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Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their yearly fundraiser - Operation Christmas Greeting. Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

The following have made donations:

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Laugh and Live

by Catherine R. Smith
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My friend Brenton Hawthorth sent me the following entitled "Wishes for the New Year." I would like to pass it along, with my wishes for you

Wishes for the New Year

May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs, and your stocks not fall; and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.

May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastroenterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber, and the IRS.

May you find a way to travel from anywhere to anywhere during rush hour in less than an hour, and when you get there may you find a parking space.

May Friday evening, December 31, find you seated around the dinner table, together with your beloved family and cherished friends, ushering in the New Year ahead. You will find the food better, the environment quieter, the cost much cheaper, and the pleasure much more fulfilling than anything else you might ordinarily do that night.

May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them.

May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner, may your checkbook and your budget balance, and may they include generous amounts for your church and charities.

May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child, and your parent(s). You can say it to your secretary, your nurse, your butcher, your photographer, your masseuse, your seamstress, your hairdresser or your tennis instructor, but not with a "twinkle" in your eye.

May we live as intended, in a world at peace with the awareness of the beauty in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.

Bless you with every happiness, great health, peace, and much love during the next year and all those that follow.

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 :)

2002 Year in Review for Hansford County

January
Quintyn Reece Bowers was the New Year's baby at Ochiltree General Hospital in Peryton. He was born at 8:34 a.m. on January 1, 2002, weighing 8 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. He is the son of Krystal DeLaGarza and Andrew Jacobs, both of Spearman.

Many spectators were on-hand on Tuesday, January 8, 2002 at approximately 11:20 a.m. when the old water bowl from the water tower on Kenneth street came crashing to the ground. The tower was constructed in 1924.

Laura Gillaspie was named the 2002 Basketball Homecoming Queen and John Brock was named the 2002 Basketball Homecoming King during the All-School Pep Rally held on Tuesday, January 8th. H&S EMS, a volunteer-based ambulance service in Spearman, was honored with two awards at the 2002 Panhandle Emergency Medical Services System Banquet, held January 12 in Amarillo. The service garnered the PEMSS 2001 Volunteer Provider of the Year Award while Beatrice Comp was named the PEMSS 2001 EMT-Intermediate of the Year.

On Sunday, January 20, the Oslo Lutheran Church celebrated 97 years of service during morning services at 11 a.m. with Pastor Paul Fiske.

Hansford County Hospital District's Annual Employee Awards Banquet was held Saturday, January 26, 2002 at the O'Loughlin Center. The 2001 Employee of the Year was Jorge Arenivar, R.N.

Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association began diligent work for the Internation Windmill Trade Fair which was held June 5-8, 2002 in Spearman.

The last week of January brought the first significant snowfall for the 2001-2002 winter season. Spearman reported 10 1/2 inches of snow and Gruver reported 6-9 inches.

John Brock, running back, and Homer Munoz, offensive lineman, were named to the Class 2A All State Football Team, honorable mention list.

February
Kaylee Holt, Gruver High School senior, was been selected to serve as a co-captain of the Wrangler High Scholl All-Star Rodeo Team. Selected by her fellow teammates on the Wrangler All-Star Team.

Spearman High School senior John Brock signed a letter of intent to play football with the Rice Owls on Wednesday, February 6th.

The Hansford County Livestock Show was held on Friday and Saturday, February 8th & 9th.

Kevin Beedy was recognized as the 2001 Tennis Athlete of the Year at the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame

ceremonies on February 17th. Kevin is the 2001 Class 2A State Champion. He did not lose a set at the state tournament, losing only one match the entire year.

Dr. James Pinkerton, D.D.S., and his staff moved the office complex to 206 Main Street in Spearman.

The Hansford County Livestock Judging Team captured the 2002 National Western 4-H Livestock Judging title in Denver. Team members were: Brad Holt, Kirby Johnson, Kyna Shields, and Melody Shields. They were coached by Bret Burgin and Burt Williams.

On Valentine's Day, The Hansford County Reporter Statesman congratulated 50 Hansford County couples for marriages 50 years or more.

Hansford Manor announced the 2002 Mr. and Ms. Hansford Manor

on February 14, 2002. They were Glen Mackie and Marie Coates.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet was held on Saturday, February 23. The Panhandle Deli & Diner was named the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year. Dwayne Mitchell and Rodney Sumner were named the Citizens of the Year. Jim Derington, Rotary Club President, recognized Kitty Edwards as the Rotary Employee of the Year. John Kunselman, representing the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, recognized Ryan Wells as the Fireman of the Year.

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Wed. Prayer Mtg. 7 p.m.
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First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kids 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 - Patrick Six

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
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Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Cristo
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717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
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Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor - Dennis Alger

First Presbyterian Church

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1021 Cotter • 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
(alternates monthly between Lutheran &
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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. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Ken Cole

Union Church
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Bill Sparks

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

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502 E. 7th • 659-1991
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.

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

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

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

Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)
6 Miles West & 12 Miles
North of Gruver
339-7709
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - Paul Fiske

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

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.
Friday Evening Mass
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Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

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Happy Birthday!

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

January 2
Birthdays - John Armes, Chelsea Reid, Silvia Holgin, Troy Smith, Lynetta Woodward, Dwight Gillispie, Brian Dillow, Rebecca Dillow, Nelda Winn, Olivia Salgado, Garrett Martin
Anniversaries - Lupe & Debbie Trejo, Mr. & Mrs. Luke Pittman
January 3
Birthdays - Altha Fisher, Elmon Jacobs, Brandon Close, Darl Hergert, Lois Shieldknight, Charles Bartz, Martha Villalobos, Betsy Ward, Joe Morris, Rodger Ferguson, Lorraine Schick, Crista Moreno
Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Wilbanks, Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Lowe
January 4
Birthdays - Emma Lou Collins, Allen Mires, Denise Ware, Janie Kunselman, Willis Boyd, Randall Mitchell, April TeBeest, Harold Crooks, Martina Miller, Lori Haight, Mandy Vernon
Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Baker, Mr. & Mrs. George De Santiago
January 5
Birthdays - Brice Lewis, Kent Rimmel, LaNetta Shapley, Glenda Cambell, Scotty DeWitt, Becky Renteria, Linda Tope, Kim Stinson, Rick Cazares, Jacinda Perez, Kent Rimmel
Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Blau
January 6
Birthdays - Benny McCullough, Debbie Knight, Julie Logsdon, Valorie Hull, Joyce Sparks, Sam Boone, Teresa Pope, Alicia Davis, Ron Antalek, Kenny Kentron, Lesa Moffett
Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Stork
January 7
Birthdays - Brad Holt, Marsha Lowe, Lucy Pittman, Judy Virden, Mrs. Perry Hawkins, Michael Rodriguez, Pam Porter, Buddy Parker, Christina Bayless, Dorothy Nollner, Kimberly Irwin
Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Howard Nash
January 8
Birthdays - Cody Barkley, Haley Shields, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Amanda Schneider
January 9
Birthdays - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Britt Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim

Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blau, Bill Etling
Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Kell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Logsdon
January 10
Birthdays - Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Barbara Rojas, Chrissy Bensing, Justin Johnson, Alex Logsdon, Devin Sibley, Melissa Vasquez, Andrea Woolley
Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Frantz
January 11
Birthdays - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Gloria Knox, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta Prather
Anniversaries - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Bradley
January 12
Birthdays - Imogene Williams, Helen Fisher, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stedje, Bryant Layton, Steve Ellis, Downing Salazar, Bradley Carlisle, Tara Davis, Brandlee James
Anniversaries - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Lang, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Overbey
January 13
Birthdays - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgearld, T.J. Johnson, Molly McCloy, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell
January 14
Birthdays - Denise Ware, Debbie Coates, Ellen Reynolds, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey
Anniversaries - Greg & Shonda Odegaard
January 15
Birthdays - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Sparks, Jennifer Poer, Remington Smith, Gary Faries
Anniversaries - Billy & Martina Miller
January 16
Birthdays - Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Jason Babitzke, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana Huerta

Our Deepest Sympathy

DANIEL "PINKY" SHEETS



SPEARMAN - Daniel "Pinky" Sheets, 91, died Monday, December 30, 2002.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Church of Christ with Leonard Harper officiating. Burial will be in Holt Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Sheets was born at Jeffery, in the Holt Community on June 11, 1911. He was the second of 13 children born to Claud and Nannie Archer Sheets. In 1938, he married May Jean Jagers of Mount Vernon in Amarillo.

He was a man of many talents. At various times in his life he was a teacher, postmaster, farmer, rancher, business owner, county commissioner, school board member, bank director, horse trader, fisherman, prospector, oil wildcatter and inventor. During World War II, he oversaw the ration program for war necessary businesses in Hutchinson County.

During his youth, he was well known for his roping and bronc riding abilities. Many of his friends thought he could talk to animals. Actually, his understanding was so great that they just seemed to do what he wanted. He enjoyed telling his grandchildren of the old days and they loved listening to his stories.

His farming and ranching activities ranged from Quanah to Sofia, N.M. He was happiest when working at the Turkey Track Ranch, where he was in partnership with cousins and worked in different companies for 60 years. At one time Adobe Walls Cattle Co. ran cattle on 90,000 acres of land.

He was known for his honesty and integrity. During his life he conducted most of his business deals with a handshake and an oral agreement. This was as sacred to him as a written contract. He was a visionary who was instrumental in the development and use of several time-saving work devices we now take for granted. This included the use of grain augers, wire rollers, hay loading machines and portable dipping vats. He and his cousins were probably some of the first to use the helicopter to check remote water, cattle and fences. He was involved in many other innovations in the Panhandle.

After retirement from the Adobe Walls Cattle Co., he and Jean traveled extensively and spent 23 winters in South Texas. He had many friends in this travel circle and some of them traveled together. He visited every state in the United States and on a trip to Alaska, flew north of the Arctic Circle. Their 50th wedding anniversary was spent in the Yucatan where a jungle party was thrown in their honor. He still receives Christmas cards from all over the North America area.

Even though his health had deteriorated, he amazed family and friends in his last few years with his stamina and his continued interest in new adventures. He was blessed with an active mind and common sense. One of his latest projects was a test plot of a special grass never established this far north in Texas to see if it would adapt to Panhandle weather.

His last invention took place in the nursing home. Because nobody would bring him baling wire, he used plastic bags to tie a walker to his wheelchair so the he had a machine that allowed him to walk, sit or ride.

He was preceded in death by his wife in August 2000.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry of Spearman and Perry of San Antonio; five grandchildren, Tommy, Jeri Ann, Carolyne, Lee and Jeff; eight great-grandchildren, Joshua, Hannah, Mike, Sandy, Jackie, Kim, David and Julie; two sisters, Grace Harmon of Wharton and Francis Cudd of Spearman; and four brothers, Branch, S.B. and Claude, all of Spearman, and Willis of Round Rock.

MONUMENTS

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HAYDEN STEINBERGER

ROCKWALL - Hayden Steinberger, infant son of Danc and Shannon Holton Steinberger, died Monday, December 23, 2002.

Private family graveside services were at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 26, 2002 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Cole officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Hayden was born December 23, 2002, in Borger. He went to be with the Lord on Monday.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Bonnie Benson, Carl Brown, Fritz Steinberger and Richard Holton.

Survivors include his parents; his grandparents, Jerry and Cindy Holton of Spearman and Bill and Judy Steinberger of Perryton; and his great-grandparents, Elizabeth Holton of Spearman, Gladys Brown of Sunray, Sis Steinberger of Stratford and Austin Benson of Amarillo.

SHELA VON FEWELL

CLIFTON - Shela Von Fewell, 76, died Wednesday, December 25, 2002.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday, December 30, 2002 at First Baptist Church in Spearman, with the Rev. Patrick Six officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Bros. Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Fewell was born June 10, 1926, in Salem, Ill., to Ray and Gladys Bryant. She married Clay D. Fewell on July 28, 1946, in Salem.

She enjoyed singing with her husband in gospel quartets early in their marriage, and she continued to sing in various church choirs throughout her life. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Spearman.

Mrs. Fewell held various jobs, but the one she enjoyed the most was as the sheriff's dispatcher in Spearman in the late 1970s. She resided at Clifton Care Center in Clifton for 1 1/2 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband in July 2001.

Survivors include a brother, Harold Bryant of Salem; two sons, David Fewell of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Randy Fewell of Salado; and six grandchildren, Theresa, Mandi, Tiffany and Stephen Fewell of Six Lakes, Mich., Cassie Fewell of Plano and Stephen Fewell of Salado.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Spearman.

T.J. "DOC" BERGIN

GRUVER - T.J. "Doc" Bergin, 73, died Sunday, December 29, 2002, in Spearman.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2002 in Gruver United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jerry Moore officiating. Private family burial was at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2002 in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Bergin was born July 23, 1929, in Texhoma, Okla. He graduated from Gruver High School in 1946 and Texas A&M in 1950. He married Charlotte Stephens of Shamrock on July 17, 1951. He farmed and ranched in Hansford County on land that had been in his family for more than 100 years.

He was employed by DeKalb AgRESEARCH from 1968 until 1986. He was a member of Gruver United Methodist Church, Hansford County Farm Bureau board, Palo Duro River Authority, Gruver Lions Club, the ag development council of Texas A&M and High Plains A&M Club.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Sherry Schmitz of Borger and Frankie Sims of Lubbock; a son, David Bergin of Perryton; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Gruver United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 977, Gruver, TX 79040.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group
 Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 7-8 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Register Tapes for Education
 The Spearman 7th and 8th Grade Gifted & Talented class began accepting register tapes from Lowe's Marketplace on September 1, 2002 and will continue until March 31, 2003. These tapes will be turned into valuable and important educational equipment, free of charge, for the Spearman Junior High campus. Tapes may be given to any Spearman Junior High student, or may be taken to the Spearman Junior High office.

Campbell's Soup Donation
 Campbell's Soup is donating a can of soup (up to 5 million) to area food banks just by clicking on a football helmet at their website. It's quick, easy and can be done once a day.
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New GED Enrollment & Orientation
 Enrollment and orientation for new GED students will be held January 7, 2003 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Spearman High School. For more information contact Claudine Hardy at 659-2563, Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 or Glenda Guthrie at 659-2584.

Adult English Classes
 Adult English Classes will continue on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. from January 7th to May 15th in the Gruver Jr. High 600 Garrett St. We would like to help you with your English language acquisition. You may contact Alan Tarango (733-2239) or Cathy Potts (733-2329).

Annual Community Health Fair
 Hansford County Hospital District and the Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center will Co-Sponsor the Annual Community Health Fair at the O'Loughlin Center on Saturday, January 18, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be various health-related services represented in addition to a blood drive and lab tests at reduced prices. The theme of this year's health fair is "New Year's Resolutions for Healthy Life Style Choices."

Medical Fund Established for Holly Tercero
 A medical fund has been established for Holly Tercero at First State Bank. Holly was injured in an automobile accident in Hansford County on November 30, 2002, and is still in the hospital in Amarillo.

Hansford County Library Memorial Fund Established
 A Memorial Fund has been set up at the Hansford County Library for the purpose of purchasing a microfilm reader/printer for student & genealogy research at the library. If you would like to donate to this fund please contact Sheri Benton at 659-2231.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office
 Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) now has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. Jamie Casdorph, Outreach Caseworker, is scheduled to be at that location each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and Children's Advocate, Marsha Neely, will continue to be in Spearman each weekday. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services.

Area Agency on Aging Seeks Volunteers
 The Nursing Home Ombudsman program of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is actively seeking individuals to serve as advocates for residents of area nursing homes. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the Panhandle. Ombudsmen promote resident rights, quality of life and quality of care by identifying and resolving complaints by or on behalf of residents. To learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Jeff Price or Tanya Mock of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at (800) 642-6008.

Gospel Concert with Dixie Melody Boys
 The Dixie Melody Boys will present a Gospel Concert on January 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Borger High School Auditorium. Admission is free, but a free-will offering will be accepted.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Cathy,
I was very disappointed with the front page of your Christmas edition. By omitting Mary, the human mother of Jesus Christ, though she was without sin, and Joseph, your front page was nothing more than a "forged" nativity scene, with the three human kings, and the one you proclaim as King of Creation. It was a slap in the face of women throughout the world - you simply blew it. Jesus had a mother, Mary, and there is nothing you can do to change that fact, try as you may. Jesus simply did not appear out of thin air.

Respectfully,
Bob Bort
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To my friends in Spearman, Texas - December 8, 2002:

I am now 30 days into a 90-day mission - 2/3 accomplished and only 1/2 finished. I have been from Brounemouth, England to Edinburgh Scotland and back to Teeside, England and haven't seen any alligators yet. Even though they speak English, it's very much like a foreign language. It's still easy to know why we had a Boston Tea Party (15% tax). I'm sure proud of Christopher Columbus. I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Dean Coates,
Texas Alligator Ranch

Dear Editor:

As a former aide to President George W. Bush, I felt it necessary to respond to last week's letter to the editor concerning the President and the possible war with Iraq.

First of all, I have to agree with the writer that I too hope and pray that our present conflict with Iraq can be resolved through diplomacy rather than through war. The fact of the matter is that we are already fighting a global war on terrorism. Iraq is only a small component of that war. The person with the most responsibility in this war is the President of the United States, George W. Bush.

The thought that just because the

President has no previous war experience does not entitle him to take military action against Iraq is not only ridiculous, but even more ridiculous is the implication that he is just trying to resolve unfinished business from his father's administration. God bless our veterans and those who have died protecting our liberty, but unfortunately our country continues to face threats globally and they must be dealt with.

As Commander In Chief, the President not only has the right, but the responsibility and duty to use whatever means necessary to defend the United States and its freedoms. The American people have seen the President do just that since the September 11th attacks. Not only has Iraq constantly ignored 12 United Nations sanctions by continuing its development of biological and chemical weapons, but in 1998 removed UN inspectors and on a daily basis continues to fire on U.S. fighters patrolling the no-fly-zone. Every time Iraq fires on our planes threatening the lives of our pilots they are attacking the United States. This defiance can no longer stand.

The implication that the "oil and weapons lobbyist" have enough pull with the President to talk him into a war is ludicrous. The President isn't going to go to war and risk lives just get a few extra campaign contributions in 2004.

At the end of day the President is the only one that has to go to bed at night knowing that he may be putting young Americans in harm's way. And yes, they could even die. The President is not going to let this happen unless there is no other way. There is no one in this country that bears more of a burden for that responsibility than George W. Bush. He has already shown us his commitment to diplomacy by first going to the UN and asking for a resolution urging Iraq to comply with UN inspections.

Every morning in the Oval Office the President reads a threat assessment for that day. He receives daily FBI and CIA intelligence briefings so that he is up to speed on what potential threats there are against the United States and then he decides what action must be

taken. Do we want to give terrorist such as Saddam Hussein the ability to strike first? I can already hear the critiques saying, "why did Bush let this happen when he knew about the threat ahead of time and could have taken them out first?" Do we want to put even more lives at risk by sitting on our hands?

George W. Bush's fighter wing was never called-up during the Vietnam War. He is fortunate. The President is going to do everything possible to avoid a military conflict with Iraq so that other young men and women will be just as fortunate as he was. Please pray for our service men and women, our President, and our nation.

Cody J. Cazares
Former Aide to George W. Bush

Editor's Note: For those who did not see the letter to which Cody is referring, it is being reprinted in this week's issue.

To whom it may concern:

As a combat vet I see the horrible side of war. Not like our president who was guaranteed to not be on the front line and saw the good side (MONEY SIDE) of war.

I am worried about us going to war. It's something that most American public only understand from the point of view of success, or at least no effect.

I believe if our president had actually seen combat he would not be doing what he is doing. If you read his history, his dad made sure he did not see combat. Which is interesting because he, the dad, did see combat! Maybe he knew his son should not see it.

Please read the history about one of our past presidents, Eisenhower - his thoughts etc. He was one of

our greatest presidents.

I believe that most Americans do not have a clue what they are getting into.

God bless America. Will He, GOD, agree if we are the aggressors? Especially if we cannot prove the man has the ultimate weapon? Is it clear and present danger? Who is really wanting this war? Is this a son trying to take up the downfall or finish what a father did? I do wonder about that.

Just who is going to benefit from this? The oil and weapon lobbyist are very strong in Washington. Would you let a family member go and fight at this point?

I know 9-11 comes into play here (or does it?). But does it justify this action? Do we want the U.S. to be the aggressor? Please think before people are killed (and Americans will be).

If we prove the monster, (who I think was abused as a child himself) is making horrible weapons, lets go for it.

I know I am a minority. But I was a minority during the Vietnam war - I actually had to fight. As a Christian man I have to think, would God approve of this. In my mind He would not approve of this unless it was clear and present danger.

The poor and minority's will do most of the fighting. The rich will profit. That seems to be the American way, especially from the time of Vietnam. You can call me a callous old war vet if you like, but who better to talk about war than those that have experienced it and suffered from it - not those who have seen it from a distance.

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January What's Coming Up

- January 3 Teacher Workday/Staff Development (no students)
- January 6 First Day of Second Semester (Students return from holidays)
- January 9-11 Spearman Junior High Basketball Tournament
- January 10 Elementary Awards Assembly - K-12, 11:30 a.m.; 3rd-5th grade, 12:15 p.m.]
- January 13 Immunization Clinic @ Cracker Box Gym - 10:30 a.m. - Noon; 1-3 p.m.]
- January 13 Regular School Board Meeting @ HS Library - 7 p.m.
- January 15 Junior High Awards Assembly @ Cracker Box Gym - 3 p.m. DEC Planning Meeting (for indicators & folders) @ HS Library - 4 p.m.
- January 16-18 Fritch 9th Grade Basketball Tournament (Lynx)
- January 16-20 Fort Worth Heifer Show
- January 16 Board/Superintendent Strategic Planning Workshop
- January 17 All-Region Band Clinic & Concert @ Amarillo Civic Center
- January 22 National School Nurses Day - Say Thanks to Linda Winegarner District Education Improvement Committee Meeting @ HS Library - 4-6 p.m.
- January 23-25 Canadian 9th Grade Basketball Tournament (Lynettes) Gruver Junior High Basketball Tournament
- January 24 Basketball Homecoming (All-School Pep Rally) @ Uarsity Gym - 2:30 p.m.
- January 26 Spearman Practice Livestock Show
- January 28-31 Fort Worth Steer & Barrow Show
- January 30 Board/Superintendent Strategic Planning Workshop

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Snider, McElhany Wed



Mrs. Ryan McElhany

LaShera Denise Snider and Ryan Patrick McElhany were married November 23, 2002 in a double-ring ceremony in Dumas First Assembly of God Church. The Rev. Gary McElhany and the Rev. Jerry Trammell officiated.

LaShera is the daughter of Bobby and Kay Snider of Dumas. She is the granddaughter of Irene Snider of Spearman the late Steve and Mary Glassey of Perryton and

Vance Snider of Spearman. Ryan is the son of Gary and Julie McElhany of Lancaster. He is the grandson of Robert and Lois Baumbardt of Fond du Lac, WI and Betty McElhany of Joplin, MO.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white dress with a corset-style top adorned with lace and beads. The full tulle skirt was designed with small appliques and

a medium length train.

The bridal bouquet was made of 24 lavender roses tied ballet-style with purple ribbon. Special accessories included "something old" - her mother's veil, "something new" - sparkly tennis shoes, "something borrowed" - her grandmother's necklace and bracelet, and "something blue" - garter.

She also wore a cameo ring which belonged to her late grandmother, Mary Glassey.

The maid of honor was Courtney Gust of Kansas City, Kan. Kylie Snider and Taryn Swafford, both of Dumas were their sister's bridal attendants.

Bridal attendants wore straight dresses of periwinkle blue with chiffon across the top and down the back. They carried lavender colored hydrangea arranged into a lall and tied ballet-style.

Eric Ferris of Tupelo, Miss., was the best man. Brent Johnson of Midlothian, the groom's brother-in-law and John Stanley of Midlothian were groomsmen.

Guests were seated by Vance Snider, II, brother of the bride and Justin Wehunt, both of Dumas.

Courtney Cook was the flower girl and Junior Cook was the ring bearer.

Stacey Johnson provided special music, which included *Pachabel's Canon*, *Bridal March*, *By Heart*,

By Soul and Wrapped Up In You.

Susan Hudson registered guests at the wedding.

The aisles were decorated with white bows on the pews. The alter was decorated with a pewter archway with matching candleholders adorned with ivy and twinkle lights.

The bride's mother wore a periwinkle dinner dress with a matching lavender hydrangea corsage with white roses.

The groom's mother wore a plum-colored dinner dress with a matching hydrangea and white rose corsage.

A reception honoring the couple was held in the fellowship hall of the church. Servers included Renae Wehunt, Barbara Eads, Darla Anderson, Jonda Neal, Susan Hudson and Karen Clemens.

The bridal tables were adorned with lavender-colored table cloths with silver vases. Decorations included white see-through bird cages with tea-light candles and toole and large candles and strewn hydrangea petals.

The bride is graduate of Dumas High School and Southwestern Assemblies of God University in

Waxahachie. She's a kindergarten teacher at Pleasant Run Elementary in Lancaster.

The groom is a graduate of Lancaster High School and Southwestern Assemblies of God University. He is employed as the

Multimedia Coordinator for Southwestern Assemblies of God University.

Following a honeymoon trip to Galveston, the couple lives Red Oak.

Thank You

Dear Friends & Family,

We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for all the prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and food sent during the loss of our mother. We appreciate Dr. Garnett, the hospital staff, EMS crew, and Brother Scott for all their part during that day. Thanks so much for all the kindness and thoughtfulness shown during this time.

Family of Reta Gross
Debbie & Teresa Chisum

Thank You

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Campus and District Site-Based Decision-Making Committees

The following notes are from recent campus and district site-based meetings and are intended to highlight and communicate activities to parents and the community. Persons who have questions and/or comments can either call the Superintendent's Office at 659-3233 or can mail their questions and/or comments to 403 East 11th Avenue, Spearman, Texas. The district site-based committee will route questions and comments to the appropriate committees.

HIGH SCHOOL - October 1, 2002

- Selection of parent, business and community members to serve on high school committee.
- The committee began the process of reviewing and making revisions to the Campus Improvement Plan.

HIGH SCHOOL - October 22, 2002

- The committee reviewed the BE/ESL Program Evaluation for the 2001-2002 school year.
- The committee continued working on the Campus Improvement Plan.

HIGH SCHOOL - October 28, 2002

- Mr. Belger presented a DRAFT of the Campus Improvement Plan.
- Additional information regarding CATE and Tech Prep was discussed and is to be included in the Campus Improvement Plan.

JUNIOR HIGH - November 6, 2002

- Mr. Wiggins presented a DRAFT of the Campus Improvement Plan.

- National and state goals for student performance were looked at and reviewed.

- Title I components were discussed and a parent meeting scheduled to discuss parental involvement.

- TAAS, LEP (RPTE), Special Education (SDAA), and other data were discussed and reviewed by the committee. This material served as a needs assessment for the development of the Campus Improvement Plan.

- The OEY program was discussed as it related to the Campus Improvement Plan.

- Three goals for the Campus Improvement Plan were discussed at length: (Goal #1) 90% passing rate on all TAKS assessments, (Goal #2) Students demonstrating behavior that supports academics and life-long success, and (Goal #3) Parental involvement to promote parents as partners in their child's education.

PRIMARY SCHOOL - October 8, 2002

- The first six-weeks attendance rate was reviewed (98%) and the tardy issue discussed.

- TAKS Tuesday was slated to start on October 15, 2002.

- An update was given on the status of the creation of a PTO.

- Information was given about the progress of the TAAS celebration.

- Primary School - November 4, 2002

- Selection of parent, business and community members to serve on elementary school committee.

- In addition to the faculty needs assessment previously completed, the committee discussed and drafted a parent survey to be sent home to parents.

- Reviewed the BE/ESL Program Evaluation for the 2001-2002 school year.

- The committee reviewed the AEIS indicators for 2001-2002.

- The current student population and class size were discussed.

- Enrollment as of Monday, October 28, 2002 at the elementary school was 347.

- Discussed and approved staff development plans for Friday, November 8, 2002.

- Discussed the McKinney Vento Homeless Act and the requirements to serve homeless students.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE (DEIC) - October 23, 2002

- Reviewed the Gold Performance Acknowledgments (GPA) received by the district. Spearman High School received four acknowledgments and ranks in the top 1.3 percent of districts in the state.

- The results of a senior survey given to the class of 2002 were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that 39 out of 42 students said they felt they had received a quality education at Spearman High School.

- Reviewed the BE/ESL Program Evaluation for the 2001-2002 school year.

- The committee watched a 9-minute video produced by TEA and narrated by the new Commissioner of Education entitled "From TAAS to TAKS."

- The majority of the meeting was spent reviewing and making minor revisions to the District Improvement Plan.

- A public hearing was scheduled for December 9, 2002 at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria to review the AEIS Report Cards (campuses and district) and to present the improvement plans to the board of trustees for approval.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

2002 - The Year in Review

As the journal for the year 2002 closes, our community has experienced drought, death, a devastating fire, businesses closing, changes in our schools, and the possibility of pig farms expanding in the area. Even so, our blessings abound as our community saw many new births, returning moisture and higher prices for grains, four outstanding awards for our school system as well as numerous individual academic awards and achievements, new businesses, and the prospect of a new wind energy industry.

This was the year of 2002:

January

Gruver Junior High Principal Ann Moore is named Principal/Assistant Principal of the Year for Region 16 of the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.

Kade Carthel and Kaylee Holt were chosen Mr. and Miss GHS by their classmates. Other honors went to Zack Christian and Jacinda Perez - Mr. and Miss Beautiful, Kade Carthel and Kaylee Holt - Most Likely to Succeed, and Nathan Watkins and Jacinda Perez - Friendliest.

Junior high students Rebecca Abernathy, Drew Grottegut Conrad

Curry, and Justin Thompson by virtue of their high TAAS test scores compete in the Duke Talent Find by taking the ACT College Placement Test.

Kade Carthel is named to the Texas All State Academic Football team.

Gruver graduate Buster McLain wins the Mizzou Indoor Invitational Track Meet with a vault of 17' 5 1/2 inches and is named Southland Conference Athlete of the Week.

February

1.3 inches of moisture is recorded in nine inches of snow which fell the first week of February.

The GHS Lady Hounds take second place in district and advance to bi-district.

GHS Hounds lose tie-breaker game with Booker and the chance

Lady Hounds lose 59-58 heart-breaker in bi-district game with Vega.

Lance Williams exhibits the third place heavyweight cross barrow at the San Antonio Stock show.

Chad Howe, Kade Carthel, Teal Armes, Lisa Johnson, and Brandi Griffin are named to the all district basketball team.

David Puebla, Kade Carthel, Cassie Myatt, Kaylee Holt, Christi Clift, Cassie Myatt and Amy Watley are named to the academic all district basketball team.

Bob Davis wins Hansford County Republican Primary for justice of the peace with no democratic contender in November election.

March

GISD Board of Trustees approves the Exigency Plan Resolution with potential reduction in personnel force.

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New Year's Greetings

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Chamber Accepting Business of the Year & Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2003. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2003.

Business of the Year Nomination

This award recognizes a Spearman business for achievement and leadership in business. Eligibility requirements include membership in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce; a business that has been in business for at least two years; a record of involvement in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic endeavors; and a business that promotes Spearman and the residents it serves.

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If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: _____
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Citizen of the Year Nomination

This award recognizes an individual for exceptional service that has contributed to the development of Spearman. The award may recognize contributions that have enhanced Spearman's quality of life, or its economic development. It may encompass exceptional achievements related to government leadership, the arts, social welfare programs, civic services, or other appropriated avenues that have enhanced life for all Spearman citizens. While the award is intended to recognize an individual for specific achievements that have occurred during the year immediately preceding the presentation, it may, however recognize an individual for distinct lifetime achievement in the area of community service. Nominations may be made by any resident of Spearman or by any Spearman social service or organization.

Nominee: _____
 Name of Business (if appropriate): _____
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In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment make this individual uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

If necessary, please attach additional pages.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Condolences are expressed to the family of Mrs. Sheila Fewell. She passed away last week. Interment was at Hansford Cemetery beside her husband, Clay.

While George Young had a good excuse to keep from shoveling snow, he would have preferred that over having hip replacement. He underwent surgery at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo on December 11th and was later transferred to Spearman for a week of rehab.

He is pleased, as is Virginia, with his progress.

All those men and women who planned, prepared and served the bountiful Christmas Day dinner at the O'Loughlin Center are due gratitude and thanks by all. It was an example of true Christmas Spirit.

Olive Pendergraft enjoyed having her niece, Nancy, visit her for a week before Christmas. She is from Medina, near Austin.

The Sunday Amarillo Globe News section "Spirit Giving" included a picture of two residents of Hanford Manor - Marie Coates and Grace O'Brennan.

The emphasis was on student volunteers, one of which was also pictured. Ashlee Flowers, daughter of Gary and Karla Flowers, is a National Honor Society member and student at Spearman High School.

Also listed in the "Project Celebrates Volunteerism" were Peggy and Alton Ellsworth.

Christmas Notes:

Phil and Clara Jenkins had her granddaughter, Marva Alexander of California as their guests the week before Christmas. Their Christmas holiday guests were Phil's daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Chris Smith, and son Christopher of Austin, and Christopher's fiancé, Andrea, of San Antonio. Another guest was Phil's granddaughter, Lisa Smith, also of Austin.

Sara Dossett spent Christmas week with her son and family, the Buddy Dossetts, in Harlingen in the San Benito Valley. The weather was ideal. All the green foliage and ripe fruit was a pleasant contrast to the snow-covered plains.

Sara expressed appreciation to Gary and Cathy Smith for taking her to the airport when she flew down. Her son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Theresa Dossett of Amarillo brought her home.

Guests of Don and Lynanne Maize on Wednesday and Thursday were their two daughters, Jamie Maize of Amarillo and Tammi and husband Lance Simpson, with children Peyton and Slade, of Borger.

Chalmers and Betty Porter had a truly fine Christmas when their entire family spent from the Sunday before until the Saturday afternoon after with them. - 13 in all

Doug and Pam came from Bourbonnais, Ill. Doug coaches there at Olivette College. Dr. William and Laura Porter, with their three children, came from Fargo, North Dakota. Dr. Raymie

and Natalie, with their two sons, came from Grand Rapids, Minn.

Bill and Lil Turner had guests for several days during the week. Tim and Dionne Kizziar, with daughters Madelyn and Carolyn, came from Jenks, OK, and spent three days with them.

Joe Ned Turner of Amarillo was also here.

The Kizziars also visited his mother, Mrs. Ruth Kizziar.

Guests of Jennifer and Kyle Keim were his parents, Glen and Kyra Keim of Clovis. They were here several days, including Christmas Day.

Others enjoying their visit were Verna Gail Keim, Jack Krum, Loyall and Ginger Turner, Bill and Lil Turner, Joe Ned Turner and Josephine Schneider.

Karen Cargill of Denver City spent Christmas week with her parents, Raye and Helen Gibson, and other relatives. Her son, Jason Cargill, who is teaching at Ralls, and her daughter, Jennifer, who is employed in Abilene, joined them.

Relatives from Amarillo, as well as all the local Gibsons shared Christmas day at Raye and Helen's home.

Glenda Close had all her family home for the holidays. Her son, Freddie Tucker and family came from Ft. Worth. Justin and Shawn Tucker were here from Amarillo.

Jim and Rosemary Brown have had guests since the Saturday

before Christmas, and expect them to stay another week. Her sister, Meraline and Dave Clausen, with son Christopher, are from Tucson, Ariz.

All spent Christmas day in Amarillo with relatives.

Peggy and Allen Varnon had all of their family for the week. They included their son Jason and friend Laura Hadley of Amarillo and his daughter, Taylor, of Spearman; son Eric, a youth minister at a Presbyterian Church in Ft. Worth, and Richard, a student at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Other guests were Richard and Betty Gaines, Olive Pendergraft, and Glenda Close.

All enjoyed a breakfast on Christmas eve morning and supper, followed by the gift exchange at the home of Glenda Close. The entire group enjoyed Christmas dinner at the Varnon home, with another guest, Dr. Vibhu Sharma.

Guests of Carolyn and Don Savage were their daughter and son-in-law, Misty and Shawn Martin, and four sons, of Quitman, Ark.; heir son, Britt Lindsay of Dallas, with daughter and son-in-law Tammy and Chris Roe and two sons and a daughter of Buffalo; and Mrs. Orlene Martin, also of Quitman.

Weather for the week of December 23rd to 7 a.m. on December 30th: the high was 53 on the 30th; low was 8 on Christmas day; moisture of .96 from 9.71 inches of snow.

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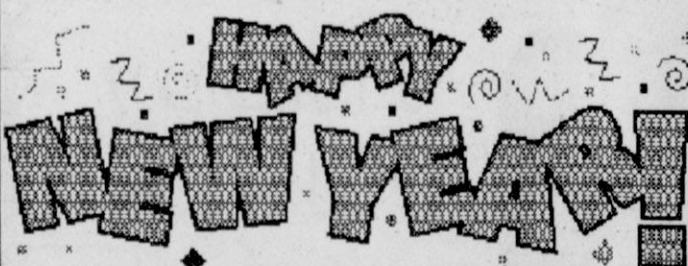


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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

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Gruver graduate Cody Cazares is active in the John Cornyn Senatorial Campaign.

The El Vaquero Breakfast Barn, a new Gruver business, opens for business.

Gruver officials request the Texas Rangers to look into possible criminal activity in the Hansford County Sheriff's Office.

GHS one act play "Any Body for Tea" advances to district competition. Beth Yanke and Britt Morris are named to the zone all star cast. Rachel Abernathy and TJay Sherrill make the honorable mention cast list.

Four GHS students advance to district UIL Academic competition in five events: Amy Watley - News Writing, Kade Carthel Headline Writing and Feature Writing, Sammi Johnson - Accounting, and Cassie Myatt - Mathematics.

United Methodist Church's Clothes Closet, a minimally priced clothing and household goods store, opens.

Rachel Abernathy and Ben Williams are named to the district all star cast list while Ashleigh Sherrill, Jenny Hart, and Britt Morris are named to the honorable mention list.

Elizabeth Duncan advances to the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest

April

GHS Golfer Katie Jones qualifies for the regional golf meet.

The GHS boys doubles team of Kade Carthel and Chad Howe wins the district gold championship. While the boys doubles team of Aaron Boyd and Wade Stewart

and the girls doubles teams of Laina Grotegut and Sammi Johnson take the runner up honors to advance to the regional tennis tourney.

GHS regional track advancers are Lady Hounds Christi Clift, Lisa Johnson, Amy Watley, Meagan Knight, and Blythe Finley and Hounds David Puebla, Oscar Cruz, Zack Christian, David Hernandez, Jose Rodriguez, Hunter Beville, TJay Sherrill, and Hutch Reed.

The Hound Sound Band of GHS receives a Division I rating at the regional concert band contest.

Evan Schmidt is named the National Rodeo Athlete of the Month.

May

No indictments are returned by the Hansford County grand jury in an incident between a member of the Hansford County Sheriff's office and the Gruver Police Office.

GHS senior Kade Carthel takes fifth place in the state UIL Headline Writing contest.

Gruver philanthropist Eva Dozier is honored on her 100th birthday.

Retiring Gruver teachers Kay Hobbs, Betty Roberts, Linda

Haight, Glenda Renner, Gerald TeBeest, Cathy Potts, and Doug Frick are honored with a reception.

Three Hansford residents are killed in a two-vehicle accident north of Gruver. Sharon Salzman, Julian Lora Mendoza, and Heracio Lora Cruz die in the crash at the intersection of Highway 136 and FM Road 2535.

Sara Bass and Kaylee Holt are named GHS valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, to lead a class of 31 graduates.

Samantha Myatt and Matt Messer are named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the Gruver Junior High eighth grade class.

Terry Sherrill is elected president of the Gruver School Board with Mike Yanke as vice president, and Benny Wilson, secretary.

Kade Carthel is selected to play in the annual Greenbelt Football game with Tessa Yanke competing in the Queens contest.

Christi Clift and Kade Carthel are named athletes of the year at the GHS athletic banquet.

Dave and Dixie Karlin are cited as Greyhound Fans of the year.

Oklahoma Panhandle State student Kelly Hart receives the JBP Sewell and the Geraldine Burns Excellence in English Studies Award.

The First Christian Church of Gruver compiles a community cookbook with proceeds for the David and Hershey Turner Medical Fund.

June

Seaboard Farms petitions for the building of hog facilities in Hansford County

Gruver Advanced Placement Biology teacher Amy TeBeest returns as a grader of the national AP Biology Test.

Krista Davis is named outstanding biology student of the year at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Bruce Bryant of Wellington is hired as the Gruver head football coach.

Kaylee Holts wins the all around girls title for the Tri State Rodeo season.

Ben Williams wins the North Plains Electric Cooperative speech contest and a 13 day trip to Washington, DC.

Evan Schmidt is named Rookie All Around Cowboy of the Year. Junior high Principal Ann Moore resigns to accept a similar position at Fredericksburg, Texas.

Matt Branstine of Bovina is hired as junior high principal.

Other new school employees hired include Jose Carmen Acevado - high school Spanish teacher, Kimberly Irwin - BCIS instructor, Julie Babbs - high school math teacher, and Wendy Branstine - counselor.

A dry spring yields a very poor irrigated wheat crop for area farmer with virtually no dry land wheat harvested.

Roy Deeds wins the Amarillo District State Truck Rodeo and advances to state competition.

Gruver postmaster Mike Floyd accepts the postmaster's position at Valley View, Texas.

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce in joint effort with the Gruver Loins Club constructs a 30 x 50' pavillion in the city park.

July

Gruver Schools Superintendent Laura Blassingame resigns.

The annual Gruver Rodeo is dedicated to the memory of Bob Cluck.

Joel Lynch of Fritch is named the interim superintendent of Gruver schools.

Gerado Monray, Gruver first grader, wins the state PTO annual environmental poster contest.

A 62,800 square feet sealcoating project is completed by the City of Gruver on streets north of Broadway Street.

A sprinkler system is installed by city workers at the Gruver City Park.

Gruver is awarded a 100% funded grant to expand their recycling center.

The City of Gruver through TXDOT Aviation grant resurfaces of the airport runway, apron, and hanger with TXDOT paying 90% of the cost, and the City of Gruver paying 10%.

August

Gruver school district earns an exemplary rating for all three campuses - elementary, junior high, and high school.

Gruver graduate Kade Carthel wins a \$6,000 UIL Academic scholarship.

Elizabeth Duncan and Ashleigh Sherrill, students of Amy TeBeest, receive college credit and a stipend for Gruver schools for their scores on the

Advanced Placement Biology test.

Gruver Police Chief since 1994, Nick Jordan, resigns to accept a position in the Dumas Police Force.

Buddy Lowe Jr. is selected to replace school board member David Bergin who resigned after moving to Perryton.

The home of Ricardo and Isabel Flores is destroyed in an early morning fire.

September

Christi Clift is chosen 2002 Gruver homecoming Queen.

Ada Joyce Stedje and Farene Williams, representing the class of 1942, are chosen Gruver Alumni Queens.

A possible case of arson at an abandoned farm house belonging to John Cluck, 11 miles west of Gruver, is investigated.

A 24' high Dairy Queen play land is erected adjacent to the business.

News of a proposed wind turbine farm in northern Hansford County is announced.

A crisis in the needed number of EMS personnel is announced by City Manager Linda Weller.

October

Seniors Aaron Boyd and Christi Clift are chosen Wendy's Heisman nominees.

Gruver freshman Jessica Schmidt wins the teen division of the Tri State Baking competition.

Meagan Knight, GHS junior, advances to the regional cross country meet.

Gruver reports the first freeze of the winter season on October with a low of 30 degrees. Icy road conditions cancel junior high and junior varsity football games.

The City of Gruver receives a 100% funded grant for the pur-

chase of video cameras for each of the city police units.

November

David Teal is selected Gruver ISD Superintendent after a statewide search.

Gruver School District receives an exemplary rating in migrant education.

County commissioners pass a tax abatement for the wind turbine field proposed in northern Hansford County.

The Petal Patch, a floral business, opens in the former location of My Mother's Garden.

Both Gruver Elementary and Gruver Junior High take first place in the district UIL Academic contest

Gruver schools named to a select few five star school district in the state by Texas Monthly Magazine.

The City of Gruver receives the Panhandle Regional Planning Commutes recycling award.

Gruver graduate Cody Cazares eyes a Texas congressional seat.

Gruver high school and Gruver Junior High are observed by the Texas Pathfinders Collaborative for their excellence in the educational process.

December

Interim superintendent Joel Lynch is honored with a reception

for this contributions to the Gruver school system.

Aaron Boyd is named first team district offensive lineman in football while David Hernandez and Manuel Lopez are named to the second team all district list with Hutch Reed, Hunter Beville, and Brandon Casdorff named honorable mention.

The lady hound Basketball team wins the Lake Meredith championship with Amy Watley and Lisa Johnson named to the all tournament team.

Seven inches of now falls in Gruver area bringing needed moisture and canceling December 3rd basketball games.

Lisa Johnson is named to the all tournament team in the Hugoton Kansas Invitational.

The City of Gruver hires John Chambers as the new police chief.

A winter storm covers the Gruver area with 8-10 inches of snow on December 23, making a white Christmas for residents.

The homes of Rhonda and J.W. Ward, Rodney and Jo Alice Clawson, and Jack and Mary Weldon are named winners in the Gruver Chamber of Commerce's annual outdoor lighting contest.

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2002 Year in Review

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Correspondent Steve Hartman and cameraman Les Rose interviewed the Jose & Sally Vaquera family for the news segment "Everybody Has A Story," which aired on CBS Evening News with Dan Rather on Friday, March 1, 2002.

Buster McLain, Southwest Texas State University pole vaulter, took first place in the NCAA Division I Mizzou Indoor Invitational Meet. Soaring 17' 5 1/2."

Cody J. Cazares, former assistant to President George W. Bush, assisted in the visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin to the Bush ranch in Crawford, Texas. Cazares was a student at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

March

The Hansford County Hospital District held a reception honoring Kay McFarlin on her retirement from Director of Nurses on March 4.

Spearman's new water tower, standing 141' tall, was raised. The new structure will hold a capacity of 100,000 gallons of water and when full will weigh 1,000,000 pounds.

Cindy Blackman was recognized as the Lion of the Year, as well as her service as president for the past year.

A Republican Primary Election was held in Hansford County on Tuesday, March 12. The only local contested race was Justice of the Peace: Bob N. Davis - 859, Gary Ellsworth - 368.

Carma and Dink Dorton were presented the "Hero for Children Award" by the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees for their service to the Spearman Band Program.

The girls ensemble of Mindee Gillaspie, Laura Gillaspie and Bethany Flores received superior ratings in competition at the Regional UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest. This qualified them to compete in the State Vocal Competition to be held May 25-27 in San Marcos.

April

Mindee Gillaspie was named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches first team all-region and second team all-state teams.

Jentry Edwards and Macy Harbour, members of the Lynxette varsity girls' track team, were the first Lynxettes to participate in pole-vaulting, after the UIL committee added pole-vaulting to the girls competition.

Three Spearman High School students and one team advanced to the regional UIL academic competition. Students advancing to region include Erin Boxwell - ready writing, Russell Sheets - debate, Michel Huffaker - debate, and the spelling team of Jeff Swan, Erin Boxwell, and Kallie Smith.

The Panhandle Press Association bestowed five awards on the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman at the annual convention.

Evan Schmidt, a Senior at Gruver High School, was selected as the Professional's Choice Air Ride™ April Boy's Student Athlete of the Month by the National High School Rodeo Association.

The alert and diligent action of Spearman Chief Deputy Tax Assessor Collector Linda Cummings, was cited as instrumental in the discovery of a vehicle theft ring in Dallas. In seeking to help a Spearman couple with the title application for a vehicle on May 21, 2001, Cummings became concerned when a computer check showed a previous vehicle title had been issued to Jose Gonzalez in the Dallas area on May 5, 2001.

Clara Shieldknight, whose fastest time in the 100-meter hurdles of 14.9 seconds tied for second in the area, signed a collegiate track and field letter of intent with Tarleton State. Tarleton recruited the Spearman High School senior to run the hurdles as well as the sprints and relays.

Adam Cherry and Kevin Beedy defeated Ozona in the finals at the regional tennis tournament 6-3, 6-3 to earn a trip to the Class 2A state tennis tournament in Austin.

Clara Shieldknight qualified for the state track meet in Austin by placing 2nd in the 110 meter hurdles in Abilene this past weekend. Colton Miller qualified to advance to the state track meet in Austin by placing 2nd in the long jump.

Spearman High's National Honor Society (NHS) and student volunteers Laura Gillaspie and Art Maestas were honored at the Reach Out...Volunteer banquet at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza on Saturday, April 1. Spearman high, represented by its National Honor Society, was one of ten schools awarded \$2500 for its outstanding volunteer program.

No indictments resulted from a grand jury inquiry of an incident between Sheriff R.L. McFarlin and a Gruver Police Officer last month. The decision by the grand jury, Wednesday, April 24, was reached after the testimony of fourteen witnesses.

Hansford County Hospital District welcomed Joann Schneider, R.N., as the Director of Nurses at Hospital County Hospital.

May

In the State UIL Academic Meet, May 3 and 4, three Hansford County competitors scored points for their schools and received medals for their efforts. Russell Sheets, a sophomore from Spearman competing in his first state meet, placed third in the Lincoln Douglas Debate contest. Kade Carthel, a senior at Gruver High School competing in his second state meet, was awarded fifth place in the Headline Writing Contest. Erin Boxwell, a senior at Spearman High School, brought home a fourth-place medal in the Ready Writing Contest.

Colton Miller upset the 2A long jump competition on May 10th at the UIL state track meet. Miller won with an outrageous attempt on his final jump of the preliminaries. He entered the competition with a best of 22 feet, 2 inches, but exploded on his third attempt, improving by 15 inches to be exact to win the long jump with an unexpected 23 feet, 5 inches.

Clara Shieldknight, a senior at Spearman High School, won fifth place honors in the girls 100 meter hurdles at the State Track and Field Meet held May 10 and 11 in Austin.

The Spearman 7th and 8th grade band competed in the Dumas Festival on Saturday, May 11th. They received an Excellent rating on the program they played in the Concert section for the judges, and a Superior rating in the Sight-Reading portion of the contest.

Spearman Junior High School held 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The Salutatory address was presented by Jacob Jones, followed by the Valedictorian address by Adriana Pinon.

Gruver Junior High School held 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 23 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Matt Messer presented the Salutatory. Samantha Myatt presented the Valedictory address.

Commencement exercises for the Spearman High School Class of 2001-2002 were held on Friday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. The Valedictory address was presented by John Brock, and the Salutatory address was presented by Matt Dunning.

Commencement exercises for the Gruver High School Class of 2001-2002 were held on Friday, May 24, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. in the Gruver High School Auditorium. The Salutatory address was presented by Kaylee Holt. The Valedictory address was presented by Sara Bass.

The Spearman High School ensemble of Mindee Gillaspie, Laura Gillaspie and Bethany Flores were awarded an excellent rating for their performance at the Texas UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest held May 26 and 28 in San Marcos.

Pringle-Morse CISD held 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. The Valedictorian was Tyler Lane, and the Salutatorian was Tonya Hart.

Paige Pearson, the seven-year-old daughter of Brenda and Sam Pearson of Spearman, was the winner of the local Dairy Queen Mother's Day Essay Contest, and the grand prize winner of all essays submitted to the thirteen-member chain of Parish Chapman Dairy Queens.

Clara Shieldknight was named Hansford County Farm Bureau Queen while Julie May was chosen the Talent Find winner in the organization's annual county contest, Tuesday, May 21.

Hansford Manor Residents became the proud owners of a beautiful new Oak Creek Aviary on Saturday, May 25th. It houses several finches, a pair of Diamond Doves, and other birds, including canaries and other finch varieties.

Nicole Ramon was crowned Miss Hansford on Tuesday, June 4th during the 2002 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant. The 2002 Miss Teen was Jessica Freeman, Miss Preteen was Amy Lee Boyd, Junior Miss Hansford was Preslee Lynne Baker, and Little Miss was Morgan LeeAnna Lackey.

Steve L. Hartgraves accepted the position of administrator of

Hansford County Hospital District. Hartgraves' wife Karen, was hired as junior high counselor at Spearman Junior High.

Burl and Nellie Buchanan named King and Queen for the 2002 Pioneer Days Celebration.

2002 International Windmill Trade Fair Convention was held in Spearman on June 6-9. With delegates hailing from 23 states and Canada, the windmillers descended on Spearman to view the J. B. Buchanan Windmill Collection, swap parts, and enjoy the comradeship of kindred minds.

Kaylee Holt of Gruver netted the All Around Girls Title for the Tri State Rodeo season.

Evan Schmidt, 2002 graduate of GHS, was named Rookie All-Around Cowboy at the Texas High School Association Rodeo.

The 53th annual Greenbelt Bowl All Star Classic football game, held Saturday, June 8, featured three outstanding Hansford County football players. Spearman's Art Maestas and Homer Munoz and Gruver's Kade Carthel competed in the event.

Ben Williams, the winner of the North Plains Electric Cooperative Speech Contest, enjoyed a 13-day trip to Washington, D.C.

Randy Pilcher, who had served as Spearman Postmaster for four years, and Mike Floyd, who had served the Gruver Post Office for nine years, marked their final day in those positions on Friday, June 28. Pilcher took the helm of the Perryton Post Office while Floyd began filling the postmaster's role at Valley View, Texas on Saturday, June 29. Sharilyn Larson, former Spearman resident, took over as Postmaster at the Spearman Post Office and Penny Kruse, current Gruver USPS employee, served in the interim period at the Gruver Post Office.

Postal rates increased on Sunday, June 30 with the price of a first class letter, flats and parcels to be 37¢ for the first ounce and 23¢ for each additional ounce.

Clara Shieldknight, a 2002 graduate of Spearman High School, was named to both the Texas Girls Coaches Association 2002 All State Track and Field Team, and the Academic All State Track Team.

July

Spearman's Skyler Sumner received the honor this last week and was named one of Channel 4's Andy Justus All-Stars.

Marty Eakin captured the steer wrestling championship at the International Finals Youth Rodeo at Shawnee, Okla. He also tied for first in saddle bronc. He is the three-time all around champion of the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association.

Joel Lynch of Fritch was named interim superintendent of Gruver schools at a special meeting of the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees Monday, July 17.

Laura and Mindee Gillaspie of Spearman, were selected to be members of the 2002 Texas Baptist All-State Choir. As a result of their auditions, Laura was chosen to participate in the alto section and Mindee was chosen to sing soprano.

The Gruver Rodeo, held Friday and Saturday, July 19 and 20, was dedicated to the memory of longtime rodeo supporter, Bob Cluck.

Evan Schmidt, 18, was transported by Medivac helicopter to Amarillo Friday evening, July 19, after receiving head injuries at the Gruver Cowbofest Rodeo. He returned home from the hospital on Monday evening.

Spearman High School students Kallie Smith and Lucy Villa attended the American Legion Bluebonnet Girls State held on the campus of Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas.

Chance Pack and Zack Hughes attended the Division II Swim Meet in Manhattan, Kansas July 26-28.

Gruver Junior High hires Matt Branstine as principal; Kent Hargis hired as superintendent at Pringle-Morse CISD; Susan Kelly hired as principal at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

Five Spearman students were members of the Texas Choral Directors Association 2002 Elementary Honor Choir. They performed at the Henry

August

B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio on August 2. Those participating were Brandon Edwards, Natalie Quintera, Addam Ferguson, Klara Keim and Chance Pack.

Sometime on the evening of August 7 or the early morning of August 8, numerous gun shots were fired into the Waka Substation on County Road 5 between Waka and Farnsworth. One of the bullets struck a large 36,000 -pound transformer that eventually failed at 5:28 a.m. on Thursday morning. The failure caused an outage that affected 1146 meters in Ochiltree and Hansford Counties. About 60% of the meters in the central part of Ochiltree were restored by 7:45 a.m.

All three Hansford County school districts began the 2002-2003 school year on Monday, August 19th.

Lucy Pittman was recognized by the Texas Criminal Justice system when she was named as the 2002 Windham School District Volunteer of the Year at the Texas Governor's Criminal Justice Volunteer Services Awards. The recognition honors volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution to the Texas Criminal Justice's mission to provide safety, promote positive change in behaviour, and reintegrate offenders into society.

Jamie Casdorph joined the Panhandle Crisis Center in the position of Outreach Worker. Jamie has been a volunteer for the Crisis Center for about two years.

James N. (Nick) Jordan ended over eight years of service with the Gruver Police Department Friday, August 16. Accepting a job with the Dumas Police Department, Jordan plans to attend classes at the Dumas campus of Amarillo College to work toward completion of his degree in Criminal Justice.

Girls Scouts of Yucca Council, based in Guymon, Okla., merged with Girl Scouts - Texas Plains Council in Amarillo. Directors and delegates voted to dissolve the Yucca Council and merge with the Amarillo council to provide greater Girl Scout membership and program opportunities to girls within the Yucca Council jurisdiction.

Quick action and appropriate response is credited in the abatement of a potential grain explosion at the Sunray Coop, Gruver Branch on Monday, August 26. Carbon dioxide trucked from Liberal, Kansas arrived in Gruver near 2 p.m., and was used to extinguish the fire beneath the large steel tank system located just south of the Highway 15 and the old office of Equity Grain.

Diane Brown, principal of Gruver Elementary in Gruver ISD, was named District 16 President-Elect for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association (TEPSA).

September

President George W. Bush designated September 6-8 as National Days of Prayer and Remembrance, asking all Americans to join together in cities, communities, neighborhoods, and places of worship to honor those who were lost, to pray for those who grieve, and to give thanks for God's enduring blessings on our land. And let us, through prayer, seek the wisdom, patience, and strength to bring those responsible for the attacks to justice and to press for a world at peace.

A rude awakening proved to be a lifesaver for a family of five early Monday morning, September 9th. Roused from their sleep by the smell of smoke at approximately 3:30 a.m., Ricardo and Isabel Flores and their three children fled their mobile home just minutes before it was engulfed in flames. Members of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) who answered the call state that the Flores mobile home, its contents and an adjacent mobile home 1/4 mile north of Highway 15 in the Harris addition outside the city limits of Gruver were totally unsalvageable.

Master quilter Gerri Davis took first place in the quilt division and was named overall Grand Champion in Domestic Arts at the Texas County Fair in Guymon. The win marked the third year for the Gruver quilter to gain the grand champion title at the annual event.

The Hansford County Library board and staff honored the Thriftshop volunteers with a luncheon at the Panhandle Diner and Deli on Wednesday, September 11.

Hansford County delegates attended the State Extension Education Conference at the Amarillo Civic Center September 10-12.

Jessica Schmidt of Hansford County claimed first place in the District 4-H Better Bake Show held Saturday, September 14, at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

A Hansford County Jury sentenced Gabino Anguiano Gutierrez, 55, formerly of Spearman, to life in prison on September 18. The sentence came down hours after finding him guilty of the murder of Evelina Rojas Luna, 52, on July 18, 2001, in Spearman.

Homecoming activities were enjoyed at Spearman High School and Gruver High School on Friday, September 20th. Spearman High School senior Jessica Crossland was crowned 2002 Spearman High School Homecoming Queen and Christi Clift was crowned 2002 Gruver High School Homecoming Queen. Ada Joyce Stedje and Farene Williams, representing the class of 1942 were crowned the 2002 GHS Alumni Queens.

Local districts recognized members of the media (either individuals or entities) statewide. TASB Media Honor Roll honorees for 2002 include the following local media organizations and individuals: Gary and Catherine Smith and Jeff Beedy - Hansford County Reporter-Statesman; Carolyn Cummings, Dwayne Smith, Rochelle Lucy and George Young - KRDF-FM; and Mike Lee - Amarillo Globe-News. Spearman ISD and the Pringle-Morse CISD passed a resolution adding these names to this honor roll.

Meeting jointly with Hansford County Commissioners and Gruver Independent School Board of Trustees on Monday, September 30th, Great Plains Windpower discussed a proposal for the development of a wind energy project in northern Hansford County.

Members of Specialist Stephanie (Bynum) Cousineau's family present Spearman High School Principal Bill Belger with a flag that flew over Afghanistan on September 11, 2002. The flag was presented in a ceremony held before the football game with West Texas High School on Saturday, October 12. Stephanie is a 2000 graduate of Spearman High School and is serving her country in the Army. Members of her family present for the ceremony included her father and mother, Kurt and Lelia Bynum, and grandparents Alice Goodman and Nita and Joe Bynum.

The Spearman High School Lynx Band traveled to Amarillo to Dick Bivins Stadium on Saturday, October 19th to participate in the Region I UIL Marching Contest. This was the first time the Lynx Band has participated in this event in several years. They received a Division III (Good) Rating (the highest rating they have received in the recent past). The band is made up of 8th, 9th and 10th grade students, with one junior and one senior participating.

Sunday, October 27, 2002, (Reformation Sunday), was celebrated by Faith and Grace as "Reunion Sunday." Not only was it the approximate 40th anniversary of each, but it was the 12th anniversary of the arrangement by which they reformed.

First National Bank of Spearman begins Internet Banking (www.fnbspearman.com).

Robert Novak resigned from the Palo Duro Water Authority. He had been a member of the board for 26 years.

The Board of Directors of Interstate Bank named David Bergin President and Chief Operating Officer. The Board also announced that John T. Cluck was promoted to Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Approximately sixty-five people attended the 70th anniversary celebration held Sunday, November 3 at the Hansford County Library. The event was hosted by the Twentieth Century Club and the Library Board and staff.

The Spearman Lynx high school and junior high band students participated in the Five States Honor Band auditions held in Guymon, Oklahoma on Saturday, November 9, 2002.

Kyna Shields and Dustin Mackie were honored as Gold Star recipients from Hansford County at the Panhandle District 145th annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet held at West Texas A&M University on Saturday, November 9th.

Ross Renner was the keynote speaker at the Veterans Day Program on Monday, November 11, in the Spearman Varsity Gym. The program was sponsored by the Extension Education Clubs of Hansford County.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, announced on Tuesday, November 12th, that he would resign from Congress effective May 31, 2003.

Great Plains Wind energy overcame the first hurdle in the possible construction of wind turbines in the county on Tuesday, November 12th as Hansford County Commissioners voted to offer a 95% abatement for years 1-3, a 90% abatement for years 4 and 5, a 70% abatement for years 6 and 7, and 0% for year 8.

Kevin Beedy signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Abilene Christian University on Thursday, November 21.

The High Plains Resource Conservation and Development Area Inc., assisted the Spearman Economic Development Corporation with the completion of the "Spearman Rural Leadership Program," based on the curriculum and standards administered by the Texas Rural Leadership Program Inc. The curriculum began with a half-day challenge course retreat on November 23rd at Ceta Canyon and will include six one-day sessions on the second Thursday of each month beginning in January 2003 in Spearman.

High Plains Public Radio's broadcast service begins to nine counties in the Northeast Texas Panhandle and surrounding areas of Oklahoma over KTOT-FM, a new non-commercial radio station at 89.5 FM, and broadcasts 24 hours a day. HPPR programming heard over KTOT-FM includes comprehensive international, national and regional news, classical, jazz and folk music, a variety of other arts and entertainment programs, as well as coverage of regional events and issues.

Gruver ISD was recognized for their exemplary rating by the Texas Education Agency. The exemplary rating was the result of each campus' achievement of a 90 % passing rate on the TAAS reading, writing, math, and social studies tests, and a dropout rate of 15 or less.

Cody J. Cazares, former aide to President George W. Bush and a student at Baylor University, was appointed to the George W. Bush Presidential Library Advisory Board by Baylor President Robert B. Sloan.

The City of Gruver's Municipal Airport received \$244,000 in funding for improvements from the Texas Transportation Commission.

The Gruver Recycling Center was announced as the winner of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission recycling award in observance of the tenth anniversary of Texas Recycles Day.

Cody J. Cazares, former aide to President George W. Bush and native of Gruver, wants to be the next State Representative to represent Hansford County in the Texas House of Representatives.

Hansford County law enforcement officials reported that Joe Wesley Temple, 30, turned himself in on Monday, December 9th, after escaping on Sunday, December 1, 2002, when he walked off a work detail about 6:30 p.m. Temple, had worked as a trustee at the Hansford County Jail since November, according to Sheriff R.L. McFarlin. The sheriff said Temple was replacing some lights at the courthouse when he decided to escape.

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