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Chamber of Commerce Banquet Held

Annual Awards Disbursed To Local Citizens/Businesses

At A Glance

55 Alive

Driver's Safety Class

In 1979, the Association of Retired Persons decided to create a training program for older drivers.

After reviewing data from the Department of Motor Vehicles, agencies on aging, Offices of Highway Safety and Department of Transportation as well as seeking the advice from several safety councils, auto associations, universities and traffic safety educators, the Association developed the first comprehensive driver education program designed to meet the needs of older motorists, naming it "55 Alive/Mature Driving."

About 45 million registered drivers or 30% of all drivers in the United States are 50 and older. This number is expected to increase significantly in the next few years, according to U.S. Government experts. It is anticipated that the number of drivers over 65 will increase 129% over the next five years.

In Texas, over 55 drivers who graduate from the 55 ALIVE/MATURE DRIVING course will receive a 10% decrease in their automobile insurance for three years.

The course will be offered on January 23 and 25 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman from 6 - 10 p.m.

Registration blanks are available at the O'Loughlin Center. For more information or questions, call James Cunningham at 659-3549.

Amarillo Opera To Host Spirituals Concert

World renown spiritual singer Ernestine Dillard will highlight the Amarillo Opera's 7th Annual "Lift Every Voice" concert on Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Amarillo Opera's education and community outreach programs. Tickets are available at the Amarillo Civic Center Box Office and Randy's Music Mart, 2600 Paramount, in Amarillo. They are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 15 and under.

Utility Funds Available From Panhandle Community Services

Johnny Raymond, Executive Director for Panhandle Community Services announced the availability of \$456,000 Utility Funds for direct payment assistance. Funds come from the Energy Division of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

"The funds will be a blessing for many families living on limited income," stated Raymond. PCS covers the 26-county area of the Panhandle and has 13 offices that provide intake on families who apply. A total of \$456,000 is available for the entire area. Families meeting income limitation of 125% of poverty income will qualify.

"The need is greater than the amount of funds allotted. Many of our retired citizens, disabled citizens, and single-parent families are faced with bills that exceed 50% of the family income and getting behind on their utility," Raymond continued.

Raymond encourages families to contact the nearest PCS office for possible assistance before getting behind on utility bills. "People seeking assistance should bring past due bills with them along with proof of income, and please call for appointments to prevent a wasted trip due to extreme demand for services."

Anyone wishing to donate to PCS for utility assistance can do so by sending their contribution to PO Box 32150, Amarillo, TX 79120 or the nearest PCS Center. All funds will be used for direct assistance in the county so designated by the donor. PCS has delivered utility assistance for many years. "This is the biggest demand for winter assistance we have ever had," stated Raymond.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet was held on Saturday, January 20, 2001. The theme for this year's event was "Spirit of Community."

The keynote speaker for the evening was Brian Foster, Youth Minister at the First Baptist Church in Spearman.

Donna McCubbin was recognized as the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Past President, and Cindy Blackman was introduced as the current president. The Women's Division Executive Board consists of Cindy Blackman, LeeAnn Carson, Debbie Eslick, Gina Gillispie, Jodie Hight, Diane Maxwell, Donna McCubbin, Arbeta Nobles, Sandi Pearson, Cheryl Gibson-Salgado.

Carolyn McLeod, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Past President, introduced Sharon Cook as the current president. The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors consists of Sharon Cook, Dr. Scot Martin, Carolyn McLeod, Tindle Ramon, Robert Patrick, Missy Bates, Justin Boyd, Rosalee Bueno, Lynnane Maize, Rosie Martinez, Donna McCubbin, Lenny Pecha, Paige Pickering, Bill Pittman, Rod Sumner, and Sergio Vargas. Members going off the board are Kim Brock, Beth Brown, Linda Coombs, Diane Maxwell, Bruce Stinson, and Jan Williamson.

Keith Goodman, representing the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, recognized Randy Kirk as the Fireman of the Year. He also presented A-1 Plumbing with a plaque thanking them for their support of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.

Jim Derington, Rotary Club President, announced Tindle Ramon as the 2000 Rotary Employee of the Year.

Cates Men & Boys Wear was named the 2000 Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year.

Alton and Peggy Ellsworth were named the 2000 Citizens of the Year.

Service In Community, Business Earns Ellsworth's Citizens of Year Award

Alton and Peggy Ellsworth moved from Amarillo to call Spearman their home in 1948. Although Alton moved here with his family in 1930, he moved away to serve during World War II in the Army Air Corps.

Their first son, Gary came along in 1949. The same year their daughter, Gayle was born in 1952, they opened Alton's Gulf Service. They expanded the service station in the early 60s and added Alton's father's wholesale distributorship to their responsibilities. In 1967, they purchased and began operating the Lyric Theater, which Alton refers to as 'a hobby' and Peggy calls 'a pain.'

The Ellsworth's community involvement has been extensive over the past years.

Alton has been a member of the Spearman Lions Club since 1953 and has served as an Alderman on the Spearman City Council. He was a member of the Hansford Hospital District Board of Directors from 1981 to 1993 and was president from 1989 to 1993. He started the tradition of opening each meeting with prayer. Alton also served as a Little League coach for The Lions Club Yankees.

Peggy is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary at Hansford Hospital and was a member of the Home Demonstration Club. She was a Home Room Mom for her children and a Cub Scout Den Leader and Brownie Scout Leader.

The Ellsworth's are members of the First Baptist Church in Spearman. Peggy has served as chair of the Bereavement Committee and as an officer of her Sunday School Class. Both are known for sending birthday cards to church members. They are responsible for distributing Lions Club Spirit Flags in their neighborhood. At age 75, Alton took on being a "Big Brother" with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

During their years as business owners and leaders in the community, many young people have fallen under their tutelage working after school and on weekends at their businesses, pumping gas, washing windshields, serving popcorn, cokes and candy.



Peggy and Alton Ellsworth
Spearman Chamber of Commerce 2001 Citizens of the Year

Through the years, the Ellsworth's have consistently supported the youth in Spearman by buying adds in the school annual, sports schedules, allowing groups to hold car washes at their business, buying animals at the Hansford County Livestock Show and buying fundraising items from countless young people for various causes. They have always supported their children, grandchildren and "Little Brother" by attending practically every event any one of them had a part.

Business of the Year Goes To Family Store

In 1959, Mary Cates convinced her husband Slim to open Cates Men & Boys Wear.

The Cates had previously been involved in farming, the grocery business, had owned a dairy and the International Implement dealership.

The store moved to 221 S. Main in 1967 and expanded in 1980 when they bought the old bank building.

The Cates' son, Gary began working at the store in 1971 and took over management in 1984 with his wife, Pamela. In 1991,

they expanded to a second store in Perryton.

Over the years, the Cates' have supported the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, the Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club, Spearman Independent School District and the First United Methodist Church. They have hired many good employees, including several high school students. They have survived in good times and bad and have seen changes in styles, business, and customers throughout the years.

See "Ramon Named Employee of the Year" on Page 8



Randy Kirk
Spearman Volunteer
Fireman of the Year



Jimmy Younger of A-1 Plumbing
Volunteer Fire Department
Business of the Year



Gary Cates of Cates Men & Boys Wear
Spearman Chamber of Commerce 2001 Business of the Year



Tindle Ramon of First National Bank
Spearman Rotary Club's 2001 Employee of the Year

Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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A friend of mine gave me the following story, and I really enjoyed it. I hope you enjoy it, too.

The Empty Chair

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed. The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit.

"I guess you were expecting me," he said.
"No, who are you?" said the father.
The minister told him his name and then remarked, "I see the empty chair; I figured you knew I was going to show up."
"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man.
"Would you mind closing the door?"
Puzzled, the minister shut the door.
"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Johnny, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest.'"

"Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because He promised, 'I will always be with you.' Then just speak to him in the same way you're doing with me right now."
"So I tried it and I've like it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil and returned to the church.
Two nights later, the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Yes, when I left the house about 2 o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"
The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."

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 :)

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Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



Job Security: Sharpening Your Competitive Edge

The game is changing and your competitors are getting better. This is true in business and in life in general. Today it doesn't matter whether you work for yourself or someone else, your job security is only guaranteed if you keep your competitive edge.

During the nearly 11 years I have been writing this column, I have presented and attended more than 1,000 seminars, workshops and speeches aimed at improvement. The topics ranged from accounting to zip-code marketing. The goal was always to build skills, increase knowledge and be more productive.

Here are some of the gems I've learned and shared over the years. Some are more focused at business operations, some are more personal and some work well in both situations. I hope you get at least one good idea to use in your business or career.

Honing Your Edge

* Do something or be something unique. You don't have to be first to be successful, but you must be different.

McDonald's did not invent the hamburger. It was not first to market hamburgers. Its hamburgers are not the biggest, nor - by most accounts - the best. What Ray Kroc created was a process of fast production, consistent quality and economies of

scale.

Cyrus McCormick didn't build the first grain reaper, but he was the first to offer a money-back guarantee. He also was the first to offer an installment plan to pay for his harvester.

What can you do that will set your business apart? What skills and abilities can you acquire that will make you more valuable at work?

* Don't play your competitor's game. I can beat golf great Tiger Woods. I am certain I can beat him, but not at golf. Golf is his game; I don't play golf. I can beat him at my game.

In an era when most heavyweight champions were slow moving, heavy hitters, Muhammad Ali danced and weaved and made himself almost impossible to hit. He was not the hardest hitter, just the hardest to hit. He scored points and kept out of range.

* Compete with yourself first. Too many people are focused on how they are doing compared to someone else. It's a bit of "If you're OK, I'm OK." Don't try to compete with others. Concentrate on improving areas of your own life. I have found that those who work hard to improve themselves rise to the top despite the competition.

If you don't love the fight, don't play the game. One of basketball's greatest coaches, Adolph Rupp, said, "I wouldn't give one iota to make a trip from the cradle to the grave unless I could live in a competitive world."

Don't start your own business unless you love the thought of competing for customers, profits and survival. The love of the fight - the enjoyment of competition - is essential to your success. Competition improves businesses, organizations, and individuals.

* Hit the competition head-on.

Let me illustrate this point with two little stories about some head-on hitters. John, the barber, had a beautiful, well-established business. His haircuts were excellent and he charged \$10. One day a competitor moved in across the street and erected a huge sign that read "Haircuts \$6." After looking at the sign for about three weeks, John erected an even larger sign that said, "We fix \$6 haircuts."

Sally had just opened her dress shop when an older, more established store moved into a larger and newly remodeled space just across the way. The new (old) competitor erected a big sign that said, "Mary's Ladies Fashions, Established 1955." Sally responded with the head-on approach. She put up an even larger sign that read, "Sally's Ladies Wear, No Old Merchandise."

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Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

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(Disciples of Christ)
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Minister - Gary Smith

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

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.
Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
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Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
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717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671
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Worship Service &
Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor - Dennis Alger

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

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Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Ken Cole

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

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

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502 E. 7th • 659-3991
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Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 5 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

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

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

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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North of Gruver
339-7709
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

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

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 Birthday - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mabel Jameson, R.L. McFarlin, Travis Davis, Mike Dodd, Deloris Sloan, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sparks

January 26
 Birthday - Chase Reid, Joe Cage, Gary Woolley, Matt Archer, Patsy Hunt, Jon King, Tiffany Hendricks, Lori Ann Perez, Patsy Brown, Kellie Kjos, Mark Thomas, Debbie Hagerman, Rodolfo Garcia
 Anniversary - Bill & Jody Hamish

January 27
 Birthday - Jack Gillispie, Jerry Womble, Wanda Brown, Lynette Williams, Nickie Lozano, Jerry Hart, Twana Trout, Allen Leach, Andrew Boyd, Amber Ramon, Berry Kirk Patrick, Francis Hathaway
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gus Vargas

January 28
 Birthday - Brooke Bevell, Rita Williams, Howard Garnett, Tammy Burch, Joe Archer Jr., Eddie Papay, Melissa Donahue, Mavis Collins, Joyce Woolley, Patty Volden, Randy Burress, DeAnn Sparks, Brooke Adams, Curtis Cernik, Lupe Velasquez, Cari Stedje
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Clark Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper, Bill & Joyce Johnson

January 29
 Birthday - Bill Hadley, Erin Derington, Linda Diaz, Johnnie Gaither, Andy Graham, Richard Larson, Estella Gilmore, Andi Hager, Tanner Beedy, Gerry Davis, Nancy Mitchell, Dustin Hodge, Delphia Duke, Brad Hicks, Travis Reiswig
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Harold Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Dee Allen

January 30
 Birthday - Vicki Crawford, Terry Jackson, Timothy Schultz

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Peste Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. Eusebio Vela Sr., Richard & Arlene Paschel, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Perez

January 31
 Birthday - Breanna Dearn, Brian Stewart, Austin Zimmer, James Schnell, L.C. Owens, Cory Schneider, Charles Lilley, Hudson Williams, Jim Younger, Karen Ferguson
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Ruiz, Mr. & Mrs. John Shields, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Hintergardt, Mr. & Mrs. Royce Mathews

February 1
 Birthday - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, JoeBob Breedon, Terri Goodknight, Lacie Baker, Clint Linde, Anthony Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cheryl Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. George C. Lowe

February 2
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February 3
 Birthday - Jerry Kiser, Joanne Hays, Kelly Davis, Jr. Hart, Pip Craig, Glenna Dibbern, Todd Ware, Donna Roberts, Beth Baker, Jerry Laird, Roy Dee Martin, Evelyn Burch, Traci Cliff
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February 4
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February 5
 Birthday - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tippy, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Pipkin, Theron Spencer, Zachary McCammond, Matt Watlington, Matison Jones, George DeSantiago, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter, Larry Murphy

Our Deepest Sympathy

Grace Johnson

Grace Johnson, 82, died Tuesday, January 16, 2001. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 20, 2001 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Burial was in Gray Cemetery at Gray, OK, by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Spearman. Mrs. Johnson was born in Grand Valley, OK in 1918. She had lived in Spearman for 26 years, moving there from Amarillo. She had formerly worked as a secretary for Brown Pontiac-GMC in Amarillo and retired in 1974. She was a member of the First Christian Church. She married Merrel Johnson in 1975 at Spearman. He died in 1987. Survivors include three brothers, Ray Phelps of Spearman, Clifford Phelps of Yukon, OK, and Jack Phelps of Weatherford, OK; and a sister, Louise Smith of Sugar Land. The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church building fund, Box 637, Spearman, TX 79081; or a favorite charity.

T.C. "Tek" Harvey Jr.

T.C. "Tek" Harvey Jr., 80, died Wednesday, January 17, 2001, in Perryton after he failed to recover from a severe stroke he suffered on December 27, 2000 while in Garden City, KS. Services were at 1:30 p.m. Friday, January 19, 2001 in Gruver United Methodist Church at Gruver with the Rev. Jerry Moore officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery in Gruver by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. Mr. Harvey was born in Erick, OK on November 28, 1920, and was a longtime resident of Hansford County. He graduated from Gruver High School in 1938. He was a farmer and rancher and a member of the Gruver United Methodist Church, which he loved. He married Loucielle Miller in 1940 at Liberal, KS. Survivors include his wife; a son, James C. Harvey and his wife Sherry of Dallas; two daughters, Sharon Reed and her husband A.D. of Spearman and Peggy Osborne and her husband Gary of Fullerton, CA; two sisters, Louise Archer of Spearman and Margaret Ayres of San Antonio; five grandchildren, Halee Reed Rice of Spearman, Tamera Osborne King of Phoenix, AZ, Shannon Harvey Russell of Exton, PA, Hadley Reed of Spearman, and Tim Osborne of Buena Park, CA; and seven great-grandchildren, on all of whom he spread his everlasting love and affection. The family suggests memorials be to Gruver United Methodist Church, Multiple Sclerosis Society, American Heart Association, or a favorite charity.

Janis Louise Brown Boney

Janis Louise Brown Boney, 53, died on Saturday, January 20, 2001 in her home near Sunray. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2001 at the Sunray Baptist Church, with the Rev. Philip Hilton, Pastor of Sunray Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Lane Memorial Cemetery in Sunray. Janis was born on October 31, 1947 in Amarillo, TX. She had lived in Sherman County most of her life. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Sunray Baptist Church, and she loved to watch the Lakers and the Cowboys. She married John M. Boney on October 23, 1969 in Gruver. Survivors include her husband, John M. Boney of the home; two sons, Bobby Boney of Amarillo and Tim Boney of Denton; a daughter, Jona Boney of Amarillo; her mother, Gladys Brown of Sunray; her mother-in-law, Sybil Boney of Amarillo; a granddaughter, Brittney Boney of Medina, TX; a sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Bill Steinberger of Perryton; and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Royce and Ron Yarbrough of Amarillo.

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Genealogy Society

The Spearman Genealogy Society meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Hansford County Library. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Spearman Practice Livestock Show

The Spearman Practice Livestock Show will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 28th, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the Spearman County Barn. All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to attend. This will help you get ready for the county livestock show in February.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic on Monday, January 29 at Hansford County Hospital, 712 S. Roland, in Spearman. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or for more information call 806/356-1905 or 1/800-377-4673.

Walk For Kids' Sake

The Walk for Kids' Sake benefiting the local Big Brothers Big Sisters program will be held Saturday, January 27th at the Ochiltree County Expo Center. Teams of three to six members raise pledges, with each member raising at least \$50. Teams will have their choice of four shifts, each with a theme as well as music and activities appropriate to the theme: the 9:00 Family Walk (strollers welcome), the 10:00 Fish Walk (featuring Christian music), 11:00 and Noon Party Walks (cool music and pizza) Each walker receives a t-shirt and is eligible for door prizes during each shift. Food and drinks will be provided throughout the day. Business sponsorships also raise money in the event. Shift sponsorships are available for \$350 and mile markers for \$100. For more information about the event, call 434-0016 or 1/800-687-8282. Advisory committee members from Spearman are Carolyn Cummings and Don Townsen, and from Gruver is Paula Kelly.

Can You Teach?

The Community Resource Program is looking for people to teach the following classes: Cooking, Drawing, Painting, Catering, Exercises, Tile Mosaics, Photography, Stock Trading, or something else. Call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at (806) 659-3233.

Adult Basic Bookkeeping Class

If you are interested in an Adult Basic Bookkeeping Class, please contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at (806) 659-3233.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from February 1st through April 15th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

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Cori Lowe and Chip Cox

Engagement Announcement

Cori Christann Lowe of Gruver and Chip Cox of Fort Worth announce their engagement.

Cori is a 1996 graduate of Gruver High School and graduated from Tarleton State University in December 1999. She works for Ad Direct as an account manager in Houston.

Chip is a 1993 graduate of Arlington Height High School in Fort Worth and graduated from Tarleton State in May of 1998. He works for Cummins Southern Plains in Houston.

The couple will be married at the United Methodist Church in Gruver on March 31, 2000. A reception will follow at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman.

Cori is the daughter of Buddy and Marsha Lowe of Gruver. Chip is the son of Chuck and Nancy Cox of Fort Worth.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Gina and Matt Jones returned late Saturday from Las Vegas. They, with his brother Andy of Lubbock, flew there Wednesday to attend the wedding of their sister, Betsy Jones.

Betsy, a graduate of Spearman High, was married to Rudy Ramirez in a lovely ceremony at the Flamingo-Hilton on Friday. They will live in Austin.

Attending the ceremony were about 30 friends and relatives. Included were her parents, Dale and Martha Jones accompanied by Don and Lynanne Maize of Spearman; Mark Allen of Spearman and Danny Jones and family of Amarillo.

Kelli Rundle, who had been visiting her parents, Carolyn and Wayne Cummings, with her schoolmate, Stacy O'Dell, left here last Tuesday with the dismal weather forecast for Marysville, Tennessee.

They had been here taking their break from school before their final semester of college.

Since it was Stacy's first trip to this part of the country, during her stay here, she was taken to Adobe Walls, Palo Duro Canyon and to Dorothy's House in Liberal, a favorite of Kelli's since childhood.

Marysville is 1168 miles from Spearman, a drive of 18 hours. The girls spent one night at Memphis as they drove through snow and rain. All were relieved when they reached their destination safely.

Mrs. Penny Sumner and son Kolby returned a few days ago from Bryan where they had gone to assist another son, Kyle, in moving from one apartment to another. He is a sophomore at Blinn College in Bryan.

Kolby, a senior in Spearman, toured the Blinn campus and was impressed enough to apply for admission next year.

Their trip was in pleasant weather and open highways, far different from their recent trip back from Corpus Christi where they spent Christmas. That time, they hit the icy highways and almost impossible driving at Abilene. With road closures, they spent two days there

until traveling could be resumed; fortunately they stayed with relatives.

The dreadful tragedy at the home of John and Janice Boney on Saturday, west of Gruver emphasizes the uncertainty of this life. The house that had been home to four generations of Boney's - birth, weddings, joys, heartaches - gone in a flash. With it went Janice Boney and injured John.

Sympathy is extended to the grieving family.

The Hospital District's Home Health Care Division is sorry to lose the director, Dixie Burch. She has resigned, effective February 8, to accept a position as Director of Nurses of Arbuckle Memorial Hospital in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Dixie, with an RN from Amarillo College, has been an employee of Hansford Hospital since 1986 and Director of Home Care for seven years.

Dixie came to Spearman from Odessa in 1977 with her family - although her family (Faus) has been living in the county since 1874.

She expressed regrets about leaving friends here, but is proud to be offered the position. She was influenced by being closer to her children. Her daughter, Randi and Brad Delozier, with sons Michael and Jonathan, live in nearby Oklahoma City. Her other daughter, Rachel is in college in Oklahoma City.

She states that she considers it an honor to have worked for the Hansford Hospital District.

Dixie has been most capable in her duties here and will be missed. The best of luck is wished to her by all.

Many Spearman contacts from other Panhandle towns have expressed amazement that the gas rate for Spearman has not shot up -

some to triple the previous.

Back in 1998, the far-sighted Spearman city council and Mayor Buchanan, negotiated a five-year contract with West Texas Gas which locked in the gas price. It is purchased for 2.88 MCF with 1.15 expense added making a total of 4.03 MCF for Spearman users. Perryton also made a contract but all other localities are paying much more.

It is hard to understand there is a shortage in the Panhandle which is a producer of natural gas. Gas price is not regulated by the state as other utilities are.

Congratulations to Peggy and Alton Ellsworth on being named Citizens of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night. Others honored were Tindle Ramon, Randy Kirk, and Cates Men's Wear.

Each honoree was very deserving and came after careful scrutiny.

To get relief from the constant T.V. comments about the "Clinton Legacy" ranking along with Jefferson and Lincoln, one has to go to the printed word. However, some of the publications echo the TV commentators.

So most everyone is relieved to learn that a deal has been struck and nothing more will be done about the sorry episodes that mark the last eight years.

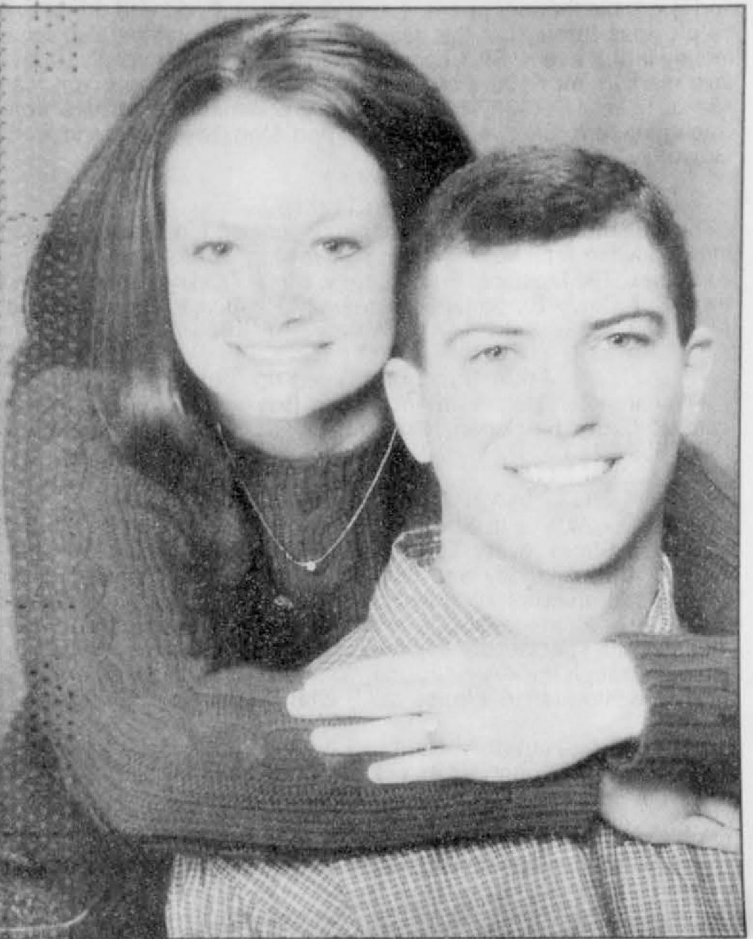
Yes, all are relieved - but a lingering doubt as to the wisdom of closing the door. One wonders, if in the future, every unsavory or illegal act of a president will be ignored because a precedent has been set.

Many court cases have been settled based on previous judgments of judges on precedents.

Clinton's 'legacy' could be one of president's unbridled conduct - the precedent having been set.

Will this be for presidents only or will it filter down to all citizens?

Weather report for week of 1-15 through 7 a.m. 1-22: the highest temp was on 1-15 at 53 degrees; the low of 17 degrees on both 1-18 and 1-20. Moisture - 3 inches of snow on the 17th.



Lindsey Smith and Britt Savage

Engagement Announcement

Bobby and Dixie Smith of Spearman and Don and Carolyn Savage would like to announce the engagement of their children, Lindsey Smith to Britt Savage.

Lindsey is a 1998 graduate of Spearman High School and attends Texas Tech University.

Britt is a 1997 graduate of Spearman High School and attends Texas Tech University.

The couple will be married at the First United Methodist Church in Spearman on June 2, 2001.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver City Commission Meets

Meeting in regular session on January 10, 2001, the Gruver City Commission welcomed visitors Nick Jordan, Chief of Police; Robert Blevins, Gruver Fire Chief; Matt Johnson, Gruver Volunteer Fireman, and Keith Gibson and Charlotte Bergin of the Community Development Board.

After the approval of the minutes of December 12th and 20th, 2000, and the paying of bills, Mayor Mark Irwin made the motion to approve the 2001-2002 budget and work plan of the community development corporation. After a second by commissioner Chad Logsdon, the motion was approved.

Commissioner Johnnie Williams made the motion to appoint Linda Weller to the board of directors of the community development corporation to replace the retiring A. J. Ratliff. The motion was approved.

Williams than made the motion to appoint Charlie Johnson to the airport board of directors in place of Delbert Williams. That motion was also approved.

Approval was also made of the board of officers of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department. They are fire chief Robert Blevins, first assistant chief Wayne Kruse, second assistant chief Nick Jordan, treasurer Matt Johnson, training officer Jake McCullough, and secretary Chris Johnson.

Also approved was the appointment of Nick Jordan as the fire marshal and Kevin Babbs as the municipal judge.

After the approval of the fire protection contracts with the surrounding counties, the oath of office for the city manager was administered to Linda Weller who will replace the retiring A.J. Ratliff.

Gruver Represented at Inauguration

Three Gruver residents were attendees at the inauguration of President George W. Bush in Washington, D. C. over the weekend.

Cody Cazares, Maxine Cline, and Roy Byrd were just arriving home at news collection time on Monday. A report of their observations and experiences will be forthcoming.

Ratliff Honored in Amarillo

A. J. Ratliff was honored by his fellow panhandle administrators with a reception on Tuesday evening, January 23, in the Grand Ballroom of the Civic Center.

Following remarks by Gruver Mayor Mark Irwin which recounted

Ratliff's contributions to the city of Gruver, a "roast" by attending leaders from area Panhandle towns followed.

GHS Students Have Works Published

Seventeen Gruver High School students will have their poetic works published in the Creative Communication Publication. For their selection, Gruver has received a poetic achievement award.

Students having works published are Joshua Abernathy, Sara Bass, Kaylee Holt, Tyrel King, Gabriel Lopez, Judy Luciano, Britt Morris, Jacinda Perez, Jamie Riveria, Steven Salazar, Evan Schmidt, Chad Cliff, Surquez Flores, Brady Hart, Hugo Hernandez, Jason Shoulders, and Anthony Villalobos.

All those published are students of Darlene Curry.

Get Well Wishes

Mary Jo Robinson is recovering from her recent back surgery.

Hallie Myatt, the infant daughter of Steve and Darla Myatt, is now home after spending several days hospitalized for dehydration following a recent illness.

It's a Girl for Guthries

Chloe Rose arrived on Friday, January 5, 2001, to brighten the home of Mark and Carrie Guthrie.

Weighing 6 pounds and 12 ounces, the little miss measured 20 inches in length.

She joins older bother Gatlin 8, and Grace 5.

Baby Boy Bezner Arrives

Ashley and Mitchel Bezner of Texline are the proud parents of a baby boy born Sunday, January 7, 2001, in Amarillo. Named Benjamin Joseph, the new arrival weighed 6 pounds and 1-3/4 ounces and was 19 and 3/4 inches long. He joins older sister Sinclair, 2.

Delighted grandparents are Richard and Wanda Wagner of Gruver.

Former Resident Announces Birth

1997 Gruver graduate Jeb Lee and his wife Nicole announce the birth of their son, Wyatt Ray Lee. The lad was born on December 22, 2000, and weighed 8 pounds and 14 ounces.

Sympathy Extended

The community is mourning the loss of T. C. Harvey who died on January 17, 2001. His memorial

service was on Friday, January 19.

County Stock Show Slated

The Hansford County Stock Show is scheduled for February 9 and 10 in the Spearman County Barn.

The Gruver Stock (practice) show was held Sunday, January 20.

New metal arena panels made by Gruver FFA members under the supervision of advisor Clay Montgomery were used at the Gruver show and will also be used at the Hansford Stock Show. The attractive new panels replace badly-worn wooden panels that had been used for many years.

JH Basketball Has Busy Week

The Gruver seventh and eighth grade girls and boys teams competed in the Spearman Tournament last weekend.

The seventh grade boys and girls, who are undefeated in play for the year, took first place honors in their division.

Both the Gruver eighth grade boys and girls took second place in the tourney with the seventh grade girls winning fourth place.

Eighth Grade Girls Spearman Tournament

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Gruver 38, Dalhart 36
Championship Game
Gruver 37, Perryton 43

Eighth Grade Boys Spearman Tournament

Gruver 43, Spearman 26
Gruver 31, Dalhart 21
Championship Game
Gruver 34, Perryton 53

Seventh Grade Girls Spearman Tournament

Gruver 23, Spearman 34
Gruver 28, Dalhart 23
Championship Game
Gruver 29, Canadian 36

Seventh Grade Boys Spearman Tournament

Gruver 46, Dalhart 17
Gruver 53, Spearman 23
Championship Game
Gruver 29, Canadian 36

Gruver Exes Coach Teams

The Gruver seventh grade girls game with Canadian on Saturday night pitted two Gruver graduates as opposing coaches.

Wynn Maupin Essler coached the Gruver girls while Tim Fletcher coached the Canadian girls.

Nowhere But Gruver

Where would a young man performing complex medical research in England get his hair cut while in Denver, Colorado for a medical meeting?

Gruver, Texas, of course. Shawn Bratton, son of Kenny and Pat Bratton, made a quick trip to

visit his family while in Denver for a medical conference. Foregoing the men's salons in Denver and England, Bratton chose Charmaine's Creative Cuts of Gruver.

Salute To Gruver ISD Trustees

Since January is National School Board Appreciation Month, a picture of the Gruver School Board members was scheduled to be taken on Thursday at their regular meeting. The picture could have been taken on Tuesday night at the basketball game as all members were present. Many former school board members and candidates were also present. Interest in school events-academic, athletic, musical, or theatrical is a characteristic of Gruver School Board members and candidates, past and present.

The job of a school board member is not easy. You hear a lot of "pleases" and not many, if any "thank you's." Serving often means time spent away from family and work with no compensation. The job requires business sense, legal knowledge, people skills, intuition, common sense, dedication, and foresight.

In Gruver, the board is usually termed "trustees" rather than board members. That name seems a more appropriate designation for the men and women whom we trust with the educational decisions affecting our children. We salute Gruver ISD Trustees: Buddy Lowe, Jr., Benny Wilson, Mike Yanke, David Grotgut, Jody Irwin, Paul Stavlo, and Terry Sherrill.

This and That

Could your computer be increasing your natural gas bill?

According to a 1998 survey, maintaining the internet consumed 8% of the total electrical usage in the United States. When the use of computers and accompanying equipment is added in, the figure rises to 13% of the total electrical usage.

With increased computer usage,

both at home and in the workplace, figures for 2000 will, undoubtedly, be substantially higher. In July 2000, there were a total of 21 billion pages on the internet, with approximately 7.1 million pages being added daily.

Several years ago, environmental groups were successful in pushing the use of natural gas, rather than coal, which they portrayed as environmentally unfriendly, in the production of electricity.

As a result, we may all be setting in front of our computers wrapped in blankets while trying to find a way to make a profit from \$2.20 corn irrigated with \$12 natural gas.

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Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--January 22, 2001--46.32 feet
 Jim reported having 150 to 200 mountain bluebirds around the office last Thursday, some on the high line, some in the trees, and some drinking from the melted snow puddles on the parking lot. Since then he has seen only two or three. He has seen a single white pelican on the Lake the past two days.

Marguerite and Archie Nelson visited the Lake Sunday afternoon and were fortunate to see a bald eagle swooping at the tremendous numbers of snow geese. Each time they would fly up and then settle back down. The Nelsons didn't know if the eagle was teasing the geese or just didn't catch one.

Someone called in with an answer to Daniel Harris's mysterious loss of hens. According to Sara Eisfield of the Reporter staff, the caller had been through a similar incident as a child and remembered that the father had said it was the work of a weasel. Sara could not find where she had written the name, so I have been unable to thank the caller and learn more. My number is 733-2562, if the caller will give me another chance.

Kitty Edwards sent a very nice note with 2 pictures her daughter Jocelyn had taken at the Park. One was a shot of 2 mountain bluebirds in a snow covered cedar tree and the other was of a camouflaged coyote in the center of a snow scene. It was late enough in the evening that I don't think the pictures will print for the paper, but they were fun for me to get. Frank

Edwards is enjoying canoeing on the creeks. He gets both exercise and enjoyment of the wild life along the way. Have others found this use for the Lake and its creeks?

Continuation of "The Adventures of a Buffalo Hunter"

After Seth Hathaway and Dutch Henry had walked all night from Adobe Walls to Charlie Newell's camp on the Palo Duro, they split up to notify other hunters. Seth found his party safe but curious as to why he was coming in on foot without supplies. They loaded everything but their hides and made a beeline to San Francisco Creek where they had a dugout. The Indians had been there before them and had cut up and destroyed the hides. When they looked around, they found the body of Dutch Henry's partner, Charles Sharpe, lying above the dugout.

"By this time, Dutch Henry with Hoodoo Brown's and Gus Johnson's outfits came in and we buried poor Sharpe at the crossing of the creek. Charlie Newell came along during the night taking his family to town. There now being 12 men in the party, we decided to hold the dugout and wait developments."

After a fight or two with the Indians, Hathaway and his party gave up and went back to Dodge City.

Historians now have to decide if young Seth Hathaway was one of the impostors who said they fought in the Battle of Adobe Walls, or was he simply overlooked when the names to go on the granite marker were selected.

Booknotes

by Sheri Benton
 Hansford Library Director

Many of you have heard me talk about getting new computer equipment through a recent TIF grant. This was a collaborative grant written and handled by Mary Kay Wells of the Texas Panhandle Library System and Donna Littlejohn, Director of the Amarillo Public Libraries. The paperwork was massive and the time involved was much more than anyone expected for these two dedicated women. TIF stands for Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund, and is designed to help libraries and school systems with their technology needs. I would not have been able to obtain one of these grants on my own for our library because of the time and amount of paperwork involved.

Our library received approximately \$30,000 worth of new equipment, cabling, etc through this grant. We also received approximately \$7,000 worth of new equipment through a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Our computer center now contains six computers all connected to the Internet. We have two new black and white printers and a new color printer. The first five black and white copies are free, then any additional copies are \$.10 each. Color copies are \$.25 each (none are free). Charges for printed copies are on a cost recovery basis only - the library does not make money on these copies. We also have a new scanner and a digital camera.

This is the beginning of my eleventh year as Director of Hansford County Library and we have grown and changed quite a lot during those years. The biggest changes have been in the area of technology. Our library automated back in 1987, so when I began in 1990, we already had two computers. These had "dumb" terminals with text only and were connected to the Harrington Library Consortium for circulation and on-line catalog. The only "public access" was for the one containing the on-line catalog. Today, we have nine computers in the library, seven of which are public access and all connected to the Internet, with graphics and the choice of printing in either black and white or color. It is hard to imagine where the next eleven years might take us, but Hansford County Library will continue to grow and thrive. Whether through grants, local support or other funding, our library will always provide the most up-to-date technology that we possibly can and the very best to our community in all aspects of library services. That is our pledge to you at the beginning of this new year and new millennium.

College News

Texas Tech University Scholarships

Kristin Evans and Amy Diane Gillispie both of Gruver were awarded Texas Tech University scholarships for the 2000-2001 school year.

The Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences awarded over \$315,729 to 437 scholarship participants for the 2000-2001 school year. Evans, daughter of Gary and Nelle Evans, received the Charlotte Ballow Camp Scholarship.

Gillispie, daughter of Bob and Kathy Gillispie, received the C.J. Davidson Scholarship.

Texas Christian University Graduation

Texas Christian University honored 643 graduates on December 16 during commencement exercises.

Regan Boxwell, daughter of Bob and Candy Boxwell, completed a Bachelor of Arts in English and Spanish.

She works with Paige-Hendricks Public Relations in Fort Worth, where she lives.

She was a member of Spanish Honor Society and graduated as a leadership scholar, for four years of participation in leadership course seminars and projects with people in the Fort Worth Business community.

McMurry University Graduation

Toby Thompson, son of Richey and Karen Thompson, received his degree in Multidisciplinary Studies I at McMurry University during their Fall 2000 commencement on December 16, 2000.

Angelo State University Graduation

Matthew L. Gafford, son of Ladd and Cathy Gafford graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from Angelo State University on December 15, 2001.

He will reside in Big Spring, TX where he is employed by Big Spring ISD as a teacher and coach.

Ok. Panhandle State University Graduation/Honor Roll

Oklahoma Panhandle State University announced their list of Fall 2000 graduates as well as the Dean's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll.

Graduating from Spearman were Sherry Boyd, who received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education magna cum laud and Sonya Tindell, who received her Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education.

Six students from Gruver and one from Spearman were honored on the Dean's Honor Roll: Charissa Beattie, Christopher Bergner, Autumn Gruver, Misti Bainum-James and Mary Olsen all of Gruver and Michael Hitchcock of Spearman. These six were of the 238 students who earned between a 3.30 and 3.99 GPA.

Allen Burcham of Morse, Krista Davis and Kelly Hart of Gruver and Danielle Jones of Spearman were of the 101 students who earned a 4.0 grade point average and a place on the President's Honor Roll.

Blinn College President's Honor Roll

Reagan Renner, son of Lynna and Philip Renner, was recently named a President's Scholar at Blinn College in Bryan, TX. The college recognizes those students as Presidential Scholars who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a grade point average of at least 3.75.

Frank Phillips College Honor Roll

Jennifer Hughes, was named to the Frank Phillips College Presidential Honor Roll for maintaining a 4.0 GPA for the Fall Semester.

Jennifer is the daughter of Jan Ellsworth and Gary Ellsworth, both of Spearman.

Thank You
 The family of Jewel Ward would like to thank our families, our friends and our pastors for your love and support during his illness. Your prayers, cards, visits and donations of food have made our loss easier to bear.
 A special thanks to the ladies of Faith Lutheran, First Presbyterian and Gruver Methodist churches for the meals they prepared for us.
 The Ward Family
 Betsy Ward, J.W. & Rhonda Ward; Russell & Ann McClure; Papa's grandchildren: Monica & Jason Ward, Robyn & Jessica McClure

Thank You
 Gruver Volunteer Fire Department and Gruver Volunteer EMS would like to thank all the people who lent a hand in the Boney house fire. Your help was very much appreciated by the fire department and EMS in getting the situation under control.
 Sincerest Thanks,
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Thank You
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Thank You
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Spearman Basketball News

by Jeff Beedy

Spearman Sweeps Highland Park

Highland Park came to town on Friday and all four Spearman teams swept them right back out of town. Spearman won all four games and continue their winning ways. The only score I have is the Varsity Lynxettes score which was 51-34. This game was fairly close through three quarters until the Lynxettes went on a 20-10 run in the fourth quarter to put the game away. The Lynxettes are now 6-3 in district play and they keep their playoff hopes alive.


The Lynx won by about 40 points as this game was never in jeopardy. The Lynx are on a roll and their playoff hopes are still very much alive. Both JV teams also won.

Spearman Lynxettes	
Date: 1-17-01	Place: Sunray
Season Record: 14-10,(5-3)	
Score by Quarters	
Lynxettes	10 10 9 11 40
Sunray	7 7 14 6 34

Coach Short's Comments: We must rebound and execute better. We did a little better this game, but we have to keep getting better.

Spearman Lynxettes	
Date: 1-19-01	Place: Spearman
Season Record: 15-10,(6-3)	
Score by Quarters	
Lynxettes	10 10 9 11 40
Sunray	7 7 14 6 34

Coach Walker's Comments: The girls stayed focused and put the game out of reach by allowing only nine points in the last three quarters. West Texas on Tuesday will be a big game for us. We did not come ready to play the first time.



Gruver Greyhound Basketball

by Harletta Carthel

Lady Hounds Rumble Past Lady Elks

A late third quarter scoring blitz and stifling defense gave the Lady Hounds their first district win Friday in a 51-36 defeat of the Stratford Lady Elks.

Jumping out to a 15-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Hounds found themselves up by only one point at halftime. When the Lady Elks came out strong in the third quarter to tie the game at mid-period, the game looked to be a barn-burner until the final buzzer.

Lady Hound senior leadership stepped in to change the course. A three pointer by Lindsay Messer at the three minute mark of the third quarter, followed by a two from Sammie Stavlo, another on a steal by Tessa Yanke, and then a long two by Messer gave the Lady Hounds a comfortable lead and confidence that continued in the fourth quarter.

Score by Quarter	
Gruver	15 27 38 51
Stratford	6 26 32 36

Sammie Stavlo 10, Tessa Yanke 10, Amy Watley 8, Lindsay Messer 14, Lisa Johnson 2, Kalee Holt 5, Brandi Griffin 2.

Elks Trip Hounds

While the Hounds may have been able to make up for their shortcomings in the first quarter with another team, Stratford was not the team for comebacks as they bested Gruver 67-44 in the first district game of the year.

Waylaid by cold shooting, the Hounds were down by 11 at the conclusion of the first stanza of play. While the Hounds scored just three points less than the Elks in the second quarter and just one point less in the third period, the Hounds with two players fouling out in the final quarter and hopes of climbing out of their hole growing bleak, lost their comeback bid in the final chapter.

Cory Schneider made a good showing for the Hounds offensively with several driving layups. While the Hounds only gave up 4 baskets to the Elks 6'6" post, Stratford outside shooters were hot.

Score by Quarter	
Gruver	4 16 33 44
Stratford	15 30 48 67

Fouls called: Gruver 22, Stratford 13. Fouled out for - Gruver Brady Hart, Jason Shoulders. Fouled out for Stratford - none.

Cory Schneider 12, Anthony Villalobos 9, Kirby Johnson 4, Brady Hart 8, Jason Shoulders 4.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION
The State of Texas
In the 84th District Court
In and For Hansford County, Texas
TERRY CURTIS, Individually and as Independent Executor of the Estate of Marjorie Curtis, Deceased, Plaintiff

Vs.

QUESTA ENERGY CORPORATION, WANETA ANGLIN, BADGER PETROLEUM COMPANY, JOHN F. BRYAN, MARY JO FREE, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN OF MARVIN BRYAN, KINDRA BRYAN, VICKY D. BRYAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS GUARDIAN OF KYLEE RENEE BRYAN, A MINOR, TERESA JO BRYAN, LANE BRYAN, KARMA BRYAN CASSIDAY, WALTER NEAL COOK, DEBRA LYNN COOK, MARY NAN COOK, MADINE CRUM, LESLIE CLAIRE BRYAN DICKINSON, MOON COMPANY, TRUSTEE, LISA MARIAN ROSSER, SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES, INC., GENE S. STEED, BRUCE STINSON, JACK E. TREGELLAS, TRUSTEE, MARGILEE B. WILLIAMS, BAGWELL NO. 2 FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, G.E. CARLILE, JAMES W. CLARK, TERRY L. DEIBERT, DARRELL DEWEY, FELLERS & BROWN, LILA M. HERBERT, TRUST OF THE DONALD K. HERBERT TESTAMENTARY TRUST, JANET HOUSKA, GARY L. JOHNSON, ALBERT E. MCGARRAUGH, J.G. O'BRIEN, RON L. PINGEL, KEITH PINGEL, CLYCE RAGSDALE, TONY RAGSDALE OIL & GAS, CINDY RUFENACHT, KATHERINE L. SEEWALD, TRUSTEE OF THE KLS RESOURCE TRUST, HAROLD SIMMONS, MEL L. STAPLETON, JUDITH SWART AND THREE H OIL & GAS, INC., Defendants
PLAINTIFF'S FIFTH AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION
COME NOW **TERRY CURTIS**, Individually and as Independent Executor of the Estate of Marjorie Curtis, Deceased, Plaintiff herein, and for cause of action against the Defendants, allege as follows:
I. Plaintiff **TERRY CURTIS** is a resident of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas.
II. Defendant, **QUESTA ENERGY CORPORATION**, hereinafter called "**QUESTA**" is a Texas Corporation doing business in the State of Texas. Service is not necessary as "**QUESTA**" has already entered its appearance herein and service of

Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **WANETA ANGLIN**, has been served and has failed to enter an appearance herein, individually or by counsel. Service of Citation is not necessary.
Defendant, **BADGER PETROLEUM COMPANY**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.
Defendant, **JOHN F. BRYAN**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.
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Defendant, **JAMES W. CLARK**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **TERRY L. DEIBERT**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **DARRELL DEWEY**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **FELLERS & BROWN**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **LILA M. HERBERT, TRUSTEE OF THE DONALD K. HERBERT TESTAMENTARY TRUST**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **JANET HOUSKA**, can be served at 236 Magnolia Drive, Soppell, Dallas County, Texas 75019.

Defendant, **GARY L. JOHNSON**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **ALBERT E. MCGARRAUGH**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **J.G. O'BRIEN**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **RON L. PINGEL**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **KEITH PINGEL**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **CINDY RAGSDALE OIL & GAS**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **KATHERINE L. SEEWALD**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **HAROLD SIMMONS**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **MEL L. STAPLETON**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **JUDITH SWART**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, **THREE H OIL & GAS, INC.**, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

III. Plaintiff is the owner of minerals under a tract of land in Hansford County, Texas, described as follows:
Section 29, Block 4T, T&NO RR Co Survey, Hansford County, Texas.

IV. On or about April 13, 1951, Plaintiff's predecessors-in-interest, **FRANK DAVIS** and wife **MYRTLE DAVIS**, executed an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of **E.N. RICHARDSON**, as lessee, leasing and letting to lessee, the exclusive right to prospect and explore for and produce oil and gas and other minerals from the above-described land, which lease is recorded in Volume 20, Page 161 of the Lease and Contract Records of Hansford County, Texas, and incorporated herein by reference.

V. Through a series of assignments, **QUESTA** obtained all of the gas and gas rights by various Assignments of Gas Rights.

Pursuant to the terms of the assignments, Defendant, **QUESTA**, is bound and obligated by all of the terms, conditions and covenants, express or implied, contained in the lease.

VI. Sometime after April 13, 1951, a well was drilled on the above-described property and completed as a well capable of producing gas in paying quantities.

By virtue of the completion of the well and production therefrom and by extension agreements, the lease continued in force and effect beyond the expiration of the primary term, however, the terms of the lease by which Defendants are bound and obligated, provide in part as follows:

"Subject to the other provisions herein contained, his lease shall be for a term of ten years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil, gas or other mineral is produced from said land hereunder."

Defendant, **QUESTA** and it predecessors-in-title have claimed possession of the leased premises through the subject lease at all times from April 13, 1951, through the present time. Beginning August 6, 1990 through October 22, 1990, there was no production by Defendant **QUESTA** or any other person or company of gas or other minerals and/or production from the leased premises sufficient to perpetuate the same, so that the subject lease has heretofore terminated.

VII. Such cessations are an express breach of the terms of the lease agreement, and such breaches terminate the lease as to both plaintiff and Defendants in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions thereof.

IX. Plaintiff has made demand on Defendants for execution and delivery, or to place on record, a release of the described lease.

Defendant, **QUESTA** has refused, and continues to refuse, to execute and deliver, or to place on record, a release of the lease described in Paragraph V above.

X. Defendants' failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the lease has resulted in damages to the Plaintiff in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court.

XI. Defendant, **QUESTA** has converted gas from said premises to Plaintiff's special damage in a sum in excess of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) through October 2000, plus the gross value of all production thereafter.

XII. As lessee and operator of the subject property, Defendant, **QUESTA** has the obligation to maximize production and market production from the subject property. As a part of this implied covenant to reasonably market production, they are obligated to maximize production and develop the property, cleaning out the well on a regular bases, treating the well with acid and fracturing the well, all to improve and maximize production and to market the production in accordance with the standards of a reasonably prudent operator.

QUESTA is obligated to promptly pay a royalty to Plaintiff out of all production and all proceeds of production attributable to the subject property, and they have failed to reasonably maximize production from the property and market production reasonably from the subject property. **QUESTA**, the operator of the lease in which Plaintiff has an interest has at all times had the ability, by exercising reasonable diligence, to maximize production and market the production from the wells located on the subject property. As a result of the failures to maximize production and market, Plaintiff has suffered damages in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court.

XIII. Defendants' failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the lease has resulted in damages to the Plaintiff in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court.

XIV. Plaintiff asserts a cause of action for recovery of Court costs, pre-judgment and post-judgment interest, and general relief.

XV. By reason of those matters set forth hereinabove, it has been necessary to employ the undersigned attorneys. As a result, and in accordance with the provisions of the V.T.C.A. Civil Practice &

Defendants are obligated to Plaintiff for his reasonable attorney's fees herein incurred and all costs of suit.

XVII. Plaintiff request a jury trial in this cause.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that Defendants be cited to appear and answer, and that on final hearing in this cause, Plaintiff have and recover:

(1) A decree by the Court that the lease, the subject of this action, terminated automatically by its own terms upon Defendants' cessation of production on the lease, and that Defendants have no further interest in the leased premises.

(2) In the alternative, a decree by the Court terminating the lease for breach of the covenants therein expressed;

(3) Damages for breach of covenants to reasonably market and maximize production, in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court;

(4) Damages for conversion of Plaintiff's gas;

(5) Costs of suit;

(6) Attorney's fees;

(7) Pre-judgment interest and post judgment interest at the highest rate allowed by law; and

(8) Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may show himself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,
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Explosion Destroys Farm Home One Killed, One Injured



A metal sign identifying the John Boney residence serves as a stark marker of the family home.

by Harletta Carthel

An explosion and fire one-and-a-half miles south and one-fourth mile east of the Lone Star Service Center on the western boundary of the Gruver School District in eastern Sherman County on Saturday killed one person, critically injured another, and reduced a farm home to ashes.

Janice Boney, 53, was identified as the victim of the explosion in which her husband John Boney, 61, was critically injured and the couple's home was completely destroyed shortly after 1:00 p.m. Saturday. The initial emergency call was made by non-English speaking neighbors 50 yards north of the Boney residence who reported the blast to friends who called Gruver's 911 service.

Fire units from Gruver, Stratford, and Sunray answered the call on Saturday with Gruver and Stratford ambulances assisting. Both the sheriff's departments of Gruver and Stratford were involved in the initial investigation of the fire.

Sherman County Sheriff Jack Haile reported that Mrs. Boney's body was discovered at approximately 5:30 p.m. Saturday as debris

to determine the cause of the explosion and fire. According to Jeff Oldham, Fire and Arson Investigator with the State Fire Marshall's office, preliminary investigations suggested the explosion might have been caused by either a faulty natural gas line or faulty equipment. The Texas Railroad Commission was to do further testing of the natural gas lines on Monday, January 22. Although the Boney's neighbors to the north had complained of the smell of natural gas earlier, Oldham stated that an official report of the explosion's cause would not be released for approximately 45 days.

He did state that nothing had been found to date to indicate that the explosion was not accidental. He also said that an autopsy to determine the cause of Mrs. Boney's death had been ordered and was routine in such cases.

Sheriff Haile cited his appreciation for the work and cooperation of the three fire departments and the two ambulance services. He extended appreciation to Tim Smith of Gruver who brought a front-end loader and other heavy equipment to assist in the clearing of debris.

of the house was being cleared. Mr. Boney, who had been standing near the front door inside his home before the explosion, was thrown outside the home and found by Joe Morris, a Gruver Volunteer Fireman who resides several miles from the Boney home and was the first emergency personnel at the scene.

Mr. Boney was transported to Dumas Memorial Hospital, then to Northwest Texas Hospital before being transferred to University Burn Center in Lubbock where he was listed in critical condition.

The scene was sealed off on Sunday as members of the State Fire Marshall's office conducted studies

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Hansford County Veterans

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Thank you, Catherine Smith

Edward W. Larson

Ramon Named Employee of the Year

Tindle Ramon's dedicated service to his business as well as his extensive expertise and willingness to learn has earned him Employee of the Year for 2000.

Ramon graduated with a degree in biology from Panhandle State University. In 1984, a group of investors were exploring the possibility of opening a new bank in Spearman, Texas. The group thought the bank would need someone who knew something about computers. They asked him if he would be interested in working for the bank when it opened. His previous experience includes managing a Dairy Queen for a summer, working for a mortuary, working with construction and maintenance on rent houses, working for a company that made natural gas from cow manure and selling computers. His experience in banking, accounting and investments was non-existent except for his time making deposits for the Dairy Queen.

Ramon was hired as the second

full-time employee by First National Bank of Spearman. He has installed, maintained and upgraded the computer systems of the bank. He has kept the bank's information systems on the leading edge of technology to include a network system for all employees, a Customer 24-hour phone call system, in-house processing and a bank web site.

In his spare time, he has become a first rate investments expert, one of the few who actually knows what terms such as CMO, Tier 1 Capital, Modified Duration, Rate Shock mean. Last year, he was responsible for the development of the floor plans, supervision of the construction and interior design for the bank's 4400-sq.-ft addition.

As senior employee of the bank, he has spent untold hours after regular hours and on weekends getting the work, critical to the bank's success, done. No one would enjoy working this banker's hours.

He is also an excellent husband, father and community worker. His

wife, Kristi teaches first grade at Spearman Elementary. Their oldest daughter, Amber, is a freshman at Oklahoma State University. Nicole is a junior at Spearman High School and Ryan is a sixth grader at Spearman Junior High. It is rumored that when the children were younger, it was Tindle's job to fix breakfast for the family before going to work.

He has been involved in coaching Pee Wee basketball, coaching in the T-ball and baseball summer programs and helping with the Boy Scouts Father-Son Cake Walk.

He has served as director and president of the Chamber of Commerce, as member of the zoning and planning commission, as a member of Junior Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the Spearman Website Committee. He is the president of the Lions Club and a member of the Methodist Men organization.

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