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## Hansford Happenings

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

Weatherization Assistance Program

information, please call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs provides services to make homes warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer through the Weatherization Assistance Program of Panhandle Community Services. Other grants are leveraged with these funds and could assist in repairs such as: Caulking, Weather-stripping, Insulation, Repairing/replacing door/windows, Plumbing, roofing, etc. These weatherization services are for low-income families. Each eligible applicants house is assessed on a prioritized basis for allowable repairs. Call Panhandle Community Services' office at 435-2478 to see if you qualify.

**Immunization Notice** 

The Texas Department of Health is no longer providing immunization clinics in Hansford County. Instead, all children living in Hansford County may be immunized by Dr. Raul Tamayo by calling 659-5234 or 733-2954 to make an appointment. Bring the child's immunization card, insurance or Medicaid information, and information about the child such as allergies, previous medical conditions, and Social Security number, if available. A parent or guardian must accompany the child to give permission.

Vacunas El Departmento de Salud ya no esta dando las vacunas en este condado. Todo nino que vive en el condado de Hansford puede tomar sus vacunas con el Dr. Raul Tamayo. Favor de llamar al 659-5234 o al 733-2954 para una chita. Traiga la tarjeta de las vacunas. Información de aseguaransa o Medicaid, y informacion del nino; como alergias, condiciones medicas, y el numero de seguro social si lo tiene. Los padres o un guardian deben acompanar al nino para dar permiso.

Ag Group To Meet

Pro-Ag, the Plains Residents' Organization for Agricultural Growth, will be meeting Tuesday, January 6, 1998, at the Beaver County Fair Building. There is no charge for dinner which begins at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Pro-Ag, comprised of citizens from Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, promotes all aspects of the agriculture industry. For more information about the upcoming meeting, or to inquire about becoming a member, please contact Sam Fouquet at 1-800-520-0084.

**EMT Basic Class Offered** 

The Spearman Ambulance Service is holding an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic Class from January 12th through April 15th. Preenrollment will be on Monday, January 5, 1998. For more information, or to sign up, call Paul Moore at 659-5298 or Michele Davis at 659-3411.

Tobacco Products Not Allowed On School Grounds

Both federal and state laws govern the use of tobacco products on school grounds. Students may neither use nor possess tobacco products on school property or at school sponsored events. Parents and other adults are also prohibited from using tobacco products on school grounds or at school sponsored events. Please cooperate with school officials as they endeavor to enforce these regulations.

Spearman ISD Offers Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome Diagnosis If you or a family member of any age experience difficulty in reading, it may be because of Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome. There is a simple, painless test that can be given to diagnose this problem. Students of Spearman ISD will be tested free of charge; all others will be charged \$10. For more information, call Beckee Baker at Spearman Jr. High (659-2563) and leave a message, or call

## **HC Football Players Honored**



Michael Lusby

by Harletta Carthel

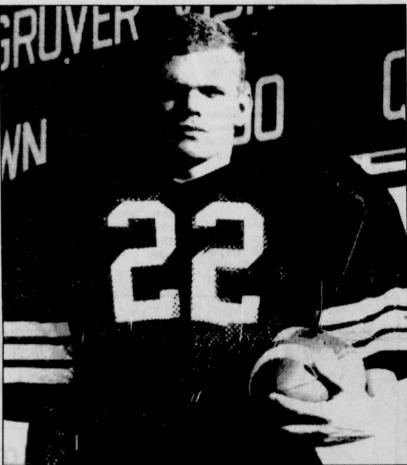
Spearman High School's Michael Lusby and Gruver High McLain received honorablemention recognition on the 1997 Lusby was named for for honorable recognitions as a running back on the 2-A roster while Armes and McLain, were cited for the award

total of 2,004 yards, or 6.9 yards per carry. He is credited with 27 and 13 kick-off returns for 602 and defense.

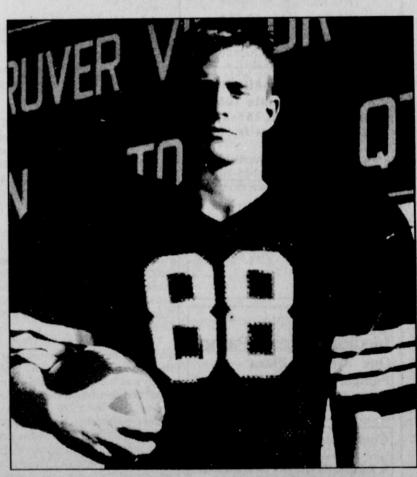
Armes had 25 unassisted tackles and 53 assisted tackles. He also had six interceptions, two School's Brant Armes and Buster of which he ran back for touchdowns.

McLain had 30 unassisted Texas All-State Football Team. tackles and 58 assisted tackles with one interception.

Lusby is a junior at Spearman High School and was a first team all-district selection on defense as defensive backs on the A and offense as well as an academic all-district pick. In addition, During the 1997 season, Lusby Lusby was named to the 1997 carried the ball 289 yards for a Globe News Super Team as return. specialist. Both Armes and McLain, who are seniors at Gruver touchdowns. The running back also High School, were named to the had 15 punt returns for 215 yards all-district first team in offense



**Brant Armes** 



**Buster McLain** 

## from the staff of The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman Gary & Cathy . Karen . Harletta

We will be closed Wednesday, December 31st through Friday, January 2nd. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 5, 1998.

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## "Lights Of Love"

and volunteers would like to express appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the "Lights of Love."

Donations from the community helped to provide a special kind of care to the 24 patients and families that received hospice care in 1997. Donations helped to provide care baskets, meals, literature and special equipment not covered by traditional hospice care.

Memorials: Westerfield - Bill Cator; John & LoRee Booth - C.P. Weeks and Ernest Newcomb; O.K. Pendergraft - Ernest Newcomb; Oscar & Frankie Donnell - Pat Donnell and Eugene Duryce; Irwin

The Hansford Hospice Staff & Betty Davis - Margie Kelly, Ernest Newcomb and Sharon

Dossett; Don & Lorene Kunselman - Sharon Dossett and Ernest Newcomb; Mabel Jameson - Ernest Newcomb; Sammy, Don & Edrie Jones - Allene Close and Wynne Fayne; Orville & Colene Brummett - Ed Haner; B. Jack Glover - Don Cooke, Pat Becker, and Leland McJunken; Chris & Kristen Snedeker, Mary Beth McClellan, and Dr. Mary M. Burnett - Julie Adams Viola George - Julie Adams; Marguerite & Charlie Millican - Julie Adams

Donations: Irwin & Susan Delk; Hansford Co. Veterinary Hospital, Inc.; Tom & Linda Latta; Mr. & Mrs. Carl Archer

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

January 1

Birthday - Teresa Boyd, Yenneth Stewart, Daylynn Brummett Johnson, Bill Jackson, Virginia Trindell, Carolyn Cummings, Andy Francis, S.B. Sheets, Alberto Rosalez, Rhonda Ross, Willie Salgado, Craig Vinson, Bertie Frazier, Elizabeth Sumner, Melba Olsen, Audrie Behne, Carl Baumgardner

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wilson McClellan, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Connelly, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Fairbanks, Mr. & Mrs. I.W. Ayres, Mr. & Mrs. Monty Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Ramsey

January 2 Birthday - John Armes, Dean Cluck, Chelsea Reid, Silvia Holgin, Troy Smith, Lynetta Woodward, Dwight Gillispie, Brian Dillow, Rebecca Dillow, Nelda Winn, Olivia Salgado, **Garrett Martin** 

Anniversary - Lupe & Debbie Trejo January 3

Birthday - Altha Fisher, Elmon Jacobs, Brandon Close, Daryl Hergert, Lois Shieldknight, Dale Mavldin, Charles Bartz, Jerry Spearmann, Martha Villalobos, Betsy Ward, Joe Morris, Rodger Ferguson, Lorraine Schick

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Wilbanks, Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Lowe

Birthday - Marlene Davis, Emma Lou Collins, Allen Mires, Denise Ware, Janie Kunselman, Willis Boyd, Randall Mitchell, April TeBeest, Harold Crooks, Martina Miller, Lori Haight

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Baker, Mr. & Mrs. George De Santiago January 5

Birthday - Brice Lewis, Kent Remmel, Lynetta Shapley, Glenda Cambell, Scotty DeWitt, Becky Renteria, Linda Tope, Kim Stinson, Rick Cazares, Terri Hart, Jacinda

Perez. Kent Remmel Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy

January 6 Birthday - Benny McCullough, Debbie Knight, Julie Logsdon, Valorie Hull, Joyce Sparks, Sam Boone, Teresa Pope, Alicia Davis, Ron Antalek, Kenny Kentron

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Arnold

January 7

Birthday - Cindi January, Brad Holt, Marsha Lowe, Lucy Pittman, Clyde Soapes, Judy Virden, Mrs. Perry Hawkins, Michael Rodriquez, Pam Porter, Buddy Parker, Christina Bayless, Baylee Garland, Dorothy Nollner, Kimberly Irwin

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Howard Nash, Mr. & Mrs. Crockett Tidwell

January 8 Birthday - Cody Barkley, Haley Shieldknight, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Lena Langston, Amanda Schneider

January 9 Birthday - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Brett Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blan, Bill Etling

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Kell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Logsdon

January 10

Birthday - Dwight Gillispie, Melina Robertson, Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensinger, Barbara Rojas, Justin Johnson, Lex

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis

January 11

Birthday - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Gloria Knox, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin



Arnold E. Ferguson

Arnold E. Ferguson, 93, of Sun City, AZ, died November 16, 1997, in Good Shepherd Retirement Center.

Mr. Ferguson was born in Centerville, S.D. and was a farmer/rancher and employee with the Department of Agriculture. He moved to Arizona in 1967 from Brazil and was a member of Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church, Masonic Lodge, Shriners, Oakmont Men's Club, High-Twelve Lions Club, Sun City Trailer Club, Sportsmans Club, NARFE, and OX 5 Pilots Association. He was preceded in death by a son, Roy.

Mr. Ferguson is survived by two sons, Robert and Richard, both of Sun City; a daughter, Corinne A. Surguine of Anaheim, CA; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-

Services were held on Thursday, November 20, 1997 in Shepherd of the Desert Lutheran Church in Sun City, AZ. Burial was in Sunland

Memorials may be sent to El Zaribah Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital Fund, El Zaribah Temple, 552 N. 40th Street, Phoenix, AZ

## Inez Drennan Kiser

Inez Drennan Kiser, 75, died Friday, December 26, 1997. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29, 1997 at First Presbyterian Church in Canyon with the Rev. Harland Collins, retired minister, officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Mrs. Kiser graduated from Bowie High School and had been a Canyon resident since 1932. She owned Blue Daisy Gift Shop from 1974 until 1990. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she taught Sunday school and was active in the women's church work.

She married Floyd Kiser in 1941 at Montague.

Let us replenish the seed of faith through...

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Elaine Stovall, in 1991. Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Korene Walker and Sue James, both of Ruidosa, NM, and Melanie Stoval of Canyon; two sons, Dewayne Kiser of Oklahoma City, and Ed Kiser of Denton; two sisters, Peggy Roberts of Dalhart, and Martha Jones of Morse; a brother, John "Bud" Harding of Woodland Park, CO; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society, c/o Joyce Wooten, 2500 12th Ave., Canyon, TX 79015 or the American Heart Association, c/o Virginia Cotton, 1403 Hillcrest, Canyon, TX Julie Anne Sanders Adams

Julie Anne Sanders Adams, 43, died Thursday, December 25, 1997. Services were held on Saturday, December 27, 1997 in the First Baptist Church of Spearman with the Rev. Russ Gibbs officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Adams was born in Pilot Point, TX on January 17, 1954. She had lived in the Spearman area most of her life. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She married Kirk Adams on December 3, 1977 in Spearman.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Michael R. Sanders in 1988. Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Melanie Adams Simmons of Arlington, and Brooke Adams and Amanda Adams, both of Spearman; her parents, Rue and Anne Sanders of Spearman; her mother-in-law, Nova Adams; one grandson, Seth Simmons of Arlington; and numerous other relatives.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S.

Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

**Teddy Layne Sparks** 

Teddy Layne Sparks, 55, of Lubbock, a former Spearman resident, died Thursday, December 25, 1997.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 28, 1997 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Joe Weaks officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Sparks was born in Amarillo on May 30, 1942. He had lived in the Lubbock area for 20 years, moving from Spearman.

He was a business administrator. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Spearman. His hobbies were music and collecting

Survivors include his mother, Mozelle Sparks of Spearman; a brother, Gene Sparks of Amarillo; a sister, Sheila Mundy of Trinidad, CO; four nieces; one nephew; and 12 great nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the Salvation Army, the American Heart Association, or to the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, Attn: Kathy Reasoner, Box 2828, Lubbock, TX

Donald Gene Beck

Donald Gene Beck, 62, of Amarillo, died Wednesday, December 24,

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 27, 1997 in Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivey Chapel in Amarillo, with the Rev. Harrol Waterbury, pastor of Full Gospel Church in Perryton, officiating. Graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. in Hansford Cemetery in Spearman.

Mr. Beck was born in Rockwall and was an Amarillo resident for 38 years. He was a veteran of the Army. He was a barber and a Baptist. He was preceded in death by his wife, Wynona in 1992.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry Don Beck and David Beck, both of Amarillo; a daughter, Tamra Higden of Amarillo; two sisters, Jeanette Kiker of Scroggins and Juanita Tucker of San Angelo; two brothers, Harold Beck of Dayton, OH, and Billy Joe Beck of Perryton; a sisterin-law, Marie Beck of Spearman; and three grandchildren.

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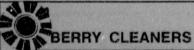
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## Focus On The Family

QUESTION: There must be a significant psychological factor in the Western culture that lends itself to violence, in addition to the influences of television and literature, etc. How do you explain our predisposition to killing and acts of violence?

DR. DOBSON: You've asked a perceptive question. In addition to the influence of the entertainment industry, there is another factor that accounts for some of the violence around us. I'm referring to the hostility with which people commonly react to feelings of inferiority today. Everyone who perceives themselves to be short-changed or disrespected by society-such as we are seeing in the "gay rights" movement--is expected to be angry.

Feelings of inferiority even account for the outbreak of wars and international hatred. What did Hitler tell the German people in 1939? He assured them that their loss in World War I was the fault of their incompetent leaders; they were really superior human beings. He was capitalizing on their self-doubt as a defeated, humiliated people. I suspect that their willingness to fight was more motivated by this new pride than any other factor.

Twenty years ago, the 1973 Arab attack on Israel was primarily intended to avenge their disgraceful loss in the Six-Day War of 1967. The world scoffed at the Arab impotence, which was more intolerable than the loss of the land or the death and destruction they sustained. One Arab journalist said shortly after the 1973 war began: "It doesn't matter if the Israelis eventually counterattack and drive us back. What matters now is that the world no longer will laugh at us."

Recent evidence suggests that inferiority is the major force behind the rampaging incidence of rape today. If sexual intercourse were the only objective of a rapist, he could find satisfaction with a prostitute. But something else is involved. Most rapists apparently want to humiliate their victims. Having been unsuccessful with girls through adolescence and young adulthood, they seek sexual superiority by disgracing and exploiting defenseless women.

That is why I have contended that social chaos in all its forms is increased when citizens feel inadequate and inferior. There are numerous other causes, of course, but none so powerful.

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

First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Kids Church: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m.. Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.. Youth: 7:30 Wednesday

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Evening Bible Study Worship: 6:30 p.m.. Sun.

Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

Senior Minister - Joseph Weaks First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Jr. High Youth: 6 p.m.. Wed. High School Youth: 7 p.m.. Wed.

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: p.m., Bble Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m., KRDF Radio Program Living With Christ: 7:50 a.m., M-F

Youth Choir. 6 p.m., Sun.

inister - Willie Tollison Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m.. Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. - English (9:00 a.m. Service on KRDF 98.3 FM) Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m.. Sunday Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m.. - Gruver - Christo Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.. Sunday Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo Rendentor Mass - Spanish Rev. Scott Raef

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

Pasto: Johnny Taylor

First Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1001 Cotter • 659-2033 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Buildings) Pastor - Beverly Cook

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

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

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

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

Primera Mision Bautista 502 E. 7th • 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

In Gruver ...

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

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

First Christian Church 510 King • 733-2960 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. Youth: 6:30, Wednesday Pastor - Gary Gumfory

Oslo Lutheran Church (ECLA) 6 Miles West & 12 Mile North of Gruver 339-7709 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Pastor - John R. Chandle

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

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

In Morse ... **Morse Baptist Church** 

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by Gary C. Smith

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Well, the New Year is here. During 1997, several of you commented to me that you might want to change jobs in the near future. Some of you asked me for employment ideas. I thought about it and realized that there is one thing that is found almost every where ... PIPE. There are PIPES in the oil fields, PIPES on the ranch, PIPES in the kitchen, PIPES in the bathroom. Every where you look there are PIPES. If you need work, what could be better than making PIPES. And how hard could it be? It is actually a simple process. As a public service, I submit to you a new career and possibly a whole new way of life.

## How to Make a Pipe

Pipes are made by taking a long hole and surrounding it by metal or plastic. This metal or plastic should be carefully centered around the hole.

All pipes should be hollow throughout the entire length; do not use holes of different lengths to the

The inside diameter of all pipes should not exceed the outside diameter, otherwise the hole will be on

All pipes should be supplied with nothing in the hole, so that water, oil, gas, steam or other such things can be put inside the pipes at a later date.

All pipes should be supplied without rust; this can be more effectively applied at the job site.

All pipes over 500 feet in length should have the words 'LONG PIPE' painted on them, so that drilling crews, farmers and ranchers will not mistake it for a short pipe.

Pipes over 2 miles in length should also have the words 'LONG PIPE' painted in the middle, so that drilling crews, farmers and ranchers will not have to walk the entire length of the pipe to determine whether it's a long or short pipe.

All pipes over 6 inches in diameter should have the words 'LARGE PIPE' painted on them so that drilling crews, farmers and ranchers will not mistake them for small pipes.

It is important to supply the right pipe when filling orders. Ninety degree, forty-five degree, and thirty degree elbows should be clearly marked RIGHT HAND or LEFT HAND, otherwise you will end up going in the wrong direction.

Be sure to separate your stock into level, uphill, or downhill pipes. If your customers use downhill pipes for going uphill, the water will flow the wrong way and before you know it you will find yourself out

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## Letter To The Editor

January has been proclaimed by Governor George Bush to be School Board Recognition Month in Texas. The Gruver ISD is blessed to have ordinary people with an extraordinary dedication to children and their welfare serving on its school board. These individuals offer the community a connection to the governing of the local schools. They are the stewards of the public's tax dollars, ensuring that there is a good return on the public's investment in education. Their vision of the school becomes the educational vision of what we all want for our children.

School board members receive no pay for their service, but the month of January offers each citizen the opportunity to express appreciation to the school board members for their sacrifices and hard work. This group works with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create an exemplary educational program for

I hope that everyone in Gruver will offer a word of thanks to the community's school board members for volunteering to ensure quality schools for our children. The Gruver school trustees are Corky Chapman-president, Kevin Holt - vice president, Buddy Lowesecretary, Marguerite Nelson, Mike Yanke, Terry Sherrill, and Benny Wilson. This group is truly dedicated to excellence in our schools!

> Sincerely, Barry Haenisch Superintendent of Schools

Dear Editor,

On Christmas day my wife Patti, her grandmother Lena Regier, and I drove from Dumas to Spearman. Patti then drove her grandmother on to Perryton. We drove through Moore, Hutchinson, Hansford, and Ochiltree counties. Hansford County was the only county that had the highways completely cleared off. It was a great relief driving through Hansford County.

We would like to say thank you to the people who took time from their Christmas holiday to keep the roads clear and safe for those of us traveling over the holiday. The other counties could learn from your example.

Thank you for our hard work,

David Martin .



## Lawrence R. McClellan

Lawrence R. McClellan, 76, died Sunday, December 28, 1997. Services will be at 10:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church of Gruver with the Rev. Gary Gumfory, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

He married Betty Parrish in 1942 in Denver, CO.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Larry McClellan of Dallas; a daughter, Camelia Bell of Clarendon; a brother, Elmo McClellan Jr. of Gruver; four sisters, Anne Sanders of Spearman, Mary Burnett of Denver, Dorothy Mann of Tallahassee, FL; and Marguerite Millican of New Braunfels; and four grandchildren.





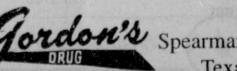
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by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--Dec. 26, 1 997--36

Jim decided not to wade through the 14 inches of snow to get a water measurement. Last week the depth was 36 ft., 8 in., so we will be close to that but nowhere near the 45 ft. that Mel Phillips gave us in an article in the Christmas Day Amarillo paper. Jim and crew have been busy with the maintainers clearing the roads through the

A visit with Pat and Elizabeth Holt cleared up T. J. Bergin's mystery of who first started the pheasants south of Gruver on the Palo Duro Creek. Mrs. Coy Holt (Eva) ordered pheasant eggs from an unknown source that she shared with her good friend and neighbor, Josie Lackey. Both started the eggs under setting hens and came off with good hatches. After raising the young birds to maturity, they turned them out along the creek. Mrs. Lackey's pheasants would return to eat with her chickens for some months. They did not raise chukars, but they did start some bob white quail.

These ladies were neighbors of ours before I married in 1948,

which was the year Josie, the widow of Sid Lackey, died. I have wonderful memories of both these women, each unusual for their day and time. Josie was known for training extremely intelligent German Shepherd dogs.

Elizabeth Holt told me that the last dog, Shirley, grieved so when Josie died. Sid's sisters, Vera Wroten and Jeffie Jackson took the dog, who was blind, home with them. One day when Eva Holt visited the sisters, Shirley heard her voice and came to where she was seated, and laid her head on her lap, as if to say, "We will both grieve together."

Josie had lived for many years on the creek in an old adobe house. The ranch had originally been the J. 1. Henson ranch. I don't know when the Lackeys moved to the creek, but they were married in 1 909, We attended a chicken barbecue in the late I 920's that they gave one year. Sid had raised a big crop of watermelons, and we could eat all the watermelon we could hold--with Sid saying just eat the heart. We always laughed about the occasion as the time one of my younger brothers said "We are going to a chicken funeral."

## Thank You

Friends of Spearman would like to thank the many people who helped with the Community Christmas Dinner:

Thank you to all who cooked and provided a delicious meal. Special thanks to Catherine and Gary Smith and Debbie Hagerman for

providing all the turkey. Thank you to the O'Loughlin Center and the Senior Citizen Center

for the use of their lovely facilities. Thank you to Lowes Marketplace for providing all of the paper

Thank you to "Santa" (Bill Carson) for his surprise visit.

Thank you to Mike Cudd for his help in snow removal.

Thank you to KRDF-FM and the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman for their free publicity. Thank you to those who contributed financially to this occasion.

There was an abundance of giving, so an account will be opened to help with next year's expenses. Around 100 people braved the weather and came to eat. Around 60

take-out trays were delivered. The Spirit of Christmas is alive and well in Spearman, Texas!

Friends of Spearman

## At The Movies

Flubber (PG) - In this remake of "The Absent-Minded Professor," will audiences accept hyper Robin Williams in a role created by the staid Fred MacMurray? Expect lots of special effects when flighty Robin invents flying rubber. The original 1961 movie led to a sequel, "Son of Flubber." Disney's effects whizzes hope the remake will hit is enough to create a franchise. (Cartoon-like violence)

Anastasia (G) - This looms as the biggest challenge to Disney's monopoly on successful 'toon features. Meg Ryan voices the role of the young waif who may be the only survivor of the late czar's family. Other voices you'll recognize include those of Angela Lansbury, John Cusack, Kelsey Grammer and Christopher Lloyd. Judging from the trailer, you can expect glistening snowscapes and ballrooms. (Suitable for all ages)

## Hansford County Community Calendar January 1-1

Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day; Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary (1803); Ellis Island Opened (1802); Birthdays - Betsy Ross (1752 & Paul Revere (1735

Thursday-Saturday, January 1-3 Spearman Varsity at Clarendon Baskethall Tournament - T

Sunday, January 4 3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service

Monday-Thursday

8:00-9:00 a.m. - Aerobics Class at The O'Loughlin Center Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 6(0)-7:00 a.m. - Aerobics Class at The O'Loughlin Center

Monday, January 5

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

EMT Basic Class Pre-enrollment - Call Paul Moore at 659-5298 or Michele Davis at 659-3411 for more information Tuesday, January 6

12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's 4:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Girls Basketball vs. Gruver - Gruver 5:15 p.m. - Spearman JV Boys Basketball vs. Gruver - Gruver

6:30 p.m. - Spearman V Girls Basketball vs. Gruver - Gruver

8:00 p.m. - Spearman V Boys Basketball vs. Gruver - Gruver 6:00 p.m. - Pro Ag Meeting - Beaver County Fairgrounds 6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor

Wednesday, January 7 - Birthday - Millard Fillmore (1800) 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor

2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor Thursday, January 8 - Birthday - Elvis Presley (1935)

Thursday-Saturday, January 8-10 Spearman Junior Baskethall Tournament - Gruver & Spearman participating

Friday, January 9 4:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Girls Basketball vs. Sunray - T 5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Girls Basketball vs. Parhandle - T 5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Boys Basketball vs. Panhandle - T 5:15 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Sunray - T 6:30 p.m. - Spearman V Girls Basketball vs. Panhandle - T 6:30 p.m. - Gruver V Girls Basketball vs. Panhandle - T

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## **Hutchison/Upchurch Wed**



Melisa Hutchison

Alan Hutchison and Melisa Upchurch were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony on December 20, 1997, at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas, with the Rev. Jim Gerlt officiating.

Parents of the bride are Dan and Susan Upchurch of Lubbock Parents of the bridegroom are John and Jo Linda Hutchison of Spearman.

The bride, who was given marriage by her father, wore a white satin A-line dress with an empire waist. The bodice was covered with lace brocade and seed pearls. The front was a scooped neck with a V back leading into a bow that repeated the detail work of the bodice. The crown of the veil again repeated the detail of the bodice. Attached was a blusher with scalloped edges. Melisa carried a cascade bouquet of Stargazer Lilies and roses and wore an antique watch belonging to her Great- Grandmother. The groom wore a tuxedo with a gray coat and a boutonniere of white roses.

Amanda Upchurch of Lubbock Texas, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Brides maids were Andrea Rushing and of the bride. They wore Navy was hosted by the parents of the floor length dresses and carried

floral bouquets accented with baby's breath. Best man was Jeff Hutchison, brother of the groom, of Fort Worth. Groomsmen were Cory Butler of Stephenville and Chester Hutchison of Miami, Texas. Ushers were Kyle Gilbert and Michael Dalby, both of Lubbock, Texas.

The Lighting of the Unity Candle was by the grandmother of the bride, Mrs. Paul Sullivan, the grandmother of the groom, Mrs. Robert Danner, the mothers of the Bride and the Groom, and the Bride and Groom. The mother of the bride wore a navy suit, while the groom's mother wore a cranberry suit. Both wore corsages of Stargazer Lilies.

Aimee Sanchez and Julie Moran greeted guests at the guest book. Organ music was provided by Ann Apple. Trumpet music was provided by Andy Johnson. A Christmas Medley was played as guests were seated. A duet composed of Angela Due and Cory Butler sung The Other Side of Me.

A reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The bride's cake was a six tier white cake topped with red roses. The groom's cake was decorated with a red Texas Tech Double T design. Members of the house party were Julie Moran, Michelle Upchurch, Caresa Bishop, Suzy Caddell, Jennifer Hutchison, and Kristen Shamburger. The couple left the church in a white horse drawn

After a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Lubbock, Texas. Alan and Melisa are both Juniors at Texas Tech University. The bride is employed in the Mortgage Loan Department of Plains National Bank and the groom is employed by Cotey Chemical Corp. in Lubbock. The rehearsal dinner



It was a dream come true for those who were dreaming of a white Christmas. Snow began to fall in the Gruver area on Monday night, December 22 and continued throughout the day on Tuesday, December 23. By Tuesday evening, the City of Gruver reported a total of 18 inches of fluffy whiteness. Although it was a Christmas card picture of loveliness, the snow also brought extra work for area stockmen in providing feed and water for their livestock and road crews in their efforts to keep the highways passable. Treacherous road conditions for travelers, and cancellations of several holiday events also resulted from the

In a report from Sue Hartranft at the Gruver Highway Department, crews worked their last eight- hour day on December 21. From that time crews have worked up to 18 hours (their longest day) since that time. On Christmas Day, workers were given two hours for Christmas Dinner before reporting back to duty. Even though the snow ended on Christmas Eve, the crews' work was greatly increased when strong winds began late, Saturday night and continued through the day on Sunday caused massive drifting and blizzard conditions. Both a motorgrader and a snowplow equipped truck were stuck in snowdrifts on Sunday.

My family can testify to the hazardous driving conditions when one of the two vehicles we were taking on our Christmas Eve travels skidded into a snowbank near Pringle. Stopping to help us were Frank and James Sursa who were enroute to Amarillo where James was to fly to New York for Christmas and former state representative Chip Staniswallis who was making a Christmas trek

When was the last white Christmas in Hansford County? In inquiries Monday, most area residents could not remember the last time we were blanketed with snow on Christmas Day. The Christmas of 1972 was one of inclement weather, but I cannot recall any snow. If you can remember the last white Christmas, let us know about it.

Former Residents Attend Wedding A sizable gathering of Gruver residents were present at the wedding of Wendy Blake and Max Frick Saturday morning in

attended by several tormer Gruver residents. Among those present were Julie and Tommy Cathey, Dala (Shapley) Cathey and daughter Alexandria, Jared Hoel, and Bob and Karen Setliff.

## **Christmas Decorating Winners**

Three homes in Gruver were selected as winners in the Christmas Lighting Contest. Chosen were the homes of Leon Bagwell, Fred Davidson, and David Miser. Thanks to all of you who helped to make the season bright for others with festive decorations.

The home of Joe Marr Wilson, grandson of Skeet Ellison, was one of the winners of the Amarillo area Christmas decorating

## Neither rain, nor snow...

The Christmas issue of the Hansford Reporter/Statesman nearly fell victim to wintry weather last Tuesday, December 23. As the Reporter/Statesman was being taken to press at Perryton by the Gary Smith family, their sport utility vehicle skidded on the icy road, crossed the median, made a 90 degree turn, and came to rest with the passenger side up. Thankfully, Gary, Cathy, and nine-year-old Clayton were all wearing their seat belts and were uninjured. True to her mission, Cathy caught a ride to Perryton to have the paper printed with Kelly Thompson who was returning to her hometown. Needless to say a great deal of dedication went into the printing of the Christmas issue of the Reporter/Statesman.

## Top Gruver Stories of 1997 (in no particular order)

Lady Hounds and Hounds both win Bi-District basketball titles. Diane Brown is chosen to succeed retiring Bob Burgoon as Gruver Elementary Principal.

Tim Garland is selected to succeed retiring high school principal Lloyd Looper.

Gruver FFA's Scott Stedje becomes the second Gruver student in the past two years to serve as a state officer

The proposal to add baseball as a sport at Gruver High School is defeated by the vote of 5-2.

Gruver High School student Cody Cazares works as a aide in the office of United States Representative Bill Redmond of New Mexico and is chosen to

receive a national scholarship. GHS Hounds win regional football title.

GHS Hound Sound Band wins sixth in state competition.

World War II veteran Delbert Williams receives bronze star.

Glenn Hallum succeeds Tim Garland as head boys' basketball

The doubles team of Josh Mayhew and Matt Watlington competes in state tennis tournament.

Ryan Abernathy wins first place in his weight division in state competition.

Two Gruver youths, Jared Johnson and Kathy Slough, are part of Hansford County Livestock Judging Team which places first in state and seventh at nationals.

Slough and Johnson place ninth and eleventh, respectively, in International Judging Contest in Canada.

USA Feedyards II/C purchases Caprock 1 Feedyard.

Spearman landfill closing forces City of Gruver to use facilities in Borger.

Gruver receives new ambulance. Mary Dawn Henson named Miss Hansford County.

Gruver receives in excess of \$60,000 in grants, mainly for EMS

Homemaker Gyene Spivey honored by Lion's Club for her work in securing grants for the

Gruver youth, Jack Karlin, is injured in accident at his home.

Mark Irwin is appointed to fill term of Mayor Archie Nelson.

Brant Armes and Buster McLain earn honorable-mention on 1-A all state team.

Gruver is blanketed in 18 inches of snow in pre-Christmas storm.

## **TAEX Offers Computer Course**

submitted by Burt Williams

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is offering a one day training on enterprise budgeting with the computer software package BUDPRO in Spearman Friday, January 9th. This windows based program is very user friendly and includes programs utilized in projecting budgets for corn, wheat, sorghum, cotton and stocker cattle enterprises.

In addition, to generating enterprise budgets, the package calculates break even prices. BUDPRO provides a simple way for analyzing the impact of various prices and quantities

No prior computer experience is necessary to attend the course. Extensions mobile computer lab allows all participants to receive

hands on experience in using the

The registration fee is \$50 per participant. Each registered participant will receive the

BUDPRO software package (a \$100 value). Couples are encouraged to attend and will be charged only one registration fee if they share a computer. The course will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m.

Space in the course is limited and preregistration is required by January 7th. For more information or to register contact the Hansford County Extension office at 806-659-4132 or Steve Amosson at 806-359-5401. This program is sponsored by the Hansford County Extension Pro-gram Development Committees and the Texas

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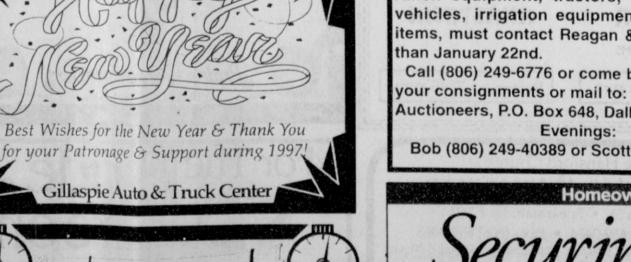
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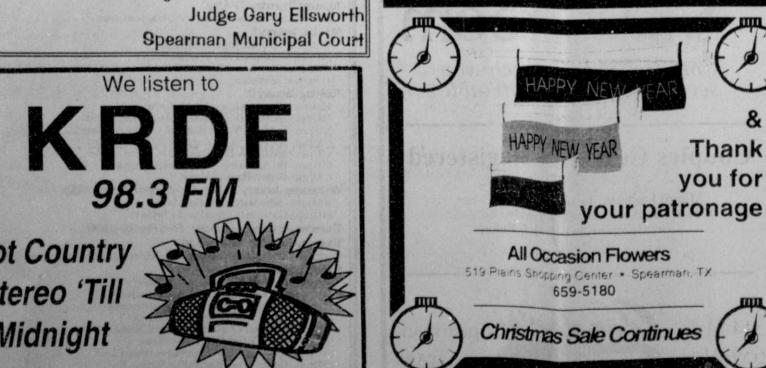
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and Jocelyn Whitefield - Parliamentarian.

## **Irrigation Conference Slated**

by Pam Dillerd, Texas Agricultural Extension Service

New state regulations require all water users to develop plans for both application and conservation. On January 7 at the High Plains Irrigation Conference, C.E. Williams, manager of the Panhandle Groundwater District from White Deer will address many of the key issues that affect area growers regarding rules compliance, conservation strategies, and future need versus supply in accordance with Senate Bill 1.

"We're offering new ideas and tested technologies to help growers make informed decisions about water use and irrigation scheduling," said Leon New, agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and conference organizer.

The event will beheld at the Amarillo Civic Center and also features an industry trade show. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program's first hour to include show tours, and free coffee and donuts. The \$7.00 registration fee includes a catered lunch.

The opening session will begin by 9:30 a.m. Two and one-half continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered to private, commercial and non-commercial chemical applicators completing the day's program. The event has been conducted annually for more than two decades by the Extension Service.

Timely topics featuring well and pump performance will be addressed. A presentation using micro-videography will offer growers a bird's eye view of what's good or bad inside a well.

"This demonstration will show how this technology is helping to pin-point problems never before seen, making solutions easier to define," said New.

Other topics will include precision production and using yield monitors and site mapping. Growers already using the new site specific farming technology

will be part of a mid-morning discussion where "real world" issues will be addressed. Panelists include Clay Cogburn, Cogburn Brothers of Happy, Tom and Ellis Moore of Sunray, and Karl Johnson of Morse.

Two extension agronomists, Travis Miller from College Station, and Brent Bean of Amarillo, will discuss irrigated soybean production in the region, and the suitability of Roundup Ready crops for weed control, respectively.

Carl Patrick, extension entomologist of Amarillo will provide an update on the latest insect control techniques. Patrick will present comparisons derived from three years of field tests for 23 corn hybrids, showing that all Bt corn doesn't perform the same. He'll also update growers on issues related to Gaucho seed treated sorghums.

Moderators for the day-long program segments include county extension agents, Jim Allison of Amarillo, Robert Harris from Dumas, Dennis Newton of Hereford, and Seth Ralston from

For more information, contact Leon New, Extension agricultural engineer and irrigation specialist, or Regina Linder at (806) 359-5401, or any county agricultural

## **Continuing Education Courses Offered**

Schoenhals Elected To Offices

submitted by Cindy Blackman

The following continuing education courses will be offered in Spearman by Frank Phillips College in January.

Psychology - Drug & Alcohol Dependent (an overview: substances, diagnosis, treatment, history, AA/ALANON) - 3 hr. credit - Thursday evening - \$110;

Business Management -Management Training (the purpose of the course is to provide students in their work environment practical application of what was learned in the classroom. The course will consist of at least weekly discussions between the student and the instructor in regard to the job held by the student) - 3 hr. credit - Thursday evening - \$110;

Infant Massage Workshop (2-3 hr. workshop that gives massage techniques that soothe infants and parents) - Saturday morning -

Painted Floor Cloths (rugs) -(The painted floor cloth is an art form from Victorian days. Crafty Europeans made these floor cloths instead of paying the high price for an Oriental rug. This class will offer students an opportunity to design and paint a unique rug or work from one of the instructor's designs. The class is for people of all artistic ability.) - Thursday

Volunteer Management - (This course would be of benefit for volunteer supervisors, directors and committee chairpersons working in non-profit organizations, government entities, churches, and civic

groups. They will learn how to effectively recruit, train and supervise volunteers and to structure their services and gain the maximum benefit from volunteer services) - Thursday evening - \$23;

First Things First - Time

Amy Schoenhals, Spearman,

Texas, was recently elected as

secretary of the Music Therapy

Student Association chapter at

Southwestern Oklahoma State

University in Weatherford, OK,

for the 1997-1998 school year.

The MTSA promotes the

Amy was also elected as

treasurer of the Mu Phi Epsilon

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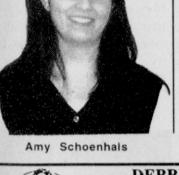
sorority for the 1997-1998 school

profession of music therapy.

Management Class (Traditional time management suggests that working harder, smarter and faster will help you gain control over your life and that increased control will bring peace and fulfillment. This course is based on best-selling author Stephen Covey's book on how to deal with the daily problems of the everincreasing demands of work and home. Instead of efficiency, this new approach emphasizes effectiveness.) - Tuesday evening -

To register, or for general information, please call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233. All classes will begin in January.





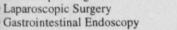
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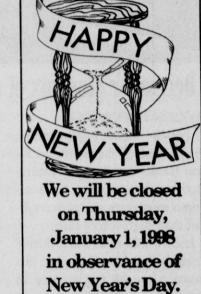
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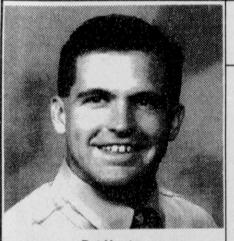






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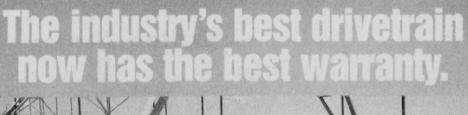
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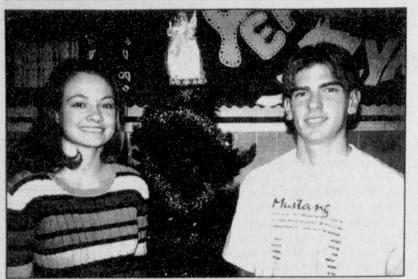
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## **December Students of the Month Announced**

By LESLIE HOLTON

For the month of December, the students of the month are Jason Banks and Lindsey Smith. Both of these students have accomplished many things throughout their high school career.

Jason Banks is the son of Joanie Campbell and Larry Banks. His junior year, he participated in cross country and track. In cross country he was awarded the guy's cross country award. During track season, Jason was a regional qualifier in the 800m and 3200m runs. So far during his senior year, Jason has accomplished many things. He was a regional qualifier and all-district academic cross country. He also has been selected varsity boys basketball captain. Just recently, he was named Most Talented of the class of 1998. In the future, Jason plans to attended Tarleton State or Texas Tech University and major in English. Throughout his school years, the most influential teacher has been Mrs. Whitefield.

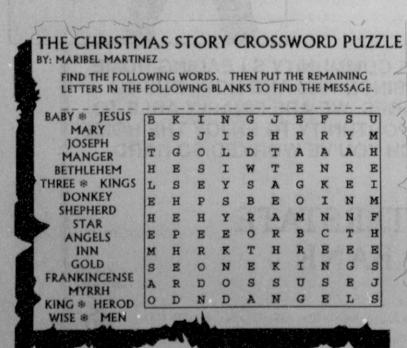
Lindsey Smith is the daughter of Bobby and Dixie Smith.

During her freshman through junior years, Lindsey has accomplished many things. Her sophomore year she received all-district honorable mention for basketball. She also was a sophomore server for the Jr. Sr. Prom. As a junior she received the outstanding lynxette award in basketball and track. Lindsey has been a regional qualifier in the high jump two years and the 100m dash one year. Also as a junior, she was named all-district in basketball. She has been a member of NHS since she was a sophomore and has been on the honor roll all throughout her high school years.

As a senior, Lindsey has been selected senior class officer, a member of student council, homecoming attendant, and NHS secretary. She also was elected Miss SHS and Most Talented. In the future, she plans to attend Texas Tech University and is undecided about her major. Her most influential teacher has been Mr. Mitchell.

## SHS Stacks 'Em High

The Spearman High School Student Council held its annual can food drive in December. All food items that were donated during this campaign go to help the Hansford County Food Bank. This is a very worthy cause to our community, and all donations are greatly appreciated. Spearman High School collected over 350 food items to donate to the Food Bank. The top ten contributors from Spearman High School were treated to a buffet lunch at the Pizza Hut.



## NHS Provides a Gift of Love

By BRANDI WILLIS

Christmas takes on a special meaning for everyone, but thanks to Spearman High School's own National Honor Society, it will have an especially important significance to one Spearman family. It is an annual tradition for the NHS to pick a specific family in need and buy gifts of clothing,

toys, and food for the different members. Then on an afternoon before the Christmas holiday, "Santa" comes and delivers his early gifts to the members of the family. All of the gifts provided are purchased with the NHS's own funds. Tis the season to be giving, and there is no greater gift of love to a grateful family.



## **Most Spirited**

By BRITTNI BEEDY

Spearman High School is a very spirited place. In fact, two students chosen by the senior class with the most spirit at this school are Josh Bynum and Jennifer Neff.

Josh is the son of Kevin and Rhonda Bynum. After high school, Josh plans to attend OPSU for one year and transfer to Texas Tech University and major in agronomy or animal science. He enjoys snow and water skiing, hunting, spending time with his friends, listening to country music, and watching football. While in high school, Josh participated in freshmen basketball, tennis, football, student council, FFA, and Spanish club. He has also

received many rewards including academic all-district recognition, Gridiron Greats National All-star, Texas Lone Star Degree in FFA, vice-president of FFA for three years, and was elected sophomore server.

Jennifer, daughter of Wendell and Jenny Neff, plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in business. She enjoys spending time with her friends and having fun. During high school, Jennifer has participated in basketball, track, golf, cheerleading, FFA, and Spanish club. Her honors and rewards include head cheerleader, junior usher, and was elected sophomore server.

## Israel

BY ASHLEY BROWN

Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah, meaning "deliverance." around the time of the winter solstice. This is an eight-day-long period, marking the climax of three years of Jewish resistance against the Greeks. A small band of freedom fighters, the Maccabees, retaliated against their Gentile overlords and recaptured Jerusalem and reclaimed the Holy Temple. On the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kisley, the Jews began their rituals of rededication. The priests also set out to rekindle the Great Menorah, or candelabrum, in which burned the Eternal Flame They could only find enough oil for one night's burning. They continued with the candle burning ceremony and it burned for eight days. The Jews saw this as a sign from God that their faith was enduring, and for 2,000 years have celebrated the miracle of deliverance.

Today, Jews celebrate the Miracle at the Temple, the transformation of spiritual darkness into light, and the ritual lighting of candles. They use a Hanukkah menorah, which has nine candle branches; the ninth light is in the center above the others and is designated the server light. Every night until Hanukkah, the family lights a new candle and then joins in song; this symbolizes the new day. When the religious observance is over, families with young children present them with small gifts. Giving to children is known as a Hanukkah gelt. This is given to the children who had been diligent in studying Torah. Gifts usually are small amounts of money, coin shaped candy in gold foil, or dreydls (four-sided spinning tops).

The traditional foods served on the first night of Hanukkah recall the legends surrounding the celebration. But no night of the Hanukkah season is marked for feasting in a way comparable to the Christian Christmas, but the first night is more special than the others. A special roast bird is the climax of this celebration.



## Most Likely to Succeed

By BETSY HOLT KRISTI CARBAJAL

Mac Butts and Maribel Martinez have been chosen by the Senior Class of 1998 as Most Likely to Succeed. Mac is the son of Larry and Robbie Butts. After he graduates from high school, he plans to attend Texas Tech and major in engineering or Pre-med. He enjoys hunting and

fishing in his spare time. Maribel is the daughter of Homero and Maria Martinez. She plans to attend Texas Tech and major in atmospheric science after graduating from high school. In her read, and attend church. We congralate these students for their title well earned.

## Poland

Christmas customs and traditions vary around the world due to different cultures celebrating the holiday season in different ways. In Poland, the Star of Bethlehem is a very important symbol during the Christmas season. The bright start on Christmas Eve means that Advent is over. When the evening meal is served, wafers called oplatki are eaten by the family. This is a tradition that follows the breaking of the bread, which symbolizes peace, love, and friendship. After supper, the Star Man, sometimes a village priest in disguise or a neighbor, comes

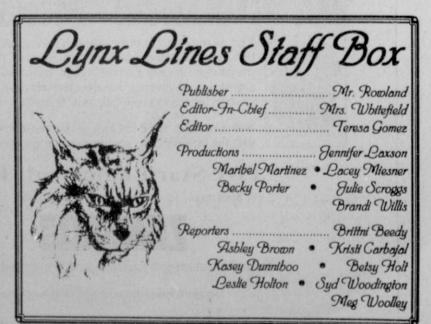
to the homes and examines the children on their catechism. Those who know the right answers receive token presents, but those who do not answer correctly are reprimanded by the Star Man. The children believe that the gifts come form the stars and are carried to them by the Wise Men. The family attends Pasterka, the Mass of Shepherds, at midnight on Christmas Eve. On St. Sylvester's Eve, December 31, the old Polish belief says that every person is his own master and free to pursue his own desires, and it is at this time that the old Polish tradition of fortune-telling is enjoyed.

## United States

By DANNY MAUK

The United States leads the world in holiday spirit by illumination and decoration. No other nation anticipates Christmas for so long and with so much sharply focused advertising as does the United States. Most people think of Christmas as a time for getting presents, but it is a time to celebrate the birth of our lord Jesus Christ. People all over the United

States have traditions like singing carols, giving Christmas cards, being with family, and waiting for Santa Claus. The tradition of putting a Christmas tree up was introduced by the Germans in the eighteenth century. Santa Clause is also an important part of the holiday season. He gives toys to children who have been good all year long gives coal to children who have been bad.





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## Christmas, Around the World

Finland

The following article describes the holiday season and the customs of the people of Finland. It was written by Karen Paschel, who was a foreign exchange student in Finland last year.

It is eight degrees below zero and there is three feet of snow on the ground. A Finnish family is getting ready to go outside. What could these people possibly be planning to do? The answer is that they are getting ready to go cut a Christmas tree. This tradition usually takes only about two hours to complete. Once the perfect tree is found, the family then brings it home and begins to decorate it. Lights and meaningful ornaments are added to the

A trip to the Lapland is next on the list. Why write a letter to Joulu Puki (pronounced yo lu pu kee) or as we know him, Santa Claus, when you can see him in person. Santa lives a few miles down the road from Rovinieni, a city located in the Arctic Circle. He has his own post office and his own postmark. Santa's place is high tech with more than

twenty computers, and elves can be seen running around all over the place. The reindeer can also been seen in their stalls. After talking to Santa and having a family picture taken, it is time to return home.

On December 24, the nuclear family gathers to eat the traditional Christmas meal. It consists of the same food we would eat at Thanksgiving. After this meal, the family goes to church, usually a Lutheran church, since the official religion of Finland is Lutheran. Upon returning home the family awaits the arrival of Joulu Puki, who brings the presents. Songs are sung, a candle is is lit, and the story of the birth of Jesus is read. Joulu Puki leaves and the gifts are opened.

January 6 comes too fast for some people. This is the day on which the evil elf comes and steals Christmas. All of the decorations are taken down, and the Christmas tree is chopped for firewood. The Christmas season is then over, and all wait for Joulu Puki to come again next year.

## Netherlands

By LESLIE HOLTON

than the United States. The United States did take one thing from the Dutch, stockings.

Saint Nicholas give presents to the Dutch children on the children on the eve of December 6. While Saint Nicholas is wearing

Christmas in the Netherlands a red robe, he arrives on a boat is celebrated a little bit different from Spain and rides down the streets on a white horse. His servant, Swarte Piet, accompanies him. Saint Nicholas then goes down the chimney of each house and leaves gifts. He puts the gifts in the childrens' wooden shoes by the fire place.

## Italy

By KASEY DUNNIHOO

Even though Italy is miles away the customs and traditions are similar to those of the United States. They use a three dimensional type pyramid with shelves in the place of a Christmas tree. The pyramid has candy, fruit, and small presents on the shelves. A figure of baby Jesus is placed on the bottom shelf.

In Italy most homes and churches have nativity scenes. On Christmas Eve, the family prays as the mother puts the Christ child in the manger. Many families serve eels for dinner on Christmas Eve. They also make a bread called panettone, which contains raisins and candied fruit.

The best known Christmas legend in Italy is the story of La Befana. It has been said that La Befana was too busy doing household duties when the wise men needed her help to find the way to Bethlehem. Now she supposedly wanders the streets leaving gifts and candy in the stockings hoping that it is one of the Christ child. She is said to come down the chimney like Santa Claus does in the United States.

## Germany

BY LACEY MIESNER

In Germany, the Christmas traditions are somewhat different from those in the United States. Children receive candy and other goodies on December 6 from a Christian bishop who died in the A.D. 300's named Saint Nicholas. He gathers the children's Christmas lists telling what presents they wish to receive from the Christkindl (Christ child). Instead of appearing in person, Christkindl sends Weihnachtsmann (Christmasman). Weihnachtsmann is the German version of Father Christmas, and he also delivers the presents on Christmas Eve. Most German families have a Christmas tree decorated with lights, tinsel, and ornaments. Lebkuchen, better known as spicy cakes, are made as various shapes and are used as decorations as well.

Russia By SYD WOODINGTON

While Americans are celebrating Christmas festivities and Jews are recognizing the Hanukkah tradition, Russians are honoring Grandfather Frost. During this time, the huge hall within the walls of Moscow's Kremlin is transformed into a fairyland with a 75 foot tree towering in the center. Some 50,000 attendance tickets are sold weeks before the event, and parents will go to great lengths to acquire one. Children are handed a gift as they pass through the door and eagerly jostle for a place to stand to watch Grandfather Frost appear. The

Kremlin festivities are directed mainly toward younger Muscovites, but older children and adults have dances to go to at schools, clubs, theaters, etc. Wonderful food and a variety of entertainment are featured, and everyone stays up late. Caviar, smoked fish, and other treats are served in honor of the holiday. Since fresh fresh fruits are rare in Russia during the winter, they make welcome gifts. As you can see, whether halfway around the world or right here in the U.S., Christmas time everywhere is a time of celebration and good

Sweden

By BRITTNI BEEDY

The holiday of holidays in Sweden is Christmas. On December 13th the feast of St. Lucia begins and ends on January 13th. "Lucia" is usually the eldest daughter of the family. She dresses in a white robe and wears a crown of seven lighted candles surrounded by greenery and presents the family coffee and buns in bed. For Christmas dinner, one thing they have is rice pudding, which contains a single almond in it. Whoever gets the almond, according to tradition, will have good luck through the new year. Santa Claus is a familiar character in Sweden. The children believe that a lively elf brings them gifts from Santa on Christmas Eve. The Swedes refer to him as Jultomten. The Christmas tree has a place of prime importance in Sweden. The tree is brought indoors and put near the entrance to the house, fresh, live, and green, as a symbol of man's eternal hope for an-

children giving a helping hand, and then put in its traditional place. Some Swedes use the old-fashioned manner of lighting the tree with real candles. On the tree is tinsel, shiny red apples, a variety of ornaments, and a shining star or a miniature Swedish flag on top. Christmas Day has been dedicated to religious observance and rest. The people find great pleasure in riding to church in sleighs, but darkness is pricked by glowing dots because on Christmas morn the houses in Sweden have lighted candles in each window. On the Twelfth Night the Star Boys and youngsters, who dress in costumes often of bible characters, go from house to house singling hymns and folk songs of ancient origin, some which relate to the visit of the wise Men from the East. On January 13th, St. Knut's Day, the Yule-tide

the father or mother with the

## India

By BRANDI WILLIS

Although Christian inhabitants of India celebrate Christmas, native Indians celebrate a different joyous occasion altogether. The holiday of "Diwali," which means "row of lights," is celebrated by Indians for the departed souls of loved ones believed to return in the month of Kartika (October through November). During the 2-10 day holiday, Indians rejoice the end of autumn and the beginning of winter by illuminating their homes with tiny oil lamps

called "diwa." Household inhabitants take a ceremonial bath, don their best clothes, and participate in traditional activities such as parades, visiting family, exchange gifts, watching fireworks, praying, and of course, observing dancing bears and snake charmers. Diwali is important in the Indian culture because it marks a time when people can make a new start. Homes are vigorously cleaned, old debts are cleared up, and the new farming season is begun.

## Australia

By BETSY HOLT

Christmas in Australia is very similar to the way we celebrate it here. The preparations for Christmas include special foods, sending Christmas cards, decorating the house and church, and getting all the gifts ready. In the Land Down Under the twelve days of Christmas are celebrated in the first month of summer. The temperature in Australia can reach up to ninety degrees Fahrenheit.

Some people even go as far as to put fake snow on their window panes. On Christmas Eve the children hang their stockings on the bedpost or by the chimney expecting their gifts to be there in the morning. Santa Claus arrives on water skis or on an airplane to deliver the gifts. On Christmas morning the presents are opened, and the big feast is served. They later spend the afternoon visiting their neighbors or family.

By MEG WOOLLEY

The French Christmas Holidays are full of excitement, family and friends. Many families attend midnight mass and return home for a festival supper called "le revellion". This is also an ideal time for family reunions.

Everyone in the community gets in the Christmas spirit. Churches and cathedrals light up for midnight mass, and many shops decorate their windows. Families purchase small nativity scenes from special holiday fairs.

The children at Christmas time have special traditions similar to the American children. Pere Noel, aka Santa Clause, fills shoes placed in front of fire place with goodies.

The meal served for their special dinner vary in different parts of the country. Some families serve goose, turkey, or oysters as a main course. Many families include fruit, buckwheat, and chestnuts as and appetizer or part of the meal.

Christmas in France is similar to our American Christmas, because it is the celebration of Jesus' birth. The one major difference is families do not decorate a tree.

## Greece

By BECKY PORTER

Christmas begins in this Mediterranean country on Christmas Eve when young boys go caroling from house to house, singing the good news of Christ's birth and collecting coins for themselves. Church services and Christmas Eve dinner follow. Considering that the Greeks are coming out of a forty-day fast when they sit

down to this meal, it's not surprising that each dish is accorded enthusiastic reception. Some traditional dishes served are Christopsomo (Christmas Bread), Melmacaroma (Christmas Biscuits), and Kourabiedes (Crescent-shaped Cookies). While we exchange gifts on Christmas morning, they wait until January 1.

## Mexico

By MARIBEL MARTINEZ

In Mexico, Christmas means posadas, pinatas, and puestos. Beginning nine days before Christmas, groups of all ages form posada (processions) and go from house to house asking for entrance. Las Posadas are performed by nine families who meet at a different house each night. After the rosary is done, they march around the house carrying lighted candles, and moving from room to room, they chant the Litany of Loretto and

knock at the various doors asking for shelter. In each instance they are refused admittance. After this, they are served refreshments and pinatas are broken. These pinatas are filled with toys and things to eat. Christmas time in Mexico also means puestos. A puesto is a market stall in which Indians set up wherever in order to sell the Christmas toys, rag dolls, figurines, and trinkets which they have been making for weeks.

## Spain

By KRISTI CARBAJAL

Christmas in Spain is a time of devout and beautiful religious ceremonies. The observances begin on December 8, which is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. After Vespers on that day, the stately Dance of Sixes is performed in the cathedral in Seville. In cathedrals, in country churches, and in most homes, manger scenes known as Nacimientos are centers of devotion. Many families gather around the household

Nacimientos every evening during Christmas week to sing carols, and children shake tinkling tambourines as they dance for the Christ Child. During the evening of January 5, children put their shoes on the balcony or near a window. The next day is Epiphany, the last day of the Christmas Season. It celebrates the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. According to legend, the Wise Men arrive during the night before Epiphany and fill the children's shoes with small gifts.

## Costa Rica

By JULIE SCROGGS

Bringing in the orchids is one of the many pleasant customs that mark the beginning of the Christmas season in Costa Rica. Flowers, fruits, and foliage are gathered to glorify del Nino (the Christ Child) on his birthday. According to Costa Rican tradition, it is del Nino who brings the children their gifts, but in recent years Santa Claus has appeared

on the scene from the United States and parents imitate the sound of reindeer hoofs on Christmas Eve to inform their children that Santa is arriving. Also of recent origin in Costa Rica is the Christmas tree. The supper served following midnight Mass includes tamales stuffed with chicken, olives, and rice covered in red chili.



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