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Hansford Happenings

Operation Christmas Greeting

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

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community To Meet In Canadian

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet at the First United Methodist Church in Canadian on Saturday, December 13th. An agape meal will be served at 7:00 p.m., followed with a praise and worship service. Dick Gillaspie of Spearman serves as lay director and Rev. Steve Ulrey of Perryton is spiritual director of the Rushing Wind Emmaus Community, which covers the area counties in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Friends and families are welcome to attend.

FPC Sponsors 2nd Annual Showmanship & Livestock Judging Clinic

On Saturday, December 13, 1997, the Frank Phillips College Agriculture Department is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Showmanship & Livestock Judging Clinic. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., in the Agriculture/Votech Building. The Showmanship portion is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and participants must provide their own animals to practice with. Lunch will be provided at the cost of \$2.50 per meal between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. The Livestock Judging portion of the clinic will be held from 1:00-3:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Agriculture Department at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 789 or 790.

Waka Church of the Brethren Hunter's Feed

The Church of the Brethren in Waka, TX will be holding a Hunter's Feed on December 13, 1997, opening day of pheasant season. The menu will consist of stew, beans with ham and cornbread. Drinks and desserts will also be included. It is all you can eat for \$6.00. We will serve from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We welcome all hunters, friends and community to enjoy a meal with us. Proceeds from the hunters feed will be used for the new heater-air conditioner

Golden Spread Senior Citizens

The Golden Spread Senior Citizen's will meet on Tuesday, December 16th at 5:30 p.m. instead of their regularly scheduled 6:30 meeting. They will have a covered dish dinner, followed by seasonal entertainment.

Dear Spearman 8th Grade Parents and Students:

The annual Spearman Junior High tournament is scheduled for January 8, 9, & 10. The 8th grade class and their parents are in charge of the concession stand during the tournament. The proceeds are used for the 8th grade graduation and the 8th grade trip. An organizational meeting will be held on December 16 at 7:30 p. m. in the junior high library. All parents of 8th grade students are invited to attend to help with the planning for this fund raiser.

Gruver Chamber Annual Christmas Home Decorating Contest

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce will be having it's Annual Christmas Home Decorating Contest on December 22, 1997. There will be three (3) \$50.00 Gruver Bucks awarded to three different homes. If you have won in the past and would like to see someone else win, please turn off your lights the evening of December 22,1 997.

Knights of Columbus Tenderloins

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

FPC Courses Offered In Spearman

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

Gruver Methodist Cantata

The Gruver United Methodist Church choir will present a Christmas Musical, "From the Realms of Glory" by Dave Clark and Russell Mauldin, Sunday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Family Of The Year Contest Held

submitted by Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Agent, FCE

The 1997 Panhandle Family of the Year was presented as a highlight of this year's Salute to Panhandle Women in Agriculture ladies program held as a special feature of the Amarillo Farm Show Wednesday at the Texas A&M Center.

Spearman students dominated the winner's circle with three of the top six winners. One hundred and fifty-nine essays entitled "Why My Family Should Be the Panhandle Family of the Year" from area students were judged in this year's competition.

Caleb Huggins, a 12-year-old Amarillo Horace Mann student and the son of Sharon and Ron VanArtsdalen, was the winner. He received Southwest Airline passes for a family of four to Dallas, and a family pass to visit Six Flags Over Texas. He also received an engraved silver tea service donated by Doris Moore, owner of Custom Trophies.

First runner-up, and the winner of an Amarillo week-end get away valued at \$500 arranged by Penni Bentley of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce was Andrew Correll, the 10-year-old son of Sherri and Spencer Correll and a student at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

Other runners-up were Addie Blake, 10-year-old Amarillo Belmar student and the daughter of Lisa and Ron Blake; Holly and Ashleigh Phillips, the 13 and 10year-old daughters of Rev. and Mrs. Mark Phillips of Vega; and Jessica Freeman, 10, daughter of Cheryl Freeman, and Abby Winegarner, the nine-yearold daughter of Peggy and Arlan Winegarner, both of Spearman, and also Gus Birdwell students.

The runners-up received family dinners at Amarillo restaurants, and tickets to Amarillo attractions. They also received engraved silver Christmas tree ornaments awarded by the Family and Consumer Science

Committee of the Potter County Extension Service which sponsored the event for the forth consecutive year.

Jane King, chairman of the family of the year committee, and Moore made the presentations.

Huggins concluded his winning entry, "To me, my family is they love me and I know it. They try hard to be kind and giving. My family has big family get togethers very often to keep us close. When a friend needs some family time, we invite them to be with ours."

Other presenters at the morning program were Peggy Acord, Cheri Sherley, and Cheryl Pickard of Hartley. Lindia Getz, a member of the host committee, arranged and narrated a holiday fashion show presented by Main Place.

Jeanne Bartlett, President of the Women's Council of the

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, which was a co-host organization, presented the welcome.

A holiday coffee preceded the program. Refreshments were provided by the Potter County Extension Family and Community

Education Clubs. A "Partying With Beef" tasting with recipes presented by Alby Peters, Potter County Extension Agent, who was also the program coordinator and emcee, concluded

Door prizes were presented by Kelly Rosemann, also a Potter County Extension agent.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic levels, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national

Pheasant Population Up

Results of a wildlife survey conducted by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) indicate 1997 has been a banner year for pheasant populations in the Texas Panhandle. As a result, local biologists are predicting one of the finest hunting seasons in

The pheasant roadside surveys, conducted in 25 counties within the TPWD Panhandle Regulatory District, revealed an average of 25 pheasants per survey route, a substantial increase over the 7 pheasants per route observed in 1996. This is the largest number of birds observed since 1988. According to Mike Miller, TPWD wildlife biologist, the highest pheasant counts were in Sherman, Moore, Hansford and Deaf Smith

Why the recent increase in

pheasant numbers? "The above normal precipitation experienced throughout much of the Panhandle from mid-1996 through 1997 has improved the quality of vegetative cover for nesting and brood rearing," explained Mr. Miller. "In addition, the precipitation has a tremendous impact on the quality of food items, such as seeds, plant shoots, and insects."

The 16-day pheasant hunting season runs December 13th through December 28th in the Texas Panhandle. Legal shooting hours are from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. The daily bag limit is 3 cocks per hunter (6 in possession). Hunters should also note that one foot or all feathers should remain attached to the harvested bird until it reaches its final destination.

by Harletta Carthel

Penny Kruse, center, accepts a certificate of appreciation for her years of dedication to the United States Postal Service. Presenting the award are (left) Traci Yanke, officer-in-charge, and Mike Floyd, Gruver Postmaster.

Kruse began her postal career in December of 1981. She has worked in Stratford and also Texhoma where she was officer-incharge from September 1994 to January 1995, and other locations where post offices were short-handed.

Penny is married to Wayne Kruse.

Empty Stocking Fund

by Debra Sanford, Activity Director for Hansford Manor Nursing Home

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And Hansford County is the most wonderful place to be this time of year. It is a place others and open their hearts to brighten the lives of those around

One area where this is obvious is the Hansford Manor Empty Stocking Fund. This is a fund that is set up by the citizens of Hansford County to provide Christmas gifts and other needs for the residents of Hansford Manor. Many people give donations and memorial gifts to this fund at Christmas and throughout the year.

The Empty Stocking Fund is used to purchase Christmas gifts for those residents who have no family to share Christmas with. Eyes sparkle and hearts smile as residents open gifts they weren't expecting to receive. This is made possible by the generosity of the

people of Hansford County.

The Empty Stocking Fund also provides needs throughout the year as they occur. Items purchased in the past include eye glasses, dental care, clothing, hearing aids, artificial limbs, where people truly care about electric razors, etc. This provides many necessary items for residents give of their time and talents to who have no other resources to acquire them.

> Anyone wishing to donate to the Empty Stocking Fund may do so in care of: Hansford Manor, Att: Debra Sanford, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

> Following is a list of those who have given donations as of December 9, 1997: Dude & Verna Brown (in memory of Ed Garner), Rosalee Butts (in memory of Clifford Goff), Major & Mrs. James P. Nagel (in memory of Ruth Prutsman McNab), Rosalee Butts (in memory of Ted Dougherty), Olive "Babe" Pendergraft, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kirk, Mary Fern Terry, Major & Mrs. James P. Nagel (in memory of Vi Whitson).

Operation Christmas Greeting

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

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

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Happy Birthiday!

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 name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you,

December 11

Birthday - Kasey Davis, Manella Kiser, Dana Steele, Phillip Renner. Maria Martinez, Florence Fletcher, Jim Evans, Betty Dunaway, Lindsey Mireless

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jess

December 12

Birthday - Gene Fletcher, Kaisi Foster, Carmella Guerrason, Claudia Barton, Pete Fisher, Olga Cantu, Mary Ann Martin, Jena Pittman, Babara Ring, Daniel Ochoa, Don Reed, Chance Johnson, Ivin Boyd, Christine Brandvik, Omar Favela, Guadalupe Trejo, Blanche Greene

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. John Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Jon King, Mr. & Mrs. John Lopez

December 13

Birthday - Betty Burk, James Burk Jr., Holly McCloy, Traci Yanke, Barbara Schnell, Muriel Boyd, Linda Butt. Bobby Smith, Jack Reed, Georgena Hart, Dan Roach, Dana Wattier, Robert Zamora, Marylin Cline, Blythe Finley, Leaha Smith

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kurt

December 14

Birthday - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavlo, Elaine Odegaard, Ronnie Schmehr, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Sandra Grover, Eddie Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don Maize, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Stork December 15

Birthday - Dallas Henson, Harvey Profitt, Hal Shufeldt, April Davis, Mona Driscoll, Carolyn Davidson, Bob Pearson, Abbe Steger, Clarence Eller, Rosa Pierce, Stephanie Crossland, Donny Davis, Maria Ortiz, Jennie Jones, Jose Vargas, Jim Norton, Joey Bynum, Randall Sauer, LeAnn Shields

December 16

Birthday - Rosalie Cator, Kaycee Haenisch, Carl Archer, Dave Hand, Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Kenny, Mr. & Mrs. George Odom, Mr. & Mrs. John Purvines

December 17

Birthday - Patsy Bevill, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guerero, Beverly Antalek, Francis Floyd, Betty Lemons, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Bobby Novak, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassady, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Park Mr. & Mrs. Rick Finley

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

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

December 19

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

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

December 20

Birthday - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Cecil Ralston, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittni Beedy, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Bill Whitford, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henery

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



Ida Edwards

Ida Edwards, 74, longtime Gruver resident, passed away Saturday, December 6, 1997 at Hansford County Hospital in Spearman, Texas.

The daughter of Evelyn (Cotter) and William O. "Joe" Rich, she was born July 11, 1923 in Chickasha, OK. She lived her early years in Ryan, OK and was united in marriage to Roy L. Edwards on August 20, 1936 in Duncan, OK. The Edwards family moved to Gruver in 1948 where they had made their home since that time. She was a longtime active member of the First Christian Church of Gruver.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Roy Edwards, of the home in Gruver; a daughter, Evalyn and husband, Loren Dahl, of Gruver; a sister, Betty and husband, Bobbie Clark of Amarillo; and two grandchildren, Russell Dean Dahl and Laurie Lyn Dahl, both of

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Billy Joe

Funeral services were Tuesday morning, December 9, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Gruver, with Rev. Gary Gumfory, pastor, officiating and Rev. Jerry Moore, pastor of Gruver United Methodist Church, assisting. Interment was in Gruver Cemetery under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.

An Ida Edwards Memorial has been established for the First Christian Church. Memorials will be accepted at the church or the Henson-Novak Funeral Home, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

Veral Lee Eaton

Shawnee, OK homemaker Veral Lee Eaton died Monday, December 1, 1997, at a local hospital. She was 92.

Mrs. Eaton was born on August 6, 1905, near Topeka, Kansas to Isom Lee and Rachel Fannie (Virden) Warford. She attended school in

She was married to John Lloyd Eaton on November 26, 1922, in Tulsa, and had lived in Shawnee since 1948.

She was a member of the Oklahoma Natural Gas Retired Employees Association.

Survivors include four sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Kathy Eaton of Stillwater, Bill and Billie Dean Eaton of Chickasha, Charles and Joanne Eaton of Spearman, Texas, and Tommy and Keithie Eaton of Newalla; a sister, Lois Jobe of Illinois; 17 grandchildren, 34 greatgrandchildren; two great-great-grandsons; and several other relatives.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 4, 1997, at Roesch-Walker Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Tom Wilks officiating. Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Let us replenish the seed of faith through...

Ella M. O'Loughlin Carmody

Ella Carmody, 96, born in Hansford County, Texas May 9, 1901 to Susan and Charles O'Loughlin, passed away on November 25, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; and is lovingly survived by her sister, Sister Agnes Marie O'Loughlin, C.S.J. of Los Angeles; and brother, Charles O'Loughlin, Jr. of Santa Monica; three children, Eleanor Dunbar of Pasadena, Frank C. Carmody of Lake Placid, FL, and Mary Arlene Fouts, of Los Angeles; 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 2 nieces, Eileen O'Loughlin Pinza of Los Angeles and Kathleen O'Loughlin of Altadena; 12 grandnieces and grandnephews; a cousin, Bob O'Loughlin and his wife June of Spearman, TX.

Funeral Mass was held Friday, November 28, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at Carondelet Center Chapel, 11999 Chalon Road, Los Angeles. Interment was Saturday, November 29, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City, CA.

Mrs. Carmody was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman.

Frank J. Ogan

Frank J. Ogan, 80, died Saturday, November 29, 1997, in Stratford,

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 1997 in Victory Center with the Rev. Charles Mendenhall officiating. Burial was in Elmhurst Cemetery by Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home.

Mr. Ogan was born in Tyrone. He attended Tyrone schools, graduating in 1935. He moved to Guymon from Tyrone in 1946.

He owned and operated Western Iron & Salvage for 28 years before retiring in 1991. He was a member of Victory Center and of the Oddfellows. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

His wife, Mary, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Billy Ogan of Hooker; a daughter, Judy Vail of Texhoma; two sisters, Ester Apsley of Liberal, KS, and Norma Edens of Gruver; two brothers, Dexter Ogano of Fresno, CA, and George Ogan of Weatherford; and a granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to the Coldwater Manor activity fund or the Panhandle Alzheimer's Association c/o Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.



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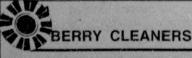
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That is why an infant is unable to reach out and grasp an object; the electrical command or impulse is lost on its journey from the brain to the hand. Gradually, a whitish substance (myelin) begins to coat the nerve fibers, allowing controlled muscular action to occur.

Myelinization typically proceeds from the head downward and from the center of the body outward. In other words, a child can control the movement of his head and neck before the rest of his body. Control of the shoulder precedes the elbow, which precedes the wrist, which precedes the large muscles in the hands, which precedes small muscle coordination of the fingers.

This explains why elementary school children are taught block-letter printing before they learn cursive writing; the broad strokes and lines are less dependent on minute finger control than the flowing curves of mature penmanship.

Since visual apparatus in humans is usually the last neural mechanism to be myelinated, your immature child may not have undergone this necessary developmental process by his present age of 6 years. Therefore, such a child who is extremely immature and uncoordinated may be neurologically unprepared for the intellectual tasks of reading and writing.

Reading, particularly, is a highly complex neurological process. The visual stimulus must be relayed to the brain without distortion, where it should be interpreted and retained in the memory. Not all 6-year-old children are equipped to perform this task. Unfortunately, however, our culture permits few exceptions or deviations from the established timetable. A 6-year-old must learn to read or he will face the emotional consequences of failure.

> Focus on the Family is brought to you weekly by Gillaspie Auto & Truck Center.

In Spearman ...

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822 S. Dressen • 659-2870 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.. Sun. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Pastor - James Brown

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. Evening Bible Study

Worship: 6:30 p.m., Sun. Senior Minister - Joseph Weaks First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.

Evening Worship: 7 p.m.

Jr. High Youth: 6 p.m., Wed.

High School Youth: 7 p.m., Wed. Youth Choir. 6 p.m., Sun. Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: p.m.. Bible Study Wed: 7:30 p.m..

KRDF Radio Program Living With Christ 7:50 a.m., M-F Minister - Willie Tollison Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m..

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

First Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 102 Cotter • 659-2033 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Buildings) Pastor - Beverly Cook

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Morse Baptist Church 733-2757 Pastor - Mike Martin



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Laugh

by Gary C. Smith



Sam Walter Foss passed on way back in 1911. But before he died he wrote a a poem that I think is just as vital today as it was 90 years ago .

One day, through the primeval wood,

A calf walked home, as good calves should; But made a trail all bent askew, A crooked trail as all calves do. Since then two hundred years have fled, And, I infer, the calf is dead. But still he left behind his trail, And thereby hangs my moral tale. The trail was taken up next day By a lone dog that passed that way; And then a wise bellwether sheep Pursued the trail o'er sale and steep, And drew the flock behind him too, As good bellwethers always do. And from that day, o'er hill and glade, Through those old woods a path was made; And many men wound in and out, And dodged, and turned, and bent about And uttered words of righteous wrath Because 'twas such a crooked path. But still they followed-do not laugh-The first migrations of the calf, And through his winding wood-way stalked, Because he wobbled when he walked. This forest path became a lane, That bent, and turned, and turned again; This crooked lane became a road, Where many a poor horse with his load Toiled underneath the burning sun, And traveled some three miles in one, And thus a century and a half They trod the footsteps of that calf. The years passed on in swiftness fleet, The road became a village street; And this, before men were aware, A city's crowded thoroughfare; And soon the central street was this Of a renowned metropolis; And men two centuries and a half Trod in the footsteps of that calf. Each day a hundred thousand rout Followed the zig-zag calf about; And o'er this crooked journey went The traffic of a continent. A hundred thousand men were led By one calf near three centuries dead. They followed still his crooked way, At least one hundred years a day; For thus such reverence is lent To well-established precedent. A moral lesson this might teach, Were I ordained and called to For men are prone to go it blind Along the calf-paths of the mind, And work away from sun to sun To do what other men have done They followed in the beaten track, And out and in and forth and back, And still their devious course pursue, To keep the path that others do. But how the wise old wood-gods laugh, Who saw that first primeval calf! Ah! Many things this tale might teach, But I am not ordained to preach.

> Until Next Time, May God Bless GCS

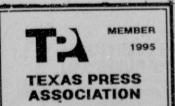
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Engagement

Announcement

Darla Duncan and Robert Reed, both of Spearman, wish to announce their engagement and approaching marriage.

Darla is the daughter of Carolyn Burch of Melrose, NM and the late J.D. Duncan of Muleshoe.

Robert is the son of Don and Wanda Reed of Spearman.

The couple is planning a January 17, 1998 wedding at the First United Methodist Church of Spearman.

Darla is employed by Hansford County Hospital District, and Robert is employed at Transpetco.

Thank You

The Gladiola Flower Club officers and members extend thanks to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman and KRDF-FM Radio Station for helping to let the general public know about our Annual Home Tour.

Special thanks to the four hosts and hostesses of the homes toured: Randy & Linda Coombs, Mark & Carla Brown, Victor & Debbie Schumann, and Hazel Shieldknight.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to those who came out and made the day so perfect with the large attendance.

Thank You

Mere words seem most inadequate when we try to express our gratitude for the love and concern that has been shown toward our family during Bill's illness and death.

We have been overwhelmed with prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, and food. For all of this, we say thanks and may God richly bless and keep each one of you.

Dorothy Cator; Loyd, Dena, Chase & Coby Cator; Martin, Davonna & Maddie Daharsh; Rosalie Cator; Larue Mayo & Family; D.A. Cator & Family; Amy Babbs & Family; Angie Pool & Family

Thank You

With mixed emotions, I have chosen not to seek a 7th term for Commissioner of Precinct 2. It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve Hansford County and its residents. Thank you for the confidence you have shown in me for the past 23 years.

> Sincerely, Joe T. Venneman

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Bechtel/Porter Wed



Mrs. Doug Porter

Pamela Bechtel and Douglas Porter were united in marriage on Saturday, October 11, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. with the Rev. David Seemuth officiating. The ceremony was held at the Waukesha Bible Church in Waukesha, WI.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul M. Bechtel. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Porter.

Matron of honor was Susan Bugno, Rochester, IN. Bridal

attendants were Alice den Hollander, Grand Rapids, MI; Jan Miller, Colchester, VT; Carol Knosp, Wheaton IL; and Beth Vanderveen, Wheaton, IL.

Best man was William Porter, Fargo, North Dakota. Groomsmen were Raymie Porter, Grand Rapids, MN; Tom Schmidt, San Bernadino, CA; Ned Gulbransen, Wheaton, IL; and Jim Sells, Wheaton, IL.

Guests were seated by Stefan Bechtel of Charlottesville, VA and Craig Bugno of Rochester, IN. Craig and Stefan were also the candlelighters for the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Wheaton College. She is a teacher at the elementary level, and has taught in Winston-Salem, NC, Milwakee, WI, and Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, East Africa.

The groom graduated from Wheaton College in 1977, and has earned a Master's Degree in Physics Education. He has been a teacher and basketball coach at the high school and college level. Two years ago he began sales work for Reading Is Fun in Illinois.

The couple resides in West Chicago, IL.

December 11-21

Thursday, December 11-Saturday, December 13

Gruver Varsity Boys, Spearman Varsity Girls & Boys - Perryton Lions Invitational Tournament

Gruver Varsity Girls - Amarillo Kid's Inc. Basketball Invitational Tournament Spearman & Gruver JV - Spearman 9th Grade & JV Tournament

Thursday, December 11

6:00 p.m. - Pringle-Morse Basketball vs. Tyrone, OK-T 7:00 p.m. - Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Meets 7:00 p.m. - Hansford County Hospital Board Meets

7:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber Board Meets - First State Bank Saturday, December 13

5-States Honor Band Concert - Guymon High School Auditorium 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - Waka Church of the Brethren Hunter's Feed 7:00 p.m. - Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering - Canadian

Methodist Church

Sunday, December 14 3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service

Monday-Thursday

8:00-9:00 a.m. - Aerobics Class at The O'Loughlin Center

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

Monday, December 15

10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioner's Meet

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

5:00 p.m. - Spearman 7th Girls Basketball vs. Boys Ranch - H 5:00 p.m. - Spearman 7th Boys Basketball vs. Boys Ranch - T

6:00 p.m. - Spearman Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Hansford Manor 5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Girls Basketball vs. Vega - H

5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Vega - H 6:15 p.m. - Spearman 8th Girls Basketball vs. Boys Ranch - H

6:15 p.m. - Spearman 8th Boys Baskethall vs. Boys Ranch - T 6:30 p.m. - ESL & GED Classes at Spearman High School

7:00 p.m. - Gruver Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Vega - H

8:00 p.m. - Gruver Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Vega - H

7:30 p.m. - Spearman 9th Girls Baskethall vs. Boys Ranch - H 7:30 p.m. - Spearman 9th Boys Baskethall vs. Boys Ranch - T

uesday, December 16

12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's 5:30 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Meets - O'Louglin Center 6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor

7:00 p.m. - Spearman City Council Meets 7:30 p.m. - Spearman 8th Grade Parents & Students Meeting - Jr. High Library

Wednesday, December 17

10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor 10:30 a.m. - "Bah Humbug The Christmas Grump" Gruver Kindergarten

Christmas Program - Kindergarten Classroom 12:00 p.m. - Women's Division Meets

2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor Thursday, December 18

2:30 p.m. - Spearman School Dismissed Early for the Semester Tests 4:00-6:00 p.m. - Christmas Open House - Golden Spread Senior Citizen's 7:00 p.m. - Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Meets

Friday, December 19

12:30 p.m. - Gruver School Dismisses for Christmas Holidays
2:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Christmas Party
2:30 p.m. - Spearman School Dismissed for the Christmas Holidays
3:15 p.m. - Pringle-Morse School Dismisses for Christmas Holidays
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Girls Basketball vs. White Deer - H
5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Girls Basketball vs. Canadian - T
5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Canadian - T

5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Canadian - T

6:30 p.m. - Spearman V Girls Basketball vs. White Deer - H

6:30 p.m. - Gruver Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Canadian - T

8:00 p.m. - Gruver Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Canadian - T

8:00 p.m. - Spearman V Boys Basketball vs. White Deer - H

Sunday, December 21

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

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

Out At The Lake



by Dorothy Hudson Lake Depth--Dec. 8, 1997--36 ft.

The picture is one Jim made of a coyote on a rock bluff overlooking Horse Creek. He says he doesn't see many coyotes, but in the evenings he hears a goodly number when they tune up before they start hunting.

Joan Hawkins had an exciting morning as she spotted a mule deer just east of the office that seemed to be watching her watch him. Seven mule deer came on up on the

Last week Jim told me he had seen a new bird but hadn't identified it. This week he said he thought it was a female painted bunting on the ground near their home at the Lake. The painted bunting is on my Ten Most Wanted List. The top four would be osprey, painted bunting, lazuli bunting, and wood duck.

Marian Tomlinson of Gruver told me of seeing a magpie in the north east part of the county near where James and Ada Joyce Stedje live. We are wondering if it is a first for this bird to be seen in our county. She has a pair of red breasted nuthatches staying in her pine trees. These are the little birds that defy gravity by climbing down the trees headfirst. In the winter these "Upside-down birds" pal around with mixed flocks of chickadees, titmice and kinglets.

I questioned Marian on who started the pheasants in our area and found she was of the opinion they just worked in as the farmers started growing maize. Her father, Warren Jeffries, had always gone to Kansas pheasant hunting, but in 1963 he hunted here in the County. Can anyone clear this?

Pheasant hunting begins Saturday, December 13, and runs until December 28. Terry Moore in the Amarillo Sunday paper quoted the Texas Parks and Wildlife people as saying pheasant numbers are at their highest since 1992. The game wardens say the hunting violations are most often hunting without a license, shooting hens. and shooting from the road. I think the hunters are lucky that it is so easy to tell a cock from a hen. Fines for shooting hens range from \$25 to \$500, depending on court costs. Remember no hunting at the Park!



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Landree Woodward



Felipe Navarrete

Pre-Area Choir Auditions Held

by Becky Byers

This past Saturday, Landree Woodward and Felipe Navarrete, both Juniors at Spearman High School, participated in the Pre-Area Choir auditions at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. They competed against students from Tascosa, Pampa, Amarillo High School, Perryton, River Road, Sunray, Canyon, Channing, Randall, Dumas, and Borger for an opportunity to audition for the Texas All-State choir on January 10th. The audition material consisted of selections from Beethoven's Mass in C Major including sections from "Kyrie", Credo" and "Agnus Deli." They also were required to sight-read new material written especially for the contest.

Because only the top five chairs will advance to the All-State auditions, Felipe, who made 10th chair in the Tenor II section, will not advance this year. However, Landree earned 1st chair, 1st Soprano and will advance to the auditions on January 10th in Lubbock. The five Sopranos from the Panhandle of Texas will compete against the five from the lower eastern half of Texas.

Good job, Felipe for advancing this far, and congratulations and keep up the hard work, Landree!

FUMC Choir's Christmas Cantata

by Betty Womble

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

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

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

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

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

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newspaper. This notice is to be

published on December 11, 1997 and

December 18, 1997.

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4-H Junior Division District Winners



by Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Agent, FCE Twenty-one counties in the Panhandle were represented by a total of 155 4-H boys and girls at the District I 4-H Food Show held Saturday, December 6 at Westover Park Intermediate School in Amarillo.

Three Hansford County 4-Hers chose to compete in the contest. Britta Vanderburg won a medal by placing in the top four of the Fruits & Vegetables category of the Junior Division. Christen Ferguson participated in the Main Dish category and Abby Winegarner in the Breads & Cereals category of the Junior

In addition to preparing food for the show, contestants submit a written record of their 4-H foods project activities and answer questions on the nutritive value of

Lights Of Love" Ceremony Held

submitted by Hansford Hospice Volunteers

Once again the "Lights of Love Christmas Tree" and Gazebo are burning with lights and memories as we celebrate the season of love, peace and joy.

The Annual Lights of Love ceremony which is sponsored by Hansford Hospice was held December 1st, at 6 p.m. in the Hansford Manor living room with a large crowd attending the reception and program. Christmas songs were sung by the First United Methodist Church quartet composed of Lynanne Maize, Trudie Schneider, Kent Guthrie, Mark Schoenhals.

Refreshments were served to all who attended. The lighting of the Christmas tree was on the north grounds of Hansford Hospital by the Gazebo.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed a memorial or gift to the fund. Names of all honorees are being displayed on beautiful Christmas trees. one located in the entrance of First State Bank, Spearman, and one located at Gruver State Bank, Gruver, Texas.

Donations will assist in providing patients and their families with care baskets, meals, literature, special equipment and meeting many special needs of the patients and

Light up a "Tree of Love" for someone special in your life or in loving memory of a friend or relative: Contributions to this

edition of this newspaper. Contact Hansford Hospice at

659-2535 or 733-2954, for more information.

Gruver Girls Basketball

by Candice Casdorph

Despite the bad weather on Tuesday, night, the hot spot in town was the Varsity gym, where Gruver fans enthusiastically watched and cheered as the Lady Hounds went up against the Texhoma Lady Devils. The final

was Lady Hounds 62, Lady Devils

The high scorers were Weslyn Maupin with 18 points and Sammie Stavlo with 14.

Way to go ladies, you all played great!

Farries Files For County Treasurer



Donna Farris

submitted by Donna J. Farris

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

She has lived in Hansford County for 47 years and graduated

from Spearman High School in 1966. She raised her family in Spearman.

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

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



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by Helen Fisher

Loyall and Ginger Turner returned late Sunday from Thanksgiving holidays with their son, Chris, in Tennessee and Kentucky.

They left Amarillo at 5:30 on Thanksgiving morning and arrived in Nashville at 9:15 A.M. Chris met them at the airport and they drove to Clarksville, on the Kentucky border. They had their Thanksgiving meal there.

Chris then took them on a tour of Fort Campbell Army post where he is stationed. The Turners were impressed by the numerous ultra-modern helicopters - state of the art Cobras and Apaches among them.

Chris, a 2nd Lt., is a platoon leader in the famed 101st Airborne, Air Assault. This is a rapid deployment division comprised of paratroopers. He has 28 men under his command. He lives off post, but is on two hour recall and is required to wear a pager. His duties require him to spend hours in the air daily.

It is difficult to imagine a more contrasting occupation career for Chris than his farm background in Hansford county. He graduated from Spearman High in 1989; received a degree from Sam Houston University at Huntsville. He had had four years ROTC. He was commissioned in August 1997 as an officer in the infantry. Chris is 23 and considers his drastic change in life style very interesting and challenging.

While there the Turners toured Opera Land in Nashville, and since there were no big shows during the holidays, they enjoyed the Opera Land Hotel laser light show with the fountains. They found it dazzling and beyond description.

Sara Dossett had Thanksgiving, Wednesday through Saturday, in Lubbock in the home of her daughter, Diane and Chester Carter. They brought her back and they all stopped in Amarillo and spent some time at the hospital with Bernard

Dossett. His wife, Sharon, after surgery, is still in the critical care unit of I.C.U. She is the daughter of Lillian and Bill Whitford

Later in this column will be an item of great importance, personal, but important.

What is this ZYDECO music that is referred to so often? Is it the same that once was called Cajun?

How delightful to speak with Magda Garnett who spent the Thanksgiving holidays here in the home of Mike and Marti Garnett. She arrived on Tuesday before Thanksgiving after a flight from Jackson to Amarillo.

Magda lives in Laurel, Mississippi near her daughter Lynn and family. Her residence is in a ladies' retirement center with 15 other ladies, and she is well-pleased with her situation.

She reports that Lynn's daughter is a senior at Mississippi University and her son is a senior in high school.

Dr. Wesley Garnett is married, and since he has been with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 25 years, could have retired. However, he decided to stay in D.C. with the department. His office is in the Capitol, and he is over several departments and enjoys his work. He has spent a number of years in foreign countries.

Magda is justly proud of her family, her grandchildren and great grand children and credits their roots in Spearman for their success. During her stay here, she tried to contact many of her old friends, but was unable to do so due to the holidays.

Phyllis Owens is resting from her long Thanksgiving in Dallas. She went down with Judy and Bill Elliott and were guests in the home of their son Darren and wife. Their other son, Trent, and his girl friend joined them. They are from Houston.

Last week in the Thanksgiving notes regarding guests of Georgia McLeod and the Hamiltons, the name of one special guest was

Christmas Open House

A drawing will be held for the Quilt of Houses at 6:00 p.m.

The members of the Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Center wish to invite you to join them in a Christmas Celebration on December 18th

between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the Blodgett

Room of The O'Loughlin Center.

unintentionally omitted-that of Redonna Moore. Apologies

Mrs. Minnie Weaver is back at home after an absence of about a month. She returned shortly before Thanksgiving. On October 31, she went to Big Springs to her sister's whose birthday they celebrated.

Later she visited her son, Don, and family in Midland. While there she underwent cataract surgery for both eyes. After her recovery, she flew to the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex. She was a guest in the home of her younger son, Robert and family. They live in Colleyville.

Recently in the Focal Point section of the Amarillo paper, the Meet the Neighbors segment included an interview with Trae Dixon, nine year old son of Connie and Monte Dixon, together with his picture. He spoke of his liking of living in Morse, attending school there, his real nice 4th grade teachers and trying to catch a tarantula to take home as his sister doesn't like spiders.

Charles and Joanne Eaton returned Friday from Shawnee, Oklahoma where they had gone the previous Friday to be with his mother, Mrs. Beral Eaton. She passed away on Monday at the age of 92. Her services were on Thursday at Shawnee ;she is survived by four sons.

Charles spoke with admiration of her living alone and caring for herself and her clarity of mind up to her death.

Sympathy is extended to the Eaton family.

Cathy and Gary Smith with Clayton and friend Ryan Ramon returned from California at 3:30 a.m. Monday morning. They left December 2 for Disneyland in Anaheim on a birthday excursion celebrating the 9th birthdays of both Clayton and Ryan.

Part of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday were spent in the park, riding every ride that was open. Riding the Monorail was also fun. Friday a bad storm blew in, but it didn't damper their fun. The boys' birthday luncheon was held at the Goofy's Kitchen in the Disneyland Hotel on Saturday. The well-known Disney characters participated, which the boys especially

They also went into

Hollywood, and at Mann's Chinese Theater on Hollywood Boulevard the boys placed their hands in the imprint of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

This time of year sure challenges the weathermen they get as frustrated as a pickpocket in a nudist colony - but not Hansford's Dwayne Smith. He reports that for the week December 1 to the 8th, the highest temperature was 51 degrees on the 1st; the low was 18 degrees on the 5th. Moisture was .43 making a total for the year of

Congratulations to Kathy Slough and Jared Johnson of Gruver, for their placings in the livestock contests on their trip to Canada. It would be good to read an account of their trip to Canada and accomplishment leading to it.

Verlin and Debbie Hagerman enjoyed their 20th wedding anniversary with best friends Ted and Wanda Widener. They spent 6 days at Branson, Missouri, enjoying shows and Christmas lights.

At last the long awaited day came for the arrival of a bundle of joy to the Fisher family of Memphis.

On the morning of December 3, 1997 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Kord Barkley Fisher made his appearance. He weighed 7 lb, 3 oz. and was 20 inches long.

He chose for his parents Cara and Kevin Fisher of Memphis. His 13 months old brother, Zack, greets him with a little pleasure and much puzzlement. Grandparents are Texie Ann and Zack B. Fisher, Memphis; Dr. James and Nikki McDaniels, Abilene; Cynthia McDaniel, Encinitis, California.

Great grandparents are Ono and Jack Patterson, Bovina; Harry Barkley, Memphis; and HELEN FISHER, Spearman.

Naturally each first glimpse by proud relatives produces different similarities to special kin-perhaps evidence of artistic ability, or strong character, or great intellect, or outstanding

athletic ability, or genteel refinement-- (definitely-never one trace of baser traits).

But regardless of which trait can be traced to which relativenever was there a child more beloved, never a child with a mother more gallant, more loving, more meritorious nor with a more caring and dedicated father.

by Garland Hopper

Once again the Christmas Season is upon us. Thanks to the class of Mrs. Verna Strawn, the Golden Spread Senior Citizens' Christmas tree has been decorated. The community is fortunate to have these delightful young people. Let us pray and give thanks for them.

Note! Tuesday, December 16th Kathy Bryant and Pearl Pierce have made arrangements for an evening of seasonal entertainment. The covered dish meal will be an hour early, at 5:30 p.m. instead of the usual 6:30. Be sure to tell your friends of the time change. No games will be played that evening. All seniors 50 and over are invited for the

NOTE!! On Thursday, December 18th the public of all ages is invited to attend the Golden Spread Senior Citizens' Open House. You are welcome to come by 502 S. Brandt from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to visit and share refreshments. A drawing will be held around 6:00 for the Quilt of Houses. If you have not purchased tickets, there is still time to do so.

Tuesday, December 30th, the First State Bank will serve a surprise meat for the covered dish meal. Games will follow the

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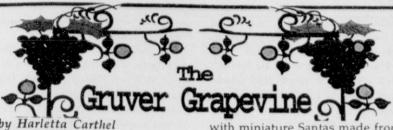
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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Gruver. Many homes are sporting Christmas lights and outdoor decorations. The large tree in the front lobby of the Gruver State Bank is a very impressive sight as it shines at night through the tall glass walls. The evergreens at the city park were adorned Monday night by Trisha Fitzgearld, David Armes, J.C. Harris, A. J. Ratliff, Annette McCloy, and Susan Rennick representing the Gruver Chamber of Commerce. Lights were also being placed on the evergreens in front of the high school by Cathy Potts and members of the National Honor Society on Tuesday. The halls of Gruver Elementary are gaily decorated for the season, and Christmas songs can be heard as students prepare for Christmas programs. As snow began to fall on Tuesday, it was evident - the Christmas season is here!

Twins Win Again

Colby and Earl Griffin each won first in their respective weight division last weekend at the River Road Wrestling Tournament in Amarillo.

Condolences

Sympathy is extended to the family of Ida Edwards. Mrs. Edwards died Saturday, and her services were held on Monday.

...... Elementary News

A large Christmas tree is gracing the foyer of Gruver Elementary. The tree is decorated

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Two Christmas programs are scheduled in the Elementary. On Friday, December 12, Debbie Mayhew's classes will present a play at 9 and 10 a.m. Kindergarten students will give their rendition of "Bob Humbug, the Christmas Grump" on Wednesday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. in their individual kindergarten rooms.

Holiday School Schedule

Gruver schools will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 19 for the Christmas holiday and will resume on Monday, January 5.

New Arrivals

Brad and Cherl Powell of Plainview announce the birth of their son Zachary Ryan, born on November 20th. Little Zachary Ryan weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces and was 18 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Sandy Tebeest of Gruver. Paternal grandmother is Barbara Botello and the late Robert R. Powell of Amarillo. Maternal great grandmothers are Mary Trent and Jennie Tebeest of Gruver. Paternal great grandmothers are Virginia Powell and Lois Moorhead of Davenport, Iowa.

Tek and Lyndee Ferguson announce the birth of their son Trevin Lyn, born November 28, Trevin Lyn weighed 3 pounds and 5 ounces and was 16 inches long. His maternal grandparents are

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Lynn and Sharon Cook of Spearman, and his paternal grandparents are Cindy January of Guymon and Doug Ferguson of Amarillo. His greatgrandparents are Opal Wallin of Gruver, Bob and Peggy Ferguson of Sun City, Arizona, and Barbara

Cook of Spearman. Little Trevin in currently in Northwest Texas Hospital where he is gaining weight and doing

City Nominated for Award

The City of Gruver has been nominated by the 1998 Texas Environmental Excellence Award for its recycling efforts by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, City Manager A.J. Ratliff has announced. Although winners have not been announced, it is a endorsement of Gruver's recycling efforts to be nominated

for this distinction. Manager Ratliff is also encouraging residents to use recyclable products in the paper goods they need for Christmas. Recyclable gift bags are a good environmental choice as well as paper sacks decorated for the

season. Paper cords rather than ribbon, white tissue paper, and Christmas cards made from recycled paper are all environmentally friendly choices.

With the current solid waste disposal situation of transporting garbage to Borger and then paying \$30 per ton to the City of Borger for disposal, recycling is not only good for the environment but also for the city's pocketbook. Besides avoiding the expensive of disposing of waste, the City can make money by selling such waste as cardboard, aluminum cans, and office paper.

Sports

Gruver Seventh Grade Girls 24, Claude 9

Watley 2, Griffin 11, Sammi Johnson 9, Jones 1, and Sherrill 1. Gruver Seventh Grade Boys 14, Claude 17

Casdorph 2, Stewart 2, Hernandez 3, Lopez 1, and Munoz

Gruver Eighth Grade Girls 29, Claude 15

Morris 2, Robinson 4, Bass 8, Holt 2, Moore 6, Perez 6, and Soto

Gruver Eighth Grade Boys 28, Claude 39

Ryan Abernathy 2, Christian 1, Howe 8, Salazar 6, and Carthel 8. Gruver Seventh Grade Girls 20, McLean 15

Griffin 10, Lisa Johnson 8, and Julie May 2.

Gruver Eighth Grade Boys 44, McLean 15

Howe 10, Salazar 6, Lopez 4, Dugan 5, Borrunda 2, Carthel 8, and Josh Abernathy 4.

What do you get when a Spearmanite types a Gruver football roster? You get the Spearman football coach listed as the Gruver football coach. The head Gruver football coach is Doug Frick. Frick is in his sixth season as the top football mentor and his 19th year as a coach in Gruver schools.

In reading recent incidents of unsportsmanlike behavior by Munday, Randall, and NBA player Sprewell; we can take pride in the conduct of Coach Frick and the GHS Hound Football Team during the exciting 1997 season.

Congratulations to Buster McLain, Weslyn Maupin, and Janae Watley for their selection to the Fritch All-Tournament

In the News Ten Years Ago

Aubrey Rasor was elected as state director of the Texas Farm Bureau at its 54th annual convention in Lubbock.

Bradley Ralph Cluck has been selected for inclusion in the 1987 edition of Outstanding Young Men of the Year.

Twenty Years Ago

Fran and Pete Maupin will be honored Saturday at a reception to thank them for their many acts of kindness, helpfulness, thoughtfulness, and civicmindedness.

Dear Santa Claus I will tell you what i want for Christmas if you will keep it a secret. I want a hunting knife, a bee bee gun, and a bow and arrow set without the rubber tips. But don't forget Cami, Tim, Allen, Trey, David, and

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Morse Morsels

by Mildred Lewis

The Pringle-Morse Cougar girls and boys played St. Andrews in Amarillo. They battled with the Broncos on November 24th. Both teams lost, but they battled to the end. The scoring was fairly even for the Cougar teams, and some members scored that night for the first time this season.

At the half, the girls score was Pringle-Morse 6, St. Andrews 23. The final score was Pringle-Morse 13, St. Andrews 40. Sage scored five points, Martin 2 points, Earle 2 points, Mendoza 2 points, and Reiswig 2 points.

The score for the boys at halftime was Pringle-Morse 8, St. Andrews - 35. The final score was Pringle-Morse 15, St. Andrews 66. They played hard to the end. Schmidt scored 8 points, Martin 4 points, Vera 1 point, and Womble 2 points.

Pringle-Morse played Goodwell, OK last Thursday

The girls lost 13 to 43. Mendoza scored 8 points, and Sage scored 5

At the half, the 2nd and 3rd grade boys performed with their basketballs. Mrs. Spivey was the teacher who helped them perform. They did a great job.

The boys played Goodwell at home. The score was Pringle-Morse 9, Goodwell 26, at the half. The final score was Pringle-Morse 29, Goodwell 39. They had some tall boys, too. Evan scored 8 points, including a 3-pointer, Andrew scored 8 points, R.J. scored 4 points, including a 3-pointer, and Jesus scored 3 points.

The next game will be after Christmas, on January 8th in Morse against Hardesty, OK.

The following Pringle-Morse students have been selected to perform with the 5-States Honor Band: Mikala Reiswig, Andrew Martin, Ross Womble, and alternate Teresa Sage. The 5-

States Honor Band is made up of students in grades 7-12 from Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, and Texas. They will perform a concert for the public on December 13, 1997 in the Guymon High School Auditorium.

The Junior High All-Region Band tryouts were held on Tuesday, December 2, 1997. Students from Pringle-Morse who will be performing in the band include: Mikala Reiswig, Andrew Martin, Evan Schmidt, Ross Womble, Teresa Sage, Erika Mendoza, and alternate Amanda Apodaca. Auditions were open to all Region 1, Class A, junior high students in grades 6-8. They will perform a concert for the public on January 17th on the campus of West Texas A&M University in

On December 18th at 6:30 p.m., Pringle-Morse CISD will hold a public meeting to share the Texas Education Agency Report on the Academic Excellence Indicator System for the 1996-97 school year. Following the public meeting, an explanation of the Title I program will be presented and migrant parents will hold their yearly meeting. At 7:00 p.m., the yearly Christmas Program will be presented by the Music Departments of the school

The Pringle-Morse band will play and the choir will perform. Following this, Santa will make his annual visit to the Pringle-

School will be dismissed at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, December 19th for the Christmas Holidays. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 1998 at the regular time.

Several students from Pringle-Morse who are now attending high school in Stinnett and Gruver, are playing basketball. Felix Delacruz is on the freshman team in Stinnett. Jared Johnson is on the varsity team in Gruver, and Kirby Johnson and Jason Shoulders are on the junior varsity team. Hugo Hernandez and Allen Thomas are on the freshman team in Gruver.

Jared Johnson attended the International Judging Contest recently in Regina, Canada. He placed 11th. Way to go, Jared!

Sorry I didn't get anything in for last week. I just got home after spending Thanksgiving with my daughter, Linda Lou. I took Rudy, and he stayed in the kennel in Wichita Falls.

Our postmaster Milana Reiswig is going to be the postmaster in Gruver this week. She will be there for a month or so. Their postmaster is going on assignment. Paula Clemmons will hold the post office down while Milana is

Maxine and Joe Reiswig had all their children home for Thanksgiving day - Gary and Judy Reiswig of Lamar, CO: Ted

and Judy Bolin of Stratford, and their daughter, Kimby of Texas Tech: Gail and Scott Crawford and Kallee of Gruver, and Tracy of Texas Tech; Milana and Travis Reiswig and children Shelby and Mikala. They had a very good

Thanksgiving. Our cafe is now open. It opened on December 1st. Denise Apodoca is running it. I went down last week, and the food is great. Come on out and eat lunch with her.

She has some very good specials. We had Avon Bingo on Friday night at the cafe. Sure was a lot of fun. She is going to try to have this again before Christmas.

The Lions Club will be having their Pheasant Hunt this week. They have 54 hunters signed up. Ladies night will be Friday, December 16th.

Hud Yearby is doing pretty good. He is still in North

Our church didn't have many people there on Sunday. The pastor and the choir went to the prison in Amarillo to hold

services. Ralph Mirales filled the pulpit for the pastor.

On Saturday, some of the members went to the prison to help deliver the packages we made for the prisoners. They passed out over 3,000 gifts. Some of Spearman and Sunray people helped pass them out. The prisoners were all pleased with their gifts.

Don't forget our Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December



Murrey Elected To Texas Baptist Board

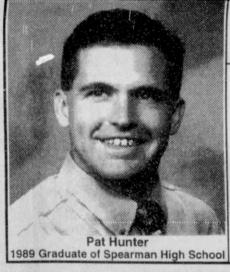
One Spearman area resident was elected to a major position on a Texas Baptist board during the annual meeting of the 2.6 millionmember Baptist General Convention of Texas, November 10th-11th in Austin.

Willard R. Murrey superintendent, Spearman ISD, was elected to the board of Dallas Baptist University.

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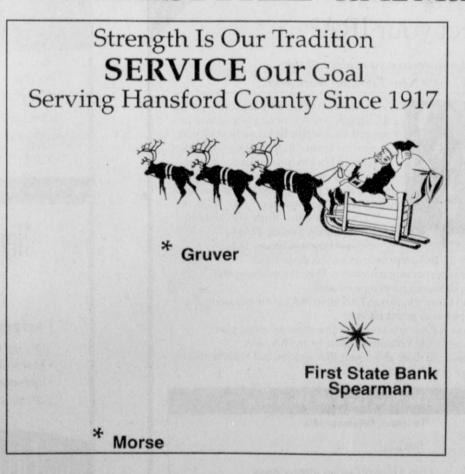
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Lunch Monday, December 15 Meat & Cheese Nachos, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Apple Cobbler, Milk Tuesday, December 16 Shaved Ham on a Bun, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Tomato, Baked Beans, Cake, Milk

Wednesday, December 17 Chicken Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy, Sweet Peas, Rolls, Milk Thursday, December 18 Pizza, Corn on the Cob, Peaches, Milk Friday, December 19 Cheeseburger, Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Pears, Milk Specialty Bar Monday, December 15 Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Apple Cobbler, Milk Tuesday, December 16

Burrito, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Mixed Fruit, Birthday Cake, Milk Wednesday, December 17 Corndog, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Peaches, Cookie, Milk Thursday, December 18 Snack Bar Closed Friday, December 19 Snack Bar Closed

Pringle-Morse CISD School Menu

Breakfast Monday, December 15 Cheese Toast, Toast, Juice, Milk Tuesday, December 16 Biscuits & Gravy, Juice, Milk Wednesday, December 17 Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Milk Thursday, December 18 Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk Friday, December 19 Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk Lunch

Monday, December 15 Taco or Soft Burrito, Beans, Rice, Salad, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, December 16 Hamburger Steak or Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Peas, Salad, Rolls, Fruit, Milk Wednesday, December 17 Corndog or Sloppy Joe, Tater Tots, Pork 'n Beans, Fruit, Milk Thursday, December 18 Barbecue Chicken or Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Salad, Rolls, Fruit, Milk Friday, December 19

Grill Cheese or Peanut Butter Sandwiches,

Chicken Noodle Soup, Salad,

Fruit, Ice Cream, Milk

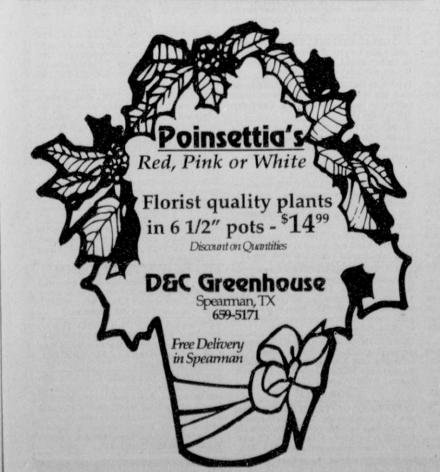
Gruver ISD School Menu

Breakfast Monday, December 15 Cereal, Graham Crackers, Juice, Milk Tuesday, December 16 Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk Wednesday, December 17 Pancakes, Juice, Milk Thursday, December 18 Toast, Jelly, Juice, Milk Friday, December 19 Cinnamon Roll, Juice, Milk

Monday, December 15 Chicken Nuggets, Potato Wedges, Corn on the Cob, Fruit, Rolls, Milk Tuesday, December 16 Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Salad, Fruit, Brownie, Milk Wednesday, December 17 Christmas Dinner - Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Roll, Pie, Milk Thursday, December 18 Nachos, Beans, Steamed Broccoli, Friday, December 19

Corndog, Fries, Fruit, Pickle, Milk





Crisis Center Participates In RIF

submitted by Marsha Neely America is in a reading crisis. Recent studies reveal:

- Over 40 percent of the nation's fourth-graders can't read at the basic level for their grade.
- 60 percent of high-school seniors can't read at the level they should.
- · Only half of young children are routinely read to by their
- · There is a direct correlation between parental involvement and reading comprehension.

In an effort to help address America's reading crisis, more than 500 children in Hansford, Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties will participate in story-reading conducted by the Panhandle Crisis Center employees, volunteers and board members during the month of December as part of their goal of helping children learn to read this holiday season. Reading with children is one of the most important ways that parents and other adults can help children's growth and development as readers. This ambitious community outreach effort is part of nationwide reading awareness campaign called "Read Me a Story," being undertaken by Visa U.S.A. Inc. to benefit Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), America's oldest and largest nonprofit

children's literacy organization. This three-county RIF project is one of more than 17,000 local RIF programs that reach children nationwide. The Visa "Read Me a Story" program aims to help alleviate the reading crisis in America by giving parents a "Reading Checkup Guide" they can use to gauge their children's reading development and help them progress. RIF volunteers have been motivating children to

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"We encourage parents throughout our community to join in the national effort by reading to their children," says Neely. "The Visa 'Read Me a Story' program is an excellent opportunity for us all - parents, teachers, and local businesses - to work toward an important community goal this holiday

Morse 6th graders are doing buddy reading with the kindergarten for the project. Spearman Teen Leadership Classes wanted to do hands-on volunteer work for the Crisis Center, so they are going to the elementary school and reading to grades K-3.

We can use more volunteers to read. If you are interested, please call 435-5008 or 1-800-753-5308 and ask for Marsha Neely or Sara

For more information on "Read Me a Story, call toll free (888) 703-READ (703-7323) or visit the "Read Me a Story" web site at www.visa.com/readme/.

"We have pledged to read 250 stories to children before the end of the year," stated Marsha Neely of the Panhandle Crisis Center. "We are excited about this special opportunity to help further our cause and work with our community to help address America's reading crisis and help children learn to read."

The City of Spearman will hold a

public hearing at 7:30 p.m. December 16, 1997, at the offices of the City of Spearman, Spearman, Texas. The City is in the process of finalizing a jurisdiction wide Master Park plan for the development of recreational activities in Spearman. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain citizen input about the park plan and to present the results of the City's recreational surveys. The offices of the City of Spearman are located at 30 Southwest Court. The City invites all interested citizens to attend the public hearing. Written comments and suggestions may be sent to Robert Patrick, City Manager, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend this meeting should contact the City at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for assistance.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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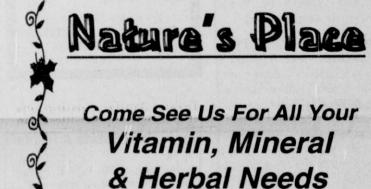
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Public Notice quality requirements, which do not include issues such as water quality, noise, traffic safety, or zoning. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

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The application and the TNRCC's preliminary analysis are available for review and reproduction at the TNRCC Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Building C, Austin, Texas 78753. Application documents, a compliance file if any exists, and further information may be obtained from the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone (806) 353-9251. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice. or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040.



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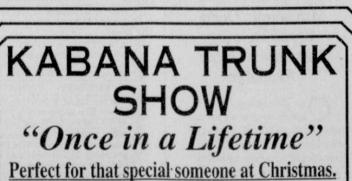
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FAMILY INCOME less than \$19,700

less than \$22,550

less than \$25,350

less than \$28,150

less than \$30,400

less than \$32,650

less than \$37,150

NOTICE

Rent is based on family income minus allowances for elderly occupants, children and allowances for gas and electric utilities. For more information, contact Gary Ellsworth at Spearman City Hall by calling 659-

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FAMILY SIZE

I Person

2 Person

3 Person

4 Person

5 Person

6 Person

7 Person

8 Person

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