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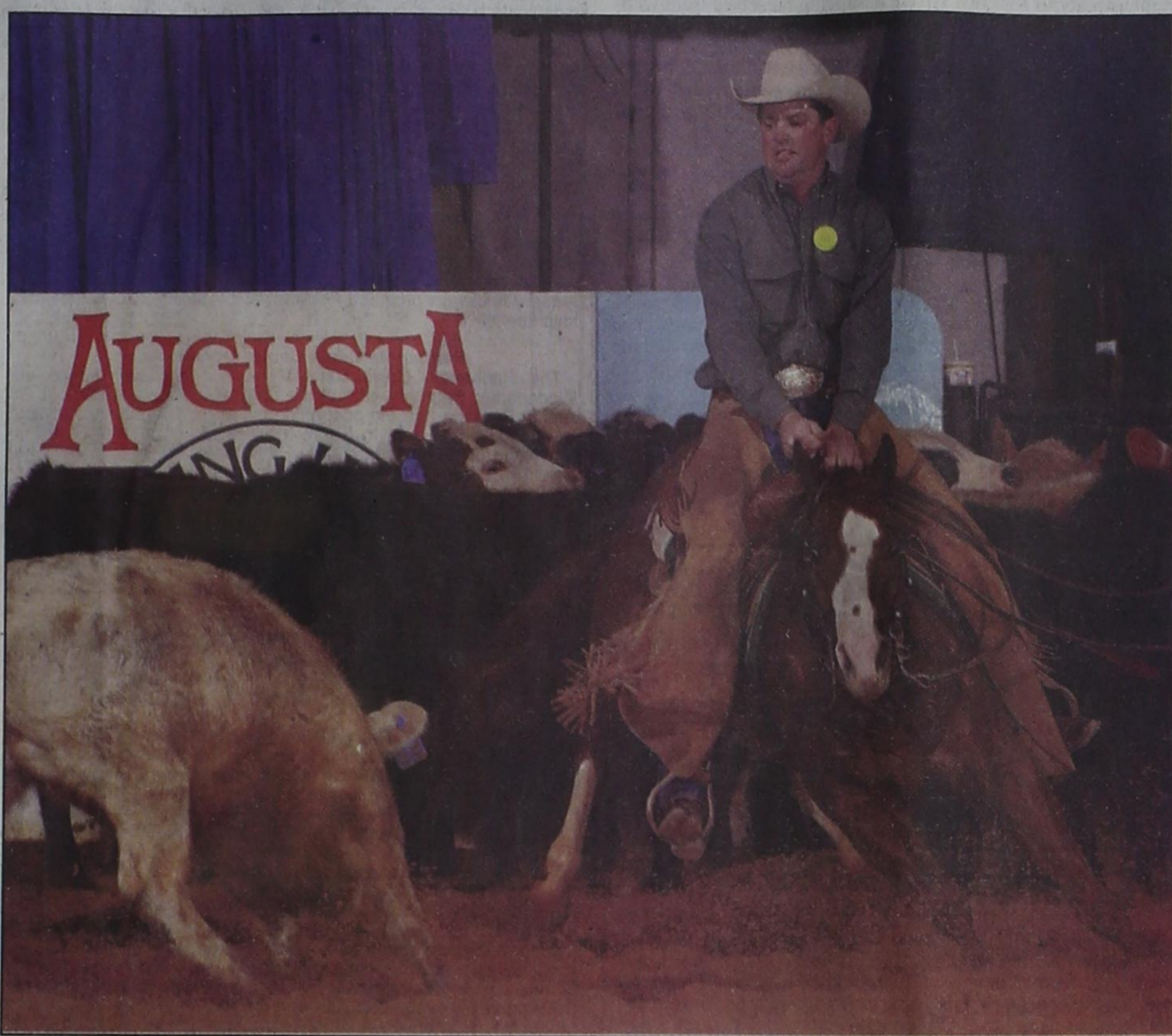
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Long Trip Pays Off For Pearson



Mark Pearson, riding Haldas Merlin, wins the 4-Year-Old Non-Pro Finals with a score of 221 on the final day of the Augusta Futurity. Photo by Jeff Barnes

Editor's Note: The following article is being reprinted from the Sunday, February 1, 2004 edition of the August Chronicle. It was written by Chris Gay, staff writer.

Mark Pearson came to Augusta mainly because of the Western Horseman Cup finals. He'll be leaving the town with a different title.

On Haldas Merlin, Pearson posted 221 to win the Augusta Futurity Classic Open finals by one point Saturday night at Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center.

Pearson of Spearman, Texas, took home the first-place check of \$18,576. Defending champion Mary Ann Rapp of Weatherford, Texas, and Cat Tuesday placed second for \$13,067, while Scotty Rice of Weatherford, Texas, and Dees Cats Meow finished third (219, \$10,889).

"It's a lot of work, getting your horse trained and showing it," Pearson said. "There's a lot of long hours. It just makes it all worthwhile when you do good."

"Everything just fell in place tonight."

Showing cutting horses since 1988, Pearson never made the trip to Augusta because of the distance. He decided to make the trek this year because of the inaugural Western Horseman Cup finals and the \$30,000 it offered to the winner.

"That's why I came, because that's a really good deal," he said. "Mr. Morris (W.S. Morris III, Augusta Futurity chairman) puts up a lot of money for one run."

The 37-year-old Pearson and his gelding, by Haldas Little

Pep out of An Apple A Day, shook away the butterflies early in their ride. The two grew more comfortable and cut three cows.

"Haldas was a little bit nervous on that first calf," Pearson said. "About midway through that first calf, he started to settle in. I was probably too nervous starting out. I probably got him nervous. ... About three moves into that first calf, I finally kind of relaxed."

Pearson and his horse marked their score ninth in the 21-horse draw. While he waited, Pearson watched the cattle in case of a workoff, knowing first place wasn't secure.


"Any of them could've moved it," he said. "There were a lot of good horses (left)."

Pearson couldn't have picked much better help for his run. His four helpers included seven-time Augusta Futurity champion Phil Rapp, three-time champion Lloyd Cox, Boyd Rice and Kory Pounds.

"My help, I couldn't have done it without them," Pearson said. "They were watching the cattle, paying attention to what had been cut and what looked like they'd be good to work."

Julie McCloud of Millsap, Texas, and High Country Lake led after two go-rounds. The two drew up first in the second bunch of cattle, but failed to put together a consistent run.

"My horse fought me a little bit on my cuts," she said. "I couldn't get him standing up. I didn't start off very good. My cows were good. It was my fault, mine and my horse's, for fighting each other a little bit."



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of the Texas Panhandle, Inc.

Walk For Kids' Sake

Walk for Kids' Sake, the annual fundraiser for the local Big Brothers Big Sisters program, will be held Saturday, March 6th, at the Ochiltree County Expo Center. This year's goal is to raise \$25,000.

The Wheatheart Satellite of BBBS of the Texas Panhandle serves Booker and Hansford and Ochiltree counties. The satellite office is financially independent; no funding is received from the parent agency in Amarillo or the national program. "The Walk for Kids' Sake is our only fundraiser," explained Kimberley Lopez, agency case manager.

"WFKS is not a walk-a-thon so it doesn't matter how far or how fast you walk. It's more like a walking party and it's all about having fun and, of course, raising money," Lopez said. "But ultimately it's about matching kids with caring mentors."

The proceeds from this event and an allocation from United Way (\$4,500) must meet the program's financial needs for the year. Funds are needed to recruit, screen, and train volunteers, supervise matches and reach out to families in our area.

The community based program of Big Brothers Big Sisters matches children ages 6-14 from single parent families with volunteer mentors. The match relationship provides a friendship with a committed, caring volunteer, a positive role model, the opportunity to develop and enhance the child's interests, skills and learning experiences and the framework for strengthening self-esteem. The program is provided at no cost to participants.

Studies show that children matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister are less likely to begin using alcohol or other drugs, be truant or act out violently. Their relationships with their family and friends improve and they even get slightly higher grades. "We are seeing results like these right here in our communities," added Lopez. Currently, there are nine match-

es in the community based program; two of them are in Spearman. There are five children on the waiting list. One is a 10-year-old Little Brother from Spearman who has been waiting for several months.

BBBS also serves local children through a school-based mentoring program, Bigs in Schools. Through this program volunteer mentors meet with students on the school campus during the school day and do not have contact with them outside of school. They talk, play games, do crafts or work on homework. Improvements in attendance, attitude and self-esteem have been observed. Nineteen students in Spearman elementary and junior high schools and ten students in the fourth - sixth grades in Perryton have been matched with mentors through this program this year. "Booker Elementary school will offer this program in the Fall," Lopez said.

"The program is really growing and we are serving more children than ever before," Lopez said. "It is simply amazing to witness the impact the volunteers have on the lives of these precious kids."

Individuals, groups and businesses can all be involved in Walk for Kids' Sake.

Teams of three to six walkers will have their choice of four shifts. Each shift has a theme and features music and activities appropriate to the theme. The shift schedule follows: 9:00 Family Walk (children and strollers welcome), 10:00 Fish Walk (featuring Christian music), 11:00 Party Walk I 12:00 and Party Walk II (music hits from the past and present).

Team members raise at least \$50 each through pledges or sponsorships. "It's as easy as asking ten friends, neighbors and coworkers for five dollars," said Lopez. Donations are tax deductible.

Walkers raising \$100 in pledges will receive a prize (the choice of a decorative cross or a candle from Taylor's Old Times Shoppe) and those raising \$200

will get an additional prize. The three individuals who raise the most money overall will each be given a special grand prize. One of this year's grand prizes is a CD/DVD player donated by Peryton Office Supply/Radio Shack.

Every walker receives a T-shirt printed by dsDesign. The shirts will feature a design by Selina Hernandez, a senior at Spearman High School, the winner of the Walk for Kids' Sake 2004 design contest. Each walker is eligible for door prizes given away during each shift. Food and drinks will be provided throughout the day. Jeannette's Sweet Creations is donating the cinnamon rolls served during the first shift.

This year's event sponsor is the Courson Family Trust but there are several other levels of business sponsorship. Corporate sponsors contribute \$500 to the event. Corporate sponsors for 2004 are: United Supermarkets, Texas Farm, Badger Resources, Jet Well Service, Samson Resources, XCEL Energy, Kim Thomas Disposal, Ochiltree General Hospital and Foster Testing/Wright Trucking.

Shift sponsors donate \$350. Businesses or groups can be Mile Markers for \$100 and Extra Mile Markers \$250. Step-Up sponsors contribute \$50. Businesses may also donate door prizes or grand prizes for walkers. PTSI will sponsor the Fish Walk and Interstage Bank will sponsor the Family Walk.

Anyone who would like to serve as a team captain or who would like more information about this event or becoming a volunteer should call 434-0016 or toll-free 1-877-716-3424. Advisory Committee members are recruiting team captains and sponsorships. These members are Tony Brown, Terry Danley, Belinda Benavidez, Vickie Barby, Becky Cunningham, Ken Donahue, Marva LaMaster, Marsha Neely, Janet McLain, Ken Splawn, Brian Torres, Aida Ontiveros and Roger Wright in Perryton, Sue Phillips in Booker and Don Townsen in Spearman.

Teen Prodigies To Perform In Gruver

by Harletta Carthel

The Buddy and Tina Wright Band of Lubbock, who were selected by the Texas Commission on the Arts as Touring Artists for 2003-2005, will be making a special appearance at the Gruver High School Auditorium, Saturday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m.

The multi-talented brother and sister, who sing and write much of the music they perform, have appeared on nationwide television and in numerous festival appearances. Having recently completed a 13-city European tour, the Wrights have recorded their latest album, "Live in Holland."

Buddy Wright, 17, and his sister Tina, 15, are accomplished singers and musicians with mastery of the fiddle, violin, mandolin, guitar, tenor, penny whistle, piano, and bass.

"We are so fortunate to have this concert in our community," Carolyn Hicks of the Gruver Music Club said. "I hope everyone will take advantage of this

rare opportunity.

Buddy Wright was the featured solo jazz violinist at the Fort Worth Mayfest in 1997, and received the 2001 and 2003 Francis Walsh Enterprises Achievement Award for outstanding teen male performer.

He has performed at the 1998 and 2002 International Bluegrass Music Association Convention in Louisville, Kentucky and has appeared in numerous television shows including CNN and the TNN networks, performing old time, gospel, and bluegrass music.

A recipient of the prestigious Southern Methodist University Symphonic Music Festival Award for classical violin, Tina Wright, has performed at the 1998 and 2002 International Bluegrass Music Association Convention in Louisville, KY.

She has appeared on numerous television shows including a CNN Network exclusive documentary on child prodigies which featuring both her and her brother. Performing as a

member of several orchestras before the age of 9, Tina has taken top chairs in most of them.

Visiting over 100 schools, universities, and libraries, the Wrights have reached over 20,000 youths, through their educational presentations which include the history of American music and the various instruments that were played between the 15 and 18th centuries.

Parents of the duo, Pat and Ray Wright, also accomplished singers with expertise in playing a variety of instruments, will be appearing with their children in the Gruver concert.

The special appearance in Gruver is sponsored by the Gruver Music Club. For more information on the concert contact Kathy Logsdon, 733-2803, Trixie Holt, 733-2139, or Carolyn Hicks, 733-2335.

Tickets for the event will be \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for those under 18.

69th Annual Hansford Stock Show We've Come A Long Way

From its beginning in 1935, as the Hansford County Baby Beef Stock Show, the Hansford County Stock Show has grown in size, participation, and prestige.

The winner of the first Hansford County Show was Oscar Reimer whose steer weighed 1100 pounds. Reimer also exhibited five steers in the Amarillo Fat Stock Show, one of which, placed seventeen of 169 entrants.

Other exhibitors names listed in the 1935 Spearman Reporter article were George Oakes, Jack Jones, son of Jay Jones of the Oslo community, and a Brillhart boy.

Although the exact year lambs and hogs were added to the stock show has not been traced, four years later in 1939, the show now dubbed the 4-H Club Stock Show listed both hogs and lamb entries.

The 1939 show was held March 4, on Main Street in Spearman on a lot between the Wilbanks Beauty Shop and Baggerly Grocery Store.

Fourteen exhibitors, all boys, competed in the 1939 show which had a new feature added - a judging contest.

This judging contest, however, differed from the current contest in which groups of young people judge animals.

Cards of the entrants were distributed in Spearman and Gruver businesses for members of the community to try their luck at picking the winning entrants. Winners who came closest to the judge's selections received prizes ranging from \$2-\$7.

Money prizes given to winning 4-Her's in 1939 included \$10 for Grand Champion beef, \$3 for grand champion swine, and \$3 for grand champion lamb.

2004 Hansford County Stock Show



The 69th Annual Hansford County Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14, in the Gruver County Barn.

Friday's show will begin at 7:00 a.m. with the weighing in of all steers and lambs. The grand opening of the show and the lamb show will be held at 9:00 a.m. with the steer show following immediately.

The weighing of pigs will be held after the steer

show at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Saturday's schedule is as follows: 9:00 a.m. - Swine show, 1:00 p.m. - judging contest, 6:30 p.m. - floor prices will be auctioned, and the winners of showmanship and commercial steer awards will be announced.

A concession stand with lots of great food will be open both days.



Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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A friend sent me the following United States statistics from the year 1903. What a difference a century makes!

One Hundred Years Ago

The average life expectancy in the US was 47 years. Only 14 Percent of the homes in the US had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the US, and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the US was 22 cents an hour. The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the US took place at home.

Ninety percent of all US physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death in the US were: 1. Pneumonia and influenza; 2. Tuberculosis; 3. Diarrhea; 4. Heart disease; 5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30. Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. One in ten US adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

18 percent of households in the US had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire US.

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.

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Catherine :)

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Football is as American as apple pie. For thirty-seven years, football fans have enjoyed the Super Bowl as if they were responsible for the season's successes by having faithfully cheered on Monday nights from their recliners, sofas, and bar stools. If you missed Super Bowl XXXVIII, you may have missed the half-time bust, but you have no doubt heard all about it. It was a BUST to the United States of America!

All the air was let out of a big balloon called the Super Bowl. Because MTV was involved, we fans are expected to excuse the bust. "MTV will never be in control of half-time again," spouted CBS. MTV and CBS are owned by the same parent company. Parent company? Can we have some guidance here! Can we not rise above a bare decorated breast flaunted to the world? What is MTV trying to sell us? Are we allowing MTV and other television entertainment to define who we are and what we want our children to become?

What is the United States of America about? What messages do we want to send to the world? No matter what religion, we have a responsibility to posterity. We are destroying ourselves from within. How will the future generations maintain peace, get man to Mars, and feed the world if we continue to allow the degradation of our people? As U.S. citizens, we must shut the bedroom doors, fly the flags higher, remember who we are and the battles fought to get here. Say no. Stand proud and inspire young people to greatness. We are setting a world example every day. Be assured the world is watching us.

Paige Holt Speck
Gruber, Texas

Dear Editor,

When the Hansford County Commissioners Court went through the process of selecting someone to appoint a County Judge upon my retirement, candidates were interviewed. I could have nothing to do with the process because of statute restrictions that would not allow me to do so.

When the Commissioners' Court did appoint Benny Wilson, I wholeheartedly agreed with their decision.

Sincerely,
Jim D. Brown
Retired Hansford County Judge

Rojas Leaves for Tour of Duty in Afghanistan

Marine Lance Corporal Juan Rojas will be leaving this week for duty in Afghanistan. His tour of duty is scheduled to go through July.

He is the son of Barbara and Eddie Rojas of Spearman.



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In the event that numerous letters are received concerning the same subject, letters can be limited to one pro and one con letter per publication. Eligible letters will be published in the order in which they were received.


"Letters To The Editor," like all materials submitted to this newspaper, are subject to editing for space and clarity. The publication of any letter or article is the decision of the Editor and Publisher. Deadline for all news, as well as "Letters To The Editor," is 5 p.m. on Monday.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman



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Hansford County Hospital District

proudly presents the
Employee of the Month



Hansford County Hospital District is proud to announce that Stacie Ruga, RN, has been named the Employee of the Month for February 2004.

Stacie has been employed as an RN in the Hospital since March 16, 1998.

She was nominated for this honor by Mitzi Mires, PTA, for the following reasons:

Loyalty: "holds HCHD in high respect and conducts herself with loyalty both in actions and when speaking about HCHD in general."
Positive Attitude: "always willing to go the extra mile to ensure all people are comfortable and treated with respect when dealing with her patients."
Devotion to Duty: "very devoted and dedicated to her work. She cares about the quality of what she does."
Courtesy to patients / residents / employees: "very pleasant and respectful of all others. She is patient and kind to everyone."
Promotion and Participation in District Functions: "promotes and participates as her work schedule permits."

Other Nominees were: Suzie Lawrence, Manor CNA; Carmen L'Esperance, Clinic II RN; Virginia Martin, Manor LVN; Mona Sandoval, Manor CNA, and Fatima Zapatos, HCHD Laboratory.

The Employee of the Month receives a reserved parking space for the month, one day off with pay, and a nomination for Employee of the Year.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S. Roland, in Spearman on February 26, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Public Hearing Scheduled On Trans-Texas Corridor

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a series of public hearings throughout the state in February regarding the Trans-Texas Corridor to gather public comments and opinion on possible routes for the Trans-Texas Corridor. A hearing will take place in each county during February. In Hansford County, the meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at the Hansford County Law Library in Spearman at 1:30 p.m. A network of roads, rail and a dedicated utility zone called the Trans-Texas Corridor will be built to move people, goods, utilities - and even ideas - through the state safely and faster than ever before. Construction will be funded over several decades through tolls, bonds and other innovative financing tools. Likely starting points for this corridor will be high-population areas of the state. Eventual features of the corridor could include separate lanes for cars and trucks, separate passenger, commuter and freight rail lines as well as a dedicated utility zone that includes water, electricity, natural gas, petroleum, fiber optics and telecommunications.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community at Waka Christian Center, Saturday, February 14, 2004. Covered Dish Supper at 6 PM bring your favorite food to share. Worship and communion at 7 PM. A nursery is always provided. Sponsorship training follows the worship service.

Panhandle Crisis Center Open House

The Panhandle Crisis Center will hold an open house on Wednesday, February 18th at the new facilities located at 301 S. Ash in Perryton (the old post office building). The public is invited to attend from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Directions: from Main Street in Perryton, turn East at Interstate Bank, onto 3rd, go one block to Ash. The Crisis Center is on the SE corner of Ash and 3rd.)

Reyna Ruiz Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund has been established for Reyna Ruiz through the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Donations may be mailed to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ruiz Scholarship Fund, PO Box 127, Spearman, TX 79081. Reyna is the daughter of Elva Ruiz and the late Gerardo Ruiz of Spearman.

PANHANDLE PLANNER

Prairie Rivers Musical

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

Step Forward Meetings Begin in Liberal

Step Forward is a nondenominational Christian 12-step program for those who struggle to lose or to maintain a healthy weight. Starting February 5th, Step Forward meetings will be held every Thursday from 7-7:50 p.m. at the Memorial Library (Cooper Clark Room), 519 N. Kansas in Liberal. This 12-Step support group helps members change, one day at a time, through Bible study, prayer and building sound nutritional habits. The program addresses stress, anger, guilt, pressure, criticism, crisis, and many other familiar triggers for overeating. Through working the 12 Steps members not only lose or maintain a healthy weight, but also grow spiritually and emotionally. There are no dues or weigh-ins. The only cost is the optional purchase of the Step Forward handbook. For more information you may call Nancy at (620) 624-2382.

St. Patrick's Day Lad 'n Lassie Pageant

The 12th annual St. Patrick's Lad 'n Lassie Pageant will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2004, at the Shamrock High School Auditorium in conjunction with the 57th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Any child between the ages of birth to 8th grade are eligible to participate. The pageant will begin at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Dana Hosack at (806) 256-3503 or Betty Lee at 256-5337 after 6 p.m. Entries need to be received no later than March 1, 2004. For a complete list of rules, requirements, and entry forms, please write to: Lad 'n Lassie Pageant, % Dana Hosack, PO Box 43, Shamrock, TX 79079

Miss Irish Rose Pageant

Shamrock, Texas will host their Annual St. Patrick's Celebration on March 19-20, 2004. One of the many highlights of this celebration is the crowning of Miss Irish Rose. This Scholarship Pageant is open to all young ladies who are between the ages of 14 and 19, and who are currently enrolled in high school. Contestants do not need to live in the Shamrock or Texas area, nor do they need to be currently holding a title or reign. For further information, please send a SASE on or before February 18, 2004 to St. Patrick's Association, Attn: Betty Lee, PO Box 588, Shamrock, TX 79079, or call Betty Lee after 6 p.m. at (806) 256-2897, or the Chamber of Commerce Office at (806) 256-2501.

Genealogy Society To Meet

The TX/OK Panhandle Genealogical Society will meet on Monday, February 9th at 6 p.m. at the Perry Memorial Library. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend.

Scottish Rite Meeting Scheduled

All Masons are invited to attend a meeting on Monday, February 16th at 7 p.m. at the Blue Lodge, concerning the potential for establishing a Scottish Rite Club in Perryton. For more information, contact Jim Hall at 435-3231.

Oklahoma White Wheat Producers Meeting

The Oklahoma White Wheat Producers will meet at the Oklahoma Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Goodwell, OK on Friday, February 13th at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Jan Demuth, with ISO 9000 Quality Management Systems, will be the guest speaker. He will provide information and guidelines for producers to follow to determine the best organizational model for their organization. A hamburger supper is planned from 5:30-6:30. Free will donations will be accepted. The meeting will begin immediately afterwards. The White Wheat Producers concentrates on developing marketing strategies in order to get the best price for their product and to look for investment opportunities. All white wheat producers interested in combining their efforts with this group are encouraged to attend.

Auditions Scheduled for Texas Legacies

Auditions for Texas Legacies, a musical celebration of Texas produced by the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc., are scheduled for Saturday, February 21st in Canyon. Singers, dancers and actors are needed. In order to accurately depict the history of Texas, a culturally diverse cast is needed - American, Hispanic, Native American and African American. All applicants will have 90 seconds for monologue and song combined. Accompanist will be provided. Please bring sheet music in correct key. Dancers will be taught a combination, and should register at 9:30 a.m. All others need to register at 10 a.m. Musicians will be asked to improvise a well as read from lead sheets, charts and fully realized parts. All applicants must bring a headshot and resume. Company members will be placed under a written contract and must be available for the entire season, May 9-August 21, 2004. Auditions will be held at the West Texas A&M University Branding Iron Theatre in Canyon. For more information, call 1-877-587-TEXAS, 806-655-2181 or visit us on the web at www.epictexas.com.

ACT Registration Deadline Nears

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on April 3, 2004, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is February 17th. Late registration postmark deadline is March 12 (an additional fee is required for late registration). The test fee is \$26. For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or register online at ACT's website - www.act.org.

Angels Have Wheels

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare. For information on Medicare eligibility, contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

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Our Deepest Sympathy

JENNIE SAIED MASSAD

ARLINGTON - Jennie Saied Massad, 87, formerly of Wichita Falls passed away February 6, 2004 in Arlington.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2004 in Lunn's Colonial Chapel with Rev. John Carswell, pastor of Fain Presbyterian Church, officiating. A private burial was held in Crestview Memorial Park under the direction of Lunn's Colonial Funeral Home.

Mrs. Massad was born on January 23, 1917 to Mack and Freda Ayoub Saied, Sr. in Streator, IL. Mrs. Massad owned and operated a lady's clothing store called Massad's in Spearman for many years.

She had a great sense of humor and lived for her children. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister and was loved by all who knew her.

Mrs. Massad was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Massad; a sister, Blanche Farris; and two brothers, Victor Earnest Saied and Fred Saied.

She is survived by her children, Jenny Lynn Massad of Arlington and Pat Bayless and her husband James of Arlington; two brothers, Dr. V.C. Saied and his wife Norma of Wichita Falls and Mack Saied, Jr. and his wife Lam of Wellington; a sister, Gladys Taylor of Quanah; three grandchildren, Pamela Simpson and her husband Mike of Arlington, Julie Byrd and her husband Forrest of Arlington and Peter Marshall Bayless and his wife Suzanne of Grand Prairie; and four great-grandchildren.

MAX E. REPLOGLE

PERRYTON - Max E. Replogle, 74, died Wednesday, February 4, 2004, in Amarillo.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, February 7, 2004 in Fellowship Baptist Church with Terry Danley officiating. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Replogle was born on September 14, 1929 in Perryton. He lived in the area his entire life, except for 11 years when he lived in Borger.

He was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Perryton. He was a 1957 graduate of Texas Tech University. He was the administrator for Sanford Hospital and Ochiltree General Hospital for 21 years. He was vice president of business at Frank Phillips College for 11 years. He was a veteran of the Army, serving in the 1st Calvary during the Korean conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; a daughter, Tina Clyburn and husband, Craig, of Spearman; two sons, Dan Replogle and wife, Jeanette, of Clovis, NM, and Mark A. Replogle and wife, Gina, of Denton; a brother, Mike Replogle of Perryton; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Perry Memorial Library, 22 S.E. Fifth St., Perryton, TX 79070; Museum of the Plains, 1200 N. Main St., Perryton, TX 79070; Ochiltree Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 738, Perryton, TX 79070; or a favorite charity.

AGNES HOEL

GRUVER - Agnes Marie Bredeson Christofferson Hoel, 84, passed away early Tuesday morning February 10, 2004 at Hansford Hospice in Spearman, Texas.

The daughter of Julia (Johnson) and Christian Bredeson, she was born April 22, 1919 in Lake Mills, Iowa. The young Miss Bredeson came to Hansford County from Lake Mills, Iowa in 1938. She was united in marriage to Jack Christofferson on November 23, 1941. Mr. Christofferson passed away in 1981.

She was an active member of Oslo Lutheran Church and a life member of the Norwegian-American Historical Association. She was married to O.J. Hoel, Jr. on September 6, 1982 and he passed away in 1985.

She is survived by two sisters, Ruth Knudson of Spearman and Carmen Roy of Granby, Missouri; a brother, Clemens Bredeson and wife, Marilyn of Sierra Vista, Arizona; O.J. Hoel's children, Glenda Riley and husband, Danny of Alexandria, Virginia; Mack Hoel and wife, Darlene of Gruver and Andy Hoel and wife, Phyllis of Austin, Texas; nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren and two very special friends and caregivers, Donna Williams and Verlene Bass, both of Gruver.

She was preceded in death by her husbands and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be Thursday morning, February 12th at 10:00 AM at the Oslo Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Wescoatt, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Guymon officiating. Interment will follow in the Oslo Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.

Memorials may be given to the Oslo Lutheran Church, c/o Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

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

February 12

Birthday - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Brian McClenagan, Brandon Reagon, Kaci Renteria, Sister Criselda Vela, Mae Hargis, Kelly Goodman, Anselmo Vela, Mary Dixon, Glynn & Lynn Pattison, Jennie Lou Connely, Jana Hawkins, Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Troy James, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg, Stephen Jacobs, Walter Postoak

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Buck Tidwell, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lee Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross

February 13

Birthday - Rick Barkley, Rosi Chisum, Kristi Williams, Sherry Lee, Richard Ooley, Bill Watson, Catalina Espinosa, Esther Vargas, Mari Ann Bartimos, Maura Gaspar

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Eddy Rojas

February 14

Birthday - Alice Goodman, Ti Harbour, Nick Nelson, Janice Holt, C.W. Kirk, Tommy Thomas, Laura Umphress, Bubba Smith, Donna Ball, Lena Kathryn Harbour, Betsy Sutterfield, Kenneth Baker, Josiah Lee Vasquez, Courtney Wood

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kip Francis, Mr. & Mrs. Roney Clark, Ricky & Cindy Dowdy, Hal & Jeanie Bennett, Terry & Tammy Burch, Mr. & Mrs. Omar Sutton, Mr. & Mrs. Salomon Tarango, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Swink, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Holland, Mr. & Mrs. Delfino Parra, Rev. & Rev. Joseph Weeks, Garrett & Mika Gumfory

February 15

Birthday - Lee Bradford, Heath Gammon, Donnie Thoreson, Claude Sheets Jr., Lynn Sheets, Brenda White, Marlane Nollner, Laura Dahl, Toby White, Kirk Adams, J. P. Prouty, Juanna Rosales, Colby Bedell, Rick Finley, Colleen Burkhammer

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Hoyt Biles, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Norton

February 16

Birthday - Johnny Pat O'Connell, David Parker, Mike Larson, Lynda Owens, Ismael Vela, Timothy Peck,

Maylynn Ayers, Cliff Lang, Brittany Claxton, Diana Pepper, Rex Reid

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Espinosa, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chritton, Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Mejia, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Hohertz, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Fletcher, Eschol & Eulalia Blankenship

February 17

Birthday - Katie Jones, Manuel Ruiz Jr., Mark Guthrie, Lee Ann Schrader, Charles Hall, T.H. Rodriguez, Ernest Wayne Jr., Ric Smith, Isela Huerta

Anniversary - Oscar & Janice Noble, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Castillo

February 18

Birthday - Vickie Bullard, Carla Jo Riggins, Luke Stroud, Beau Roberts, Buck Sell, Edith Breland, Blanche Rutherford, J.D. Poer

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richie Fletcher

February 19

Birthday - Melissa Quillin, Delphine Etling, Bob Womble, Stephanie Hays, Bennie Brogdon, David Kellum, Sylvia Rosales, Niki Taylor, Robert Dean Meire, Chuck Ball, Sylvia Taranto

Anniversary - Charles & Carol Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Dorsey Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Lupe Moreno, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Trosper

February 20

Birthday - Brant Armes, Ed Mayfield, Greg Stork, Tessa Yanke, Kathy Brown, John Antalek, Terry Morris, Melissa Holt, Brenda Moyer, Steve Shields, Clayton Hergert, Bill Volden, Cody Brandvick, Rosemary McKee, Jeannie Folwen, Pauline McGee, Richey Thompson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Bruning, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Jon Hart

February 21

Birthday - Sandra Proffitt, Walter McDade, C.J. Renner, Lisa Meisner, Raul Ortega, Ann Thomas, Chandler Adkins, Tom Speck, C.J. Renteria

Anniversary - Ken & JoAnn Schneider

February 22

Birthday - Russell Dahl, Rhonda Hicks, Betty Mathews, Ryan Mathews, Sherri Hall, Tim Cook, Bobby Jo Grayson, Paul Reimer, Sonny Kell, DeAnn Sparkman, Derylla Stedje, Connie Davis, Linda Coombs, Jack Sparks, Brenda Winegarner, Kreisun Dominguez

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Wed. Youth: 7
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Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
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Pastor - Patrick Six

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Minister - Gaylord Cook

First Christian Church
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30 Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30 Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gumfory

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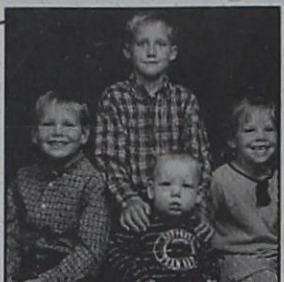
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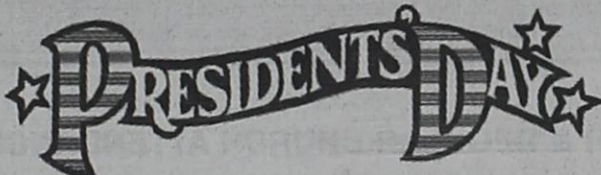

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Mrs. John Danchak

Alisha Lynn LaRochele and John Nicholas Danchak were married on March 22, 2003 at Las Colinas Country Club in Irving, TX. Alisha is the daughter of Albert and Sheila LaRochele of Townshend, VT, formerly of Spearman, TX. John is the son of Nicholas and Virginia Danchak of Lewisville, TX. Grandparents of the bride are Alfred and LaVonna Tidwell of Big Spring, TX, the late Charles and the late Mary Bealiu of Deerfield, NH, and the late Albert LaRochele. Grandparents of the groom are Nicholas and the late Mildred Danchak of Tomauqua, PA, and the late Nicholas and the late Anna Bortnick of Coaldale, PA. Kortney Henton of Dallas served as the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Katherine Willis of San Antonio; Shelly Jordan of San Francisco, CA; and Amber LaRochele of Townshend, VT. Kyla Reed and Stephanie Cole Martin, both of Dallas, served as attendants and provided readings during the ceremony. The house party consisted of Shalyn Timmons of Dallas; Misti Weeks of Newton, TX; and Amber Shreves of Lewisville, TX. Zoe Price, second cousin of the bride, served as the flower girl. John Henning of Phoenix, AZ, served as the bestman. The groomsmen were Eric Danchak and Gregg Danchak, both of Lewisville, TX and Albert LaRochele, III of Irving, TX. The ushers were Val Keehn of Marietta, GA; Patrick Journagan of Houston; Mark Gourlie of Fort Worth and Brian Smith of Carrollton, TX. Blake Danchak, nephew of the groom, served as the ring bearer. Special guests at the wedding

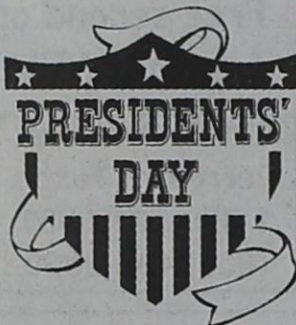
were Alton and Peggy Ellsworth and Gary Ellsworth, all of Spearman.

The bride wore a white strapless gown with a crystal accented bodice. The bridesmaids wore black and white halter-style dresses while the attendants wore black strapless gowns with crystal accents. The bride, bridesmaids and attendants carried bouquets of bright pink, yellow and orange roses.

The groom and the ring bearer wore traditional tuxedos with white ties and vests. The groomsmen wore traditional tuxedos with black ties and vests, and the ushers wore traditional tuxedos with silver ties and vests.

Following the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. The couple now reside in Irving, TX. Alisha is currently an associate attorney in the Dallas office of the law firm Jackson Walker L.L.P. John is an Account Executive with Airband Communications in Dallas.

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The Extension Education clubs of Hansford County are planning a meeting of all members on Thursday, February 19th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Extension agent Peggy Winegarner will present a program entitled "Nutrition in a Nutshell." Members will share recipes and enjoy lunch together.

Anyone interested in the program or in learning more about an Extension Education club is encouraged to attend. Extension Education clubs are open to everyone regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Call any member or Peggy Winegarner for more information.

Town & Country Club meets the first and third Tuesday at noon or evening. Members include Judy Yarbrough, Janie Kunselman, Delinda McLaughlin, Wanda Wagner, Rhonda Covington, Ernestina Salgado, Annetta McIver, Jo Linda Hutchinson, Charla Hargis, Rosie Martinez, Rosetta Barrera, Shanna Kenney, Olivia Salgado, Elizabeth Miser, Bea Comp, Sandy Foster, Brooke Greene, Shirley Kimbrough, Candy Ochoa, Sylvia Renteria and Janice Neff.

Happy Homes Club meets the first and third Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Members include Patty Sheppard, Adalyn Barnes, Betty Uptergrove, Sandy Drake, Jean Smith, Marguerite Nelson, Ethel Waggoner, Norma Jean Mackie and Ida Ray.

The primary objective of Extension Education club is to strengthen, develop, coordinate and extend adult education to improve quality of living, develop leadership skills and preserve the American home. Club programs are presented by the County Extension Agent or club members or resource people.

Extension Education Council helps sponsor 4-H scholarships and Lunch & Learn programs, helps with Bingo at Hansford Manor, and sponsors the Veteran's Day program. If you have questions about Extension Education Clubs or wish to attend the luncheon, please call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

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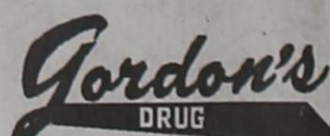
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by Harletta Carthel

Sherrill Wins Quilt
T Jay Sherrill was the raffle winner of the Greyhound quilt made by the math classes of Julie Babbs.

Blood Drive Slated
A blood drive has been set for February 18th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the high school library. It is being sponsored by the FCCLA.

Miss Wright Makes Debut
Robbi (Mathews) and Scotty Wright of Anton proudly announce the birth of their daughter Lani Kaedesh who was born Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 3:13 p.m.

The cute little miss weighed eight pounds and was twenty inches long.

Her grandparents are Joyce and Johnny Wright of Anton and Betty and Royce Mathews of Gruver.

Great grandparents are Lee Reddin of Merkel, Jimmie Wright of Anton, and Betty Moore of New Mexico.

How Dry Is It?
The City of Gruver reported

.05 inch of moisture for the month of January. Only 17.01 inch of rain was reported for the entire year of 2003.

Recently, the ministers of Gruver churches agreed that each of the Gruver churches would pray for rain Sunday, February 1st. It would be a good idea to extend this idea to our individual prayers.

Community Care Concerns
Violet Lee had cataract surgery in Amarillo Tuesday. She was expected to return home Wednesday afternoon.

It was good to see some of the Gruver fans back in their places at the Gruver/Stratford basketball game.

Corky Chapman and Chelsie Knight were both cheering the Hounds and Lady Hounds to victory, February 3.

GHS Seniors Honored
Senior cheerleaders, Hounds, and Lady Hounds were honored at the final home basketball game, Tuesday evening, February 3rd.

Honored were cheerleaders Meagan Knight and Jenny Hart; Hounds T Jay Sherrill, Hutch Reed, Chris Clawson, and Carlos Borunda; and Lady Hound Cassie Myatt.

This and That
After several years of seeking to find the origin of the

Hansford County Stock Show, the beginning date of 1935 has been discovered.

While the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman has bound yearly books of the newspaper, our files past 1960 are sparse.

Looking through one of the rare 1930's bound issues, an article on the FOURTH annual stock show was found. This would make the first stock show beginning in 1935, and the 2004 stock show the 69th annual.

No Luck, No Bucks
There were no \$100 winners in the Gruver Booster Club's Basketball promotion this season.

To win the big bucks, a member of the audience must make at least one of two free throws to be eligible for a half-court shot for \$100, provided by Gruver State Bank.

The big bucks were won four times during the 2002-2003 season.

While there were some close shots for the 2003-04 season, there were no swooshes on the mid-court shot this year.

The Gruver Booster Club urges fans to practice their long shots for next year's promotion.

News Wanted
If you have information you would like to include in this column, you may submit it at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; or you may call (806) 659-3434; fax (806) 659-3368; or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The list of the birthdays for the month published in each issue of this publication listed on Friday that of friend, James Pugh. He recognizes that there are actually just three ages for all ----youth, middle-age, and "My, you are looking well!" Actually, youth looks ahead; old age looks back; and middle age looks tired. ---Many happy returns, James.

Spearman is anticipating the opening of the new cafe at 14 S. Haney Street, across from Sergio Vargas Automotive Repair. It will be managed by Norma Vargas and we must say that if Norma is as efficient as Sergio - it will be very successful!

Welcome guests of Mollie and Phillip Turner have been Jack and Cinda (Turner) Wolf and baby daughter.

A Valentine party was enjoyed by members of the Church of Christ Saturday night. Leonard Harper gave a short devotional, then presented to each teen-ager a survival kit. All enjoyed playing the game of bunko.

The men served the meal which had been prepared by the ladies and was delicious, as usual. There were 32 present to enjoy all the activities.

Ex-County Judge, Jim Brown

and wife, Rosemary now of Amarillo visited in Spearman on Monday. They are well settled in their new home and Jim was appointed Parish Life Co-ordinator of St. Martin DePouss Catholic Church and is also interim director of Catholic Services. He is quite well satisfied with his work and associates.

Jim and Rosemary have enjoyed their new home and being close to their two children and doctors. Their new address is 3631 Brennan Blvd, Amarillo, Tx. 79121.

Kenneth and Leza Brown are both teachers at Boy's Ranch. Cory and Michelle Brown live in Amarillo where she is a nurse at Plum Creek and he is a guard at one of the Clements Units.

All still like to be in touch with Spearman friends.

Some of the recent bad snow stories in the north concerns ambulances and medical personnel. However, they seem a little mild in comparison with those difficulties rural country doctors endured in rural coun-

ties, like Hansford, in the lifetime of some still living.

Dr. G.P. Gibner, delivered a baby in the home of a rural family one wintery night. Enroute back to Spearman on a rural road, slipped into a ditch and turned the car over. He knew that he had to reach a main and better highway, unpaved, of course, where there more likely would be some traffic.

In spite of a hip broken in the turn-over, he crawled to the better highway and was eventually picked up.

How about Dr. Gower who was called out in the night and went out to crank his car. When the starter wouldn't work, it kicked and he bit his tongue when the crank "kicked" backward.

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Meetings & Minutes

Pringle-Morse CISD

The Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 11, 2003. Trustees present were: Jerry Crowl, Jerry Hart, Carolyn Shields, Jon Mark Tolleson, Robin Wilson and Betty Womble. Trustee Clyde McCloy was absent. Administration present were Superintendent Kent Hargis and Business Manager Paige Speck. No one was present for public comments and/or audience participation.

Mark Kile of Kile and Company presented the District's financial audit for the year ended August 31, 2003. His report indicated the District's financial statements present its financial position fairly, and changes in the District's financial position for the year conform with generally accepted accounting principles. No instances of noncompliance were disclosed.

Superintendent Hargis conducted a public hearing of the District's status in TEA's 2001-02 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). Pringle-Morse CISD received a superior achievement rating.

The November 12, 2003 board minutes were approved.

Business Manager Speck presented the financial report, which consisted of budget update, cash position and review of monthly expenditures.

A resolution was approved to appoint Jerry Hart to a two-year term as director of the Hansford Appraisal District Board.

Student transfers Cheyenne Sparks and Shyloh Sparks were approved.

The board approved to renew property/casualty insurance through the TASB Risk Management Fund for the period February 15, 2004-February 15, 2005.

No action was taken regarding Student Transfers Across Rural Texas (START) membership.

Superintendent Hargis explained the superintendent appraisal process and issued superintendent evaluation response forms to Trustees.

The board convened in closed session at 9:15 p.m., and reconvened in open session at 9:37 p.m.

A resolution was approved for the sale of property - specifically tract 1: 44.5 acres of land more or less, out of the D. Saucedo Survey, abst. #184, in Hutchinson County, Texas - by taking sealed bids for purchase or exchange.

In his report, Superintendent Hargis informed the Board of January's Panhandle Area Association of School Board's meeting; gave a report on December 3rd area school finance meeting held in Pampa and advised the Board regarding various Texas school finance issues; and issued a calendar of school activities for January.

The meeting adjourned by general consent at 10:03 p.m.

Gruver ISD

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees, Gruver Independent School District, was held Thursday, January 22, 2004 at 6 p.m. Members present were Paul Stavlo, Terry Sherrill, Jody Irwin, Davin Winger, Brent Stedje, Dwayne Thompson, Buddy Lowe Jr. and Superintendent David Teal.

The Board received the following visitors: Matt Branstine, Randy Reid, Diane Brown, Mike King, Mica Been, Kristi Williams and Pat Overbey. Davin Winger opened with prayer.

Mike King gave a report about the possibility of Pringle-Morse 7th and 8th graders playing football with Gruver.

Matt Branstine presented Pat Overbey to the board as Texas Middle School Association Region 16 Teacher of the Year. She will be honored at the State Conference in Austin on February 28, 2004.

Diane Brown reported that Blue Ribbon Application has been sent. Gruver Elementary was one of twenty-six schools in Texas nominated.

Diane Brown reported Cynthia Henson will be the new Elementary secretary.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the following discussion items: Meeting for the next board meeting (February 23rd at 6 p.m.); Student enrollment (397); 2nd Reading

update of 71; Gas Well Revenue; Roofing update; Pre-Kindergarten meeting on February 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the cafeteria; Financial Report (revenue/expenditures) - Randy Reid.

The Board of Trustees entered into executive session at 8:18 p.m., and reconvened into open session at 11:22 p.m. The Board of Trustees unanimously passed a motion to offer David Teal a two-year contract.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Hansford Hospice

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers met at the El Vaquero in Gruver on Monday night, January 12, 2004.

After enjoying a meal, Verna Lee Shirley presided over a business meeting. She announced that the Hospice office had moved to the new building on January 6, 2004.

Rosetta Barrera discussed plans for bereavement visits. She discussed the documentation that needs to be done after visits. A calendar was passed around for volunteers to sign up to make bereavement visits.

The newsletter was discussed. The volunteers were asked for suggestions for the newsletter.

Fundraisers were also discussed. It was decided to check into a raffle.

The next meeting will be February 9th in Spearman.

Ken Cole presented the program on bereavement.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on Thursday, January 8, 2004 at noon at the Hungry Cowboy.

Present were: Missie Bates, Mark Murray, Jason Cantrell, Pete Ochoa, Steve Hartgraves, Linda Butt, Anna Fishburn, Jeanette Hodges, Cindy Scribner, Diana Bynum, Lenny Pecha, Judy Yarbrough and Robert Patrick.

President Missie Bates called the meeting to order and welcomed all new members serving on the board.

There were no minutes for the December meeting. The financials were accepted. Steve had a question concerning the phone bill as it showed a zero amount. Gina explained that the phone bill arrived after the meeting dates and it would be reflected in the January statement.

Missie opened nominations for 2004 officers. Executive Committee will be: Executive Vice-President; Past President - Missie Bates; President - Jason Cantrell; Vice-President - Lenny Pecha; Secretary - Linda Butt; Treasurer - Steve Hartgraves.

Bankcards will include the Executive Vice-President, Jason Cantrell, Lenny Pecha and Steve Hartgraves.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Saturday, February 28th. Jason appointed the banquet committee to be: Chairman - Pete Ochoa, Missie Bates, Linda Butt, Anna Fishburn, Diana Bynum, Jason Cantrell and Cindy Scribner.

The membership drive discussion was tabled.

There have been two interviews to date with another scheduled for Friday, January 9th for the position of Executive Vice-President.

The next meeting will be held February 12th at noon.

City of Gruver

Meeting in regular session, January 14, 2004, the Gruver City

Commission received guest Jay Goodwin and Monty Balckman with Brown, Graham, and Company, Dee Mayfield, Gruver Chief of Police, and Terry Webster, Gruver Police Officer.

Motions passed by the commission were the awarding of the 2004 sealcoat project to Lewis Construction Company, the accepting of the 2002-2003 FY Annual Audit from Brown, Graham, and Company, and the purchase of a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria Police Care for \$12,000 from Joe Watt Auto Sales, Inc.

Ordinance #299, Adopting a new Personnel Policy, was tabled for further review.

Hansford Hospice

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers met on January 9th at the new Hospice offices in Spearman, with President Verna Lee Shirley presiding.

Rev. Ken Cole gave the opening prayer.

Ken then reported on the Bereavement Class, which is scheduled to begin on March 22nd.

The minutes were read by Jo Linda Hutchison and approved.

Discussion was held about having an Open House at the new Hospice offices.

Gail Petree, the Social Services Director of the Hansford Hospital District, presented a program on "What is Helping?" involving audience participation.

Rosetta Barrera reported on the annual Hospice conference to be held in Dallas on March 19th.

Discussion was held concerning Rev. Beverly Cook possibly leading small groups in an "IDG" experience to help in training volunteers.

It was reported that the Spearman Rodeo Club donated \$2005 to Hospice.

Ideas for fundraisers were discussed. Suzanne Thomas suggested possibly looking into holding a golf tournament.

Everyone was reminded that Pokey the clown would come in May in association with a rodeo event as a fundraiser and we need to start planning publicity, etc.

A birthday cake for Charla Hargis and Rosetta Barrera was enjoyed by all.

Spearman ISD

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in a regular meeting on January 12, 2004 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library.

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

HEAR FROM PATRONS OR STAFF
State Representative Warren Chisum asked for input from Superintendent Rodney Sumner and the board regarding issues of concern to the Spearman ISD. Mr. Chisum indicated that he has 55 school districts in his representative district and wants to talk to as many of them as he can to listen to their concerns.

Concerns expressed included school finance, unfunded mandates, the social security offset provision, needs of rural school, and the impact of changes in demographics. Mr. Chisum stated that Spearman was the first district that he had visited. The board thanked him for his willingness to ask and listen to their concerns.

ACTION ITEMS

The board approved the paying of bills in the amount of \$84,660.28, the awarding of the gas and diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of February 2004, and the financial report as presented.

Mr. Sumner gave a recap of the auditor's report for the year ending August 31, 2003. Kelly Hill of Cornell and Company was present at the called meeting at noon on January 12, 2004, to present the audit report to the board. The board approved the audit report as presented by Hill at the called meeting. Mr. Hill was unable to attend the Monday night meeting due to the fact that he already had four other school audits scheduled for the same time.

In review, Mr. Sumner indicated that the audit was good, and that there were no problems found. Both Mr. Sumner and the board complimented Larry and the business office for an outstanding job as indicated by the audit results.

In other action, the board approved the appointment of Sandra Haney, Caroline Kenealy, Diann Crawford, and Brian Holt to serve on the 2003-04 Spearman ISD Textbook Committee. The textbooks up for adoption are biology and ESL (K-8).

The board reviewed and approved Update 72 (legal policies) for incorporation into the Spearman ISD Policy manual. All changes were legal and were the result of changes made during the last legislative session.

Approval was given to Ken Splawn, Interim Elementary Principal, as a PDAS Appraiser for the 2003-2004 school year.

Mr. Sumner and Mr. Murphy were approved as administrators to interview and bring recommendation to the board for approval at the regular board meeting in February, a financial advisor to work with the district in facility planning.

Approval was given to modify the contract with Paul Trautman (Facility Consultant) to include the study of the elementary school conversion at an additional fee not to exceed \$7500 to be paid out of the Birdwell Undesignated Funds.

The board did not grant the transportation request of a patron requesting that a non-bus student be allowed to ride the bus three days a week.

Mr. Sumner recognized the board members for January Board Appreciation Month. He presented them with a certificate of appreciation and expressed his appreciation for their service to Spearman ISD.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT ITEMS

The student enrollment for Spearman ISD was 738 as of January 12, 2004. This is up three students from the December count.

Mr. Sumner reviewed the substitute teacher report from November 17, 2003, to December 12, 2003. The yearly total amount paid for substitutes through December 12 was \$20,665.00. This was approximately a \$7,000.00 decline in substitute cost from last year at this same time. Mr. Sumner informed the board of the District Education Improvement Committee Meeting

to be held on January 14, 2004.

Mr. Sumner reminded the board of the basketball homecoming January 16, 2004, and updated the board on the request for a BE/ESL waiver submitted for the 2003-2004 school year. Mr. Sumner stated that initially we did not ask for an exception waiver; however, after conversation with the Texas Education Agency, he felt that it was necessary to again request a bilingual exception for the district. He said this is the third year that an exemption has been requested and that additional bilingual staff will have to be hired at the elementary level to bring the district into compliance in this area.

Mr. Sumner reviewed the Reading Recovery Report for 2002-2003. Verlan Winegarner provided information regarding the program and the success of the students involved in the program.

Staff Development Logs were provided for each campus for the third six weeks. Mr. Sumner indicated that our staff development activities have been substantially decreased due to budget cuts in staff development this past year.

CLOSED MEETING

Personnel Matters - Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract Renewal

RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING

Consider Action, If Any, on the Superintendent's Contract

As required by law, the board of trustees evaluated the superintendent in the following domains: (1) instructional management; (2) school or organization morale; (3) school or organization improvement; (4) personnel management; (5) management of administration; (6) fiscal and facilities functions; (7) student management, school or community relations; (8) professional growth and development; (9) Academic Excellence Indicators and District Performance objectives; and (10) school board relations. The board provided Mr. Sumner with an evaluation/appraisal with domain ratings and other comments and supporting documentation.

As the request of Mr. Sumner, no action was taken on an additional year to his existing contract. Mr. Sumner stated that his current contract expires on June 30, 2008, and that his plans at this time would be to retire at the end of his contract, (if not before.) In addition, Mr. Sumner asked that due to the poor budget year that he receive no raise or change to his compensation package. However, the board indicated that starting with the next budget year that they would like to move Mr. Sumner's auto allowance to be included in reportable TRS salary for retirement purposes.

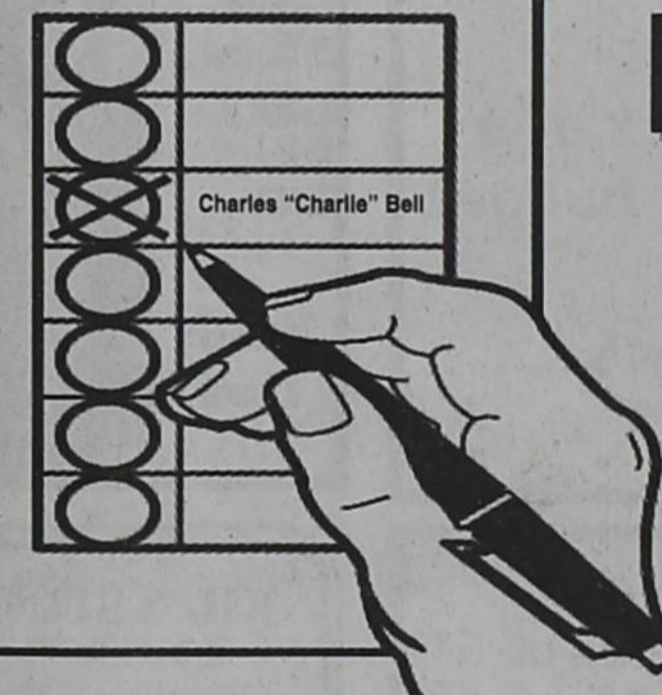
The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.



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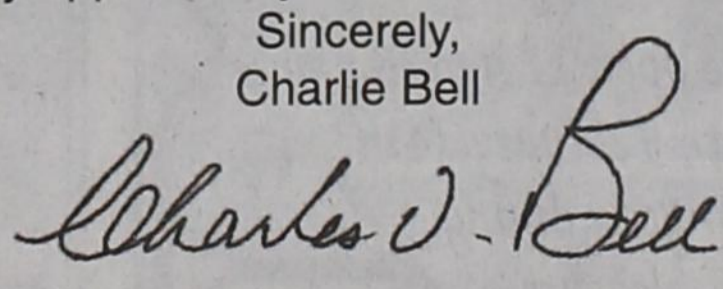
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If elected in the March 9th Republican Primary, I will work hard to uphold the values of family and community that are so prevalent in Hansford County.

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by Merry Sparks

Hansford Manor residents enjoyed a special Saturday afternoon last week. The program began with The Panhandle Piper from Canyon, Texas, Thomas Campbell. Dressed in his kilt and full attire Thomas played several bagpipe pieces for the residents. Thomas teaches bagpipes from Odessa, Tx. to the Oklahoma Panhandle. He stated that others had requested that he play some tunes that we all recognize. He then played his rendition of Danny Boy, Little Liza Jane and others. The residents enjoyed the bagpipe music and the program that Thomas presented and then-----

The Royal Gauntlet performers came out and presented a very informative program entitled "Birds of Prey". Bob Aanonson of Tulsa, Okla. is a master falconer. His assistant and wife, Kelly is an apprentice falconer. Also accompanying them were Larry Duncan, Sr., Master falconer, Larry Duncan, Jr., apprentice, Thomas Campbell, the bagpiper, also a general falconer.

Bob, who is the director of a pharmacy school in Tulsa by day has been a falconer for 23 years. Larry Duncan, Sr., retired army man, has been a falconer for 50 years. They travel to many schools, nursing homes, and other institutions to present their program as well as participating in the Muskogee, Okla. Renaissance Fair the first four weekends in May.

The Birds of Prey demonstra-

tion began with facts shared by Bob about the different types of falcons. They had several falcons with them that they displayed. One of the first things they did when they arrived at Hansford Manor is to cover our aviary of birds with a sheet and instruct me to lock up Curtis, our resident cockatiel that flies around loose at the Manor. After that was done, they brought out some of the most beautiful falcons that I have ever seen. They are much larger than I expected. Bob stated that one of the falcon's eyes were so large in comparison to the rest of his body that if in compared to a human, the human eye would be the size of a grapefruit. One type of falcon can spot a field mouse a mile away and a rabbit five miles away.

Bob and his wife Kelly had the falcons fly from her hand at one end of the dining room to the other end several times. Kelly and Thomas took different falcons around to the residents to pet. Then---- They had falcons to fly from one end of the dining room to the other and land on different resident's outstretched arm and a couple of visitor's outstretched arm. Thomas Campbell has a young falcon that is in training so they flew him with a leather strap attached from Bob back to Thomas.

After the presentation, the troupe stayed on to take pictures of residents holding the falcons and to answer questions educating the public about falcons.

MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

I have a great big Thank You for Kurt Etling!! He installed equipment for a new microphone for us and it works beautifully!! Thank you Kurt!!

Thanks are also in order to the Union Church of Spearman for bringing the services to the Manor last Sunday, February 1st.!!

We changed up our format a little to better utilize our working hours, so we are having Newscurrents on Monday mornings now. Mondays are so busy with cleaning cages, etc. that it is working better to have a prepared program to present. Many of our activities require hours and hours of preparation time.

Monday afternoon we played a new game with the residents called Taboo. The residents laughed and laughed at us as we (Janie, Merry, Sandi, and Ernie) competed to see who could get the most words guessed in the time allotted. It was a hoot. The easiest word I had to describe was monkey---you guessed it--- I did an impression of that and they guessed it right away!!

Monday evening Laureate Gamma Gamma Sorority hosted bingo. Thank you!

Tuesday morning we started off rocking to the Oak Ridge Boys with Musercise and that afternoon we were blessed to have Steve Mathews bring his keyboard to the Manor and spend the afternoon playing, singing, dancing, and just enjoying ourselves. Thank you Steve! We have many Hansford Heroes and we really appreciate

every one of them! It keeps our world turning around here.

Wednesday morning we had donuts and a Bible lesson on video by Max Lucado. He is very good and the residents and staff alike enjoyed it.

That afternoon the activity room was filled with busy bees working furiously on various Valentine projects. I can tell you now that the residents have each adopted a staff member to be their secret valentine. They will bless the staff on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with valentines and candy.

At the Valentine Party on Friday, the 13th at 2:30, the secret valentines will be revealed. Also, at the Valentine Party we will reveal our new Mr. and Ms. Hansford Manor for 2004!! Come up to share that with us! We will have the music of Janie Kunselman, Jr. Sparks, Richard Kirk, and Joel Lee Lackey. It will be a lot of fun.

Thursday and Friday morning the residents practiced several different events that they will be participating in at the Winter Olympics here on March the 16th. starting at 9:00 a.m. Come up and participate with us---we would love to have you!!

Thursday afternoon the auxiliary was ever faithful to host bingo for the residents! Thank you to the auxiliary!!

Friday afternoon we celebrated Babe Ruth's birthday with a movie based on his life in the daytime while others played table games in the activity room.

This week we had a special program on Saturday afternoon. We had a bagpiper from Canyon play music for us and a very interesting program on falcons complete with demonstrations and live birds.

We had a special blessing this week when one of our residents told a staff member -- "You know when I came to the Manor I thought I would just be laying in bed growing bedsores but now this is my home and I am enjoying it!"

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake



Wake up Bass fisherman! This 10-pound largemouth bass was caught Saturday, February 7th by Joey Sharp at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--February 9, 2004--26.86 feet (-0.09)

Jim has done some checking and found this is the lowest lake level we have had since July of 1996.

Although fishing lately at the Lake has not been up to par, don't tell that to Joey Sharp. Congratulations, Joey for setting a record.

Board member Margarete Evans on a walk Sunday near her home in the country found a set of tracks near the edge of a dirt road that she feels are those of a big lion. She has photographed them and possibly cast them. The tracks were over 4 inches by over 5 inches.

Animal Tracks by Olaus J. Murie says that cougar tracks

vary from 3 to 4 inches in width. "As with other cats, the front foot is the larger, and toes tend to spread widely with speed. The tracks rarely show the claws."

The author thinks seeing the tracks gives a thrill second only to glimpsing the animal itself.

Danny Henson had a treat when he saw a mother bobcat with two kittens crossing a road near Hannas draw. Danny is a county commissioner of Precinct 4 and lives a few miles west of Gruver.

The Encyclopedia of Buffalo Hunters and Skinners has not arrived yet, but I do have an address and price. The book price is \$29.95 with \$3.15 for postage and handling. (Pioneer Press, P.O. Box 684, Union City, TN 38281, 731-885-0374)

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I am currently running for the office of Hansford County Judge to serve out the two remaining years of Judge Brown's term, and would appreciate your vote in the March 9th primary.

I have also received training by the Veteran's Administration in Houston and verified as Hansford County Veteran's Service Officer. As a military veteran, I perform this duty free of charge to the County to provide services and assistance to other veterans and families of veterans who have earned these privileges.

I have been married to my wife, Jackie, for thirty years last March. We have no children, but have helped raise several in our home, and consider many children and grandchildren of friends as our own.

My family moved to Hansford County in 1959, where I lived at the Michigan Wisconsin Gas Camp. I graduated from Gruver High School in 1967.

I studied Business Marketing at North Texas State and Panhandle State. I then served in the U.S. Army as a tank driver, senior gunner and missile crewman. I have owned and operated an electrical/heat and air business for the past 25 years.

As a longtime businessman and Hansford County taxpayer, I am prepared to represent the county taxpayers in my preparation, with the County Auditor, of the County budget.

I want to invite you to drop by the courthouse and let me answer any questions you might have, or drop in just to say hello.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Railroad Commission of Texas
Office of General Counsel
Oil and Gas Docket
No. 10-0237781
Austin, Texas
February 2, 2004
IN RE: Conservation and prevention of waste of crude petroleum and natural gas in the state of Texas

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NOTICE OF HEARING
on the application of Latigo Petroleum Texas L.P. to consider an exception to statewide rule 38 for the Wilmeth "A" lease, well No. 2 Hansford (Council Grove), Morse (Cleveland), Gruver, N (Marmaton), Hansford, N (Morrow) and Wildcat Fields Hansford County, Texas.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq., the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on March 8, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Latigo Petroleum Texas L.P. for an Exception to Statewide Rule 38 for its Well No. 2, Wilmeth "A" Lease, 653.0 acres, H&GN RR Co./F.C. Wilmeth Survey, A-902, Hansford (Council Grove), Morse (Cleveland), Gruver, N (Marmaton), Hansford, N (Morrow) and Wildcat Fields, Hansford County, Texas, being 3 miles in a northwest direction from Gruver, Texas.

The location of the well is as follows:
1250' from south line and 1250' from east line of lease
1250' from south line and 1250' from east line of survey
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Mickey Olmstead, at (512) 327-8111. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.
PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.
ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received by the Office of General Counsel no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file a notice of intent to appear with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to

effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.
THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.
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4(2-5-04)B

Railroad Commission of Texas
Office of General Counsel
Oil and Gas Docket
No. 10-0237781
Austin, Texas
February 9, 2004

IN RE: Conservation and prevention of waste of crude petroleum and natural gas in the state of Texas

NOTICE OF HEARING
On the application of Latigo Petroleum Texas, LP to consider an exception to statewide rule 38 for the Riley Lease, well No. 3, Hansford, North (Douglas), Hansford (Kansas City), Hansford (Morrow Middle), Hansford (Morrow Lower), Hansford (Mississippian) and wildcat fields, Hansford County, Texas.

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This hearing will be held to consider the application of Latigo Petroleum Texas LP for an Exception to Statewide Rule 38 for its Riley Lease, Well No. 3, 640 Acres, Section 59, Block 4T, T&NO RR Co. Survey, A-395, Hansford, North (Douglas), Hansford (Kansas City), Hansford (Morrow Upper), Hansford (Morrow Middle), Hansford (Morrow Lower), Hansford (Mississippian) and Wildcat Fields, Hansford County, being 1.5 miles northwest from Spearman, Texas.

The location of the well is as follows:
1250' from the west line and 1250' from the south line of lease and survey.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tony Swindell, at (918) 582-7770. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

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4(2-12-04)B

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2(2-12-04)B

Texas Department of Transportation

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Trans-Texas Corridor

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor.

Date: February 17, 2004
Place: Hansford County Courthouse Law Library
Time: 1:30 p.m. (presentation and public comment)
Purpose: To provide the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes of the Trans-Texas Corridor.
Project Description: A new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.
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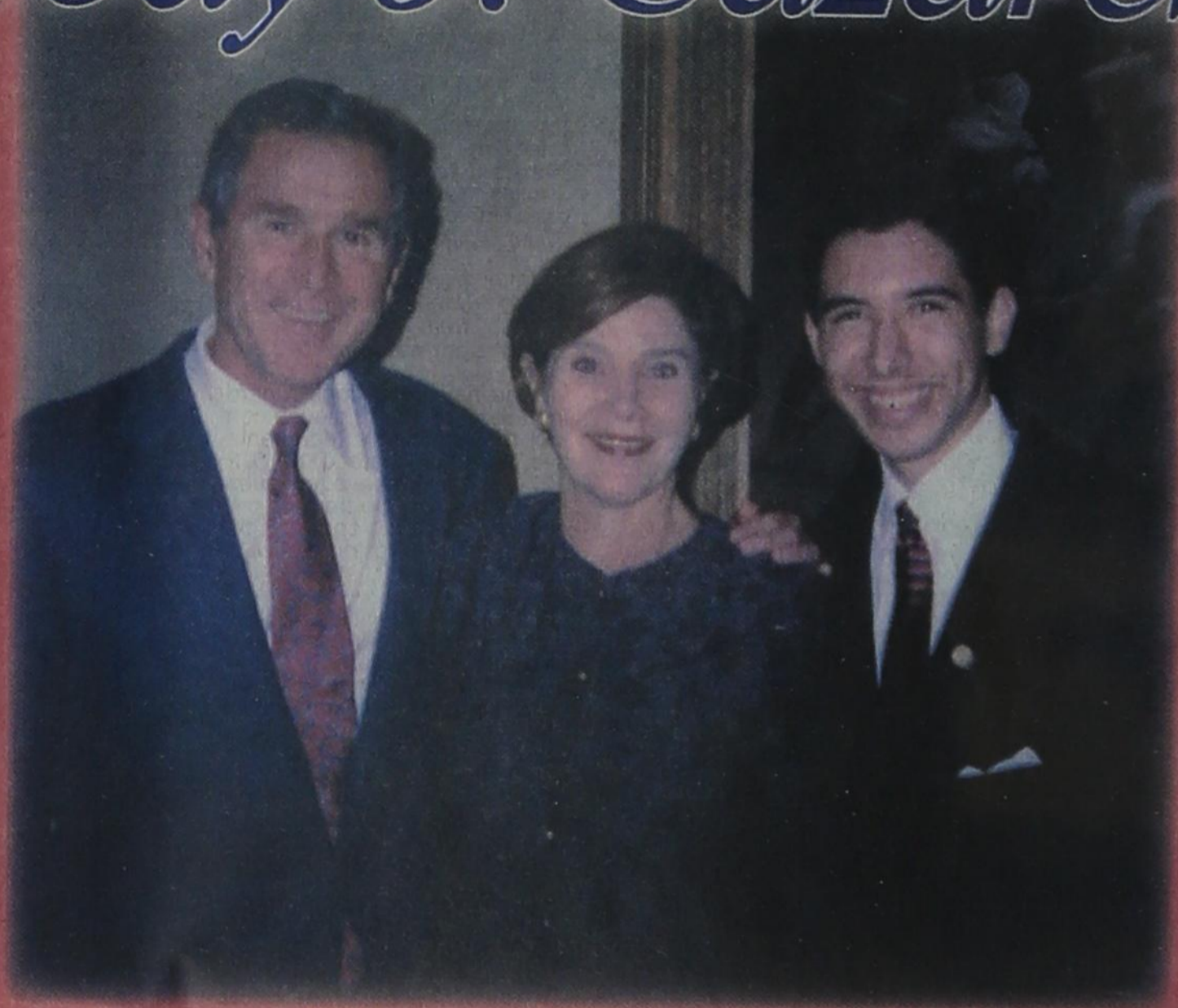
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