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Family turns farming outside, in

by Harletta Carthel

As farmers, Brad and Gyene Spivey of Gruver, have battled dust storms, hail, early freezes, flooding, and drought. Maybe that's why the idea of farming in a controlled climate appealed to them when daughter Lexy and her husband Tim Glass wanted to return to the farm.

"We wanted to find something we could do together," Brad said. "Since I have always been interested in hydroponic farming, I thought we could use our farming experiences and expand it into hydroponic tomato farming."

That idea was the beginning of 4-S Farms. With the family buying used equipment and doing most of the work themselves, the steel framework of the greenhouse was erected last March, east of Brad and Gyene's rural home, eight miles north of Gruver.

The family suffered a setback on the next step of their project when high winds destroyed the poly liner they were attempting to stretch over the metal skeleton. But the Spiveys learned that just like skinning a cat, there is more than one way to put plastic over a pipe frame.

"The next time we planned to put the poly liner up, I fixed breakfast for about 20 or more of our neighbors and friends. They, in turn, all helped to roll the covering over the frame," Gyene said. "It was like an old-fashioned barn raising."

With the two poly liners of the greenhouse in place, the Spiveys began to incorporate the latest scientific technology to make a perfect biosphere in which their planned 900 tomato plants would flourish.

Since hydroponic farming is a means of growing plants in a soil-less medium using water to deliver nutrients, the amount and frequency of watering is critical. "The amount of water the plants need is determined by a probe which measure heat and sunlight in the greenhouse. Right now, we use about 250 gallons of water a day. We also adjust the different nutrients delivered to the plants through the water based on a monthly chemical analysis of the plants' leaves."

It is also vital that the greenhouse maintains a temperature of about 64 degrees at night and 75 degrees in the day, and it is especially important for the roots to be kept warm.

"We use natural gas heating, but I will be adding a means that will deliver warm water to the roots and save energy," Brad said.

Since electricity is a crucial component of the greenhouse, the Spiveys have a generator in place for emergency use during a power outage. The back-up system would prevent the loss of air between the two layers of poly that both insu-

late the greenhouse from heat and cold and provide a protective cushion from hail for the second poly layer and the growing plants.

"We have a sensiphone which calls our home phone if the power should fail. If the computer cannot get us there, it calls our cell phones, or can even call our children's home phones," Gyene said.

Although the hydroponic farm may seem high tech, much of the work must still be done by hand.

"It's a labor intense project," Gyene said. "We first planted seeds in horticultures (small compressed foam germination cubes), transferred them to net pots, and then to poly bags of ground coconut fiber."

The daily work is also a hands-on mission.

"It would probably be a full day's work for one person, but Gyene, I and our son-in-law each put in about 3-4 hours a day," Brad said. Most of those hours are spent pinching off tiny sucker leaves that grow in between the plant stems or tying up the vines, which can grow as long as 70-80 feet. As the tomatoes ripen, more hours will be needed for picking.

High tech also needs Mother Nature's help in the form of bees.

"We use bees to pollinate the plants. They fly freely through the greenhouse, but are non-aggressive and rarely sting unless they are swatted," Brad said.

Since chemical insecticides are not used on the plants, Mother Nature also plays a role in the control of harmful insects. Rectangles of cardboard, about the size of a playing card, are flecked with larvae of beneficial insects and hung in the greenhouse to hatch and begin their life's work.

This month the combination of scientific technology, hard work, and nature are culminating in the Spivey's first harvest of vine-ripened tomatoes. "Our tomatoes will be in grocery stores in Gruver, Spearman, and Perryton," Brad said. "We are not seeking other markets yet until we know how many tomatoes to expect each week. We wouldn't want to promise tomatoes we can't deliver."

Since the tomato plants put on a cluster of new fruit each week, the Spiveys expect to harvest a new layer of tomatoes weekly.

With the harvest of their tomatoes beginning, the Spiveys are already considering the possibility of building additional greenhouses, planting different varieties of tomatoes, and expanding to more market places.

"Our first responsibility is to supply the markets we have now before adding more," Gyene said. "But regardless of how many markets we eventually have, 4-S Farms will always have tomatoes for our local community, family, and friends."



Reminiscent of "Jack and the Beanstalk," Gyene and Brad Spivey tend their tomato plants which can grow 70-80 feet.



The hand of Gyene Spivey shows the size of their first crop of tomatoes.



Bailey Glass, granddaughter of Gyene and Brad Spivey, pauses to express what she thinks of the tomatoes grown by her grandparents.

Gruver First Baptist Church to celebrate seventy-five years

by Harletta Carthel

In celebrating its 75th anniversary this week, the First Baptist Church is evidence that faith has been a cornerstone of the Gruver community from its earliest beginnings.

Founded December 1, 1929, the First Baptist Church predates the incorporation of Gruver as a city by several months.

With thirty-four charter members, the church, in its infancy, was unable to afford a full-time pastor and elected as its first preacher W. H. Forbes. Church meeting times were the first and third Sundays of the month.

Charter members were Mrs. D. L. McClellan, Mrs. W.N. Fletcher, grandmother of Gene Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Keiger, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Forbes, Mrs. W. A. Schrader, Mrs. N. E. Gruver, Mrs. S. B. Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward, Mr. R. W. Harris, Mrs. T.J. Stevenson, Mr. C. A. Williams, Mrs. W.I. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mr. Clayton Smith, Lola Faye Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Morrison, the parents of Melba Rasor, Mrs. S. H. Alexander, Miss Clarice Kreiger, Miss Eunice Robinson, Mrs. M. F. Barkley, the grandmother of Les Barkley, Mr. Dwain Wade, Mr. W. H. Hawkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris, the parents of Glen Harris.

Showing the interdependence of the early churches in Gruver, on alternate Sundays, the Baptists met with the Community Church where they usually listened to a sermon by a Methodist preacher.

A small community church building was the first gathering place for the newly-formed church. Later the group would meet in the new brick school building which now houses Gruver Junior High.

The Baptists later participated in a community Sunday school which met in a newly-built Community Church building.

In 1930, the Baptists felt ready to construct their own building and began work in the south yard of the present-day Baptist Church building, which was completed in 1976.

Following the collapse of the roof of the activity center in 2003, the center was repaired and remodeled to its present state.

The church's pulpit has been filled by eleven pastors: W.H. Forbes 1929, Oscar Paschall 1934, Herbert Hughes 1936, George Massingale 1952, Bill Burton 1954, A. G. Purvis 1957, Bill Butts 1964, John Denton 1973, Larry Miller 1980, and current pastor, Scott Curry, who began in 1996.

Members of the church will celebrate its 75th anniversary this Sunday with a day of worship and special remembrances with former pastors Bill Butts and Larry Miller present.

In 1949, with ten classrooms, a pastor's study and a library constructed. This construction project would continue to be a part of the present day church which was completed in 1954. The activity building, north of the church, was completed in 1976.

The first of twenty-three years of services in the building was conducted May 13, 1931, in the small white-painted building.

The church voted to go from half-time to three-quarter time preaching April 25, 1937, with full time preaching following soon afterward.

As more educational space was needed, the construction of a basement followed in 1939, with six classrooms and a kitchen being built. In 1941, a parsonage was built with a basement beneath for Sunday school classrooms.

With growth continuing, additional educational space was added

Hansford Officials Retire

Hansford County tax assessor-collector Helen Dry and Sheriff R.L. McFarlin will retire at the end of this month.

The 63-year-old McFarlin, who has moved to Amarillo with his wife, Kay, will be leaving a position he has filled for more than 30 years. The leaving will be tough, but he said he has served his time and it will be good to be closer to necessary services in Amarillo as the couple gets up there in age.

"I've got a lot of good friends here, and I'll certainly miss those people," McFarlin said. "This is just an all-round good community."

Although Dry, 64, is joining McFarlin among the retired, she won't be joining him in Amarillo. Dry said she has lived in Spearman for 50 years, and she has no intention of changing that. She does plan on changing the time she gets up every morning, however.

"I just decided I'd worked long enough," Dry said. "There's still a

lot of things I want to do. I don't know exactly what yet, but I'll figure that out later. The main thing is I'm just not going to have to get up when that alarm clock goes off in the morning."

Deputy Gary Evans was elected to replace Sheriff McFarlin and tax-assessor deputy Linda Cummings was elected to replace Helen Dry. Both defeated opponents in the March primary and ran unopposed in the November primary.

A reception will be held on Friday, December 10th from 2-4 p.m. in the Hansford County District Courtroom in Spearman. The public is invited to stop by to wish these two public servants well in their retirement.

Spearman Blood Drive
Tues., Dec. 7th
2-7 p.m.
O'Loughlin Center

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Southwest winds around 10 mph.

FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

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SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 30s.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 50s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows near 30.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 40s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour



The home of Nolan and Helen Holt is one of four homes to be featured in the Gladiola Flower Club's 25th Home Tour. The tour will be held on Sunday, December 12th from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The Gladiola Flower Club has scheduled a Home Tour for Sunday, December 12, 2004 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. This will be the 25th Home Tour sponsored by the club.

The home of Nolan and Helen Holt will be one of the homes featured in the Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour.

The home, built in the 1940's with an addition made around 1960, has recently been redecorated in a colorful cottage style.

Other homes on the tour are those of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Thomas, Verna Lee Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Butts, as well as the Holt home. Tickets are \$5, and may be purchased from members of the Gladiola Flower Club, or at the door.

IN THE NEWS

UN Releases Major Report on Reform, Global Threats
A blue ribbon panel recently released a landmark report on global threats that insisted the U.N. Security Council approve any "preventive" war, which was not the case when the U.S. invaded Iraq. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan had asked the panel of 16 veteran foreign ministers and diplomats from around the world, including former U.S. national security adviser Brent Scowcroft, to spell out how the world body should reform itself and identify the main dangers to mankind in the 21st century.

Agency Sees Global Economy Weakening in 2005
Prospects for the global economy next year have grown dimmer as high oil prices hurt consumption and the unchecked rise in the United States trade deficit depresses the dollar. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said today. The forecast came as the United States Commerce Department revised upward its estimate for third-quarter gross domestic product growth to a robust 3.9 percent from its initial estimate of 3.7 percent.

Shopping Slows at End of Holiday Weekend
The first holiday shopping weekend of the year may have started with a bang, but it ended with a whimper, evidence from two groups that track sales showed on Tuesday. The International Council of Shopping Centers, the leading shopping center organization, trimmed its sales forecast for November and released figures that confirmed a strong shopping surge on Friday fizzled over the Thanksgiving weekend.

U.S. May Plan Offensive in Afghanistan
Thousands of U.S. soldiers are preparing an operation against Taliban insurgents to preempt an expected spring offensive which could upset plans for Afghan parliamentary elections, a senior American general said in an interview Tuesday. The operation will begin within days of the Dec. 7 inauguration of Hamid Karzai as Afghanistan's first directly elected president — an event that itself is a potential target, Maj. Gen. Eric Olson told The Associated Press.

Prosecutor: Immigrants Treated Like Cattle
Three people involved in the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt were part of a scheme that treated immigrants "worse than cattle on the way to the slaughterhouse," a prosecutor said Tuesday in opening statements. The trial of Victor Jesus Rodriguez, Claudia Carrizales de Villa and Freddy Giovanni Garcia-Tobar is the first related to the May 2003 deaths of 19 illegal immigrants inside a tractor-trailer. Prosecutor Daniel Rodriguez said the three were part of a smuggling ring that tried to transport a group of more than 70 immigrants from south Texas to Houston. But defense attorneys said the three had minimal involvement.

Dollar Mixed After Touching New Lows
The dollar was narrowly mixed on Wednesday after chalking up yet another record low versus the euro and sliding to a 12-year trough against a surging British pound. The dollar briefly ticked higher on news both U.S. personal income and consumption rose more than expected in October. Income rose 0.6 percent while spending was up 0.7 percent. Economists had forecast a 0.5 percent rise in income and a 0.4 percent increase in consumption.

Red Cross Finds Detainee Abuse in Guantánamo
The International Committee of the Red Cross has charged in confidential reports to the United States government that the American military has intentionally used psychological and sometimes physical coercion "tantamount to torture" on prisoners at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. The finding that the handling of prisoners detained and interrogated at Guantánamo amounted to torture came after a visit by a Red Cross inspection team that spent most of last June in Guantánamo.

Canada, the Closer Country for Outsourcing Work
Like many software outsourcing companies, Keane often sends work to its employees in India. But at the same time, Keane, which is based in Boston, is expanding its base of software developers in its original, and much closer, outsourcing location: Canada. While the debate over software and call center outsourcing from the United States focuses mainly on India, the Philippines, Singapore and other distant points, its significant growth in Canada has attracted relatively little attention.

Homeland Security Chief Ridge Resigns
U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, who headed President Bush's efforts to build up domestic security following the Sept. 11 attacks, resigned on Tuesday. In the latest shake-up of Bush's second-term Cabinet, Ridge, known for his color-coded security alerts and suggesting the use of duct tape in home security kits in case of attack, announced his decision at a news conference after submitting his resignation letter to the president.

Live,
Laugh
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My dear friend Sally Desimone sent me the following article entitled "The 'other' 10 Commandments." I thought they were especially appropriate during this busy holiday season.

The 'other' 10 Commandments

- Thou shall not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
- Thou shall not be fearful, for most of the things we fear never come to pass.
- Thou shall not cross bridges before you come to them, for no one yet has succeeded in accomplishing this.
- Thou shall face each problem as it comes. You can only handle one at a time anyway.
- Thou shall not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.
- Thou shall not borrow other people's problems. They can better care for them than you can.
- Thou shall not try to relive yesterday for good or ill, it is forever gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now!
- Thou shall be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear different ideas from your own. It is hard to learn something new when you are talking, and some people do know more than you do.
- Thou shall not become "bogged down" by frustration, for ninety percent of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive action.
- Thou shall count thy blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.

Author Unknown

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

Preventing the Spread of Influenza in Child Care Settings:

Guidance for Administrators, Care Providers, and Other Staff

Symptoms of flu include fever (usually high), headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea also can occur, and are much more common among children than adults.

The main way that flu is spread is from person to person through coughs and sneezes. This can happen when droplets from the cough or sneeze of an infected person travel through the air and reach the mouth or nose of people nearby. Sometimes flu can be spread when a person touches droplets, nose drainage or saliva from an infected person, or a soiled object, and then touches one's own (or someone else's) nose or mouth before washing hands.

Vaccination against the flu each fall remains the primary way to prevent this disease. Vaccination, along with other measures, also may help to decrease the spread of influenza among children in the child care setting and among care providers.

Remind children and care providers to wash their hands or use alcohol-based hand rubs, and make sure that supplies are available.

- Encourage care providers and children to use soap and water to wash hands when hands are visibly soiled, or an alcohol-based hand rub when soap and water are not available, and hands are not visibly soiled.
- Encourage care providers to wash their hands to the extent possible between contacts with infants and children, such as before meals or feedings, after wiping the child's nose or mouth, after touching objects such as tissues or surfaces soiled with saliva or nose drainage, after diaper changes, and after assisting a child with toileting.
- Encourage care providers to wash the hands of infants and toddlers when the hands become soiled.
- Encourage children to wash hands when their hands have become soiled. Teach children to wash hands for 15-20 seconds (long enough for children to sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice).
- Oversee the use of alcohol-based hand rubs by children and avoid using these on the sensitive skin of infants and toddlers.
- Rub hands thoroughly until the alcohol has dried, when using alcohol-based hand rub.
- Keep alcohol-based hand rubs out of the reach of children to prevent unsupervised use.
- Ensure that sink locations and restrooms are stocked with soap, paper towels or working hand dryers.
- Ensure that each child care room and diaper changing area is supplied with alcohol-based hand rub when sinks for washing hands are not readily accessible. Alcohol-based hand rubs are not recommended when hands are visibly soiled.

Keep the child care environment clean and make sure that supplies are available.

- Clean frequently touched surfaces, toys, and commonly shared items at least daily and when visibly soiled.
- Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered household disinfectant labeled for activity against bacteria and viruses, an EPA-registered hospital disinfectant, or EPA-registered chlorine bleach/hypochlorite solution. Always follow label instructions when using any EPA-registered disinfectant. If EPA-registered chlorine bleach is not available and a generic (i.e., store brand) chlorine bleach is used, mix 1/2 cup chlorine bleach with 1 gallon of cool water.
- Keep disinfectants out of the reach of children.

Remind children and care providers to cover their noses and mouths when sneezing or coughing.

- Advise children and care providers to cover their noses and mouths with a tissue when sneezing or coughing, and to put their used tissue in a waste basket.
- Make sure that tissues are available in all nurseries, child care rooms, and common areas such as reading rooms, classrooms, and rooms where meals are provided.

Encourage care providers and children to wash their hands or use an alcohol-based hand rub as soon as possible, if they have sneezed or coughed on their hands.

- Observe all children for symptoms of respiratory illness, especially when there is increased influenza in the community.
- Observe closely, all infants and children for symptoms of respiratory illness. Notify the parent if a child develops a fever (100°F or higher under the arm, 101°F orally, or 102°F rectally) and chills, cough, sore throat, headache, or muscle aches. Send the child home, if possible, and advise the parent to contact the child's doctor.
- Encourage parents of sick children to keep their children home. Encourage sick care providers to stay home.
- Encourage parents of sick children to keep the children home and away from the child care setting until the children have been without fever for 24 hours, to prevent spreading illness to others. Similarly, encourage sick care providers to stay home.
- Consult your local health department when increases in respiratory illness occur in the child care setting.
- Consult with your local or state health department for recommendations to prevent the spread of respiratory illness.

Fast Facts

- Approximately 1/5 of the U.S. population attends or works in schools. (U.S. Dept of Ed, 1999).
- Some viruses and bacteria can live from 20 minutes up to 2 hours or more on surfaces like cafeteria tables, doorknobs, and desks. (Ansari, 1988; Scott and Bloomfield, 1989)
- Nearly 22 million school days are lost annually due to the common cold alone. (CDC, 1996)
- Addressing the spread of germs in schools is essential to the health of our youth, our schools, and our nation.
- Students need to get plenty of sleep and physical activity, drink water, and eat good food to help them stay healthy in the winter and all year.

Always remind children to:

- Cover their nose and mouth with a tissue when they cough or sneeze—have them throw the tissue away after they use it.
- Wash their hands often with soap and water, especially after they cough or sneeze. If water is not near, use an alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- Remind them to not to touch their eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs often spread this way



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IN THE NEWS

GM to Lay Off 950 at New Jersey Truck Plant
General Motors Corp. on Tuesday said it will lay off about 950 workers at its Linden, New Jersey, truck plant early next year and cease production of the two sport utility vehicles manufactured at the facility. GM, which earlier this month said it would close a van plant in Baltimore, said it will stop production of its aging Chevrolet Blazer and GMC Jimmy SUVs due to slow sales. Both SUVs have suffered dwindling sales since being replaced in GM's lineup with more current models.

Powell Hopes to Promote Haiti Political Transition
Secretary of State Colin Powell will visit Haiti on Wednesday to try to promote the political transition in the Caribbean nation, where political and gang violence has killed over 200 people since September. The latest violence threatens a U.N. mission designed to help the poorest country in the Americas emerge from years of political turmoil and recover from February's bloody revolt that prompted former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to flee.

Congress Trims Money for Science Agency
Congress has cut the budget for the National Science Foundation, an engine for research in science and technology, just two years after endorsing a plan to double the amount given to the agency. Supporters of scientific research, in government and at universities, noted that the cut came as lawmakers earmarked more money for local projects like the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and the Punxsutawney Weather Museum in Pennsylvania.

Rwandan Troops Enter Congo, Congo Officials Say
Rwandan troops have killed at least 19 civilians in an attack on a town in eastern Congo, a Congolese commander said on Tuesday, after Rwanda said its forces may have launched an attack in pursuit of Hutu rebels. There was no independent confirmation of a Rwandan incursion but both comments raised the prospect of fresh war in the region, where four million people have died in the past decade from genocide, war and conflict-related hunger and disease.

Republican Certified as Wash. Governor; Recount Seen
Republican Dino Rossi was certified as the winner of the Washington governor's race on Tuesday, but Democrats were expected to request a hand recount in the closest gubernatorial election in the state's history. Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed certified Rossi as the winner in the drawn-out contest for governor of the Pacific Northwest state with a 42-vote victory over Democratic Attorney General Christine Gregoire. Gregoire's backers have until Friday to request a hand recount, which Reed said could delay the final outcome of the election for several more weeks.

Suicide Bomber Kills 12 at Police Station in an Iraqi Town
A suicide bomber rammed his car into a group of policemen waiting to collect their salaries on Monday morning west of Ramadi, killing 12 people and wounding many others in the latest attack on Iraq's security forces, officials at the Interior Ministry said. In Baghdad, two American soldiers with the First Cavalry Division were killed and three were wounded when a roadside bomb detonated near their convoy, military officials said.

U.S. Officials Say Iraq's Forces Founder Under Rebel Assaults
Iraqi police and national guard forces, whose performance is crucial to securing January elections, are foundering in the face of coordinated efforts to kill and intimidate them and their families, say American officials in the provinces facing the most violent insurgency. For months, Iraqi recruits for both forces have been the victims of assassinations and car bombs aimed at lines of applicants as well as police stations.

Board Accepts Nuclear Vow by Iranians
In a defeat for the Bush administration, the 35-country ruling board of the International Atomic Energy Agency passed a mildly worded resolution on Monday welcoming Iran's total freeze on a sensitive part of its nuclear program. The resolution, passed by consensus without a vote, removes the possibility that the group will drag Iran before the United Nations Security Council for possible censure or even sanctions.

Bush Says Iran Must Go Beyond Nuclear Suspension
President Bush on Tuesday welcomed a decision by Iran to freeze sensitive nuclear activities but said that was not the final step and the Islamic republic needed to go further to show its commitment to abandoning nuclear weapons ambitions. "The Iranians agreed to suspend but not terminate their nuclear weapons program. Our position is that they ought to terminate their nuclear weapons program," Bush said during a joint news conference with Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

U.S. Rejects Guantanamo Detainee Torture Claims
The International Committee of the Red Cross has accused the U.S. military of using tactics "tantamount to torture" on prisoners at the U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, a claim the Pentagon flatly rejected. Responding to a leaked ICRC memorandum in The New York Times on Tuesday, the Pentagon strongly denied allegations of abuse of prisoners being held at the base and the State Department said it believed detainees were treated humanely.

Bush Nominates Kellogg Executive for Commerce Secretary
President Bush on Monday nominated Carlos M. Gutierrez, among the most prominent Hispanic business executives in the United States, to be his commerce secretary, as the president continued with what Republicans said would be a broad overhaul of his cabinet. Mr. Gutierrez, 51, has been chief executive of the Kellogg Company, the cereal maker, for more than five years, and has built a reputation as an innovative and forceful business leader with broad international experience.

Car Bomb Kills Seven, Wounds 20 in Iraq
A car bomb in a crowded market north of Baghdad killed at least seven civilians and wounded 18 Tuesday as a U.S. military patrol passed by. As well as daily attacks on Iraqi security forces and civilians, November has been one of the deadliest months for U.S. troops, with at least 134 killed -- just one short of the figure in April which was the highest monthly toll so far. The U.S. military says it expects violence to escalate before elections scheduled for Jan. 30.

Oil Prices Slip, Winter Supplies Seen Up
Oil prices fell on Tuesday as an expected increase in U.S. heating fuel supplies eased concerns over an inventory crunch should this winter's weather prove colder than normal. New York crude futures settled down 63 cents to \$49.13 a barrel, reversing an earlier rally that had brought prices over \$50 on production problems from oil fields in the North Sea and eastern Canada. London Brent crude fell 24 cents to \$45.48 a barrel.

Israeli Coalition Crisis May Force Early Election
Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's shaky coalition Tuesday faced collapse in a row over the 2005 budget, raising the prospect of early elections that would endanger his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip. His largest partner, the secular Shinui party, ignited the crisis by saying it would oppose the 2005 budget at its first reading in parliament Wednesday. Sharon's aides said he would dismiss Shinui if it defied him in the vote.

Shiites End Talks With Al-Sistani Group
A group of 38 Shiite Muslim political parties broke off negotiations Tuesday with backers of Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, claiming a candidate list under discussion was dominated by religious extremists. "We don't want to be an extension of Iran inside Iraq," said Hussein al-Mousawi, spokesman for the Shiite Political Council. "We found out that the top 10 names in the list are extremist Shiite Islamists who believe in the rule of religious clerics."

Iraq Asks Neighbors to Tighten Border Security
Iraqi officials Tuesday appealed to neighboring countries to do more to stop the cross-border activities of rebels whose relentless attacks have cast doubt on whether Jan. 30 elections can be held on time. Iraq's interim government is determined to go ahead with the elections as scheduled, despite daily attacks on Iraqi security forces and civilians which have also made November one of the deadliest months for U.S. troops with at least 134 killed.

Pentagon brushes off criminal complaint against Rumsfeld
The Pentagon brushed off a criminal complaint filed in Germany seeking an investigation into the roles played by US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other top administration officials in the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal. A Pentagon spokesman said eight major inquiries have been conducted into the prisoner abuse scandal, and three more reports are pending. "Results show the actions depicted in the Abu Ghraib abuse photos were not the result of US policy," said the spokesman.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prairie Rivers Musical

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S. Roland, in Spearman on December 27, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Fundraiser for Christ Redeemer Catholic Church

The Christo Redentor Catholic Church of Gruver is holding a drawing for a 2004 Chevy Aveo. Tickets are \$10 each, and all proceeds will benefit the Church. The drawing will be held on December 12, 2004. Tickets are available at Sergio's Body Shop, Annie's Fashions and Amigo's Cafe, or from any member of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Norma Vargas at 659-2018.

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2005. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering on Saturday, December 11th at the Morse Baptist Church in Morse. A pot luck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. A communion and worship service will follow at 7 p.m. Sponsors training will be held after that. Nursery will be provided. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Wesley UMC hosts 24th annual Festival of Arts & Crafts

The Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford will be hosting its 24th annual Festival of Arts and Crafts on December 4, 2004 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford. For more information, call Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-0774; Janen Egan, 126 Aspen, Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-5789; Wesley Methodist Church, PO Box 1743, Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-4419.

Hospice Lights of Love

The Hospice Lights of Love service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 6th. The service will begin at the Manor, and will move out to the Gazebo for the lighting of the Lights of Love Tree. Refreshments will be served.

Cooperative Extension offers Marketing Short Courses

The Texas Cooperative Extension will offer four marketing short courses in Amarillo this year as a part of the Advanced Topic Series. You can get help in developing a marketing plan for the upcoming feedgrains or cotton crop, learn more about marketing tools you can use to improve your bottom line and reduce your risk about marketing tools you can use to discipline in your marketing. These courses and instructors have been highly rated by past participants who have reported substantial gains in receipts based on what they have learned. Classes will be: Advanced Futures and Options, Dec. 16 & 17; Developing This Year's Marketing Plan - Feedgrains, Jan. 12 & 13; Pulling the Marketing Trigger, Feb. 15; Developing This Year's Marketing Plan - Cotton, Mar. 15. For more information, contact the Hansford County Extension office at 659-4130, or Steve Amosson at the district office, 677-5600.

Panhandle Artists' Hanging

The Amarillo Museum of Art and The Art Museum Alliance are sponsoring the Panhandle Artists' Hanging on Thursday, December 2 from 5-9 p.m., Friday, December 3 from 8 a.m.-noon, Saturday & Sunday, December 4 & 5 from 1-5 p.m. This is a unique initiative designed to give artists of all ages and levels of experience an opportunity to exhibit their work in a museum setting. The Hanging is open to any artist working in any medium. One work per artist will be accepted. The show is hung, by the artist, salon style from floor to ceiling at the Amarillo Museum of Art, 2200 S. Van Buren, 2nd Floor Galleries. All artworks submitted for exhibit are subject to review to assure the exhibition is appropriate for an audience of all ages. Participation is free. All work must be dry and ready to hang or install. The Museum will furnish nails, hammers and a limited number of pedestals. All work hung on the wall may not exceed 5x5 ft. For more information, call the Museum at 371-5050.

Texas Golf Pass Makes Great Holiday Gift

The holidays are approaching and that means endless hours on your aching feet shopping for those you love. Let the American Cancer Society relieve your foot pain, save you time and avoid all the holiday shopping crowds. No longer will you have to worry about trying to find something for that special person who has everything this gift-giving season. Over 280 Texas golf courses have teamed up with the American Cancer Society's 2005 Texas Golf Pass to help raise money to fight cancer in Texas. And, it's just in time for the holidays. For a \$35 contribution, it provides golfers over 761 rounds of golf at 289 Texas courses. The Texas Golf Pass can be ordered by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.texasgolfpass.com. The web site has a special search feature to help you find participating courses. American Express, VISA and MasterCard accepted. Thanks to the great support of so many Texas golf courses, golfers now have another way to participate in the fight against cancer, while enjoying the game they love. It also makes it possible to enjoy many different courses throughout the state when traveling for business or for fun. The Pass expires December 31, 2005. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee

The 2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee will be held Tuesday, February 15 at 3:30 pm in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Private, public, parochial and home-schooled students are eligible to enter this annual competition. The bee is open to any student in grade 8 and below. The county senior champion will compete in the March 5th Regional event at the Canyon High School campus in Canyon. For more information about the spelling bee, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, Spearman ISD at 659-3233.

Three-on-three basketball challenge nearing

The Amarillo Family Downtown YMCA is offering an adult recreational three-on-three basketball challenge to be held December 18, 2004. The registration deadline is December 11. Team fees are \$75 with a team roster limit of five players. For more information, call 806-4374-4651 or go online at www.amarilloymca.org.

Agricultural appraisal seminar slated

The American Society of Agricultural Appraisers is offering a four and one-half day personal property seminar in Dallas/Fort Worth, December 8-12. The seminar is designed specifically for those who currently are, or desire to become a livestock farm equipment, or horse appraiser. This is an excellent opportunity for those who are looking to enter the appraisal profession and for those appraisers who desire to enhance their professional appraisal skills. For more information, call 806-488-7570 or visit www.amagappraisers.com.

'Journey to the Manger' to be presented

The Community Worship Center of Perryton will present a musical drama "Journey to the Manger" Sunday, December 5, at 3:00 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Monday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Perryton High School auditorium.

Girl Scouts seek nominations for Women of Distinction Awards

The Five Star Council of Girl Scouts is seeking nominations for the 2005 Women of Distinction awards to honor women from throughout their five-state jurisdiction. The public is invited to submit the name of a woman who is a positive role model for girls. Each of the women selected will be notified of her award in January by local Girl Scouts. Recipients will be honored at a banquet in Amarillo on March 4, 2005. Nomination forms are available by calling 806-336-0096 and must be received by no later than December 10, 2004.

Happy Birthday!

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

December 2

Birthdays - Audrey Beasley, Don Dillow, Paul Stavlo, Mike Close, Sharon Freeman, Kristin Dunnihoo, Ginger McClellan, Dora Womble, Jana Price, James Terry, Amanda Gaines, Blare Title, Christi Cooper, Cecilla Favela, Frances & Jeffrey Davis

December 3

Birthdays - Shell Haynes, Bethany Harris, Lila (Mike) Hergert, Kevin Harris, Francisco Lozano, Jewell King, Alvin Auld, Mark Taylor, Jenny Neff

December 4

Birthdays - Chris Spivey, Lynn Stedje, Denise Ferguson, Heather Gikas, Kristy Easley, Imogene Baker, Joyce Duncan, Tim Fletcher, Amber Newman, Kristina Christian, Aletha Jackson

December 5

Birthdays - Martha Haden, Billy Dearmond, Mike Skinner, Dale Randall, Arbeta Nobels, Gwen Smith, Norman Scroggs, Susie Oakley, Beatrice Comp, Cory Marrs

December 6

Birthdays - Ryan Ramon, Penny Kruse, Coleen Brummett, Ed Dear, Mrs. Johnny Gaither, Cecelia Randall, Mayleea Castillo, Carolyn Harnden, Kelli Cummings, Lisa Keetch, Mary Venneman, Chevy Smith, Jerald Ray Scribner, Jenna McElroy

December 7

Birthdays - Sheldon Atwood, Brenda Bayless, Del a, Janell

Anniversaries - M/M Willard McCloy

December 8

Birthdays - Stan TeeBeest, Reynaldo Garza, Lawrence Tindell, Scott Slater, Hershel Jones, Carmen Arjona, Jason Holton, Michelle Cook Kaman, Theresa Davis, Tim Weldon, Bruce Stinson, Morgan Lackey, LaVerne Parks

December 9

Birthdays - Clayton Smith, Verna Finley, Grant Odom, Matt Overbey, Marlene Winger, J.H. Campbell Jr., Gail Vanlandingham, Elodia Flores, Melana Papay, Shawn Cook, Juan Garcia Jr., Elda DeSantiago, Maddie Rose Stork

December 10

Birthdays - Pat Barkley, Akiko Bort, Marilynn Hart, Harold King, Brent Pittman, Aaron Jackson, Kayla Pletcher, Donald Platt, Kay Barnes, Lelia Bynum, Phyllis Collins, Linda Bartz, Bryce Reed Jarvis, Serina Diaz, Brent Wagner

December 11

Birthdays - Kasey Davis, Manella Kiser, Dana Steele, Phillip Renner, Maria Martinez, Florence Fletcher, Jim Evans, Betty Dunaway

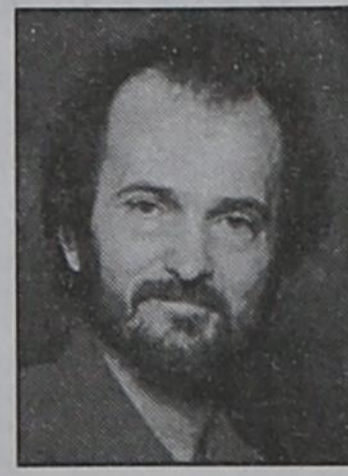
December 12

Birthdays - Gene Fletcher, Kaisi Foster, Claudia Barton, Olga Cantu, Mary Ann Martin, Jana (Pittman) Ivey, Babara Ring, Daniel Ochoa, Don Reed, Chance Johnson, Ivin Boyd, Christine Brandvik, Omar Favela, Guadalupe Trejo, Freddy Walton, Marvin Wilkerson, Justin Boyd, Brandon Sauz

Anniversaries - M/M Jon King, M/M John Lopez, Charles & Melanie Elliott

Our Sympathy

JERRY LYNN DUNCAN



GRUVER - Jerry Lynn Duncan, 62, died Tuesday, November 30, 2004. A memorial service will be held on Friday, Dec. 3, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Gruver with the Rev. Scott Curry and Rev. George Price officiating. Interment will be in Gruver Cemetery. Mr. Duncan was born in Altus, Okla. on April 28, 1942. He graduated from Gruver High School. After graduation, he worked on the farm for several years before moving to Houston where he worked for a large trucking firm. After moving back to Gruver, he worked on the farm, when his health allowed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, T.T. and Joyce Duncan, and a son, Richie Todd.

Survivors include four sons, Kelly Don and Sylvia Duncan and Tracy Duncan, all of Dallas, Bobby and Dawn Duncan of Conroe and Justin Duncan of Gruver; a daughter, Launa and Robert Nehi of Washington, DC; nine grandchildren, including Sara Ann and Joshua Duncan of Conroe and Alexander and Miriam Page Nehi of Washington, DC; and a brother, Gene and Francis Duncan of Gruver.

The family suggests memorials be to the Gruver Ambulance Fund, PO Box 847, Gruver, TX 79040, or one's favorite charity.

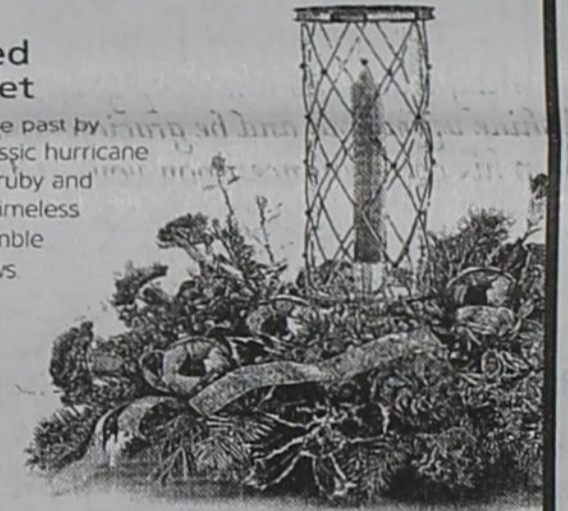
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First Baptist Church
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Men's Bible Study - Wed. 7 a.m.
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Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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First Baptist Church
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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
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Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
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Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gumfory

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - George Price

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Friday Evening Mass
Summer - 8:00 p.m.
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

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Worship: 11 a.m.
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4-H honors couple for 50 years of dedication

Linda and Britt Jarvis were honored with the District 1 Distinguished 4-H Leader Award at the District 1 4-H program November 6, on the West Texas A&M University.

The Jarvis' 50-year involvement with the 4-H program began with Linda joining the 4-H program at age 8. Competing in food shows, record books and dress revues, Linda attended the national 4-H Congress where she was a state winner, modeling in the National Dress Revue.

The Jarvis's three children were all 4-H members each achieving honors at the state level in horse show, methods demonstrations and judging events.

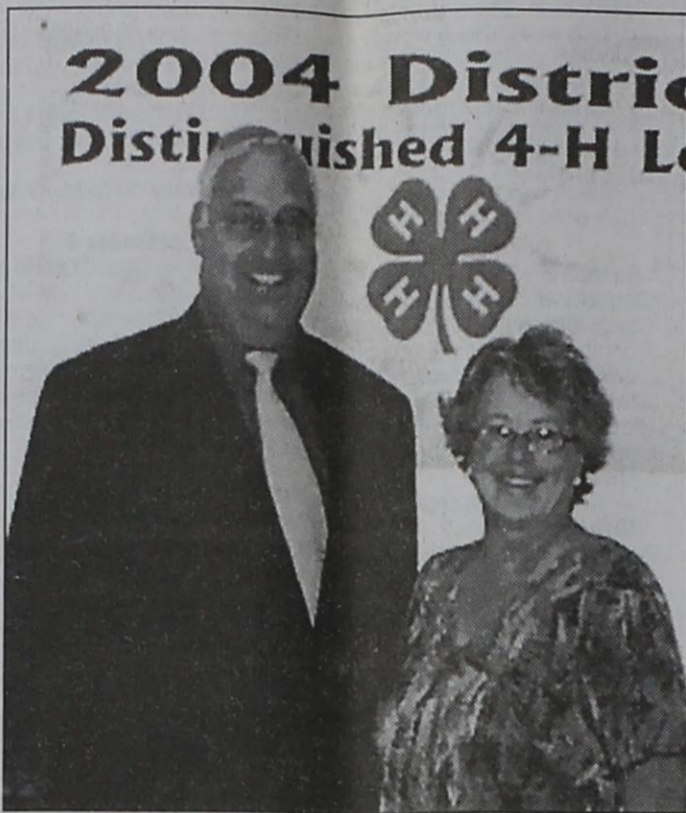
Both Linda and Britt have been continually active leaders in 4-H, and now have grandchildren involved in the 4-H program.

The nomination for Britt and Linda cited the couple as supporters of 4-H members in their fund-raiser sale by purchasing animals at the livestock show and by their faithful donation of goods to the 4-H concession stand.

For Britt and Linda, their long-time association with 4-H has been mutually beneficial.

"We continue to learn from 4-H projects with which we're involved. All of us benefit from the organization and, as the motto describes, as we become better, so does our community, our country and hopefully our world, one young life at a time," Linda said.

Linda and Britt farm and ranch south of Spearman in Hutchinson County. Linda is a homemaker while Britt practices law.



Britt and Linda Jarvis were honored with the Distinguished Leader Award for their 50 year support of the 4-H program.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Fog, mist, rain, hail and snow brought field activities to a standstill. Corn and sorghum harvest was stalled. Sorghum producers are concerned about lodging of the stalks. Cotton harvest was also stalled. Quality deterioration is causing much concern among producers. Yield and grade of peanuts are declining due to wet conditions. Wheat is good to excellent. Yellowing, nitrogen deficiency, wheat streak mosaic virus and HighPlains virus have been reported. Rangelands are poor to excellent. Cattle are in good condition. Feedlots are muddy.



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First Baptist Church to present Christmas musical "One Incredible Moment"

The Sanctuary Choir of the First Baptist Church will present their annual Christmas musical on Sunday, Dec. 5, during the morning worship hour at 11 a.m.

This year's musical is "One Incredible Moment." This is an exquisite tapestry woven with the emotion-filled writing of Max Lucado and the timeless musical crafting of Tom Fette. This musical reveals how every character and moment of that divine night illuminate the miracle of Christ.

Max Lucado, well known author, and composer Tom Fette joined forces to create a unique Christmas musical "One Incredible Moment." More than two thousand years after his birth, the miraculous circumstances of Christ's birth still astound us; yet everything from that night - the shepherds and the angels, the star and the wise men, the virgin birth in a stable - remains in the shadow of the Child Himself. In one incredible moment, God reunited Creator and created. His perfect plan appeared in the flesh, becoming the cornerstone of man's redemption.

Narrators personifying the characters in the Christmas story are Brenda Pierson, Brian Holt, Jessica Holt with Abigail, James Cunningham, Linda Davis, Buddy Benton, and Pastor Jim Medley. Soloists and ensemble members joining the choir in this powerful music of Christmas are Shawn Farrar, Mike Pack, Kathy Archer, Becky Byers, Susan Kidder, Wayne Biggs, Troy James, Debbie Stopper, Brenda Ferguson, Don Schroeder, Teresa Pack, Lana Medley, and Sam Pierson. The musical presentation will be brought to life by a video portrayal of scenes from the narrative, both musical and spoken.

Please join us for this glorious celebration of Christ - the true reason for our observance of Christmas.

These words from the publisher are our call to worship, "The majesty of the manger, the splendor of the star, the anthem of the angels brings heaven to our hearts. As we proclaim the message, redemption's timeless plan; in one incredible moment, our God became a man!"



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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the Union Church for bringing church to the Manor on the 21st. We appreciate you!

Monday morning started off with a real bang! The kindergarten classes from Spearman came to visit the Manor. They sang Thanksgiving songs for the residents, watched Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving Dinner, had snacks & visited. The kindergartners were awarded a turkey that the Residents had made from cookies and candy to take home with them. The kids had really worked hard on their songs and it paid off. They performed very well. We appreciate the children, teachers, schools, and aides for sharing their children with us. It is so much fun to watch children play!

In Life Enrichment class we watched a video of the Route 66 trail. Different towns were shown along with trivia along the way. This tape was from Tulsa to Amarillo.

The Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce hosted bingo that night. Thank you to the Women's Division!

Tuesday morning we had an interesting Newscurrent Program.

After lunch we met in the activity room for Resident Council. The Residents had much business to tend to.

Betty Scribner was elected to be the Resident of the Month and Colby Smith was elected to be the CNA of the Month for December. Congratulations to them!

After Resident Council we played Taboo. We had a visiting young man. I don't know which

was funnier to watch--him, Ernestina, or the Residents.

Wednesday morning brought a beautiful snow, donuts from Kountry Donuts, and Bible Study. Janie Kunselman led the Bible Study and played several worship songs for the Residents.

That afternoon we worked on the snowmen made out of light bulbs. We had a room full of busy, happy hands. On hand to help us was the current CNA class and a visitor. It was a lot of fun.

Thursday we stayed home and stuffed while the Residents enjoyed turkey & dressing at the Manor.

Friday morning Sandi Foster played kickball with the Residents.

After lunch we gathered in the living room for Chatter Club. The topic of discussion was Thanksgivings Past. Some wonderful stories were told. One was so funny!

One Resident shared that their mother had made fruit salad and various cold dishes for their Thanksgiving Dinner. Having no refrigeration, she sat the bowls

down on the ground outside in the snow to chill. She sent her two young daughters (One of them was telling this tale) out there to stay with the dishes to protect the food from the chickens and the pigs.

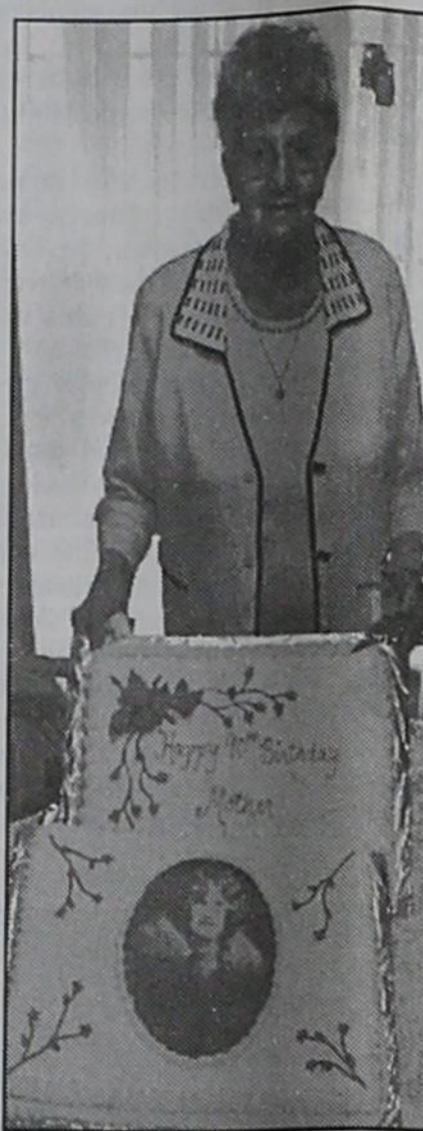
Being young and full of energy, of course they started playing and forgot all about their duties. The pigs ate the fruit salad and got into the other dishes.

She laughed now, but I sure don't think that she did then. They were in lots of trouble!!

Another Resident said that he lived at Enid, Okla. He related adventures of relatives coming and the kids taking their sleds up the hills and sledding together all day.

Another Resident told of one special Thanksgiving at her home. She related that before coming to live here, Thanksgiving dinner was always spent at her house.

One Thanksgiving her son-in-law called to ask if he could bring a guest. Of course she said yes. It turned out to be a homeless man that had been sleeping in a local church. She said that was so special because it reminded everyone of what Thanksgiving was all about. And so it is with us all!



Dora Womble celebrates 90th birthday

Dora Womble was honored for her upcoming 90th birthday on Sunday, November 28th with family and friends. Dora's birthday is December 2nd, but a family celebration was held on Sunday so more would be able to attend.

Dora's children planned the event, which was held at her home in Spearman. Her children are Jerry and Jackie Womble, Bob and Suzie Womble, Ron and Deana Womble and Jeanie and Hal Bennett. Dora has nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family would like to say a special thank you to everyone in the community who stopped by or sent a card.

Community care concerns

Trace Worley is in Fort Worth where he had repair work on his pace maker.

Basketball

The Spearman Varsity Lynx and Lynettes will participate in the Miami Varsity Tournament Thursday-Saturday, December 2-4.

The Spearman JV Lynx and Lynettes will participate in the Gruber JV Tournament Thursday, December 2-Saturday, December 4.

Kids for Christ will present a Christmas program Sunday December 5, at 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve candlelight services are slated at Gruber United Methodist Church for 6:00 and 10:00 p.m., Friday, December 24.

It's a wet one

With the two inches of snow that fell in Gruber on Monday, there has been a total of 31.22 inches of moisture recorded for the year. The total moisture recorded November 1, 2004, was 18.16.

The first freeze of the 2004 season was recorded on November 2.

Evergreens ready for adoption
Now is the time to sign up for adoption of an evergreen in the city park for the holiday season.

As in the past, the adopted evergreens will be decorated by individuals, families, or groups to honor or memorialize a loved one.

City workers will see that electricity will be available at every evergreen. Decorators need to bring their own lights, decorations, and sign designating the person being honored and those responsible for the decorations.

The lights on the evergreens will be turned on Mon. evening, Nov. 29.

City Manager Linda Weller urges residents to begin their decorating early to avoid inclement weather.

Those adopting a tree should leave their name at City Hall along with the name of the person being honored so they may be published in the Reporter-Statesman.

Spearman

Band concert scheduled

The Spearman jr. high and high school Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, December 2nd in the Spearman High School Auditorium.

Gillaspie serves as organist for Chapel services

Spearman resident Mindee Gillaspie, a student in the School of Music at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, was an organist for Logsdon Chapel services for the Logsdon School of Theology. The services at which Mindee played were on November 11 and November 18 at 11:50 a.m.

FBC presents Christmas musical

The First Baptist Church of Spearman will present their Christmas musical on Sunday, December 5th at 11 a.m.

Hansford County

Dry, McFarlin retirement reception slated

Tax Assessor-Collector Helen Dry and Sheriff R.L. McFarlin are retiring. A reception will be held in their honor on Friday, December 10, 2004 from 2-4 p.m. in the Hansford County District Courtroom in Spearman. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come by and wish them well in their retirement.

Band students to compete

Gruber and Spearman high school band students will compete in the All-Region Band tryouts Monday, December 6 in Panhandle.

Pringle-Morse

Faculty Christmas party

The Pringle Morse faculty will have their Christmas Party Thursday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m.

Students to take field trip

Pringle Morse students (pre-k through eighth grade) will take a field trip to Amarillo Friday, December 10 to see "The Nutcracker."

Gruber

Honor group raffles cakes for cystic fibrosis

The GHS National Honor Society has begun their annual cake raffles during halftime of all home basketball games.

The money raised through the raffle will benefit the cystic fibrosis foundation which is the NHS's national benevolence.

Gruber to host tourney

The annual Gruber junior varsity tournament will be held this weekend. Games will begin Friday, December 3, and conclude Saturday, December 4.

FCCLA to host luncheon

FCCLA will host its annual Christmas luncheon, Wednesday, December 8th.

Lions Club hosts guests

GHS seniors Oscar Medina and Chelsea Reid will be special guests of the Gruber Lions Club Wednesday, December 1.

United Methodist lists events

The Gruber United Methodist Church will present their annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m.

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Hunters to converge on county for opening of pheasant season

by Harletta Carthel

The population of Hansford County may double this weekend with the start of the 2004 pheasant season on Saturday.

Beginning this year, the season will start on the first weekend in December rather than the second weekend of the month and will be an extended season of 30 days.

The season will begin Saturday, December 4 and run through Sunday, January 2, according to Mike Wheat, Texas Game Warden for Ochiltree and Hansford counties.

Game Warden Wheat stated that the 2004 limit will be two pheasant cocks per day per hunter. A hunter may have no more than twice the bag limit or four birds in possession. With pheasant numbers up, Wheat did not think county hunters would have a problem reaching their limit.

"Hunters may encounter some problems with wet fields and mud," Wheat said. "It may be hard for hunters to get around."

In the way of advice for hunters, Wheat emphasized the need for hunters to take the Hunters' Safety Course. The course is mandatory for all hunters born after September 2, 1971.

Several county organizations such as the Morse Lions Club and Alpha Mu Psi of Gruber are seeking to raise funds by sponsoring hunts or breakfasts for hunters.

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Gruver Chamber of Commerce "Big Boys Toy Show"

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce held their first annual "Big Boys Toy Show" October 9, 2004 at the Gruver Municipal Airport. The event was declared a success with over 50 entries and around 350 people in attendance.

The morning began with an Ultra-Lite fly in, people enjoyed breakfast burritos sold by the Gruver Booster Club, donuts, hot coco and coffee and juice. While viewing the exhibits of hot rods, antiques automobiles, airplanes, motorcycles and antique tractors attendees enjoyed the Gruver Lions Club hamburgers and sausage wraps.

Attendees cast their votes for their favorite entry in each division. After tallying the ballots, the following winners were declared:

HOT RODS: 1969 Chevy Camaro RS-SS entered by Kurt Eiling (as determined by votes of those attending)

BEST MOTORCYCLE: 2000 Indian Chief entered by Bob Davis

BEST ANTIQUE CAR: 1934 Ford Model T with rumble seat entered by Leon Bagwell

BEST TRACTOR: 1934 D John Deere entered by Lynn Stedje

BEST OF SHOW: 1967 Ford Mustang entered by Mark Davis

The Tractor Pull started at 1:00 with many first time viewers. Winners are listed by weight class.

TRACTOR PULL

Weight Class up to 2500 pounds: First place - 220.9 feet, 1949 Farmall C owner/driver Glen Ford, second place 200.5 feet, 1949 Farmall owner/driver Glen Ford, Jason McDonald.

Weight Class 2501-3500 lbs.: First place full pull, 1934 WC Allis owner/driver Glen Ford, Heather Ford. Second place - 230.3 feet - 1934 WC Allis, owner/driver Galen Ford, Jason McDonald.

Weight Class 3501-4500 lbs.: First place - 202.1 feet, 1944 John Deere A, owner/driver Glen Ford, Mike McDonald

Weight Class 4501-5500 lbs.: First place - owner/driver Sam Hall, Second place-193.4 feet, 1952 John Deere A, owner/driver Carl Hall

Weight Class 5501-6500 lbs.: First place - 217.3 feet, 1956 John Deere 620, owner/driver Bobby Thompson. Second place - 188.3 feet, 1939 Farmall M, owner/driver James Stegall.

Weight Class 6501-7500 lbs.: First place - 189.1, 1949 IHC WD9, owner/driver Bobby Thompson.

Weight Class 7501-8500 lbs.: First place - 235.11 feet, 1959 Five Star Minneapolis Moline, owner/driver Jim Hall. Second place - 216.10 feet 1959 John Deere 830, owner/driver Curtis Raines.

Weight Class 8501-9500 lbs.: First place - 256.10 1958 John Deere 820, owner/driver Lee Stedje. Second place - 236.10 feet, 1959 Five Star Minneapolis moline, owner/driver Jim Hall

Weight Class 9501-10,500 lbs.: First place - 241.9 feet, 1959 John Deere 830, owner/driver Lynn Stedje. Second place - 237.5 feet, 1963 John Deere 4010, owner/driver Bobby Thompson/Jimmy Morly.

Weight Class 10,501-13,500 lbs.: First place - 1960 IHC 660, owner/driver Clayton Thompson.

Weight Class 13,501-15,000 lbs.: First place - 252.5 feet, 1962 John Deere 5010, owner/driver Jim Deakin/Lee Stedje. Second place - 220.4 feet 1963 Case 1030 owner/driver Bobby Thompson.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to say a big thank you to everyone who brought an entry, Lee Stedje, Bobby Thompson, the county guys, and the city of Gruver employees.

Long sleeved T-Shirts from the event are still for sale at the Gruver City Hall for \$20.00.

Homeowners urged to check propane heating units

With area residents feeling an early winter's blast Monday and Tuesday, home heating units are already in use.

Kevin Bynum of Golden Spread Sales Company has good advice for homeowners with propane gas heating systems.

To be prepared for the season, homeowners should schedule a professional check of the entire gas system, including appliances. With the rising cost of heating fuels, homeowners should take advantage of early-bird specials to have their propane tanks filled, and should make sure the tank stays full all winter long.

"Propane marketers will send a specially-trained technician to check the entire propane gas system for leaks and will insure all local regulations and industry standards are met," Bynum said.

Technicians will also check the tank, piping, regulator, gauges, connectors, valves, vents, thermostats, pilots, burners, and appliance controls to make sure they are in good working condition.

Homeowners should regularly check all gas appliance intakes and exhaust vents for the clothes dryer, furnace, and water heater to make sure they are kept clear of debris,

Thanksgiving comes early for Make-A-Wish child

Making dreams come true is not unusual for the banking business, but First National Bank of Spearman is taking the job personally.

For nine-year-old Lupe in Dumas, her dream of a newly-remodeled bedroom became a reality November 19th, thanks to the Make A Wish program of Amarillo and the Dumas Branch of First National Bank.

Suffering with spina bifida, the wheel-chair bound student wished for a new bedroom that would be more like a rainbow.

With her wish made, First National Bank Dumas Banking Center, set to work to provide the funding for the dream.

"This is the first time First National Bank has been a part of the Make A Wish program," Brian Gillispie, Dumas Branch Manager said. "We always try to be a part of the community and to make a difference in peoples' lives, and this is one instance in which we could do just that."

A local construction company in Dumas took on the job of providing Lupe with a new room. New wooden floors were installed in her mobile home bedroom, new windows with a prism to cast a rainbow's glow in the room, in addition to new paint, curtains, and furniture.

"It's kind of like the extreme home makeover show on television but on a smaller scale," Gillispie said. "A local motel provided a place for Lupe while the work was being done, and she was able to see the transformation on Friday for the first time."

Lupe's first viewing of her new room and an interview with Gillispie, who represented First National Bank, was televised on the 6:00 p.m. newscast of Channel 10, November 19.

Editors Note...

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Judy Yarbrough displays her snowman made from household items.



Buzzing with ideas to make happy holidays were presenters at last Tuesday's Lunch and Learn sponsored by the Hansford County Extension. Sandra Mills of Lipscomb County with her looped fleece scarf, admires a handcrafted angel shown by Bernice Callaway, Judy Nelson, who demonstrated personalized stockings, and Dorothy Woolley who demonstrated decoupaged serving dishes, admire Bernice's hand-made jacket.

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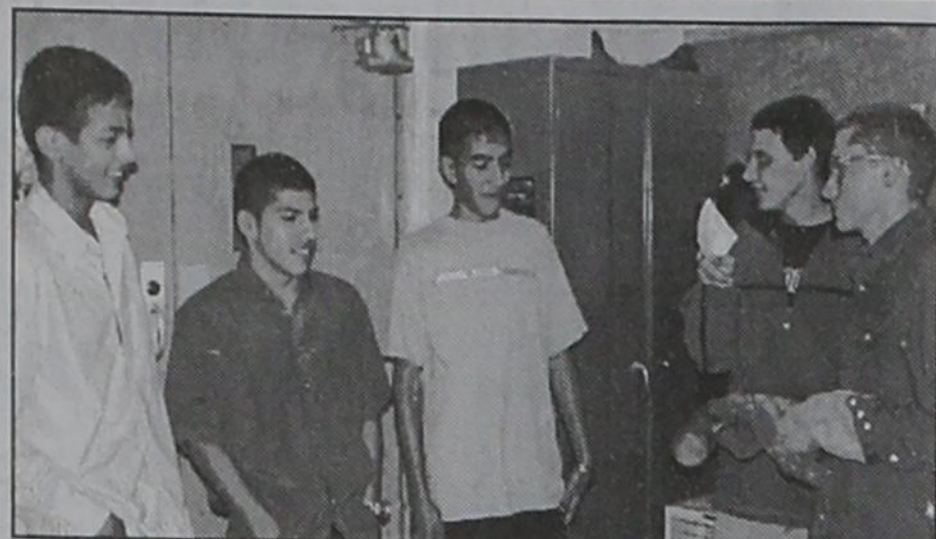
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Spearman High School senior, Justin Parker (2nd from the right) and Orié Cooksey (far right) give Pringle-Morse 8th grade students (left to right) Freddy Bonilla, Jose Sanchez, and Luis Ruiz a tour of the ag classroom at Spearman High School. The students toured the high schools at Sunray, West Texas, Spearman, and Gruver. Several high school students talked to the students and then gave them a tour of all of the high school facilities.

Items needed for soldiers at Landstuhl hospital

Editor's Note: My daughter, Jennifer McNulty sent me the following letter from Mary Beth Sanders, a volunteer at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, where many of our wounded soldiers are sent for medical treatment.

If you would like to make a donation, you may bring your items to the Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, in Spearman.

(victory3n1@hotmail.com) or Sandy (sandy.delk@us.army.mil) and they will send you the address of the hospital so they may be sent directly to the attention of the Chaplain's Office.

Also, **THEY MUST BE MAILED THROUGH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NOT A COMMERCIAL CARRIER!** Please feel free to include handwritten notes or cards, candy, or other items you think they would enjoy. We will make sure that they are passed on to the soldiers.

May God Bless You,
Mary Beth Sanders
Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany

Wounded soldiers arrive at Landstuhl Hospital with only the clothes on their back. This may be the uniform they were wearing when they were injured, or a hospital gown if they were sent to a field hospital prior to being sent to Landstuhl. Obviously, neither of the above is suitable to wear for travel when they leave the hospital, regardless of their destination.

There is a Clothing Closet set up to provide clothing for our brave young soldiers during their stay at the hospital and for their flight home, 100% of which is donated from all over the United States: families, schools, churches, organizations, clubs, and businesses.

The heartfelt appreciation and gratitude expressed by the soldiers when they receive these items is overwhelming. Unfortunately, supplies have been seriously depleted. The Clothing Closet is in dire need of new, unused sweat shirts, sweat pants, and long-sleeve T-shirts in sizes Medium through XXL. They will be distributed to our military personnel who are being treated there or being transferred. These items should not have any organizational logos on them; however, name-brand logos are acceptable.

Many of the bases in Europe are conducting drives to provide the above mentioned articles of clothing. However, due to limited shopping opportunities here, we cannot purchase enough to satisfy the need. Our local military exchanges do not carry a sufficient inventory of these articles, and are prevented from ordering large numbers unless they are pre-paid.

If you can help with this project you would bless our soldiers in a very real, tangible way. Boxes may be sent to either of the following addresses: Mary Beth Sanders, PSC 9 Box 4406, APO AE 09123 or Sandy Delk, CMR 402 Box 861, APO AE 09180.

If you are sending more than a few boxes, email me

2003-2004 Spearman ISD Gifted & Talented Nominations

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Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the Elementary, Jr. High, or High School office and complete the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted through December 17, 2004. Nominated students will go through a screening process to determine eligibility. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the counselor's office at 659-2326 (Jr. High) or 659-2565 (Elementary).

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8th Annual Community Christmas Dinner

Where: The O'Loughlin Center
When: December 25th • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
What: A free dinner will be provided for anyone in the community who would like to share in the Christmas spirit with food and fellowship.

Sponsored by Friends of Spearman.

Rides will be available to and from the O'Loughlin Center. Call 659-3550, 659-3584 or 659-3434 and leave message, if you need transportation.



Enjoy Christmas Music

Eat Hot Dogs

Celebrate the Holiday Season with Tradition

Family, Friends & First State Bank

Eat Lunch With Us

Wednesday, December 8th

16th Annual Christmas Hot Dog Cookout

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Come Join In The Fun!



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Strength is our Tradition... Service our Goal

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Pictures with Santa
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Basketball Hoopla

SHS students of the month

Lynxette Junior Varsity
Spearman 33, Wheeler 26
Davis 4, Reed 6, Bradley 4,
Cazares 1, Kern 7, Barnes 2, Hart
9.
Spearman 48, Perryton 11
Shields 4, Davis 4, Lang 3, Reed 5,
Bradley 10, Boyd 3, Cazares 2,
Kern 7, Schneider 6, Hart 4.
Spearman JV 45, West Texas 7
T Shields 5, Davis 4, Lang 4, Reed
2, Bradley 4, Cazares 6, Kern 11,
Barnes 4, Hart 5.
Spearman JV 37, Stratford 43
T Shields 7, Lang 2, Reed 4,
Bradley 9, Cazares 2, Kern 13.
Spearman JV 44, Canadian 39
T Shields 8, Lang 6, Reed 7,
Bradley 5, Cazares 6, Kern 10,
Hart 2.

Lynxette Varsity
Lynxettes 67, Wheeler 33
Jordan Short 17, Kelcee Rex 11,
Saylee Flowers 7, Kendall
Schneider 4, Kylee Howard 11,
Tonya Hart 13, Jordanna Lozano 4.
Lynxettes 71, Miami 32
Jordan Short 5, Kelcee Rex 20,
Saylee Flowers 12, Kendall
Schneider 13, Kylee Howard 11,
Tonya Hart 9, Jordanna Lozano 1.
Lynxettes 44, Perryton 38
Lindsay Short 2, Macy Harbour 2,
Jordan Short 14, Tabatha Shields 2,
Britta Vanderburg 2, Kelcee Rex 8,
Saylee Flowers 5, Kylee Howard 1,
Tonya Hart 4, Jordanna Lozano 4.
Lynxettes 45, Gruver 30
Lindsay Short 8, Britta Vanderburg
2, Kelcee Rex 11, Saylee Flowers
5, Kylee Howard 1, Tonya Hart 2,
Jordanna Lozano 16.

Lady Hounds Varsity
Lady hounds 28, Perryton 53
Lindsay Clift 1, Sarah Mireles 2,
Lauren Urban 2, Laina Grotegut 4,
Blythe Finley 4, Jessica
Montgomery 5, Rachele Holt 10.
Lady Hounds 30, Spearman 45
Lindsay Clift 10, Lauren Urban 12,
Laci Fitzgeard 2, Rachele holt 3,
Victoria Vela 7.
Gruver 8th Grade Girls
Gruver 8th 24, Booker 11
Devlin Reynolds 5, Brenda
Mendoza 8, Sydney Clawson 4,
Lynn Vela 7.
Gruver 7th Grade Girls
Gruver 7th 21, Booker 19
Leigh Ann Winger 9, Mattie Yanke
12.



Caleb Gillaspie and Lisha Whitefield

Seniors Lisha Whitefield and Caleb Gillaspie are the Spearman November Students of the Month. Caleb competes in basketball, football, track and golf. He is active in the First Baptist Church Youth Group. A member of the 2004 Lynx football team which advanced to the play-offs, Caleb was named to the academic all-district team in

High School. He also enjoys the small town atmosphere of Spearman. His most influential teacher has been Mr. Orr. Lisha is a varsity manager for the Lynxette Basketball team, a member of the all-school play cast, and also works at Mur Murs Cafe. Her awards and honors include being a member of the third-placing play at the state One-Act Play competition last year, competing at state on an academic team, and being a part of the bi-district area basketball team. She enjoys being with friends, playing on the computer, and spending time with her family. The daughter of Tanja and Ed Whitefield, Lisha plans to attend college and become a photographer. At Spearman High, she enjoys the relationship between the teachers and students and lists the support of the community of the students as what she likes best about Spearman. Her most influential teachers have been the late Cathy Stedje and Coach Kenton Johnson, both of Morse.

Gruver FFA wins honors in leadership contests

Gruver FFA placed in six leadership contests at the Top O Texas District Leadership Contest November 18, with three teams advancing to area competition, November 20. Placing at the Top O Texas District Leadership contest held at Frank Phillips College in Borger and advancing to area competition at West Texas A&M University in Canyon were Junior FFA Creed Speaker Tanner Sherrill, second in district and fourth in area; the Junior Quiz team of Chandler Miner, Baldo Garcia, Carson Finley, and Tanner Sherrill, second at district and twelfth in area; the Senior FFA Quiz Team of Travis McDowell, Jimmie McCloy, Victoria Vela, and Jessica Montgomery, second in district and seventh in area. Also competing in district competition were Malissa Montgomery, fourth in Junior Creed Speaking; Jessica Montgomery third in Senior Creed Speaking; Jessica Vela, Rachele Holt, and Timber Barkley, fourth in Radio Broadcasting, and Timber Barkley fifth in Job Interview. At the district level, Gruver FFA competed against 13 other schools, and against 88 other schools at the area level.

CC Runners named to academic all district

Sixteen Spearman High School cross country runners have been named to the all district academic team. Named to the girls team were Kim Bergan, Amy Boyd, Amy Brown, Rossilyn Bulls, Jessica Diaz, Tarryn Dixon, Macy Harbour, Tonya Hart, Christy Lang, Melissa Lesly, Sonny Parker, Tabatha Shields, Tara Shields, Lindsey Short, and Aleisha Sweat. Daniel Kern was named to the academic all district boys team.

Santa will be in our store each Saturday (Dec. 4, 11 & 18) from 2-4 until Christmas. He will have a toy and candy cane for every child. Pictures with Santa will be available.

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New Menu (10 new items)
Wed. Night - All-You-Can-Eat Catfish

Shop Hansford County for Cash

Cash Prizes to be

Drawing to be held December 22, 2004

How to Enter:

1. Shop at any Hansford County Merchant for Christmas gifts.
2. Bring your sales receipts to our bank.
3. You will be entered once for every \$25 worth of sales receipts.

The Rules:

Receipts can be added up from different merchants.
Must be 18 years or older to enter.
Fuel, food and vehicle sales excluded.

FREE CAR!

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FUNDRAISER FOR CHRIST REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH
The Christo Redentor Catholic Church of Gruver is holding a drawing for a 2004 Chevy Aveo. Tickets are \$10 each, and all proceeds will benefit the Church. The drawing will be held on December 12, 2004. Tickets are available at Sergio's Body Shop, Annie's Fashions and Amigo's Cafe, or from any member of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Norma Vargas at 659-2018.

Teenagers! Win \$100 at Radio Shack

You must enter in person at the bank
Gift certificate will be for Spearman B&B Radio Shack.
All Radio Shack products will be available through special order.

Hey Kids! Bicycle Giveaway

Have Mom or Dad bring you to the bank so you can enter to win.
Must be 5 to 12 years of age to enter.

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 523 S. Barkley, Spearman - 4BR, 3B, double car garage with cellar. Lots of character, lots of storage, new heat/ac unit, fruit trees, hardwood floors and great location. Priced to sell. Call for appointment, (806) 330-0467.

FOR SALE: 719 W. 7th Street, Spearman - Building, fixtures and/or stores. Contact Jackie Ginger or Susan at (806) 659-2608. TFN(5-27-04)B

FOR SALE: 714 Gibner Dr., Spearman - 4BR, 3B, 2CG - nice home with large family room, fenced yard. Call (806) 659-3260. TFN(8-19-04)B

FOR SALE OR RENT: 620 S. Bernice, Spearman - 5BR, 2B, fenced backyard, detached 1CG, includes 1 room apartment house. Call (806) 878-3604. TFN(9-16-04)B

FOR SALE: 601 S. Barkley, Spearman - 3BR, 1 1/2B, double carport. Seller says "SELL price reduced to \$40,000!" TFN(9-16-04)B

FOR SALE: 206 S. Cluck, Gruver - 3BR, 1 1/2B, 2C detached garage w/large finished room. Call 733-8040. TFN(9-16-04)B

FOR SALE: 727 Wilbanks, Spearman - 3-4BR, 1 1/2B, office, living room, dining room, laundry room, central H/A, garage, lg. covered porch, lg. backyard, lg. carport, on 1/4 lots. Call 432-268-4746 or 432-264-7781. TFN(9-16-04)B

FOR SALE: 702 S. Haney, Spearman - 2-3BR, 2 1/2B, 2CG, new roof, new furnace. Call 659-2000. TFN(10-28-04)B

FOR SALE: 504 Roland, Spearman - Summer home - 3BR, 2B, living room, dining room, laundry room, sprinkler system, includes 1BR detached apartment. TFN(9-30-04)B

Blankenship Real Estate 659-3052 - 670-3774

SPEARMAN 906 Townsend - Close to Elementary & Jr. High: 3BR, 1B, 1CG, all brick, new paint.

Great Home - Price Reduced! 720 Gibner - 2,500 sq. ft., 3BR, 2B, 3 living areas. Call for appointment!

4 lots on Oklahoma Street. Eulalia Blankenship - Sales Eschol Blankenship - Broker New Listings Wanted

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IN SPEARMAN 601 Barkley - 3 1/2, double carport, lovely location close to school. Price reduced to \$40,000! 715 Bernice - 3/2, dbl carport, lg rooms, central air/heat

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RESIDENTIAL IN SPEARMAN 1016 Wilmeth: \$154,900 - 3BR, 2B, 2CG, 3517 sq. ft. 711 Lee: \$150,000 - 3BR, 2B, C H/A, 2CG, 3156 sq. ft. 1108 Dressen: \$49,900 - Wonderfully maintained 3BR, 1 1/2B 112 Wanda: \$41,000 - Nice kitchen, 3BR, 1B, deck, sits on corner lot 107 W 12th: 3BR, 1 1/2B, remodeled, has shop and room for RV parking 107 Wanda: \$32,500 - PRICE REDUCED - 3BR, 1 1/2B, C H/A, corner lot and has storage bldg in back

Equal Housing Opportunity. INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED.

Real Estate & Rental PRICES REDUCED! 903 Richardson - 2BR, 1B 813 Richardson - 2BR, 1B 801 Richardson - 3BR, 1B, 1CG, 2 carports

Gruver Property 505 Cluck - 3BR, 2B, 2CG, basement, 2-story 206 Richardson - 2BR, 1B, 5 lots 811 Womble - 3BR, 1 1/2B, carport 306 Womble - 2-3BR, 1B, 2CG 618 Front Street - 1BR, 1B, cellar, lg. shed 802 Womble - 2-3BR, carport, corner lot

Rural Property 9520 Hwy. 15 - 30+ acres, 2 houses, close to Gruver 170 Acres - 3BR, 1B 1520 Hwy. 15 W - 3BR, 2B, 2CG

Texhoma Property 1018 S. Rowe - 2BR, 1B, newly remodeled

Real Estate & Rental for all your real estate needs! Melinda McCullough, Assoc. (806) 733-5678 Dawn Brown, Assoc. (806) 274-3568 John Graves, Broker Toll Free: 1-877-664-5050

4000 sq. ft. drive, located on corner lot. Could be all-season home. Call (806) 596-5066. 4(12-02-04)P

FARM LAND FOR SALE: Ochiltree County, Texas - 744 acres of good productive farm ground, excellent for wheat, milo, corn or alfalfa, 2 small irrigation wells, access to 3rd well available, superior location, highway frontage, will divide if necessary. 324 fertile acres; 95 acres of grass and stocked fishpond, remaining 229 acres planted to wheat. Underground lines to utilize water from pond to irrigate farm ground, domestic well with submersible pump, beautiful homestead site with numerous trees, pens and out-buildings, excellent location with highway frontage. Real Estate & Rental, 1322 S. Main Perryton, Texas 79070, (806) 435-4623, toll free 877-664-5050, (806) 435-2394 or (806) 202-0203 - cell, angie@texasloot.net. Your Full-Service Real Estate Brokerage Firm. 2(11-25-04)B

FOR RENT/LEASE FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 2BR, 1B apartment - \$350/month, water paid. Call Larry O'Neal 659-9971. TFN(10-21-04)B

FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 1BR, 1B furnished apartment - utilities paid. Call 659-2247. 1(12-02-04)

HELP WANTED: Heavy equipment operator needed. Must have CDL. References preferred, experience required. Call 898-2813 or 659-3844. TFN(9-9-04)B

TRUCK DRIVERS NEEDED: Competitive wages plus safety bonus. Weekly pay, vacation after one year, paid medical insurance & uniforms provided after 90 days. Need to pass drug test. Class A CDL required. Opening available in Perryton at (806) 435-1190 or Canadian at (806) 323-8301. TFN(9-30-04)B

HELP WANTED: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Spearman is looking for someone to keep the church nursery on Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Please apply in person at First Christian Church in Spearman, 29 S. Bernice, between 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3, Monday-Friday, or call 659-3434. 2(11-11-04)B

SERVICES PAINTING or REMODELING? Call us for all your painting and remodeling needs - apartments, residential & commercial. Unicorn Painting & Remodeling - 659-5592. 4(11-4-04)B

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE: 1992 Chrysler New Yorker Sedan, 4DR. Excellent condition, low miles. Call 659-2497. TFN(11-11-04)

FOR SALE: Lazy-Boy love-seat sleeper - \$100; nice dining room table w/4 chairs - \$300; Kenmore washer, good - \$75; lift chair, good condition - \$550. In Spearman, 659-2791. 2(12-02-04)P

GARAGE SALE GARAGE SALE: Sat, Dec. 4 only, 10 a.m.-7, 607 S. Roland: Lots of Christmas decorations, old buffet, new power painter, antique gear-driven Singer sewing machine w/cabinet, and lots of misc. 1(12-02-04)B

GARAGE SALE: Sat, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-7, 303 N. Bernice: Tools, some furniture, lots of misc. Some items include riding lawn mower, self-propelled mower, saddle, radial arm saw, old craftsmen, 10" table saw, some furniture, cleaning supplies galore, some hand tools, some small power tools, engine stand, engine hoist. 1(12-02-04)B

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS Sealed proposals addressed to Danny Parker, Director of Public Works, of the City of Spearman, Texas for sealcoating of approximately 90,000 square yards of streets entitled: SEALCOATING - 2005 will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works, of the City of Spearman, 30 Southwest Court, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081-0037 until: 2:00 p.m. December 15, 2004. A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the Owner an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the Owner and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions. Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the office of the Director of Public Works, of the City of Spearman, 30 Southwest Court, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081, phone (806) 659-2524 and the office of Brandt Engineers, Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner: Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications. Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date. 2(11-25-04)B

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A view of Horse Creek running into Lake Palo Duro. Recent rain and snow increased the lake level sixteen inches.

Got milk?



Brian Gillispie, President of the Spearman Economic Development Corporation and Keith Hight of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce toast the plans for a dairy, which will be built in 2005, 12 miles south of Spearman.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--November 29, 2004--33.49 feet (+1.28 ft.)

Jim reported a raise of 16 inches from the snow and rain of last week. The flow was from Horse Creek, as the water from Farwell Draw that ran into the Palo Duro did not make it on to the Lake.

Jim's picture was taken at the old Andrews place where the small rock structure still stands, although the house was destroyed some years ago.

The crew at the Park have been working on hooking up to the West Texas Gas Company. They feel it will be cheaper than the propane they now use at the office and manager's residence.

When asked if we still had any of the tame ducks, Jim replied that there were 5 white ducks on the Kids' Pond that children enjoyed feeding. The two mallard looking drakes that did not hang with the white ducks have disappeared.

Over the holidays the Deringtons were visited by daughter Erin with

her husband Mike and then on Saturday son Hart with wife Jennifer and little son Grason were able to join them.

Cleon Roberts has sent me a copy of an article written about the shooting of George Aitkin.

Aitkin, originally from Scotland, was a rancher here in Hansford County. Our Lake now covers what was once his home. He and one of his neighbors got into a dispute that resulted in his death. Somewhat improbably --given the few cases of gun play in the county -- the first issue of the Hansford Investigator coincided with the shooting. This was July 10, 1907.

The paper covered the story in full. According to Dotty Jones' book Land of Opportunity the editor of the paper was Harry Purcell. She also wrote that the paper was established by Judge A. E. Townsend and lasted for two years before Purcell and his wife left to establish a paper in Ochiltree County.

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