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At A Glance

Spearman Merchants Association Christmas Promotion Winner

This week's winner of the Spearman Retail Merchants Association Christmas Promotion Drawing was: Patty Schnell.

Toys For Tots Needed

The Spearman Lions Club and Prairie Motors are sponsoring Toys For Tots again this year. Please take your unwrapped donations to Prairie Motors by Tuesday, December 19th.

Gruver FFA Selling Fruit/Turkeys

The Gruver FFA is now selling fruit and turkeys for Christmas. Available are grapefruit, apples, pears and oranges. Call Clay Montgomery at 733-2091.

Panhandle Community Services To Administer USDA Grant

Panhandle Community Services has been selected by USDA Rural Development to administer a Housing Preservation Grant in the amount of \$83,432 to renovate existing housing within the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Recipients must come from communities of less than 10,000 population and whose incomes are considered low to very low in relation to the incomes within the county.

This money must be used in conjunction with the home weatherization program of Panhandle Community Services. Persons who feel they qualify and would like to inquire about this assistance should contact the Perryton Center at (806)435-2678 or Margaret Wolf at 1(800)372-2531.

Auxiliary Heads Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Instead of mailing greeting cards, we have donated to Operation Christmas Greetings. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

Merry Christmas

from

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Joe Copeland

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Marvin & Ruth Ann Jones

Willie Clement

Bob & Ruth Crawford

Your donations can be mailed to Mary Fern Terry, 906 Bernice, Spearman, Texas 79081.

Hargis Named District 16 Principal Of The Year

Kent Hargis, Spearman Elementary principal was named "District 16 TEPSAN of the Year" at the Texas Elementary Principal and Supervisors Association's (TEPSA) Annual Convention held December 7-9, 2000 in Houston.

Each year, members from the 20 TEPSA districts across the state choose a colleague who excels at improving education for students and furthering the effectiveness of the principalship.

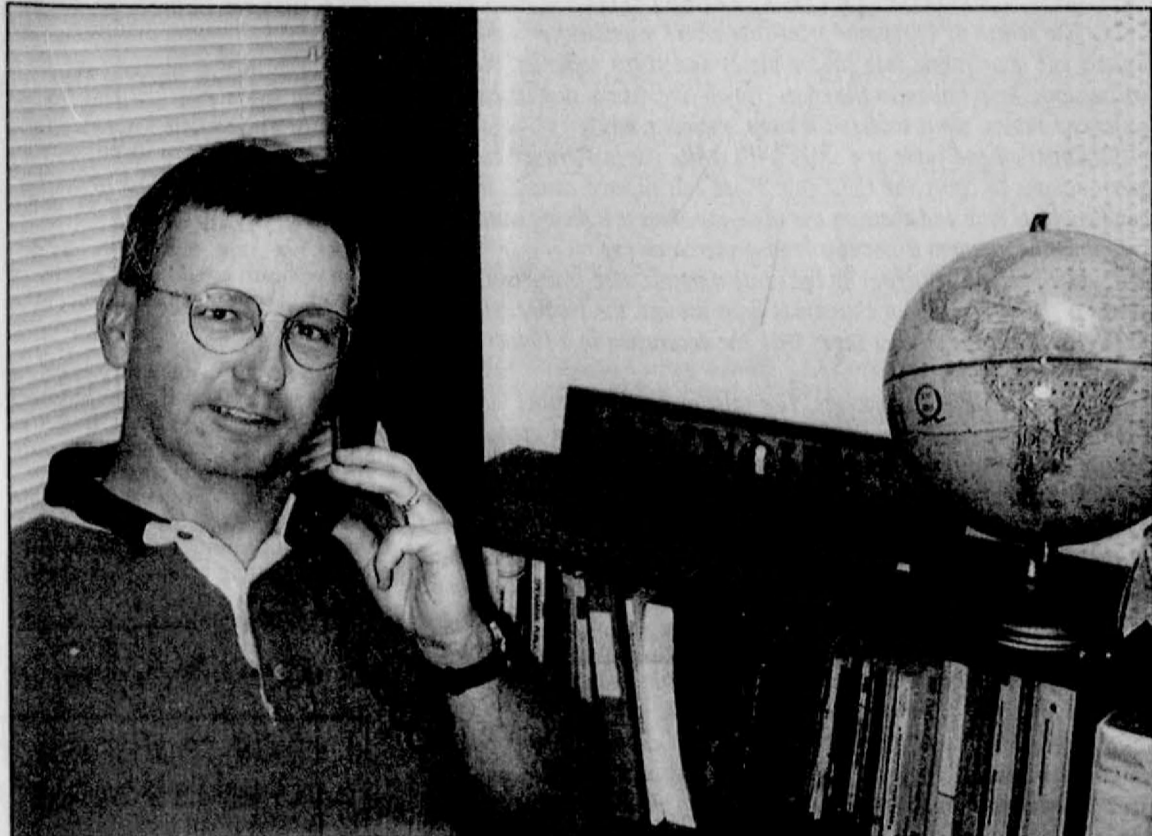
"This annual award is presented to TEPSA members who go the extra mile in their commitment to serving children and improving their association," said TEPSA Executive Director Sandi Borden. "Professional educators like these propel improvement for our school."

TEPSA represents more than 4,900 elementary and middle-school leaders, including principals, assistant principals, central office administrators and supervisors of reading, mathematics, science, special education and other disciplines. All told, TEPSA members supervise the majority of children in Texas public schools. Formed in 1917, TEPSA was created to improve children's futures by bettering education at the elementary level.

Kent has been employed by Spearman ISD as principal of Gus Birdwell Elementary School since 1994. He is a graduate of Spearman High School and did his undergraduate work at West Texas A&M University. He received his masters degree and mid-management certificate from Sul Ross University in Alpine. He has previously served as Principal of Clarendon High School and ThreeWay (K-12) ISD. He has nine years of administrative experience. Kent is married to Robin (formerly Robin Denham) and also a graduate of Spearman High School and has two children Callie (13) and Mary Beth (8).

Kent lists as one of his most memorable accomplishments Spearman Elementary being named as a FIVE STAR SCHOOL in Texas Monthly magazine. Kent added that his campus has a simple mission: to provide the framework in order for every child to work to their fullest potential.

On Monday night, December 11, 2000, the Spearman Board of Trustees also recognized Kent at the regular school board meeting. Board President Mark Sheets echoed the sentiments of the board when he said that Kent is doing an outstanding job and that we are glad that he is here in Spearman.



Kent Hargis, Gus Birdwell Elementary Principal

Wish Fulfilled For Spearman Boy



Marcus enjoys his new fort.

Make-A-Wish Foundation states its purpose to grant wishes of children who are under the age of 18 and who have a terminal illness or who suffer from a medical condition sufficiently life-threatening to create a probability that the child will not survive beyond his or her 18th year.

The Foundation was founded in 1980 as a non-profit Arizona corporation. But it's real beginnings started with the dreams of a little boy who wanted to be a policeman. Officers from the Arizona Department of Public Safety granted his wish with a custom-made uniform, helmet and badge as well as a helicopter ride.

This "dream" come true was the inspiration for the Foundation which has since granted thousands of wishes. Make-A-Wish of America is a national organization which has 79 chapters and numerous divisions in the United States. There are four international affiliates which include Canada, Australia, New Zealand and United States. Ten other countries are in various stages of becoming affiliated with International Make-A-Wish.

The Amarillo Chapter began March 5, 1984 and granted its first wish June 22, 1984. There are 55 counties in our territory, the top 34 serviced by the Amarillo chapter

and the next 21 are covered by the Lubbock division of the Amarillo Chapter. Since that time 500 children have received their special wish. At present, they are working on 12 wishes to be granted in the near future.

Make-A-Wish hopes to provide the family with special memories. Because the family unit is of utmost importance to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the family is never separated during a wish. In a time that is often financially stressful, the wishes are "carefree." All expenses are covered - airline tickets, spending money, passes for attractions, film and even salary lost when no vacation time is available.

Referrals come from medical personnel, social workers, the parents of a child or the child, but the parents of a referred child must contact the Make-A-Wish office. Every effort is made to ensure the wish is that of the child, not the parent. Wishes are limited only by the child's imagination, anything from a special doll to a visit with the President.

Wishes are funded primarily by individual contributions and fund raising events. Because Make-A-Wish needs your time, talents, ideas and donation, call (806)358-9943 or write Make-A-Wish, 2324 Lakeview, Amarillo, Tx 79109.



Marcus is pictured above with Marva LaMaster of Perryton, a Make-A-Wish volunteer, as employees of Backyard Adventures of Amarillo complete Marcus new backyard fort.

City Negotiates Pricing Contract With West Texas Gas

Despite the talk of record high gas prices around the state and nation, the City of Spearman gas customers will not pay higher gas prices this winter. Thanks to very fortunate timing and foresight by the City Council, Spearman residents are enjoying low prices for natural gas. The City of Spearman negotiated a contract with West Texas Gas in June of 1998 that locked in natural gas prices for five years at \$2.88 per MCF, including 45 cents worth of transportation. The City adds on \$1.15 per MCF to pay for upkeep, maintenance and personnel to operate the City natural gas system.

Current January futures put gas at over \$8 per MCF, not including processing and transportation. If gas stays at the current level of \$6.25 per MCF, city residents will enjoy a cost savings of \$337,000 based

upon a mild winter average. This equates to \$204 per household per year or approximately \$17 per month. Of course if prices continue to rise and we have a cold winter,

the savings could easily exceed \$500,000 this year alone. The City's gas contract will expire May 31, 2003.

NOTICE!

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed the week of December 25th-29th for the Christmas Holidays. The deadline for the December 28th issue of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be Monday, December 18th at 5:00 p.m. This issue will be printed the week of December 21st, but will be distributed on the 28th.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Catherine Smith

Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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Here are the next twenty items from the list of "101 Easy Ways To Decorate Your Home for Christmas."

101 Easy Ways To Decorate Your Home For Christmas

21. Sew scraps of Christmas print fabric into a patchwork tablecloth. Simply cut your fabric into square pieces and stitch together. Hem the entire cloth. Sew ribbon to the edges, if you like. Make smaller cloths to cover end tables, night tables, TV trays, shelving, etc.
22. Cover an end table or a shelf with white paper. Arrange cut evergreen boughs to cover the table top. Place tall tapered candles in glass candleholders here and there on the table top. Before lighting candles, be sure that the greenery is not close enough to catch fire.
23. Use pliers to bend coat hangers into a simple wire-frame tree shape. Wrap a string of outdoor Christmas light around the frame, attaching with electrical tape or duct tape. Stick the decoration in a flower bed or on your front lawn.
24. Hang mistletoe everywhere. Use false or fresh mistletoe.
25. Wrap your doors in Christmas wrapping paper and attach large bows made from fabric, or purchased at your local craft store.
26. String a ribbon from one end of a wall to another. Attach the ribbon to the wall (at each corner) with thumbtacks. Clip Christmas cards to the ribbon with clothespins. If the ribbon is too long, the weight of the cards will pull it off the wall, so tack it here and there with more thumbtacks.
27. Purchase a large glass plate. Paint the underside of the plate with gold craft paint. Dry. Place the plate on a table and fill with several white or off-white pillar candles of varying sizes.
28. Make basic sugar cookies or gingerbread cookies. Before baking, make a hole toward the top of each cookie using a straw. Bake and cool. String a ribbon through each cookie and hang them on your Christmas tree.
29. String popcorn, cranberries, cereal, beads, etc. and hang the garlands everywhere.
30. Make some old-fashioned tree decorations. Wrap nuts with aluminum foil; use a needle and thread to stitch a thread through the foil for hanging. Glue ribbon to pine cones for hanging. String popcorn streamers. Make paper chains. Cut snowflakes from white paper.
31. Add a few drops of food coloring to white glue. Put the glue into a squeeze bottle or icing piping bag. Draw simple Christmas star outlines on waxed paper. Pipe glue onto the paper, following your drawn outlines. Dry. Peel glue ornaments off of the waxed paper and hang in windows with thread or ribbon.
32. Cut pictures out of old Christmas cards and create a collage by gluing them onto a piece of poster board. You can frame the poster board if you like or simply hang it on the wall.
33. Wrap a lampshade with translucent Christmas tissue paper. Put the paper on the outside of the lamp shade, overlapping the edges just a little and tape the edges down on the inside. Be careful that the tissue paper doesn't come too close to the light bulb or it may catch fire.
34. Replace your fish tank background mural with a piece of Christmas wrapping paper or a collage made out of pictures cut from Christmas cards.
35. Twist garland or popcorn strings around railings or banisters and secure here and there with tape.
36. Using a glue gun, glue candy canes, side-by-side (standing on end with their hooks at the top) to the outside of a terra cotta pot. Tie a red ribbon around the pot. Place a small poinsettia inside the pot or fill the pot with wrapped candy.
37. Tape a doily to the outside of a glass canister or clean glass mayonnaise jar. Spray the outside of the container with artificial snow. Dry. Remove the doily. Fill the container with cookies, candy, ornaments, etc.
38. Remove your favorite pictures from their frames. Wrap the frames with Christmas wrap and replace the pictures.
39. Make a gingerbread house. They make wonderful centerpieces or decorations for any table top.
40. Use scraps of Christmas print fabric to create quick sachets. Place two pieces of fabric right sides together. Pin a paper pattern of a Christmas shape to the fabric. Cut the shape out of both layers of fabric. Stitch the fabric layers together all along the edge, leaving a one inch gap. Turn the sachet right side out. Fill the sachet with potpourri. Hand stitch the gap closed. Place your sachets in a basket by the front door so you can hand them to departing guests (meanwhile, they'll fill your entryway with wonderful scent).

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



An Old Tool Can Be Your New Front Door

Last week we discussed how the telephone is often the front door to business transactions. We also advised readers to get as many business lines as needed, use the yellow page listings and not to abuse the hold feature. It's better to get folks connected than to entertain them on hold. Here are 13 more tips for getting more business through your telephone front door.

More Phone Success Tips

- * **Tip Six** - Get a catchy phone number. The experts say to try for a word that explains or identifies your business. A boat dealer might select 359-BOAT (2628). A barber might try for 673-HAIR (4247). I'm not sure this really works. You've heard hundreds of catchy or clever phone numbers recently. How many of them can you remember?
- * **Tip Seven** - Treat every call as if it is an important call. Your business image is at stake. Even if you're expecting your spouse to call, answer the phone professionally.
- * **Tip Eight** - Project energy into the phone. Enthusiasm is contagious. Put more energy in your voice by sitting up straight or better yet stand up.
- * **Tip Nine** - Keep your mouth empty. No food, gum, or pencils.
- * **Tip Ten** - Focus on the caller. If

a caller suspects you're distracted, you lose credibility. If your e-mail, letters, or other work is more important than the caller, terminate the call gracefully.

* **Tip Eleven** - Prepare for calls you make. I outline the major points I need to cover. I also make a list of questions I need to ask. This usually eliminates a quick call-back to gather forgotten, but important, pieces of information.

* **Tip Twelve** - Identify yourself. Voices sound entirely different on the phone. When you answer the phone, identify yourself. When you call someone else, identify yourself. This is a good practice in person as well.

* **Tip Thirteen** - Answer promptly. There are two schools of thought on this one. The first school says never answer on the first ring because people will think that you are not very busy and are just sitting around waiting for the phone to ring. The second school of thought is that if you wait until the third or fourth ring folks will think your service is bad. My advice: Answer promptly. Answering on the second or third ring gives you time to mentally make the transition from what you were doing to answering the phone.

* **Tip Fourteen** - Create a good voice mail answering message. The best are short, clear and include simple directions.

* **Tip Fifteen** - Use your manners. Please remember that courtesy is always in style. Thank you.

* **Tip Sixteen** - Take good notes. This is one of my weak areas. I often look at my calendar and find an incomplete note without enough information to remember what I've committed to. Make it a habit to record date, time, name(s), phone numbers, company name, any

required action and reminder notes.

* **Tip Seventeen** - Be a careful listener. This begins with focusing your attention on the caller (Tip Ten) but goes beyond that. Listen to the tone of the caller's voice, ask questions of clarification and above all try to understand "what isn't being said."

* **Tip Eighteen** - Avoid telephone tag. Don't leave messages for 10 people to call you back if you're

going to be on or away from the phone. If you must leave a message, give the person you wish to return your call the best times to reach you.

One final thought regarding cellular phones: Turn them off in meetings. If you're expecting an important call that may interrupt the meeting, stay out of the meeting. Next week we'll give you 13 more tips for getting more business with your phone.

New Winter Hours

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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Sun. Eve.: 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7:30 p.m.
Pastor - Roland Hanev

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.

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Roland ☎ 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
(aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo
Redentor Mass - Spanish
Rev. Scott Raef

Trinity Fellowship Church
717 W. 7th Ave. ☎ 659-2671
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service &
Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor - Dennis Alger

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1021 Collier ☎ 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at
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Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between
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Pastor - Beverly Cook

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

First United Methodist
407 S. Hanev ☎ 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Ken Cole

Union Church
31 S. Endicot ☎ 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

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

Primera Mision Bautista
502 E. 7th ☎ 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
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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

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

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

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)
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North of Gruver
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Worship: 11 a.m.

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
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Happy Birthday!

Editors 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

December 14

Birthday - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavlo, Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmeier, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Sandra Grover, Eddie Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don Maize, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Stork

December 15

Birthday - Dallas Henson, Harvey Profitt, Hal Shufeldt, April Davis, Carolyn Davidson, Bob Pearson, Abbe Steger, Clarence Eller, Rosa Pierce, Stephanie Crossland, Donny Davis, Maria Ortiz, Jennie Jones, Jose Vargas, Jim Norton, Joey Bynum, Randall Sauer, LeAnn Shields, Eric Vasquez
Birthday - Carl Archer, Dave Hand, Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Hughes
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Kenny, Mr. & Mrs. George P. Odom, Mr. & Mrs. John Purvines

December 17

Birthday - Patsy Bevell, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guerrero, Francis Floyd, Betty Lemons, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Bobby Novak, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassady, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Park, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Finley

December 18

Birthday - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia, Tyler Bounton
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December 19

Birthday - Steve Bevell, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaither, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dossset, Pat Dear, Mrs. Roscoe Nelson, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Zachary Brelans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Walton

Anniversary - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, Reagan & Beckee Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ethredge, Mr. & Mrs. True Leatherman, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz, Kyle & Jennifer Nollner

December 20

Birthday - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Cecil Ralston, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittini Beedy, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Bill Whitford, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans, Bill Whitford
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Myatt, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Jones

December 21

Birthday - Lidwine Carpioux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dallasene Reynolds, Eddy Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans
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December 22

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Anniversary - R.L. & Kay McFarlin, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tindell, Mr. & Mrs. Wes Maupin

December 23

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Our Deepest Sympathy

Ben McIntyre

Ben McIntyre, 73, formerly of Canadian, died Saturday, December 9, 2000.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 12, 2000 in McIntyre-Christner Family Cemetery in Roberts County with the Rev. William Dale Nix officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. McIntyre was born in Houston and grew up in Canadian, where he attended schools. After graduating from the New Mexico Military Institute, he served in the Army and returned to Canadian to work on the family farm and ranch.

He was a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Amarillo and past president of Panhandle Livestock Association and Perryton Country Club. He also served on the board of directors of Camp Cactus.

He married Nancy Lee Ford in 1962. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Edward McIntyre of Roberts County and Ford Hartman of Sante Fe, NM; two daughters, Mary McIntyre-Ladd of Boulder, CO, and Nanette McIntyre of Amarillo; a sister, Mary Kathryn Christner of Wheeler; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Panhandle Livestock Association, P.O. Box 101, Canadian, TX 79014; or Camp Cactus, PO Box 30758, Amarillo, TX 79120.

Mary Jane Ray

Mary Jane Ray, 68, died Thursday, November 30, 2000.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with Dr. Randy White, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Claude Cemetery at Claude by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ray was born in Armstrong County and had lived in Gray County since 1960. She worked at Gray County Title. She was a member and former president of the Art and Civic Club in Lefors. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

She married James Monroe Ray in 1950 at Claude.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Carolyn Furr of Plano; three sons, Jerry Ray of Amarillo, Tommy Ray of Pampa and Michael Ray of Lefors; two sisters, Willie Mae Ferguson of Floydada and Audene Beck of Spearman; a brother, Travis Luttrell of Claude; nine grandchildren and five nephews.

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Frank Phillips College Classes At Spearman High School

Many individuals in this area are working toward an Associates Degree or accumulating hours toward a Bachelors Degree. If there are specific classes that you would like to see offered at Spearman High School for either the Winter or Spring semesters, please call the Community Resource office soon as those schedules will be submitted to Frank Phillips College in the near future. Many classes are available through the teleconferences system at Spearman High School and Frank Phillips College also offers web-based classes. For more information, call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233.

Musical Jam Session At Golden Spread Senior Center

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

Fresh Start Stop Smoking Seminar

A Fresh Start Stop Smoking Seminar is being planned by First National Bank. This seminar will consist of two 1-1/2 hour sessions, taught by Casey McCann. These sessions are sponsored by the American Cancer Society, and will be held at First National Bank. Anyone interested should contact Tammi Kunselman at 659-5544 or 659-3775.

Frank Phillips College 2001 Teleconference Class Schedule

Listed below is the Frank Phillips College 2001 Teleconference Class Schedule. **Monday & Wednesday, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.**, Intermediate Algebra; **Monday & Wednesday, 7 - 9:45 p.m.**, Psychology; **Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.**, College Algebra; **Wednesday, 7 - 9:45 p.m.**, Accounting. All classes will be held at Spearman High School via teleconference. For more information, call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Program at 659-3233. Registration will be Monday, January 8, 2001 from 5-7 p.m. at Spearman High School.

Area-Wide Singles New Years Eve Dinner & Dance

The Singles Ministry of Paramount Terrace Christian Church is having an area-wide Singles New Years Eve dinner and dance at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza December 31. Hours will be 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. There will be live music by Sharia Lee Hayes and the Double Diamond Band. The dress will be church attire to semi-formal. Photographer will be available at 6:30 for personal photos. Tickets are \$20 per person which includes a guest speaker, dinner and dance. Deadline for purchasing tickets will be December 22. The dinner and dance will be an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For more information or tickets, call Penny Lawlis or Mike Nuthman at Paramount Terrace Christian Church at (806) 353-6615.

Spearman Methodist Choir to Present Christmas Special

The First United Methodist Chancel Choir of Spearman will perform a special Christmas musical presentation, *All is Calm, All is Bright* at 11:00 a.m. on December 17, 2000. Randy Vader, one of the creators of the work says, "This is the world scene on the eve of Bethlehem...this is the world scene on the eve of His second advent. Not much is different - yet everything has changed. Those that listen will hear...those that look will see...those that seek will find. A promise is about to be fulfilled. A King is coming! *All is Calm, All is Bright*. The public is invited to attend."

Genealogy Society

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

Morse Post Office Customer Appreciation Day

The Morse Post Office will hold their annual Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, December 22, 2000 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please join them for refreshments and fellowship.

Hansford County Genealogy Club Offers Class

The Hansford County Genealogy Club will present the PBS series *How to Research Your Family History* January 9th through February 6th at the First Christian Church, beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will be no charge to attend. For more information, call Nita Bynum at 659-2722 or 659-2842.

Christmas-in-April ☎ Hansford County

Christmas-in-April ☎ Hansford County is seeking referrals for possible projects for Saturday work days in April of 2001. Gifts and donations are also being accepted. Gifts to Christmas-in-April may be given in honor of someone, as a Christmas gift or memorial gift. Referrals and donations may be made to Beverly Cook, 659-2415.

Spearman Practice Livestock Show

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

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25th Wedding Anniversary

Bill and Terry Porter will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on December 20, 2000. They were married at Spearman Union Church in 1975. Those who would like to help the family celebrate this special occasion may do so by sending cards to 716 E 2nd Street, Spearman, TX 79081.



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Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth - December 11, 2000 - 47.64 feet
The level fell just under 3 inches. A little more of the bridge is being seen, but Jim said there was about 6 feet of water yet on the lowest spot on the road.
His biggest piece of news was that he had seen 25 eagles in one sighting last week, and another day he counted 20 which tied his old record. There are big flocks of geese. If the playa lakes freeze over with this extreme cold, there may be even more.


about his killer in the hen house. One couple told me it could be either a skunk or a raccoon. Anita Marquez said that when chickens were killed by the head being bitten off on the ranch she grew up on in Mexico, her father would say the "onza" had been there. Her description was of a weasel. Sometimes she said a hen with a brood of little chicks would sometimes be attacked, and she would find all the little chicks with their heads bitten off.

Last week Frances Murrell called to tell me there was a tremendous flock of snow geese on a wheat field north of Gruver on the Guymon highway. I drove out to find they had moved to maize stubble and divided into two flocks. The fields looked as if there were big snow fields on them. Penny Kruse told me her husband Wayne had seen white geese in one field that looked like snow, but in another he saw dark geese and that field just looked muddy.

The skunks, badgers, and weasels all belong to the Mustelid Family, and all like to kill their prey by biting on the neck. One surprise for me was to read that mink had been sighted in Hansford County, and it was the only Panhandle County to show a sighting.

Daniel Harris is still not sure

I have a book called "Wild Animals and Settlers on the Great Plains" by Eugene D. Fleharty. It wasn't any help, but it did have a story about a skunk killing 125 of a farmer's spring chickens in 1876 and one of a man killing 14 opossums in his hen house in 1877.



Leslie and Brian McLaughlin wish to announce the birth of their son, Brice Lane. Brice was born on Thursday, December 7, 2000 at 8:27 p.m. in Perryton, TX. He weighed 7 pounds, and was 20 1/2 inches long.
Proud grandparents are Larry & D'Anda Widener and Danny and Delinda McLaughlin, all of Spearman. Great-grandparents are Ted and Wanda Widener, Jo and the late Mack McLaughlin, Virginia and the late Garland Head, and the late Allene and Floyd Close, all of Spearman.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Incredible as it may seem, new members of the Grandparents Association are Danny and Delinda McLaughlin and Larry and D'Anda Widener, all of Spearman.

Responsible for their initiation was Brice Lane McLaughlin, who arrived on December 7, 2000 at Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20-1/2 inches long. His parents are Leslie and Brian McLaughlin of Spearman. He has two great-grandmothers, both of Spearman, Jo McLaughlin and Virginia Head.

Sara Dosssett had a pleasant weekend when her daughter, Diana Carter of Lubbock, was here. She was accompanied by her daughter and two grandchildren. The daughter hadn't been here in two years, so she was interested in the changes of the area. They left Sunday ahead of the cold front.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Ben McIntire, 73. His services were Tuesday at the family cemetery in Roberts County.

Jerry and Tania Graham of Oklahoma City are proud to announce the birth of their daughter on November 25, 2000. On arrival, Kyndal Jordan weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Eldon and Joan Vernon of Oklahoma City and L.B. and Billie Graham of Bethany, Oklahoma. Great-grandmothers are Blanche Greene and Ivan Allen, both of Spearman.

Guests for pheasant hunting for Bert and Patti Sheppard were their son, Rory and his wife Janet and their two boys of Boerne. Others were Lew and Ann Wygant of Amarillo, Dixie and Cory Jones of Brownfield, his brother Lee Allen Jones of Harlingen. All were pleased with their bag.

An obit from last week included that of Bess Towe of Portales. She was 103 and the family lived in Spearman when their children were in school. Only two daughters survive her.

Mary Jane DeArmond spent a few days in Spearman last week assisting her sister, Martha Haden in moving to Amarillo. Mary Jane also visited Myrtle DeArmond and Billy and Cynthia DeArmond. She now lives in Roswell.

As is a tradition with Shonda and Gregg Odegaard, they were hosts to a group of friends and some family for a pheasant hunt weekend.

House guests for the weekend were her sisters and families - Stephani and Ronnie Swan and daughter and

Shawna and David Bymes and two sons of North Richmond Hill, Texas. Seven rooms at the motel were reserved and others flew in for Saturday. There were 60 licensed hunters, one flew in from New York.

The Odegaards hosted a luncheon for them on Saturday at the Church of Christ. All the hunters reached their bag limit.

After ten busy interesting days, several Spearman families are home after attending National Cutting Horse Association World Championship Futurity.

In addition to the three divisions of the show, there was also a sale. The Amarillo Daily News Item carried the headlines, "Spearman Pearson Triumphs in NCHA event."

Mark Pearson rode his horse Flo Little Lena to win the Amateur Division of the MCHA. Hadley Reed rode his horse, Powder Tracks and placed fourth.

Hadley was also selected as Rookie of the Year. This is given for the one who has the most winnings in his first year.

Boyd Rice and A.D. also showed some horses and sold some.

Those attending from here were Hadley and Sonja Reed and boys; Haley and Boyd Rice and children; A.D. and Sharon Reed; Charlotte and Dan Pearson; Mark and Anne Marie Pearson; Bill Jack Pittman and Kevin Kenny, now of Texline.

Today, Monday, Dwayne is making sure his weather records thermometer is thawed for the upcoming "long johns" weather.

For the week of December 4 through 7 a.m. December 11, the high was on the 9th at 64; the low on the 11th at 10 degrees; 1/2 inch of snow with a trace of moisture.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Elementary Helps in Drive
Over 547 cans of food were brought by Gruver Elementary students to aid in a Christmas food drive for needy Gruver families.

Mrs. Maupin's class, who brought 128 cans, was the winner of a coke party for their collecting efforts. Runner-up class was Mrs. Mayhew's class with 107 items.

Alpha Mu Psi sorority will be adding meat items to the holidays food baskets and delivering them.

Little Miss Fletcher Arrives
Reilly Marie Fletcher arrived on November 28, 2000 to happy parents Tim and Jennifer Fletcher of Canadian.

The little miss weighed five pounds and eleven ounces and was 18 and 1/2 inches long.

Gruver grandparents are Richie and Carolyn Fletcher and great grandparents are Glen and Faye Harris.

Reilly was welcomed by big brothers Mason and Landry.

Get Well Wishes

Senior Lady Hound Sammie Stavlo suffered a torn ACL in her knee in the basketball game at Stinnett on Tuesday, December 5.

The date of her surgery to repair the injury has not yet been set.

Toni Atwood will be undergoing chemo treatment soon for a malignancy. We rejoice that she has received a good report and prognosis.

The mother of Mike Floyd underwent back surgery on Tuesday in Wichita Falls.

Josephine Ayres is a new resident of Hansford Manor. She is doing well and adjusting to her new surroundings.

Bill Been is recovering at home from his recent surgery.

Former Resident Update
Memory Ross, a 1996 graduate of Gruver High School, is employed as the co-manager of Cache, a store in Cincinnati, Ohio, which has an exclusive clientele.

Brother Dustin Ross is a sophomore at Western Kentucky University.

Lady Hounds Earn Honors
Three Lady Hounds have been cited for their tournament play.

In the Lake Meredith Tournament held the first weekend in December, Sammie Stavlo was named to the all-tournament team.

In the Sunray Tournament December 7-9, seniors Tessa Yanke and Lindsay Messer were named to the all-tournament team in which the Lady Hounds captured third place.

Gruver Chamber Christmas Decorating Contest

The Gruver Chamber will again sponsor their Christmas Decorating Contest. Judging will be held on

Wednesday, December 20th. \$50 prizes will be awarded to three winners.

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Gruver 30 Booker 28
- Seventh Grade Girls**
Gruver 17 Booker 8
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- Eighth Grade Boys**
Gruver 28 Stratford 40
- Gruver 40 Boys Ranch 16
- Seventh Grade Boys**
Gruver 39 Stratford 20
- Gruver 52 Boys Ranch 17

Numbers in the news
Over 200 - Average number of pictures Charlie Johnson takes of one Gruver basketball game. On a weekend that featured a junior varsity tournament and a varsity tournament, Charlie took over 900 pictures.

All Angels Adopted
My Mother's Garden reports that all Gruver angels on the community Christmas tree were adopted. Gifts for the angels were due on Monday, December 11.

City Council Meets
The Gruver City Council met on Tuesday, December 12. On the agenda was the possible naming of a city manager to replace A.J. Ratliff who will retire in February 2001.

Four possible candidates were recently interviewed for the position.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
As each year draws to a close, and we gather with friends and family, we are reminded of many things in our lives for which we give thanks. Many who live in Spearman, Gruver and the surrounding area benefit from the programs and the facilities of the O'Loughlin Center. We are thankful for the past support of Hansford County residents in making this project a continuing success.

If you have contributed to the O'Loughlin Center in the past, we appreciate your generous support and ask that you again consider supporting the O'Loughlin Center with a year-end gift. If your generous spirit has led you to support other charities, please consider also supporting the O'Loughlin Center when you plan your year-end giving.

We thank you.
The Spearhead Board and The Golden Spread Board

Verna Lee Shirley, Bob Boxwell, Mike Cudd, Marsha Murphy, Bob Pearson, James Cunningham, Rosa Lee Butt, Kathy Bryant, director, Shirley Lowe, Lyanne Maize, Juan Avila, Jackie Pearson, Helen Etter Holt, Don Townsen, A.J. Ratliff

Dear Editor,
Kudos to the people who work for the Texas Highway Department in Hansford County.

We drove to Guymon, OK on Sunday afternoon to attend the Guymon Community Theatre production of Scrooge and to visit our family.

Upon our return, the roads were becoming very icy. Each intersection and bridge in Hansford County had been sanded. We passed the trucks who were still on the job on our way home.

Just another one of those long-into-the-night jobs in inclement weather that help make our roads safer for us to travel.

Thanks,
Bobbie Novak

Dear Editor,

I was one of the lucky recipients of last year's Spearman Retail Merchants Association Christmas Promotion Drawings. Hi-Plains Auto, Celebrate, Prairie Garden Flowers, Dollar General and Gordon's Drug and Photo sponsored my gifts. Thank you one and all.

We in this community of Spearman are so fortunate. We have available to us so many wonderful businesses that offer a wide variety of goods and services.

Granted, we don't have it all, but if we don't support what we do have, we

will all be denied the services offered by our local businesses when they are forced to close.

In writing this, I thought of a few questions I would like to ask each of you.

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Blowin In The Wind

by Dwayne Mitchell

Two up, one down! No, that's not baseball but the progress of the windmill collection in the J. B. Buchanan Windmill Park. The Leader, a fixed wooden wheel mill, was put up in the park, and the Star Model 15 came down for re-restoration. In addition at the SPWA's barn, a 5-foot Star Zephyr was put up.

The Leader, a mill built by Flint and Walling, owned by Mr. Buchanan but never put up was completely restored by the SPWA, and put on a wooden tower in the park on Thursday, December 7. The Star Zephyr is a mill donated by Lloyd Fry of Lipscomb and restored by SPWA members. The Star is on a tower located at the northwest corner of the Association's barn and puts a definite stamp on that location.

Down is the Star, Model 15, which is a part of Mr. Buchanan's original collection that was erected in the park. Because of the age of its restoration, it became necessary to re-restore it so

down it came, and it is now in the windmill barn and will be rebuilt completely and returned to its place in the park.

The Star Zephyr

The Star Zephyr is to carry number 14 in the literature describing the mills. The Star Zephyr has an interesting track record in its journey to the windmill collection.

The mill was located at the foot of a windmill tower on Lloyd Fry's ranch just south of Lipscomb. The head was visible, but the wheel was entirely covered with dirt and had been trampled by numerous hooves in its many years on the ground.

Burl Buchanan, Lloyd Fry and I dug it out one wintry afternoon with not much more than our fingernails. After much scratching and prying, we finally got the head out of the ground with the saddest looking wheel attached that you have ever seen. Every blade in the wheel was bent and broken, but the circular bands were intact.

As you can imagine, the gear box was in terrible shape, almost as bad as the wheel. The bands, shaft and hub were intact. Burl Buchanan ultimately located two more heads, one in fairly good condition, and found a man in Ohio who, for a price, would make new blades. The blades were obtained, the wheel was assembled, and the three heads combined into one, and a train-wreck of a mill is now a fully restored, fairly rare 5-foot Zephyr Star.

When you see the mill on its tower, if you think you have seen it before, you probably have because it is the mill that the SPWA displayed on a trailer, and paraded in the Heritage Days Parade in Spearman and parades in Perryton, Lipscomb and Pampa.

The SPWA members involved in its restoration are the two previously mentioned plus Don and Wanda Reed, Terry Schneider, J.D. Wilbanks, and Orville Latham. The Star's parade days are probably over, but it will now star as a part of the permanent windmill display of the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association.

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Gruver Academic UIL Results

It seems like it was only yesterday that we were talking about the Y2K bug and waiting anxiously to usher in the year 2000. Now as the 2000 year comes to an end, I wonder where it went? I can only ponder that the older I get, the more relative time is and the faster it passes. Sometimes I wish that time would actually stop or stand still in order for me to get off the train and have more time to enjoy life and the things around me. We all know that is impossible and all I can do is look back on yesterday and smile.

The year 2000 was a memorable year for Spearman ISD. We arrived in the new millennium with our mission statement still intact: to better prepare our students to be productive citizens in the ever-changing world of the 21st century. With the world rapidly changing around us, it appears that even our small town of Spearman has become more global and is no longer just another small town located in the Panhandle of Texas. The Internet and e-mail have allowed us access to far reaches of the world. I marvel that through SpearmanLynx.com that anyone, anywhere can listen to the broadcast of our athletic events. Jeff Beedy tells me that since the booster club website became operational two years ago that we have had approximately 1.6 million hits and 2,120 hits per day. Simply amazing to me!

As I look back on the year it too was simply amazing to me. I remember the Lynxette basketball team posting a 23-6 record and advancing to the Area Playoffs. Who could forget the heartbreak of losing to Eula after mounting what seemed to be an insurmountable lead. Those girls were "comeback kids" and always seemed to find a way to win! They were winners and provided the community and me with many fond memories.

How about Spearman High School coming as close as they did to upset West Texas in the UIL Academic contest. Several of our students (Angela Pipkin, Chelsea Nollner and Amber Ramon) advanced to State and represented us well in the academic competition. We knocked on the door and know it is just a matter of time before we bring home the coveted tile of District 6-AA Academic Champions. Who could forget the stunning performance of Erin Boxwell, Kathryn Murphy, Tashi Schumann, Allison Haney and

the rest of the cast and crew of our one-act play the *Cover of the Life*. I have to put in a plug for our outstanding director Frances Pipkin who is the BEST director that I have ever been associated with.

How about those Lynxettes winning the 2-AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP in girls' track. I can still feel the pounding in my chest as we crossed the finish line in the mile relay and realized that against all odds we had won the state championship. You can't replicate that feeling. It stays with you forever.

As the class of 2000 graduated, we celebrated but also sorrowed at the retirement of three of our longtime teachers at the high school (Jesse Ramsey, Susan Kidder and Bobbie Birchfield). How can we replace the experience that these people brought to their jobs? We wished them well in their retirement but also knew that we would miss them and that Spearman High School would not be the same.

The summer was very busy with hiring teachers and getting ready for the new school year. It came quicker than we would have liked. The summer had been busy with numerous maintenance projects throughout the district. With rooms getting a fresh coat of paint and other needed repairs completed, the new school year started with great anticipation.

After four straight years of qualifying for the playoffs, it was supposed to be a rebuilding year in football. However Ric Smith and the Lynx would not hear of that and finished second in District, posting a 9-3 overall record and advancing to the Area playoff game against Hamlin. What a year! Who will ever forget that win against Sanford-Fritch as time ran out on the clock (and for anyone who left because they thought the game was over there is an important lesson to be learned - never give up on the Lynx.) I think the best is yet to come and everyone better watch out for those Lynx next year.

Who among you was not awed when Allison Haney stepped on the court to sing the National Anthem. She gives me goose bumps just knowing how good our kids actually are. As someone told me, she needs to be singing at the Super Bowl. And how about Kent Hargis being recognized by his peers as the District 16 TEPSAN of the Year. Remember Kevin Beedy (a freshman) finishing second at State in tennis. The list goes on and on. These people and events make our lives special and have burned memories that will stay with us forever.

There are many other events, kids and staff members that I could mention, however time, space and my

"aging memory" limits me in mentioning each one of them. Each one made this past year special. Each one with their special talents brought recognition not only to our school but also to their families and community. The year 2000 will rank as one of THE best in my life. I will file the many wonderful memories in my bookshelf and remember often how good it was. I will never forget. I think many of you will not either.

As the holiday season approaches and the year 2001 lingers just a few days ahead, I can only wonder what the year 2001 has in store for Spearman ISD. I don't know that answer to the question but only can pause to offer thanks for the blessing that life has provided me.

I wish you and your families a very special holiday season. The gift that I provide to each of you is wrapped in the smiles of the students we serve daily and the successes they experience on this journey we call life. May God bless each one of you, and may all your dreams come true.

Gruver Elementary participated in the Academic U.I.L. competition on December 5, 2000. They placed 2nd out of six teams, with a total of 476 points.

Listed below are the results.

Storytelling
2nd Grade
2nd - Zach Logsdon

3rd Grade
1st - Leigh Anne Winger, 3rd - Megan Stedje

Creative Writing
2nd Grade
2nd - Brianne Mitchell, 4th - Zach Logsdon, 5th - Colton Moffett

Ready Writing
3rd Grade
1st - Megan Stedje

Spelling
3rd Grade
1st - Katie Gibson, 2nd - Drew Mireles

Music Memory
3rd Grade
2nd - Leaha Smith, Megan Stedje, Leigh Anne Winger, Gage Parker - alternate

4th Grade
4th Place - Kory Jackson, Roberto Mendoza, Anselmo Trejo

Oral Reading
4th Grade
6th - Sydney Clawson
Ready Writing
4th Grade
1st - Lynn Vela, 6th - Jordan Hicks
Spelling
4th Grade
1st - Lindsey Mireles, 5th - Sydney Clawson
Number Sense
4th Grade
4th - Lynn Vela, 6th - Matt Salazar
Art
4th Grade
2nd Place - Mallory Reid, Devlin Reynolds, Matt Salazar, Lynn Vela

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Spearman Academic UIL Results

Junior High UIL Results

Spearman Junior High placed 3rd out of eight teams participating in this year's Academic UIL competition held November 13th and 15th. They earned an overall total of 347.5 points. The competitions were held in Clarendon and Canadian.

A total of 101 Spearman Junior High students participated in 34 events, with 37 placing in the top six, for a total of 37.5 points. Thirty 6th grade students participated in 10 events, with 15 placing in the top six, earning 86.5 points. Thirty-five 7th grade students participated in 12 events, with 10 placing in the top six, earning 105 points. Thirty-six 8th grade students participated in 12 events, with 12 placing in the top six, earning 156 points.

In Calculator Applications, all nine participating students earned points. The calculator teams earned 92 of the total 347.5 points. The breakdown of scoring by grade level is: 6th grade - 27 points, 7th grade - 30 points, 9th grade - 35 points. Mrs. Karon Swink, Calculator Applications coach, has done another outstanding job of preparing students to compete.

In Maps, Graphs & Charts, all grade levels placed first and five of the nine students earned points. Maps, Graphs & Charts participants earned 55 points, which is the second highest point total. The students who achieved first place were Clayton Smith - 6th Grade, Kia Boone - 7th Grade, and Brodie Savage - 8th Grade. Mr. Brian Beck, Maps, Graphs & Charts coach, has done very well in only his second year of coaching.

In Dictionary Skills, 39 points were obtained and four of nine students earned points. All grade levels obtained points. Jessica Montgomery earned first place at the 8th grade level.

In Ready Writing, 29 points were obtained and all grade levels obtained points. Deremy Fleetwood earned first place at the 8th grade level.

All participants and alternates are to be congratulated on their hard work in preparation and their focus

on competition in the 6-AA District UIL Literacy meet.

Students who earned points in more than one event were: Brodie Savage - Maps, Graphs & Charts (1st), Mathematics (4th), and Number Sense (4th); Clayton Smith - Dictionary Skills (3rd) and Maps, Graphs & Charts (1st); Callie Hargis - Impromptu Speaking (4th) and Oral Reading (2nd); and Deremy Fleetwood - Modern Oratory (4th) and Ready Writing (1st)

Calculator Application
6th Grade
Saylee Flowers - 2nd, Bryn Garnett - 3rd (tie), Anthony Renteria - 5th

7th Grade
Jacob Jones - 2nd, Javier Frayre - 3rd, Abby Winegarner - 4th

8th Grade
Macy Harbour - 1st, Cayla Smith - 2nd (tie), Dana McLaughlin - 2nd (tie)

Dictionary Skills
6th Grade
Clayton Smith - 3rd, Stuart Martin - 6th

7th Grade
Adriana Pinon - 3rd

8th Grade
Jessica Montgomery - 1st

Impromptu Speaking
7th Grade
Callie Hargis - 4th

8th Grade
Cristal Alvarado - 6th

Listening
6th Grade
Collin Gillaspie - 6th (tie), Kelcee Rex - 6th (tie), Brandon Codgill (tie)

Maps, Graphs & Charts
6th Grade
Clayton Smith - 1st, Nicholas Avila - 6th

7th Grade
Kia Boone - 1st

8th Grade
Brodie Savage - 1st, Wayne Gibson - 5th

Mathematics
8th Grade
Brodie Savage - 4th

Modern Oratory
8th Grade
Brodie Savage - 4th

Music Memory
6th Grade
Bryan Thomas, Christina Hunter,

Charles Olman - 4th place team

Number Sense
6th Grade
Tarin Rice - 4th

8th Grade
Brodie Savage - 4th

Oral Reading
7th Grade
Callie Hargis - 2nd

Ready Writing
6th Grade
Britney Montgomery - 6th

7th Grade
Josh Evans - 3rd

8th Grade
Deremy Fleetwood

Science I & II
7th Grade
Alejandro Rios - 5th

8th Grade

Justin Parker - 1st, Kylie McGaha - 4th

Spelling
7th Grade
Tabatha Shields - 3rd, Maribel Moreno - 6th

8th Grade
Mark Thomas - 1st

Elementary UIL Results
Spearman Elementary participated in the Academic U.I.L. competition on November 13 and 15, 2000. Listed below are the results.

Art Appreciation
5th Grade
5th Place Team - Kylee Howard, Callie Cazares, Amy Boyd, Elliott Sheets, Jesse Moreno, Doreen DeLuna

Creative Writing
2nd Grade
Nikki Boyd - 4th

Dictionary Skills
5th Grade
Callie Cazares

Music Memory
4th Grade
6th Place Team - Tyler Harper, Ashley Close, Kegan Garnett, Gabby Davila

5th Grade
6th Place Team - Zach Chastain, Lisa Espinosa, Sandi Carbajal, Heriselda Perez, Jeremy Frost, Amber Comp

Listening
5th Grade
Clara Kern

Number Sense

4th Grade
Brett Winegarner - 1st, Cha'tae Avila - 2nd

Ready Writing
3rd Grade
Mary Beth Hargis - 3rd

4th Grade
Cha'tae Avila - 5th

Spelling
3rd Grade
Andi Lynn Scarborough - 4th

4th Grade
Cha'tae Avila - 2nd

Storytelling
2nd Grade
Savannah Jones - 3rd, Nikki Boyd - 5th

3rd Grade
Andi Lynn Scarborough - 2nd

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Spearman Basketball News

by Jeff Beedy

The Varsity Lynx and Lynxettes traveled to Hugoton, Kansas over the weekend to play in the Hugoton Invitational Tourney.

The Lynx found out quickly that Kansas takes their basketball very seriously. They had some very good teams in this tournament and Spearman lost three games in a row. The Lynx are playing better each game and should be ready when district starts in about a week.

The Lynxettes played well and advanced to the finals where they lost to Southwestern Heights.

The Lynxettes are starting to play better each game. Congratulations to Jenn Schnell and Adrienne Simpson on being selected to the all-tournament team!

The Lynxettes open district play this Tuesday against Sunray.

Both teams got some valuable playing time and they all did a great job!

Spearman Lynx
Date: 11-28-00 Place: Spearman
Score by Quarters
Lynx 12 8 15 17 52
Trinity Fell. 10 19 7 20 56

Miami Tournament
Date: 11-30-00 Place: Miami
Score by Quarters
Lynx 11 21 20 13 65
Follett 16 18 14 13 61

Date: 12-1-00 Place: Miami
Score by Quarters
Lynx 7 21 27 15 70
Booker 12 12 4 19 47

Date: 12-2-00 Place: Miami
Score by Quarters
Lynx 15 14 16 12 57
Fort Elliott 16 12 13 22 63

Date: 12-2-00 Place: Miami
Score by Quarters
Lynx 14 18 11 25 68
Borger JV 17 21 14 24 76

Date: 12-6-00 Place: Fritch
Score by Quarters
Lynx 9 23 8 9 49
Fritch 10 20 20 15 65

Spearman Lynxette
Date: 12-6-00 Place: Fritch
Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 12 15 14 17 58
Fritch 7 15 8 14 44

Coach Short's Comments: We played better. We need work on rebounding and reducing turnovers. We executed better at times.

Dumas Tournament
The Freshman and JV teams were in action this past weekend in Dumas.

The 9th grade Lynx and Lynxettes both lost their first two games and were eliminated, but they played well and continue to improve each game.

The JV Lynx and Lynxettes both lost in the consolation finals. The JV Lynx lost to the Pampa JV and the Lynxettes lost to the Perryton JV.

Both teams played well, but the competition was tough! Congratulations to the Freshman and JV teams!

Spearman JV Lynx
Date: 11-18-00 Place: Follett
Score by Quarters
Lynx JV 13 8 17 25 63
Follett 16 11 7 17 51

Date: 12-5-00 Place: Fritch
Score by Quarters
Lynx 3 14 9 7 33
Fritch 18 16 18 10 62

Spearman JV Lynxette
Gruver JV Tournament
Date: 11-30-00 Place: Gruver
Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 10 7 6 11 34
Canadian 5 15 8 18 46

Coach Walker's Comments: The JV girls really showed some improvement in this game. Canadian started five juniors. Our

Lynx JV 6 18 11 18 53
Gruver 7 30 19 20 76

Date: 11-21-00 Place: Fritch
Score by Quarters
Lynx JV 12 3 4 5 24
Fritch 16 21 11 21 69

Date: 11-28-00 Place: Spearman
Score by Quarters
Lynx 8 9 14 11 45
Trinity Fell. 8 3 13 12 36

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Date: 12-5-00 Place: Fritch
Score by Quarters
Lynx 3 14 9 7 33
Fritch 18 16 18 10 62

Date: 12-5-00 Place: Fritch
Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 10 16 6 11 43
Fritch 3 8 10 15 36

Coach Walker's Comments: This game was not as close as the score indicates. The JV girls executed offenses better and made free throws. Except for a short time in the second quarter, our man defense was better. Claudia Vaquera had a good game offensively as did several others.

young players were out-sized, but competed hard. Our guards were more aggressive going to the basket in this game and Jentry Edwards shot the ball well.

Date: 12-1-00 Place: Gruver
Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 6 17 7 17 47
Perryton 9 8 11 11 39

Coach Walker's Comments: Another good effort from the JV girls. We've got to do a better job breaking down in a stance. Today on defense, we committed too many reaching fouls. Sami Cazares ran the floor well. She scored 11 points in the 2nd quarter. The other girls did a good job getting her the ball. Laura Gillaspie rebounded better and Jessica Crossland took it to the basket in the second half.

Date: 12-2-00 Place: Gruver
Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 4 10 12 11 37
West Texas 5 13 11 13 42

Coach Walker's Comments: This was a close game for four quarters. We did a better job moving our feet, but we need to improve at the free throw line and rebounding. We also need to get better during "dead times" when the referee has the ball.

Date: 12-2-00 Place: Miami
Score by Quarters
Lynxettes 15 14 16 12 57
Fort Elliott 16 12 13 22 63

Date: 12-2-00 Place: Miami
Score by Quarters
Lynx 14 18 11 25 68
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Gruver Basketball Update

Hounds fell 48-53.

Hounds Lose in Nail-biter

The Hounds found a tough opponent in the West Texas High Comanches, winners of the Lake Meredith Tournament. Down by six, 12-18 at the first quarter, the Hounds slipped to eleven down, 22-33, at the half, due to turnovers early in the second period.

Two big three pointers by Anthony Villalobos set the pace for a comeback by the Hounds in the third, but efforts to even the score was stymied by poor Hound free-throw shooting.

In the climactic fourth quarter, neither team scored for the first two minutes of play. The Hounds' final shot, a three-point effort to tie the game, fell short.

Hounds Play for Third in Tourney

The Hounds lost their bid for third place honors, 55-66, in a tough game with the Dalhart Wolves.

After a cold start in the first quarter, leaving the Hounds down 7-16, the Hounds gained momentum in the second quarter to pull within two of the Wolves before ending the half, down 24-30.

After a close third quarter, the Hounds went into the final period with a 39-46 deficit. The Hounds lessened the gap on occasion in the fourth quarter, but foul calls to gain possession resulted in a 66-55 loss for the Hounds.

Even though losing, the Hounds showed more skill at the free-throw line, and Cory Schneider was able to find his way to the basket and under the basket to put in seven field goals for the

Hounds. The Hounds were also successful in the post department with posts adding 30 points of the total.

Sunray Tournament

First Game
Hounds 50 Vega 42

After a six-point lead at the end of the first quarter, the Hounds shot only 7 from the field in the second period to lead the Longhorns by one, 19-18 at the half.

Beginning on a sluggish pace in the third quarter, the Hounds were motivated to pick up the pace and went on to down the Longhorns.

Sunray Tournament

Second Game
Hounds 56 White Deer 63

Battling back from a 31-20 deficit in the third quarter, the Hounds fell just short of qualifying for the championship game.

Anthony Villalobos began the game with back-to-back three pointers. Aided by Schneider, Hart, and Harris, the Hounds led the first quarter 14-7. A disastrous second quarter saw the Hounds score six points.

The Hounds retaliated the third quarter with 19 points aided by Harris' three three-pointers, but Schneider and Shoulders fell victims to foul trouble.

The exciting fourth quarter saw the Hounds down by only two at intervals, but the lead remained elusive.

Junior Varsity Lady Hounds

12-5-00
Gruver 21 West Texas High 33

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nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter. This permit will not authorize new construction or an increase in emissions.

The application was submitted to the TNRCC on October 11, 2000. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, TNRCC Amarillo regional office, and the Gruver City Library, 504 King, Gruver, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TNRCC. The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

MAILING LIST You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments or request a public meeting or a notice and comment hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments in 30 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is

to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

After the final deadline for public comments following any public meeting or notice and comment hearing, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the site may request a notice and comment hearing. The TNRCC may grant a notice and comment hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after publication of this newspaper notice. The purpose of a notice and comment hearing is to provide an opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals who submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will

identify the date, time, and location for the hearing. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us

Further information may also be obtained from ANR Pipeline Company at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Lillian Woolley at (313) 496-3112.

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Hansford County Site For CD Release Party

by Harletta Carthel

In what may be a first for Hansford County, a CD release party has been scheduled for Saturday, December 16th at 8:00

p.m. in the Harlan Gerardy Hangar at Gruver Airport.

"The Main Street Sessions," the premiere release of Heath Tolleson and the Orange County Band, is being presented in various locations Gruver, the hometown of Tolleson, has been selected as one of the debut performance sites.

The CD, which is the result of a year-long effort, contains ten original songs. Seven of the ten songs were written by Tolleson. One of the selections, "Small Town Dreams" was inspired by a day Tolleson spent working on the Rodney Clawson farm.

In fact, Tolleson relates, "Much of my encouragement has come from Rodney Dale Clawson." Impromptu jam sessions of the two following a day of work, provided the impetus for Tolleson to pursue his musical goals.

Another of Tolleson's original songs, "Permanent Road Trip," may be heard on radio station, 101.9 FM in Amarillo. "If they don't hear the song on that station, they can call and request it," Tolleson states. The song has been aired several times on the Texas Music Show on station 101.9.

"Texas Rock" is the name Tolleson gives the band's style. It is defined as a unique sound that runs



Heath Tolleson (pictured above) and the Orange County Band will be in Gruver Saturday night for a CD release party of the group's first album.

the gamut from folk to country music. "There is much better music than what is currently played on radio stations and MTV that people have little exposure to," Tolleson said. "We think we provide that music."

In addition to Tolleson as rhythm guitar and lead vocalist, the band consists of drummer Link Livingston of Houston, bass guitar

and art work specialist Greg Kreller of Lubbock, and lead guitarist Jarod Smith of San Angelo, who is also Tolleson's cousin. All the band members are students at Texas Tech.

Tolleson expressed the hope that people of all ages will attend the Saturday premiere and enjoy a night of the unique sound of Gruver's own Heath Tolleson and the Orange County Band.

Hansford County Veterans

Listed below are the names of some of the Hansford County Veterans who were inadvertently left off of last week's list. If you know of others, please call the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office at 659-3434.

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