

Bergin Receives Award



Kay McFarlin (right) congratulates Erin Bergin upon receiving the Social Worker of the Year Award from the Amarillo Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Erin Bergin has been named the Social Worker of the Year of the Amarillo Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The honor coincides with the declaration of March as the National Social Worker month.

As a result of her win, Bergin will compete with twenty other district winners for the title of Texas Social Worker of the Year. Each of the district winners was chosen as the best example of the profession's values and achievements through specific accomplishments.

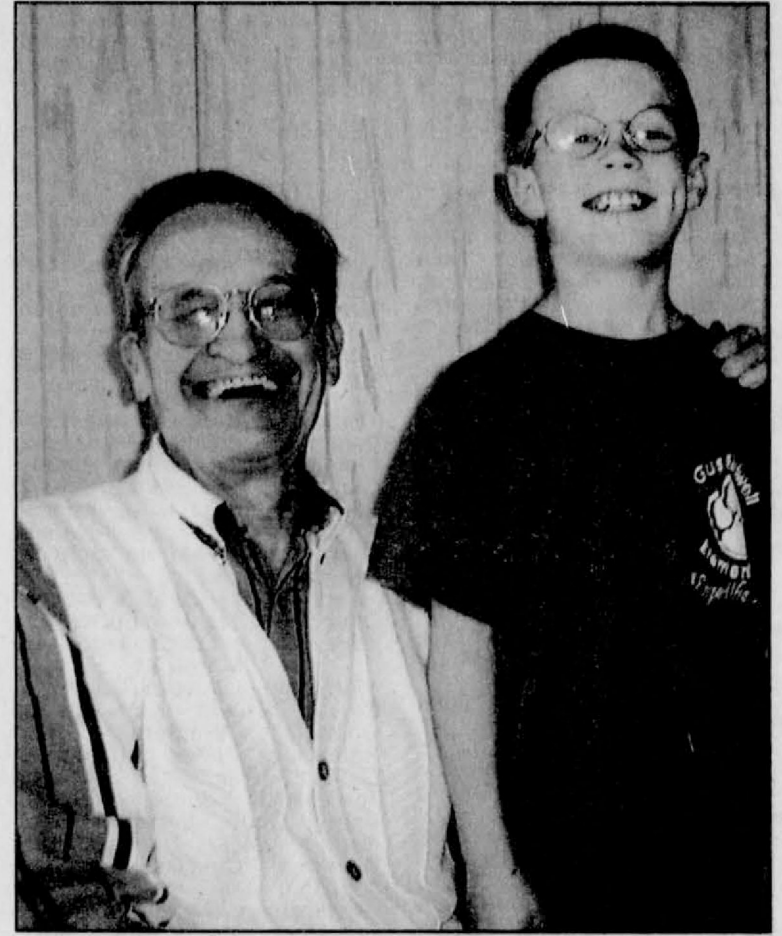
Bergin was named director of social services for the Hansford Hospital District in 1994. In that capacity, she works with Home Health, Hansford Hospice, Hansford Manor, and Hansford Hospital, including the emergency room, and the Swing Bed which is Medicare rehabilitation program encompassing physical, respiratory, occupational, and speech therapy.

A 1982 graduate of Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Social Work degree, she is a volunteer for the advisory board of the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority, the Hansford/Ochiltree County Juvenile Probation Advisory Council, and the Panhandle Community Services Board of Directors. In her work in the Panhandle, Bergin has learned of the crucial need for licensed social workers in rural communities in the area of social work services and interventions. "I feel it is my duty as a social worker to provide assistance or use my knowledge of community resources to assist my neighbors to the best of my abilities," Bergin states.

Beginning her career with the Children's Protective Services from 1982 until 1988, Bergin investigated child abuse and provided ongoing counseling to children and families. In 1988, she worked with court ordered social studies for adoptions and custody disputed divorces. Serving as the director of social work and discharge for Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger from 1990-1993, Bergin became a social worker for Hospice of the Panhandle in 1990, a position she held until being named director of social services for Hansford Hospital District in 1994.

Bergin and her husband, David, who is vice president of Interstate Bank, ssb, have two children Lauren 11, a sixth grader at Gruver Junior High, and John David, 7, a first grader at Gruver Elementary.

The National Association of Social Workers is the largest organization of professional social workers with 155,000 members. Its goal is to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities.



Alton Ellsworth and his "Little Brother" Seth

Big Brother/Little Brother Match Celebrate 1st Anniversary

submitted by Cindy Sickle

Big Brother Alton Ellsworth and Little Brother Seth celebrated the first anniversary of their match on March 16, 2000.

"Seth's mother first approached Big Brothers Big Sisters in 1998 because she had heard of the benefits of the program and thought it might be good for Seth to have another positive adult in his life to provide companionship and guidance. Seth waited almost a year before he could be matched because there were no volunteers available," explained Kimberley Lopez, case manager.

Alton heard that there was a little boy waiting for a Big Brother and decided to apply. "This is not a first-come-first-serve kind of program, and it is really unusual that we would be able to match the first volunteer to come along to the only boy on our waiting list, but that is what happened. It has been wonderful to watch their relationship grow, as the two have become real friends," said Lopez.

Since then, Alton and Seth have spent about two hours a week together doing all kinds of activities. "They have gone roller-skating, bowling, and to Dillas games. Seth enjoys helping his Big Brother at the theatre and attending Lions Club meetings with him. Alton has helped Seth become involved in the children's choir at his church and open a savings account. They call each other and even e-mail each other jokes and games," Lopez continued.

In a letter nominating Alton for Big Brother of the Year, Seth said, "Alton spends a lot of time with me doing all sorts of fun stuff. He takes me to the movies and lets me have all the popcorn that I can eat... Alton and I have been going to church on Sundays and on Wednesdays. After church on Sundays, Alton and I go to Perryton and eat lunch at the Perryton Club. He lets me have some good stuff. When it was baseball season, Alton would come up to the baseball field and watch me play baseball... Sometimes Alton would come by my house and pick me up just to go out and eat. Alton has also come up to the schoolhouse and ate that terrible school food with me. In my heart I feel like Alton is the best big brother in the whole wide world."

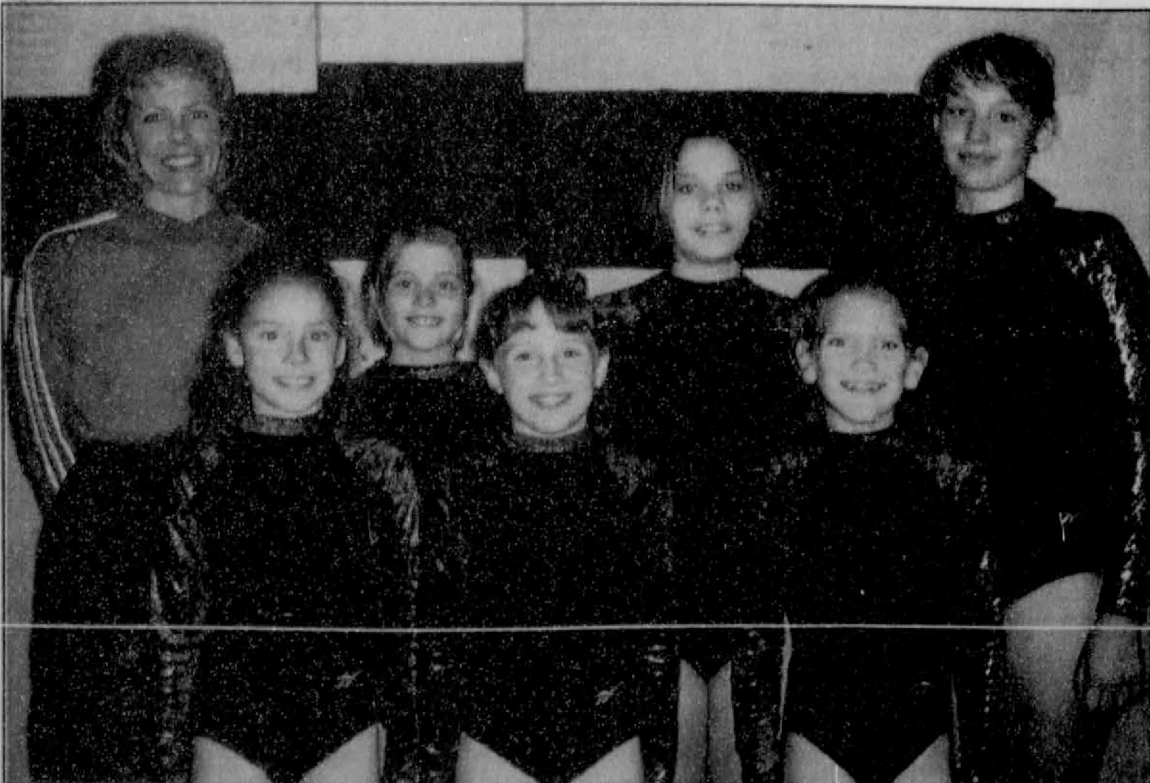
For Alton, what began as an intentional friendship has grown into something more. "I sure love little Seth," he commented.

Alton and Seth's match is the first match made by Big Brothers Big Sisters in Hansford County. "Currently, we have two Big Sisters waiting to be matched in Spearman," added Lopez. Single parents with boys or girls between the ages of 6 and 14 can call 434-0016 or 1-800-687-8282 for information about how to apply.

Lonestar Twisters Attend Competition



Lonestar Twisters Division I Tumblers: (Back Row, L-R) Amy Boyd, Emily Carson, Kylee Howard, Brittney Bradley, Christy Lang, and Coach Julie Pittman; (Front Row, L-R) Matthew Jarvis, Tori Sheets, Malory Martin, Cassidy Odegaard, Amanda Duby and Dee Dee DeLaRosa (Not pictured are Zack Hughes, Joe Duby and Coach Brooke Greene)



Lonestar Twisters Division II Tumblers: (Back Row, L-R) Coach Julie Pittman, Kendall Schneider, Ashley Swan, and Heather Hamilton; (Front Row, L-R) Bond Pittman, Ashley Close and Destiny Fisher (Not pictured is Channing Burgess)

The Lonestar Twisters entered their competition season ready to tumble and twist. Division I team competed in Dumas on Feb. 26th and Division II team competed in Snyder, TX on March 3rd.

Tumbling results: 1st Place - Amy Boyd, Ashley Close, Joey Duby, Malory Martin, Bond Pittman and Ashley Swan; 2nd Place - Kylee Howard and Cassidy Odegaard; 3rd Place - Destiny Fisher; 4th Place - Tori Sheets; 5th Place - Channing Burgess and Amanda Duby; 6th Place - Brittney Bradley

Trampoline results: 1st Place - Dee Dee DeLaRosa, Joey Duby and Kendall Schneider; 2nd Place - Kylee Howard, Cassidy Odegaard and Tori Sheets; 3rd Place - Ashley Close and Amanda Duby; 5th Place - Destiny Fisher, Heather Hamilton and Malory Martin; 6th Place - Brittney Bradley, Bond Pittman and Ashley Swan

Double-Mini Trampoline results: 3rd Place - Channing Burgess and Ashley Swan; 4th Place - Heather Hamilton; 6th Place - Ashley Close and Kendall Schneider

Congratulations team and good luck as you travel to Shamrock on March 25th and Levelland on April 1st.

Spearman High School Students To Present One Act Play

submitted

Time for another One Act play - a quality production performed by a small group of SHS students. This year's play, R.T. Robinson's *The Cover of Live*, takes place in Sterlington (a small town in Louisiana) during World War II. The plot focuses on the wives of three brothers who all enlist in the military on the same day. The girls move in with the boys' mother until their husbands return. The mood of the play is a combination of drama and comedy.

The cast consists of seven characters - six females and one male. The roles are as follows: Tood Cliffert - Erin Boxwell, Sybil Harrist Cliffert - Crisly Alvarado, Weetsie Cliffert - Angela Pipkin, Aunt Ola - Allison Haney, Kate Miller - Kathryn Murphy, Addie Mae McGough - Tashi Schumann, Tommy Cliffert - Randy Duffy.

The crew is made up of two stage managers (Matt Davis and Art Maestas), a sound technician (Jennifer Whitefield), a light specialist (Tommie Dewberry), and an alternate (Nicole Ramon). The play is the last production to be directed by Mrs. Frances Pipkin, Candy Boxwell and Jane Henton.

The first performance will be Tuesday, March 28th at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Spearman will be performing third, so the estimated curtain time is 4:00 p.m. If you plan on attending, you should be at the Branding Iron Theater by 3:45 p.m., because once the doors are closed, they stay closed.

The public performance is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Admission is \$3.00 for ages six and over. So, come on down and support the One Act Play!

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 Smith.

March 23
 Birthday - Tanner Irwin, Mercedes Perez, Dwayne TeBeest, Jamie Sterling, Beth Ann Flowers, Angela Craig, Teresa Russell, Christopher Turner, Ramon Garcia Jr., Bernice Flores, Jason Evans
 Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cazares

March 24
 Birthday - Dillon Payne, Marie Bell, Mike Floyd, Charles Haight, Frank Sursa, Lesa Deakin, Karie Coates, Patricia Pool, Lera Deakin, Jeri Diane Sterling, Chandra Lee, Carla James, Rebecca Garza, Ruth Bryan, Beth Phelps
 Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Babbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Breland, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Traham

March 25
 Birthday - Rosalie Grotegut, Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albrecht, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogdo, Tom Latta, Jean Schaffer, Michael Covington, Joe Baca, Amy Bridges, Inez Holland, Chad Howe, Mario Soto
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Josh Reed

March 26
 Birthday - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tania Taylor, James Brown, J.D. Faulkner, Judy Irlbeck, Greg Holladay, Ruth Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu, Mozelle Sparks, Joanna Myers
 Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Morley

March 27
 Birthday - Tommy Boone, Diana Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Joe Villalobos Jr., Clark Dunaway, Gary Urban, Debbie Herrington, Michael McCarney, J.D. Schick

Anniversary - Steve and Debbie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd

March 28
 Birthday - Ryan Renteria, Roma Tomlinson, Janet Cudd, Mandi Lair, Ray Hawkins, Jarrett Hendricks, Ross Jarvis, Byrniece Callaway, Rick Riggins, Carlos Castillo, Janet Scarborough, Mickey Schoenhals, Mark Hodges, Verna Strawn, Colten King, Tyrell King
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clawson, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hefley, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Tipps, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carter

March 29
 Birthday - Lacy Barkley, Dixie Karlin, Joshua Kirby, Jessica Stork, Josephine Salgado, Scott Beedy, Melissa Taylor, Wanda Burke, Tiki Farrar, Chad Guthrie, Dallan Scroggs, David West, Marg Cook, Janis Maupin, Josh Harris, Jeann Thompson, Scot Martin, Ruth Shields, Ramon Garcia Jr., Greyson Karlin
 Anniversary - Bernie & Steve Ryan

March 30
 Birthday - Jesus Favela, Loni Lamb, Vi Hornsby, Mrs. Elmer Longley, Nikki Strawn, Grady Cline, Denae Baker, Jimmy Blain, Heather Cline, Krystal Burkhammer, Shane Atwood, Mike Schick, Marvin Sparks, Dorothy Longley
 Anniversary - Curtis & Marlene Davis Mr. & Mrs. Tom Spivey, Mr. & Mrs. Ruben De Santiago

March 31
 Birthday - Reaetta Gammon, Crystal Gruver, Ken Jones, Comfort Winders, Kay Patterson, Nellie Buchanan, Dionne Pencille, Santiago Tercero Jr., Johnny Vernon, Cheryl Linde, Jolinda Wilson, Cortney Valdez, Teresa Carter, Weston Castillo, Kenton Johnson
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Sparkman, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Miser, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bass, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Carthel, Mr. & Mrs. Allan Beasley, Mr. & Mrs. David Miser

April 1
 Birthday - Cynthia Henson, Matt Messer, Chris Stork, Wayne Ware, Bob Hohertz, Lorie Acevedo, Jack Duncan, Tanner Brown, Elizabeth Duncan, Ashlynn Miner, Jamie Renteria

Spearman Chamber Of Commerce Board Of Directors Meet

by Gina Gillispie

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at noon at the Palo Duro Cafe. Members present were: Kim Brock, Diane Maxwell, Dr. Scot Martin, Linda Coombs, Tindle Ramon, Jim Younger, Carolyn McLeod and Gina Gillispie. Absent were; Gary Smith, Robert Patrick, Beth Brown, Sharon Cook, Jan Williamson, and Bruce Stinson.

President Carolyn called the meeting to order. After review, the minutes of the last meeting were accepted. A motion was made and passed to pay the March bills. Carolyn passed out the new budget and by-laws and asked that everyone look over them so that they can be adopted at the next meeting.

Heritage Days was discussed with the following appointed to the Heritage Committee - Dr. Scot Martin, Gary Smith, and Jan Williamson.

The July 4th Celebration was discussed. The fireworks celebration at Lake Palo Duro will be held on July 4th, with the All-School Reunion being held on July 1st. Carolyn appointed Linda Coombs, Jim Younger, and Kim Brock to serve on the July 4th Committee.

Gina reported that Charlie Salgado had called about golf tournaments. Carolyn appointed Tindle Ramon, Beth Brown, Sharon Cook, and Bruce Stinson to serve on the Golf Tourney Committee. This committee will meet to decide if the Board of Directors is interested in hosting a golf tournament this summer.

Carolyn asked that everyone meet at the O'Loughlin Center at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27th to help the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce decorate. The board should be at the O'Loughlin Center at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday for the banquet.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

You are invited to attend a
Bridal Shower
 honoring
Becky Stejskal
 (bride-elect of Lee Stedje)
 on Saturday, March 25, 2000
 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
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Thank You

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Chili & Stew Luncheon a success. We would like to especially thank the Reporter-Statesman and KRDF-FM for the great publicity. We would like to thank the Spearman First Christian Church for letting us use their fellowship hall and their wonderful kitchen. The Panhandle Diner helped us with purchasing supplies. Some of the best pie cooks in town donated pies. We want to thank the men of the community who helped us set up and move tables. Thank you to everyone who attended. The funds raised by this event are used to provide Hospice care to our community.

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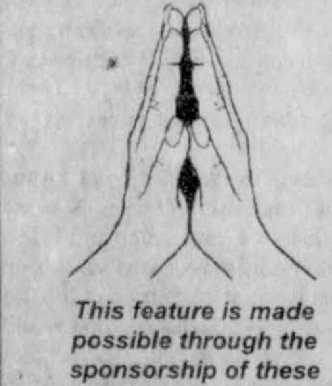
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Ministerial Alliance Met

The Ministerial Alliance met on March 8, 2000 at the Panhandle Deli & Diner. The meeting was called to order by Ken Cole, followed by the opening prayer. Minutes were approved as written. The treasurers report given by Rick Patrick.

Discussion was held on the up coming Holy Week Services. Everyone was reminded that the church the speaker represents each day is responsible for the desserts and music for that day. A tentative speaker schedule is as follows: Monday - Gary Smith, First Christian Church; Tuesday - Walter Greaser, First Assembly of God; Wednesday - Roland Haney, Apostolic Faith; Thursday - Dennis Alger, Trinity Fellowship, and on Friday an evening Service with Beverly Cook in charge. The day services will be at noon in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, Monday - Thursday and then at 6:00 p.m. on Friday in the First Christian Church Sanctuary.

Discussion was held on Festival 2000, and the opportunity of viewing a video. An update was given on the Cowboy Camp Meeting to be held June 8th-11th. Jerry Miller will preach those services, all are encouraged to attend. The Union Church will be having an Indoor Camp Meeting starting June 5th-8th.

A course for Hospice is coming up soon. The course lasts 30 hours, and ministers who are not currently involved were encouraged to take the course.

All were reminded of the Hospice Stew and Chili Luncheon to be held March 15th at the First Christian Church.

New Business: Vacation Bible Schools were discussed and a date list as scheduled at this time was prepared: First Baptist Church - June 5th - 9th; Church of Christ - June 11th-14th; Primera Iglesia Bautista - July 17th - 21st; Methodist Church - July 20th-23rd; and Waka Church of the Brethren - August 14th - 18th. This list will be updated as more dates are added.

Ken Cole and Bill Sparks both shared amusing and interesting stories on their journeys in ministry. Each minister is encouraged to share their story in the up and coming meetings.

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<p>Spearman Apostolic Faith Church 822 S. Drensen • 659-2870 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship/Children's Church: 11 a.m. Sun. Eve. Youth: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m. Wed. Children's Choir: 7 p.m. Pastor - Edward Owens</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church (Worships with Lutheran) 1021 Cotter • 659-2033 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.) Pastor - Beverly Cook</p>	<p>Gruver First Baptist Church 402 E. Broadway • 733-2411 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Pastor - Scott Curry</p>
<p>First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m. Youth: 7:30 Wednesday Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 (Worships with First Presbyterian Church) First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 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</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Church of Christ 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver 339-7709 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.</p>
<p>First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m. Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m. Pastor - Rick Patrick Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster</p>	<p>Fellowship Baptist 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Youth/Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - Gene Foster</p>	<p>Gruver United Methodist Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - Jerry Moore</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Primera Mision Bautista 522 E. 7th • 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m. Friday Evening Mass Summer - 8:00 p.m. Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>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 98.3) Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Cristo Redentor Mass - Spanish Rev. Scott Raef</p>	<p>El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I. 1105 S. Roland Domingos Escuela-Domingal - 10 a.m. Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m. Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m. Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m. Pastor - A.G. Martell (806) 659-2153</p>	<p>Morse Baptist Church 733-2757 Pastor - Mike Martin</p>
<p>Waka Church of the Brethren 435-4598</p>	<p>Morse Morse Baptist Church 733-2757 Pastor - Mike Martin</p>	<p>Waka Waka Church of the Brethren 435-4598</p>

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by Catherine R. Smith
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Engagement Announcement

Thomas and Donna Stejskal of Lewis, KS announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Marie to Lee Jeffroy Stedje. Lee is the son of Lynn and Jan Stedje of Gruver, TX.
Becky is a graduate of Oklahoma Panhandle State University at Goodwell, OK with a Bachelors degree in Animal Science with a Meat Science option. She is employed by the Goodwell Town Hall. Becky is the granddaughter of Darrell and the late Marjorie Morgan of Smith Center, KS and Anna Mae and the late Leonard Stejskal of Larned, KS and the great-granddaughter of Helen Williams of Smith Center.
Lee will graduate from OPSU in May 2000 with a degree in Industrial Technology and Agronomy. He farms with his family near Gruver. Lee is the grandson of James and Ada Joyce Stedje of Gruver and Roy and Ruth Roper of Flower Mound, TX.
The couple is planning an April 29, 2000 wedding ceremony at Peace Lutheran Church in Albert, KS.

A friend of mine sent me the following story. I really enjoyed it, and hope you will, too.

The Master Carpenter

Mother's father worked as a carpenter. On this particular day, he was building some crates for the clothes his church was sending to some orphanage in China. On his way home, he reached into his shirt pocket to find his glasses, but they were gone.

When he mentally replayed his earlier actions, he realized what happened; the glasses had slipped out of his pocket unnoticed and fallen into one of the crates, which he had nailed shut. His brand new glasses were heading for China!

The Great Depression was at it's height and Grandpa had six children. He had spent \$20 for those glasses that very morning. He was upset by the thought of having to buy another pair.

"It's not fair," he told God as he drove home in frustration. "I've been very faithful in giving of my time and money to your work, and now this."

Several months later, the director of the orphanage was on furlough in the United States. He wanted to visit all the churches that supported him in China, so he came to speak one Sunday at my grandfather's small church in Chicago. The missionary began by thanking the people for their faithfulness in supporting the orphanage.

"But most of all," he said, "I must thank you for the glasses you sent last year. You see, the Communists had just swept through the orphanage, destroying everything, including my glasses. I was desperate. Even if I had the money, there was simply no way of replacing those glasses. Along with not being able to see well, I experienced headaches every day, so my coworkers and I were much in prayer about this. Then your crates arrived. When my staff removed the covers, they found a pair of glasses lying on top."

The missionary paused long enough to let his words sink in. Then, still gripped with the wonder of it all, he continued: "Folks, when I tried on the glasses, it was as though they had been custom-made just for me! I want to thank you for being a part of that."

The people listened, happy for the miraculous glasses. But the missionary surely must have confused their church with another, they thought. There were no glasses on their list of items to be sent overseas.

But sitting quietly in the back, with tears streaming down his face, an ordinary carpenter realized the Master Carpenter had used him in an extraordinary way.

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 :)

Gladiola Flower Club News

by Wanda Brown

The Gladiola Flower Club opened their new year with a spring luncheon in the country home of Margarette Evans.
The tables were decorated with arrangements of winter ivy in crystal vases. Each place setting was marked with a flower pot painted by Maggie's Pots.
Hostesses served a delicious meal of salads and desserts.
After lunch Vice-President Dorothy Buzzard called the meeting to order. Yearbooks were handed out by Chairman Margarette Evans.
Project Chairman Virginia Head passed around a schedule for members to sign up for Meals-On-Wheels in April.
Rose Cummings will be the new Scholarship Chairman.
Home-grown arrangement was won by Pam Schnell. Specimen was won by Virginia Trindle.
Members present were Dickie Allen, Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Rose Cummings, Betty Jean Davis, Ann Flowers, Virginia Head, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Virginia Trindle, and hostess Margarette Evans.
The next meeting will be held on April 1st in the home of Eloise Renner.

Bridal Registry

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Barnes Medical Fund Established

A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for Doug and Shannon Barnes.

Davis Medical Fund Established

A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for the family of Chad and Tara Davis.

Fund Established for George Young

A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for George Young.

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 service; a confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from February 1st through April 15th; services available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older; 31,000+ dedicated and proud IRS-trained and certified volunteers; a charitable non-profit program; an AARP Foundation program and part of the National Community Service Programs Group. It is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, call 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit their web-site at www.aarp.org/taxaide/

Hansford County Promise Keepers

All men in our community are invited to attend the weekly Promise Keepers meeting on Thursdays at noon in the Panhandle Diner and Deli at 217 Main Street in Spearman. This interdenominational meeting will provide food, fellowship and an opportunity for studying some of the great men in the Bible. Come join us as we grow in becoming more like Christ.

Spearman Blood Drive

The Coffee Memorial Blood Center will have a Spearman Blood Drive on Monday, March 27th at the First United Methodist Church from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Hansford Hospital Auxiliary

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary spring luncheon will be held on Monday, April 3rd at 11:30 a.m. at the First Christian Church. Please come and bring a salad.

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant

The Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, presents *Groovin' to the Future* on June 6, 2000. The entry deadline is Monday, May 1, 2000. Entries are available at Kid's Stuff, Lady Fair and the Chamber of Commerce office in Spearman, and at Main Street Store and My Mother's Garden in Gruver. Should you have any questions, contact Jody Hight at 659-3720.

Holt Club Scholarship

The Holt Club will provide a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Spearman High School. Interested students should contact Glenda Guthrie. Deadline for application is April 28, 2000.

Spring Soccer Sign-Up

The Hansford Soccer Association is now accepting new players for the Spring Soccer League. Boys and girls, ages 4-15, are welcome. The season will begin March 11th and will go through April 8th. To sign-up, or for more information, contact Rick Patrick at 659-2619 or Alfred Avila at 659-3830.

Walk Across Texas

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 8 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 160 of those being from Hansford County. Immediate benefits include increased energy levels and feeling less stressed. This year we are offering a weight management letter series with the program. To find out how you can Walk Across Texas, call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

Spearman Chamber Seeks Volunteer

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is looking for a volunteer organization to be responsible for the Annual Heritage Days Parade. Heritage Days is set for the 2nd week of June. If you have any questions, or are interested, please call the Chamber at 659-5555.

Pierce-Wilbanks Family Reunion

A Pierce-Wilbanks Family Reunion has been scheduled for June 25, 2000 in Cleburne, TX, in conjunction with the Goatneck Old Timer Reunion. For more information, contact LD Pierce, 805 Sante Fe, Gage, OK 73483, call 1-800-398-5127, or visit the web-site at: <http://members.xoom.com/ldpierce/reunion.html>

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Nell Patterson is back at home after spending some time near Stratford, assisting in the care of their daughter, Cindy Russell and family.

Cindy, an art teacher in the Stratford schools, slipped and fell in the classroom. Her left knee cap was broken and she was taken by ambulance to Dumas Memorial Hospital.

She is now on crutches, in, therapy, and back in the classroom. She is expected to be on crutches another eight to ten weeks. Cindy, her husband, son and daughter, live north of Stratford.

She is the daughter of L.M. and Nell Patterson and a Spearman High graduate.

Margarette and Kenneth Evans returned from a pleasant ten days down state.

They first drove to Stephenville and visited their grandson, Ryan Hill, a student in Tarleton State University.

From there, they went to San Antonio to visit cousins. Later in Galveston they attended the State meeting of the Texas Water Development Association.

After the meeting, they went to Houston to visit with son Gary Evans and family.

On the return trip they stopped in Waco and toured the Texas Rangers Museum; later they stopped in Cleburne for some antique shopping.

Congratulations to Cindy Goodman and Tommie Dewberry for winning a bronze medal at Austin in the UIL Debate Contest in Class 2-A.

Mental development and skills is the primary purpose of educational institutions.

Also - possibly - this skill might be useful for future use in matrimonial situations!

Cindy is the daughter of Karen and Keith Goodman, and Tommie the son of Terri and Robbie Dewberry.

Muriel and Granville Boyd returned Friday from Missouri, where they had gone to visit a granddaughter and her family in Springfield. Enroute they had stopped for a short time with an aunt of Muriel's at Yale, OK.

Their drive was pleasant and uneventful until they reached Ponca City on Friday. For 100 miles the roads were icy and extremely hazardous from the recent storm, which was much more severe in Oklahoma than here.

Guests of Fannie and Mary Venneman on Wednesday and Friday were Fannie's nephew Jeff Sparks, and his son, Jason Sparks. They are from Midland. On Friday, Clint Venneman joined them for some rousing dominoes.

The Sunday Amarillo Globe-News carried an item and picture of Roger Jones. He is the son of Wanda and Hershel Jones, and a graduate of Spearman High. He had earned accreditation as a

Certified Valuation Analyst from the National Association. He is with the Clifton Gunderaon accounting firm in Amarillo.

Hershel and Wanda were proud to learn that Justin, son of Roger and Diane, won first in physics in the Area Science contest last week.

This Spearman paper, last week, carried a picture of Justin when he was awarded Eagle Badge in the Amarillo Boy Scouts.

Altha Groves, long time resident of this area, reached her 93rd birthday on Sunday. To mark this occasion, friends Clay and Sheila Fewell took her to Dumas for a birthday dinner on Saturday. Friends and former Spearman residents Wilma Lackey, Ernestine Gray and daughter, now of Dumas joined them for the dinner at K-Bobs.

Altha was born near Brownfield, Texas in 1907 and moved with her parents to Pampa in 1921. She finished high school there and they moved to east of Spearman in 1928.

Many Happy Returns, Altha.

George (Punk) Jackson was dismissed Monday from Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital after surgery for the removal of a bone in the rib cage - called Xithoid. He had been treated for infection of the bone for four weeks when surgery was finally decided on.

This surgery follows several others he has undergone since being in a farm accident in September of 1998. All hope it will be the last surgery required.

Congratulations are extended on the arrival of Garrett Hans, the first-born of Mac and Lesly of Spearman/Stinnett.

In 1947 little did the pretty Sylvia Martin and handsome Ray Robertson realize on their wedding day that a milestone would be reached on March 11, 2000, when they welcomed their first great-grandchild.

Garrett's grandparents, Brenda and Claude Annen, with his aunt, Sage, of Dimmitt have been here to visit him. Another visitor was his uncle Howie Mosier of Ft. Worth.

Ray, no doubt, is already polishing his own teaching skills and will be teaching Garrett some speaking rules -- such as the difference in slow up and slow down; fat chance and slim chance; free speech and cheap talk; why great-grandpa has combat fatigue - the result of his war on poverty.

Anne Marie Pearson is counting her blessings and trying to ease some of her pains after her vehicle accident on the icy road Thursday evening. About 9:15 she was driving to their home seven miles east on highway 259, and four miles out she struck a deeper ice pack than the glaze she had been driving on at less than 40 miles per hour. The car spun around and flipped completely over, landing on the driver's side so that the seat prevented the seat belt from being released. She was not injured and used the phone to call Mark, who arrived quickly.

Her '98 Dodge Durango was totaled. For Anne Marie, it was her first accident, and she expects it to be her very last.

Virgil Rosson stopped in Spearman for a few days last week enroute to his home in Tyler, after travelling in California.

Virgil, formerly of Spearman, visited old friends and relatives here. Among them Billy and Sybil Miller, Rue and Ann Sanders, Nolan Holt and Olive Pendergraft.

Gloria Knox enjoyed pleasant flights to and from Phoenix the previous weekend. She spent several days with her brother and family there.

Friends and neighbors kept an eye on Don and reported to her that there were no major disturbances during her absence.

Stephanie Brock won a trip and post-Mardi Gras weekend in New Orleans by having the most unit volume in her unit of Creative Memories. She flew out the 8th and returned the 11th. It was an interesting weekend of new sights and experiences for her. Some were the riverboat cruise; a tour of the Mardi Gras Museum, but the most vivid - but not the most pleasant - was handling and holding an alligator in the swamp tour, which she endured to report to her sons!

The Amarillo paper listed the results of the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association held at Canyon. Among them: Shawna Mitchell - 2nd in breakaway, 3rd in barrels, and 1st in All-around Girls; Bray Arms - 2nd in steer wrestling;

Monty Eakin - 1st in steer wrestling.

Betty and Chalmers Porter drove to Jackson, TN last week to attend the National NAIA basketball tournament for college women's teams. Their son, Doug, and his wife, Pam, were attending, as Doug is the coach for the team at Olivet Nazarene College, near Chicago.

For the first time in the college history, the team qualified for the tournament. For its first game, the team was pitted against the winner of last year's tournament, and expected to be the winner this year. Doug's team made a good showing, however.

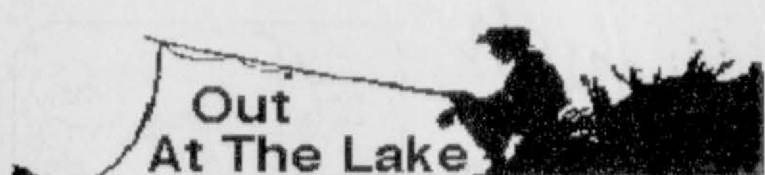
Doug was again selected Coach of the Year for his conference.

During one all-day down-pour, Betty had to renew the technique of operating an umbrella.

They also visited Betty's mother near Rogers, AK and her sister near Heber Springs.

Dwayne's weather report for the week of March 13th to 20th shows the high temperature on the 14th at 76 degrees; the low on the 16th at 24; moisture - the 1 1/2 inches of snow yielded .03, with just a trace on two other days.

Newspapers show Clinton in Pakistan and India and the mostly warm welcome by the rulers - his itinerary was changed due to security concerns. Apparently some areas had not received the word that he came with millions of dollars taken from American tax-payers. Or perhaps they do know it, and also as usual, the rulers will be richer, and the poor just as poor.



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--March 20, 2000--49.45 feet

Jim's Report: Several catfish were caught this past week by Red Byrd, Kent Ruble, and others. No one mentioned catching a walleye. These fish like to spawn in rocky areas, so fishermen try for them off of the dam.

There were two motor homes using the hookups on the north side of the dam this weekend.

Jim is watching for the first buzzards to appear. Last year they arrived on March 26. They are birds that are supposed to come back the same day every year, so Jim is in the process of checking this out.

To add to the discussion of whether or not this is an abundant coyote year, Jim talked to hunters in two vehicles with dog boxes Sunday morning in Spearman. They had been hunting north of the dam and had caught ten coyotes.

Dale Rollins, Ph.D. writes a column for the Livestock Weekly entitled Wildlife by Design. He usually writes something serious about quail or deer, but March 2, 2000 he had a humorous one about skunks. As a speaker on wildlife, he makes many trips by car and has an eye for road kill. In West Texas "when you notice a plethora of prostrate polecats, you can bet it's February. If you are a novice mephitologist (one

who studies skunks), the reason is that February marks the mating season."

He has a theory "one should count more than twice as many zapped zorillas along the outer white stripe of the highway as the center line."

He gave a recipe for de-skunking yourself or your dog. "Mix one quart of three percent hydrogen peroxide with a cup of baking soda and add a teaspoon of liquid soap. Mix the ingredients and bathe your pet in it. Let it stand for five minutes and rinse with water. Repeat if necessary."

Do not store the solution in a closed container; the mixture releases gases and could cause the container to rupture. It will lose its potency if allowed to stand anyway, so use it all or throw it away when the job is done." He adds to keep it out of eyes.

"Skunks are the most common vector for rabies in Texas. According to Texas Department of Health records for 1999, skunks accounted for 192 of the 400 animals testing positive for rabies. Coming in second were bats accounting for 90 rabid animals."

According to The Mammals of Texas, Hansford County is supposed to host the eastern spotted skunk as well as our well known striped skunk. As I have never seen a spotted one, I wonder if many of you have.

The Further Adventures Of Frosty

by Waurayne Cope

God uses innumerable and seemingly small life lessons to drive His profound lessons and truths home to me! My snowman is really an inanimate object, of course, yet his happy countenance can somehow lift the spirits of us humans. In a sense, this little guy was a part of me. I had paid the price for him. Each winter his cute, happy expression brought a smile to my heart. When he went astray, I missed him, and so did the members of his own snowman family. I did everything in my power to bring about his return. I personally searched. I appealed to my neighbors, and they helped in the search. Finally, I put out a city-wide appeal through our local paper, which, happily, brought about his immediate return. I rejoiced in having my little run-away home again, and my community rejoiced with me. The happy ending to this story served as further affirmation as to the benefits and blessings of small-town life.

Having my "run-away" return home and my subsequent joy at his return made me go to the Biblical passage of Luke 15:11-32, which gives the account of a human run-away who returned home after squandering all of his family inheritance in a "far" country. Finally, destitute, and hungry to the point of almost eating with the pigs, he was forced to return home. He realized he didn't deserve any family privileges, and he was willing to be treated as a family servant. However, his father would have none of this kind of talk. The son who was lost had come home! The jubilant father threw his best robe around his son, put a ring on his hand and shoes on his feet. He had his servants prepared a major feast for this son who had come home... a feast complete with music, dancing, and friends.

Yes, we humans rejoice when some thing we've lost is found. We rejoice to a much greater degree, though, when one of our children who has strayed returns home. The Bible says this rejoicing can't even begin to compare to the rejoicing of our Heavenly Father when one of His children come Home spiritually through faith in His Son, Jesus.

Yes, God has a way of driving His truths so deeply within us that we will become more obedient unto Him and more diligent in being about our Father's business. Who would have ever thought He would use a "lost and found" little run-away snowman to drive this truth more deeply home to me!

Houston Stock Show Results

Tucker Williams of Hansford County 4-H exhibited the reserve champion Maine Anjou at the Houston Livestock Show and Exhibition to lead a large group of Hansford County placers.

Others placing in the steer division were Travis Brown, fifth medium Maine Anjou; Kyna Shields, sixth lightweight Angus; Rhett Renner, seventh Shorthorn; Lance Williams, ninth (AOB) All Other Breeds; and Kali Shields, 13th ABC (All American Breeds).

In market barrow competition, Kyna Shields took first place in the heavyweight Duroc division. Others placing were Blaine Baker, fourth lightweight Chester; Brittany Morris, fifth heavyweight Chester; Brock Irwin, sixth Cross; Garrett Martin, eighth heavyweight Hampshire; and Kallie Smith, tenth heavyweight York.

Reagan Renner, 12th Duroc; Brooke Beville, 15th Hampshire; Chad Clift, 18th Duroc; Coy Herrington, 18th Duroc; Tanner Irwin, 18th Cross; Dustin Mackie, 26th heavyweight Cross; and Orie Cooksey, 31st Hampshire.

Tim Bynum captured a calf in the Houston Calf Scramble and was awarded \$1000 toward the purchase of a calf. Next year, Tim will return to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with detailed records and a well-groomed heifer to compete in a special livestock show competition for additional prize money and awards. Bob McGaha, Tim's Vocational Agriculture Teacher, will supervise the project throughout the year.

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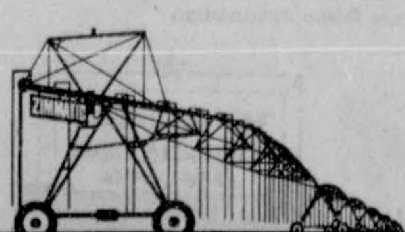
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Track and Tennis Meets Canceled

For the second consecutive year, the Gruver Track and Tennis Meets were canceled due to snow.

Coach Doug Frick's son Max, who is a student teacher and track coach at Canyon Junior High, and son Aaron, a graduate assistant track coach at Southwestern University in San Marcos, had both arrived in Gruver to help with the annual meet before its cancellation.

GJHS Slates Eighth Grade Parents' Meeting

An important meeting for the parents of eighth grade students will be held on Thursday, March 30, in the GJHS library at 7 p.m. To be discussed will be the upcoming eighth grade graduation, high school curriculum requirements, and freshman course choices.

Deadline Set for Scholarship

An April 1st. deadline has been set for applications for a \$200 Teacher's Scholarship that is offered by Gruver PTA.

Cator Award Gets High Response

Response to the induction of 97 year old Marshall Cator to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City on April 1, has been tremendous, according to Lynda Haller of the NCHF ticket office.

"He is beloved. Over 50 people have already called for tickets. That is an all-time high," Hiller states.

Charlie Daniels of country and western singing fame will be the emcee for the event.

Give Credit Where Due

A special thank you is extended to Rick Barkley for his excellent photography in the picture carried by the Reporter/Statesman last week of the GHS Boys Basketball team.

Morris Attends Rally

V.B. Morris is in Washington, D.C. this week as a part of the agricultural contingent speaking to representatives on behalf of the agricultural crisis. As a part of their efforts, the group was to serve a meal on the congressional lawn and charge only the percentage the average farmer receives for the meal - less than ten cents.

Morris left last Thursday with a Panhandle group joining with members of the American Agricultural Movement along the way enroute to the capitol city.

Ratliff Attends Flood Plan Meeting

City Manager A.J. Ratliff attended a flood plan meeting in Lubbock on Tuesday. Although it may not be a problem this year, each community will eventually be required to have a flood plan.

Ogilvie Works in Mission to Mexico

Texas Tech student Kelly Ogilvie, daughter of Laura

Blassingame, used her college spring break to help in building a house in Juarez, Mexico as a part of the mission work of the youth of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Lubbock. Doren Schoenhals of Spearman was also a member of the mission team.

Get Well Wishes

Larry Bonham was admitted to Northwest Texas Hospital last week with an irregular heartbeat.

Mike Floyd received the good news last week that he now at the top of the O+ blood type kidney transplant list.

Kip Pittman has reported to friends in Gruver that he is now eating real food, and his throat, though very sore, is working. Continue to remember Kip as he progresses.

City Records Moisture

The City of Gruver recorded .28 inch of moisture in the snow storm of Thursday, March 16.

Little Laddie Arrives

George and Wynn Essler proudly announce the birth of their son George Leo (Trey) Essler III on March 8, 2000 at 12:48 p.m. Weighing eight pounds and 4 ounces, little Trey measured 21 inches long.

Mickey and Wes Maupin of Gruver and Mrs. George Essler of Scotland, Texas are the new arrivals' grandparents.

Tryouts Scheduled

Tryouts for GHS Cheerleaders will be held on Wednesday, March 29.

FFA Slates Judging Trip

Gruver FFA judging teams will compete Friday, March 31, in the West Texas A&M University judging contest and Saturday, April 1, in the Clarendon judging contest.

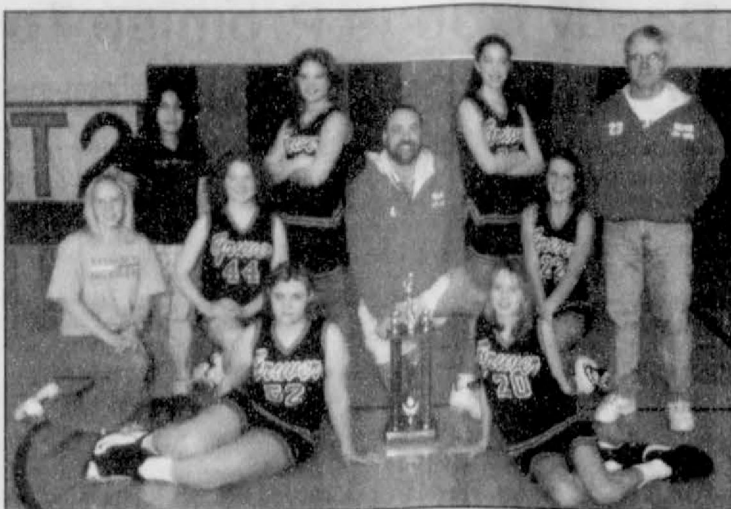
Steer Win Reported

Brad Holt has received the good news that his first place steer in the San Antonio Livestock Show was named grand champion in the carcass judging.

Good Guy Award

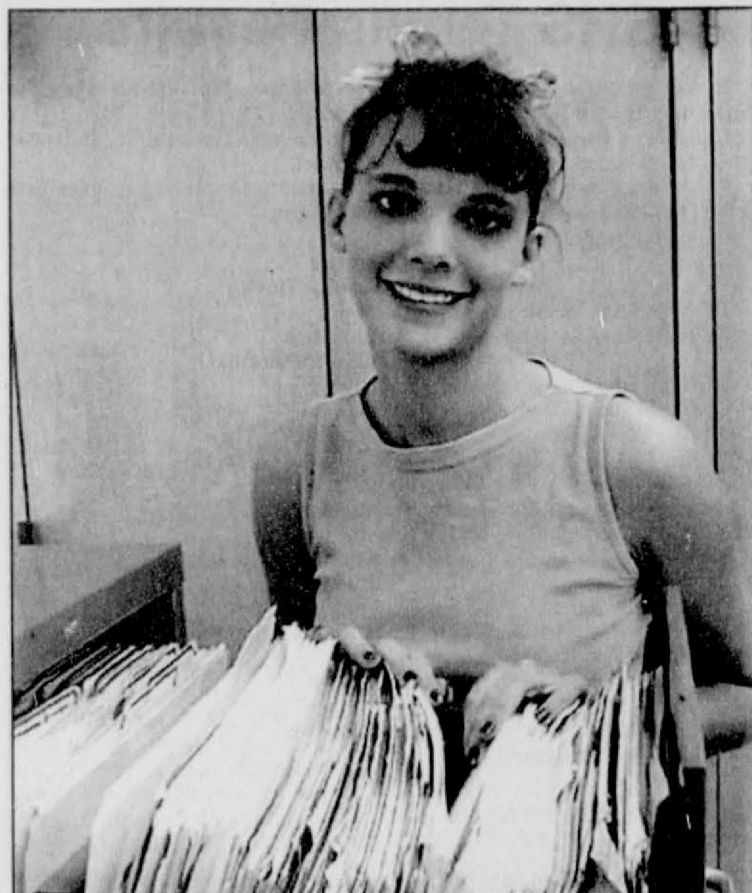
Ishmael Pessoa was scheduled to run the last leg of the GHS boys 1600 meter relay in the first track meet of the year at white Deer on March 11. On the hand-off to Pessoa, a runner accidentally spiked the back of Pessoa's calf muscle and heel, resulting in a severe and lengthy cut. The accident also resulted in the loss of Pessoa's shoe. Bleeding, shoeless, and in pain, Pessoa ran an inspired race and brought the stick across the finish line for the Hounds who won a bronze medal for their efforts.

Pessoa was sporting crutches last week as his leg healed, but for his stamina and determination to finish the race for his team, Pessoa is a Gruver Good Guy.



While some may claim they are number one, the Gruver Eighth Grade Girls team lays claim to being 0 - no defeats in their entire junior high basketball career. Amassing a 29-0 record, the Lady Hounds closest game was in 1999 when they beat West Texas Seventh grade by six points.

Team members are (Back Row, L-R) Manager Kristie Baldarrama, Courtney Goad, and Cassie Myatt; (Middle Row, L-R) manager Kalee Crawford, Carley Bryson, Coach Steve Myatt, Teal Armes, and Coach Jim Davis; (Front Row, L-R) Amy Gift and Jenny Hart.



Kim Boyd was selected as Gruver High School's January Student of the Month.

Kim, a junior, is active a member of the Lady Hound basketball team and is president of Gruver FHA. She is the daughter of Lynn and Diane Boyd.

Pringle-Morse CISD Board Members Complete Required Training

submitted by Paige Speck

At the March 13, 2000 regular board meeting, Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D. Board President Alan Leach certified that all Board members have completed their required hours of board training and requested that they be published: Lonnie Clemmons - 19.5 hours, Monty Dixon - 29.0 hour, Jerry Hart - 19.5 hours, Alan Leach - 19.0 hours, Carolyn Shields - 20.0 hours, Betty Womble - 10.0 hours, and Ron Womble - 11.5 hours.



(L-R) Stephanie Brock, Delinda McLaughlin and Janet Sheppard and Delinda McLaughlin recently attended the Creative Memories' Regional Convention 2000 in Dallas.

Creative Memories Regional Convention Held

Stephanie Brock, Janet Sheppard and Delinda McLaughlin recently attended the Creative Memories' Regional Convention 2000 in Dallas, Texas, on February 18th and 19th.

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Stephanie's husband is Kim, Delinda's husband is Danny. Janet and her husband, Rory, live in Boerne, by San Antonio.

Stephanie won an all expenses paid incentive trip to New Orleans in March.

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SHS Tennis Results

It was beautiful weather for tennis on Tuesday, March 14th when the Spearman Tennis Teams traveled to Canadian. Canadian's Boys Doubles teams have been very competitive, so it was good for us to get to play them before district. All of the girls who competed for Spearman were playing in their first tennis match ever. It was good experience for us. Listed below are the results.

Boys Doubles

Matt Davis & Jeremy Mackie

Davis/Mackie vs. Minick/Graham - 8-1
Davis/Mackie vs. Heatwole/Heatwole - 8-9

Garrett Griffin & Kolby Sumner

Griffin/Sumner - 4 vs. Heatwole/Heatwole - 8
Griffin/Sumner - 9 vs. Gober/Ash - 7

Girls Doubles

Cheryl Gibson & Mindee Gillaspie

Gibson/Gillaspie - 3 vs. Miller/Francis - 6
Gibson/Gillaspie - 2 vs. Gullett/Isaacs - 6
Gibson/Gillaspie - 7 vs. Tally Forrest - 5

Ashley Powers & Krystal DeLaGarza

Powers/DeLaGarza - 2 vs. Tipps/Tally - 6
Powers/DeLaGarza - 0 vs. Stippel/Guidry - 6

Kallie Smith & Stephanie Villalobos

Smith/Villalobos - 1 vs. Moore/Johnson - 6
Smith/Villalobos - 3 vs. Stippel/Guidry - 6

Girls Singles

Mindee Gillaspie

Gillaspie - 2 vs. Forrest - 6

The Spearman High School Tennis Teams participated in the Plainview Tennis Tournament on Friday, March 17th. Listed below are the results.

Boys Singles

Adam Cherry

Cherry - 8 vs. Bengé - 1
Cherry - 6-6 vs. Latham - 2-1
Cherry - 4-3 vs. Bhakta - 6-6

Coaches Comments: Adam beat the #3 seed in straight sets in his second match. That put in the Quarter-Finals, where he lost a competitive match. Adam is gaining confidence with every tournament.

Chad Scarborough

Scarborough - 0, Espinoza - 8
Scarborough - Bye
Scarborough - 4, Francis - 8

Coaches Comments: Chad got out to an early lead in his second match. As his control gets better, he will be able to win more close games.

Boys Doubles

Matt Davis & Jeremy Mackie

Davis/Mackie - 7-6-5 vs. Vaughn/Riggs - 6-7-7
Davis/Mackie - 8 vs. Hendrickson/Winebrinner - 0
Davis/Mackie - 8 vs. Morales/Rodriguez - 3
Davis/Mackie - 8 vs. Castaneo/Balfan - 4

Coaches Comments: Davis and Mackie finished the tournament at 4-1. They won Consolation Championship. Good job!

Garrett Griffin & Kolby Sumner

Griffin/Sumner - 0-1 vs. Hefley/Rowe - 6-6
Griffin/Sumner - 8 vs. Heatwole/Heatwole - 5
Griffin/Sumner - 8 vs. Davis/Jobe - 5
Griffin/Sumner - 4 vs. Castaneo/Valvan - 8

Coaches Comments: Griffin and Sumner finished the tournament 2-2, and came close to making it into the Consolation Finals, where they would have played Davis and Mackie.

Girls Singles

Sally Pittman

Pittman - 8 vs. Lemons - 2
Pittman - 6-6 vs. Johnston - 3-1
Pittman - 5-2 vs. Gerber - 7-6

Coaches Comments: Sally advanced to the Quarter-Finals again, before losing to Gerber from Nazareth. Berber was a state qualifier last year and played the net well.

Audrey Winegarner

Winegarner - 0 vs. Perez - 8
Winegarner - 4 vs. Rowe - 8

Coaches Comments: Audrey showed improvement in hitting her backhand this weekend. She is gaining valuable experience in singles play.

Beedy Brings Promise To North Texas' Tennis Team

by Michael Gunn, Sports Writer

With a promising recruiting class, the University of North Texas Lady Eagles tennis team has established a 6-1 record for the spring season.

Two-year head coach Dan Traxler has a young team that has no upperclassmen and seven newcomers who will join four returners.

One of those newcomers is freshman Kristin Beedy from Spearman.

Beedy is undefeated in singles action so far in the spring season at 7-0. She is coming off a weekend where she won three singles matches and three doubles matches.

"Kristin is an example of a perfect student-athlete," Traxler said. "She shows 100 percent effort at all times in practice, outside of practice and in her academic studies."

While in high school, Beedy captured the 2A state title as a freshman and made the state finals her last three years at Spearman.

Beedy said she was inspired to play tennis by her father.

"My dad got me started," Beedy said. "He loved it growing up, and he wanted me to play. At first I thought tennis wasn't for me, but I'm really glad I chose it."

Also as a senior in high school, Beedy grabbed a state doubles title.

She was ranked as high as 24th in singles and seventh in doubles in the state's under-16 super championship division.

"I thought that the transition from high school to college was really hard," Beedy said. "In high school I was one of the top players, and coming to college, everybody is equal or better than you."

In doubles action, Beedy has teamed up with sophomore Bettina Rettenmaier to hold a 3-0 record and a 2-3 record with freshman Siyahreh Rambally.

"Kristin is an all court player; she has a heart of a tiger," Traxler said. "She's a team player and thinks of others ahead of herself. It has been a change for her coming to the college level, but she has managed well."

Traxler said he feels that with some technical areas of improvement and Beedy's strong effort, she will become an even better player.

"I'm mostly a baseline player, and I will try and come to the net -- I'm working on that part of my game," Beedy said. "I consider my forehand as my advantage shot."

Not only does Beedy put time and effort on the tennis court, but she also puts it into her academic studies.

Coming to NT, Beedy earned a 4.76 grade-point average during her campaign at Spearman.

"Kristin is simply a great person and a wonderful student," Traxler said. "She is an all around student-athlete who will be a great asset for the team."



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SISD Board Minutes

February Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in Regular Session on February 14, 2000 in the High School Library at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Bob Boxwell, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Hear from Patrons or Staff

*No one came before the board

Action Items

- *Approved consent items:
- 1. Minutes of the Public Hearing-AEIS- January 10, 2000
- 2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2000
- 3. Minutes of the Called Meeting of January 22, 2000
- 4. Minutes of the Called Meeting of January 31, 2000
- 5. Paying the bills in the amount of \$157,086.48

*Approved the gas/diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of March.

*No action taken on the request by Ron Antalek to link to the school web site

*Approves resolution of FY2000 Grant Application to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

*Ordered the School Board Election for May 6, 2000

*Appointed J.L. Brock as Election Judge and Kim Brock as the Alternate Judge for the May 6, 2000 School Board Election.

Information and Announcement Items:

Enrollment

*Mr. Sumner informed the Board of the enrollment being 733 as of today.

Superintendent announcements:

*Mr. Sumner updated the Board on the Lynxette play-off game against Quanah being Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Palo Duro High School
 *TAAS Exit test dates are February 22, 23, and 24 for 10th grade students and any 11th grade students needing to complete the test. The 4th and 8th grade students will take the writing test at this time also.

*The 8 team realignment for the 6-AA district was discussed for the 2000-2001 school year.

*The Cross-X team came in second at district and qualified for state.

Board Announcements:

* Discussed the possibility of a Minor in Possession course being taught.

Closed Meeting:

* Personnel Matters- Evaluation of Principals

Reconvene Into Open Meeting:

* Approved contract renewal for Kent Hargis and Jeff Rowland for one year effective through the 2000-2001 school year.

* Approved team contract for Rowland Snippy for one year effective through the 2000-2001 school year.

Adjournment:

*The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

March Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in Regular Session on March 13, 2000 in the High School Library at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sheri Benton, Vice-

President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Hear from Patrons or Staff

*Sally Pittmann, Spearman High School Student Council Representative, presented a proposal by the Student Council regarding an open campus during lunch for those who earn the privilege.

Action Items

- *Approved consent items:
- 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2000
- 3. Paying the bills in the amount of \$177,111.44
- *Approved the gas/diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of April.
- *Approved the Financial Report as presented.
- *Approved Budget Amendment number 10 to transfer funds from Instructional to Staff Development/Band.
- *Approved Guidelines for Cheerleaders for the 2000-2001 school year.
- *Approved Budget Amendment number 9 for the replacement of Junior High football helmets.
- *Approved extended sick leave for up to 30 days for Becky Lusby-Byers.
- *Approved change for meal reimbursement amount from \$21.00 to \$25.00 per day for District employees for the 2000-2001 school year effective September 1, 2000.
- *Ballots were distributed to Board members to cast their vote for Directors of Region 16 Education Service Center.
- *Approved adoption of all titles of state textbooks that are up for adoption.
- *Granted approval to administration to hire a Junior High Counselor for the 2000-2001 school year.
- *Discussed the District's role in providing a Driver Education program and tabled any action.

Information and Announcement Items:

Enrollment

*Mr. Sumner informed the Board of the enrollment being 735 as of today.

Superintendent announcements:

*Mr. Sumner updated the Board on the spring activities
 *Work has begun on the school calendar for the 2000-2001 school year. Input is being gathered from teachers and the DEIC will be included in this process at a meeting scheduled on March 21st.

Board Announcements:

* Discussed was held regarding a concern expressed by a patron regarding the quality of food served at the Elementary/Junior High Cafeteria.

Closed Meeting:

* Personnel Matters

Reconvene Into Open Meeting:

* Approved contract renewal for Profession Certified Personnel at the Elementary, Junior High and High School.

* Accepted the resignation of Judy Nelson.

Adjournment:

*The meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association

by Dwayne Mitchell

Much done. MUCH, much more to be done is what the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association knows as it heads into its second year of existence.

Land has been donated for a windmill park. Six mills are in place. A building is in the construction phase. Additional windmills are in the process of restoration and will be erected as time permits. Materials and mills are being gathered from across the Texas Panhandle and surrounding area.

The task that the SWPWA has set for itself is daunting. The SWPWA was created specifically to preserve the world-famous J. B. Buchanan collection of mills. Additionally, the SWPWA wants to preserve a collection of its own windmills as a supplement to the Buchanan collection. The association has as its goal to make Spearman, Texas, known as windmill town.

Restoration of a windmill to display status involves many skills and many manhours. The process of a mill is very similar to any restoration such as a car or a piece of farm equipment.

First of all, a suitable mill to restore must be obtained. Missing parts must be secured or built. Towers must be built. Skills involved in restoration range from rebuilding bearings or other worn metal parts to carpentry used in building wooden wheels and towers. Once the basic restoration is completed, the windmill must be painted, assembled, mounted on its tower, and then raised to its place in the windmill park.

The SWPWA is totally without tax support. No tax money is involved. Where is SWPWA's support? You. Much has been given, but the need is great. The building is to be finished and must be paid for. Windmills need to be adopted. You can help. If you have an interest, call Gina Gillispie at the Chamber office.

SWPWA has taken on a towering project (pun intended). Please help. This column will appear bimonthly through generosity of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman.

SWPWA Minutes

by Gina Gillispie

On Tuesday, March 14, the Board of Directors of the SWPWA met at noon at the Panhandle Diner and Deli.

Members present were Roger Buchanan, Steve Benton, Joel Lee Lackey, Britt Jarvis, Dwayne Mitchell, Orville Latham, Irene Snider, and Gina Gillispie. Roger welcomed the new members, Irene Snider, Dwayne Mitchell, and Orville Latham.

Election of officers as follows: Britt made a motion, with a second from Joel Lee, that the current officers would serve another term. Motion carried. Serving as President, Roger Buchanan, VP, Steve Benton, Sec/Treas, Gina Gillispie.

Committee appointments as follows: Ways and Means: Roger, Gina, Britt (committee will develop contract that specifies adoption of windmills and commemorative brick sales. Landscape: Irene (committee will make long term plans for improvements and planting) Grass Project: Joel Lee (committee will find the best value in grass seed to sow at site) Publicity: Dwayne (committee will publish bimonthly column in the Hansford Reporter to show SWPWA progress) Building: Orville (committee will take care of financing and building of facility on SWPWA lot).

Gina passed out registration forms for the International Windmill's Trade Fair for Lubbock 2000. Everyone is encouraged to make plans to attend. Roger stated that he felt there would be many visitors to Spearman as these Windmill's made their way to Lubbock. The SWPWA will try to have several windmills raised by then.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bublis Makes Dean's List At West Point

Army Cadet Paul A. Bublis II was placed with honors on the Dean's List at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., for maintaining a required 3.0 grade point average.

The cadet plans to graduate in the year 2003 with a bachelor's degree and will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

The mission of the U.S. Military Academy is to educate, train, and inspire young cadets to be commissioned officers and leaders of character who are committed to the values of "duty, honor, country," and professionalism throughout their Army career.

Bublis is the son of Paul A. Bublis of Spearman, Texas, and Leisa L. Fudge of 411 S. 369th, Burkburnett, Texas.

He is a 1999 graduate of Archer City High School, Texas.

Green To Speak At First Baptist Church



Tierce Green

Tierce Green, a talented speaker singer, songwriter and worship leader, travels across America ministering at camps, retreats, conferences and church events.

He will be at First Baptist Church of Spearman March 26-29, 2000, for eight very special services. The revival kicks off Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a Church Fellowship Meal at noon. The Sunday evening service will begin at 6:00 followed by the Second Annual Men's Dessert Cookoff in the Fellowship Hall. Monday through Wednesday Weekday Services will be held at noon in the Fellowship Hall with lunch provided (donation basis). Monday through Wednesday evening services will begin at 7:00 p.m.. Monday night is Blizzard Night, when Sunday School classes will compete in an attendance contest to win an ice cream party at Dairy Queen. Tuesday night is Youth Night. They will enjoy a Pizza Party after the evening service concludes. Wednesday night is Corn Dog Night for the children. They will have a special party at 6:00 p.m. prior to the final revival service.

These revival meetings will be times of personal renewal and a challenge to live Godly lives. One of Tierce's strengths is that he is

able to lead the praise and worship service in such a way that it complements the message he shares from the Word of God.

Also available at the revival will be copies of Tierce's CD entitled "Blameless Heart." You may check out Tierce's website at www.tiercegreen.com.

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Spearman FFA News

submitted by **Clint Jackson, Chapter Reporter**

This spring has been a very busy time for the Spearman FFA. The Fort Worth Stock Show Calf Scramble was attended by Tim Bynum, Coy Herrington, and Wayne McCubbin. Coy and Wayne caught scramble calves and were awarded \$500 dollar certificates for their excellent performance. These certificates will be used towards the purchase of a show heifer for next year's stock show.

Another calf scramble was held at San Antonio this year and was attended by Chad Scarborough. Chad was one of the few people to catch his calf and for his performance, he was awarded \$800 towards the purchase of a breeding heifer to be shown in next year's San Antonio Stock Show.

The week of February 19th-26th was National FFA Week, and was sponsored by the Case Corporation. For their support of the FFA, Five Star Implement was honored with a hamburger feed by the Spearman FFA Chapter. During National FFA

Week, our chapters' radio celebrity was heard on KRDF-FM. You may have recognized Mark Mathews as the voice giving the radio spots promoting FFA. Mark did an excellent job representing our chapter.

Coy Herrington, Tim Bynum and David Sharp attended the Houston Stock Show. Coy's Duroc placed 17th in Houston. While the other two did not make it to Houston, they put forth a good effort.

Tim participated in the calf scramble and will receive a \$1000 certificate for his efforts in catching a calf during the Houston Rodeo.

Many other activities were held at the stock show. These included the Ag Mechanics show, in which Mark Mathews and Teddie Whitefield entered a car trailer that was built by the Ag shop. While Mark and Teddie didn't place as high as they had hoped, they received many compliments on their workmanship on the trailer.

Landon Delozier, Julian Vilareo, and Coy Herrington participated in the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Contest.



The Spearman FFA Chapter honored Five Star Implement with a hamburger feed during National FFA Week.



Members of the Ag Mechanics Shop class display a car trailer they built and entered in the Houston Stock Show.

Y2 Quilt Show

The largest exhibit of quilts ever shown in this area will be at the Y2 Quilt Show scheduled for March 24-25, 2000, at the Activity Center, 8th and Stadium, in Liberal, Kansas. Sponsored by Needles & Friends Quilt Guild, over 650 quilts from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, will be on exhibit. And there will be a quilters' workshop featuring nationally known quilter/lecturer Mary Ellen Hopkins, to be held at the First Southern Baptist Church, Western Ave. at 7th Street. While the guild has had quilt shows in the past and has celebrat-

ed National Quilting Month in March with "Quilts on Parade," this will be their first two-day event. Joining Needles & Friends for this exciting event are three other area quilt guilds: Friendship Quilters, Perryton, TX, and Timeless Treasures and Panhandle Piecers, Guyton, OK.

In addition to quilts, all sizes, quilted garments, wall hangings, etc., on exhibit, there will be other special exhibits, vendors, door prizes, a food concession, and a drawing for a beautiful hand quilted quilt. Part of the proceeds from the show will pay for mammograms for those who cannot afford one.

Friday, March 24, the show hours are 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., with Mary Ellen Hopkins workshop from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., \$15. Saturday, 25th, the show hours are 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., with the workshop from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., \$20. Tickets for the show are \$5 each day. For more information and to register for the workshop, write Needles & Friends, Box 2014, Liberal, KS 67905-2014, or call 316-424-4536. Needles & Friends Website: www.pts.net/user/plett.

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Carthel Selected For National Recognition Program



Gruver High School sophomore Kade Carthel has been selected for membership to the National Recognition Program for High School Scholars (NRPHSS) sponsored by the Connie Belin and Jaqueline N. Bland International Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development at the University of Iowa.

Membership in the NRPHSS recognizes students who have scored in the top 1% of their 10th grade peers on the PLAN examination, a national standardized test that measures academic talent and achievement.

Carthel is the son of Dan and Harletta Carthel of Gruver.

Campus/District Meetings Activities List

The following notes from recent campus and district site-based meetings are intended to communicate activities to staff, parents and the community. Persons who have questions or comments may write to Rodney Sumner at 403 East 11th Avenue, Spearman, TX 79081. The district site-based committee will route questions and comments to the appropriate committee.

GUS BIRDWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 19, 2000

*Reviewed and revised Campus Improvement Plan

February 2, 2000

*Completed revisions to Campus Improvement Plan

*Reviewed evaluation form of campus/district planning to be used in the development of a needs assessment

SPEARMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

December 15, 1999

*Reviewed Campus Planning and Site-Based Decision-Making guidelines

*Disaggregated TAAS Test scores and assessed the academic achievement for each student

January 18, 2000

*Revised and developed Campus Improvement Plan

*Discussed use of TAAS released booklets to evaluate objectives and items that need to be addressed in improvement plan

February 17, 2000

*Continued to work on revision to Campus Improvement Plan

*Discussion of campus goals which includes providing a caring environment that fosters positive self-esteem

December 8, 1999

*Discussion on tornado and fire drill procedures

January 3, 2000

*Discussed problems with the present weighted grading scale and the need for additional input to solve these issues

January 9, 2000

*Discussed issues to be addressed in a Crisis Intervention Plan

February 9, 2000

*Recommended Weighted Grading Scale

*Discussed procedures for evacuating building for fires and other threats

*Discussed the roles of all district personnel in an emergency

January 27, 2000

*Finalized work on a comprehensive Damage Control/Crisis Management Plan

*Student Council presented proposal for an open campus for lunch

*Discussed re-keying high school building and investigate cost of key-less system for outside entry

*Discussed location of new computers received through TIF Grant

January 27, 2000

*Introduced new parent representatives (Celina Sintas, Tammy Batton, Carrie Cenicerros)

*Discussed various workshops offered by ESC 16 on Site-Based Decision-Making (SBDM)

*Reviewed 1997-98 District Improvement Plan

*Assigned campuses to determine strengths and weaknesses based on AEIS data and create a campus profile (to report to group at next meeting)

Pringle-Morse Track Schedule

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Mar 31-Apr 1	Miami
Apr 7-8	Spearman Relays

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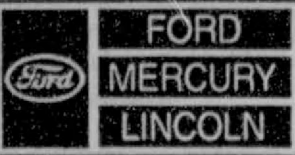

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514 Cluck - 2BR, 1 3/4B, Carport
512 Cluck - 1BR, 1B (sells w/514 Cluck)
311 Chase - 2BR, 1B, 2 Car Carport
101 N. Cooper - 3BR, 2 3/4B, 2 Car Carport
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We will be selling with 2 Rings for portions of the day so come early!
We will start the auction with Shop Equipment from the Gail "K.O." McDaniel Estate and others. At 11 a.m., we will start on the Equipment Lines. We have a very nice offering for this Auction.

CARS, PICKUPS, CAMPERS, BOATS & RECREATIONAL

56 Nash Metropolitan, Needs Restored, 91 Chev. Lumina Euro, 87 Mazda 626 4 dr., 84 Customized Van w/raised roof, Winabego Motor Home, 87 C 20 PU, 350, Wench poles, 5,000 miles on HO, 86 Silverado C 10, 85 C 10 PU, 350, auto, on Butane, (Gail "K.O." McDaniels Est.) 84 Ford Pony Stock Mustang, Motor needs assembled, 82 C30 Diesel Flatbed, 75 4 dr. PU, 18' Trihull Boat w/140 HPO Inboard/Outboard Motor on Trailer, 16' Pontoon Boat w/Mercury 50 Outboard & TA Dilly Trailer, (McDaniel Est.), Big Red 3 Wheeler & 125 Suzuki 4 Wheeler w/new Rubber, Pickup Camper, Self Contained, Over Cab + Rear Extension, Shedded & Nice

TRACTORS, COMBINES & BLADES

82 JD 4840 Radial Duals, 77 JD 8630, Duals, 3 Pt. Pto, JD 4020 Diesel, Cab, Brush Hog Loader, Recent OH, New RUBber on Rear, JD 4010 LP, Cab, 3 Pt. Pto, Good Rubber on Rear, JD 3010 LP, 3 Pt. Pto, 8 & 9N Ford Tractors W/attachments, 79 & 77 Greener L2 Combines C/S Specials, 24' Headers, 856 JD 10' HD Dozer Blade w/4-way Hyd, fits FWA & 2WD, 2-3 Pt Blades

TRUCKS

93 Freightliner, Cabover Condo, 80 Series Detroit, 9 Spd, Air Ride, 86 Freightliner 4306 "B" Cab, 13 Spd, 255" WB, All Alum Wheels, Double

Bunk Sleeper, Air Ride, 85 White Freightliner, 350 Cummins, 78 Ford 7000, 3208 Cat, 5/2 Spd, 7,000 Daybrook Crane 3/8 & 1/2" Air Reel Airlines, 25 HP Compressor, New Rubber, 78 SA Int Truck w/Detroit & 9 Spd, Steel Bed & Hoist, 71 Cr0 Truck w/6 Rd Bale Carrier, (McDaniel Est.) 64 GMC Truck w/Ensilimixer & scales, 56 Chev Truck W/Ensilimixer

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96 & 91 Timpte Grain Trailers w/Super Hoppers, Shurlock Tarps, 72 Timpte Grain w/Shurlock Tarp, Jantz Triple Axle Combine Trailer, Belche 20' Backhoe Trailer, TX Duals, pentle Hitch, Beaver Tail, Ramps & Elec Brakes, TA Donahue Trailer, 6x18 GN TRAILER w/side Wench, 2x20 WW GN Stock Trailer, Inline & open Top Horse Trailers, 16' 3/4 Metal Top Stock Trailer, Good Floor, New & used PU beds w/GN Plates

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M&W 5,000 Dyna Drive (Used 1 Season) WHO Tub Grinder w/318 Detroit, Recent OH, New Clutch, 5th Wheel, JD Shredders, NH 855 Round Bailer w/Monitor, Heston 1014 Swather, MF Sq Bailer, McClintey Incorporator, Krause 32' Chisel, JD 355 Offset, JD Curve Shank Chisel W/Sweeps, JD 3 PT Rod Weeder, Krause 16' Breaking Plow, Several 12-18" Miller Offsets, 6 Row JR milo Planter w/JD Mdl 71 Planter, 8 Row 40 Lister, 8 Row 40 Side

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FOR SALE: 8-row, 40" rod weeder. Great condition - \$2750. Call 733-2577, evenings.

FOR SALE: Electric stove - \$125; Washer/Dryer Stack Unit - \$100. Call 659-2059.

FOR SALE: Electric treadmill. Good condition. Call 659-2722 or 659-2842.

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FOR SALE: 1994 Lincoln Town Car. Leather seats, all power, 80,000 miles, good gas mileage, new tires. Call 659-3434.

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FOR SALE: 1986 Dodge ram pickup 4x4. Like new motor, new tires, paint job, has tool box. Asking \$3500. Call 659-1098.

FOR SALE: 1995 Mustang V6 - great condition, new tires. Good school car. Call 659-5122.

FOR SALE: 1996 Cougar V6 - great condition, new tires. Good school car. Call 659-3616.

GARAGE SALE

HUGE GARAGE SALE: Electric stove (avocado), built-in oven unit (coppertone), old dresser, 2 baby beds, sofa, chairs, dinette set, organ, lots & lots of small items - 811 S. Townsend, Saturday Only, 9 a.m.-?

GARAGE, YARD & BASEMENT SALE: Saturday, April 1st, 8 a.m.-?, 1/2 mile south, 1/2 mile west of Hwy. 136 & 2018 intersection. Baby items, boys clothes from infant to 4X, lady's and big men's clothes, shoes, furniture, appliances, kitchen items, bumper pool table, and much more - too much to list!

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Call 659-3434 for details.

LEGAL NOTICE

JOB OPENING

The City of Spearman is now accepting applications for the following seasonal positions:

Swimming Pool Manager - \$8.00/hr; Asst. Swimming Pool Manager - \$6.50/hr; 4 Full-Time Lifeguards and 1 Part-Time Lifeguard - \$5.75/hr; and 2 Maintenance Workers - \$6.50/hr.

Persons who qualify for the Assistant Manager and lifeguard positions shall be able to obtain certified lifeguard training. For further information, contact City Manager Robert Patrick at 659-2524.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 30 SW Court. The City is an EOE.

JOB OPENING

The Hansford County Farm Service Agency will be accepting applications for a permanent full-time Program Technician to help administer current farm programs. Computer and farm background helpful. Applications must be submitted on the FSA-675, "Application for Employment." Forms may be picked up at the county office. Applications will be accepted through March 29, 2000 at the Hansford County FSA Office, 909 W. 9th St., 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.

JOB OPENING

The Hansford County Soil & Water Conservation District has an immediate opening for a Secretary/Bookkeeper. The incumbent will provide administrative support for the District. Proficient in Windows 98 & Quicken, preferred.

Qualified applicants should submit a Resume in confidence to: The Hansford County Soil & Water Conservation District, 909 W. 9th Street, Suite A, Spearman, TX 79081. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2000.

The Hansford County Soil & Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity employer, and does not discriminate against job applicants or employees on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability or veteran's status.

GRUVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

Gruver Elementary is in the process of identifying prekindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2000-2001 school year.

In order for a student to be eligible for the prekindergarten (four-year-old) program, he/she must be four years old as of September 1, 2000, unable to speak or comprehend the English language or educationally disadvantaged or homeless.

In order for a student to be eligible for kindergarten, he/she must be five years old as of September 1, 2000.

If you have a child who will be eligible to attend either kindergarten or the four-year-old class, please complete the information in the space below and return to the principal's office as soon as possible but no later than March 23. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Child's Name _____ Sex: M / F
(Please Print) Last First MI

Parent's Name _____

Mailing Address _____
Phone Number _____ Child's Social Sec. # _____
Birthdate _____ Age on Sept. 1, 2000 _____

Class for which your child will be eligible to attend (circle one): PK / K
Do you have a birth certificate for your child? If the answer is NO, please apply for one NOW.
Do you have immunizations up to date for your child?
If you do not have a social security card and number for your child, please apply for it NOW.
These documents will be necessary to enroll your child in school!

GRUVER ELEMENTARIA Registracion Del Kinder O La Clase Cuatro-Anos

Nosotros estamos en el proceso de identificar nuestros estudiantes de prekindergarten y kindergarten para el año de escuela 2000-2001. Para que un estudiante sea elegible para el programa de (4 años) de kindergarten, el o ella debe tener cuatro años de edad a Septiembre 1, 2000, que no hablo o entienda inglés o que sea desabilitado educacionalmente o sin hogar.

Enorden para que un estudiante sea elegible para kindergarten, el o ella debe tener cinco años de edad para Septiembre, 2000.

Si ud. tiene un niño que sera elegible para asistir kindergarten o la clase cuatro-años, por favor complete la informacion en el espacio mas adelante y regrese a la oficina de la directora antes del 23 de Marzo, 2000. Su asistencia se apreciara mucho.

El Nombre de Niño _____ Sexo: M / F
(Por favor estampado) Ultimo Primero Initial M.

El Nombre de Padre _____

Direccion _____

El numero de telefono _____ Soc. Sec. Number del Niño _____

Cumpleaños _____ Edad del Sept. 1, 2000 _____
La clase para que su niño sera elegible para asistir (circulo uno): 4-Años / Kindergarten

Tiene usted el registro de su niño/nina? Si la respuesta es NO. Por favor aplique por uno ahora mismo. Tiene su niño/nina las vacunas al corriente. Si no tiene su seguro social para su niño/nina, por favor aplique por uno ahora mismo. **Estos documentos son necesarios para matricular su niño/nina en nuestra escuela.**

FARM AUCTION

JOHNE LUTHI, HARRY REIMER ESTATE & OTHERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2000 10:00 AM

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IHC 1480 Axle Flow, S# V014986, w/ 810 30' Header, Both Combines have Wheat & Milo Sieves

Big 12 400 BU. Grain Cart S/M Combine Trailer

OLD TRACTORS & PARTS

3-Oliver 99 4 Cyl, S#517055-66, PTO, Hyd., Runs, Gas Converted to Propane, S#515426C-66, PTO, w/ Cross Shaft, # 3 no S#, 371 Detroit Diesel Engine

WR9 IHC Converted to Propane

Model 300 IHC Narrow Front, 3 Pt. PTO, Gas

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Gorbit 180 Bl. Alum. Tank Trailer

1974 C-50 Chev., V8, 4 & 2, w/ Like New 16' Mid American Grain, Silage Bed & Hoist, Hyd. Tailgate

2-KB 6 IHC Trucks

1971 Dodge Pickup

1953 Studebaker Winch Truck, V8; 1958 Chev. Gasoline Truck, 2T

1958 Chev. Tandem, 18' B&H

FARM EQUIPMENT

5-6 FlexKing w/ Pickers, New Blades & Coulters

5-5 Richardson w/ Pickers, New Blades

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7-Noble DK5's w/ Transport

5-Noble DK5's w/ Accupoints

2-Sets JD LZ Drills, 1-2 Drill hitch & 1-3 Drill hitch

3-Sets Dempster Drills, 2-3 & 5 Drill Hitches

8 Row Tye Drill, 3 Pt.

8 Row Ortham Markers

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1-lot Jeffery-Graham-Hcme Chisels & Sweeps w/ lots of Parts

8-JD 71 Unit Planters

1 Lot-Old One Ways

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8' 3Pt. Blade, 10' S/M Yard Drag, 10' 3 Pt. Land Leveler

Grain Augers, Propane Tanks

Fuel Tanks

Sm. N-H PTO Bale Stacker

1-PTO & 1-Pull Type N-H Hay Rakes

2-Jenson Pump Jacks

Windmill Parts & Pipe

1-12' AIR MOTOR

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1-Lot Tack & 2 Old Saddles

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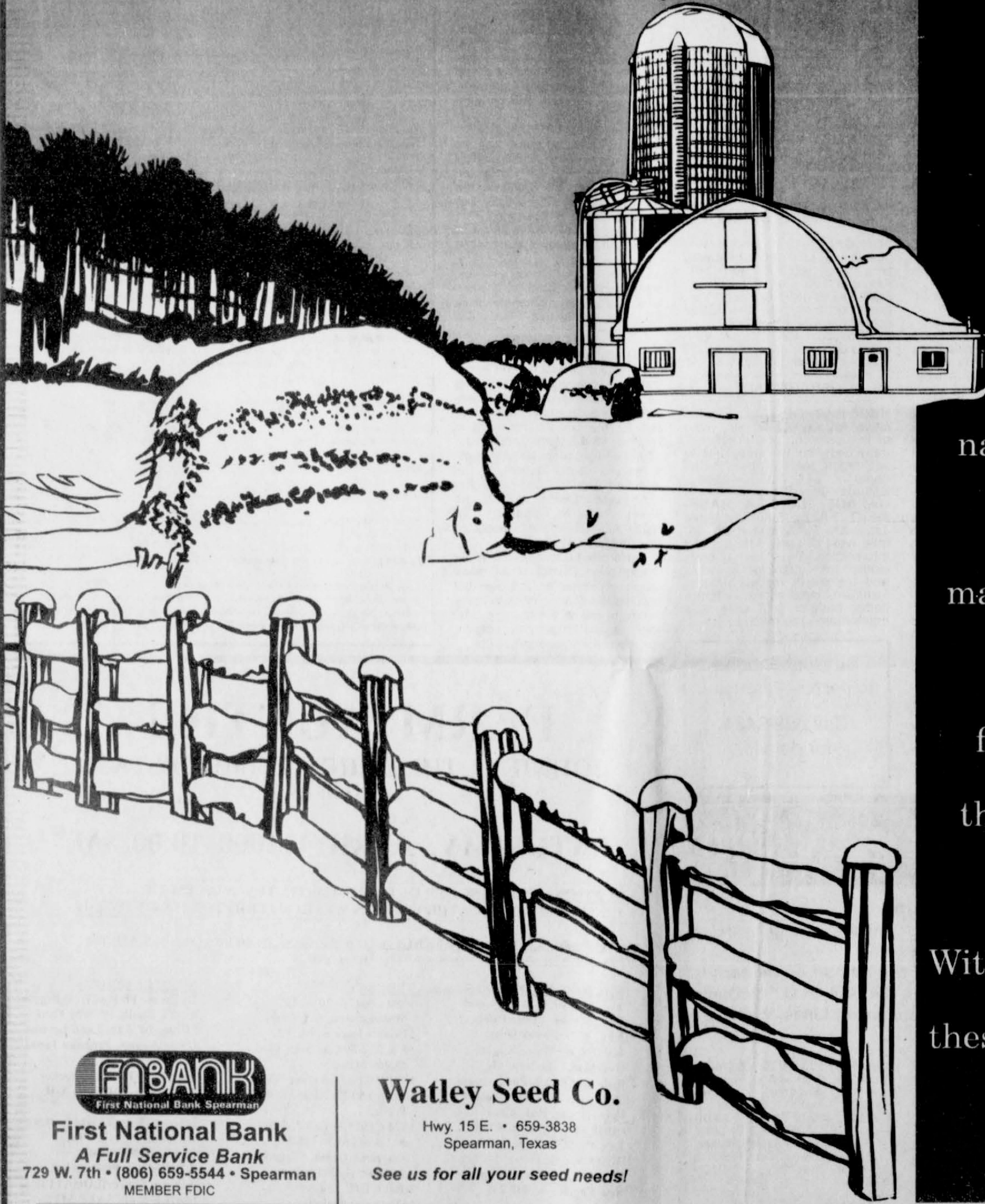
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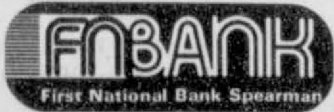
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