were horseback. I also recently read an article by a Colorado jogger who fought off a cougar with his Swiss army knife after being badly hurt. Then my brother-in-law who lives out from Great Falls, Montana said they had a mountain lion that had moved into Neversweat Coulee where he had a lion-free boyhood.

A neighbor in the coulee had found a dead fawn in his yard. A black bear had visited his place two or three times, so he was fingered as the culprit. He invited the Montana Wildlife people out to look, and they said it was a lion kill. Since then they have found a dead calf that also looked like a lion kill.

I have been a little surprised that in all the lion stories here in the county, no one has mentioned to me finding an animal that they suspected was killed by a cougar.

Thank You

Words can never express our gratitude to all of you for your expressions of love, sympathy and support following the death of Cecil Ralston - our husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. The flowers, food and memorials, your visits to the home, and your attendance at the funeral home and the funeral services reflect the special quality of this community, and the generous outpouring of love and concern that you show for your neighbors.

Again, thank you for your love and sympathy, and may God bless all of you.

Margaret Ralston: Dan and Penny Ralston, Mike Ralston, Rex and Roxie Ralston, Tisha Ralston, Ray and Coreata Ralston, Jean and Bob Cox, and A.D. and Sharon Reed and Family

The Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed 2nd at the State 4-H contest on June 13, 2001. The contest was held during the State 4-H Roundup at Texas A&M University. The top 24 teams in the state qualify for this contest. There were 95 individuals who judged here. Hansford County team members are Kirby Johnson, Brad Holt, Melody Shields and Kyna Shields.

The team won top honors in swine judging, 2nd in both cattle and oral reasons, and 7th in sheep. Each of the team members judged very consistently with very few points separating them.

Kyna Shields was the 6th high individual in the entire contest, winning 6th in swine and 10th in oral reasons. Kyna is the daughter of Lonnie and Leann Shields of Spearman.

Kirby Johnson was 9th high individual overall. He placed 6th in reasons. Kirby is the son of Kenton Johnson and Janice McCloy of Morse.

Brad Holt placed 3rd in swine, 3rd in cattle and 9th in reasons, barely missing out on top ten overall honors. Brad is the son of Kevin and Rhonda Holt of Gruver.

Melody Shields placed 8th in cattle. Melody is the daughter of Lonnie and Leann Shields of Spearman.

The team will represent Texas at the National Western Livestock Show held in Denver in January



Hansford County Livestock Judging Team Takes Honors - Pictured are: Coach Bret Burgin, Kirby Johnson, Melody Shields, Kyna Shields, Brad Holt, and Burt Williams.

2002. The team is coached by Bret Burgin and Burt Williams. A special thanks to Kevin Williams for accompanying the team on this trip.

Listed below are the top 10 teams in the state contest, along with the team total score: 1st - Guadalupe - 1672, 2nd - Hansford - 1662, 3rd - Runnels - 1645, 4th - Grayson - 1632, 5th - Live Oak - 1606, 6th - Wharton - 1599, 7th - Lynn - 1594, 8th - Deaf Smith - 1590, 9th - McCulloch - 1584, 10th - Harris - 1578

Continuing Education Program Offered

"Innocence Lost: Deviant Social Groups in the Heartland" is the title of a continuing education program to be presented from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2001 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 800 West Frontview, Dodge City, K.S.

The speaker will be Steve Crockett, LMHT. The speaker will provide a maximum of six (6) contact hours and is designed for RN's, LPN's Health Care Professionals, Social Workers, Educators, Ministers, Law Enforcement. For more information please contact The University of Kansas Medical Center/Southwest Kansas Area Health Education Center, 1501 Fulton Terrace, Suite 1, Garden City, KS, 67846-(316)-275-0259.

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James and Kiki Connelly are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Avery Jewell Connelly. Avery weighed 6 pounds, 15.8 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. She arrived on June 20, 2001, at 7:48 p.m. at Pampa Regional Medical Center in Pampa, TX.

Avery's maternal grandparents and great-grandparents are Reagan and Beckee Baker, Wesley and Beth Daniel, Clois and Charlsie Baker and June Kelp.

Her paternal grandparents and great-grandparents are Craig and Debbie Carter, F.W. and Betty Thomas, Doug and Mary Ruth Connelly, and Jack and Thelma Carter.

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00020 INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed Proposals addressed to Robert Patrick, City Manager, City of Spearman, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081-0037 for the construction of a 100,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, removal of an elevated storage tank, and associated appurtenances, entitled

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Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION IN CAREER & TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION 2001-2002
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Library Bookmark Contest Held

Winners of the 2001 Bookmark Contest at the Hansford County Library are *Tori Sheets* (left), the eight-year-old daughter of *Mark and Charolette Sheets*, and *Chance Pack* (center), the nine-year-old son of *Jay Pack*. The winning designs have been sent to *Amarillo* to be printed and distributed to libraries throughout the panhandle area. The new bookmarks should be in our library sometime this fall.

Also pictured is *Seth Thompson*, 11-year-old son of *Shawn and Dwayne Thompson of Gruver*. *Seth* was the recipient of a \$100 savings bond. All participants in the summer reading program at Hansford County Library who read at least five hours during the month of June were entered into a drawing for a \$100 savings bond. The savings bond was donated by the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce.



Allysa, Anne Marie and Ashton Comp, daughters of *Beatrice and Comp*, are pictured above as they make their own pizzas at *Simple Simon's* during "Dad's Night Out."

Pringle-Morse CISD Board Meets

The Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Directors met on Tuesday, June 12th for their regular meeting. Members present were: *Lonnie Clemmons, Jerry Hart, Alan Leach, Carolyn Shields, Betty Womble, Bob Zimmer*. Administration present were: Superintendent *Linda Kay Barnhart*, Business Manager *Paige Speck*. Guests present were: *Daniel Boyd, Teresa Boyd, Shannon Lane, Bill Pittman*.

A quorum was established and President *Lonnie Clemmons* called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Alan Leach moved to award a two-year depository contract to *First National Bank, Spearman, Texas*; *Bob Zimmer* seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. *Jerry Hart* abstained.

Summer school teacher *Shannon Lane* made a spotlight report on the 2001 summer school program.

No one was present for open forum. Business manager *Paige Speck* gave the financial report, which consisted of budget update, cash position, and a review of monthly expenditures. She reported receipt of a \$5,000 award from a class action suit against *Toshiba*.

Betty Womble moved to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of:

May 8, 2001 minutes; 2001-02 Lifetouch contract; 2001-02 school calendar; 2001-01 fuel bids; 2001-02 student insurance; the motion was seconded by *Jerry Hart* and carried 6-0.

The Board conducted a level two hearing of a grievance brought by *Daniel and Teresa Boyd* concerning the District's transfer agreement. *Carolyn Shield* moved to uphold Superintendent *Barnhart's* decision made at the level one hearing of the grievance; *Jerry Hart* seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

No action was taken regarding a classroom communication and phone system.

Jerry Hart moved to approve Update 65, third reading, including *FNA (LOCAL)* and *GKD (LOCAL)* as amended; the motion was seconded by *Bob Zimmer* and carried 6-0.

Betty Womble moved that *Bob Zimmer* be the Board's delegate and *Jerry Hart* be alternate delegate to the September 2001 *TASB* convention; *Alan Leach* seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

There was one abstention.

Member *Monty Dixon* arrived at 10:05 p.m.

Jerry Hart moved to approve 2001-02 Region 16 Education Service Center Contracts, the motion was seconded by *Bob Zimmer* and carried 7-0.

Bob Zimmer moved to approve a counselor contract with *Texas Panhandle Mental Health and Mental Retardation* for 2001-02 school year; *Jerry Hart* seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

In her report, Superintendent *Barnhart*:

Announced 2000-01 *TAAS* scores resulted in recognized status for the District;

Gave the 2000-01 student discipline report;

Discussed proposed facility repairs and renovations;

Mentioned election of *TASB* Region 16 representatives;

Updated the Board regarding *Texas School Coalition's* litigation;

Updated the Board regarding the 77th Texas Legislature's education issues.

At 10:30 p.m. the Board entered closed session as authorized by the *Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.074*, discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel. The Board ended closed session at 11:10 p.m.

Monty Dixon moved to authorize Superintendent *Barnhart* to use her discretion in adding one teacher and one half day custodian to the 2001-02 staff, the motion seconded by *Alan Leach* and carried 7-0.

Betty Womble, chairman of the ad hoc committee to rewrite Appendix I of the Student Handbook, issued rough draft copies of the committee's rewrite Board members for review.

Bob Zimmer moved to adjourn; *Jerry Hart* seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m. on June 12, 2001.



Howell Receives Medical Degree

Alan Howell is being hooded by *Dr. Red Duke* and *Dr. Mark Farnie*, director of the *University of Texas-Houston Medical/Pediatric Residency Program*.

Alan C. Howell, M.D., recently received a medical degree from the *University of Texas Medical School in Houston*. *Howell* is a 1991 graduate of *Spearman High School*, and a 1995 graduate of *McMurry University*. He is currently doing a residency in *Internal Medicine and Pediatrics* in *Houston*. He is the son of *Dwight and Suzanne Gillispie* of *Morse*.

Butts Returns From Gulf

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class *Stormy T. Butts*, son of *Vicky L. Henderson of Gruver, Texas* and *Richard T. Butts of Welcome, MD*, recently returned from a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier *USS Harry S. Truman*, homeported in *Norfolk, VA*.

While operating in the Persian Gulf, the *Truman* Battle Group enforced United Nations sanctions against Iraq by diverting 22 vessels with more than \$5 million of suspected contraband cargo.

Butts participated in numerous international exercises, including "Arabian Gauntlet," an 11-nation exercise involving more than 20 ships. The Sailors also worked to strengthen relationships and improve interoperability with the many other countries they encountered during the deployment.

Butts' ship also visited the *United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Greece* and *Turkey*, where he had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

This was the maiden deployment for *USS Harry S. Truman*. The ship was commissioned July 25, 1998, and completed its final pre-deployment certification exercises in October, 2000.

Butts is a 1992 graduate of *Texhoma High School of Texhoma, OK* and joined the Navy in July 1992.

Cattlemen to Re-record Brands in Fall of 2001

The Hansford County District Clerk's office wants to remind cattlemen in the county that the re-recording period for brands and other marks will begin September 1, 2001 and run through February 28, 2002.

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by *Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent*

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