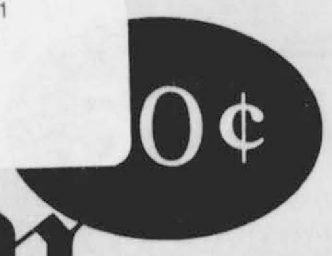




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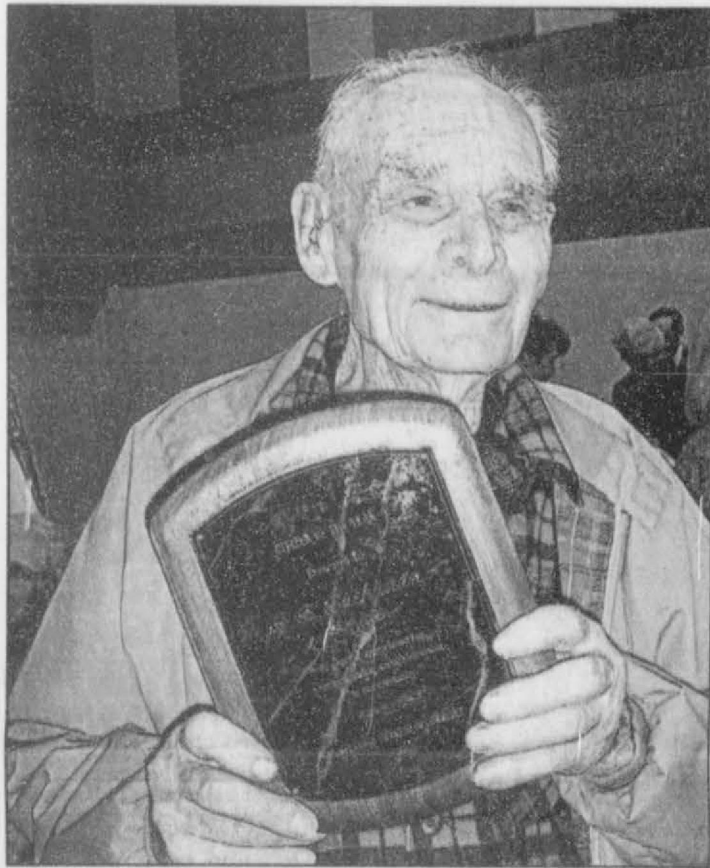
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Citizen Of The Year



J.B. Buchanan
1999 Citizen of the Year

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet on Thursday, January 21, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Gary Smith.

The Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce was responsible for the theme and decorations, which was "Windmills and Beyond."

A delicious meal of steak was served by the First United Methodist Men of Spearman.

J.B. Buchanan was named the 1999 Citizen of the Year. KRDF-FM Radio Station was named Business of the Year. Kevin Bynum was named Rotary Employee of the Year, Jeff Shields was named the Fireman of the Year, and Davonna Daharsh was honored as the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year.

Citizen of the Year

J.B. Buchanan was born on July 25, 1906 at Erick, OK. He moved with his family to Hansford County around 1910.

J.B. has always had a love of windmills. He has a picture of himself climbing a windmill tower at his grandfather's farm when he was four years old. When he was a little older, he found an old windmill and put it up on a fence post.

J.B. married Ila Mae in June of 1933, and they have one son, Burl Buchanan. Burl, who is Mayor of Spearman, is married to Nellie, and they have two children, Roger and Jana. J.B. was the oldest of ten children, and he and his sister, Helen Fisher, are the only ones still living in Hansford County.

J.B. worked for the City of Spearman in 1926-27. He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company for 22 years. He always wanted to be a farmer, and in 1949 he and his family moved to a farm southwest of Spearman, where he and his wife still live.

In the early 60's he had the opportunity to purchase an Eclipse windmill in Cuero, NM. The windmill was still in the crate with the tags on it. After he purchased it, he stored it in his barn, and finally erected it in 1965.

The Smithsonian Museum heard about his windmill and asked if they could have it for the Museum of American History. J.B. commented, "I'd just about let you have my wife before I'd give up that windmill," but eventually gave in and let them have it. They took it apart piece by piece and reconstructed it in the museum in Washington, DC. He later donated a Standard windmill to the Smithsonian Museum.

There are many windmill collectors across the world, but J.B.'s collection is the most famous as it is featured on the cover of T. Lindsay Baker's windmill book. Many windmill collectors got their inspiration from J.B. and his windmills.

His current collection consists of 14 windmills. Two of which are

being restored by Orville Latham, Don Reed, Sammy Don Jones.

J.B. has donated his windmill collection to the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association, and they will be moved to a site located on South Highway 207.

Business of the Year

KBMF-FM Radio Station officially went on the air on December 16, 1963. Unofficially it did a short test broadcast on November 22, 1963 when founder and then owner Coy Palmer received the news that President John F. Kennedy had been shot in Dallas.

On July 1, 1978 the radio station was purchased by Cardiff Cablevision, Inc., and the call letters were changed to KRDF-FM. In August of 1988 George Young, Clara "Friday" Wise, Dwayne Smith and Stan Searle purchased the station so it would once again be locally owned. In November of 1995 Young, Wise and Smith purchased Mr. Searle's interest and also purchased the land and building from Faye Palmer Holt.

From the beginning, one of the primary goals of the owners was not only to make the station a sound business, but to be involved and be of service to the community. Over the years it has been successful in doing both.

In addition, the staff has been a part of the community through club and organizational involvement.

KRDF is a member of the Gruver and Spearman Chambers of Commerce and the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association. They have been recognized with plaques from the Boy Scouts of America, the Girl Scouts, Hansford Manor, Partners In Education, Hansford Library, Texas Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, Muscular Dystrophy Association, the American Heart Association, and many others.

KRDF-FM is currently owned by George Young, Dwayne Smith, and the late Clara Wise Estate. Young serves as general manager and Smith serves as sports and news director as well as on-air personality. Carolyn Cummings is station manager and program director.



Carolyn Cummings and Dwayne Smith are pictured above representing KRDF-FM Radio Station, which was named the 1999 Business of the Year.

Rotary

Employee of the Year

Kevin Bynum was selected as the 1999 Rotary Employee of the Year. He is manager of Golden Spread Sales Company, where has been employed for over 21 years.

Kevin is married to Ronda, and they have two sons, Joshua and Timothy. Kevin is the son of Joe and Onida Bynum.



Davonna Daharsh

Women's Division Member of the Year

Davonna Daharsh was honored as the 1999 Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year. She was president of Women's Division for 1998, vice-president in 1997 and secretary in 1996. She has been member of Women's Division for over five years.

Davonna is married to Martin, and they have one daughter, Maddie, 4. Davonna is employed at First National Bank of Spearman.

Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

The outgoing Chamber of Commerce board members were recognized. They were: Jeff Beedy, Brad Beedy, George Young and Willard Murrey. The new Chamber of Commerce board was also recognized. They are: Worth Whitworth, Kim Brock, Bruce Stinson, Tami Kunselman, Tindle Ramon, and Davonna Daharsh. Continuing board members are Jan Williamson, Jim Younger, Dr. Scott Martin and Eulalia Blankenship.



Jeff Shields

Spearman Volunteer Fire Dept. Fireman of the Year

Jeff Shields was named 1999 Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Fireman of the Year. He has been a volunteer fireman for a year-and-a-half.

Jeff is married to Deana, and they have one son, Trevor. Jeff is employed at Prairie Motors.

A plaque was given by the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department to DAYCO Company for their support of the fire department. The plaque was in memory of Travis Davis, previous owner.



Kevin Bynum

Turner Transportation Vandalized

Turner Transportation was vandalized and approximately \$17,000 of damage was done on the evening of January 20 or the morning of January 21, 1999.

The Hansford County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Turner Transportation at 6:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21st, regarding extensive damage to their property located on West Highway 15.

Hansford County Sheriff R.L. McFarlin reported considerable damage inside the office building including overturned tables, broken glass and damage to computers and typewriters. A threatening note was also written on a blackboard inside

the office. Two tanker trucks were used to ram a pickup truck through the fence; windows were knocked out of several Turner Transportation trucks; and the diesel storage tanks were emptied onto the ground.

Mac Sheppard, 25, of Spearman was arrested at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, and charged with burglary, vandalism, terroristic threat, and two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Sheppard worked for Turner Transportation from October 29, 1998 until January 4, 1999, at which time he quit.

The case will be presented to the grand jury in March.

Man Arrested For Cates Burglary

Two arrest warrants have been issued in the Cates Men and Boys Wear burglaries which occurred on July 24, 1998 and August 13, 1998. Damages and stolen merchandise from the two burglaries was in excess of \$3,000.

Deputy Gary Evans and Deputy Pete Ochoa arrested Brandon

Guillilegos on Thursday, January 14th in LaJunta, Colorado.

A second suspect has not been apprehended, but is believed to be in Colorado.

Hansford County Sheriff R.L. McFarlin stated that an arrest is expected soon.

Judge Davis Certified

Judge Bob Davis was certified during the recent 40 Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held January 10-15, 1999 in Austin, Texas.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. It is held in January for all newly elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as

set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

Topics addressed at the seminar were Judicial Ethics, Contempt, Criminal and Civil Jurisdiction and Venue, Trial Procedure, Truancy, Traffic Laws, Magistrate Duties, Juvenile Laws, Rules of Evidence, Search Warrants, Family Violence, Media Relations, Landlord and Tenant Law and Inquests.

Laugh and Live



by Gary C. Smith

gcs@ren.net

Friends, Rick & Kara Harrell, sent me a list of bumper stickers. I had seen a few of them, but some were brand new.

Kara is a wonderful person and Rick is... well, Rick.

If you should see one of them, be sure and thank them for these thoughts worth thinking.

YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE THE VOICES ARE TALKING TO ME

EARTH IS FULL, GO HOME

THIS WOULD BE REALLY FUNNY IF IT WEREN'T HAPPENING TO ME

SO MANY PEDESTRIANS SO LITTLE TIME

I USED TO BE DISGUSTED. NOW I'M JUST AMUSED

CLEVERLY DISGUISED AS A RESPONSIBLE ADULT

IF PROGRESS MEANS TO MOVE FORWARD, WHAT DOES CONGRESS MEAN?

IF WE QUIT VOTING, WILL THEY ALL GO AWAY?

POLITICS - FROM THE WORDS "POLY" MEANING "MANY," AND "TICKS," AS IN "SMALL, BLOOD-SUCKING PARASITES"

THE FACE IS FAMILIAR BUT I CAN'T QUITE REMEMBER MY NAME

HE WHO DIES WITH THE MOST TOYS...STILL DIES

EAT RIGHT, EXERCISE, DIE ANYWAY

ILLITERATE? WRITE FOR HELP

HONK IF ANYTHING FALLS OFF

COVER ME, I'M CHANGING LANES

HE WHO LAUGHS LAST THINKS SLOWEST

HE WHO HESITATES IS NOT ONLY LOST, BUT MILES FROM THE NEXT EXIT

I REFUSE TO HAVE A BATTLE OF WITS WITH AN UNARMED PERSON

THIS ISN'T MY IDEA OF A GOOD TIME

IT'S BEEN LOVELY BUT I HAVE TO SCREAM NOW

UNIQUELY MALADJUSTED BUT FUN

THIS BUMPER STICKER EXPLOITS ILLITERATES

MINIMUM WAGE FOR POLITICIANS

VISUALIZE USING YOUR TURN SIGNALS

WHERE ARE WE GOING AND WHY AM I IN THIS HAND BASKET?

I HAVEN'T LOST MY MIND IT'S BACKED UP ON DISK SOMEWHERE

OH, EVOLVE!

YOU! OUT OF THE GENE POOL!

GONE CRAZY BE BACK SHORTLY

IF YOU'RE NOT OUTRAGED, YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION

I DO WHATEVER MY RICE KRISPIES TELL ME TO

Until Next Time,
May God Bless
GCS

NOTICE

The Line Dancing Classes scheduled to begin February 1st have been postponed until early April. For more information, call Kathy Bryant at 659-3030.

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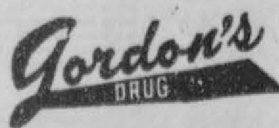
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*Date of Shower



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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

JTPA Funds Available For Texas Panhandle Residents
Need training to get a job? You may qualify for Job Training Partnership Act which includes free college or on-the-job training. Contact Pat Rinehart at the Texas Workforce Center, 103 W. 4th Street in Borger, or call (806) 274-3242 for an appointment. JTPA programs in the Panhandle of Texas are made available by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission as administrator for the Panhandle Workforce Development Partnership.

Bethesda Outreach

Bethesda Outreach has now been in operation for one year and we are having good results from the program. We are endeavoring to expand our ministry. If you are having a hard time with your finances, are out of work and need temporary help with food, this distribution is at present being held at the Trinity Fellowship church on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. You must be there by this time to receive groceries. Bethesda is now receiving coats for all ages to help others during the winter months. If you would like to be a part of this community outreach with your personal help or your finances, whether with a one time gift or a monthly pledge you may contact us at Bethesda 659-2671. We also have a prayer line that you may call at either of the following numbers: 659-2671 or 659-1743.

Calligraphy Classes

Calligraphy Classes are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, February 9th at the O'Loughlin Center. Classes will be taught by Maxine Little. For more information, call Kathy Bryant at 659-3030.

Musical Jam Session

Everyone is invited to come to the Musical Jam Session on Thursday, February 4, 1999, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the Golden Spread Senior Center, 502 S. Brandt, in Spearman. The musicians are outstanding and we have a great time. Please drop in and spend some time listening to the great music and singing.

FUMC Ground Hog Dinner

The First United Methodist Church of Spearman will host their Annual Ground Hog Dinner on Tuesday, February 2, 1999 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are available from members of any United Methodist Women members and are \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (6-12). Children under six eat free.

Waka Church of the Brethren Groundhog Supper

The 54th Annual Groundhog Supper at the Waka Church of the Brethren will be held on Saturday, January 23, 1999 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. They will serve all the sausage & waffles you can eat, along with hot syrup. Free will donations accepted.

Weekly Ladies Bible Study

A Weekly Ladies Bible Study is held Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Sherry Taylor, 711 S. Townsend. Everyone interested is invited to attend. For more information, please call 659-5380.

Intimacies of the Heart

Intimacies of the Heart is a ladies fellowship which will be held on Saturday, February 6, 1999, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the home of Sherry Taylor, 711 S. Townsend. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 4, 1999, to Rhodora Alberty at 659-1755, or call her for more information.

Ladies Out To Lunch

The ladies from the Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center would like to invite ladies in the community to join us on Thursday, January 28, 1999, for "Ladies Out to Lunch." We will leave the center at 9:00 a.m. for Perryton to tour the Museum of the Plains, followed with lunch at K-Bob's Steakhouse. If you would like to join us, please call Sherry at 659-3866.

Hutchinson County Livestock Show & Sale

The Hutchinson County Livestock Show and Sale will be held January 29th-30th at the Aluminum Dome in Borger. The lamb show will begin at 8:00 a.m. Friday, followed one hour later by the steer show. Hogs will commence showing at 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. the sale will start. Area supporters and friends are invited to come out and enjoy the event. Participating Pringle 4-H Club members include Amanda Apodaca, Le Ann Earle, Tyler Lane, Jimmiee and Eva McCloy, Evan and Jessica Schmidt, Melody and Kyna Shields.

FPC Offering Classes

Frank Phillips College is offering a wide range of continuing education, community service and allied health offerings this semester. Remaining January offerings include: PC-EZ (The Personal Computer Made Easy), Massage Therapy; Beginning and Intermediate Conversational Spanish; Investing for Your Future; Debt-Free and Prosperous Living; Community Choir and Jazz Band; Medication Aide Training, Crossing the Line: When Professional Boundaries are Violated; Safe and Fun Baby-sitting for Teens; Minor in Possession; and a Community Involvement Fair. Specific course information is available from Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233.

FBC Hosting The Lordship Of Marriage Seminar

First Baptist Church of Spearman is hosting The Lordship of Marriage, a marriage enrichment seminar on February 12th & 13th. Friday's session begins at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper and ends at 10:00 p.m. Saturday's session will begin with a light lunch at noon followed by an afternoon session from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The cost per couple is \$25.00 (includes meals plus child care for infants through 5th grade). This seminar is for couples of all ages, whether about to be married, newly married or have been together for a long time! The seminar is led by Rev. Larry Renetzky, a licensed marriage and family therapist. He is a former president of Texas Christian Counselors Association and has the approval of Focus on the Family. Registration forms are available at First Baptist Church. Deadline to sign up is Friday, February 5th. Space is limited so sign up today. For more information, contact Mechelle Curry (659-3611) or First Baptist Church (659-5557).

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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 Special Education Director in your school district, Marsha Murphy at 435-4412, Mike Lee at 658-4559, Rex Reeples at 624-2221, or Mollie Howell at 653-2301.

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Bowl For Kid's Sake

The Clyde Ragsdale Memorial Bowl for Kids' Sake benefiting the Hansford/Ochiltree counties satellite office of Big Brothers Big Sisters will be held Saturday, February, 27 at Ranger Bowl.

"Last year the Herald ran an article announcing the Bowl for Kids' Sake, the next morning Mr. Ragsdale was in the BBBS office to donate money," said case manager Kimberley Lopez.

"Convenience, Inc. is this year's event sponsor and the Advisory Committee felt it appropriate to name the event in honor of a man and a family who have done so much to support the program from the start," said Robert Holland, Advisory Committee Chair.

"This is our third annual Bowl for Kids' Sake and it's our only fundraiser. All money raised through this event stays in Perryton, Spearman and Gruver to help children ages 6 - 14 from single parent homes. In the last year, four adults have been matched with children from Perryton for a mentoring relationship and four other volunteers in the area are waiting to be matched with a child. Research has shown that this kind of intentional friendship helps children develop positive life skills

and social values. The proceeds from this event make recruiting, screening, training and supervising volunteers possible," explained Lopez.

"This is a bowling fundraiser, but being a great bowler is not the point. It's all about raising money for a worthy cause and having a good time," said Holland. "Just get your friends, family members and coworkers together and form a team."

"Teams consist of five members who raise \$50 each for a total of \$250 per team through pledges or sponsorships. Each team bowls two games during their two-hour shift. Shift times are 10 am, noon and 2 p.m. If we can fill all the lanes for each shift, we'll add another shift at 4 p.m.," he continued. "We're planning to have strobe bowling for at least one of the shifts this year. Melissa and Rhet Balzer, the operators of Ranger Bowl, have been really cooperative and are really enthusiastic about the event."

Each bowler will get a T-shirt and be eligible for some great door prizes to be given away during each shift. The three bowlers raising the most money will be given special prizes. Food and drinks will be provided throughout the day.

Money is also raised through corporate and lane sponsorships. For \$500 a company's logo will be on the back of the event T-shirt and their banner will hang at Ranger Bowl during the week prior to the event. The company will receive recognition in all publicity. For a donation of \$100 a company can be a lane sponsor. Their banner will hang in the alley for the week preceding the event and they will be recognized as a lane sponsor.

"We ask volunteers to spend two hours a week with a child. Even this amount of time yields big results in terms of increases in self-esteem and hope. The effects of one-to-one friendships like those

with a Big Brother or Big Sister can last a lifetime. The money we raise in the Bowl for Kids' Sake is really an investment in the future," said Lopez.

For more information about the event call 434-0016 or 1-800-687-8282. Advisory Committee members are recruiting teams and sponsorships as well. These members are Holland, David Landis, Pat Wilson, Cindy Smith, Jose Cano, Don Rice, Charles Kelly, Jim Mara, Teresa Copeland in Perryton; Gina Gillispie, Carolyn Cummings, Elodia Bravo, Jim and Mandy Derington in Spearman; and Paula Kelly in Gruver.



Out At The Lake



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--Jan. 25, 1999--43 ft. and 3.5 in.

Jim's picture is of Charley Laxton's catch of 2 big blue cats. The larger weighed in at 13.5 pounds and the smaller tipped the scales at 7 pounds.

People fishing on the bridge have tamed one of the blue herons, at least somewhat. The big bird has learned that minnows and shad are to be had about dark when the fishermen are finishing for the day and releasing their bait in the water. The heron has been coming closer for the treats. I expect some grandparent to buy bait for a grandchild to feed the bird. These herons are known for their shyness, so this story surprised me.

Sunday Jim took the scope from the office and used it Sunday on two bald eagles, one being immature, that were perched in the trees on the Gibner side. He said he

could see the eyes and claws in great detail.

My reading has brought three references to the head waters of the Palo Duro. Wenton A. Wilson in Account of a Buffalo Hunt in 1876 wrote on Nov. 21, 1876, "I went up to the head waters of Paloduro to an Indian wigwam of the Black Foot & Shian tribe. They treated me courteously. They were tanning buffalo hides. They invited us to dinner. They were having a feast on roasted dog, but not being kindly disposed to the canine breed I refused, not being hungry. Still, it was three o'clock & I had not eaten anything since morning. I also visited a Mexican ranch staked securely against an attack of Indians which are very numerous."

Jim Cator, in one of his journals, mentioned meeting Mr. and Mrs. Tyler on the head waters of the Palo Duro. The third reference was in The Great Buffalo Hunt by Wayne Gard. Gard in error placed Bob and Jim Cator in 1872 as having made a dugout at the head waters of Palo Duro Creek.

Not being sure of where the old timers considered the head waters of the Palo Duro to be, I called Marshall Cator of Sunray and found that they meant the area north of Morse on the Tyler ranch where the creek divides into the South and North Forks. The live water stopped there, and thus that was the head waters. Both forks were dry. He added to get water for a stage stop on the Bert Cator land near Morse, they dug a well six feet down in the center of the creek and hit water. Much later Marshall and his brother Bert hand dug a well higher up that was eighteen feet to water.

Volunteer Award Nomination

The Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service announces that Nomination Forms for the 1999 Governor's Volunteer Awards are now available.

These awards seek to acknowledge Texans whose commitment to community and service to others is exemplary. Recipients will be honored at a ceremony held at the Governor's Mansion on April 19, 1999 during National Volunteer Week.

Individuals may nominate

themselves or others in one of the 15 award categories, which include: youth, adult, senior, family, group, corporate/business group, media/news organization, volunteer manager/volunteer administrator, partnership/collaboration, and the category representing a lifetime of achievement, the Lonestar Achievement Award.

To request a Nomination Form, contact the Governor's Volunteer Awards Hotline at 512. 475. 4432. Forms must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 1999.

Spearman ISD Board News

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in Regular Session on December 17, 1998 in Room 114 of Spearman High School at 7:00 p.m.

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

Hear From Patrons Or Staff

No one came before the Board.

Action Items

• Approved consent items:

- Minutes of November 9, 1998, November 17, 1998, November 30, 1998, December 7, 1998 and December 10, 1998
- Gas/Diesel bid to Golden Spread Sales
- Paying the bills in the amount of \$127,176.78

- Approved the Business Report
- Approved the purchase of technology software
- Approved the Audit Report
- Approved Spearman Housing Authorities' request to waive payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)
- Approved the Profile for the

Superintendent Search and established the time lines. Applications will be taken until March 5th and the new Superintendent named on April 13th.

- Rejected bids for auto
- Adopted Local Policy 59
- Approved extended leave to Verlin Behne

Discussion and Information Items

• Review dates and location for School Board training (Level II)

- Review with City Manager and drainage problems at the Junior High

• Mr. Murrey reported:

- Enrollment at 787
- The new telephone system has been installed at the Junior High and Elementary
- Computer equipment was arriving for the elementary lab. The lab should be updated during January.

• Closed Meeting

- Personnel Matters

Reconvene Into Open Meeting

Adjournment

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Hansford County Community Calendar
January 28-February 4

Thursday, January 28
9:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center - Ladies Out to Lunch Bunch
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch
7:00 p.m. - College Financial Aid Seminar - Spearman High School Auditorium

Friday, January 29
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Bridge
5:00 p.m. - Spearman IV Boys & Girls vs. Sunray - There
6:30 p.m. - Spearman Lynxettes vs. Sunray - There
8:00 p.m. - Spearman Lynx vs. Sunray - There

Saturday, January 30
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - 1999 Spearman Jr. Lynx Basketball Games
6:00-7:30 p.m. - Waka Church of the Brethren Groundhog Supper, Waka

Sunday, January 31
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Gruver Church of Christ

Monday, February 1
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
2:00 p.m. - Historical Commission Meets - Ft. Zulu Museum
7:00 p.m. - Genealogy Club Meets - Spearman High School, Room 116
7:30 p.m. - Weigh Down Workshop Organizational Meeting - Spearman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 2
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - FUMC Ground Hog Dinner, Spearman Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
2:00 p.m. - Palo Duro River Authority Board Meets
4:00 p.m. - Genealogy Club Meets - Hansford County Library
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
6:30 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Dinner & Games

Wednesday, February 3
6:30 a.m. - Mug 'n' Muffin Women's Fellowship - First Christian Church, Spearman
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
9:45 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Center Food Service
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - "42"
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor

Thursday, February 4
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts/Covered Dish Lunch
7:00 p.m. - Musical Jamboree at the Golden Spread Center, Spearman

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

A recent obituary in the Amarillo News included that of Oma Lee Brillhart, 77. She died on January 19th in Farmerville, LA and burial was in Antioch Cemetery.

She was a resident of Spearman for many years and her sons were raised here. Surviving her, Robert L. Sims lives in Odessa and Martin N. Brillhart in Slaton. Her mother and brother also survive her.

 Guests of Judy and Worth Whitworth over the weekend were her parents, Glynn and Pat Hopson, her sister, Gaye Short, with daughters Kasha and Kristin, all of Midland.

The event that brought them to Spearman at this time was an important one for Jeffrey Whitworth - his Baptism into the First Baptist Church.

 It is always good to hear from those former Spearman folk who keep up with old friends through the Reporter-Statesman. One of these is Leona Shedeck Sikes, now of Portales, NM. Her letter of reminiscence about Wilson was touching and appreciated.

 Jo McLaughlin, Danny and Delinda McLaughlin attended the funeral of Mabel Wright on Tuesday. She was the sister of the late M.D. McLaughlin.

She passed away in Albuquerque last Thursday and the funeral was held at Lone Wolf, OK. Mrs. Wright had visited in Spearman and was known here.

 One of the sections of the Sunday Amarillo Globe-News carried a picture of Jackie and Bob Pearson. They attended the Amarillo Area Foundation's observance of the 41st anniversary. After a performance of the Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra, a lecture and reports followed.

 Dr. Val Selz flew up from Bridgeport for the weekend with cousin Billy and Sybil Miller. He was impressed by the windmill in the new location and the beginning of the park and is anticipating watching the development on later visits.

 It was good to have out-of-town relatives gather in the home of your neighbor for a late lunch after the windmill ceremonies on Thursday.

To head off any cynical remarks remembering the incidence of food poisoning and hospitalization last month --- yes, they brought the food!

 Weekend guests of Jimmy and Donetta Greene were Terry and Sandy Brough. He is the minister of the Church of Christ in Sturgis, SD. He had been in classes at Lubbock and was en route to Sturgis. The Spearman Church of Christ sponsors the Sturgis church. The Sunday morning sermon was by him.

Jimmy and Donetta had spent the previous weekend in Coweta, OK with Donetta's sister, Marcena Hutson. She was observing a special birthday and their mother, Edna Scroggs Owens, was also present. Formerly of Waka she is now living in Fayetteville, AK.

 G.W. Robinson was rushed by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo on Friday morning. He underwent five artery by-passes.

The surgery was successful and the report, as of this writing (Monday), is that he is recovering and walked some, though he is still in I.C.U.

Their daughter, Jana Bloom, took the plane back to Ft. Worth on Sunday. Fern is staying in the home of their son, Carl, in Amarillo.

 Claude and JoNell Sheets returned from a three weeks tour to Australia on January 2nd. It was a fascinating tour with interesting events each of the days, but space prevents much of the detail.

The tour group left from Los Angeles on December 12th and flew to Nadi, Fiji. Fiji is much like Hawaii with the plants and climate. The downtown is similar to the border towns of Mexico. The group was entertained by music and dancing by the natives at a meal that was comparable to a Luau.

From Nadi to Auckland, New Zealand they were very impressed by the beauty of the country. For proof, a picture was made of JoNell standing beside a large bed of roses - almost as tall as she, and the roses were almost as large as her face.

They were entertained and fed by the Maori (natives). Interesting stops were the Glow Worm Caves; the sulphur springs at Rotarura, and some sheep shearing. Even the highway mowing caught their eyes - instead of the weeds we have, they were mowing hydrangeas that were in full bloom, and also agapanthas growing wild. In the fence rows of the paddocks (fields) climbing roses grew on their barbed wire fences.

The group then flew from Christ Church (the most totally English

country outside of Britain) to Sydney, Australia.

The 2000 Summer Olympics will be held there. Much construction is evident in this very modern and beautiful city.

On Christmas day they took a bus to Canberra, the capital, stopping for the noon meal at a sheep station.

In Canberra, they took a driving tour of all the embassies - with comments from the bus driver. The American embassy is attractive, perfectly manicured and elaborate.

On the flight from Adelaide to Alice Springs, they shared the plane with the crew that will launch the balloon for the 18 day flight around the world.

At the famed Ayers Rock, Claude didn't climb it, but JoNell went as far as the Chicken Rock for a picture.

They flew from there to Cairnes, which is in a tropical rain forest. There they took a train up into the low mountains, then rode a gondola down.

The group went out to the Great Barrier Reef. Naturally they petted Koalas and fed the kangaroos.

Claude and JoNell returned with a renewed sense of the world beyond the Texas plains - and in fact of the U.S. Their association with the tour group was as interesting and educational as the wonderful sight seeing.

They made lasting friends of some of the other tour members. It was a diversified group - eight Hindus, some of the Jewish faith, some Catholics, a few Protestants - only the Sheets were members of the Church of Christ, and also the only Texans.

The passengers were all professionals - doctors, educators, scientists - except Claude. However his Texas straw hat and boots and speech brought him considerable attention.

 Congratulations and best wishes to a special friend of many years, Mabel Jameson, on her 90th birthday and the crowd who joined her in celebrating it on Sunday at the O'Loughlin Center.

Mabel was born in Hutchinson County and has lived most of her 90 years in Hansford and Hutchinson Counties. She is the widow of Leonard Jameson and was the mother of the late Neal Jameson.

 In this time of world-wide atrocities in the name of religions and the competition among churches - a renewed spirit of hope comes with the uniting of Hansford County churches in the Sunday distribution of the Jesus Videos to every home. Once again proving that the basic belief on which this nation was founded will maintain it so long as that faith is

predominate. 150 members of Hansford County churches and some from Ochiltree spent Sunday afternoon making the distribution.

 Jennifer McNulty of Tucson, AZ was notified of her appointment as Juvenile Probation Officer for Pima County, East side, effective January 25th.

Jennifer, daughter of Gary and Cathy Smith, is elated at this appointment as it is her first since her marriage and move to Tucson last summer. So congratulations also to parents - Gary and Cathy - you "done good."

 Spearman weather reporter Dwayne Smith reports for the week of January 18th to 25th that the highest temperature was 69 degrees on the 20th; the low was 24 on the 18th; moisture - a total of .09 and 1/2 inch of snow.

The weather bureau personnel, in checking out instruction manuals, didn't notice that they were filed under FICTION.

 Explain to a foreigner learning English-how can a man with a wife and two children get a Bachelor's degree? How can a man who doesn't know which end of a thermometer to use get a Doctor's degree? How can a married man have a Master's degree?

Hansford Retired School Personnel

by Wilma Clark

The January meeting of the Hansford Retired School Personnel was held at the Spearman High School Library with James Cunningham presiding.

Raymond Birchfield, program chairman, introduced Faye Cunningham, who gave the program on fraud. She discussed practices of telemarketing and "slamming," as well as accessing the internet. She also showed a film on how to buy or lease a car and how to deal with fraudulent car repair persons.

Attending were: Doris Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Birchfield, Wilma Clark, Mr. and Mrs. James Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Freriks, Olga Gafford, Pauline McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Mitchell, Fern Robinson, and Worley Smith.

Federal Land Bank Directors

Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association (FLBA) changes on its Board of Directors and staff beginning in January.

Wayne Garrett of Gruver was elected by the board to serve out the term of Jon "Mike" Garnett, of Spearman. Garrett has been a member of the Association some 17 years, operating in Hansford and Sherman Counties. Garrett and his wife, Lou, produce corn, wheat, and stocker cattle. Both of their children currently live in Lubbock.

Former chairman Mike Garnett stepped off the local board effective December 31, 1998 to begin a term on the Farm Credit Bank's District Board. He will certainly be missed on the local board, but this area is fortunate to have Mike representing us on the District board.

Staff changes were also announced in the Amarillo office. Steve Donnell was promoted to Vice President and Officer in Charge of the Amarillo office.

Cory Bruce was promoted from Trainee to Loan Officer.

Gregg Lloyd, former Officer in Charge of the Amarillo office, was promoted to Executive Vice President, Credit and Chief Financial Officer for the Association.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA has approximately \$142 million in loans outstanding to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in 16 counties. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton, and Plainview.

The association is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors. Members include Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Ervin J. Davis of Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Dean Turner of Matador; Jerry K. Oswalt of Abernathy; Dean H. Burger of Pampa; John C. Duke of Follett; and Steve Brown of Floydada.

Farm Bureau News

Three voting delegates from Hansford County Farm Bureau recently participated in the 65th annual Texas Farm Bureau convention, December 29th-December 2nd in Lubbock.

Those attending were Danny Womble, and Melba and Aubrey Rator.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,300 delegates from 211 organized Farm Bureaus.

Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Albuquerque, NM.

Featured speaker at the convention was Ira Blumenthal, an international business development

expert described as a modern day business "Renaissance Man." Also addressing the delegates were Bob Stallman of Columbus, TFB president; Delmas McCormick of Foydada, secretary-treasurer; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Bob Stallman of Columbus, TX.

This year's youth winners were: Steffany Simon, Gruver, TX, Miss Farm Bureau; Laura Bland, Rosenberg, TX, Talent Find winner; Brooke Snoddy, Longview, TX, Free Enterprise Speech winner. Named "Outstanding Young Farmer/Rancher of 1998" was Mark McCormick of Floydada.

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Letters To The Editor



by Harletta Carthel

Grass Fire Reported

The Gruver Volunteer Fire Department was called to extinguish a fire on Sunday, January 24, on grassland belonging to Robert Dahl on Highway 520, four miles west of the home of Kenneth Harris.

High School Happenings

Debate Team Competes
The Cross X Debate team of Jennifer Lopez and Monilisa Garcia competed in a practice meet at Hereford this weekend. The team will compete in district UIL at Shamrock this Saturday. Isela Huerta is an alternate for the team.

Sadie Hawkins Day Dance

The sophomore class will sponsor a Sadie Hawkins Dance for high school students on Saturday, January 30, from 8 - 12 p.m. in the Golden Age Center. In the Sadie Hawkins tradition, female students must ask out male students and also pay dance admission.

School Holiday Slated

Gruver students will enjoy a school holiday on Friday, February 12.

Elementary Registers New Student

Luis Ramos has enrolled in first grade at Gruver Elementary. The student hails from Cactus.

Get Well Wishes

Rodney Clawson recently had knee replacement surgery. He is doing well and is using a walker as he progresses.

Janae Watley missed the game with Guymon last week when she was ill with ulcers on her esophagus, possibly caused by a reaction to antibiotics. Janae returned to action on Friday.

Bort Report

I received a letter from Bob Bort this week. Bob reported that the Gruver Statesman was indeed in print in 1989. Copies of the newspaper are stored in the Gruver City Library.

Basketball Scoreboard

Seventh Grade Girls
Gruver 37
Texhoma 21
Goad 11, Bryson 8, Hart 9, Armes 6, and Myatt 3.
Eighth Grade Girls
Gruver 36, Texhoma 26
Lowe 2, Watley 4, Griffin 14, Cazares 6, L. Johnson 9, and S. Johnson 1.

Junior Varsity Girls

Guymon 31, Gruver 16
Hart 3, Holt 4, Bass 5, and Perez 4.

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Gruver 42, Shamrock 32
Holt 2, Lowe 16, Moore 12,
Bass 9, and Perez 4.

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Seventh Grade Boys
Gruver 36, Texhoma 26
Miner 7, Weldon 2, Puebla 2,
Luciano 8, Borrunda 8, and
Rodriguez 9.

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Eighth Grade Boys
Texhoma 40, Gruver 15
Stewart 2, Bevill 2, Boyd 4,
Hernandez 4, and Perez 1.

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Junior Varsity Hounds (Red)
The JV Red team had a big win over Stratford and was scheduled to play Perryton on Monday. Their game reports will be given next week.

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Junior Varsity Hounds (Black)
Gruver 45, Guymon 46
Hart 14, Cone 8, Barkley 7,
Villalobos 11, Johnson 3, and
Carthel 2.

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Gruver 52, Shamrock 28
Barkley 11, Hart 4, Johnson 5,
Schneider 9, Hunt 2, Cone 4,
Villalobos 2, Carthel 1, Weller 4,
Hernandez 4, TeBeest 1, Rodriguez
2, and Acker 3.

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Lady Hounds
Gruver 39, Guymon 47
The Gruver girls, playing without the services of an ill Janae Watley, played a close game for three quarters before falling behind in the fourth.

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Boyd 8, Grottegut 2, Yanke 8,
Salmans 9, Stavlo 12.

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Lady Hounds
Gruver 41, Shamrock 25
In their second district game, the Lady Hounds defeated a stubborn Shamrock team to keep a perfect 2-0 in district play.

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Yanke 8, Stavlo 14, E. Salmans
6, Boyd 5, Thoreson 2, Shults 2,
Bevill 2 and May 2.

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Varsity Boys
Hounds 69, Guymon 63
The Hounds jumped to an early lead over the Tigers, but their lead dwindled to one point early in the fourth quarter when Guymon hit several three-pointers. The Hounds persisted to gain the victory.

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Bray 13, Potts 11, Odum 8, J. Pool 10, Watlington 8, Shoulders 7, Grottegut 1, Stavlo 2, TeBeest 3, Johnson 3, Henson 1, and T.J. McClure 1.

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Hounds 59, Shamrock 42
The Hounds boosted their district record to 2 - 0 by outscoring the Irish of Shamrock eight points in the first quarter and seven points in the fourth quarter of play.

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Armes 12, Potts 16, G. Pool 9,
Shoulders 6, J. Pool 8, Odum 7,

and Stavlo 1.

Super Bowl Predictions

In a straw vote taken Monday morning, Gruverites voted the Atlanta Falcons 17 to 12 as the team they wanted to win the Super Bowl. Several fans stated they wished both John Elway and Dan Reeves could be in the winner's circle.

Soap Suds

I suppose it is one of the mysteries of life that people can be witness to the same event but see that event in different perspectives. Such was the case Tuesday night, January 19, when Gruver hosted Guymon for an evening of basketball.

The undisputed facts of the night were that one Gruver fan, the Guymon boys' head coach, a Guymon fan, and a group of Guymon students were ejected by the referees from the varsity boys game.

From these basic facts, a column was written in the Guymon paper by an author known as Bender. His eye witness account and conclusions differ drastically from mine and that of other Gruver fans.

In his article, Bender failed to mention that a Gruver fan was ejected first from the game. He also failed to question the referee after the game as to why the Guymon boys' head coach received one technical foul in the varsity girls game and two in the varsity boys game but merely surmises it was for "excessive celebration on the bench."

In one of many Bender of the Facts' statements (a title suggested by Charlie Johnson), the author says 70 Guymon students were ejected from the game. The actual count was less than 30 students. But Bender's error that is most upsetting is his condoning of the behavior of the ejected students. The students who he described as "very adamantly" chanting "their

dismay at the lack of officiating by the crew" were actually screaming in unison a gross vulgarity (which cannot be quoted in a family newspaper). Had the screaming students been from Gruver, I truly believe a referee would not have been needed as parents would have swiftly removed their erring offspring.

When attending games in Guymon, numerous officers have been observed in and near the gym. That's why Bender's next assessment was startling.

Bender's final miss-observation was stating that the calling of the Hansford County Sheriff's officers to the gym parking lot was "a bit excessive."

"The Sheriff's Department then stood both outside and inside the gym effectively surrounding the place and had their cars parked everywhere to maintain order."

In a visit with the Hansford County Sheriff's office, three cars and three officers were dispatched to the gym. One officer and his car remained at the scene while the other two officers rode together in one car to Main Street. The one officer must have been quite busy "surrounding the place, but I'm sure the officer would be gratified to know Bender deemed him "effective" in his efforts.

Bender winds his article down with the confession, "With two minutes left, I did everything that I could to get kicked out." This certainly seems a reasonable adult response to the situation. After all, adults are role-models, and kids have to learn how to act somewhere.

At the end of his ramblings, Bender apologizes to Guymon fans:

"I am sorry if I offended any of the fans at the game with my antics, but you know, you can take the boy out of the game, but you can't take the game out of the boy." Bender, however, is no "boy", and in the words of comedienne Joan Rivers, "Grow up!"

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Dear Editor,

I am a very unhappy mother. My son passed away one year ago. Since then, someone has been taking the flowers from his grave. First a vase full of red roses - they took both vase and flowers, later another bouquet of roses. Now they have taken two saddle sprays, the last one just a few days ago. Please leave the flowers on the graves; they are for our loved ones. Please don't take them again.

Thanks,
Mozelle Sparks

Dear Editor,

I viewed the Jesus film, and was impressed with the accuracy with which it was presented. Most anyone should be greatly impressed with the life of Jesus, His birth, death, and resurrection. It was impressive.

However, I noticed with interest that His ascension was not included, even though the film came right up to it.

I'm concerned that the film got entirely away from the scriptures (Bible) in the last three minutes where they told folks what to do to be saved (the invitation).

Luke not only wrote the book of Luke, but also the book of Acts, and continues the story in Acts. The film had Jesus saying (Luke 24:47) "That repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations beginning from Jerusalem." (verse 49) "I am sending forth the promise of My Father (John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13) upon you; but you are to stay in the city (Jerusalem) until clothed with power from on high" Then in Acts 1:4 "He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem but wait for what the Father has promised." Then in Acts 1:8, "You shall receive power then the Holy Spirit has come upon you." In the latter part of the first chapter of Acts we find that they selected another Apostle to take the place of Judas. Then in Acts 2:1 we read, "They were all together in one place" (the Apostles in Jerusalem) just as Jesus had urged them to do. Then in verses 2-4 Luke describes the power and the Holy Spirit coming on the Apostles. In verse 4 we read, "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance." Now we can see why Jesus was so insistent that they be in Jerusalem (Acts 1-8). In verse 14 Peter begins to speak "Peter taking his stand with the eleven" I believe we can all agree that Peter is now directed by the Holy Spirit and whatever comes out of his mouth will be God's will (II Peter 1:20-21).

Peter then explained in detail to those Jews who had killed Jesus or were consenting to His death, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. In verse 36 he tells them they are guilty, "Let all the house of Israel (Jews) know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ... *This Jesus whom you have crucified.*" In verse 37 they were finally convinced and their hearts were touched, and their question was, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Peter answered, "Repent and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

That doesn't sound anything like what I heard on the film.
Flavil Ayers, Gruver, Texas

Thank You

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Hansford Manor and Hansford Hospice for their loving care for Jessie Spivey during her residence there.

To the many friends in their expressions of sympathy of food, flowers, memorials, cards, phone calls and visits - it all means so much to us. Thank you to all who helped make the services complete, the wonderful meal served to our family and to Brother Jerry Moore for his message to us.

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Partnerships can be measured in many ways . . . by the number of volunteers, by volunteer hours, by dollars spent, etc. For Gus Birdwell 1st graders and First State Bank, the best measures of success are seen in glowing eyes and smiling young faces and felt in the hearts of the participants.

First State Bank of Spearman has been participating in the Partners In Education program as a partner since January 1997. The bank starts the year off by stuffing 400 Halloween bags with candy to give to the elementary students. They sponsor drug-free projects, field trips, personal Christmas ornaments for each 1st grader, weekly volunteers who read to children, cookouts and special time

in each classroom. This very active partner provided approximately 100 volunteer hours and substantial dollars to Gus Birdwell Elementary. First grade teachers Mrs. Ramon, Mrs. Flowers, and Mrs. Nollner agree that without First State Bank their activities would be limited, and they make a special effort to invite First State Bank to all of their programs and performances.

First State Bank employees get "hooked" and come back in the belief that they can make a difference to a single individual student who somehow touches their heart in a special way.

Congratulations to First State Bank and Gus Birdwell Elementary first graders for another year of success!



Worth Whitworth is pictured above with a group of 1st graders from Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman. (Photo submitted)

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Hansford Hospice

by LoRee Booth

Hansford Hospice had their regular meeting on Monday, January 18th at Gruver State Bank, opening with prayer by Rev. Beverly Cook. Verna Lee Shirley conducted the business meeting with Garland Hopper reading the minutes and Richey Thompson giving the treasurers report.

Members voted to purchase an air bed mattress and CD player from memorial funds.

It was voted that the next meeting be changed to February 8th at First State Bank in Spearman.

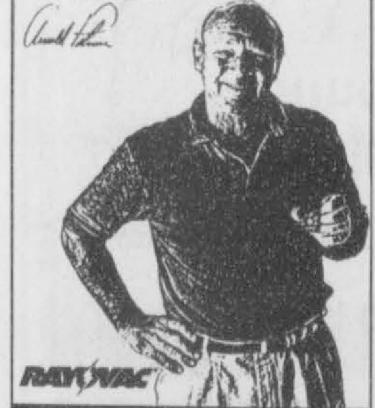
Charla Roberts and Rosetta Barrera gave an informative program on changes and new rules of Medicare.

The door prize was won by Connie Gammill.

Rev. Ken Cole gave the benediction.

Spiced tea and cookies were served to: Jack and Dolly McWhirter, Mike Hergert, Joan McClellan, Edith Womble, Eloise Renner, Garland Hopper, Connie Gammill, Carolyn Hicks, Rosetta Barrera, LoRee Booth, Verna Lee Shirley, Rev. Beverly Cook, J.C. Harris, Betty Jean Davis, Rev. and Mrs. Ken Cole, Mary Kay Harbour and Carolyn Cummings.

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Laws Protect Texans Against Stalking

by Dan Morales, Texas Attorney General

We have all heard of famous people who are stalked by crazed or obsessed fans. All too often these incidents end in tragedy. However, stars are not the only victims.

Stalking victims can be male or female, young or old, single or married. Sometimes a stalker is an acquaintance or former romantic partner of the victim. Other times, the stalker is a complete stranger.

In 1997, the Texas Legislature passed a new stalking law intended to help law enforcement officials and the judicial system apprehend, prosecute and convict stalkers.

The Office of the Attorney General, through its Crime Victims' Compensation Division,

works with stalking victims to help ensure their safety as well as their recovery.

What is stalking?

Stalkers try to control their victims through behavior and/or threats intended to intimidate and terrify. Their motivations can range from obsessive love to obsessive hate. They torment their victims for days, weeks, months, even years on end.

To fall under the stalking law, stalkers must show both intent and conduct.

Intent means that the stalker knows his or her actions will instill fear of death or bodily injury in the victim or the victim's family. Intent can come in the form of implied or explicit threats. Such threats must be aimed at a specific

person and be conveyed by the stalker or by someone acting on the stalker's behalf.

Conduct that is considered to be stalking includes threats by mail or phone, damage of the victim's property or surveillance of the victim. Threatening actions by the stalker must occur on more than one occasion. However, more than one police report is not required.

The Texas Stalking Law

The penalty for conviction under the stalking law is a Class A misdemeanor which calls for a fine of \$4,000 and no more than one year in jail. However, if the stalker has prior conviction for stalking, the penalty is upgraded to a third degree felony. Conviction for a felony can result in two to 10 years of jail time and a fine of up to

\$10,000.

Additionally, the releasing officer is required to make a reasonable attempt to inform the victim when a stalker is released or escapes from jail. It is the victim's responsibility to notify law enforcement officials of any change in address or phone number.

How To Protect Yourself

If you or a family member is being stalked, you should immediately file a report with the police or the local prosecutor's office.

Make sure to request a copy of the report.

Give the police any written correspondence and report any phone calls.

Keep track of all dates and the names of every person you speak with.

You should keep a complete log of all incidents: obtain the names and addresses of all witnesses and write a description of each incident. Complete records are essential to the successful prosecution of stalking cases.

If you are related to the stalker by blood or by marriage, you may be able to obtain a protective order. While a piece of paper can never offer complete protection, it is an official order for the stalker to stay away from you, your family or your children.

For your safety, you should obtain an unlisted number and caller ID, have law enforcement officers perform a safety check of your home, remove your social security number and phone number from as many records as possible, and, most importantly, develop a safety plan to follow in the event of an emergency.

Important Numbers

The most important number to remember is 911. If you or a family member are being stalked, you should report it to the police immediately.

If you have been the victim of a stalker, the Crime Victims' Compensation Division (CVC) of the Office of the Attorney General may be able to help. The division can be reached at 1-800-983-9933.

Open Letter

Dear Community of Spearman,

On behalf of the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association, I would like to express sincere thanks to all of those who made the windmill raising such a huge success.

A special thanks to Hansford Implement, Five Star Equipment, Jim Shirley, Bruce Duncan, Robert Patrick, the City of Spearman employees, the volunteer fire department, the police department, the SWPWA board, the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, and KRDF-FM.

It is obvious by the attendance, that there is a special place in our hearts for this gift that Mr. J.B. Buchanan has given to our town. It is obvious that we all realize that this gift will be cherished now and in the future for all residents of Hansford County.

It was an incredible moment to witness the communities of Hansford County come together to watch a simple ceremony that will be remembered for many, many years! So...a most special thanks to all the citizens who took the time to proudly accept this first gift, this first windmill, from the World Famous J.B. Buchanan Windmill Collection.

Gina Gillispie, Secretary

Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association

Financial Aid Seminar

Are you financially prepared to send your child to college? Spearman High School is hosting a Financial Aid Seminar on Thursday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The purpose of this seminar is to help parents explore options for paying for college costs.

Representatives from West Texas A&M University, Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority, Region XVI, First State Bank, and First National Bank will present information to guide parents in their quest for funds to send their child to college. Some of the topics that will be discussed at the


seminar include the following: How To Apply For Financial Aid; Grants and Loans; Financial Planning; Sources of Financial Aid; and What is the FAFSA?

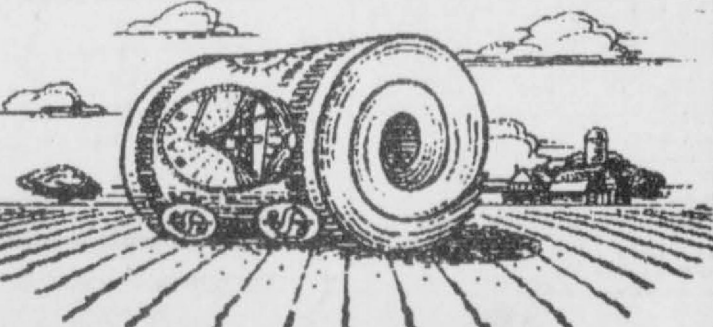
The seminar is open to ALL parents and students. It's never too early to plan for your child's education. There will also be a \$100 scholarship given away that night.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority of jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27, and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOVT CODE ANN. art §§ 2001 et seq. (1998), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on **JANUARY 29, 1999, at 9:00 a.m.** at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOVT CODE ANN. art §§ 2001 et seq. (1998). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

The Commission will consider the application of Sonat Exploration Company-MCR for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37) and a density exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.38 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38) to drill Well No. 2, Hart Lease, 703.15 Acres, Logan A Stroud Survey, A-330, Hansford (Douglas), Lipps, West (Cleveland), Hansford (Morrow, Upper), Hansford (Morrow, Lower), Hansford (Mississippian) and Wildcat Fields, Hansford County, being .5 miles south from Gruver, Texas.

The location of this well is as follows:

467' from the north line and 800' from the west line of lease.

967' from the north line and 800' from the west line of survey.

This well is to be completed at an approximate depth of 7300 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, James J. Dunford, at (405) 749-5428. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of

General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location from that requested by applicant, and the establishment of the amount of acreage on the applicant's tract that can reasonably be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date, a notice of intent to appear.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify the Court Reporter's office at (512) 463-6926, at least five (5) working

days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD IN THIS CAUSE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE. DATA IN COMMISSION RECORDS MAY BE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, BUT THE REFERENCE MUST BE SPECIFIC, AND IF IT INCLUDES EXHIBITS FILED IN PRIOR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION, A COPY OF SUCH EXHIBIT PROPERLY IDENTIFIED SHALL BE SUBMITTED FOR THIS RECORD.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RICHARD BAILEY HOLTON, Deceased, were issued on January 18, 1999, in Cause No. 2243, pending in the County Court of HANSFORD County, Texas, to: STEPHEN W. HOLTON AND JERRY R. HOLTON.

The residence of the Co-Independent Executors is 705

Wilmeth Driver SPEARMAN, HANSFORD County, Texas; the post office address is:

c/o: P.A. LYON III
Attorney at Law
1205 W. UNIVERSITY BLVD.
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All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 18th day of January, 1999.

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By: P.A. LYON III
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF TEXAS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court, 84th Judicial District of Hansford County, Texas, at the Courthouse in Spearman, Texas, at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the 20th day of January, 1999, the date of issuance of this citation, by filing a written answer to plaintiff's petition that was filed in the court on the 20th day of January, 1999, Numbered 4330, on the docket of the court, entitled IN RE: MORSE COMMUNITY BUILDING.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows:

The Petitioners in this suit are Emit Schmidt, Tom Dortch and Annette McCloy, as successor trustees of the Morse Community Building. The purpose of this suit is to seek a declaratory judgment under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act, Sections 37.001 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, in regard to the following: On September 29, 1962, Lots 4 through 8, inclusive, Block 8, Original Town of Morse, Hansford County, Texas, were conveyed to Mack Dortch et al, as trustees for the Morse Community Building. A community building was subsequently constructed on the above described real property. The building became inadequate for the use for which it was originally constructed and a new building was constructed which serves the same purpose as the old building. It is in the best interest of the community of Morse that the above described property, including the old building, be sold and that the net proceeds of sale be delivered to the Morse Community Building, Inc., a Texas non-profit corporation, to be placed in an account to be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the new community building that is owned by Morse Community Building, Inc.

The Petitioners are requesting the Court to ratify their appointment as successor trustees of the Morse Community Building, to order that said successor trustees have the power to sell the above described property, at public auction, with or without reserve, and convey said

real property by warranty deed to the purchaser.

All is as more fully shown by the Petitioner's petition on file in the above referred to suit.

If this citation is not served with in 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve it and make due return according to the requirements of law, and the mandates of this citation.

ISSUED Under my hand and the seal of the court at Spearman, Texas on the 20th day of January, 1999.

Kim V. Vera
District Clerk,
Hansford County, Texas

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all news and advertising for the Hansford County Reporter Statesman is Monday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline may be published at a later date.
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PRINGLE-MORSE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
GENERAL AND FOOD SERVICE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1998

DATA CONTROL CODES	1B 100-199 GENERAL FUND			2B 240-242 FOOD SERVICE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND			
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	
REVENUES:							
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,359,068	\$ 1,436,995	\$ 77,927	\$ 13,000	\$ 12,203	\$ (797)
5800	State Program Revenues	58,150	62,931	4,801	450	2,317	1,867
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	-	-	17,000	19,145	2,145
5020	Total Revenue	\$ 1,417,198	\$ 1,499,926	\$ 82,728	\$ 30,450	\$ 33,665	\$ 3,215
EXPENDITURES:							
Current:							
0010	Instruction and Instructional - Related Services	\$ 581,020	\$ 569,398	\$ 11,622	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	60,471	57,236	3,235	-	-	-
0030	Support Services - Student (Fup)	70,989	51,969	12,120	67,189	60,857	6,332
0040	Administrative Support Services	120,112	111,193	3,919	-	-	-
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	183,355	161,908	18,487	-	-	-
0080	Capital Outlay	33,000	30,780	-	-	-	-
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	399,021	278,996	120,025	-	-	-
6030	Total Expenditures	\$ 1,448,008	\$ 1,275,380	\$ 169,408	\$ 67,189	\$ 60,857	\$ 6,332
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (30,810)	\$ 223,546	\$ 254,356	\$ (36,739)	\$ (27,192)	\$ 9,547
7020	Other Resources	-	-	-	36,739	27,192	(9,547)
8030	Other (Uses)	(36,739)	(27,192)	9,547	-	-	-
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ (67,549)	\$ 196,354	\$ 263,903	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,033,153	1,033,153	-	-	-	-
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(29,965)	(29,966)	-	-	-	-
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 935,638	\$ 1,199,541	\$ 263,903	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

