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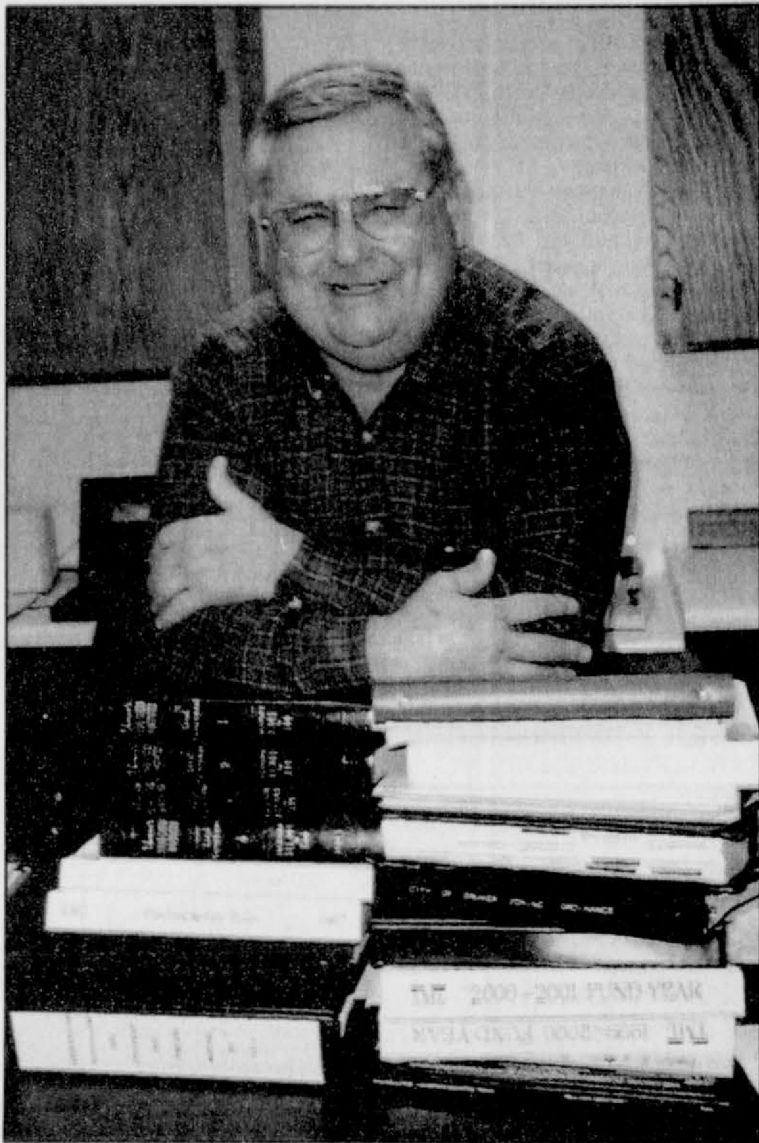
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The End Of An Era

Gruver's First City Manager Retires, Weller Named As Replacement



The Difference 22 Years Make.
Retiring Gruver City manager A.J. Ratliff pauses on a stack of governmental regulation manuals which have grown from the single permit required for the city of Gruver when he took office.



A.J. Ratliff displays the inscribed clock he was presented Monday at his retirement reception. Ratliff (second from right) is shown with (left to right) his father James Ratliff, his sister Annabelle Allison, and his mother Jean Ratliff who attended the reception.

Five-Star Equipment Honored For Service

Five-Star Equipment, Inc. of Spearman was recently awarded the 2000 Circle of Excellence award for their quality of service. Lindsay Manufacturing Company, makers of Zimmatic irrigation equipment honored Five-Star at their annual convention in San Antonio. The award recognizes Five Star for exceeding their performance standards in 2000 as well as for their outstanding service. Lindsay Manufacturing looks for those companies who promptly service their equipment and warranties and maintain an adequate stock of parts. Lindsay Manufacturing Company is a world leading manufacturer of irrigation equipment and is sold under the Zimmatic brand name.

Hospice Volunteer Class

Hospice Volunteer Classes will begin Monday, February 5, 2001, from 6-9 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. For more information, or to enroll in the 30-hour course, please call Rosetta or Charla at 659-2535.

At A Glance

Crisis Center Asking for Cell Phones

The Panhandle Crisis Center is asking citizens of Perryton and the surrounding area to donate unneeded or unwanted cell phones to help the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or abuse.

The cell phones would give these victims the ability to call 9-1-1 for help.

The people who need this emergency phone assistance are those who do not have a phone or those in a situation where the perpetrator has disabled the phone to prevent the victim from getting law enforcement intervention.

The phone chargers need to be donated with the phones so they can be kept in working order. The phones will be programmed so they only dial 9-1-1 and no other number.

Kerry Symons, owner of Perryton Office Supply, will reprogram the phones. The donor's phone number will be removed. This is done by reprogramming the phone with the number 111-111-1111.

"This is the way cell phones arrive at the business," Symons said, "ready to be programmed for a customer." This programming will prevent anyone from calling the cell phone, but it will still allow 9-1-1 calls.

Cell phones (and the chargers) may be donated by taking them to the Panhandle Crisis Center or to Perryton Office Supply.

The crisis center is always in need of community support. Helping with this cell phone project is just one of the many ways people can offer their support of this needed service.

Donated cell phones can be dropped off in Spearman at the First Christian Church, 29 S. Bernice, or the Reporter-Statesman office, 213 Main St.

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.

Frank Phillips College To Open Perryton Branch

On Saturday, January 20, 2001, the voters of Ochiltree County approved a maintenance tax for the Frank Phillips College at Perryton branch campus by 54.34%. A total of 1266 votes were cast with 688 in favor of the campus. Plans to secure funding for the construction of this facility are now in progress.

"This successful vote is evidence of the community's willingness to make a positive difference for the new millennium - this is true economic development - it depends upon and serves people," said Dr. Herbert J. Swender, Sr., president of Frank Phillips College.

For more information about Frank Phillips College or FPC at Perryton, call the Office of Institutional Advancement at (806) 274-5311 or 1 (800) 687-2056, ext. 767.

School Board Candidacy Applications

For those wishing to run for school board, the first day to submit an application is February 19, 2001. The deadline is March 21, 2001.

For more information or to register, stop by the Registration Office at Spearman High School.

An era in the history of the city of Gruver will end this month with the retirement of her first city manager, A.J. Ratliff.

Ratliff's tenure in Gruver is the story of the fiscal and governmental growth of a small panhandle town to meet the demands and modernization of the twenty-first century. In a 27-year association with the city of Gruver, three as chief of police, two in the joint capacity as chief of police and city manager, and 22 as city manager, Ratliff has overseen the transition of a city with only one full time employee and one half time employee to a city with seven full time employees providing a wide range of services.

Although the city's population has changed little since its 1970 census of 1265, the physical improvements, the range of services provided, and the governmental regulations affecting the city have grown dramatically.

The transition for Ratliff from law enforcement to city administration began in 1974. When then mayor of Gruver Kenneth Irwin asked Police Chief Ratliff to write a community block grant request in hope that funds could be secured to build lighted tennis courts in the city park. The writing of the grant was not only successful but was also instrumental in Ratliff's evolution into a new area of service to the city. With Ratliff's compliance to an additional request to help in long-range planning goals for the city, his insight and talent in administration became evident. When Gruver's need for a city manager became materialized, Ratliff was a natural choice for the position and assumed those duties dually with his role as chief of police.

Other advancements soon followed as Ratliff was able to secure a second community block grant for the laying of sewer lines in west Gruver. After buying the water and gas system servicing the city from an independent entity, High Plains Utility, the city of Gruver undertook the responsibility of providing water and natural gas for residents. It was at this point the city's administrative duties required Ratliff's full attention as city manager, and he relinquished his role as chief of police.

In the coming year, Gruver residents would see other improvements and services. The first tornado alert system was installed in 1975, followed by the first animal control ordinance in 1978, the building of the city airport in 1979, and the 1980 implementation of

sanitary trash containers and pick-up services.

Paving streets became a priority through the years and progressed until the only remaining unpaved street is one block of Second Street between the Dairy Queen and Gruver Insurance. By 1983, all areas of the city were incorporated into a sanitary sewer system. In that same year, gas lines for the city were replaced through grant funds.

A swimming pool funded through matching grant funds as well as a 24-hour emergency medical services number followed in 1985. While other improvements as the curbing and guttering around the Golden Age Center through funding by Clifford George, and a sand separator system for the city's water supply were added.

During the Ratliff era, the city of Gruver shared in the building of the Hansford County Tax Appraisal District's office, contracted with the Panhandle Regional Planning Committee for 911 services and a Gruver Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1989.

New additions have included the Gruver Fire Station and warehouse, facilities for animal control, and a recycling center. This past year, the tornado alert system was modernized to operate without electrical power, a new well was incorporated into the Gruver water system, and the entire water system was computerized.

Ratliff's dedication and talent was honored in 1977, when he was selected by the Gruver Lions Club as Citizen of the Year. He was cited for his service as an emergency medical technician, a volunteer fireman, and the civil defense director. In 1998, he was also recognized by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's (PRPC) with the Goodwin Regional Public Administrator Award not only for his exemplary service as city manager but also for his work in the Panhandle City Managers Association, the PRPC Grant Review and Comment Committee, the Solid Waste Management Advisory and Economic Development Committees, and as a member and officer of the Texas Gas Association.

Appreciation was expressed to Ratliff on Monday with a reception at Gruver City Hall, and on Tuesday, with a reception by the Texas Municipal League, Region I, which is composed of area municipal administrators.

Upon retirement, Ratliff will relocate near Ranger, Texas, where he

plans to be more accessible to care for his parents. In reflection, Ratliff states: "I have loved every minute of my time in Gruver, and I have made many good friends. To me, Gruver is the greatest town in the world." The heartfelt sentiment is apt for a man, who by chance or by fate, came to love a small Texas town and adopt it as his own. And who, like a parent, nurtured and guided to lead his prodigy to its maturity and place in the new millennium.

Weller Named New Gruver City Manager



Linda Weller has been hired to replace A.J. Ratliff as Gruver City Manager upon his retirement.

Linda Weller has worked for the city of Gruver since August 1994. She previously worked in banking. She is a graduate of the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification program from the University of North Texas in Denton.

Weller and her husband Dwain, a supervisor with the TxDOT in Gruver, have two children: Amber Holland, who is married and a junior at McMurry Christian in Abilene and Aaron, who is a senior at Gruver High School. Weller and her family are members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman.

Snow Covers Hansford County

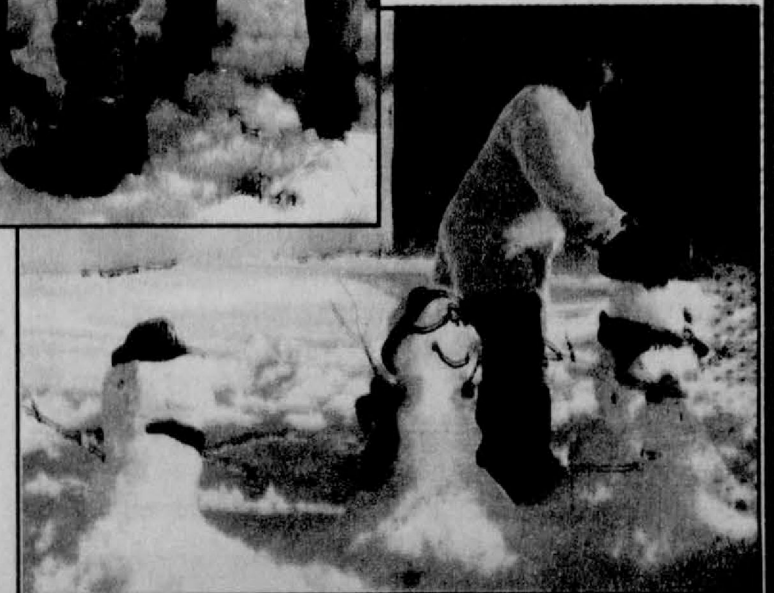
Spearman and Gruver received received approximately seven inches of snow between Friday morning, January 26th through Sunday, January 28th.

The snow brought much needed moisture to the area, but also brought many delays and cancellations throughout the area.



Pictured above: Jennifer Kelm helps her daughters, Ashley and Klara, build a snowman at their home at 320 S. Bernice.

Pictured right: Andi Lynn Scarborough builds a "snow family" in her front yard at 303 S. Hazelwood, which she dubbed the Jack Frost Family.



Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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My dear friend Sally Desimone sent me the following. It really makes you think about the people in your life who have made a difference. Thank you, Sally, for being one of those people!

The People Who Make A Difference

Take this quiz; it's a real eye-opener:

- 1.) Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
- 2.) Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
- 3.) Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
- 4.) Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
- 5.) Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for Best Actor and Actress.
- 6.) Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us probably remember yesterday's headliners.

Yet, these are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields, but the applause eventually dies, awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

- 1.) List a few teachers who assisted with your journey through school.
- 2.) Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- 3.) Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- 4.) Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- 5.) Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
- 6.) Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier answers? The Lesson? Those who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

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-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



Positives & Negatives: How To Measure Your Success

How do we measure our success? Usually, we go by our feelings. We seldom measure our own success very analytically.

The intent of this column is to give you some new ways to measure your success. You can use this column to gauge your strong and weak areas. Once you know how you're doing, you can congratulate yourself for the positives and create a plan to correct the negatives.

How Am I Doing?

* Don't compare yourself to others. All too often we look at the lives of others to measure our own success. The problem with this measurement is that you can always find someone who appears to be doing better than you. In truth, they may only be better at keeping up external appearances.

The questions most successful people ask are, "Am I making progress toward my goals?" "Am I the same person in all areas of my life?" "Is my life well balanced?" "Am I proud of what I do?"

If you can answer yes to these questions and others like them, you're doing fine. How much money Bill Gates has, and how slim and attractive some movie star is, are not relevant measurements to your achievements.

* Chart your own course. A common characteristic of achievers is

that they decide where they want to go. They decide which mountain to climb and which battle to fight. They have a plan and are guided by their goals.

Goals have three major benefits. First, they help us establish direction in our lives. Second, they give us a benchmark with which to measure our progress. Third, they can help us keep our focus.

Don't underestimate goal power. You have the power to change your direction and chart a new course. If you don't take control of your own life, someone else will do it for you.

* Prove your success financially. I believe money is a method of keeping score and tracking progress. Whether you own your own business or work for someone else, wealth does bring some security and give you options. I do not believe it is the most important, nor do I believe it is the only way to measure success.

There are many measurements you can use. If you're a business owner ask these questions:

Are both sales and profits increasing? Is your debt decreasing as a percentage of assets? Are you earning more from your business than you could working for someone else? Are you building wealth (asset value) on your balance sheet?

Now let's look at your personal finances. Do you have more than one active credit card? Do you pay off your credit cards every month? Do you have more than one car payment? Have you borrowed against your home's equity? Are you building wealth on your personal balance sheet?

I know these are tough questions. However, if you will answer them honestly, you'll probably discover some areas on which to focus your financial improvement strategies.

* Satisfy your personal needs. Are you happy, fulfilled and ready to start each new day? Do you have interests outside your work or business? Do you have time for family, friends and loved ones? Is your schedule flexible enough to include some fun? If you can't answer yes to these questions, you may need to reevaluate your priorities.

While I believe our attitude controls much of our happiness and success, sometimes we get caught in the trap of bad decisions. If you're still breathing, it is not too late to make changes. That is why we measure our success. To see what we need to change in order to improve.

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Birthday - Mary Fern Terry, Lynn Whitefield, Kenneth Lee McClellan, Ann White, JoeBob Breedon, Terri Goodknight, Lacie Baker, Clint Linde, Anthony Renteria, Brian Johnson, Cheryl Lynn Thompson, T.J. Vasquez, Charles Davis
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Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Nick Jordan, Lenis & Holly Simpson

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Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Perry Dixon

Our Deepest Sympathy

Winnie Carol Allen

Winnie Carol Allen, 59, died Sunday, January 28, 2001. Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 30, 2001 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. Mrs. Allen was born in Fullerton, CA in 1941, and was a longtime resident of Spearman. A homemaker, she was the owner and operator of Boyd's Beauty Salon in Spearman for over 40 years. She was also a member of First Christian Church.

She married Dee Allen in 1981 at Spearman. Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Crista Burch of Amarillo; a son, Carl Urban of Amarillo; a stepdaughter, Jan Robinson of Amarillo; a stepson, Elden Allen of Chandler, AZ; her mother, Viola Boyd of Spearman; a brother, Roy Gene Boyd of Spearman; and eight grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church, Ochiltree Hospice, or a favorite charity.

Ira Tindell

Ira Tindell, 93, died Friday, January 26, 2001. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, January 29, 2001 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Sutherland of Forgan, OK, officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. Mr. Tindell was born in Ochiltree County in 1907, and was a longtime resident of Spearman. He was a farmer and a member of First Baptist Church. He married Thelma Newman in 1937 at Albuquerque, N.M. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Edith Newson of Albuquerque, NM and Gloria Goodson of Spearman; four sons, Lawrence Tindell, Mason Tindell, Raymond Tindell and Warren "Rusty" Tindell, all of Spearman; two sisters, Ola Mae Chakeris of San Francisco and Ila Dutch of Redwood City, CA; a brother, J.L. Tindell of Deming, NM; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Phillip M. Latham

Phillip M. Latham, 52, died Tuesday, January 23, 2001. Rosary was recited Thursday, January 25, 2001 in Dunn Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, January 26, 2001 in St. Anne's Catholic Church by the Rev. John C. Daniel, of the church. Burial was in Tucumcari Memorial Cemetery. Mr. Latham was born in Fort Collins, CO. A longtime resident of Tucumcari, he graduated from the Tucumcari school system and was a dry wall worker. He was a Vietnam War veteran and a member of the Catholic church. Survivors include his wife, Eloya Latham; three sons, Danny Romero and Phillip Latham Jr., both of Tucumcari, and Jason Choat of Bell Ranch; three daughters, Shonna Atwood and Melanie Hileski, both of Gruver and Donna Jaramillo of Tucumcari, NM; two brothers, Jerry Latham of El Paso, TX, and Glen Latham of Tacoma, WA.; two sisters, Lisa Latham of Amarillo and Tina Garcia of Okmulgee, OK; and 14 grandchildren.

Essie Autrey

Essie Autrey, 92, of Mount Vernon died Monday, January 22 at East Texas Medical Center. Funeral services were on Wednesday, January 24, 2001 at Cypress Baptist Church. Burial was in the Cypress Cemetery with the Rev. Joe Bass officiating. Mrs. Autrey was born December 5, 1908 in Oklahoma to George R. Joyner and Mary Lou Tigert. She married George Dewey Autrey on December 30, 1925. She was a member of the Cypress Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, a sister, four brothers and two grandchildren. She is survived by four children: Charles Autrey of Mount Pleasant; Mary Ruth Connelly of Spearman, Maxine Zachary of Mount Vernon; and Helen Shelby of Winnsboro; two brothers: Austin Joyner and Ray Joyner, both of Mount Vernon; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

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.

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.

Hansford County Livestock Show

The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on February 9th and 10th in the Spearman County Barn.

55 Alive Driving Class

If you missed the 55 Alive Driving Class and are interested in taking it, please contact Kathy Bryant at the O'Loughlin Center, 659-3030. A minimum of 15 people must be pre-registered in order to have the class.

Spearman Practice Livestock Show

The Spearman Practice Livestock Show has been postponed until Sunday afternoon, February 4, 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.

Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be held on Monday, February 5, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Everyone interested is invited to participate.

Musical Jam Session At Golden Spread Senior Center

The Golden Spread Senior Center, 502 S. Brandt, is hosting musical jam sessions on the first Thursday night of every month from 7 - 9:30 p.m. All musicians and singers are welcome as well as those who like to just come and listen. And yes, toe-tapping and clapping are allowed. Come on down - you won't be sorry you came. Call Kathy at 659-3866 with any questions.

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Blowin' In The Wind

by Dwayne Mitchell

Want to make an orphaned windmill "happy"? Adopt it. The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association is now stressing it's time to get these mills adopted so if you want a mill, call Roger Buchanan today at the Hansford Agency. The mills available will be adopted on a first come, first served basis.

The SPWA has tall mills, short mills, expensive mills, and cheap mills. Mills that are Leaders, Stars, Butlers, and one mill that Eclipses all others, the Railroad Eclipse with an 18-foot wheel, a tower within a tower, and a \$15,000 price tag.

The SPWA receives no tax support and depends on donations and adoption of its mills for support.

Here are some of the mills that can be adopted. All of the mills listed are part of the J. B. Buchanan collection and will be put in the Windmill Park, but if you want some other mill, SPWA will try to get you what you want.

Mills to be adopted and the price tag: Model L Monitor, 10 foot wheel, price \$3,000; Samson, 7 foot steel mill \$2,000. Sorry, we have no Delilah mill, but who knows! SPWA has a Star #15 with 8 foot wooden wheel and tower, \$3500 (see end of column.) Also a 12 foot Star, \$1500; 2 Curries, \$2000 and \$2500; 10 foot Eclipse, \$3500; 12 foot Eclipse, \$7500 and the rare 18 foot Railroad Eclipse, \$15,000; also, an 8 foot Eclipse, \$1500; OK mill, \$4000; Butler, \$2000, and a Leader \$3000.

The SPWA still needs your Aermotor mills, regardless of condition, Aermotor towers, and other mills and towers.

Star #15
This mill will be #6 in the catalog of mills in Spearman. It was the 6th mill put up; it is from the J. B. Buchanan collection. Mr. Buchanan rescued it from the scrap pile of the Laubhan family in Follett, Texas. It was restored by Mr. Buchanan and erected at his farm site. It is prominently displayed in the picture of the Buchanan collection on the

cover of T. Lindsay Baker's "A Field Guide to American Windmills."

The mill was brought to Spearman to the J. B. Buchanan Windmill Park, but the age of its original restoration forced the SPWA to take it down in December to restore it.

The mill is built by the Flint and Walling Co., and the Star #15 dates from the decade before WW1 and the decade after. The Star was built with either a steel or wooden wheel, but fortunately, the Star #15 that Mr. Buchanan obtained is the wooden wheel model.

The mill is a direct stroke. The wheel turns a shaft that turns a crank plate. The rotary action of the crank plate gives the pittman arm its up and down action which gives the rocker arm its up and down action that is transmitted to the sucker rods so that they move up and down.

The mill is spectacular in color. The blades of the wheel are white, tipped in red, with the tails white and a blue and red star on each tail. Both tails are outlined in red, and the engine of the mill is hunter green. The lettering on the tails is black. The stars and lettering are by Wanda Reed.

The wooden tower is painted barn red and is impressively stout, built entirely of new treated lumber.

J. D. Wilbanks once again did the machine and bearing work on the engine with assistance from other SPWA members including Don Maize, Orville Latham, and Don Reed.

Orville Latham cut out the blades, notched the bows that the blades fit into, and he and Don Reed assembled the wheel.

How much time to restore a mill? The mill has occupied the SPWA's attention for most of the month of January on pretty much of a daily basis for four to eight hours each day.

The Star #15 is truly pretty. It's a Star that will shine in the J. B. Buchanan Windmill Park all day and night. Look for its ascendancy again this week or next.

Local Youth Participate In Denver Stock Show

Brad, Rachelle, Kaylee Holt and Stuart and Barrett Martin attended the Denver Stock Show on January 15-19 in Denver, CO. Holt's had a 2nd Duroc gilt, Martin's had 2nd, 10th and 11th Hampshire and a 6th place York. Holt's had a 6th place steer.

USDA Announces CRP Contract Extensions

by Dann Stuart

USDA's Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly announced January 10, 2001 that certain Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants whose contracts expire on September 30, 2001, will have an opportunity to extend their contracts for one year.

CRP provides significant and long-lasting environmental benefits for our nation," said Kelly. "A one-year contract extension will go even further to safeguard precious rural land."

Contract extensions will also provide an opportunity for USDA to review the ongoing effect of CRP on buffer areas and critical watersheds such as the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland.

The one-year contract extension option applies to CRP participants with contracts of original duration of less than 15 years that are scheduled to expire on September 30, 2001. Under the Food Security Act of 1985, a CRP contract may not exceed 15 years.

The extension will not change participants' rental rates. All or a portion of the acreage under contract may be included in an extension, but no new acreage may be added. Obligations existing under an original contract will continue to apply to contracts that are modified and extended.

Local offices of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) are notifying eligible CRP participants of their option to modify and extend their CRP contracts. Although no general signup opportunity is scheduled for fiscal year 2001, interested producers may continue to enroll relatively small, highly-desirable acreage such as filter strips and riparian buffers at any time at their local FSA office.

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We would like to sincerely say "Thank You" to the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, the community and especially the person or persons that nominated us for the "Citizens of the Year" award we received at the banquet this year.

This was such a wonderful honor and we feel very humbled as we know there are many that could contribute to the community more than we ever could.

We hope and pray that we have contributed and are worthy of this award. Also with the Lord's help, we are able to continue working to make Spearman a choice place to live.

God Bless All,
Alton and Peggy Ellsworth

Thank You

Thanks to the Davin Winger family, the Gruver Junior High and High School libraries now have the tests and Bibles for the Accelerated Reading Program. Both libraries have the program installed and running.

The students and librarians are excited and think it as a wonderful opportunity for students to increase their knowledge of the Bible.

The tests were made from the Student NIV Bible. If you have this version at home, we have lists of books being tested that your child may have.

Glenda Renner and Kathy Gillispie
Gruver School Librarians

Thank You

We would like to thank the people of Spearman and Hansford County for their calls, cards, letters, food and prayers during our dad's recent passing.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Ira Tindell, 93, was laid to rest on Monday at Hansford Cemetery. His complete obituary is elsewhere in this issue.

Ira came to Spearman as a boy, attended school here; married, raised a family, had grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

A devoted family man, hard-working and conscientious, he leaves many friends.

His life brings to memory the words of the long-ago poet

"Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes;

Each morning sees some task begin

Each evening sees it close;

Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose."

Last Wednesday's Amarillo News obituary page carried that of J. Waide Griffin stating that he died in Donna, Texas where they lived. Services were held there.

Reverend Griffin was pastor of the Methodist Church in Spearman for several years and their children attended school here in the early 60s.

He was survived by his wife, Katherine and their five children. For their Spearman schoolmates, they are Carol of Ft. Worth; Jane of Avon, CT; Tischa of Roanoke; Waide Jr. of Rio Racho, NM; and Penny of Austin.

The obituary of Winnie Carol Allen can't convey the sadness of her many friends.

Winnie Carol, 59, had lived here since childhood. For many years she was a professional hair dresser and owned her establishment. She

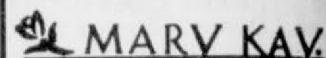
made lasting friends in her work, by pleasing her patrons with her professional ability, her interest in them as friends and keeping their confidences.

Winnie Carol was dedicated to her entire family and was always concerned for their welfare.

She has been in failing health the last couple of years. Sincere sympathy is extended to the sad family and Dee. He can find solace in the knowledge that she often spoke of her appreciation of his understanding and cooperation and was very devoted to him.

Weather for the week of 1-22 through 7 a.m. 1-29 from the record shows the highest temp was on the 22nd at 60 degrees; the lowest was on the 29th at 12. Snow on the 26th was 1.2 inches; on the 28th was 5-1/2 inches. For some reason Channel 7 showed we had 10-112 inches.

Due to unexpected complications this column is much abbreviated this week.



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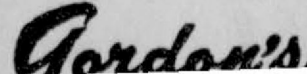
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

City Records Snowfall

The City of Gruver recorded seven inches of snow resulting in 1.3 inches of moisture over the weekend.

Several delays and cancellations due to the snow were reported.

On Monday, Gruver schools ran an abbreviated schedule, beginning at 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. with no buses running. On Tuesday, classes began at 9:30 a.m. and were dismissed at the regular time with buses running only where roads had been cleared.

The seventh and eighth grade girls and boys basketball games with Stratford were canceled on Monday due to poor road conditions.

Junior High Tournament Slated

Gruver Junior High will host a tournament beginning on Thursday and concluding on Saturday.

The Gruver seventh grade girls will begin play at 4:00 p.m. with the seventh grade boys following at 5:15 p.m. The eighth grade girls will play at 5:15 while the eighth grade boys will play at 7:40 p.m. All Gruver teams will play Sunray in the varsity gym.

Other teams in the tournament include Perryton, Fritch, Spearman, as well as Sunray and Gruver.

Get Well Wishes

Lori Swink, GHS sophomore, suffered ligament damage to her foot in basketball practice last week. She will be wearing an immobilizing boot for several weeks to heal the damage.

Mike McLain is recuperating at home from his recent heel surgery.

Janet Irwin returned home on Friday following surgery last week in Amarillo.

Hail to the Champions

The seventh grade boys will never forgive me if I don't get the score right of their championship win over Perryton in the Spearman Tournament on January 20.

Leading the Rangers every quarter, the seventh grade Hounds won the championship trophy and individual medals in a 67-44 victory.

The seventh grade Hounds also boast an undefeated basketball season to date.

Condolences Expressed

Sympathy is expressed to junior high principal Ann Moore in the

death of her father who resided in Fort Stockton. Memorial services were held on Thursday, February 1.

Save the Boxtops

Gruver schools continue to collect General Mills boxtops for Education. The boxtops, which are found on all General Mills products, can be deposited at any of the three school offices. The boxtops will be used to provide useful equipment for Gruver schools.

Pictures to be Taken

Memory Mates pictures will be taken for grades kindergarten-eighth grade Wednesday, February 7.

Scorers Listed

Several GHS Hounds scoring in the Gruver/Stratford basketball game on January 19 were accidentally cut off. Players and their points were Cory Schneider 12, Anthony Villalobos 9, Kirby Johnson 4, Brady Hart 8, Jason Shoulders 4, Kade Carthel 4, and Kasey Harris 3.

Book Fair Slated

A book fair has been scheduled in the Gruver Elementary Library February 12 - 16.

Dahl to Compete in Scramble

Ole Dahl, the son of Laura and Garland Dahl of Texhoma and the grandson of Elmo and Fay Dahl of the Oslo community, will be competing in the calf scramble at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on Saturday, March 3, 2001.

If Ole is fortunate enough to halter a calf in the chaotic event, he will receive \$1,000 to purchase a heifer which he will raise and show at the Houston Livestock Show in 2002.

School Holiday Scheduled

Gruver schools will enjoy a holiday on Friday, February 9. At that time, many Gruver 4-H and FFA students will be participating in the Hansford County Stock Show which is set for February 9 and 10 in the Spearman County Barn.

Basketball Enters Final Round

The GHS Hounds and Lady Hounds began the second round of district play on Tuesday night at Booker.

Two more games remain in regular season play. Gruver will host Stratford on Friday night, February 2, and Boys Ranch on Tuesday,

February 6.

The Lady Hounds were undefeated in the first round of district play while the Hounds fell to Stratford and in an upset to Boys Ranch.

The remaining district games will be home games which should be an advantage for the Hounds and Lady Hounds, especially since both district games the Hounds lost were away.

Grants Available for Energy Costs

Consumer Guidance has established a grant fund to help people who are having financial problems due to high energy costs.

Consumers can receive a free grant application and more information about other financial help by calling 202-595-1035 or by visiting Consumer Guidance's Internet web site: www.consumerguidance.org.

Consumer Guidance Corporation is an organization established by volunteers dedicated to assisting individuals of all ages who need financial assistance to help pay for consumer debts, energy bills, prescription drugs, and medical care. The primary purpose of Consumer Guidance Corporation is to educate and assist consumers with all consumer debt issues.

Gruver Good Guy Named

When someone does a job in a quiet, efficient way, it is sometimes hard to comprehend the enormity of the job done and talent of the person performing the job.

Such was the case with A.J. Ratliff.

While some area cities portray fighting and bickering in their daily operation, the city of Gruver has run on a smooth keel. An attitude of cooperation and friendliness was apparent. The sound of laughter was not unusual.

Except for his vacation time or an occasional business trip, this is the first Monday in nearly five years that A.J. Ratliff was not at city hall when I made my news rounds.

He was always jovial, polite, and cooperative. He was immensely interested in Gruver and its residents. His desk at city hall seemed so much bigger on Monday than it had before.

City hall with Linda Weller at the helm will continue to be a great place to visit and work, but we do want A.J. to know we appreciate all he has done, and we'll miss our Gruver Good Guy.



Lake Depth-January 29, 2001--46.35

Notice that there was a very slight rise in the Lake depth from the nice 7 inch snow on Saturday and Sunday.

Jim was gone from Wednesday through Friday attending a Texas Rural Water Conservation Association Meeting in Austin. It was a good conference dealing mainly with legal issues.

Wesley Maupin has resigned after 5 years of service on the PDRA board of directors. We wish to thank Wes for his years as a director, and to greet C. A. Davis of Gruver, who has been appointed to fill out Wes's term.

The mountain bluebirds are still around--sometimes in great numbers and other times just small groupings. Leona Stavlo told me one of her special memories was seeing a big number of them one sunny morning after a snow as she walked to her son's house. They were in the cedars, on the fence, and on the ground.

In my years of writing this column, I have studied the animals of Hansford County, but I have not been sure that weasels should be on the list. No one had told me about weasels being around, until we started trying to identify the killer of Daniel Harris's hens.

Joel Stavlo and Rochell Smith were trappers on the creek many years ago, and they would have been sources of information. I have been trying to find someone else who lived on the creek or trapped on it. One day I saw C. A. Davis and remembered he lived in the Turkey Track stone house on the road from Gruver to Morse at one time. He gave me my first weasel story.

C. A. and his 15 months younger brother Jim, 14 and 13 years of age, were riding their horses on the creek bottoms north of the house one winter day, when they saw an animal they had never seen before. The long bodied creature was tannish brown with darker markings. They decided it might make a pet, so they tied their horses to a tree and began to chase it. They cornered the hissing animal in a pile of brush. As they closed in on it, it turned and hurtled itself at C. A., hitting him in the chest. By this time it had also emitted a somewhat skunk like odor. With that the boys gave up on it as a pet and left it alone. Later their father, Charley Davis, also saw the animal. They thought it was a weasel, but they were not sure.

Weasels are in the family of mustelids, along with skunks, badgers, mink, and ferrets. One of the questions is "Do they suck the blood of their prey?"

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On Monday, February 12, 2001
Between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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FOR SALE: Brick Home at 1013 Linn Drive - 3BR, each w/w bath, spacious family room w/fireplace adjoins large living room; step-saver kitchen, recent cooktop and double oven; living room, family room, kitchen, hall, & bathrooms all w/recent floor covering; large office/computer room w/built-in cabinets; 2 car garage; 310 sq. ft. glassed-in porch; large fenced-in yard w/storage shed, enclosed w/concrete block. Call (806) 659-1745.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3BR, 1 3/4B, 2 car garage, basement, new carpet, appx. 1683 sq. ft. Located at 701 Lee Ave. Call (940) 552-5247.

FOR SALE: 1119 S. Haney - Adorable home, very neat and clean. 3BR, 1B, utility room, single car garage, fenced backyard, storage building, CH/CA new hot water heater, new sewer line, new paint. Pond and water fall feature in backyard. (Will finish landscaping backyard when weather permits.) \$45,000. Call 467-0913 and ask for April.

FOR SALE: 3BR, 2B, 2000 sq. ft. brick home, 2 car garage, storm cellar, 2 living areas, ash kitchen cabinets, fireplace. 1009 Barkley. Call Action Realty Group at (806) 467-9000 or Kari Russell at (806) 659-9709 or 670-6761.

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FOR SALE: North half of outlot 5&6 - North James & Q Ave. Possible financing available. Call 806-659-9625.

FOR SALE: Extra nice starter home - brick, 3BR, 1 1/2B, large fenced-in backyard with storage - 1105 S. Barkley. Call Frosty at 659-3566 or 659-2403.

FOR SALE: Brick home for sale Nice quiet neighborhood, 3 BR, 1-1/2 baths, single car garage, central heat and air, utility room, new stove and overhead, microwave, new carpet and ceramic tile, ceiling fans, den with fireplace, covered patio, mission-style arbor, waterfall feature, cobblestone walkway, backyard lighting, 2 vacant lots out back. Will pay closing costs. 101 E. 12th Call 659-5404

FOR SALE: Brick home in Gruver - 3BR, 2B, office, basement, large living area, 2500 sq. ft., sprinkler system. Etling Addition - 208 VanKurt. Call 733-5457.

FOR RENT/LEASE

FOR RENT: One bedroom apartment. Call 659-5519.

FOR RENT: 2BR, 1B house, located at 323 Dressen. Call 659-3341.

FOR RENT: 1BR apartment. Call 659-1052 or 659-3260.

FOR RENT: 1BR apartment. Call 659-9971 after 5 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED: Hansford County Hospital has an immediate opening for a Clinic Receptionist for a busy office. Must have computer and 10-key skills and working with the public. Bilingual is a plus. Apply at 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX or contact Cheryl Freeman, Clinic Manager, at (806) 659-2846 ext. 3501. EOE.

HELP WANTED: Hansford County Hospital has an opening for full-time RN, night shift, 12 hour shifts. Great benefits package, shift differentials, good working conditions. Apply at 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX or contact Kaye McFarlin, DON, (806) 659-2535, ext. 3112. EOE.

HELP WANTED: Full-time, Part-time, and Substitute positions available at Kid's Korner. Must be 18-years-old, have HS diploma or equivalent. Call 659-3179, or come by 14 S. Haney. Talk to Sam.

HELP WANTED: Full-time night watchman for local feedyard. Call 733-2416.

HELP WANTED: Hansford Manor has openings for full-time RN's, LVN's, and CNA's, all shifts. Excellent benefits package, shift differentials, wages commensurate w/experience. Applications available at Hansford Hospital, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX or contact Kim Blevins, RN, Director of Manor Nursing Services at (806) 659-5535. EOE.

HELP WANTED: Hansford Hospital has immediate full-time positions for a Radiology Manager/Director & Staff Technician. Come be a part of a pleasant, quiet rural community with excellent school systems, a low to moderate cost of living and a progressive hospital environment. Applicants must possess a current Texas license, ARRT with AAS preferred but not mandatory. Must be able to share rotational on-call coverage. Very competitive wages with excellent benefits package. Apply at 707 S. Roland, Spearman TX 79081, or for further information, contact Mr. Allen Alberty, CEO at (806) 659-2535, ext. 3300 or Lisa Unruh, Personnel Dir., ext. 3225. HCHD is an EOE.

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FOR SALE: 1990 Chevy Suburban - 130K miles. Excellent condition. Call 733-2164.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS
Sealed Proposals addressed to Robert Patrick, City Manager, City of Spearman, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081 for the construction of a 6 court tennis court, a covered pavilion, playground equipment, approximately 2,640 linear feet of walking trail, and associated appurtenances entitled:
Windmill Park, City of Spearman Texas Parks & Wildlife Project - 2000 will be received by City of Spearman, in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 30 Southwest Court, Spearman, Texas, until:

February 27, 2001, 2:00 p.m.
A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the city of Spearman in an amount equal to not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Spearman and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents. Any bid received after the time and date listed above will be returned unopened and will not be considered.
Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions. Contract Documents are on file

and may be examined in the office of the City of Spearman, City Hall, Spearman, Texas 79081, phone (806) 659-2524.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineers, Brandt Engineers, Inc., 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:
Cost: Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

LEGAL NOTICE BID PROPOSALS

Bid proposals for Property, Automobile and General Liability Insurance will be received by Gruver ISD. Those bids will remain in effect for the time period of March 5, 2001, through September 1, 2001.

All bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. February 2, 2001. Any proposal received after that time and date will be returned and not considered. Bids will be awarded at the regular Board Meeting, February 8, 2001, at 12:00 p.m. Please mail or deliver all bids to: Gruver ISD Business Office, PO Box 650, Gruver TX 79040.
The District reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids and to

waive technicalities, and to be the sole judge of quality and equality.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the estate of Dennis Stedje, Deceased were issued to Diane Stedje Battles, Shelley Stedje, and Scott Stedje on January 23, 2001, by the County Court of Hansford County, Texas. All

persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law at the following address:

Diane Stedje Battles, Shelley Stedje, and Scott Stedje
6100 SW 45th, Apt. 1321
Amarillo, Texas 79109

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Join us for a romantic evening on February 14, from 5-9 p.m. Candlelight, soft music, and dinner for two. This valentine's day, recreate the romance!

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Spearman Property
15 S. Brandt - 3BR, 1B, 2 Car Gar w/shop
210 Lottia Dr - 2BR, 2B, 1 Car Garage
193 Cotter Dr - 4BR, 2 1/2B, 2 Car Garage
19 N. Hoskins - 2BR, 2B, Carport
908 S. Bernice - 3BR, 1B, Nice neighborhood
1108 Linn - 3BR, 1 3/4B, Garage - For Rent
For Rent - Livestock Pens @ Crawford Edit.

Gruver Property
105 N Cooper - 2BR, 1B, 1 Car Garage
308 Richardson - 2BR, 2B, Fenced
406 Cator - 2BR, 2B, Patio Carport
514 Cluck - 2BR, 1 3/4B, Carport
512 Cluck - 1BR, 1B (sells w/514 Cluck)
36 King - 3BR, 2B, 1 Car Garage
307 King - 3BR, 1 3/4B - For Rent
905 King - 1-2B, 1 New Wire Plumb - Reduced
906 King - 4BR, 1B - REDUCED

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709 Collier - 3/1 w/two living areas
223 Townsend - 3/1/2 2-Story - Extra room
704 Gibner - 3/1, 1/2, 1/2, fireplace, 2 living areas, storm shelter, immaculate!
810 S. Evans - 3/1 Carport, new paint, new carpet, large storage in back.
710 Lee Dr. - 3/1 1/2 new carpet/paint.

IN GRUVER
205 E. 10th - 5BR, 2B, Office, 2-Car Garage/Barn, w/acres
911 King - 3BR, 3B, Central H/A
501 E. 10th - 3BR, 3B, 1 Car Garage
505 King - 3BR, 1 3/4B, New everything
308 Garrett - 3BR, 2B, 1900 Sq. Ft.
400 Front St. - 2BR, 1B, 2 Car Carport
118 Cooper Ave. - 4BR, 3 1/2B, 2 Car Garage.
120 King St. - 3BR, SOLD 1 car garage, storm cellar.
420 Main - Living quarters in rear. Pool tables included.

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Friday, 2/2 - Grilled Rainbow Trout or Shrimp Poppers
Friday Night, 2/2 - Steak Special
Saturday Night, 2/3 - Steak Special
Sunday, 2/4 - Pork Chops
Monday, 2/5 - Hamburger Steak
Tuesday, 2/6 - Spaghetti
Wednesday, 2/7 - Enchiladas
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School Board Appreciation Month



OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Young people are the Lone Star State's most precious resource, and their education is our most important responsibility. In towns and cities throughout Texas, locally elected school board members govern and guide schools in accordance with the will of the people. They also ensure that control of and accountability for the schools stay where they belong -- with the residents of that community.

Texas has more than 7,000 school board members, representing the largest group of elected officials in the state. Most school boards consist of seven locally elected trustees who serve three-year terms without pay. These dedicated men and women make policy, set budgets and work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators.

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) represents and serves local school boards across the Lone Star State. The TASB has designated January 2001 as School Board Recognition Month to raise awareness of the board members' contributions in helping children learn and succeed academically.

I encourage all Texans to recognize school board members for their service to communities throughout the Lone Star State. Their commitment to quality and excellence helps give students the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 2001,

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 10th day of November, 2000.

George W. Bush
Governor of Texas



The Spearman ISD Board of Trustees present Sheri Benton (center) a plaque upon her resignation from the Board. Other members are: (Back, L-R) Stephanie Crossland, Bob Boxwell, Mark Sheets, Mark Allen; (Front, L-R) Carol Dunnihoo, Sheri Benton, and Will Jarvis.



Pringle-Morse Consolidated ISD School Board: (L-R) Monty Dixon, Vice President; Lonnie Clemmons, President; Alan Leach, Jerry Hart, Bob Zimmer, Betty Womble and Carolyn Shields, Secretary.



Serving on the Gruver Independent School District Board of Trustees are: (Front, L-R) Benny Wilson, secretary; Buddy Lowe, Jr., and president; Mike Yanke, vice president; (Back, L-R) members David Grotegut, Paul Stavlo, Terry Sherrill, and Jody Irwin.

In one of his last acts as Texas governor, President-Elect George W. Bush proclaimed January 2001 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

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ple. They ensure that control of and accountability for the schools stay where they belong - with the residents of that community."

According to Bush, there are more than 7,000 school board members, representing the largest group of elected officials in the state.

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2001

JANUARY 2001

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NOTICE

The Spearman Housing Authority is now accepting applications for residents. Eligible applicants will be placed on a community-wide waiting list. Rents are based on family income, minus allowances for children and elderly occupants.

Income limits for the Spearman Housing Authority are as follows:

<u>FAMILY SIZE</u>	<u>FAMILY INCOME</u>
1 Person	\$12,900
2 Persons	\$14,700
3 Persons	\$16,550
4 Persons	\$18,400
5 Persons	\$19,850
6 Persons	\$21,350
7 Persons	\$22,800
8 Persons	\$24,300

For more information, contact Gary Ellsworth at the Spearman Housing Authority office located at 201 S. Brandt, or call (806) 659-2524. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Spearman Housing Authority does not discriminate based on race, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, or other classification protected by federal and state laws.

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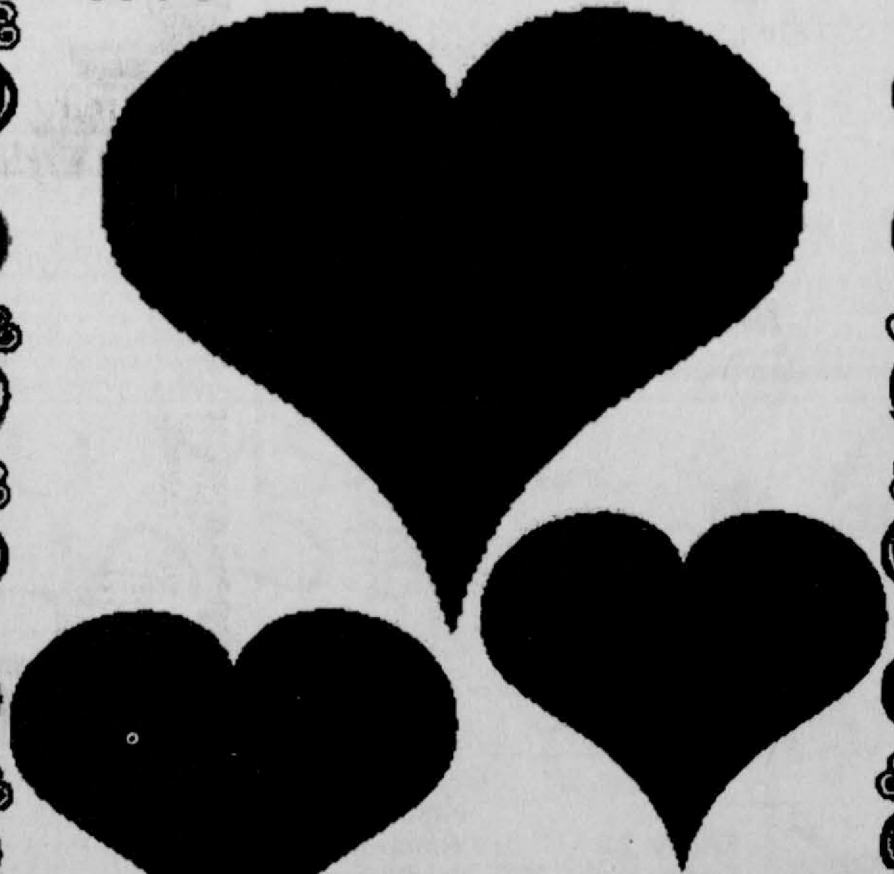
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