

At A Glance**Walk Across Texas****To Begin**

Walk Across Texas is a fun and flexible way to exercise. It provides people with the necessary support to not only start walking, but also find a group that can keep them walking even when they feel like quitting. Teams are made up of eight people who want to keep track of the amount they walk for eight weeks. Walking, running, biking, aerobics, swimming, all count in the total mileage. Exercise can be done individually or with team members. About 6,000 Texans participated in the program last year with 164 of those being from Hansford County. Immediate benefits included increased energy levels and feeling less stressed.

Walk Across Texas starts April 1 and will end on May 26. A study with 70,000 women, determined those walking one hour a day or performing moderate physical activity such as housework, reduced their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by half. People with diabetes find they can control their blood sugar much better when they walk regularly. To find out how you can Walk Across Texas, call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

Marketing Workshop Set**For March 29th**

Say the word "marketing" and most business owners and organizational leaders think "selling and advertising." While selling and advertising are an important part of marketing, there are more important elements you must understand to be successful.

In a seminar, Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ, Don Taylor will share proven marketing principles that business owners can use to grow their sales and profits and leaders of community organizations can use to increase awareness and build respect. Topics covered will include "The primary goals of good marketing," "The seven marketing principals that never fail," "The Marketing Power Pyramid and how to use it," "Why most marketing efforts fall far short," and "The differences between marketing 'tangibles' and 'intangibles'."

Don Taylor is an internationally syndicated business columnist, a best-selling author and nationally recognized marketing speaker. He is the Executive Director of West Texas A&M University's Office of Business Services and President & CEO of DATA STAAR Communications.

This free seminar is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Call Peggy Winegarner or Burt Williams, County Extension Agents at 659-4130 or 733-2901 for more information.

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

March 15 is Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, a national and annual (the third Thursday of March) letter writing campaign that asks all adults to write letters of love and support to the children in their lives.

The concept is simple and meaningful: adults tell children that they are cherished and important in a letter the child can keep in his pocket or tuck under her pillow.

Send the children in your life a letter, note postcard, e-mail or simply tell them how special they are. Be creative by slipping notes into lunchboxes, under pillows, in backpacks, write it in sidewalk chalk.

For more information call (888) 2KIDDAY or contact www.campfire.org.

Gruverite Connected To Shamrock Celebration Beginnings



For Jean Holland of Gruver remembering St. Patrick's Day is remembering her father, Glenn Truax, former Gruver band director, who is credited with beginning the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in Shamrock, Texas in 1938.

by Harletta Carthel

St. Patrick's Day for thousands will mean a trek to the annual festivities in Shamrock, Texas, but for Jean Holland of Gruver, the Irish day will always be Daddy's Day.

Holland's father, Glenn Truax, was the band director at Shamrock when he attended a booster club meeting held on St. Patrick's Day. As the meeting near its end, the question was asked if anyone had a suggestion for the good of the club.

To which Truax replied, "We have been going to celebrations all over the country. Why don't we put on a parade and celebration ourselves and do it on St. Patrick's Day?"

The rest of the story is history as the first celebration of 1938 with its 12 bands has now grown into a 100 unit parade and celebration which 15,000 people attended last year.

"To tell a little family secret," said Jean Holland of Gruver, the daughter of Truax, "The idea for the celebration was really my mother's." Regardless from which Truax the idea derived, Mr. Truax's position in the school enabled him to see that idea through to implementation.

In addition to the celebration itself, spectators will also enjoy



the music of area high school bands in the Irish parade. That would be very heartening for Truax who was responsible for starting many bands.

The talented Truax was called out of retirement four times to help area bands. Gruver was one of those who called in 1963 when the school was found wanting a band director in mid term. Working in Gruver for 5 1/2 years, Truax also began the Gruver Instrumental Orchestra.

Building a home at the present location of The Little Red Caboose, Truax planned to retire in Gruver. His plan was short-lived though as Morse school called him to re-establish a band program there.

For Hansford County residents who wish to be Irish for the day, the celebration Truax established 63 years ago might make it happen.

Bull Fighting to Top Shamrock's St. Pat's Celebration

The action and excitement of World Champion Bull Fighting will surely make this year's Bull Buckout and Bull Fight a popular event at Shamrock's 55th Annual St. Patrick's Celebration. The competitors at this event proudly share ten World Championship honors. Coordinator of the event and Shamrock resident is Rob Smets, Five Time World Champion. Competitors include Three Time and current World Champion Mike Matt, '99 World Champion Lance Brittain, '98 World Champion Jerry Norton, and Two Time NFR Qualifier Doug Forzani and 2000 #7 Finisher Dusty Essick.

The celebration will begin Friday, March 16 and will run through Sunday, March 18 in Shamrock, TX. The festivities begin on Friday night with the Annual Kick Off Banquet. The parade, Miss Irish Rose, Pageant and Dance are on Saturday. Sunday is fun-packed beginning with the Lad n' Lassie Pageant and ending with the grand finale Bull Buckout and Bull Fight (2 p.m. Shamrock Rodeo Grounds) featuring four World Champion Bull Fighters.

This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the legendary Route 66. To many, Route 66 conjures up images of drive-in theatres, fast cars and great music. In honor of our little piece of this famous American highway, the St. Patrick's Association has brought back one of the Texas Panhandle's most popular banks of the 1960s. The Motifs, formerly the Valasquez Brothers, played for dances for audiences all over the Panhandle in the mid to late 60s and are coming back home to entertain at Friday's Kick Off Banquet (6:30 p.m. in the Community Center) and Saturday's Dance (9 p.m. Community Center). The Motifs, now residing in Reno, Nevada are one of Nevada's top show groups.

Join us at the celebration March 16-18. For more information, call the St. Patrick's Association at (806) 256-2501 or e-mail stpats@shamrock-tx.net.

Saint Patrick

Patron of Ireland Feastday: March 17 St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints.

Along with St. Nicholas and St. Valentine, the secular world shares our love of these saints. This is also a day when everyone's Irish.

There are many legends and stories of St. Patrick, but this is his story.

Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His parents were Calpornius and Conchessa, who were Romans living in Britain in charge of the colonies.

As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. Ireland at this time was a land of Druids and pagans. He learned the language and practices of the people who held him.

During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer. He wrote

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same."

"I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of Ireland were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years.

Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in Ireland March 25, 433, at Slane. One legend says that he met a chieftain of one of the tribes, who tried to kill Patrick. Patrick converted Dichu (the chieftain) after he was unable to move his arm until he became friendly to Patrick.

Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message.



Patrick by now had many disciples, among them Beningnus, Auxilius, Iserminus, and Fiaac, (all later canonized as well).

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock?

Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.

In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.

Farmers Urged To Check Corn Seed Before Planting

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has warned farmers not to plant any corn unless they are certain that the seed has been tested and found free of the protein Cry9C.

Cry9C, a protein genetically engineered into some corn to act as a pesticide, was developed by Aventis Crop Sciences and is sold through various U.S. seed companies. This corn's trade-name goes

by StarLink and has not yet been approved by the FDA for human consumption.

Farmers should insist that seed companies verify that their seed corn has been tested for the protein Cry9C.

Last week some seed companies found isolated occurrences of very low levels of Cry9C in seed intended for sale this year. However, the American Seed

Trade Association (ASTA) has reported less than one percent that may contain Cry9C protein.

Companies, involved have recovered all lots of hybrid corn seed found to have this protein. Seed companies are routinely test their products for impurities with many taking steps to detect Cry9C before the USDA recommended testing procedures on December 29, 2000.

KRDF Announces "Pot of Gold" Winner

The luck of the Irish was with Rosie Martinez, right, who was the winner of the Lucky Leprechaun Pot of Gold promotion sponsored by KRDF and local merchants and presented by Carolyn Cummings.

Martinez correctly guessed the pot of gold's location as the old Wagon Wheel Drive-In owned by J.D. and Ruby Jo Wilbanks.



Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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A dear friend of mine recently me the following. It is so true how important laughter is in our lives. I hope you get a good healthy dose every day!

A Healthy Dose Of Laughter

I read that a child laughs 400 times a day on the average, while an adult laughs only 15 times each day. Which is puzzling since laughter feels so good and is so good for us!

You may know the benefits of laughter on the mind and spirit, but are you aware of how much a good laugh can help you physically? Norman Cousins used to say that laughter is so beneficial for your body that it is like "inner jogging."

Mayo Clinic (Mayo Clinic Health Letter, March 1993) reports that laughter aids breathing by disrupting your normal respiration pattern and increasing your breathing rate. It can even help clear mucus from your lungs.

Laughter is also good for your heart. It increases circulation and improves the delivery of oxygen and nutrients to tissues throughout your body.

A good laugh helps your immune system fight off colds, flu and sinus problems by increasing the concentration of immunoglobulin A in your saliva. And it may help control pain by raising the levels of certain brain chemicals (endorphins).

Furthermore, it is a natural stress reliever. Have you ever laughed so hard that you doubled over, fell off your chair, spit out your food or wet your pants? You cannot maintain muscle tension when you are laughing!

The good news is that you are allowed more than 15 laughs a day! Go ahead and double the dose and make it 30 times today. (You may begin to notice immediate improvement in your relationships!) Then double it again! You are bound to feel better, you will cope with problems more effectively and people will enjoy being around you.

Laughter: it's just good medicine!

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 :)

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.



Good Business Owners Get The Facts, Act On Them

In the Vietnam War, General Creighton Abrams commanded the American forces. During a briefing from his subordinates he interrupted them and said, "You people are telling me what you think I want to know. I want to know what is really happening."

Abrams had the authority to make decisions. Abrams was ready to make decisions. What he lacked was facts - the reality of the situation - on which to base his decisions.

My dictionary defines the word fact as, "the state of things as they are; truth."

In business, just as on the battlefield, it is imperative to know the facts. Business owners must have the facts and understand them before they can make good decisions. Charles F. Knight, the highly successful chairman of Emerson Electric, learned the value of getting the facts. Knight said, "Every

mistake I made - and we all make mistakes - came because I wasn't smart enough to get the facts."

Our knowledge is all of the facts we've learned. While knowledge is necessary for sound decision making, facts alone will not always lead us to good decisions.

For example, I know that Nolan Ryan struck more batters and struck out more batters than any other pitcher in professional baseball. That's a fact. However, it won't help me run a better business.

Since the thrust of this column is business and career building information - not trivia - we'll focus on our mission. Here are some business building facts that will help you become more successful.

* You can focus on price, or you can focus on value. You can't focus on both. If you decide to focus on price, you must become the lowest-cost provider. Otherwise, anyone with lower costs - fewer expenses - can take you out of business by lowering their prices below your costs. The most profitable focus is the value focus. You can sell high-end or low-end as long as the quality and quantity you offer is balanced by the amount you charge for your products and services.

* If you often have to tell customers, "I'm sorry," pretty soon they'll believe you. Apologizing for frequent mistakes doesn't com-

pensate your customers for the inconvenience you've caused. You need to find and eliminate the causes of frequent errors and then eliminate them. If you make a mistake, you should apologize. It's common courtesy and shows respect to your customer. However, if you have to say, "I'm sorry" very often, your customers will begin to tell others just what a "sorry" business you really have.

* It's not what you know that makes you a success ... it's what you do with what you know. Certainly knowledge is valuable. I encourage each of you to keep learning. Proverbs 1:5 says, "A wise man will hear and will increase learning ..."

However, knowing and not doing is the pattern of failure. When you learn what needs to be done, do it. Even if you move for-

ward slowly, it's better than standing still.

* Good marketing does not begin with a plan, research or a big budget. Good marketing begins with a target customer in mind. Here is the sequence. First, zero in on a target customer group. Second, find out exactly what they want or need. Third, give it to them. Fourth, follow up with great service. Fifth, constantly promote the advantages and benefits you offer.

* No business ever outgrows the quality of the people who work there. It's been my experience that first-rate employers hire first-rate people; second-rate employers hire third-rate people. If you can't attract and pay first-rate people, don't expect to be the best. That's a fact.

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Happy Birthday!

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

March 15

Birthday - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Varnon, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones, Cleo George, Trenton Finley

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Roberson, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bynum, Mr. & Mrs. Joe T. Venneman

March 16

Birthday - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Bates, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Suzanne Schad, Hadley Spivey

Anniversary - Carey & Denise Bridges, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Womble

March 17

Birthday - Dala Cathy, J.P. TeBeest, Elwana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carroll VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Joe Baca, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown, Makayla Wheelock

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March 18

Birthday - Danny Henson, Bill Burger, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Pearcy, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bullard

March 19

Birthday - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Vera Mae Hays, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wilson

March 20

Birthday - Mack Bevell, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Ila Mae Buchanan, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Toni Vera, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Garry Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Maxine Banister, Rocio Garcia

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Benny McCullough, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Barkley

March 21

Birthday - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarrango, Maxine Bannister

Anniversary - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver

March 22

Birthday - Veta Allaway, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Key, Bob Miller, Payton Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Kelly Rauscher, Randie (Renner) Baumann, Roy Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, Tim Kizzar, Alice Miller, Michael Burke, Doug Gumfory, Tavo Borunda, Jorge Soto, Carla Jones, Debbie Clement, Andy Lindsey, Marty McCloy, Reid Wilson, J.J. Gallegos

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wilson

Our Deepest Sympathy

Joyce R. Clark

Joyce R. Clark, 67, of Stinnett died Friday, March 9, 2001 in the Amarillo Baptist St. Anthony Hospice. Services were held Monday, March 12, 2001 at the Church of Christ in Stinnett with Zeb Sailors officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Stinnett.

Mrs. Clark was a native of Cordell, OK and a resident of Hutchinson County for 50 years. She married Otie Ray Clark on January 31, 1947 in Borger. He preceded her in death on November 21, 1997. She was a member of the Church of Christ of Stinnett.

She is survived by two sons, Danny Clark of Amarillo and Earl Clark of Borger; four daughters, Linda Howard of Amarillo, Teresa England of Spearman, Carolyn Green of Stinnett and Joy Byrd of Pascagoula, Mississippi; six brothers, Robert Hawley of Minneola, TX, Eugene Hawley of Borger, John Hawley of Amarillo, Hosey Dawson of Yukon, OK, Bruce Dawson of Newcastle, OK and Stanley Dawson of Oklahoma City; five sisters, Barbara Wilkinson of Borger, Janet Hamm of Amarillo, Rita Nelson of Amarillo, Judith Dawson of Oklahoma City and Francis Gilly of Arkansas; 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorial be made to the Baptist St. Anthony Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001.

Thank You

The family of Leah Torrez Baker, granddaughter of Billy and Charlsie Baker, would like to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards, donations. Leah received her new liver on Feb. 28 and is doing well. Also we would like to thank everyone for your moral support and for just caring.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baker, Cassie Baker, Terrance Torrez, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Reagan Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Burch and families

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Wanda L. Lanham

Wanda L. Lanham, 70, of Fritch died Friday, March 9, 2001 in her home.

Services were Monday, March 12, 2001 at Brown's Chapel of the Fountains with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe Pastor of Bible Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Lanham was a native of Eric, OK and a resident of Fritch for 40 years. She married Eugene V. Lanham on November 29, 1947. She was a Baptist Church member. She was employed as a Home Health Care Nurse for Panhandle Home Health. She was preceded in death by two sons, Gary Lanham and Darrell Lanham and a grandson, Brandon Janow in 1997.

Survivors include her husband, one son, Winifred Eugene Lanham of Tulsa, OK; two daughters, Lois Wilson of Crawford, OK and Teresa Taylor of Stinnett; two brothers, Wayne Brown of Las Vegas and Ray Brown of Santa Maria, CA; two sisters, Nina Hiller of Stinnett and Helen Hand of Spearman; 29 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The family requests that memorials be made to Baptist St. Anthony Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001.

Verna Jean Boone

Verna Jean Boone, 68, died Tuesday, March 6, 2001, in Bangs.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, 2001 in Gruver Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Gumfory officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Spearman.

Mrs. Boone was born in Hansford County on December 28, 1932. She had lived at Lake Brownwood since 1988.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Gruver. She graduated from Gruver High School in 1950. She married Kermit Boone on March 9, 1951.

Survivors include her husband, Kermit Boone of Lake Brownwood; two sons, Tommy and Cathy Boone of Buffalo, OK, and Billy and Celia Boone of Abilene; a daughter, Rhonda Boone of Rosharon; three granddaughters, Kim and Mark Hodges of Lubbock, Kelly Boone of Alva, OK, and Carol Ann Boone of Abilene; one grandson, Billy Boone II of Abilene; and a sister-in-law, Pauline Thomas of Oklahoma City, OK.

She was preceded in death by her parents Roy and Stella Thomas, and a brother, R.S. Thomas.

The family suggests memorials be to Ben Richey Boy's Ranch or a favorite charity.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

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.

Police Department Asking For Cell Phones

The Spearman Police Department, the Gruver Police Department and the Sheriff's Department are asking for cell phones for their Operation 911 program to put cell phones in the hands of all Spearman, Gruver and Morse teachers. Turn in handheld cell phones at the Sheriff's Department or call 659-4140 or 733-2901 for pickup.

Free Golf Clinic

A Free Golf Clinic will be offered at Hansford Golf Course for Hansford County high school students. Participants must provide their own golf clubs. Following are the instructors for this clinic: Eddie Clemmons - putting, Danny Womble - chipping, Keith Hight - irons, Troy James - driving. For more information, or to sign up, call Troy James at 659-3004, or Charlie Salgado at 659-2233 after Wednesday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Project Graduation 2001

Parents of the Senior Class of 2001 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement services on Friday May 25th. To encourage the seniors to stay the entire night, the last activity is an auction. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the auction. Contact Lenis Simpson at 659-2052 or 659-2852 or Ginger and Bill Pittman at 659-2847 or 659-5544.

Stir-Fry Theme for Lunch & Learn

"The Art of Stir-Fry Cooking" will be the topic for Lunch & Learn on Thursday, March 29 from 12 - 1 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Jackie Pearson will present the program and lunch will be served. Donations for lunch are accepted. The program is sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service. For more information, call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

Panhandle Area Women In Criminal Justice Meets

Panhandle Area Women in Criminal Justice, a new organization of professionals has been organized to promote a higher degree of confidence and skill in its members. Organizers have also determined a need to support interest in this field by encouraging students, as well as others of all ages who seek a new direction in their lives and careers. To this end, the First Conference for Women in Criminal Justice held in the Texas Panhandle is planned for April 12 in Amarillo. Three keynote speakers are being scheduled for general assemblies and several break-out sessions centered around practical lessons in specialized law enforcement areas are being planned. The conference will be held at the Business and Industry Center of Amarillo College at 1314 S. Polk with other activities scheduled for area sites. Both men and women are invited and encouraged to attend this Panhandle first. For more information, call Rebecca King at (806)379-2325.

Two-Cylinder Club Plans Show

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host the annual Ollie Limer Antique Tractor Show, March 24 and 25, 2001 at the Ollie Limer Center in Plainview. Exhibitors will begin arriving Friday afternoon and the show will be Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be antique tractors, antique farm machinery, stationary engines, miniature replicas and much more. Activities will include a parade of the tractors each day at 2 p.m. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted. Concessions will be available courtesy of the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum Association. The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club is made up of collectors throughout the north plains, south plains and rolling plains of Texas and a few collectors from eastern New Mexico.

Exchange Program Seeks Local Representative

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. The ideal candidate should enjoy fostering international friendships, be community-minded and enjoy working with teenagers. Community representatives screen potential host families, meet with local high school and provide support counseling for host families and students. If you are interested, call Ande Bloom at (800)888-9040 or visit the website at www.world-heritage.org.

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And a cure was not to be -
So He put His arms around her
And whispered, 'Come with Me.'
With tearful eyes
We watched her suffer
And saw her fade away.
Although we loved her dearly,
We could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best."

We wish to convey our deep appreciation and heartfelt thanks for all the cards, calls, prayers and words of encouragement to use in our time of grief. Jo touched many of us and now she is gone. She will live on forever in our hearts and memories.

God Bless

Eddie Largent, Teresa Haddock,
Hannah Haddock

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The March issue of the periodical "North Plains Agriculture" carried an article about Lynn and Martha Davis and their grandson Donnie of Morse. Included were pictures of each of them and details of their farming operation. They have developed a profitable business raising various types of hay. Customers come from Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, Fritch, Sanford and Dumas.

They live and farm a short distance from Morse. Lynn is a Hutchinson-Hansford County producer and Martha has been here since their marriage.

The lengthy article ends by suggesting that in order to smell something wonderful, one needs to go by the corner of FM 281 and state highway #136 during the summer months.

Ruby Riley had an enjoyable weekend last when her guests were her grandson Terry and Susan Davis with Hannah and Drew. They are from Elk City. Sunday morning early they prepared and took food to the home of Terry's parents Betty and Tommy Davis in Beaver.

The special occasion was their 40th wedding anniversary. Another son, David Davis with Anthony and Blake, also of Beaver joined them and all attended church there. Pauline and Frank Heinz and three granddaughters of Laverne came as did Tonya Davis. Adding to their pleasure, a friend helped them observe the

anniversary by bringing a lovely cake and red roses.

Orville Latham is at home after an absence of nearly two weeks. His sons, Scott from Lubbock and Terry from Kingfisher and families are spending the weekend with him and expect to leave on Tuesday.

They came for the funeral of their uncle, W. Seedig of Perryton on Friday. Scott, a minister, conducted the service.

Orville, when notified of the death of his brother-in-law, returned from a visit with friends in Madill, Oklahoma to attend the services.

About two weeks ago, when Orville left here, he first went to Breckenridge for a short stay with old friends, Troy and Frankie Sloan. Later he went to Austin for a visit of a few days with Arleigh and Selma Evans King.

A genealogy hunting trip was his next interest which took him to Decatur and Stephenville. In a rural cemetery in Wise county, he found the grave of his great-grandfather and in another cemetery the grave of his great-grandmother.

Now Orville is not one of those who have nothing to boast about but his ancestors - like the potato, the most admirable trait about him is underground. Orville has a keen sense of humor (the more you humor him the keener he is).

This community is a place of

strong-hearted people and good-hearted, some even soft-hearted but there seems to be an epidemic of heart and vascular problems. Some follow: Sheriff R.L. McFarlin returned Thursday from a week in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He had undergone a heart cath and as a result a stent was implanted in an artery. A blood clot was dissolved.

He is back at his duties and reports that he feels fine and expects no problems. He was in contact with deputies Gary Evans, Pete Ochoa and Lance Swan during the week. Vigilant and capable, they handled duties during his absence.

Ann Pearson was relieved to get back home last Thursday from Albuquerque. She had been in the Veteran's Hospital there for several days for a heart cath. Earlier in the week she had been in the veterans hospital in Amarillo for the test but the results were not conclusive. She was flown by air ambulance to Albuquerque on Sunday, Murl accompanied her on the plane.

Fortunately her condition can be treated by medication and little exertion. It appears that Murl may be getting some housekeeping experience.

Ann served in the U.S. Womens Marine Corps during World War II.

Charley West went last Monday for a heart cath in the Heart Group Clinic in Amarillo. This was a precautionary procedure and fortunately no problems were shown. He returned home the same day.

Gloria Knox was taken by ambulance to Hansford Hospital very early Friday morning with a heart problem. After diagnosis here, the ambulance took her to Baptist-St. Anthony's in Amarillo. A pace-maker was inserted Saturday and latest reports were

that she was adjusting. She will probably be hospitalized another week.

Don has been in Amarillo and keeping an eye on all the procedures. Since he too has a heart condition - he may be able to advise the doctors!

Now where did that rumor start that one Christmas avid hunter Don promised her a mink - if she would keep its cage clean.

Word comes from the family of Jack Crum that he is now out of ICU and in a room at Baptist-St. Anthony's. He recently had a clogged artery cleared while in the hospital with a broken hip. He has been hospitalized for several weeks when the arterial problem developed after which pneumonia put him in. It is expected that now we can go into BSA rehab for 7 to 14 days.

The report from Pastor Roland Haney of the Apostolic Faith Church here, is that last Wednesday he was moved from ICU to a room. He is in M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston.

He appears to be slowly recovering, can walk and talk. Several days earlier he underwent surgery and was on the table 13 hours in a rare and complicated procedure.

Mrs. Haney is with him and it is hoped that they can return to Spearman sometime in April.

All who attended or heard the KRDF broadcast of the Sunday morning service of the First United Methodist Church here was pleased. It was dedicated to all emergency service personnel in a Day of Recognition - law enforcement, fire department, emergency medical. Luncheon was for them also.

It is certainly well-deserved.

Peggy and Alton Ellsworth are at home after a trip down state that is of interest to many in Spearman.

They left here in February and went to San Angelo for a stay with old friends, Glen and June Day. June, who has been in poor health is just recovering from a bad case of shingles. However, she still finds life interesting and under the TLC of Glen is doing well. They both send warm greetings to all their Spearman friends.

While browsing in downtown San Angelo, they were all pleased to encounter other former Spearman folk, Phyllis and Melvin Bradley. They now live in Amarillo and were in San Angelo for a WT basketball game.

The Ellsworth's then drove to Chappell Hill to visit a couple of days with Hazel and Al Stringer.

They are the maternal grandparents of granddaughter of Ellsworths, Jana Knowlton. The Stringers accompanied Ellsworths for a tour of the George Bush Library and museum at College Station.

Dallas was their next stop for some time with granddaughter, Kacee Smith. Kacee, a Spearman high graduate, is soon to graduate from business college. She plans to enter another college for further education in computers. She is also employed at a hobby shop in Dallas.

Ellsworths were pleased to have nice weather all the way.

The current Texas legislative session has begun in Austin - and the news states that there have

been 1,004 new bills listed which means new laws, restrictions, rules and regulations.

Each legislator seems to want his name on a bill - but will any one of them know what each of the 1,004 is about or expect to be obeyed.

An example - is that law still in effect that required vehicles to be locked and the keys removed when unoccupied?

A number of years ago, just after the law went into effect, the police in a neighboring town here, felt the people should know of the law. They ticketed every vehicle in the front of the post office that was unlocked. The day was cold and most drivers left their motors running while getting their mail.

I don't recall whether any fines were collected, but awareness of the law created considerable conversation.

Most legislators, especially those from the Panhandle are genuinely concerned about the citizenry.

How about it, Attorney Hutchinson, is it still the law? Somehow in the news legislators come across as Talkers - talk to express thought, some to conceal thought, some instead of thought.

Weather records for the week of March 3 through 7 a.m. March 12 - the highest temp was on the both the 5th and 10th at 71; the lowest on the 5th at 30; moisture for the week was .46.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Lake Depth-March 12, 2001-45.43 feet, 46 degrees

Last week Jim Derington and four of the directors of the PDRA, Jack Lane, Kenneth Evans, T. J. Bergin, and C. A. Davis attended the annual Texas Water Conservation Association meeting at Austin on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Margarette Evans and Charlotte Bergin joined their husbands for the trip. When the legislature is in session, the meeting is always held in Austin. Over five hundred people came.

A pair of young eagles are still at the Lake. The cormorants and herons are busy in the nests. When they arrive to take over their old nests, the eagles obligingly leave those trees.

The new R. V. stalls on the office side of the Lake have been finished.

A New Ferret Story

Ted Evans has told me a story that happened in Gruver in the late 30's when he was six or seven and lived in the house that Ronnie Williams (twin brother of Johnny) and his family live in now. The then red brick home of Frank Shapley was next door on the north. Mr. Shapley kept a milk cow and calf and fed out two hogs in pens with sheds just west of the two houses. The grain had drawn rats - so many that they moved into the Evans garage, too. Poison hadn't helped the situation.

One day a man drove in Gruver in a coupe that had the trunk lid removed and boxes sticking up in the trunk space. He offered to get rid of rats for a price using his ferrets. Arthur Evans hired him to

come to the pens. Ted does not remember how many ferrets were turned loose, but they went after the rats, and when they were through, the rats were all dead.

Grand Plains School

A Search for Opportunity by Dotty Jones under the story of the McClellan Family helped with the location of the Grand Plains School. "In July of 1903, Mr. McClellan and his two sons, Dave and Lee, drove some 300 head of cattle from Greer County to their new home in Hansford County, accompanied by their family. They settled some four miles north of what is now Gruver in the Grand Plains Community. Their first section of land was No. 300, in a sea of open prairie. Upon their arrival they made the Grand Plains School their living quarters and camped there until Mr. McClellan, his sons and helpful neighbors built a half dugout. They lived there until their modern home was built."

Steve and Tracy Bevil, with daughter Brooke and son Hunter, now live on this section in the modern two story house built in 1911. The Grand Plains school house was bought by Wayne Tomlinson and moved to Gruver on Cluck Street in 1947. It was then bought by Harry and Billie Dean Barkley. They enjoyed the fact that Harry had gone to school in the building as a boy. It is now being remodeled by Steve and Paulette Watkins. Elmo McClellan told Ted Evans the school house set in the northeast corner of the section.

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Martha and Joe Villalobos wish to announce the birth of their son, Cody Daniel. Cody was born on February 23, 2001 in Perryton, TX. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

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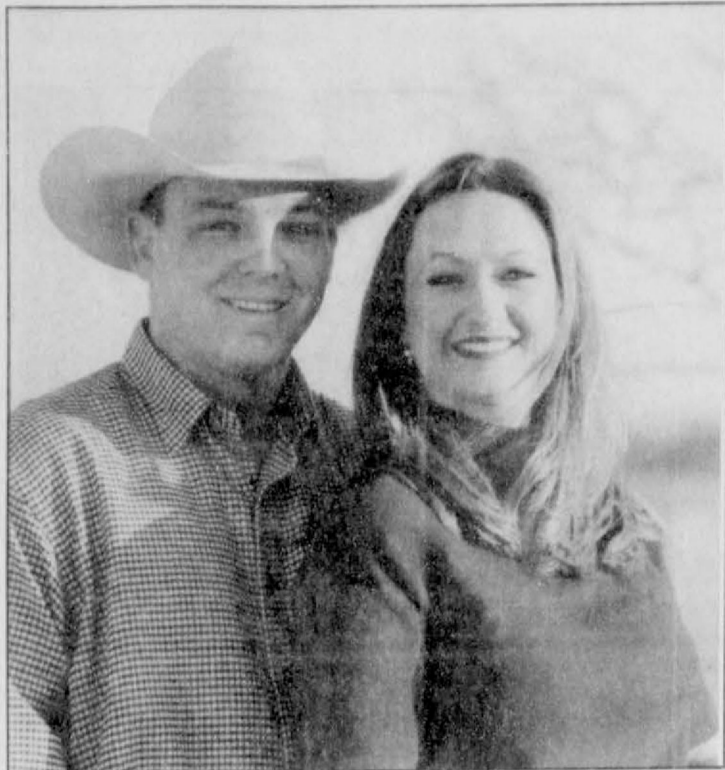
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 Gruver Shower - March 17, Spearman Shower - April 7
 Lindsey Smith & Britt Savage - March 24
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Engagement Announcement

Fred and Brenda Shieldknight of Spearman announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly to Quentin Cluck Harper. Quentin is the son of Lee Wilhelm and Tony Harper of Gruver. The couple plans to be wed May 19th at the Church of Christ in Spearman. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Spearman High School and a 2000 graduate of West Texas A&M with a BS in Ag-Business. She is employed by Bob Pearson. The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Gruver High School and attended Panhandle State University. He is now farming and ranching in Gruver.



Engagement Announcement

Harry Kaye McAlister are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Kimberly Dawn McAlister to Clay Montgomery of Gruver. Clay is the son of Clay and Donna Montgomery of Lake Kiowa, TX. Kimberly is a graduate of Electra High School. She is currently attending Texas Tech School of Pharmacy in Amarillo. Clay is a graduate of Valley View High School and Tarleton State University. He is currently employed at Gruver High School as the Agriculture Sciences teacher. Clay is a recent graduate of West Texas A&M University in Canyon with a Masters of Education. The couple will be married May 19, 2001 in the First Baptist Church of Electra.



Engagement Announcement

Jim and Mindy Davis of Gruver announce the engagement of their daughter Kasey Davis to Jeff Schrimpf. Jeff is the son of Pete and Robin Schrimpf of Katy, Texas. The bride-to-be is a 1993 graduate of Gruver High School and a 1998 graduate of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. She is employed in veterinary pharmaceutical sales in Dallas. The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Katy Taylor High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Christian University. He is employed as a marketing officer in Dallas. The couple plans to be married June 30, 2001 at the United Methodist Church in Gruver.



Gruver ISD Student Of The Month

Holly Hart has been selected as Gruver High School's January Student of the Month. A senior, Holly has been a member of the one-act play cast for the past four years having been named honorable mention her freshman year and best actress her junior year. The 2000 one-act play advanced to area competition. She has also been a cast member of the all school play for four years and has competed in UIL each year qualifying for state in number sense and for regional in number sense and mathematics. In athletics, Holly competed in tennis and basketball for two years and has served as cheerleader. Other honors include Miss Teen Hansford 2000 and the Texas Poet's Award 1999. A member of the United Methodist Youth, Holly will attend West Texas A&M University and major in pre-optometry. She is the daughter of Brad and Kelly Hart.

Hansford County Sports

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Spearman Sports Results

Canyon Tennis Tournament

The Spearman Tennis team traveled to Canyon last Saturday to play in the Canyon Tennis Tournament and fared very well. Adam Cherry advanced all the way to the finals before finally getting defeated. Garrett Griffin advanced to the quarter-finals before falling. Cheryl Gibson also got to the quarter-finals before losing. For this early in the season, they all did very well and will continue to get better each week. (The results will be in next week's issue.)

Varsity Lynx Results

The Lynx placed 2nd overall in this meet, but team point totals were not available.

400 Relay: 1st - Spearman (Colton Miller, John Brock, Lance Baker, Paul Bynum); 800 Meters: 4th - Matt Dunning; 100 Meters: 4th - Lance Baker; 400 Meters: 4th - Colton Miller; 300 Hurdles: 3rd - John Brock; 1600 Relay: 4th - Spearman (John Brock, Matt Dunning, Paul Bynum, Colton Miller); High Jump: 3rd - Brady Woolley; Long Jump: 3rd -

Canadian Track Meet

The Canadian Track Meet was held Friday and Saturday at Wheeler because Canadian's track has not yet been completed. The Lynx and Lynxettes did very well considering this was the first meet of the year with all the athletes participating. The meet this week will be in Gruver, so make plans to attend and support these kids!

Varsity Lynxettes Results

Team Totals: 1. Perryton 148, 2. Canadian 144, 3. Spearman 119

High Jump: 5th - Cazares; Long Jump: 1st - Nollner, 6th - Shieldknight; Triple Jump: 1st - Nollner, 3rd - Shieldknight; Shot Put: 2nd - L. Gillaspie; Discus: 1st - Schnell, 4th - Gibson; 3200 Meter Run: 6th - Hand; 100 Hurdles: 4th - Shieldknight; 400 Meters: 1st - Nollner; 300 Hurdles: 5th - Crossland; 200 Meters: 1st - Nollner; 1600 Meters: 6th - Hand; 400 Relay: 2nd - Spearman (Vaquera, Shieldknight, Cazares, Nollner); 800 Relay: 4th - Spearman (Vaquera, Crossland, Flowers, Shieldknight); 1600 Relay: 2nd - Spearman (Vaquera, Cazares, Edwards, Flowers)

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Gruver Sports Results

The Gruver High School Junior Varsity boys placed 5th with 59 points.

High Jump - Hutch Reed, 3rd; Long Jump - Hernandez, 1st; Discus - Hunter Bevell, 5th; 3200 Meters - R. Gonzales, 5th; R. Flores, 6th; 800 Meter Run - David Puebla, 4th; 400 Meter Run - Rodriguez, 3rd; Luciano, 5th; 1600 Meter - Flores, 6th; 400 Meter Relay - 3rd; 1600 Meter Relay - Gruver, 3rd

Diaz Captures Girls Singles Crown

In their first tournament of the season, Rosa Diaz aced four opponents and yielded only one point in the championship match, to win the event.

First match: Rosa Diaz defeated Juarez of Friona 8-0. Second match - Diaz defeated Winegarner of Spearman 8-0. Third Match - Diaz defeats Osbourne of Wheeler 6-0, 6-0. Fourth Match - Diaz defeats Selman of Vega, 6-0, 6-0. Championship Match - Diaz defeated Parsley of Vega, 6-1, 6-0.

In other girls singles action, Sammie Johnson fell to Frances of Canadian 8-3 and McClish of Boys Ranch 8-4. In boys singles matches, Carlos Borunda defeated Rumbough of Kress, 8-0, before falling to Herron of Shamrock 8-1. Clint Swink defeated Moore of Wheeler 8-2, and then fell to Conrad of Groom 8-2. The boys doubles team of Aaron Boyd and Wade Steward defeated Stoerner/Dietrich of Lockney 8-1, then lost to Martin/Messmore of Sudan 8-1.

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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.

TFN(1-18-01)B

FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCED! 708 Steele Drive - 3BR, 1 1/2B, 1 car garage, storage building, large backyard, carpet less than 3 years old! New countertops, vent hood and kitchen sink. Ceiling fans throughout! Ready to move in! Call 659-2193 after 4:00 p.m., or leave message.

4(2-22-01)B

FOR SALE: 3BR, 1 1/2B, 1 car garage, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, washer, dryer, and hot tub included. Located at 703 E. 2nd in Spearman. Call 659-2090, days, or 659-2096 after 5:00 p.m. Asking \$35,000.

4(3-8-01)B

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Nice 3BR, 2B, central H/A, lg. carport, lg. patio, lg. workshop in back. Woodstove/fireplace in living room and workshop. Call 733-5119 after 5 for apt. to see at 906 Richardson St. in Gruver. \$45,200.

6(3-15-01)B

FOR SALE: 708 Lee Drive - 3BR, 1 full bath, 2 1/2B, large den, single garage. Contact Teresa Barkley at Interstate Bank. Phone: 806-659-2559 or home at 806-733-2395. Priced to sell!

1(3-15-01)B

FOR RENT/LEASE

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

TFN(1-21-99)B

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

TFN(11-2-00)B

FOR RENT: 1BR apartment; 2 BR apartment. Call 659-3260.

TFN(10-19-00)B

FOR RENT: 3BR apartment. Call 659-9971.

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MOBILE HOME SPACES FOR RENT: 703 East 7th Street. New owners - new low rates. Call 659-5057, ask for Craig or Beverly Vinson.

1(3-15-01)P

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Do you need a second job? Part-time help needed to do valve jobs. Call Hal at 659-3821.

4(3-8-01)B

HELP WANTED: Turner Transportation is now hiring drivers - uniforms, insurance, vacation and safety bonuses. Class A CDL preferred, but not required. Call 435-1190 for more information.

4(2-22-01)B

HELP WANTED: The Hansford County Farm Service Agency will be accepting applications for a full-time temporary Program Technician to help administer current farm programs. Computer and farm background helpful.

Applications must be submitted by March 23, 2001. Application forms may be picked up at the Hansford County FSA Office, 909 W 9th Ave., Suite B, Spearman, TX. Hansford County FSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer established under law without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, or other non-merit factors.

2(3-8-01)B

HELP WANTED: Spearman ISD has an immediate need for a Substitute Custodian. The pay is \$6 per hour and work hours may vary. The position is for the elementary and junior high campuses. Physical requirements include frequent walking and heavy lifting and carrying. For more information, contact Ronnie Cogdill at 659-5141, or you can get an application by going by the Superintendent's office at 403 East 11th Street. Spearman ISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TFN(2-22-01)B

HELP WANTED: Twin Oaks has an opening for a night shift LVN. We offer competitive salary, benefits and an excellent working environment. Contact Cindy Ezzell at 658-9786 or come by 112 Pioneer in Booker.

4(2-22-01)B

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HOUSE SETTLING? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling, 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, TX.

52(2-8-01)B

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FOR SALE: Brunswick Regulation Pool Table - \$1000. Call 659-1055.

2(3-1-01)P

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4(3-8-01)P

FOR SALE: 2-horse, single-axle trailer - \$650. Call 659-5957.

1(3-15-01)P

LOST & FOUND

LOST: Billfold w/cards, etc. Brown leather. Lost between 3/5 and 3/6 around Gordon's, Spearman Auto, or Palo Duro Cafe. If found, please call 659-2292 or mail to: Box 993, Spearman.

2(3-15-01)

GARAGE SALE

LARGE GARAGE SALE: Sat., 3/17 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 3/18 from 2-5 p.m. (If bad weather, will be postponed to 3/24.) 909 S. Barkley - Clothing, Baby Items, Furniture, Lots of Misc.

1(3-15-01)B

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FREE: Puppies - 6 medium-sized 1/2 grown bird dog/shepherd cross. Call 733-2888.

2(3-15-01)

AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE: 1984 Ford Bronco II - \$1895. 1987 Pontiac Fiero GT - \$4795. View at 1120 Linn Dr., or call 659-3661 after 5 p.m., or leave message.

2(3-15-01)P

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE County Commissioner's Court will receive bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2001 on A3, A4, B3 & B4 gravel. Bids should be submitted to the Hansford County Judge's office, Box 367, Spearman, TX 79081. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 26, 2001 during the Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. Hansford County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Jim D. Brown
Hansford County Judge
3(3-8-01)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District of the discontinuation of Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services under the

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Spearman Property
15 S. Brandt - 3BR, 1B, 2 Car Gar, w/shop
210 Lonita Dr - 2BR, 1B, 2 Car Garage
713 Cotter Dr - 4BR, 2 1/2B, 2 Car Garage
19 N. Hoskins - 2BR, 2B, Carports
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 - 3BR, 2B, Fenced
514 Cluck - 2BR, 1 3/4B, Carport
512 Cluck - 1BR, 1B (sells w/514 Cluck)
301 King - 3BR, 2B, 1 Car Garage
307 King - 3BR, 1 3/4B
905 King - 1-2B, 1 New Wire Plumb
906 King - 4BR, 1B, fruit trees

Rural Property
12 mi E of 759, 1 mi S on Cty Rd 5 - 4BR, 2 3/4B, shop & barn, 80 acres
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709 Collier - 3/1 w/two living areas
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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. - 3/1/2 2-Story w/2nd floor paint.

IN GRUVER
205 E. 10th - 5BR, 2B, Office, 2-Car Garage/Barn, w/acreeage
911 King - 3BR, 3B, Central H/A
501 E. 10th - 3BR, 3B, 1 Car Garage
505 King - 3BR, 1 3/4B, New everything
306 Garrett - 3BR, 2B, 1900 Sq. Ft.
400 Front St. - 2BR, 1B, 2 Car Carport
118 Cooper Ave. - 4BR, 3 1/2B, 2 Car Garage
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Medicare program at Hansford Manor, effective April 1, 2001. These services have been replaced by the Swing Bed Program at Hansford Hospital, which affords continuing access for Medicare patients to identical Medicare-certified post-acute skilled nursing and rehabilitation services.

This notice is given pursuant to 42 CFR, Section 489.52, which requires that 15 days prior public notice be provided for discontinuation of Medicare skilled nursing facility services. Anyone having questions about this change is encouraged to contact Mr. Allen R. Alberty, CEO, Hansford County Hospital District, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081. (806) 659-2535.

3(3-8-01)B

LEGAL NOTICE

Bid proposals for the 2000-2001 audit will be received by Gruver ISD. All bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., April 10, 2001. The bid will be awarded at the regular Board Meeting, April 12, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. Please mail or deliver all bids to: Gruver ISD business office, Attn: Randy Reid, PO Box 650, Gruver, TX 79040.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to be the sole judge of quality and equality.

2(3-15-01)B

NOTICE TO BIDDERS CALL FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District acting by and through the Governing Board, will accept sealed bids for the purchase of:

One Large Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV)
Sealed bids will be received in the District Administration Office at the following location until April 3, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., at which time, said bids will be opened, tabulated, and presented for approval at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting.

Bid specifications are available at Pringle-Morse CISD, Business Office, 100 Fifth Street, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062 or by calling 806-733-2507. Envelopes should be clearly marked "Sealed Bid: Large SUV." Bids received after said deadline will be disqualified and returned unopened.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to the conditions and specifications. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process, and to be the sole judge of the merit and qualifications of products or services offered. Furthermore, the District may accept whatever bid is deemed to be in the best interest of the District.

2(3-15-01)B

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SHS February Students Of The Month

Andrew Cummings and Kara Pipkin have been named Students of the Month for February.

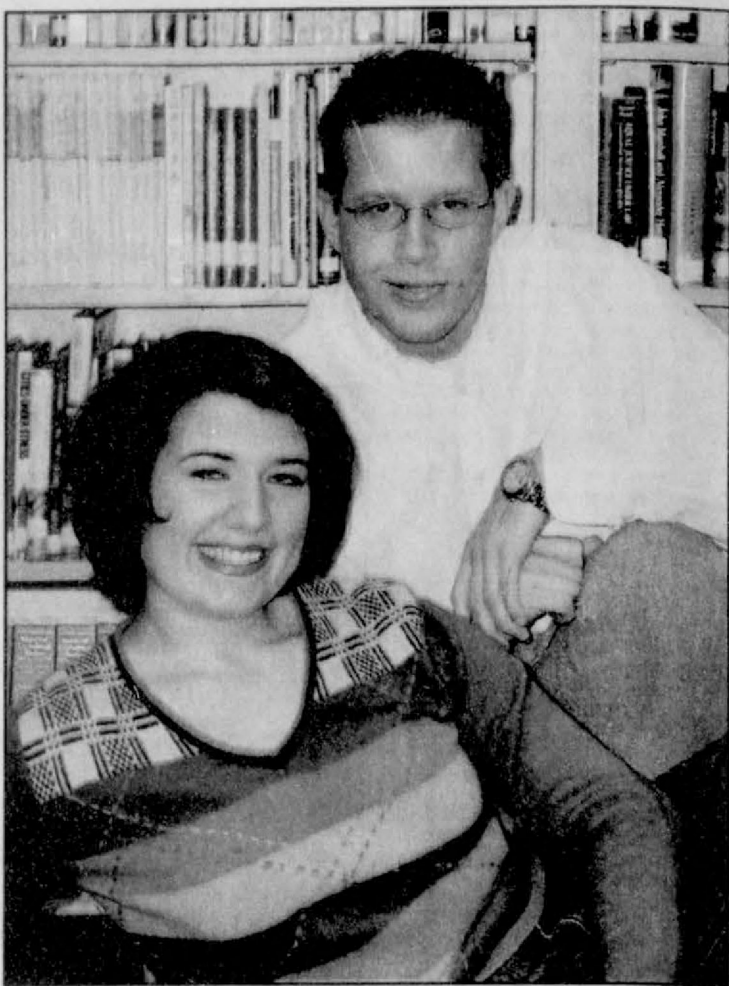
Cummings, son of Doug and Linda Cummings, have been active in Boys Scouts for 11 years, earning the Eagle Scout title. In connection with the Scouts, he spent 13 days in Alaska backpacking during the summer of 2000. In addition to Alaska, he has participated in three backpacking treks at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. For two years, he has served as staff for the National Junior Training, as well as having attended the training for one year. Cummings has attended the Boy Scout's National Jamboree in Fort A.P. Hill in West Virginia. He has been named in the Who's Who in American High School Students and is vice president of Spearman High School Band. He gives credit to all his teachers for the influence on his education. He is active at United Methodist Church youth group. For the past five months, he has been employed with Simple Simon's.

After graduation, he will join the Army as a combat engineer at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Pipkin is the daughter of Richard and Lisa Pipkin. She was instrumental in founding the Spearman High School Volunteers and is a member of National Honor Society. She spent a year in Argentina during the 1999-2000 school year as a the Rotary Exchange student. She was president of her freshman and sophomore classes. She is also active in band, having attended the State Ensemble Band Contest and winning the Band Award her freshman and sophomore years.

She is a 4-H member and attended the Farm Bureau Leadership Conference. She is also a part of the First Baptist Youth.

She plans to attend Sterling College in Kansas after graduation. She will be involved in their partnership program with Habitat for Humanity. She is unclear on what she will major in, but will minor in Social Entrepreneurship.



Gruver Band Takes On UIL Solo Ensemble

by Todd Parker

This year, our Gruver High Band decided to take on the ensemble portion of the region 1 UIL Solo Ensemble contest in a big way. We split the band into two parts: a woodwind choir and a brass choir. Each group selected and performed some rather difficult pieces of music in competition.

The woodwind choir performed two pieces, including, *Finale* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and *Minuet* by Ludwig van Beethoven.

The brass choir played Galba's *March* from the MGM movie *Quo Vadis* written by Miklos Rozsa. Mr. Rozsa wrote music for many of MGM's movies in the 1950s including *Ben Hur*.

Not all of our students were able to perform with these groups as Saturday, February 24 was the beginning of our Spring Break, our boys basketball team was at play-offs and the Brenham and Houston Stock Shows pulled out many of our players. Never the less, our groups both earned a First Division at the contest. It just goes to show that the Gruver band students are successful even when being involved in so many other events.

Woodwind Choir participants included: Flute - Judy Luciano, Keisha Barton and Diana Lopez; Clarinet - Elizabeth Duncan, Cynthia Briones, Carrie Stewart and Yolanda Hernandez; Bass Clarinet - Mary Watkins and Tabitha Crow.; Saxophone - Rachel Arreola and Lourdes Vega

Brass Choir participants includ-

ed: Trumpet - Bradley Duncan, Angelica Huerta, Garrett Miner, Chris Abernathy, David Hernandez, Amy Gift and Kristie Balderama; French Horn - Jacinda Perez, David Parker, Christie McDowell and Kalee Crawford; Trombone - Misael Rosales, David Puebla, Jose Rodriguez and Manuel Luciano; Baritone - Ben Williams and Valerie Burnam; Tuba - Chris Hillenbrand and Ryan Winger

Percussion - Chris Perez, Sergio Cruz, Dan Villegas and Andy Mendoza

Elizabeth Duncan, clarinetist, performed a class 1 solo (most difficult for high school) and achieved a First Division rating as well.

We are planning to perform our brass choir and woodwind choir music again at our spring concert.

Upcoming events for the Gruver

Banks include sponsoring the Gruver Track Meet Concession stand on March 16 and 17, UIL Region 1 concert band contest at Boys Ranch on April 3, Dumas Junior High music festival on April 28 and our big high school band trip to the Cavalcade of Music Festival in Colorado Springs on May 2, 3, 4, and 5.

On a personal note, I would like to thank our school administration, school board, band parents and community for the support the Gruver Band receives.

At band director conferences, I am often asked why I have stayed in a small town like Gruver for such a long time. I always tell my peers that the greatest people in the world live in Gruver, Texas.

Hansford County Veterans

Listed below are the names of three Hansford County Veterans who were inadvertently left off of the Veteran's List that was published on November 9, 2000. If you know of others, please call the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office at 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine Smith

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Satania - Robyn Townsend
Plutonia - Amanda Adams
Devilina - Tiffany Hendricks
Marie - Chambrey Cox
Mr. Beth - Tatum Rice

Mr. Bank - Matthew Stewart
Gaslight Gaieties - a Gay Nineties Variety Show

1 - Freezing Mother-In-Law
Mrs. Watmuff - Cristina

Salgado
Mr. Watmuff - Chad

Scarborough

Emily - Emily Longoria
Walter - Matt Dunnihoo
Ferdinand - Garrett

Griffin

2- He, She and It
He - Enrique Flores
She - Mindee Gillaspie

3- Lodgings to Let

Mr. Peace - Dustin

Mackie

Mrs. Lamb - Holly

Tercero

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Stage Manager - Miguel

Ceballos

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