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IN THE NEWS

Bus Hijackers Release 10 Hostages

Two gunmen thought to be Albanians hijacked a Greek bus with 24 passengers on Wednesday and demanded a \$1 million ransom and a plane to fly them to Russia.

Iran Tells Russia to Expand Nuclear Ties

Iran told nuclear partner Russia on Wednesday it would have to show "readiness" to expand nuclear ties with Tehran to secure a solid share of Iran's atomic market in face of growing competition from Europe.

India Hunts for Rail Officers After Crash Kills 38

Indian police were looking for two railway stationmasters blamed for a head-on collision between two passenger trains which killed at least 38 people and injured dozens, officials said on Wednesday.

Libya Withdraws \$1 Billion Assets Frozen in U.S.

The Libyan Central Bank has withdrawn \$1 billion of assets which had been frozen for almost two decades in the United States on Washington's orders, a Libyan central bank official said Wednesday.

'Chemical Ali' Will Be First Saddam Aide Tried

Ali Hassan al-Majid, one of Saddam Hussein's most feared deputies, better known as "Chemical Ali," will be the first leader of the former regime to be tried for war crimes, Iraq's defense minister said on Wednesday.

Blair Faces Test of Bush Friendship on Environment

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the highest profile friend of the environment among major world leaders, faces a test of his mettle when he becomes head of the group of eight (G8) rich nations next month.

N.Korea: Japan Sanctions Would Be War Declaration

North Korea warned Japan on Wednesday that it would treat economic sanctions as a "declaration of war" and threatened to try to exclude Tokyo from six-party talks on Pyongyang's nuclear arms programs.

UN Envoy Says 10,000 Peacekeepers Needed for Sudan

The United Nations will recommend up to 10,000 peacekeepers for Sudan if Khartoum and southern rebels sign a landmark peace agreement to end a 21-year-old civil war, a senior U.N. envoy said on Tuesday.

Climate Change Impact? Look in Your Backyard

To witness the impact of a warming planet, one need not make a costly trip to the melting Arctic ice cap. Proof of climate change is right there in most people's backyards, scientists said on Tuesday.

Hopefuls Emerge for Top NASA Job

As the White House search for NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe's successor begins, the emerging list of candidates indicates that the next space chief will have fewer ties to President Bush and more technical expertise in aerospace.

US Christmas-New Year's Travel to Set Record

Americans will travel in record numbers this holiday season, thanks partly to Christmas and New Year's landing on the weekend, the AAA said Wednesday in releasing a travel survey.

Prosecutors Say Jackson Has 'Prior Sexual Offenses'

Prosecutors are seeking to admit evidence of Michael Jackson's "prior sexual offenses" in his trial for child molestation, but the nature of the material was kept secret by the judge.

In Schools And Cities, Battles Over 'Christ' In Christmas Grinch, Scrooge

These were the labels affixed to school administrators in New Jersey this year when they decided to ban religious Christmas music in the holiday concert lineup - an effort to maintain steadfast separation of church and state.

Document Reveals More U.S. Detainee Abuse in Iraq

U.S. Marines fired a pistol in a mock execution involving four young Iraqi detainees and shocked another Iraqi detainee with an electric transformer until he "danced," a document made public on Tuesday showed.

Parties Gird For Epic Judicial Battle

With abortion, gay marriage, and other core issues at stake, Democrats and Republicans angle for any possible advantage.

Gradual Shift Seen in U.S. View of Death Penalty

This December is the first month in over a decade that no U.S. prisoner will be executed, reflecting what experts say is a gradual shift in America's views toward punishing its most violent criminals.



2005 Texas State Farm Bureau Queen - Dana McLaughlin was named the 2005 State Farm Bureau Queen on December 4th at San Antonio. Having won county and district competitions, she competed against the other district queens in the state competition. Dana is the 17-year-old daughter of Danny and Delinda McLaughlin of Spearman, and the granddaughter of Jo McLaughlin and the late M.D. McLaughlin and the late Garland and Virginia Head.



First Customer - Stephanie Crossland, owner of the Bunkhouse Restaurant, welcomes her first customer, Rod Sumner. The Bunkhouse opened for business on December 1st in spite of a broken water pipe. Hours for the Bunkhouse Restaurant are Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Two-part workshop targets family members returning to farm/ranch

When sons or daughters return to the family farm or ranch, it often creates a set of financial and relationship issues families may not be prepared for. To help family members prepare for the transition, a two-part workshop has been scheduled for early next year at the Fort Worth Holiday Inn North.

"Planning the Return to the Farm/Ranch" is a two-part workshop. Part I is scheduled Jan. 4-7, while Part II is scheduled Feb. 18-19.

"This four-day workshop targets young people, their parents and in-laws, approximately one to two years prior to the time the young person would come into the business on a full-time basis," said Dr. Danny Klinefelter, Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

"This workshop will give participants the opportunity to consider and discuss the issues and alternatives that need to be considered before finalizing the commitment of a family member returning to the farm or ranch."

Registration is \$695 per family for up to four people. Registration for additional participants is \$150 each. The fees cover materials, breaks and lunches during the program and three evening meals.

For registration forms and more information, call Klinefelter at (979) 845-7171.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.	SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.
FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s.	SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.	SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.
	SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

NOTICE

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be CLOSED December 22nd-31st for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 3, 2004. For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434 or cathy-smith@antden.com. Information may also be faxed to (806) 659-3368.

Hansford Clinic receives limited supply of flu vaccine

Seeking highest risk patients

by Harletta Carthel

The Clinics of Hansford County are in the process of determining the highest risk patients to receive the limited number of flu shots now available at the clinic.

"We are notifying the highest risk patients to come in and receive their flu shots," Cheryl Miller, RN/Clinic Manager, said. "We are evaluating all patients 65 years of age and older and determining the highest risk persons in that group to receive the vaccine."

Persons, in the designated age group who have diabetes, heart conditions, lung conditions or other health problems are considered at highest risk and will receive the current supply of flu vaccine. A larger shipment is expected in January and will be given to all other patients 65 and older.

Flu vaccines are currently being administered to high risk children 23 months - three years of age, according to Miller.

The shipment of vaccine in January is expected to exceed what is needed for all other persons including those 65 years and older, who will not be among those receiving shots in December. All remaining vaccines at that time will be administered to anyone desiring one.

Miller stated that the Clinics have received numerous calls on the availability of flu shots and wanted to assure the public that all persons who have been treat-

ed at Clinics of Hansford County are on the flu shot list for evaluation. The clinic will be contacting those high risk patients and notifying them to come in for their injection.

FIVE FAST FLU FACTS

* Flu symptoms include fever, headache, chills, body aches, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, and nasal congestion.

* Flu is spread when a person who has the flu coughs, sneezes, or speaks and sends the flu virus into the air. The virus enters the nose, throat or lungs of a person and multiplies. Flu spreads less frequently when a person touches a surface that has flu viruses on it.

* If you get the flu: rest, drink plenty of liquids, and avoid alcohol and tobacco.

* Antibiotics like penicillin will not cure the flu. The best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu shot. Over-the-counter medications may relieve symptoms of flu. The National Institute for Allergies & Infectious Diseases recommends acetaminophen (Tylenol) for children; aspirin or acetaminophen for adults. Decongestants, cough suppressants, and use of a humidifier can provide symptomatic relief.

* In addition to flu shots, three antiviral medicines are available by prescription that will help prevent flu infection: Tamiflu, Flumadine and Symmetrel.

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<http://www.healthinschools.org> www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm

Spearman school board organizes Citizens' Facility Committee

Over the past two years, the Spearman Independent School District Board of Trustees has been studying the facility needs of the Spearman School District. The focus of this discussion has been to evaluate the facilities with respect to how the facilities meet the educational and security needs of our students in the present and how these same facilities will continue to meet the needs of our students long-term.

The board has studied the information received during a facilities assessment that was conducted in 2003 by Mr. Paul Trautman, a consultant with the Texas Association of School Administrators, Administrative Services Resource Center, and they have reviewed and compared this with a similar study that was done in 1998. The study included an evaluation of the facilities based on projected enrollment figures. Both studies have shown that the most immediate needs of the district involve the Jr. High building, which was opened in 1930. In order to gather additional input from the community, a Citizens' Facility Committee was created representing a cross-section of citizens in SISD.

The purpose of this Citizens' Facility Committee is:

- Analyze and review what has been done by the Board of Trustees to this point
- Provide the Board of Trustees with additional ideas, comments and suggestions

• Help the Board of Trustees communicate with and inform the public with respect to what is "going on"

• Communicate back to the Board of Trustees the public's perception regarding a potential bond election and any potential construction

The Facilities Committee has met three times. The first was a joint meeting with the trustees to discuss the purpose of the committee and to tour the Jr. High and Elementary School buildings. Since then, Mr. Sumner and the Board of Trustees President, Mark Allen, have met with the committee to answer questions and provide a line of communication between the committee and the board.

The committee has received a time line history of the work done by the board of Trustees to date. It has also had the opportunity to meet with the architects who have drafted one proposal that would meet many of the needs that have been identified by Mr. Trautman.

Anyone interested in reading the minutes of these meetings can view these on the District's web-site at www.spearmanisd.com (by clicking on Board of Trustees).

The committee will meet once more before the holidays. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 5:45 p.m. in the High School Video Conference Room. They anticipate that it could be their last "fact-find-

ing" meeting as they plan to begin the New Year with a "brain storming" session on January 17, 2005, at 6 p.m.

The committee and the Board of Trustees have identified the need to keep the public informed about this ongoing process. However, with only the newspaper and "word-of-mouth" as a means of communication, they realize that many residents of SISD may feel that they are "out-of-the-loop."

At this point, there has been NO decision made by the Board of Trustees on any specific building project or proposal to present to the community for approval.

Individuals who want to look at the Jr. High facility are encouraged to do so by contacting Mr. Bill Wiggins, the Jr. High principal at 659-2563. Also, anyone who has questions or comments should direct these questions to the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees, Mr. Rod Sumner, SISD Superintendent, or to any member of the Citizens' Facility Committee. The committee members are: Alfred Avila, Audene Beck, Sheri Benton, Rosalee Bueno, Paige Burgin, Kevin Bynum, Maria Carbajal, Bill Carson, Jon Garnett, Dr. Mark Garnett, Mary Ann George, Rosie Martinez, Martina Miller, Judy Nelson, Travis Patterson, Jackie Pearson, Mansel Phillips, J.B. Sintas, Hank Sutterfield, Kathleen Sutton, Richie Thompson, Rickey White, and Sergio Vargas.

USDA creates voluntary registry to reach minority producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces that minority farmers and ranchers in Hansford County and across the nation may now join a new voluntary register to receive information from USDA.

"The new Minority Farm Register is an outreach tool to reach underserved farmers and ranchers who are not currently enrolled in USDA loan, farm or conservation programs," said Rick Hargrove, Hansford County FSA county executive director. "The

Register will create a shared outreach list that will help USDA, community-based organizations and minority-serving educational institutions to communicate with minority farmers and ranchers."

By joining the Register, minority producers may receive outreach materials, newsletters and program announcements from USDA agencies. They may also receive information and assistance from other USDA-approved outreach partners, such as community-based organizations, faith-based organizations and minority-serving educational institutions. USDA will carefully control access to and use of the Register.

Individuals wishing to join the Register must sign and date a form that provides their name and address. Providing phone numbers, e-mail address, race, ethnicity, gender and farm or ranch location will be voluntary, although the additional information increases the producer's opportunities for receiving appropriate assistance.

The Register pamphlet with the registration form is available at the Hansford County USDA Service Center or from approved USDA outreach partners. Completed

forms may be mailed to: Minority Farm Register, USDA Stop Code 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20250. The registration information is available on the FSA's Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/mfr/default.htm>. FSA and USDA's Office of Outreach are jointly administering the Register. Registration forms are available in Spanish and English.

An individual may remove his or her name from the Register by writing to the Minority Farm Register, USDA Stop Code 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250.

For more information, please contact the Office of Minority and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers Assistance, Farm Service Agency, STOP 0503, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-0501 (Call 1-866-538-2610; Fax: 1-866-302-1760; TTY: 1-866-480-2824.

E-mail: MSDA@USDA.gov or USDA Office of Outreach, STOP 9473, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250 (Call 1-800-880-4183; Fax: (202) 720-7489; E-mail: usdaoutreach@usda.gov).

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Live,
Laugh
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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My dear friend Sheri Benton sent me the following entitled "First Corinthians 13 - The Christmas Version." I believe it wouldn't hurt us to remember this one year round, as well as the original.

**First Corinthians 13
The Christmas Version**

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just a decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, sing carols in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

Merry Christmas!

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 :)

**Weekly Report:
Influenza Summary Update
Week 48, ending Dec. 4, 2004**

Synopsis: During week 48 (November 28-December 4, 2004)*, influenza activity overall was low in the United States. Forty-nine (2.7%) specimens tested by U.S. World Health Organization (WHO) and National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) collaborating laboratories were positive for influenza. The proportion of patient visits to sentinel providers for influenza-like illness (ILI) and the proportion of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza were below national baseline values. Two states and New York City reported regional influenza activity and 4 states reported local activity. Thirty-six states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico reported sporadic influenza activity and 8 states reported no influenza activity.

Laboratory Surveillance*: During week 48, WHO and NREVSS laboratories reported testing 1,845 specimens for influenza viruses, of which 49 (2.7%) were positive. Of these, 16 were influenza A (H3N2) viruses, 22 were influenza A viruses that were not subtyped, and 11 were influenza B viruses.

Since October 3, WHO and NREVSS laboratories have tested a total of 19,825 specimens for influenza viruses and 295 (1.5%) were positive. Among the 295 influenza viruses, 200 (67.8%) were influenza A viruses and 95 (32.2%) were influenza B viruses. Ninety-three (46.5%) of the 200 influenza A viruses have been subtyped and all were influenza A (H3N2) viruses. Thirty-two states from all surveillance regions** have reported laboratory-confirmed influenza this season.

Pneumonia and Influenza (P&I) Mortality Surveillance*: During week 48, 5.9% of all deaths reported by the vital statistics offices of 122 U.S. cities were reported as due to pneumonia or influenza. This percentage is below the epidemic threshold of 7.5% for week 48.

Influenza-Associated Pediatric Hospitalizations: The New Vaccine Surveillance Network consists of three sites in Cincinnati OH, Nashville TN, and Rochester NY. The sites conduct population-based surveillance for laboratory-confirmed influenza among children 0-4 years of age who are admitted to the hospital with fever or acute respiratory illnesses. During October 3-November 27, 2004, the preliminary influenza hospitalization rate for children 0-4 years old was 0.4 per 10,000 children based on 3 laboratory confirmed inpatient cases. In years 2000-2003, the end-of-season hospitalization rate ranged from 3.7 to 12 per 10,000 children. Hospitalization rate estimates are preliminary and may change as data continue to be collected.

The Emerging Infections Program (EIP) is collecting data in 9 sites on hospitalizations of children <18 years of age with illnesses associated with laboratory-confirmed influenza. Hospitalization data from the EIP sites will be included as they become available.

Influenza-like Illness Surveillance*: During week 48, 1.7%*** of patient visits to U.S. sentinel providers were due to ILI. This percentage is less than the national baseline of 2.5%. On a regional level**, the percentage of visits for ILI ranged from 0.7% in the New England region to 3.0% in the West South Central region. Due to wide variability in regional level data, it is not appropriate to apply the national baseline to regional level data.

Influenza Activity as Assessed by State and Territorial Epidemiologists*: During week 48, Alaska, New York, and New York City reported regional influenza activity. Four states (Kentucky, Minnesota, South Carolina, and Virginia) reported local activity. Thirty-six states (Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin), the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico reported sporadic influenza activity. Eight states reported no influenza activity.

*Reporting is incomplete for this week. Numbers may change as more reports are received.

Report prepared: December 9, 2004

IN THE NEWS

Blair Faces Test of Bush Friendship on Environment
Tony Blair will get short shrift from George W. Bush on global warming when he leads the G8 in 2005 but the fight with Washington might help him shed the "poodle" tag he got over support for the Iraq war, analysts say. Blair has pledged to put climate change at the top of his agenda for the 12 months starting in January that Britain has the helm of the Group of Eight rich nations. But his high-profile commitment contrasts sharply with the Bush administration which has refused to sign up to the benchmark Kyoto treaty to combat global warming.

Hussein Deputy Accused of Gas Attacks Will Stand Trial First
Ali Hasan al-Majid, one of Saddam Hussein's most feared deputies, better known as Chemical Ali, will be the first leader of the former Iraqi government to face charges for war crimes, Iraq's defense minister said today. Charges could be brought as early as next week, Defense Minister Hazim al-Shaalan told reporters, adding that his trial would certainly start by the middle of January - days before Iraq is scheduled to hold national elections. Mr. Majid, who is accused among many other war crimes of gassing up to 5,000 Kurds in northern Iraq in the late 1980's, is the only one of Mr. Hussein's deputies so far set for trial, Mr. Shaalan said.

U.S. Treasury's Snow-Tax Code Overhaul a Priority
Overhauling an excessively complicated U.S. tax code is a "top priority" of the Bush administration over the next four years, Treasury Secretary John Snow said on Wednesday. "This administration is committed to that task, and we will get it done," Snow said in prepared remarks at a two-day economic conference sponsored by the White House. Much of the tax reform effort is expected to be masterminded by the Treasury under Snow's guidance.

EU vs Microsoft: court verdict nears
A European Union court is expected soon to deliver an eagerly awaited ruling into an appeal by US software giant Microsoft against swingeing EU anti-trust sanctions. The Court of First Instance, the EU's second-highest court, has indicated that a verdict may come as early as Friday on whether the sanctions should be suspended pending a broader appeal against the EU executive's entire case. At the end of a five-year investigation, the European Commission ruled in March that Microsoft was a monopolist whose grip on the software that powers 90 percent of personal computers must be eroded. The commission said that the company must offer a European version of its Windows operating system without its Media Player software, which offers access to audio and video content. Brussels also ordered Microsoft to provide competitors with the information they need to enable their products to communicate with Windows.

U.S. Seen Isolated at U.N. Climate Change Talks
Environment ministers from 80 countries met on Wednesday for the final days of a U.N. conference on climate change that has been unable to crack U.S. resistance to join international efforts against global warming. The conference of nearly 200 nations has turned into a polarized affair, with the European Union and nations supporting the Kyoto protocol to cut greenhouse gases in one camp and the United States, the world's biggest polluter, in the other. Just two months before Kyoto goes into force thanks to Russia's recent ratification, the United States has made it very clear it will not sign up for Kyoto's mandatory caps on emissions after President Bush withdrew from the agreement in 2001.

SEC Imposes Stiff Fan-Player Safety Fines
Southeastern Conference schools could face fines of as much as \$50,000 if fans come onto the field or court during football or basketball games. The policy was approved by all SEC schools and took effect Dec. 1. It states that "access to competition areas shall be limited to participating student-athletes, coaches, officials, support personnel and properly credentialed individuals at all times." The policy imposes fines on schools for violations in football and men's and women's basketball.

Iraq Asks Some of Saddam's Soldiers to Return to Work
Iraq's interim government, preparing for an election next month while fighting a bloody insurgency, asked some of Saddam's Hussein's disbanded army to come back to work on Wednesday. The Defense Ministry proclamation invited former soldiers in the old Transport Corps to serve in the new U.S.-backed army, 18 months after the U.S. occupation authority formally demobilized Saddam's 375,000-strong military.

Bush Inauguration to Tout Freedom, Service
With the theme "Celebrating Freedom, Honoring Service," President Bush's second inauguration will heavily emphasize a nation at war, but festivities will rival those held during peacetime. Planned are nine official balls, a youth concert, a parade, a fireworks display and, of course, Bush's second swearing-in ceremony at noon on Jan. 20. The cost will be between \$30 million and \$40 million, an amount that does not include expenses for security.

Bomb Near Shi'ite Shrine Kills Four in Iraq
A bomb exploded near the offices of a senior Shi'ite cleric in the Iraqi holy city of Kerbala on Wednesday, killing four people and wounding 16, witnesses and doctors said. One of the wounded was Sheikh Abdul Mehdi al-Karbalai, a cleric regarded as close to Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most influential Shi'ite leader. Hospital sources said he had been hit in the legs and was receiving treatment. Wednesday's attack came on the day campaigning began for Iraq's first post-Saddam elections.

Eskimos Seek to Recast Global Warming as a Rights Issue
The Eskimos, or Inuit, about 155,000 seal-hunting peoples scattered around the Arctic, plan to seek a ruling from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights that the United States, by contributing substantially to global warming, is threatening their existence. The Inuit plan is part of a broader shift in the debate over human-caused climate change evident among participants in the 10th round of international talks taking place in Buenos Aires aimed at averting dangerous human interference with the climate system.

Russia Caught 18 Foreign Spies in 2004
Russia caught 18 foreign spies in 2004, the head of its intelligence agency was quoted as saying on Wednesday, in a slight rise from its figure for last year. The rise is likely to fuel rights activists' concerns that the FSB, the main KGB successor agency which has enjoyed increased influence with former spy Vladimir Putin as president, is using the courts to discourage contacts with foreigners. But Federal Security Service head Nikolai Patrushev was quoted by Interfax news agency as saying the widespread arrests showed the "high level of activities of foreign spy agencies on Russian territory."

Body of Turk Engineer Found in Afghanistan
The bullet-riddled body of a kidnapped Turkish engineer was found Wednesday in eastern Afghanistan, a day after he was snatched with his driver and interpreter by a band of armed men, officials said. Eypur Orel was working for a Serhat, a Turkish subcontractor for U.S.-based The Louis Berger Group, said company vice president Tom Nicastro. An Australian pilot for Berger was killed in February when a man raked his helicopter with AK-47 fire. Orel was the second Turkish engineer to be killed in the country's restive countryside this year. His body was found by security forces who had launched a massive search operation, said Jamil Jumbesh, head of the Interior Ministry's antiterror division.

NATO Honors 'Battle of the Bulge' Veterans
NATO honored Allied veterans of the "Battle of the Bulge" at a ceremony on Wednesday to mark the 60th anniversary of a World War II battle seen as having cemented the transatlantic alliance. The six-week battle to repel a last-ditch German offensive on Dec. 16, 1944 was the bloodiest land battle of World War II involving U.S. troops, who suffered some 80,000 casualties, of which 19,000 were killed. Total German casualties were over 100,000. "Had it not been for their courage and sacrifice, we might not have had today this great alliance," John Warner, a U.S. Republican senator and head of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee, said of a group of veterans at NATO headquarters.

Marines Found Guilty of Abusing Iraqis, Files Show
Marines in Iraq were convicted by military trials of committing a variety of abuses of captured Iraqis, including using an electric transformer to shock a detainee repeatedly to make him "dance," according to documents released Tuesday. The documents show that there were nine courts-martial conducted for allegations of abuse by marines during their efforts to combat the insurgency in Iraq from early 2003 to the middle of 2004. In the case of using the transformer to shock a prisoner, the documents show that the incident occurred in April 2004 at a holding area at Mahmudiya, just south of Baghdad. One marine was sentenced to a year in prison and a second to eight months. The documents are the latest batch to be released by the American Civil Liberties Union, which obtained them as part of a lawsuit intended to determine whether prisoners were abused by the United States military in Iraq and at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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The Walnut Valley Festival office will be open
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday until
December 23.
Closed December 24 - December 31.

You may purchase your **December Special**
ticket for the 2005 festival for \$65. This is a
delightful, affordable gift that will live on
through the year.
You may come by the office at 918 Main, or
order by phone
using Visa, Mastercard or Discover.
620-221-3250.

The office will reopen January 3.
The December Special ticket price is good
through February 15, 2005.

Have a very
Merry Christmas !!
from WVA Staff

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

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 December 27, 2004 and on January 24, 2005. 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.

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2005. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 8-9 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.

Cooperative Extension offers Marketing Short Courses

The Texas Cooperative Extension will offer four marketing short courses in Amarillo this year as a part of the Advanced Topic Series. You can get help in developing a marketing plan for the upcoming feedgrains or cotton crop, learn more about marketing tools you can use to improve your bottom line and reduce your risk about marketing tools you can use to discipline in your marketing. These courses and instructors have been highly rated by past participants who have reported substantial gains in receipts based on what they have learned. Classes will be: Advanced Futures and Options, Dec. 16 & 17; Developing This Year's Marketing Plan - Feedgrains, Jan. 12 & 13; Pulling the Marketing Trigger, Feb. 15; Developing This Year's Marketing Plan - Cotton, Mar. 15. For more information, contact the Hansford County Extension office at 659-4130, or Steve Amosson at the district office, 677-5600.

2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee

The 2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee will be held Tuesday, February 15 at 3:30 pm in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Private, public, parochial and home-schooled students are eligible to enter this annual competition. The bee is open to any student in grade 8 and below. The county senior champion will compete in the March 5th Regional event at the Canyon High School campus in Canyon. For more information about the spelling bee, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, Spearman ISD at 659-3233.

Christmas Pageant by Paramount Terrace Christian Church

The Annual Christmas Pageant presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church at the Civic Center Auditorium has established itself as one of the premiere family-oriented holiday traditions in the entire tri-state area. The Christmas Pageant portrays the true meaning of Christmas by telling the life story of Jesus Christ with the spectacular use of music and drama. Featuring new music and a completely new script every year, the Pageant always remains fresh and exciting. This year the Pageant is entitled "The Letter Home" and is told from the viewpoint of a soldier. With the help of the soldier's wife, teenage son, and daughter, the story unfolds with the father at war and the family left at home in the states at Christmas. The dates for this year's presentations are Friday, December 17th, through Monday, December 20th. Evening presentations are at 7:30 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday afternoon matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are free and can be obtained from the Music Ministry Office located at the east entrance of the church at 4000 Mays Ave. For more information, call the Music Ministry office at (806) 353-6615.

FUMC Chancel Choir Presentation

You are invited to join the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir on Sunday December 19th at the 11:00 AM worship service for the presentation of "Emmanuel, Celebrating Heaven's Child". This is a powerful and poignant Christmas musical created by Joel Lindsey, arranged by Russell Mauldin and directed by Trudie Gordon. This passionate Bethlehem miracle experience will touch your hearts in wonderful ways. The sounds of glorious Christmas celebration will fill the air with unforgettable melodies such as majestic carol medleys; the tender cradle-side moments with Mary and her newborn Son, Jesus; and the passionate invitation to us all to allow the infant King to call our hearts His home. Narrators are Randy Kirk and Kristi Ramon with Mary's solo being performed by Sherry Boyd. Please join us for this wonderful celebration of our Savior's Birth and may you enjoy the blessings of the season.

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Happy Birthday!

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Thank you, Catherine

December 16

Birthday - Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Hughes

Anniversary - M/M Byron Kenney, M/M George P. Odum, M/M John Purvines

December 17

Birthday - Bobbie Novak, Patsy Beville, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guero, Francis Floyd, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassady, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler, Art Maestas

Anniversary - M/M Bill Park, M/M Rick Finley

December 18

Birthday - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia, Juanita Vera

Anniversary - Tom & Rita Reed, M/M Dwayne Hart, M/M Dave Karlin

December 19

Birthday - Steve Beville, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaitner, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dosssett, Pat Dear, Gwen McLain, Ford McHarty, Zachary Brelans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Walton, Ruby Katherine Thornton

Anniversary - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, M/M Roy Diaz, Kyle & Jennifer Nollner

December 20

Birthday - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Esmeralda

Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittney Beedy Sanders, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans

Anniversary - M/M William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, M/M Dale Jones

December 21

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

Anniversary - M/M Wayne Cummings, Doris & Danny Hendricks, M/M Bob Tolleson, M/M Kenneth Slough, M/M Steve Duncan, M/M Roy Kauffman, Toby & Sally Thomas

December 22

Birthday - Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, Deanna Kenney, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominquez

Anniversary - R.L. & Kay McFarlin

December 23

Birthday - Odis Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Tindell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid

Anniversary - M/M Marty Raser, M/M Byron Peddy, M/M Loren Dahl, M/M Mack Beville

Our Sympathy

FREDDIE VERN LARGENT

SPEARMAN - Freddie Vern Largent, 83, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004 in the Church of Christ with Leonard Harper officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Ms. Largent was born on July 22, 1921 in Haskell, TX to Henry and Myrtle (Tysinger) Lee. She moved to Spearman in 1956.

Ms. Largent was a cosmetologist and a clerk at Gordon's Drug in Spearman for nearly 30 years and looked forward to her daily "radio show." She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She enjoyed each day God gave her and loved her church, her family, her friends, her pets and thoroughly enjoyed each moment she spent outside with her flowers.



Survivors include two daughters, Debra and Larry Gallimore of Beaumont and Pamela and Rick Prieto of Shallowater; 12 grandchildren, including Heather Gallimore of Albuquerque, NM, Laci Ortega of Wichita, KS and Mindy Largent of New Braunfels, TX, and three grandsons, Zach Gallimore of Khavarovsk, Russia, Dalton Ortega of Shallowater, TX and Mark Largent of San Antonio, TX; two sons-in-law, Larry Gallimore of Beaumont and Rick Prieto of Shallowater; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry & Myrtle Lee; and a son, James R. Largent.

The family suggests memorials be to Spearman's Children's Home or a favorite charity.

Card of Thanks

Thank You

We want to thank each and every one of you for the many ways you have helped our family through this difficult time. Words cannot express how grateful we are to our mother's friends, church family, past co-workers, and so many others who have made her life a complete joy and her death a time covered in prayer, for what was a peaceful passing.

Thank you, Dr. Garnett and all the Hospice and Hospital nurses who cared for her so diligently and greatly. Thank you to each Hospice volunteer who provided our family food and kind words. Thank you to each friend who went out of your way to check on our Mom when her health started failing. Thank you to her neighbors who helped her in sweet unknown ways to us. Thank you to her church family for adopting her as your own mom and grandma. Thank you to her dearest friends for giving her years of fun, mischief and companionship. Thank you to those who took care of her beloved animals while she was away.

Most of all, thank you to each person who lifted the name "Freddie" to the Lord's throne and asked for His mercy on her body and blessings on her soul. God heard and honored those prayers and gave her a few miraculously good days right before the end when she was able to laugh, reminisce with old friends, boss the nurses, spend precious moments with her family, and always showing kindness, appreciation and a spunky sense of humor with everyone who came to her bedside. While we feel such a hole in our lives now, we are comforted with knowing that she has just begun her journey to an eternal life with Jesus Christ and God our Father and she will meet us there one future day.

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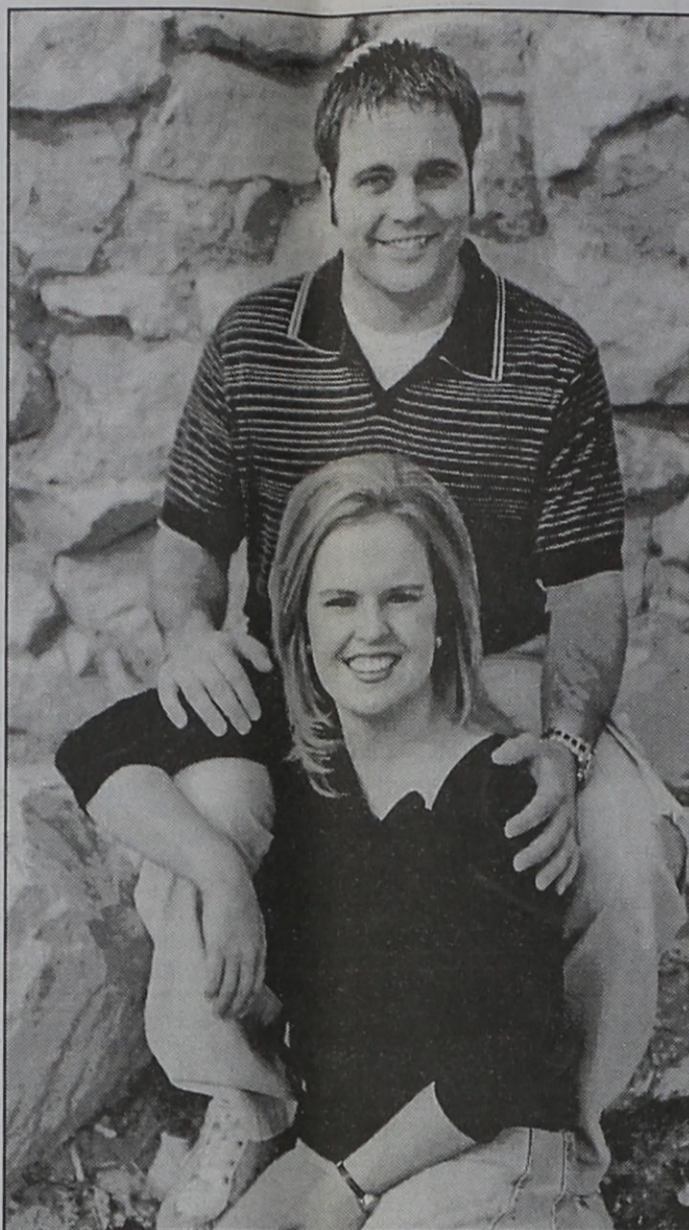
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Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clement are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill, to Steve Crum. Steve is the son of Terry and Linda Crum of Amarillo.

Jill is the granddaughter of the late Deacon Clement and Willie Clement of Spearman and Lewis and Annie Boyd of Comanche, TX.

Steve is the grandson of Joe and June Crum of Perryton and Paul and Idotha Poling of Amarillo.

The couple will be married on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at Lifeway Fellowship Church in Amarillo.

Jill is a 1995 graduate of Spearman High School. She attended West Texas A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing. She is a CBA RN supervisor at Caprock Home Health.

Steve is a 1999 graduate of Tascoasa High School in Amarillo. He graduated from the fire academy in May 2001 and earned an associate's degree in Fire Prevention Technology from Amarillo College. Steve is a fireman/paramedic at Pantex in Amarillo.

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A great big Thank You to the Primera Inglesia Church for bringing services to the Manor on the 5th. They pitched in to fill in for the First Baptist Church of Gruver since it was their 75th Anniversary celebration at their church on the same day!! We appreciate you!!

Monday morning was spent with visits, chores, & an interesting Newscurrents program.

The afternoon was spent in the activity room. One of our Residents is an expert bow maker so she led a class in making Christmas bows. They turned out beautiful. Thank you to Ruth!!

The evening was spent in a special way with Hospice volunteers. They provided refreshments and entertainment. Afterwards, we went to the Hospice Lights of Love tree lighting.

Tuesday morning we had an energetic exercise session. It was so fun to do exercises to uplifting Christmas music.

The afternoon was spent shopping in the activity room with Sue Hudson showing clothing from Something Special. We all enjoyed seeing the new articles of clothing and many Residents bought new outfits.

Thank You to Anne Whitaker for leading Bible study Wednesday

morning. Such an important part of life and so encouraging!!

That afternoon the Residents started on Christmas boxes for their rooms. We had much fun with paint flying, visiting, and laughing.

Thursday brought another hopping Musercise class. It just lifts everyone's spirits to hear the music and the Residents playing along with it.

Thank You to the auxiliary for hosting bingo Thursday afternoon. The residents enjoy it so much!

Friday morning brought an exercise class that everyone there enjoyed.

It's a good thing we got loosened up too because the birthday party was that afternoon. The auxiliary brought cakes of all kinds! We had cake and then great music played by Janie & her Antique Road Show band. (Namely Joel Lee Lackey, Jr. Sparks, Richard Kirk, and Janie Kunselman) We all enjoy their music.

Afterward, Meli brought her Spearman Sparklers Dance teams. They were so cute!! There were 2 age groups that performed in their new colorful costumes. They did a great job, especially with the Tootsie Roll and the Snake Dance.

Thank you to the Auxiliary, The Antique Road Show Band, and Meli and the Spearman Sparklers!

ET CETERA

Pringle-Morse

Christmas concert planned
Pringle Morse students will present a Christmas concert Thurs., Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.

Junior high festivities

The junior high will have a Christmas party and gift exchange Mon., Dec. 20. A skating party is planned for the junior high on Dec. 21.

Holiday dismissal set

Pringle Morse Schools will dismiss at 12 p.m. Tues., Dec. 21. Classes will resume Mon., Jan. 3.

Gruver

Christmas Eve services
Christmas Eve candlelight services are slated at Gruver United Methodist Church for 6 and 10 p.m., Fri., Dec. 24.

Holiday dismissal set

Gruver schools will dismiss at 12:20 p.m. Fri., Dec. 17 and will resume Mon., Jan. 3.

GJH readers top 100 points

Two Gruver Junior High School accelerated readers have topped 100 points for the year. Shelly Gibson has 150 points while Ali Tyler has 100 points.

Decorating contest nears

Judging in the annual Christmas lighting contest is set for Sun. evening, Dec. 19.

All home owners and businesses wishing to be judged in the contest should have their lights on that evening.

Three winners will each win \$50 in Gruver bucks.

GHS to present concert, play

A morning of Christmas entertainment is slated for Fri., Dec. 17.

A band concert by fifth through twelfth grade students, a GHS choir concert, and two plays by the GHS theatre department will be presented beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the school auditorium.

The community is cordially invited to attend.

Juniors to order rings
A representative of Herf Jones will meet with GHS juniors Mon., Jan. 3, to discuss selection and purchase of senior rings.

Community care concerns
Esmerelda Renteria underwent heart stent placement surgery Tues. at Northwest Texas Hospital.

Spearman

Spearman school's set holiday

Spearman schools will have an early release for the Christmas Holidays, Friday, December 17, at 1 p.m. Students will report back to class Monday, January 3, 2005.

Community care concerns
Remember the infant son of Cody and Abby Pipkin in your prayers. He is in Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital Family members reported marked improvement in his condition on Tuesday.



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Two mature bald eagles are now being seen at the Lake. Jim is not sure if the immature eagle has turned into a bald eagle or if it was replaced by another mature eagle. He said the best time to see them is between 9 and 10 o'clock in the mornings. They are usually perched in the dead trees in the Lake. If the office is open, you are welcome to use the scope there.

Several were out to enjoy the pretty afternoon on Sunday. One boat was seen and several people were fishing from the shores.

While working for the Rotary Club's Pheasant Hunt auction, Jim drove to Dumas to pick up a pheasant given by Brent Branum of the Tumbleweed Taxidermy Shop. Jim really enjoyed seeing the different animals on display that Brent had mounted. One was a young mountain lion that had been killed near Dumas several years ago.

That reminded me of the article "Living with Mountain Lions" in the Texas Co-Op Power magazine, December 2004 issue sent me by Kathleen Brillhart.

The well written article by Elaine Robbins didn't mention any mountain lions in the Panhandle, but she did quote one man as saying, "But people mistake everything from bobcats to deer to housecats for the lions. Such sightings are so notoriously inaccurate

that wildlife biologist Shaw once dismissed them as "UFOs-- unidentified furry objects."

We have yet to have someone photograph a mountain lion on the Palo Duro watershed as far as I know, but we have had good pictures of their tracks and very believable stories from those who have actually seen a mountain lion here.

I liked Elaine Robbins description of the lion kittens as adorably furry with black spots and bright blue eyes. They stay with their mother until they are around a year and a half.

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SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT				
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE				
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2004				
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Permanent Trust Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,382,263	\$ 21,318	\$ 342,147	\$ 3,745,728
5800 State Program Revenues	1,539,850	-	92,253	1,632,103
5900 Federal Program Revenues	22,318	-	430,589	452,907
5020 Total Revenues	4,944,431	21,318	864,989	5,830,738
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	3,420,002	-	336,336	3,756,338
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	95,179	-	1,412	96,591
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	29,441	-	2,335	31,776
0023 School Leadership	293,870	-	3,411	297,281
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	125,977	-	14,476	140,453
0033 Health Services	52,630	-	500	53,130
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	117,383	-	517	117,900
0035 Food Services	7,211	-	283,130	290,341
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	304,247	-	369	304,616
0041 General Administration	392,995	-	1,512	394,507
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	594,259	-	9,878	604,137
0053 Data Processing Services	16,538	-	-	16,538
0061 Community Services	30,827	-	507	31,334
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on long-term debt	-	-	230,000	230,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on long-term debt	-	-	5,405	5,405
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	44,554	-	-	44,554
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	121,487	-	-	121,487
6030 Total Expenditures	5,646,600	-	889,788	6,536,388
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(702,169)	21,318	(24,799)	(705,650)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	122,937	-	30,699	153,636
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(30,699)	(82,901)	(40,036)	(153,636)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	92,238	(82,901)	(9,337)	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(609,931)	(61,583)	(34,136)	(705,650)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,130,225	1,417,342	38,570	4,586,137
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	(4,434)	(4,434)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,520,294	\$ 1,355,759	\$ -	\$ 3,876,053

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If you have a name or address that you would like added to this list, please contact Catherine Smith at the Hansford County Reporter Statesman, 659-3434, or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

Local drive to benefit injured U.S. soldiers

Editor's Note: My daughter, Jennifer McNulty sent me the following letter from Mary Beth Sanders, a volunteer at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, where many of our wounded soldiers are sent for medical treatment.

If you would like to make a donation, you may bring your items to the Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, in Spearman.

Wounded soldiers arrive at Landstuhl Hospital with only the clothes on their back. This may be the uniform they were wearing when they were injured, or a hospital gown if they were sent to a field hospital prior to being sent to Landstuhl. Obviously, neither of the above is suitable to wear for travel when they leave the hospital, regardless of their destination.

There is a Clothing Closet set up to provide clothing for our brave young soldiers during their stay at the hospital and for their flight home, 100% of which is donated from all over the United States: families, schools, churches, organizations, clubs, and businesses.

The heartfelt appreciation and gratitude expressed by the soldiers when they receive these items is

overwhelming. Unfortunately, supplies have been seriously depleted. The Clothing Closet is in dire need of new, unused clothes. They will be distributed to our military personnel who are being treated there or being transferred. These items should not have any organizational logos on them; however, name-brand logos are acceptable.

If you can help with this project you would bless our soldiers in a very real, tangible way. Boxes may be sent to either of the following addresses: Mary Beth Sanders, PSC 9 Box 4406, APO AE 09123 or Sandy Delk, CMR 402 Box 861, APO AE 09180.

If you are sending more than a few boxes, email me (victory3n1@hotmail.com) or Sandy (sandy.delk@us.army.mil) and they will send you the address of the hospital so they may be sent directly to the attention of the Chaplain's Office.

Also, THEY MUST BE MAILED THROUGH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NOT A COMMERCIAL CARRIER! Please feel free to include hand-written notes or cards, candy, or other items you think they would enjoy. We will make sure that they are passed on

to the soldiers.

May God Bless You,
Mary Beth Sanders

Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany
P.S.: After I received the initial request letter from Sandy, I got an updated list of additional items that would be helpful to our wounded soldiers. While sweatsuits remain the #1 priority, the other items will be needed when they are released or transferred.

Women and Men (M-XXXL):
Sweatshirts, Sweatpants, Long Sleeve T's, Lined Windbreakers,

Gloves, Knit Caps; Ladies Tennis Shoes (Size 6-10). Mens Tennis Shoes (Size 8-14).

Also, men's boxer shorts, all sizes would be helpful. And since there are some female patients, something feminine would be nice.

Phone cards are greatly appreciated. They would not have as many units available because it would be an overseas call, but they would make it possible for the soldiers to contact their loved ones, especially those who face an extended stay in the hospital.

Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Temperatures across the district were above average throughout the week. Some precipitation occurred early, but warm conditions existed during the remainder of the week. Precipitation amounts slowed harvest for a short time. Drier conditions at the end of the week allowed cotton harvest to make progress. Yield and quality have been reduced as a result of extended wet condition. Harvest is about 45 percent complete. Sorghum harvest progressed and is 65 percent complete; no yield reports have been received. Drier conditions are allowing sunflower, soybean and peanut harvest to near completion. Wheat is rated mostly good to excellent. Drier conditions allowed stocker cattle to be moved from muddy pens to excellent wheat pasture. Range conditions vary from poor to excellent. Cattle are in good condition, but they are stressed from an extended wet and muddy period. Supplemental feeding continues.

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Gruver Junior High wins, Elementary takes second in UIL Academic Meet

Gruver junior high (seventh and eighth grades) captured first place in the UIL Academic Contest held November 12, at Frank Phillips College in Borger while Gruver Elementary (grades 2-6) took second place.

In the junior high division, Gruver had 400 points with Stratford receiving 304, Sunray 325, Vega 218, Booker 115.5, and White Deer 50.

In the elementary division, Stratford narrowly edged out Gruver with 443.5 to 427 points. Vega took third with 389, Booker 255, Sunray 239, and White Deer 122.

Junior High results were as follows:

7th Grade
Calculator: Leigh Anne Winger - 2nd, Katie Gibson - 3rd;
Dictionary Skills: Drew Mireles - 1st, Mary Barron - 2nd;
Editorial Writing: Jorge Tarango - 5th, Mattie Yanke - 6th;
Impromptu Speaking: Mattie Yanke - 1st, Katie Gibson - 4th;
Listening Skills: Parker Grotegut - 1st;
Modern Oratory: Leigh Anne Winger - 1st, Megan Stejda - 2nd, Drew Mireles - 3rd;
Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Drew Mireles - 2nd;
Mathematics: Katie Gibson - 1st;
Oral Reading: Leigh Anne Winger - 4th;
Ready Writing: Reagan Karlin - 1st, Leigh Anne Winger - 2nd, Katie Gibson - 3rd;
Number Sense: Drew Mireles - 5th;
Spelling: Drew Mireles - 1st, Katie Gibson - 3rd

Dictionary Skills: Lynn Vela - 1st, Coach Shawn Thompson
Editorial Writing: Parker Grotegut - 1st;
Impromptu Speaking: Miles Messer - 1st, Lynn Vela - 2nd, Sydney Clawson - 3rd;
Listening Skills: Saul Hernandez - 5th;
Modern Oratory: Miles Messer - 1st, Lynn Vela - 2nd, Lindsey Mireles - 5th;
Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Lynn Vela - 4th;
Mathematics: Lynn Vela - 2nd;
Ready Writing: Lynn Vela - 1st, Miles Messer - 2nd, Sydney Clawson - 3rd;
Spelling: Miranda Baird - 4th

Ready Writing: Dallas Reynolds - 5th, Korbin Irwin - 6th;
Spelling: Nikki Beasley - 1st, Maggie Key - 3rd, Damian Pierce - 4th

5th Grade
Art: team of Kaysha Bass, Madison McLain, Daniela Luciano, and Betty Hernandez - 3rd;
Dictionary Skills: Taylor Felderhoff - 1st, Evelyn Pastrana - 4th;
Listening: Jacque Mayfield - 4th;
Music Memory: team of Clarissa Anaya, Betty Hernandez, and Yesenia Monroy, and Chris Ortiz - 3rd place;
Number Sense: Shelley Gibson - 3rd;
Oral Reading: Ashlynn Miner - 2nd;
Ready Writing: Shelley Gibson -

1st; **Spelling:** Taylor Felderhoff - 4th, Kaysha Bass - 6th

6th Grade
Calculator: Shelby Williams - 5th, Tony Pena 5th;
Listening: Mariela Barrera - 3rd;
Maps, Graphs, and Charts: Mary Hart - 5th;
Mathematics: Daniel Swink - 2nd, Justin Bass 5th;
Music Memory: team of Gabriela Barrera, Mariela Barrera, Matison Jones, and Brianna Mitchell - 2nd place;
Number Sense: Shelby Williams - 4th;
Ready Writing: Gabriela Barrera - 5th;
Spelling: Jake Beasley - 3rd, Hugo Ortiz - 4th, Coach Sandra Gumfroy

Gruver Elementary results were as follows:

2nd Grade
Storytelling: Carson Williams - 2nd, Rayel Anderson - 6th;
Creative Writing: Bailey Rae Poer - 2nd, Michaela Davis - 6th

3rd Grade
Music Memory: team of Zoe Cantrell, Beau Blankenship and Madison Williams - 2nd;
Ready Writing: Zoe Cantrell - 6th;
Spelling: Travis Stejda - 1st, Zoe Cantrell - 3rd

4th Grade
Music Memory: team of Damian Pierce, Cale Curry, Korbin Irwin, and Maricela Serrano - 2nd;
Art: team of Dallas Reynolds, Maggie Key, Flor Soto and Alex Logsdon - 2nd;
Number Sense: Korbin Irwin - 1st, Maggie Key - 3rd, Stephanie Ortiz - 6th;
Oral Reading: Korbin Irwin - 1st;

Pringle-Morse competes in All-Region Band

Nine Pringle-Morse students were selected for the All-Region Band in competition held November 30 in Panhandle.

The students competed for two-eighth chairs with some students competing with up to eighty students for the coveted positions.

Those selected were Brittany Barnes - 14th chair flute (60 competitors), Ariana Ceballos - 2nd chair flute (60 competitors), Mary Beth Hargis - 2nd chair corone/trumpet (81 competitors), Marisol Hernandez - 14th chair BB clarinet (67 competitors), Will McCloy - first alternate tenor trombone (41 competitors), Joani Ortiz - second alternate tenor, Amy Tolleson - third alternate corone/trumpet (81 competitors), Eric Velasquez - 12th chair tenor trombone (41 competitors), and Jenna Wilson - 8th chair BB clarinet (67 competitors).

Pringle-Morse band instructor is Michael Gravitt.



Gruver FFA attends Top-O-Texas District Banquet

The Gruver FFA attended the Top-O-Texas District Banquet December sixth at the MK Brown Center in Pampa, Texas. Those attending the banquet were (back, L-R) Blane Tolleson, Brad Clawson, Travis McDowell, Charles Slough, Victoria Vela, and Jessica Vela; (2nd Row, L-R) Callie Hargis, Chandler Miner, Jimmilee McCloy, Cason Finley, Drew Grotegut, and Tanner Sherrill; (seated L-R) Jessica Montgomery, and Timber Barkley; (not pictured is Malissa Montgomery)

These students were recognized for the success in recent contest where they placed in 2nd Jr. and Sr. Quiz, 3rd in Sr. Creed, 2nd in Jr. Creed, also placing at District were contestant in the Job Interview contest, and another student placing in Jr. Creed.

Callie Hargis competed in the District Talent show and place second behind the state qualifier for the past two years. She had an outstanding performance against five different teams in the District competition.

Victoria Vela and Timber Barkley both ran for offices. Victoria was elected as Top O Texas District Historian for the upcoming year. Timber narrowly missed getting to represent our District as Area 1 officer.

The Gruver FFA is had an exciting fall and can't wait for the spring events to start.

8th Grade



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Spearman Lynxettes
It was a bad news, good news week for the Spearman Lynxettes. Losing their first game of the season to Sunray Dec. 7, the Lynxettes bounced back to win the Beaver, Oklahoma Tourney over the weekend.

Lynxettes 35, Sunray 44
With excellent three-point shooting and a home court advantage, the Sunray Lady Bobcats broke the Lynxettes perfect season record. Leading Lynxette scorers in the game were Kelcie Rex with 11 points and Lindsey Short with 9 points. Other scorers were Tonya Hart 6, Jordanna Lozano 2, Kendall Schneider 1, and Saylee Flowers 6.

Beaver Oklahoma Tourney
First Game
Lynxettes 53, Beaver, Ok 39
Lindsey Short 5, Britta Vanderburg 3, Kelcie Rex 8, Saylee Flowers 9, Kendall Schneider 9, Tonya Hart 9, Jordanna Lozano 10.

Second Game
Lynxettes 46, Meade, KS 42
Lindsey Short 5, Saylee Flowers 13, Kendall Schneider 2, Tonya Hart 13, Jordanna Lozano 6.

Championship Game
Lynxettes 50, Wheeler 38
Lindsey Short 10, Kelcie Rex 19, Saylee Flowers 6, Kendall Schneider 2, Kylie Howard 6, Tonya Hart 6, Jordanna Lozano 1.

Lynxettes Junior Varsity
After winning the Gruver Junior Varsity Tournament, the Lynxette Junior Varsity fell to a feisty Sunray team.

Gruver Junior Varsity Tourney
First Game
Lynxette JV 55, West Texas JV 11
Tara Shields 8, Mattie Davis 2, Christy Lang 14, Kyla Reed 4, Britney Bradley 2, Callie Cazares 8, Clara Kern 8, Sara Barnes 4, Trudy Hart 5.

Second Game
Lynxette JV 44, Gruver JV 38
Shields 4, Lang 7, Reed 6, Bradley

7, Boyd 3, Cazares 11, Kern 2, Hart 4
Coach's Comments: We played hard, but we didn't always play smart. This was a semi-final game. This win advanced the Spearman JV to the finals against Canadian.

Championship Game
Lynxette JV 38, Canadian JV 33
Davis 1, Lang 4, Reed 11, Bradley 9, Cazares 2, Kern 9, Hart 2.
Coach's Comments: A great win! the JV girls won first place in the Gruver Tournament with this win. We got out-rebounded but played well otherwise. We played the last two minutes with composure. Just need to make a few more free throws.

Lynxette JV 22, Sunray JV 26
Brown 2, Shields 1, Reed 6, Cazares 4, Kern 4, Hart 5.
Coach's Comments: Sunray played good defense in the half court. They didn't give us any easy baskets. If we scored, we had to earn it. We didn't play good enough team defense to win such a low scoring game.

Spearman Tourney
12/9-12/11
Lynxettes J V 21, Stratford J V 45
Brown 2, Lang 3, Reed 3, Bradley 5, Cazares 2, Kern 6.
Coach's Comments: Stratford has a very good junior varsity team. They got the job done at the three-point line and at the free throw line.

Second Game
Lynxettes J V 39, Gruver JV 11
Shields 5, Lang 5, Reed 6, Bradley 4, Cazares 4, Kern 9, Hart 4.
Coach's Comments: We played well defensively. Gruver had a hard time putting the ball in the basket.

Third Game
Lynxettes J V 25, Borger JV 37
lang 2, Reed 2, Bradley 7, Cazares 6, Kern 3, Hart 5.
Coach's Comments: We didn't handle their press well enough. That was the biggest difference in the game.

8th Grade Girls

Record 4-1
Spearman 43, West Texas 16
Spearman 29, Canadian 34
Spearman 35, Stratford 17
Spearman 30, Highland Park 12
Spearman 34, Fritch 14

7th Grade Girls
Record 3-2
Spearman 32, West Texas 5
Spearman 20, Canadian 31
Spearman 34, Stratford 17
Spearman 31, Highland Park 12
Spearman 19, Fritch 20

Gruver Lady Hounds
After squeaking by River Road in the first game of the Lake Meredith Tournament, the Lady Hounds fell to Borger, and then bounced back to beat Panhandle for third place.
Lake Meredith Tourney
First Game
Lady Hounds 37, River Road 35
Lindsey Clift 8, Lauren Urban 9, Blythe Finley 8, Laci Fitzgearld 4, Liz Lopez 2, Rachele Holt 6.

Second Game
Lady Hounds 29, Borger 52
Lindsey Clift 2, Lauren Urban 6, Laina Grotegut 8, Blythe Finley 2, Laci Fitzgearld 5, Rachele Holt 4, Vicki Vela
Championship Game
Lady Hounds 51, Panhandle 42
Lindsey Clift 17, Lauren Urban 8, Laina Grotegut 5, Blythe Finley 2, Laci Fitzgearld 16, Liz Lopez 2, Rachele H Holt 1.

Lady Hounds 65, West Texas 31
Lindsey Clift 10, Kelly Jones 2, Lauren Urban 7, Laina Grotegut 11, Blythe Finley 5, Laci Fitzgearld 8, Jessica Montgomery 2, Liz Lopez 5, Rachele Holt 13, Vicki Vela 2.

Lady Hounds 32, Hooker, OK 51
Lindsey Clift 4, Sarah Mireles 2, Kelly Jones 3, Lauren Urban 2, Laina Grotegut 10, Blythe Finley 2, Laci Fitzgearld 1, Liz Lopez 2, Rachele Holt 2, Vicki Vela 4.

Hugoton Kansas Tourney
First Game
Lady Hounds 46, Hugoton 24
Lindsey Clift 12, Sarah Mireles 2,

Lauren Urban 9, Laina Grotegut 4, Laci Fitzgearld 10, Jessica Montgomery 2, Liz Lopez 6, Rachele Holt 1.

Second Game
Lady Hounds 34, Hooker, OK 47
Lindsey Clift 5, Lauren Urban 4, Laina Grotegut 12, Laci Fitzgearld 5, Liz Lopez 6, Rachele Holt 2.

Third Game
Lady Hounds 56, SW Heights 67
Lindsey Clift 4, Sarah Mireles 3, Kelly Jones 3, Lauren Urban 2, Laina Grotegut 21, Blythe Finley 4, Laci Fitzgearld 2, Liz Lopez 6, Rachele Holt 9, Vicki Vela 2.

Gruver Greyhounds
After trouncing Hooker early in the week, the Hounds narrowly lost two games of the Hugoton Tourney, falling to Perryton and Sublette, KS.

Hugoton Kansas Tourney
Hounds 52, Hugoton, KS 33
Crispin Borunda 4, Brock Irwin 2, Lance Williams 9, Cass Cooper 9, Tyler Lane 4, Matt Messer 13, Ryan Winger 2, Cody Mac Been 11, Reid Winger 2.

Second Game
Hounds 62, Perryton 68
(Four Hounds scored in double figures at the Hound's third meeting with Perryton.)
Lance Williams 12, Cass Cooper 17, Stephen Salazar 4, Matt Messer 12, Cody Mac Been 12, Reid Winger 9.

Third Game
Hounds 52, Sublette, KS 59
Crispin Borunda 2, Brock Irwin 2, Lance Williams 3, Cass Cooper 14, Tyler Lane 5, Stephen Salazar 6, Matt Messer 8, Ryan Winger 2, Cody Mac Been 5, Reid Winger 2.

Spearman Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 17	Canyon		5		6:30
Dec 17	@ *Canadian	5		6:30	
Dec 28-30	@ Clarendon Tourney				TBA
Dec 28-30	@ Lubbock Inv. Tourney				TBA
Jan 4	*Boys Ranch	4	5:15	6:30	8
Jan 7	@ *Highland Park	5	5	6:30	8

Date	Opponent	7thG	8thG	7thB	8thB	9thB
Jan 6	Panhandle	5-T	6-T	5-H	6-H	
Jan 6-8	Perryton Tour.					TBA
Jan 10	West Texas	5-T	6-T	5-H	6-H	7-H

*District Games

Gruver Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 17	@ Borger	5	5	6:30	8
Dec 20	Dalhart	4	5:15	6:30	8
Dec 28-30	@ Canadian Tourney				TBA TBA
Jan 3	@ Channing				6:30 8
Jan 7	@ *Vega	4	5:15	6:30	8
Jan 11	*Booker	4	5:15	6:30	8

Date	Opponent	7thG	8thG	7thB	8thB
Jan 6	Sunray	5-T	6-T	5-H	6-H
Jan 10	Booker (Home)	5	7	6	8

*District Games

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Fritch honors local late artist

The Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum will host a reception honoring the late LaNelle Poling, Sunday, Dec. 12, from 2 - 5 p.m. The City of Fritch announced in November a proclamation establishing Dec. 12, Mrs. Poling's birthday, as LaNelle Poling Day.

Mrs. Poling was born in Amarillo in 1932, married Walt

Poling in 1951 and moved to Fritch in 1952 where they established Poling Ranch south of Fritch on Hwy. 136. They spent numerous hours volunteering for their community in different capacities, among them the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lions Club, Psi Omega and PTA.

Being assigned to the Fritch Bi-

Centennial Committee in 1974, it was through creativity, personal vision, and serious dedication that Mrs. Poling was able to help establish the Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum. She painted and constructed the six wildlife dioramas that make up the main exhibit room. Mrs. Poling served as the LMAWM's Board of Directors

President from its inception until 2000.

In addition, she donated over 100 prints of her paintings to charitable organizations for fundraisers and at least seven original paintings to the Hutchinson Oil Patch Extravaganza to help raise funds to fight cancer. Many of her prints were used for Christmas cards for the Fritch State Bank.

Mrs. Poling received the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Golden Nail Award in May of 1999 for her time and talent which she dedicated to the Arts. She also received an award recognizing LaNelle Poling Day in 2000 from Congressman Mac Thornberry and was featured in Accent West magazine.

The LMAWM has set aside the gifts it has received in memory of Mrs. Poling to be used in the near future for a distinctive memorial honoring her and all she did for the community. If you would like to make a donation send it to the LMAWM, P.O. Box 758, Fritch, TX. 79036.



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The Rules:

Receipts can be added up from different merchants.
Must be 18 years or older to enter.
Fuel, food and vehicle sales excluded.

Attention Baby Boomers

1. According to statistics, you are probably a person of faith.
2. According to the same statistics, you probably don't care much for "religion."
3. If this describes you, I know how you feel.

For years, I wrestled with faith vs. religion.

At the First Christian Church, Spearman, we have done something about this dilemma.

We focus on relationships more than we focus on rules. It is through these relationships with others, that we come to have a better relationship with God.

If you are one of those folks who feel like you would like to have a closer relationship with God, but don't care for the trappings of religion, we have a home for you.

Our church is a nonjudgmental, open, welcoming community.

The beginning of a new year can be a new beginning for you. If you feel that it is time for you to grow spiritually, while at the same time improving your relationships with others, come join us.

We worship every Sunday morning at 10:45.
We offer classes at 9:45.

I promise that you will feel welcome and we will be glad you came.

Sincerely,
Gary Smith, Pastor

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(Disciples of Christ)
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Teenagers! Win \$100 at Radio Shack

You must enter in person at the bank
Gift certificate will be for Spearman B&B Radio Shack.
All Radio Shack products will be available through special order.

Hey Kids! Bicycle Giveaway

Have Mom or Dad bring you to the bank so you can enter to win.
Must be 5 to 12 years of age to enter.