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Don't Call Us - We'll Call You

'No Calls List' Eliminate Telemarketing Calls

by Linda Anderson

You know the drill: The phone rings at a bad time - you're taking a bath or fixing dinner or visiting with guests - but you answer it anyway, only to hear how YOU have been selected for a fantastic new opportunity to buy insurance, a coupon booklet or a "free" trip. The caller doesn't allow you to get a word in; you don't want to be rude enough to just hang up; and whatever it is, you don't want it - especially right now.

As of Jan. 1, you and other Texans have been given a tool to help keep these unwanted telemarketing calls off your line and out of your house.

According to Nancy Granovsky, Texas Cooperative Extension family economics specialist, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) has implemented two "no call" lists for Texas consumers who don't want to be bothered with telemarketing calls.

The first list, a general "Do Not Call List," applies to every telemarketing business operating within the state of Texas. By paying a registration fee of \$2.25 per telephone number, each consumer can eliminate his or her name from telemarketers' calling lists for three years.

The second list, an "Electric No Call List," applies only to telemarketers calling about Retail Electric Providers and consumers' electric service. The fee for this five-year service is \$2.55 per telephone number. To be included on both lists for five years, the fee is \$4.80 for each residential phone.

What all this means, Granovsky said, is Texas consumers now have a tool to prevent unwanted calls from unwanted telemarketers. However, the PUC has allowed some exceptions, allowing some telemarketing calls to be completed, including:

- Calls to customers with whom the telemarketers already have a business relationship;
- Consumers who wish to make contact with a telemarketing company;
- Businesses which are collecting a debt;
- Companies calling on behalf of non-profit organizations or charities; or
- Telemarketers who are state licensees (such as real estate or insurance agents). These calls must (1) not be made by automated devices; (2) not be completed without a face-to-face presentation; and (3) not be previously informed the customer did not want to be called.

"But don't expect to stop receiving these calls right away," Granovsky warned. Implementing these new regulations is going to take a little time. PUC information specifies the "No Call Lists" are to be published quarterly so telemarketers can update their lists each quarter (Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1).

"Telemarketers will have 60 days from the date a number appears on a published list to update their internal databases and remove numbers," PUC information states. "The first published list will be available to telemarketers April 1, 2002. You will be advised when you register on which quarterly list your telephone number will appear."

That means the calls will still be coming for a while, Granovsky said. But if you pay the fees, register your name on the "No Call List(s)" and still receive unwanted telemarketing calls after the 60 days, you may file a complaint with the Customer Protection Division of the PUC (1-888-782-8477; TTY 1-800-735-2988, or by e-mail at customer@puc.state.tx.us) or the Office of the Attorney General Customer Protection Hotline (1-800-621-0508).

"Signing up for this new service is easy," Granovsky said. Instant online registration is available at www.texasnocall.com; or call toll-free at 1-866-TXNOCAL (1-866-896-6225). Or write to: TEXAS NO CALL, P.O. Box 313, E. Walpole, Mass., 02032.

For more information visit the PUC Web site at <http://www.puc.state.tx.us/> or <http://www.puc.state.tx.us/ocp/telephone/donotcall.htm>

Giving Her Best And 'Moore'

Gruver Principal Named Best In Region



Ann Moore
Gruver Junior High Principal

Known for a ready smile and a pat on the back, Principal Ann Moore has endeared herself to both Gruver Junior High students and teachers, and now also to Education Region 16 which has selected her the Principal/Assistant Principal of the Year for Region 16 of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

Beginning her tenure at Gruver Junior High in the fall semester of 2000, Moore has sought to add the role of encourager in her job description. Each semester she has taken the students who have been chosen citizens of the six weeks to an event in the Amarillo area which she hopes will not only broaden their horizons but also serve as a source of encouragement to them.

Moore also enlarged the scope of honoring

UIL academic participants by including the entire school in the festivities which last year was a picnic and outing at Lake Palo Duro.

Representing Region 16, Moore competed with outstanding principals from 19 other Texas education districts for the title of Outstanding Texas Principal/Assistant Principal of the Year. Although Moore was not selected for the honor, her students and teachers hold her in highest regard.

"She respects the feeling of others and desires the best for everyone," eighth grader Lindsey Clift said.

Teacher Kimberly Seagler agreed, "Ann Moore is the most caring, Christian person I have ever worked for. She sincerely cares for all the students and all the teachers."

January Is School Board Recognition Month

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent

January is School Board Recognition Month and Spearman Independent School District is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge the invaluable contributions trustees make to their communities.

Volunteer school board members

serve countless hours working to improve public education. They are alternately described as having the most important volunteer jobs in the country and facing the toughest challenge in elected American government. Yet school board members are just ordinary citizens with extraordinary dedication to our nation's public schools.

Public education is the backbone of American society and local school boards are deeply rooted in U.S. tradition. Their origins can be traced to colonial times when the Massachusetts Law of 1642 empowered town officers to compel parents to teach their children to read. Today local school boards continue to do the most important work in their communities - that of educating our youth. Yet local trustees tackle an often thankless job devoid of any glory. It is time we thank them for their untiring efforts!

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make. Too often we forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know - people who are our neighbors. Too often we forget that, in the tradition of a representative democracy, school board members are our connection to influencing how our

public schools are governed. Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision. Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

January is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide a better future for our children. The mission of the public schools is to educate each and every child to the fullest of his or her potential. School trustees serve as key advocates for students and are responsible for communicating the needs of the district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other local citizens to create the educational vision we want for our community. In a larger sense, the ultimate role of the local

school board is to help preserve our nation's liberty, prepare our economy for prosperity, and enrich the lives of our people. Consequently, it is the local school board that can best bring together in our democracy the entire community parents, business and civic leaders, and all concerned about the future of our children.

In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women serving Spearman Independent School District. They are Board President, Mark Sheets (1997 - present); Vice-President, Will Jarvis (1998 - present); Secretary, Stephanie Crossland (1998 - present); Mark Allen (1999 - present); Bob Boxwell (1992 - present); Carol Dunnihoo (1995-1998 and 1999 - present); and Craig Schumann (1990-1993, 1994, 1995-1998, 2000 - present). Make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated!



SHS Names 2002 Basketball Homecoming Queen, King

Laura Gillaspie was named the 2002 Basketball Homecoming Queen and John Brock was named the 2002 Basketball Homecoming King during the All-School Pep Rally held on Tuesday, January 8th.

Laura is the daughter of Dick and Leann Gillaspie, and John is the son of Kim and Stephanie Brock.

Open Letter

Another Christmas season has passed, and another Christmas gift drive for some of the young clients of Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) was again a success. This project would not be successful without the generosity of this community. This year your community pulled together to donate gifts for twenty children. All donations in the form of gifts, cash, stocking stuffers, and gift certificates totaled over \$1300 this season. Children who otherwise may not have had much under their trees got to enjoy Christmas a little more because you care.

Our gift tree at Alco was a huge success this year, as was our stocking stuffer drive at Dollar General. I would like to thank the management and employees at both those stores for their extra work in helping with our project. As always, my undying gratitude to everyone at the First Christian Church for their gifts, understanding, and smiles that always help me get through this busy time of year.

I know that I've told you many times in the past how much I enjoy working in this community, and I'm going to tell you that again. You, the lovely people who reside here, are a huge part of the reason that I enjoy my work so very much. It is an honor to be of service to a community so full of people with such great spirit.

Sincerely,

Marsha Neely, Children's Advocate, Panhandle Crisis Center



Spearman Independent School District Board of Trustees: (Back Row, L-R) Bob Boxwell, Mark Allen, Mark Sheets, and Will Jarvis; (Front Row, L-R) Carol Dunnihoo, Stephanie Crossland and Craig Schumann.

Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

My Aunt Dee sent me the following story entitled "I Wish You Enough." I thought it had a great message, and wanted to share it. Enjoy!

I Wish You Enough

Recently I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. The airline had announced her departure and standing near the security gate, they hugged and he said, "I love you. I wish you enough."

She in turn said, "Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Dad." They kissed and she left. He walked over toward the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"I am old and she lives much too far away. I have challenges ahead, and the reality is, the next trip back will be for my funeral," he said.

"When you were saying good-bye I heard you say, 'I wish you enough. May I ask what that means?'" He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down for many generations within my family. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment, looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more.

"When we said 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them," he continued and then turning toward me he shared the following:

- * I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
- * I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
- * I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
- * I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.

- * I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
- * I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

- * I wish you enough 'Hellos' to get you through the final 'Good-byes'.

Then he walked away. Too often we expect our lives to be perfect - taking for granted all of the "inconveniences" that come our way.

God never promised us a perfect life. But he does promise to always be with us through our trials and tribulations. We all need to remember the bad things are as important as the blessings in life because they help to develop character and hopefully bring us closer to God. How would we appreciate joys in life without sorrow.

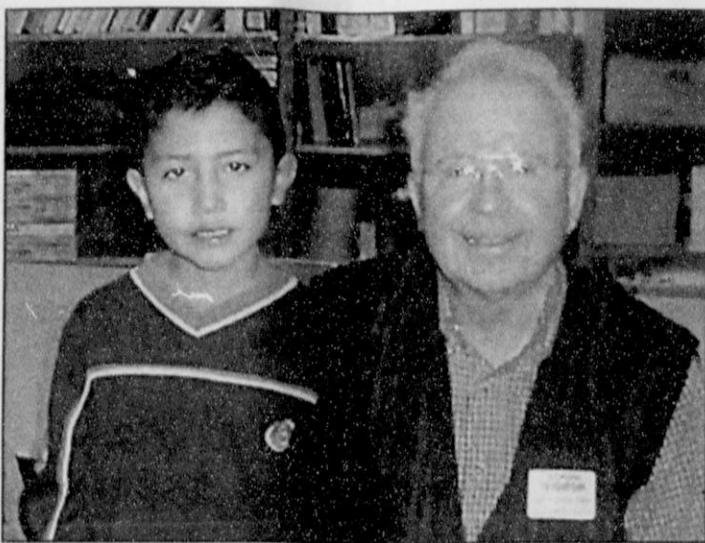
I Wish You Enough!

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 :)

'Bigs In School' Makes Match



James Cunningham (right) is pictured above with his new "little Brother" Gregorio

James Cunningham has spent a lifetime working with kids and he isn't about to stop yet. James is the latest Big Brother to be matched with a Spearman Elementary School student through *Bigs in Schools*, the school based mentoring program of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle. Cunningham was matched with first grader Gregorio on December

18th. They will meet together once a week during the school year on the school campus for about thirty minutes. He and his Little Brother will talk, play games, read and learn new things together.

"This isn't a tutoring program," explained Kimberley Lopez, local BBBS case manager. "We provide students with a friend who cares about them and supports them.

"The result is that children have another good role model, develop higher self-confidence, feel positive about school and their performance actually improves."

This is the first year that the program has been available in Spearman. "We were so pleased by the response from the community. We actually have more volunteers than children enrolled in the program. There are five more volunteers eager to be matched," Lopez said. "So I'd encourage any

parent who has been contacted by the school about *Bigs in Schools* to sign the permission form so that their child will be able to participate this year. Any parent who feels their child could benefit from this extra attention and support should speak with the teacher or Cindy Blackman."

Anyone with questions about the program should contact Lopez at 1-877-716-3424 toll free or Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.



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

First Christian Church
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29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
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 - Patrick Six

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
(aired on KRDF-FM 96.3)
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo
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Rev. Scott Raef

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717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service &
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Pastor - Dennis Alger

First Presbyterian Church

(Worships with Lutheran)
1021 Cotter • 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
(alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.)
Pastor - Beverly Cook

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

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407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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Pastor - Gene Foster

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First Baptist Church
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

Church of Christ
209 King • 733-2760
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 Gumfory

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

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

January 10
Birthdays - Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensinger, Barbara Rojas, Justin Johnson, Alex Logsdon, Devin Sibley, Melissa Vasquez
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Frantz

January 11
Birthdays - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Gloria Knox, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta Prather
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Bradley

January 12
Birthdays - Imoyene Williams, Helen Fisher, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stedje, Bryant Layton, Steve Ellis, Downing Salazar, Bradley Carlisle, Tara Davis, Brandlee James
Anniversary - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Lang, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Overbey

January 13
Birthdays - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgearld, T.J. Johnson, Molly McCloy, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan She ts Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jimmie Vernon, Diene Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell

January 14
Birthdays - Debbie Coates, Ellen Reynolds, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Baker, Mr. & Mrs. George De Santiago, Greg & Shonda Odegaard

January 15
Birthdays - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Shari Jones, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Sparks, Jennifer Poer, Remington Smith

January 16
Birthdays - Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Jason Babitzke, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandaval, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva

Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana Huerta

January 17
Birthdays - Derik Grotegut, Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Justin Gifford

January 18
Birthdays - Daniel Boyd, Ervin Wright, Doyle Jackson, Curtis Davis, Candy Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Evans, Schane Schneider, Bett Brown, Ole Dahl, Pat Randall, Jessica Blan, Robert Gilmore

January 19
Birthdays - Paula Kizziar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Nella Beth McCloy, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutterfield, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Collier, Donna Murray, Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Harris, Billy Hays, Jose Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz

January 20
Birthdays - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Virginia Head, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kermit McKee, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Blankenship

January 21
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Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Beedy, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Rimmel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

January 22
Birthdays - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Porter, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. James Scroggs, Mr. & Mrs. Walter McDade, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gross, Mr. & Mrs. John Armes

January 23
Birthdays - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Louise Archer, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Duncan

Our Deepest Sympathy

MYRTLE DEARMOND

SPEARMAN - Myrtle DeArmond, 90, passed away on Monday, January 14, 2001.

Services will be held on Friday, January 18, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Spearman Church of Christ with Leonard Harper officiating. Interment will be at Holt Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Myrtle was born on June 21, 1911 in Hutchinson County. She had lived in the area all her life.

She married Lafe DeArmond on August 7, 1926 in Perryton. He preceded her in death in 1958.

She was a sales clerk, and a member of the Church of Christ in Spearman.

Survivors include one son, Billy DeArmond of Spearman; two sisters, Lola Newcomb of Spearman and Dora Womble of Spearman; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

HOWARD MONSIEUR BARKLEY

GRUVER - Howard Monsieur Barkley, 81, died Friday, January 11, 2002.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 16, 2002 in Gruver United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jerry Moore and the Rev. Greg Kennedy officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Barkley was born Aug. 11, 1920, in Hansford County to Monsieur Franklin and Margie Harris Barkley, one of nine children. He resided in Hansford County his entire life and was involved in farming. He was a World War II veteran and served in the European Theater. He served on the Hansford County Hospital District Board and served as a committee member on Hansford County A.S.C.S.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 40 years, Verna Tomlinson Barkley; his parents; three brothers, Hugh, Herman and Dayton; and a grandson, Chad Barkley.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy of Gruver and Perryton; six children, Daniel of Duncanville, Arlene Biebesheimer of Jonesboro, Ark, Tim of Gruver, Scott of Meade, Kan., Roger of Tulsa, Okla., and Kay McGregor of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; two sisters, Estelle Chambers of Dalhart and Lera Beasley of Gruver; and three brothers, Harry of Memphis, and Rod and Les, both of Gruver.

The family suggests memorials be to American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

FANNIE MCFARLIN

DUMAS - Fannie McFarlin, 89, died Wednesday, January 9, 2002, in Spearman.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 12, 2002 in Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Korsmo, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Dumas Cemetery by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McFarlin was born March 16, 1912, in Puckett, Miss. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church. She was a former member of Woodsmen of the World. She was a Dumas resident since October 1955.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. McFarlin Sr. in 1987; a grandson, Greg McFarlin in 1972; and a granddaughter, Sherry West Snow in 1986.

Survivors include two sons, Mike McFarlin of Dumas and R.L. McFarlin and wife, Kaye, of Spearman; two daughters, Eloise West and husband, Kenneth, of Pasadena and Bobbie Hazzard and husband, Marshall, of Tyrone, Okla.; a brother, Troy Hudson of Canadian; two sisters, Orburth Swarbs of Dumas and Eleanor Beck of Oklahoma City; four granddaughters, Kay Carver, Vickie Probst, Kellye Kaye Cator and Robbie Pulley; a grandson, Randy Hazzard; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

LELAND E. COOK

HOWARDWICK - Leland E. Cook, 70, died Wednesday, January 9, 2002, in Amarillo.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 12, 2002 in Hansford Cemetery with Dr. Genoah Goad officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Cook was a member of First Baptist Church. He married Nelda Dozier in 1962.

He was a preceded in death by his wife in 1990.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy; two sons, Carl Cook and Edward Cook, both of Baxter Springs, Kan.; two daughters, Lois Cruz of Amarillo and Karen Duff of Snyder; two stepdaughters, Rebecca Hemphill of Stratford and Vicki Cross of Eminence, Mo.; a stepson, Preston Hemphill of Pawhuska, Okla.; two brothers, Louis Cook of Loma Linda, Calif., and Lester Cook of Vinita, Okla.; a sister, Lillian Keehnell of Vinita; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, 200 N.W. Seventh Ave., Amarillo, TX 79107.

ELMO MCCLELLAN

GRUVER - Elmo McClellan, 81, died Friday, December 28, 2001. Services were at 3 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2001 in First United Methodist Church of Gruver with the Rev. Jerry Moore and the Rev. Jim Terry officiating. Burial will be in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Perryton.

Mr. McClellan married Mozelle Melton on Aug. 20, 1943. He was born four miles north of Gruver to Elmo and Elizabeth Beck McClellan. He graduated from Gruver High School in 1939.

He graduated from the University of Texas in Arlington in 1942 with an industrial degree. He served during World War II in the Marines as a transport pilot.

He left the Marines as a captain. He returned to Gruver with his wife where they served the community in many capacities. He co-owned Gruver Farm Equipment, was a farmer, city judge and fire marshal for 25 years.

He worked at the Allis Chalmers dealer in Guymon, Okla., until his retirement in 1986. He was very active in Gruver United Methodist Church. He served as Sunday Superintendent and Lay Leader.

After he retired, he did crafts at Elementary One Way Church Camp in Ceta Glen Canyon for seven years. He and his wife led Lay Witness missions for several years in the late 60s and early 70s. He was a member of the Rushing Wind and Golden Spread Emmaus Communities.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1998; a sister, Anne Sanders in 2001; and a brother, Lawrence McClellan in 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandi Foster and husband, Kerry, of Gruver; a son, Ronnie McClellan of Dumas; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Kristi and Bobby Medford, Ashton and Beckett Medford and Steven and Michael Foster, all of Amarillo, Kaisi Foster of Wilmore, Ky., Finnan McClellan of Canyon, and Ty and Breah McClellan of Stratford; and three sisters, Dr. Mary Burnett of Denver, Marguerite Millican of New Braunfels and Dorothy Mann of Tallahassee, Fla.

The family suggests memorials be to Ceta Canyon United Methodist Camp in care of Jim Smith at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 4600 S. Western St., Amarillo, TX, 79109.

MARY LEE (DACUS) CREW

MISSION VIEJO, CA - Mary Lee (Dacus) Crew, 76, died on December 9, 2001.

Ms. Crew was born on March 21, 1925 in Amarillo, TX to Susie Pierce Dacus and Henry Dawson Dacus. She and her family moved to Spearman, TX following the birth of her sister, Patsy. She graduated from Spearman High School in May of 1952. She was very active in Home Economics Club of Texas and served as its president in her senior year.

She entered Eastern New Mexico College in June of 1942, majoring in Home Economics with plans to become a teacher in that subject. In the fall of 1943, she transferred to West Texas State College in Canyon, TX, and graduated from there in May of 1945 with a Bachelor of Science degree. While attending West Texas State, she met Lt. William L. Crew who was a pilot stationed at Amarillo Army Air Base. They were married June 1, 1945 in Denver, CO.

Bill and Mary Lee had a daughter, Mava Johann, on January 14, 1952. After Bill began working for Ford, they transferred several times. During their first 25 years together, they lived in California, Michigan, Washington State, Minnesota and Texas. She taught in several schools along the way and touched many students with her talent.

The Crews moved to Mission Viejo in 1983 where Mary Lee worked as a real estate agent from 1984 to 1986. After that she concentrated on her "loves" of golf, bridge, and other interests. After a brief move to Texas, they returned again to beautiful Mission Viejo in 1996 where she lived out her life.

Mary Lee Crew bore her illnesses with grace and dignity and never lost her joyful spirit. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Bill, daughter, Mava Riehle, three grandsons, a cousin, J.L. Pierce of Spearman, and an uncle, Leo Dacus. She was buried in Scotts Valley Cemetery in Washington State.

HOWARD DEAN LONG

BARTLESVILLE, OK - Howard Dean Long, 47, of Bartlesville, OK, died December 25, 2001.

Memorial services were held on December 28, 2001 at the First Baptist Chapel in Bartlesville.

Howard was born in Spearman on April 5, 1954 to Howard B. and Sada R. Hoskins Long. He attended schools in Phillips, TX, Madrid, Spain and Bartlesville, OK and had worked on an oil rig in the North Sea. In later years he was employed in Tulsa, OK.

Survivors include his parents; a brother, David Andrew Long of California; a sister, Saribeth and husband Terry Covey of Nowata, OK; two nephews, Michael Long and Jed Green; a niece, Bethany Covey; aunts Frances Kilgore, JoAnn and Johnnie Lee of Spearman, Winifred and JD Hester of Texline, TX, Sharlie Ann Hoskins of Louisville, KY; an uncle, Dave and Norma Thompson of Friona, TX; and many cousins.

The family suggests memorials be to the First Baptist Church of Bartlesville, OK or a favorite charity.

RACHEL STRINGER

VERNON, TX - Rachel Stringer, 87, died Thursday, January 10, 2002 following a lengthy illness at her residence in Vernon, TX.

Graveside services were held on Monday, January 14, 2002 at 2 p.m. at Wilbarger Memorial Park with Rev. Bob Gain officiating. Interment was under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stringer was born December 17, 1914 in Hollister, OK, to W.L. and Bessie Allen Smith. She married J.D. Stringer on May 20, 1934 in Frederick, OK. She graduated from Fargo High School and played basketball with the Fargo Yellowjackets. She was a member of United Pentecostal Church and a homemaker. She was an antique collector and was the former owner of Now and Then Antique Shop.

She is survived by her husband, J.D. Stringer of Vernon; one son, Jerry Stringer of Vernon; on daughter, Jeanine Gfeller of Vernon; three sisters, Helen Gibson of Spearman, Wilma Stowe of Vernon and Louise Townsend of Vernon; four grandsons; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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Golden Wedding Anniversary

Phyllis and Melvin Bradley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Saturday, Jan. 12, at Paramount Terrace Christian Church.

Hosts for the event were the couple's son and daughter-in-law, Chris and Jan Bradley, and their grandson.

Bradley married the former Phyllis Lemmons on Jan. 11, 1952, in the home of the bride's grandmother in Clovis, N.M. The couple previously resided in Tulia, Gruver, Anson and Spearman. They have lived in Amarillo for 6 years.

Bradley is retired from Farm Bureau Insurance. Mrs. Bradley is retired from Northern Natural Gas Co. The couple belong to Paramount Terrace Christian Church.

Children of the couple are Chris and Jan Bradley.

The couple have two grandchildren: Nathan Bradley and the late Taylor Bradley.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Wes Maupin Memorial Scholarship

The Gruver Lions Club has established a Wes Maupin Memorial Scholarship Fund. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check (payable to Gruver Lions Club, Wes Maupin Scholarship), to: Gruver State Bank, % Kyle Irwin, PO Box 978, Gruver, TX 79040.

Satellite Basketball Chapter of Amarillo Seeking Referees

If you are interested in being a basketball referee, you may contact Sheryll at (806) 435-2909. You must be at least 18-years-old, and out of high school.

Kids' Korner Toy Drive

Kids' Korner is in great need of toys for our kids to play with, so we are having a toy drive. Used toys that are in good condition and have all the parts would be deeply appreciated. We really need outdoor and riding toys: tricycles, big wheels, wagons, climbing toys, etc. If you clean out your toy boxes and don't know what to do with it all, please consider bringing them to Kids' Korner. We will certainly put them to good use.

Genealogy Club To Show Civil War Battle Videos

The Genealogy Club will be showing video tapes of the major Civil War Battles on Tuesday nights through Feb. 26th at the First Christian Church fellowship hall, from 7-9PM. Anyone interested in researching their family during this era is invited.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 S. Roland, in Spearman on January 29, 2002.

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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. Call (806)-356-1905 or toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Win A Hand-made Quilt

The ladies of the Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Center are auctioning a hand-made quilt. The pattern is "Petronella's Garden." It may be seen in the Blodgett Room at the O'Loughlin Center. Tickets are \$2.00 each, or 3 for \$5.00. The date for the drawing will be announced at a later time.

Certified Legal Assistant Exam Review Course

A Certified Legal Assistant Exam Review Course will be held Saturday, February 9th and Saturday, February 16th. This course is being sponsored by the Texas Panhandle Association of Legal Assistants. The deadline to register is January 18, 2002. Fees are as follows: \$85 for TPALA members and \$100 for non-TPALA members; or \$20 per section. An additional \$20 will be charged for late and al-door registration. For additional information, contact Susan Grim at (806) 374-5317, sgrim@pdfj.com, or by mail at: CLA Review Course, TPALA, PO Box 1127, Amarillo, TX 79105-1127.

New Rural Addresses

If you now receive your mail on a rural route in Hansford County, you may not be aware that your mailing address has changed, or is in the process of changing. The post office is now required to use the 9-1-1 emergency address number as the official mailing address of residents. The new numbers were sent earlier this year to all residents who have been affected.

If you have lost the notification of this new address, or did not receive it, call 1-800-687-7911.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is asking that as soon as a subscriber receives this new address, to please call (806) 659-3434, or come by the office with the new address.

Sign Up Now For Girls-Day-Out!

Pick a piece of furniture that you can paint in one day and GINA GILLISPIE will give us ideas, help us with techniques and be there to help with the finished product. Saturday, February 2, 2002, 9:00am - done. Call Cindy at 659-3233 to register and supply list. \$15.00

Prairie Rivers Musical

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

SPWA To Meet

The Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association will hold its annual meeting at noon, Thursday, January 31, at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. All SPWA members, convention committee member, and interested citizens are urged to attend. Cost of the meal will be \$6.00.

Intro To Personal Computers

This beginning level hands-on-course provides a solid foundation in personal computer skills used in business and individual application. Let us show you how to start up, shut down, use the mouse, set up files, and begin computer use in the Windows operating system. You need this class before taking any software specific computer course. The class will begin Thursday, February 14, 2002, in the Spearman High School Resource Office at 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Mandy Derington will be the instructor, and the cost of the class is \$50. Call 659-3233 to enroll or for more information.

Cattlemen to Re-record Brands by February 28, 2002

The Hansford County District Clerk's office wants to remind cattlemen in the county that the re-recording period for brands and other marks began September 1, 2001 and will run through February 28, 2002.

If your brands are registered in other counties in the state of Texas, you will need to contact the office of the County Clerk in that county to re-register your brand.



Engagement Announcement

Terry and Tom Fisher of Tulsa, Oklahoma wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Otella R. Fisher to Thayne R. Hergert, son of Darl and Judy Hergert of Perryton.

The couple are planning a June 29, 2002 wedding at the First Christian Church in Perryton, TX.

Otella is a 1999 graduate of Jenks High School. She attended Southwest Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK for two years, and is currently an Aquatic Biology major at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, TX. She is a scuba diving instructor and retail associate at Ocean's Window in San Antonio, TX.

Thayne is a 1997 graduate of Perryton High School. He attended Southwest Oklahoma State University for four years, transferring to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, where he is majoring in Music (saxophone). He is a retail associate at Breed and Company in Austin, TX.

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony. A second, informal reception will be held at the Perryton Club.

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Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association

On Tuesday, January 8, 2002, the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association Board of Directors met at noon at the Panhandle Diner. Members present were: Roger Buchanan, Dwayne Mitchell, Orville Latham, Britt Jarvis, and Gina Gillispie. Absent were: Steve Benton, Irene Snider, and Joel Lee Lackey.

Edna Bassel sent a check to adopt a windmill and one of the mills currently at the park will be adopted in her name.

The Annual meeting for the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association will be held on Thursday, January 31, at noon at the First Christian Church. Gina will send out letters to the members and this meeting will also serve as our convention committee meeting.

The Board will meet another time before this meeting to approve the budget, schedule, and further plans for the windmill convention to be held in June.

With no farther business, the meeting was adjourned.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on Thursday, January 10, 2002, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at 7 p.m. at the Hungry Cowboy.

Members present were: Sharon Cook, Rosalee Bueno, Rosi Martinez, Mark Murray, Frosty Hickerson, Cindy Scribner, Robert Patrick, Lenny Pecha, and Gina Gillispie. Members absent were: Justin Boyd, Rod Sumner, Cindy Blackman, Kevin McDonald, Sergio Vargas, Missy Bates, Page Pickering, and Tindle Ramon.

Gina opened the meeting by introducing Regina Paltrain, representing Innovative Staffing Solutions. Regina will conduct the chamber retreat which has been set for Thursday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m. in the First National Bank Hospitality Room.

Officer Nominations were as follows:

President: Lenny nominated Sharon to continue as president with a 2nd from Robert. Vote carried by acclamation.

Vice-President: Cindy nominated Missy and Lenny nominated Justin. Missy was elected.

Secretary: Lenny nominated Rosalee with a 2nd from Cindy. Vote carried.

Treasurer: Robert nominated Justin and Rosalee nominated Rosi. Justin was elected.

President Sharon Cook appointed the following committees:

Budget: Sharon, Lenny, Cindy, and Gina

Events: Sharon, Mark, Rosi, and Gina.

Gina will call the Spearman Independent School District for business representatives.

Frosty made a motion with a 2nd from Rosalee that the 2002 Chamber Banquet will be February 23rd at the O'Loughlin Center.

The board will meet again on January 24 to finalize plans.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

You are invited to a
Baby Boy Shower
honoring
Anne Marie & Mark Pearson
on Saturday, January 19, 2002
from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
in the home of Hazel Scott
Hwy. 207, 3 miles south of Spearman

It's a Boy!

Troy and Dawn Brown of Berger wish to announce the birth of their son, Payton John Brown. Payton was born on Sunday, January 6, 2002 at 12:10 a.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud maternal grandparents are Benny and Melinda McCullough of Gruver. Proud paternal grandparents are Darrell and Linda West of Spearman and Bobby Brown of El Paso. Great-grandparents are Ruby McCullough of Sunset, TX and Billie Nobles of Gruver, Mac and Katherine McCullough of Ft. Worth, Wanda Brown, Joyce Crum, Charlie and Jean West, all of Spearman, and Hubert and LaVerna Uptergrove of Colorado City, TX.

Payton John's name sake is his great-grandfather, the late John Brown of Spearman. He called Payton his "Little Johnny."

Proud aunts and uncles are Jake and Robin McCullough, Mark and Carla Brown, Kyla Brown and Ty West.

Also awaiting Payton John's arrival was his seventeen-month-old big brother, Weston "Lane".

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

A son was born to Jennifer and Kyle Keim on January 7, 2002 at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. Waylan Ross Keim weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces on his arrival at 6:50 a.m.

His grandparents are Loyall and Ginger Turner, Spearman and Dr. Glenn and Kyra Keim, Clovis.

Great-grandparents are Verna Gail Keim and Josephine Schneider of Spearman and Jack Krum of Perryton.

Delighted at his arrival were three sisters: Ashley, Klara and Audrey.

John Antalek is recovering from surgery at the home of his parents, Beverly and Ron Antalek. He underwent kidney removal surgery at Baptist St. Anthony's on New Years eve.

Sympathy is expressed to R.L. and Kaye McFarlin and their families on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Fannie McFarlin. Her passing was on January 9 in Spearman. Interment was Dumas.

The guest of Sally and Dan Desimone for an extended visit is her sister, Kay Grumte of Payson, Arizona. She has also visited their brother and two sisters in Amarillo. Mrs. Grumte has been in Spearman many times and made many friends here.

Mrs. Ruby Riley enjoyed a varied weekend beginning when she accompanied Barbara and Dana Sharp to Sudan. Joey Sharp has been working there.

Ruby spent that night with friends, Sambo and Carla Conley, who are former residents of Spearman.

On Saturday afternoon she attended the 70th wedding reception of her cousin in Sudan.

Enroute home the next day they stopped in Amarillo to call on Mrs. Ermal Pond. Mrs. Pond's friends here will be interested in knowing that she seems to be recovering from a stroke in a rest home there.

The ever busy Mary Schumann has hardly rested during or since the holidays. Her family observed her (?) birthday in the home of Victor and Debbie Schumann on January 10th.

There were 17 family members there to share the occasion - being all her Spearman family plus Abby and Cody Pipkin of Morse.

All were especially pleased that Mika and Garrett Gumfory with little Sam of Madison, Wisconsin could be with them. They were here during the holidays and visited other relatives also.

Leaving just shortly before that date, other guests who had been here with Mary were her sister Nelva and Lee Nichols of Farmington, N.M. Joining the Nichols were their daughter Marilyn Davis and her three daughters. They were from Conway, Arkansas.

Helen Gibson and Cheryl Salgado were in Vernon over the weekend. They were with relatives and to attend the funeral of Helen's sister. She passed away on Friday.

Deborah Jacobs reports hearing

from her son Andrew, who recently flew to Japan, where he will be stationed for the next two years.

Deborah said that Andrew called about 4 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15th (it was 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Japan). He told his mother that the plane ride was 14 1/2 hours long, and he thought it would never end.

He commented about how beautiful it is over there. He told her that everything is so green, and that when the plane flew in, the water was so blue it seemed unreal. And, although he is excited about being in Japan, he still misses everyone in Spearman and will continue to keep everyone in his prayers.

Andrew will be placed into his unit by Friday. He has already begun taking classes, and plans to go to Napaul this weekend and see some sites.

He still doesn't have his new address, but it will be made available as soon as his mother receives it.

Weather for the week of January 7th through 7 a.m. on January 14th: high temperature was on the 8th at 80 degrees; the low was on the 7th at 22 degrees; moisture .01 on the 11th.

Lake Depth--January 14, 2002--36.23 feet

Still not much going on at the Lake. One camper did spend time this weekend at one of the RVs on the office side.

The official Texas Bald Eagle Count was taken on January 13, 14, and 15. Jim did his count on Saturday and had 10 eagles, 7 of which were mature. He felt that there are more eagles around than his count.

This morning Wanda Reed called to set the record straight about the mysterious tree decorator. She had enjoyed the tree that was decorated in 1999, but in the year 2000, the decorator did not repeat it. She and Don chose another tree and did it with American flags and red bows. Soon the tree, which had been decorated in 1999, was again dressed with the red bows. Wanda says we still have an unknown person doing Christmas trees on the way to the Lake.

She also told me an interesting story about a pair of Great Horned Owls that took up residence in their backyard last week. Spearman's City Manager told Wanda there had been a Great Horned Owl pair with a nest connected to the water tower that is being replaced. She is hoping the owls will like the neighborhood and build their new nest in the

Reed backyard.

These owls, known as "tigers of the woods," are fascinating birds. We had one that spent time in a tree in our backyard, but I never saw a nest. This big bird terrorized Cuca Marquez when she played near the tree. Although some of the birds are aggressive enough to strike the intruder to their space hard enough to cause a visit to a doctor for stitches, our bird only swooped at Cuca to scare her away. I think she grew up hating that owl!

Great Horned Owls usually nest in the Panhandle in February, so perhaps by then they will have a permanent home.

Rabbits and rodents are favorite food, but they will go for squirrels or even animals as large as skunks. Sometimes they even attack porcupines with disastrous results. When prey is plentiful, they sometimes stock their nests or other locations with the extras.

Last Saturday the Panhandle Bird Club made a tour of the Lake and Park. We will get a write up on it later.

Last week's column had an item about the Gibner house being "raised" to make way for high water. Some little gremlin switched the word "razed." Why didn't I just write "destroyed?"

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



GHS December Student of the Month

Junior student Ashleigh Sherrill has been chosen as Gruver High School's Student of the Month.

Sherrill is a two-year member of the National Honor Society, the Lady Hound Golf Team, and the UIL One-Act Play.

She has competed three years in high school basketball and UIL Academic Meets.

As a three-year member of the FCCLA, she has served as treasurer, secretary, and vice president of the organization.

Sherrill was a member of the GHS Houndsound Band her freshman and sophomore years.

She is the daughter of Terry and Cheri Sherrill of Gruver.

College News

University of North Texas Dean's List

The University of North Texas recently announced the Dean's List for the fall semester of 2001.

To be named to the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 academic hours during the semester with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Kristin Jan Beedy and Cynthia Dawn Goodman, but of Spearman, were both named to the Dean's List.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University Dean's List, President's List

Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK recently released the Dean's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll for the 2001 Fall semester.

The Dean's Honor Roll lists students who have earned a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 on a 4.0 scale. To qualify, a student must also carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses and have no "Fs" or incomplete courses for the

semester.

To qualify for the President's Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses, have no "Fs" or incomplete courses, and a 4.0 GPA for the semester.

Listed on the Dean's List from Gruver are: Jacqueline Adkins, Charissa Beattie, Krista Davis, Bradley Duncan, Christian Earle, Beverley Mireles and Rebecca Stedje.

Listed on the President's Honor Roll from Gruver is Lauree Stedjee.

Wayland Baptist University Dean's List

Spearman native, Richard Varnon, earned academic honors for the fall semester at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Richard was included on the Dean's List, compiling between a 3.5 and 3.99 grade point average for the fall 2001 semester. He is the son of Allen and Peggy Varnon.

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Northwestern Oklahoma State University Honor Rolls

Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva, OK recently released the honor rolls for the 2001 Fall semester.

Krista Baird of Spearman was named to the President's Honorable Mention Honor Roll. Students on the 4.0 honorable mention list had all As in a minimum of three to a maximum of 13 semester hours

We will be closed on Monday, January 23rd in observance of MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

City Commission Meets

The Gruver City Commission met in regular session January 9, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. After the approval of the December 12th minutes and the payment of bills for the month, Commissioner Johnnie Williams made the motion to approve inter-local agreement to continue combined dispatching duties between Hansford County and the City of Gruver. After a second by Mayor Mark Irwin, the motion carried.

Williams then made the motion to pass Resolution No. 1-02, authorizing the submission of a FY2002 Region Solid Waste Grants Program application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and authorizing the city manager to represent the city in all matters in this application. After a second by Commissioner Chad Logsdon, the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Condolences Expressed

Gruver native Howard Barkley died Friday, January 11 in Nevada. He was born the fourth of nine children, seven boys and two girls, born to Margie and "Munchie" Barkley. He and his wife Nancy lived in Gruver until 1987, when their time was divided between Gruver and Perryton to help care for her mother.

Howard leaves five children and one stepdaughter, with son Tim and his wife Teresa and granddaughter Timber being the only Hansford County residents.

Sympathy is extended to Paula Williams in the death of her grandmother, Katie Hurter of Perryton.

Gruver Kindergarten Celebrates 100 Days of School

The students of Gruver Kindergarten are celebrating 100 days in school Tuesday, January 22, 2002. In honor of the occasion, they have invited the Gruver School Board of Trustees to join them for cookies and milk in their classroom.

Other activities to celebrate their first 100 days in school will include counting to 100 by ones, twos and fives, making a paper chain of ten different colors in sets

of ten, making a book of 100 words, reading stories about the 100 days, making trail mix of ten times ten items, and making paper glasses resembling the number 100.

Residents' Son-in-Law to Serve

Michael Jackson Jr., the husband of the former Anne Potts and the son-in-law of Joe and Cathy Potts of Gruver is being deployed to operation "Enduring Freedom" this month.

The Jacksons are parents of two young sons, ages 23 months and two weeks.

Get Well Wishes

Junior Wade Stewart suffered a knee sprain in a skiing accident at Angel Fire, New Mexico Saturday, January 12. He is doubtful for play on the Hound basketball team this week.

Vivian Green is in testing this week in Amarillo for a deep infection of her toe which may require partial amputation of her foot and lower leg.

Peggy Dillow has been in Texas Memorial Hospital for a flare up of shingles.

Lee Stedje is recuperating at home following gall bladder surgery in Gammon.

Jack Olson is in Albuquerque this week for the treatment of an aneurysm.

Linda Walters was not able to undergo surgery last week for the removal of a kidney.

Family Welcomes New Arrival

Anne (Potts) and Michael Jackson, Jr. of Abilene proudly announce the arrival of their son Read Joseph Jackson.

Born Thursday, January 3, 2002, the new arrival weighed six pounds and six ounces and was 19 inches long.

His grandparents are Cathy and Joe Potts of Gruver and Mike and Pauline Jackson of Indianapolis.

Bud Gill of Colorado Springs is the newborn's great grandfather.

Read was also welcomed by his brother Michael Jackson, III, who will be two in February.

Silage, Hay Production Seminars January 21-23 In Panhandle

by Pam Dillard (p-dillard@tamu.edu)

AMARILLO -- Recent expansions by the dairy industry have increased the market for hay and silage production in the Texas Panhandle, where beef cattle have long been the primary consumers of these feedstuffs.

To update area producers on these developments and provide current information on quality hay and silage production, Texas Cooperative Extension crop and livestock specialists will host a series of educational meetings this month in three Panhandle communities.

On Jan. 21, the first seminar will be held in Bailey County at the Coliseum in Muleshoe. A second is slated in Hereford on Jan. 22 at the community center. The final session will be held in Gray County on Jan. 23 at the M.K. Brown Center in Pampa.

At each location, registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with presentations starting by 9 a.m. Each meeting will end by 3:30 p.m. A sponsored lunch will be provided.

Continuing education units (CEUs) will be available. Five can be earned by certified crop advisers and two by pesticide applicators.

Dr. Sandy Stokes, Extension dairy specialist from Stephenville, will begin each program with an overview of dairy production. She will address the types, quantities, and qualities of forages required by dairy producers.

Other presenters will focus on corn silage production. Extension agronomist Brent Bean and beef cattle specialist Ted McCollum, both of Amarillo, will discuss sorghum silage and hay production. They will discuss results from recent regional variety demonstration trials.

Also, Keith Bolsen, beef cattle nutrition professor from Kansas State University, will address silage and hay production from small grains crops. Bolsen will review current information on harvesting, processing and storing silage and hay.

Texas' Extension agricultural economist Steve Amosson of Amarillo will close the program with a discussion on the economics of silage and hay production.

For more information, contact your local Texas Cooperative Extension County Office: agricultural agents Curtis Preston in Bailey County (806) 272-4584, Dennis Newton in Deaf Smith County (806) 364-3573, Danny Nusser in Gray County (806) 669-8033, or Bean and McCollum at Extension's district headquarters in Amarillo, (806) 359-5401.

Regional Ag Conference Set For January 22 In Memphis, TX

by Pam Dillard (p-dillard@tamu.edu)

MEMPHIS -- The upcoming Northwest Texas Ag Conference slated Jan. 22 is actually a remake of the regional cotton conference sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and industry sponsors for the past several years.

This year's event will be held at the Community Center in Memphis. It is hosted by Extension as a joint effort by nine area counties -- Briscoe, Childress, Cottle, Collingsworth, Donley, Hall, Hardeman, King, and Motley. It is usually held in Memphis or in Childress.

The conference will open with a much broader agenda and cover many crop and livestock issues important to area producers. Featured topics are cotton, peanut, sunflower and guar production, and presentations will offer insect, disease and weed control strategies. A new segment on animal health issues has been added.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m., followed by the program at 8:30 a.m. Six continuing education units (CEUs) will be available for commercial, non-commercial, and private pesticide applicators. The fee to attend will be \$5 per person, which includes a noon meal and program materials.

The opening session will feature Buddy Faries, Extension veterinary medicine program leader, who will address foreign animal diseases such as foot and mouth, West Nile virus and bovine spongiform encephalopathy, commonly called BSE or "mad cow" disease.

Peter Dotray, Extension weed specialist, will update producers on cotton and peanut weed control strategies. Emory Boring, Extension entomologist, will discuss cotton pest management without the boll weevil.

Todd Baughman, Extension agronomist, will address one of the current concerns for wheat producers -- karnal bunt disease. Also, Baughman will review results from the minimum tillage trials conducted in the Rolling Plains.

Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist, will discuss alternative crop production featuring sunflowers and guar. Dr. Robert Lemon, Extension agronomist, will focus his presentation on peanut management.

Extension plant pathologist Chip Lee will present a peanut fungicide update and related disease management issues.

Several agricultural industry sponsors from across the region will have booths and representatives at the conference.

For more information, contact Texas Cooperative Extension offices in any of the host counties.

Spearman Ministerial Alliance

The Ministerial Alliance met on Thursday, January 10, 2002 at noon in the Panhandle Diner.

Bill Sparks opened the meeting in prayer.

Dennis Alger, President, led meeting. Secretary Jamie Casdorff passed out minutes from the previous meeting, they were accepted. Beverly Cook had the Treasurer's Report in written form passed out in her absence. Treasurer's Report was accepted as given.

New Business: The manor has also contacted the Alliance wishing to have the churches do a Bible study on Wednesday mornings. Discussion held and was decided to ask members of each congregation for interest. Gary Smith of First Christian Church will be

doing the meetings for the month of January. Dennis Alger of Trinity Fellowship will be doing February. Patrick Six of First Baptist Church will be doing March. Patsy Sparks will check with the Union Church about taking the month of April. Volunteers needed to continue the rest of the year. Suggestion made that each volunteer plan on doing a month in order to give the residents continuity.

Marsha Neely submitted a challenge to the Ministerial Alliance to participate in the "Big Brothers Big Sisters Walk-a-Thon" on Saturday, February 16th.

Cindy Smith, M.S., Executive Director of the Panhandle Crisis Center, gave the program on their "Battering Intervention and Prevention Program." She passed

out packets for clarifying any questions that the ministers might have. She did answer questions from the ministers after her talk to help also in clarifying problems encountered during counseling sessions.


Old Business: Gary Smith to check into the cost of a briefcase type sound system.

Meeting was adjourned next meeting to be on February 14, 2002.

Those attending were: Dennis Alger, Roland Haney, Gary Smith, Patrick & Dewaina Six, Bill & Patsy Sparks, Ken & Roberta Cole, Marsha Neely, Cindy Smith and Jamie Casdorff.

We will be closed on Monday, January 23rd in observance of

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R. L. McFarlin
Hansford County Sheriff
By: Lance A. Swan, Deputy
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Oslo Lutheran Church Celebrates 97 Years Of Service

In 1904, Anders Mordt came from Norway with a dream. In 1908, he began with the Oslo settlement, located in the northwest corner of Hansford County, Texas. He offered land for sale in the Oslo settlement by placing ads in the Norwegian publications across the country. People came from Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Iowa to settle there.

Mordt arranged for potential buyers to make excursions by train to the site he named Oslo after the Norwegian capital. Norwegians throughout the midwestern states quickly responded to Mordt's ads, and by the spring of 1909 the first settlers had arrived.

The first building was a school-house, which doubled for a time as a church and community meeting place. Pastor Christian Heltné of the United Norwegian Lutheran Church organized a congregation, and held their first church service on November 10, 1909. Under his leadership they built a wooden church building in 1911.

On May 20, 1910, Mordt began a weekly newspaper, the *Oslo Posten*. Articles were written in Norwegian, with an English copy taken from the Guymon newspapers for filler. The paper was printed on the *Guymon Herald* presses. The first church was built in 1912. Mordt commissioned a Mr. Odegaard, of Norway, to paint an altar painting of Jesus walking on the water. The cost was 15 kroner (\$5 American money). This painting was shipped (and sank) on the ill-fated Titanic. Mordt commissioned Odegaard to paint a second version, which was hung in the church. It was destroyed when the church burned in 1948.

One of the churches treasures is the 36-inch copper bell imported from Sweden. The bell was installed in the summer of 1913. When the church was on fire in 1948, the firemen realized the church could not be saved, so they kept water on the bell to keep it from cracking. It is still in use today, and rings 21 times before each Sunday service.

Mordt Land Company went bankrupt following an extreme drought in the Texas Panhandle. This also meant the end of the weekly *Oslo Posten*. The Denver and Gulf Railroad by-passed Oslo, causing the death of the town of Oslo, but not of the Norwegian

agricultural community and church.

Despite the famine, more than thirty Norwegian families stayed to farm the plains. By the 1920s they had formed a tightly knit community centered around the school and church.

Oslo retained much of its ethnic character into the 1930s; such foods as lutefisk and lense were featured at festive social occasions, church services were conducted in Norwegian, and the language continued to be spoken in many homes. But then the improvement of highway transportation and the consolidation of the Oslo school district with that of Gruver, eighteen miles southeast, resulted in a gradual assimilation.

Nevertheless, the Oslo community had remained well defined. In 1949 the area residents built a new church of Austin stone. The building burned to the ground on February 18, 1950, the eve of its dedication, and the congregation, with help from emergency funds, rebuilt and dedicated the structure in October of that year.

Many a lost traveler has been shocked to see the "Cathedral on the Plains," as Oslo Lutheran Church is sometimes called. There it sits with nothing around it but a small, well-kept cemetery, a parsonage, farmland and miles of horizon.

Inside the Church is a beautiful pipe organ, which was installed in 1969.

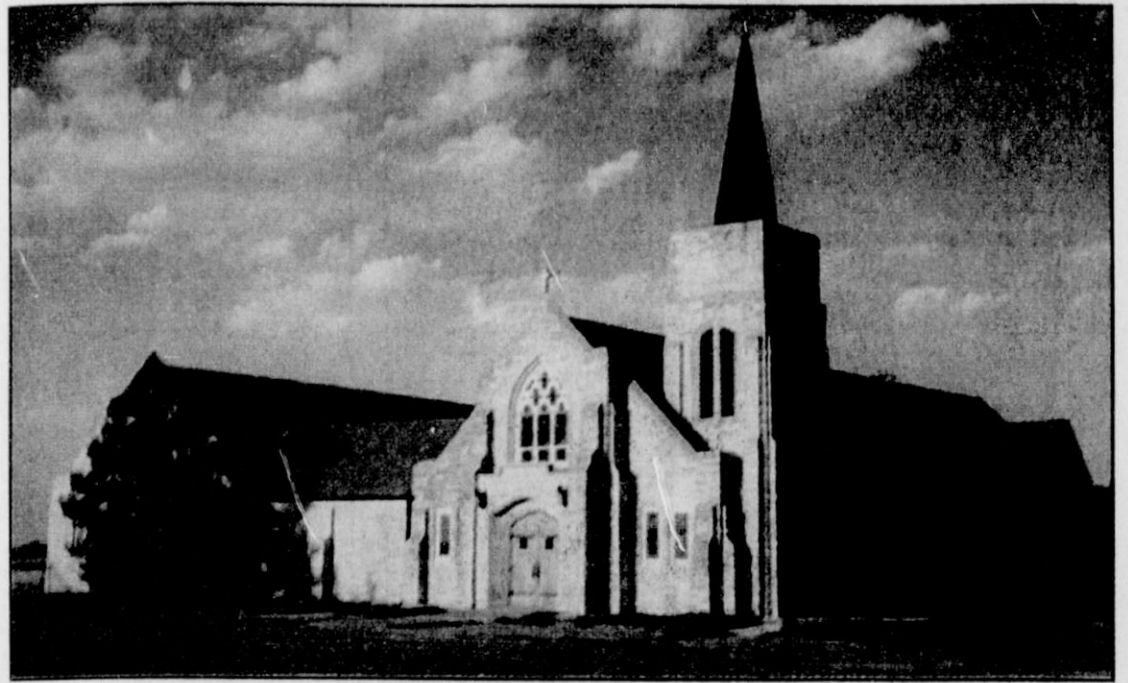
In 1964, the Music Committee, consisting of Clifford Hill and David Knutson said that the acoustics should be improved on, before considering such a project as a pipe organ. First the tile ceiling was replaced with hardwood select oak. Then the carpeted floor was replaced with stone, which has recently been replaced with solid marble.

Robert L. Sipe, Inc. was chosen to design, build, and install Oslo's organ. The 1,847 pipes used in the Oslo organ were made to Sipe's specifications in Germany and Holland. If you are even given the chance to attend a church service at Oslo Lutheran Church, the pipe organ music is a wonderful experi-

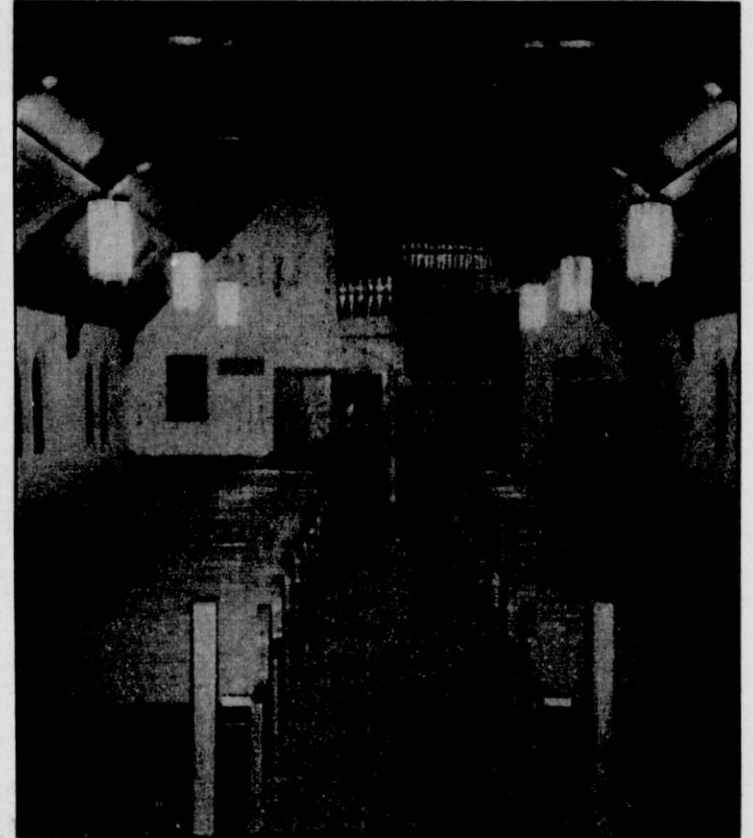
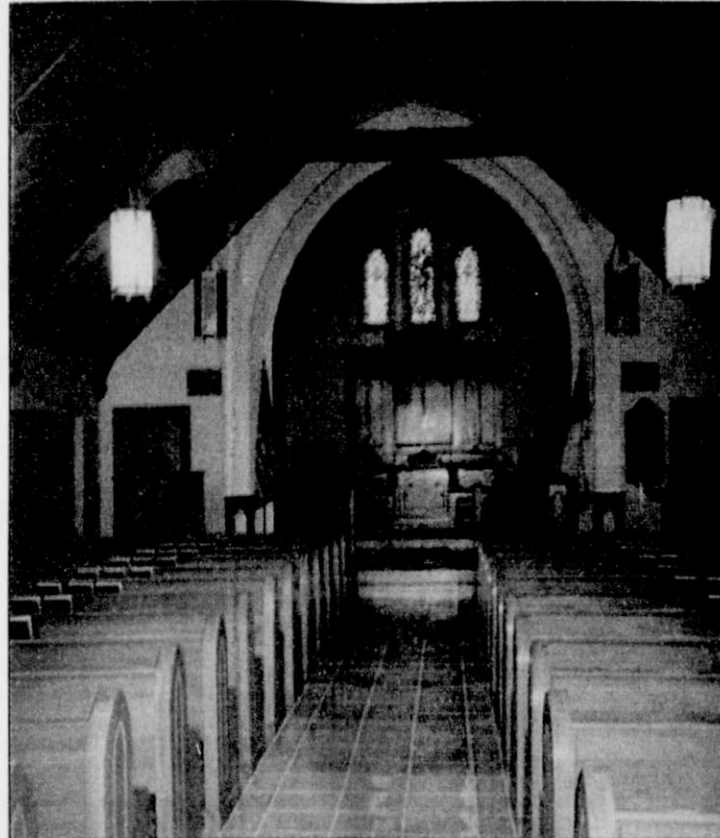
ence. A new addition to the Church was completed in 1974. Attended by descendants of the original settlers, the Oslo Lutheran Church remains one of the most imposing churches in the Texas Panhandle.

On May 17, 1981, a historical marker placed by the state of Texas was dedicated at Oslo Lutheran Church to the pioneers that settled the community. May 17th (Syttende Mai) was chosen for the dedication because it was on this date that Norwegians won their independence from Sweden.

Church service at Oslo Lutheran Church is each Sunday morning at 11 am. If you need any assistance with directions, please call Pastor Fiske at 806-339-7646.



Oslo Lutheran Church



Inside views of the Oslo Lutheran Church

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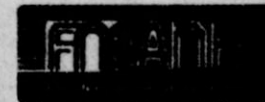
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