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At A Glance

Crisis Center Asking for Cell Phones

The Panhandle Crisis Center is asking citizens of Perryton and the surrounding area to donate unneeded or unwanted cell phones to help the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault or abuse.

The cell phones would give these victims the ability to call 9-1-1 for help.

The people who need this emergency phone assistance are those who do not have a phone or those in a situation where the perpetrator has disabled the phone to prevent the victim from getting law enforcement intervention.

The phone chargers need to be donated with the phones so they can be kept in working order. The phones will be programmed so they only dial 9-1-1 and no other number.

Kerry Symons, owner of Perryton Office Supply, will reprogram the phones. The donor's phone number will be removed. This is done by reprogramming the phone with the number 111-111-1111.

"This is the way cell phones arrive at the business," Symons said, "ready to be programmed for a customer." This programming will prevent anyone from calling the cell phone, but it will still allow 9-1-1 calls.

Cell phones (and the chargers) may be donated by taking them to the Panhandle Crisis Center, Perryton Office Supply, First Christian Church in Spearman, or the Reporter-Statesman office, 213 Main St.

The crisis center is always in need of community support. Helping with this cell phone project is just one of the many ways people can offer their support of this needed service.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Now Accepted

Effective December 19, 2000, 243 counties in Texas were designated as a primary natural disaster area based on the damages caused by excessive heat and drought that occurred from January 1, 2000 and continuing.

This designation makes family-sized farm operators in both the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). FSA will consider each loan application by taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability, and other eligibility requirements.

Farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less (maximum amount \$500,000). The farmers must be unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders to be eligible for the emergency loans. The interest rate on the actual loss loan is 3.75%.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30% loss of production to be eligible for an emergency loan. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until August 20, 2001 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Applications may be obtained at the local FSA office.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

Three Hansford County Businesses Change Ownership

The coming of the new year also brought new ownership to three businesses in Hansford County.

J.W. DeWitt of Perryton purchased Whitehouse Lumber, Anne and Vernon Pipkin purchased Berry Cleaners (both located in Spearman), and Rhonda Hicks recently purchased My Mother's Garden in Gruver.

Convenient and quality service are pivotal to each business.

J.W. DeWitt has known the roofing business ever since he was able. He figures that he's been roofing for around 18 years, with his family roofing business, DeWitt Bros. in Perryton.

DeWitt Lumber hopes to serve their customers better with their new all-day Saturday hours, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. They also plan to include a

small rental tool and equipment service in the fall.

DeWitt and his wife, Beth have two boys, Jason, 16, and Blake, 14.

For several years, the Dallas Morning News recognized Anne Pipkin's clothing retail business in Dallas for her exceptional customer service. Now that she and her husband Vernon are the new owners of Berry Cleaners, she hopes to bring that same distinct service to their dry cleaning customers.

They hope to continue the same first-rate service that former owner Dan Desimone established over the past 35 years.

The cleaners will continue to offer free pickup and delivery: everyday in Spearman; Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Perryton; Tuesday and Friday in Stinnett; and Monday and

Thursday in Gruver. Since purchasing Berry Cleaners, they have increased the delivery routes to include Stinnett.

"We will have quality service at a fast turnaround time," said Anne Pipkin, who has hired additional employees to ensure that guarantee.

The Pipkins have four children: Cody and his wife Abby of Corpus Christie; Mika Gumfory and her husband Garrett and their son, Sam of Madison, WI; Holly, a Texas A&M student and Maggie, who is 2.

My Mother's Garden is located at the corner of Main and Broadway Streets in Gruver. This location has housed a floral store since 1988.

Rhonda Hicks, the store's new owner, opened the business on Monday, February 5th. Hick's daughter, Brandea, will be assisting in the store while also continuing her college studies.

Hours for My Mother's Garden will be 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. - noon on Saturdays.

Hicks hopes to continue the tradi-

tion of excellence in both fresh and silk floral designs associated with My Mother's Garden. The business will also feature gifts, candles, paper goods, greeting cards, and children

and baby gifts.

Hicks and her husband Larry have three children Brandea, 20, Chelsie 18, and Jordan, 10.



DeWitt Lumber and Hardware manager Jean Burgess and new owner J.W. DeWitt stand near the store's sign, displaying the new name of the business.



Vernon and Anne Pipkin are the new owners of Berry Cleaners.



Rhonda Hicks (right) and her daughter Brandea create a silk floral arrangement at My Mother's Garden.

Public Radio Comes To The Panhandle

Public radio is coming to the Northern Texas Panhandle, via a new 100,000 watt FM station. High Plains Public Radio has been working for the past 2 years to expand its coverage to include Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Carson, Gray and Wheeler counties. The new station will deliver programming that includes in-depth news, classical, jazz and folk music, and a variety of other information and entertainment programs currently not available in the area.

Programming will include National Public Radio's award winning daily news programs of Morning Edition and All Things Considered, along with other public radio favorites such as A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor and Car Talk. Regional news, information and public affairs programming, along with promotion of area arts, educational and cultural organizations, will also be featured daily. All programming will be broadcast commercial free. As a non-profit organization, High Plains Public Radio relies on indi-

vidual and business contributions to fund its service.

In September, 2000 HPPR was offered a grant of nearly \$437,000 from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program of the National Telecommunications and Information Agency to help construct the station. Over the next three months, High Plains Public Radio will work with residents of the Texas Panhandle to organize a capital campaign to pay for equipment, construction and initial operating costs not covered by the grant.

The station would broadcast at 89.5 FM from a centrally located 800' tower. Final approval of an application to the FCC for a construction permit for the station is still pending. High Plains Public Radio, which began broadcasting in 1980, currently serves residents of Western Kansas, portions of Southeastern Colorado and the Oklahoma Panhandle, and Amarillo. It can be heard in Amarillo at 94.9 FM and 91.3 FM.

For more information, contact Project Director Skip Mancini at 1-800-678-7444.

Federal Conservation, Development Areas to Include High Plains

The Texas High Plains Resource Conservation and Development Areas were recently designated as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's RC&D program, making them eligible for future USDA funding.

The RC&D program is designed to help people in rural areas plan and implement activities that increase conservation of natural resources, support economic development and enhance the environment and quality of living. In the Texas High Plains, this includes reducing soil erosion, improving water quality and diversifying local business opportunities.

The FY2001 Agriculture Appropriations bill included a \$7 million increase in RC&D funding, providing an increased chance that a RC&D area will be eligible for federal funding.

Panhandle Livestock Association To Host 86th Annual Convention

The Panhandle Livestock Association (PLA) will convene for their 86th annual convention on February 10, 2001 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo, Texas.

The PLA will host a panel of speakers to discuss the future of water rights in Texas. The groundwater panel will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 11:30 a.m. The panelists include Jack Hunt, CEO of King Ranch; Paul Terrill, partner of Hazen and Terrill attorneys in Austin; C.E. Williams, General Manager of Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; Charles Bowers, Chairman of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; and Steve Stevens, representative of Mesa Water, inc.

The PLA recognize the increasing importance of water issues in the state of Texas. This panel is an attempt to keep land owners abreast of these issues which profoundly effect the ability of landowners to produce food, fiber and a living from their land.

A luncheon will follow this meeting with the general meeting and director's meeting of the PLA following the luncheon.

The evening festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a prime-rib dinner. The evening speaker will be U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry.

A dance beginning at 8 p.m. with the "Tiny Lyn Band" will round out the day's festivities.

For more information contact Jim Haley at (806) 323-8433 or Jack Craft at (806) 874-3747.



Forever Valentines

Hand in hand, Erils and Ethel Pittman, who have been married for more than 67 years, epitomize the enduring essence of Valentine's Day that love never ends.

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

Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Jo Fletcher, Troy James, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg, Stephen Jacops, 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 Jones, 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. Tommy Saltzman, 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 12

Birthday - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Josephine Fletcher, 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,

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Herb McClellan

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Our Deepest Sympathy

Donald R. Bowen

Donald R. Bowen, 66, of Spearman, died Friday, February 2, 2001. Services were at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 5, 2001 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Foster, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Lane Memorial Cemetery in Sunray by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Bowen was born in Atoka County, OK in 1934. He had lived in Spearman for 42 years, moving from Sunray. In 1955, he married Veleta Lackey at Sunray.

He was a pipeline corrosion technician for Northern Natural Gas Co. / Enron, for 42 years, retiring in 1999. He was a charter member of the Fellowship Baptist Church. He was an avid trout fisherman.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Terrie Goins of Sparta, MO, and Carrie Cenicerros of Spearman; two sons, Larry Bowen of Lubbock and Earnest Bowen of Amarillo; three brothers, John Timothy Bowen of Tioga, William Howard Bowen of Wardville, OK, and James Edward Bowen of Sunray; a sister, Zena Faye McDonald of Spearman; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

William "Bill" Kagel

William "Bill" Kagel, 75, of Hot Spring, AR died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001 in his home.

He was a very active member of St. John's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Saltzman Kagel of Hot Springs, AR; two daughters, two sons, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His extended family includes Alan and Diana Saltzman of San Antonio and Tommy and Sharon Saltzman of Gruver.

Ann F. Wade

Ann F. Wade, 67, of Gruver, died on Tuesday, February 6, 2001.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the First Assembly of God Church in Spearman with the Rev. Walter Greaser officiating. Interment will be in Gruver Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Wade was born in Grady County, OK on November 18, 1933. She had lived in the area since 1989, moving from Pauls Valley, OK.

She married E.J. Wade on March 20, 1970 in Chickasha, OK.

She was a nurses aide, and a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Spearman.

Survivors include her husband, E.J. Wade of Gruver; and one sister, Carolyn Fitzpatrick of Ninnekah, OK.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ulysses and Dosha Lee Holt, and one brother.

Thank You

The family of Caia Hester would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many friends and relatives for their loving show of sympathy at the loss of our mother. A special thanks to Hansford Manor, Hansford Hospital, Dr. Wonnacott, Hospice Staff and Volunteers and to Home Health for the loving care you gave to our mother. To all the members of the First Christian Church and to all her friends and relatives, we know there just are not words that can adequately express our thanks and appreciation for all the love and support you have given over the years she lived in Spearman. Please know we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness. May God bless each of you.

Sincerely

The Family of Caia Hester - Paulede, Tony & David

Thank You

The family of Winnie Carol Allen is sincerely grateful for the loving expressions showed by all of our friends and members of the First Christian Church. Your care and sympathy are deeply appreciated by our entire family.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Hansford Soccer Association Spring Sign-Up

The Hansford Soccer Association is now accepting registration for the Spring Season. Registration forms will be accepted through Friday, February 16th. The Spring Soccer Season will be held from March 10th-April 7th. Boys and girls ages 5 through 13 as of July 31, 2000 are eligible to play. Games will be held on Saturdays at Rocket Slide Park. Registration fees are as follows: One child - \$20; Two children - \$30; Three children - \$40; Four or more - \$50. Scholarships are available. If you have any questions, please call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 or Alfred Avila at 659-3830.

Genealogy Society

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

Can You Teach?

The Community Resource Program is looking for people to teach the following classes: Cooking, Drawing, Painting, Catering, Exercises, Tile Mosaics, Photography, Stock Trading, or something else. Call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at (806) 659-3233.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from February 1st through April 15th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

Hansford County Livestock Show

The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on February 9th and 10th in the Spearman County Barn.

55 Alive Driving Class

If you missed the 55 Alive Driving Class and are interested in taking it, please contact Kathy Bryant at the O'Loughlin Center, 659-3030. A minimum of 15 people must be pre-registered in order to have the class.

Red Cross Community First Aid & Safety Course

The American Red Cross will conduct a Community First Aid and Safety Course on February 19th and 20th at the Ochiltree County Courthouse first floor break-room. The first aid portion will start on the 19th at 6:00 p.m. The infant and child portion will begin at 8:30 p.m. The adult CPR portion will be held on the 20th at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call the Red Cross office weekday mornings at 435-8024.

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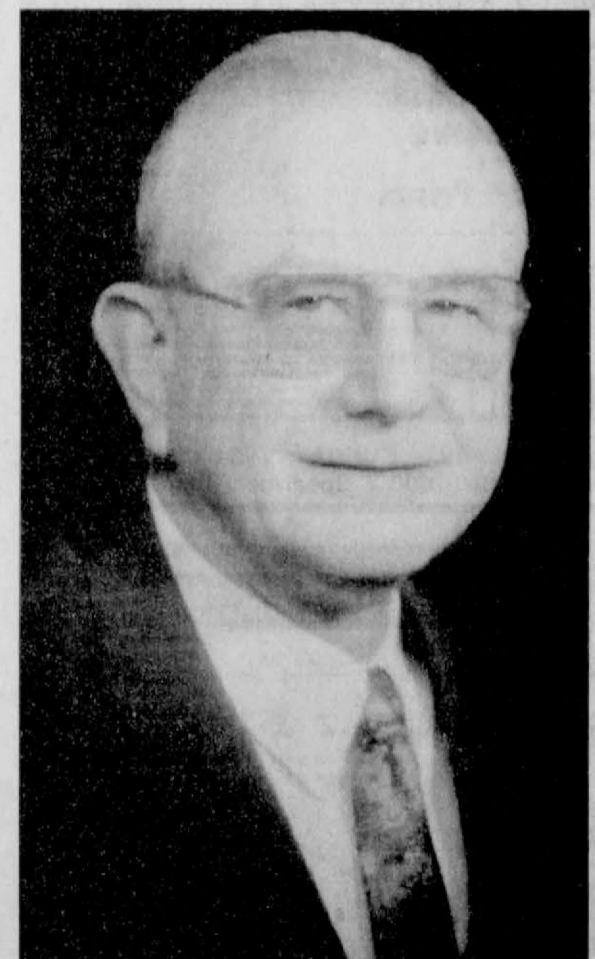
John Cluck, President and CEO of Interstate Bank, ssb is pleased to announce the hiring of Andy Burleson. "Andy will serve current and future customers as a Field Representative in the Commercial and Agricultural lending area," said Cluck.

Mr. Burleson has an extensive lending background having served as a Senior Vice President at the Amarillo PCA from 1985-1999. In addition, Andy managed and operated extensive livestock and farming operations in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado.

Andy and his wife Patsy, now reside in southwest Hansford County. They have three grown daughters and four grandchildren rounding out their family.

Cluck adds, "As Interstate Bank continues to expand it's commercial and agricultural lending portfolio in the surrounding area, Andy will be a valuable member of our bank team in servicing the needs of these customers. We are excited and gratified by our growth and look forward to the opportunity to provide service and convenience to this community."

The public is invited to attend a reception for Mr. Burleson on February 14, 2001 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Spearman Branch located at 322 Main Street.



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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Omar Cotter is recovering slowly from a broken ankle which he received two weeks ago Friday. He was on the parking lot back of the Spearman Auto Supply and started into the store after leaving his pick-up in park gear when he noticed it backing up. He rushed over to stop it and slipped on some gravel. The pick-up backed over him, the left front wheel running over his ankle. Both bones were broken but not crushed.

Terry Burch rushed to him. The pick-up stopped when it hit the building. Terry called the ambulance and he was taken to Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton.

Omar returned home the next day and later went to Amarillo for further treatment. The doctors expect complete recovery in another six weeks.

Omar, a youthful 86, is optimistic and very complimentary about the TLC from his wife, Cleo. Her patience, knowledge, nursing and food is aiding his recovery. However, he hasn't been able to develop any cowboy qualifications with her, so her nephew, Josh Gilley of Perryton is looking after their cattle.

Helen and Nolan Holt returned Friday evening from Ft. Worth where they had gone to check on Nolan's brother, Newton, who is

recovering from a stroke. He is now in a retirement center and doing well.

O.C. and Helen Holt accompanied them.

Helen and Nolan had just returned from Santa Fe where they had spent a few days.

Last week's "Out at the Lake" report states that Wesley Maupin had resigned as a director after five years of service. The people of the district appreciate his service and are grateful to him and other board members who give freely of their time and efforts for the maintenance of the lake.

C.A. Davis replaces Wesley and will make an excellent member. C.A. has had first-hand experience in recreation along the banks of the creek - dating from his childhood and... dating during his youth.

Cody Pipkin spent Friday on Monday here visiting the Vernon Pipkins and other relatives. Cody is an engineer for a large refinery and lives at Ingleside, Texas near Corpus Christi.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Donald Bowen. His services were Monday with interment at Sunray. The Bowens have been citizens here for 42 years and raised their family here. His obituary is

elsewhere.

Kevin and Ginger Nelson returned Sunday from the National Young Lawyers Association convention in Las Vegas.

Kevin is president of the Amarillo chapter and Ginger is the vice-president. They are now residents of Amarillo.

Little Bryce McLaughlin, son of Leslie and Brian, is back at home and hopeful of having a more enjoyable week than last. He was hospitalized from Monday through Friday at Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton with a viral infection.

Garrett and Mika Gumfory enjoyed going over the border into Canada this past weekend. They are in Madison, Wisconsin where he is working on his Master's Degree. Mika is a home mom with their son, Samuel Mac, who will soon be one year old.

Olive (Babe) Pendergraft underwent right hip replacement last Thursday in Baptist St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo. The surgery was successful and recovery is normal. It is expected that she will be brought to Hansford Hospital early this week for further recovery and rehab.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Varon spent the past weekend in Sterling, Kansas visiting their son, Eric. He is a senior in the college there.

Their son, Richard, had to be there on Saturday morning for registration for the fall semester of 2001. Accompanying the Varons was Matt Dunnihoo.

Radio station KRDF FM carried a very interesting program on "People on the Go" last Thursday morning. Featured were Jim Shirley and Craig Schumann in an interview dealing with the inauguration and the team and wagon which was exhibited there. The program held the complete attention of all listeners and was under the capable direction of Carolyn Cummings.

Many are hoping for a rerun or that it will be published. The opportunity to have the wagon and team on exhibit in D.C. was due to Rep. Larry Combest as he had ridden on it in a couple of Lubbock parades.

Craig Schumann and Chico Tercero hauled the wagon and team to Washington in an interesting but safe trip. Seems it is difficult to find suitable beds for horses in the average motel.

It was surprising how much publicity the exhibit received. Fortunately it was under cover and rain and snow caused it no problem. Spectators crowded the premises asking questions, having their pictures taken on the horses and several asked about old friends in this area. There were some TV interviews.

The Spearman group was delighted to visit with Kyla Nelson Sell now living in D.C.

Among Hansford County folk there were Roy Byrd, Maxine Cline, Allen Howell, Josh Winegarner, Verna Lee and Jim Shirley as well as Craig and Chico.

A great deal of effort, preparation and expense went into the trip and resulted in much publicity for the area. Appreciation is expressed to Mr. Shirley.

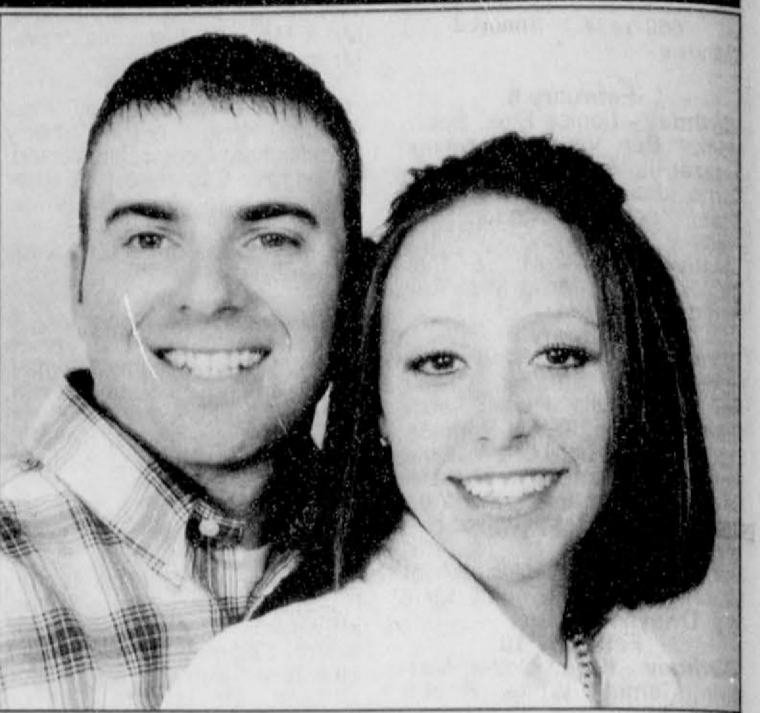
Recent reports of the pardoning of many criminals by Clinton in the last days of his term and the huge donations changing hands stirred memories of studying Texas history years ago. Seems Texas had a governor named Jim Ferguson who pardoned a high number of Texas prisoners and received donations.

He was impeached and could not legally hold another office. If memory serves correctly, Fifer, the assassin of Sheriff Martin was one of those pardoned.

So Ferguson and his faithful followers had his wife, Miriam A. Ferguson, elected. "MA" Ferguson served for a number of years as window dressing and he governed the state.

Is there a repeat performance on a national scale in the future?

Weather report for week 1-29 through 7 a.m. 2-5 shows the highest temperature to be on 2-3 at 53 degrees; the lowest on 1-29 at 12 degrees. No moisture.



Engagement Announcement

Reagan and Beckee Baker of Spearman are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lacie to Trent Tidwell of Dallas. Parents of the groom are Hardy and Kaye Tidwell of Stephenville. Lacie is currently in her last semester of nursing school at Tarleton University where she will graduate on May 12, 2001 with a BSN. Trent is a 1999 graduate of Tarleton University where he received his MBA. He is employed by Bluebonnet Savings of Dallas. After a May 19 wedding in Stephenville, the couple plans to reside in Dallas.

College News

Oklahoma Baptist University Honor Roll

Caleb Harris of Gruver was named to the President's Honor Roll for the Fall 2000 Semester at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Harris, son of Kenneth and Jean Harris, is an piano performance major.

West Texas A&M University Honor Roll

A total of 317 West Texas A&M University students were named to the President's List.

Students earning President's List recognition achieved a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 (of a possible 4.0) or better with a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours.

Students on the Dean's List achieved GPA's between 3.25 and 3.85 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

President's Honor Roll: Spearman - Eena Harbour, senior, agri/ag business; Nikki Strawn, junior, mass communications-public relations; Hajea Beasley, sophomore, pre-medicine; Gruver - Lacie Osbourne, sophomore, undeclared; Nikki

Stewart, sophomore, undeclared. Dean's List: Jennifer Laxson and Theresa Gomez

Amarillo College Honor Roll

Jeanette D. Hodges, a Business Administration student and Walter W. Porter, an Electronic Instrument & Control Technology student, both from Spearman are among 320 students named to the Fall 2000 Honor Roll at Amarillo College.

To be recognized, students must be enrolled in 12 or more hours of academic courses at Amarillo College and earn a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

Oklahoma State University Honor Roll

Oklahoma State University announces that Bruce Wayne Howell and Amber Kristine Ramon, both of Spearman, were named to the Fall 2000 Honor Roll.

Ramon, who received all "A" grades this semester was named to the President's Honor Roll. She is the daughter of Tindle and Kristi Ramon. Bruce is the son of Danny Howell.

Interstate Bank is proud to welcome Andy Burleson

the newest member of our banking team. Please join us for a come-and-go reception in his honor on Wednesday, February 14, 2001 between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

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You are invited to a **Baby Shower** for twin boys of Josie & Logan Hudson on Saturday, February 17, 2001 from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the home of Karla Brown 318 S. Bernice • Spearman, TX

You are invited to a **Bridal Shower** honoring April Grimes bride-elect of Kyle Makings on Saturday, February 10, 2001 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the First State Bank Hospitality Room 1 NE Court • Spearman, TX

You are invited to a **Bridal Shower** honoring Joanna Jarvis bride-elect of Randall Roberts on Saturday, February 17, 2001 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the Stinnett Community Center Stinnett, Texas

Lordy, Lordy, Look Who's 40!

Happy Birthday, Stephen!



The greatest husband, father & son! Love, Deborah, D.J., Andrew, Gregory, & Momma

Bridal Registry

- April Grimes & Kyle Makings - Feb. 10th
- Joanna Jarvis & Randy Roberts - Feb. 17th
- Lacie Baker & Trent Tidwell - March 10th
- Kim Venneman & Clint Cooper - March 17th
- Kelly Shieldknight & Quentin Harper - March 17th
- Lindsey Smith & Britt Savage - March 24th
- Bertha Vargas & Frank Salgado Jr. - April 22nd

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- April Grimes & Kyle Makings - Feb. 10
- Joanna Jarvis & Randy Roberts - Feb. 17
- Lacie Baker & Trent Tidwell - March 10
- Kim Venneman & Clint Cooper - March 17
- Lindsey Smith & Britt Savage - March 24
- Bertha Vargas & Frank Salgado - April 22

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Lady Hounds Win District Title

Dominating District 1-1A with a perfect 6-0 record, the Lady Hounds claimed the district title with a concluding win over the Boys Ranch Lady Riders.

The Lady Hounds will play either White Deer or Wheeler for the bi-district title.

Senior Athletes Honored

Fifteen senior athletes and their parents were honored in ceremonies on Tuesday night at the final home basketball game of the year.

Senior Brooke Salmans, Brooke Bevell, and Jessica Moore were recognized for serving as GHS cheerleaders while seniors Sammie Stavlo, Tessa Yanke, and Lindsay Messer were honored for their play on the Lady Hound basketball team.

Jason Shoulders, Kirby Johnson, Anthony Villalobos, Cory Schneider, Aaron Weller, Kasey Harris, Brady Hart, and Chad Clift were honored for their contribution

on the Hound basketball team. Senior Clint Swink was recognized as Hound team manager.

Get Well Wishes

John Cotter suffered two cracked ribs in a fall at his home last week.

GHS senior Kim Boyd, who is recuperating from her recent surgery, felt well enough to attend her brother's basketball game last Tuesday in Booker.

Elmo Dahl is doing well following shoulder surgery on February 1, in Amarillo.

The young daughter of former resident Brad Pingle remains in serious condition following injuries she sustained in a traffic accident in Amarillo.

Former resident Kaisi Foster is experiencing some health complications and is undergoing a series of

tests.

Linda Walters was scheduled for liver tests in Amarillo this week.

Gruver Grandparents Announce Births

Blake Dean Powell was born January 12, 2001 to parents Brad and Cheryl Powell. Weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces and measuring 18 inches long, the lad is the grandson of Gerald and Sandy TeBeest. Blake has an older brother, Zach.

Roger and Kenna Barkley announce the birth of their daughter Hannah Elizabeth Barkley who was born on January 15, 2001.

Weighing 8 pounds and 5 ounces, the little miss was 20 and 1/2 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Howard and Nancy Barkley.

Seventh Boys, Eighth Girls Take Championship

The Gruver seventh grade boys and the Gruver eighth grade girls took championship honors in the Gruver Junior High tournament over the weekend.

The Gruver seventh grade girls and the Gruver eighth grade boys

claimed second place honors.

Seventh Grade Boys
Gruver 51, Sunray 20
Championship Game
Gruver 51, Perryton 30

Eighth Grade Girls
Gruver 49, Sunray 21
Championship Game
Gruver 42, Perryton 32

Seventh Grade Girls
Gruver 32, Sunray 14
Championship Game
Gruver 17, Perryton 36

Eighth Grade Boys
Gruver 43, Sunray 35
Championship Game
Gruver 35, Perryton 49

Public Textbook Hearing Set

Parents, teachers, students, or any interested individuals may inspect the textbooks which are being considered for use in the public school system next year in the Gruver Junior High Library, Thursday February 15 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Students to Attend Rattlers Game

Gruver Junior High students who have been selected as Students of the Six Weeks will be attending the Amarillo Rattlers game Saturday, February 24. The students will be honored during the game and will be presented T-shirts.

Second Grade to Entertain

The second grade class of Peggy Frick will present the play "Little Grunt" to the residents of Hansford Manor February 23.

Condolences Extended

Lester Jerrald Tomlinson, 55, of Perryton, the brother of David Tomlinson of Gruver died on Wednesday, January 31. His memorial services were held in Perryton on Saturday.

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Montgomery Graduates

William Clay Montgomery received his Masters of Education in Administration degree in the December graduation ceremony of West Texas A& M University. Montgomery is the vocational agricultural advisor of Gruver High School.

Doubly Honored

Allan and Lera Beasley received a double honor this weekend when both their granddaughters attending West Texas A&M University were named to the President's Honor Roll for their perfect 4.0 averages during the fall semester at the university.

Samantha Wilkerson and Halee Beasley were both listed on the prestigious roll.

Important Calendar Dates

February 9 - Hansford County Stock Show, Spearman County Barn, School Holiday

February 10 - Hansford County Stock Show, Spearman County Barn

February 11 - 16 - San Antonio Stock Show, Book Fair at Gruver Elementary

February 14 - Elementary Valentine Parties, 2:30 p.m.

February 15 - Public Textbook Hearing, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., Junior High Library

February 17 - High school UIL solo and ensemble band contest,

Canyon. Girls Regional Basketball Tournament, Levelland

February 20 - TAAS Testing (Writing) grades 4-8, and high school. Birthday Lunch - Gruver Elementary

February 21 - TAAS Testing (Math) high school, Departure for Houston Stock Show Sift at Brenham

February 22 - TAAS Testing (Reading) Report Cards are issued.

February 23- Dairy Queen Day - Gruver Elementary, Boys Regional Basketball Tournament, Levelland.

February 26 -March 2 - Spring Break (no school) Houston Stock Show

NOTE: This schedule does not include boy or girl's possible play-off games or practice games.

Track and Tennis on Horizon

The first scheduled track and tennis meets are scheduled for March 9 and 10.

The first track meet will be in Canadian for both the junior high and high school while the first tennis meet will be in Canyon for high school only.

Quotable Gruver People

A sweet Gruver senior girl recently informed her dad she would be going to a college that "was far enough away that he couldn't hear her if she laughed, but near enough that he could hear her if she cried."

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--February 5, 2001--46.35 feet

This week's water level is the same as last week.

Fishing in the Lake in February is usually good, but the fishermen are just beginning to try again after the bad weather. So far, they are not hitting.

The geese are still at the Lake, but the numbers have decreased some. The first of the week Jim counted 25 eagles scattered in the dead trees in the Lake. Other years they have moved out during the day.

The single white pelican is still with us. Jim said the best place to look for it is at the intake tower on Horse Creek.

A pair of pinyin jays has been seen near the office. Jim thinks they are immatures as they are more gray than blue. They are a rare bird to see in the Panhandle. The mountain bluebirds are still around, sometimes in large flocks.

Last night Jim heard his dog squealing as if something was after it. He grabbed his flashlight and was able to see an animal he thought was a bobcat streaking away. The dog was unhurt.

Grizmek's Animal Life Encyclopedia, which is a remarkable set of books with beautiful color plates on all the animals of the world. In Volume 12, Mammals III, I found most of this information on weasels.

Weasels, elongated and slender with short legs, are extraordinarily quick and agile. They usually leap on prey, grabbing it behind the head. The killing bite into the back of the neck is an instinctive behavioral pattern. The upper teeth penetrate the rear skull roof, and the lower teeth press behind the ear into the brain, leading to a fast death. Blood running from the wounds is licked up. This has led many to

think weasels suck the blood out of their kill. These animals like to carry off and hide their victims for later use.

As long as there is live prey, a weasel's instinct is to kill it. That gives them a very bad reputation among poultry raisers. Otherwise, they are valuable at keeping mice and rats thinned out.

The American long-tailed weasel is the most prevalent of our weasels. It ranges from southern Canada across all the continental United States and on down through Central America to Peru and Bolivia. They like to range where there are pocket gophers and ground squirrels.

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Local Youth Participate In Livestock Shows

Hansford County Livestock Show

The Hansford County Livestock Show will be held on February 9th and 10th in the Spearman County Barn.

Gruver Practice Show

The Gruver Practice Show was held Sunday, January 21, 2001 in the Gruver County Barn. Bart Stover from Balko, OK was the judge.

Steers

English Steers: 1. Tucker Williams, 2. Kaylee Holt, 3. Brittany Morris
 Light Exotic Steers: 1. Lance Williams, 2. Kaylee Holt, 3. Rachelle Holt, 4. Bailey Reid
 Heavy Exotic Steers: 1. Tucker Williams, 2. Taylor Williams, 3. Brad Holt, 4. Bailey Reid
 Grand Champion - Tucker Williams, Reserve Grand Champion - Taylor Williams
 Junior Showmanship - Tucker Williams, Senior Showmanship - Kaylee Holt

Lambs

Class I: 1. Malissa Montgomery, 2. Lindsey Clift, 3. Miles Messer, 4. Keith Dillard, 5. Matt Messer, 6. Brianna Jordan
 Class II: 1. Britney Montgomery, 2. Chad Clift, 3. Seth Thompson, 4. Leah Smith, 5. Justin Thompson, 6. Aaron Weller
 Class III: 1. Kellyn King, 2. Jessica Montgomery, 3. Chad Clift, 4. Rachelle Clift, 5. Brittany Morris, 6. Brad Holt, 7. Brenna Reid
 Class IV: 1. Brittany Morris, 2. Michael Dillard, 3. Sammy Johnson, 4. Matt Messer, 5. Kaylee Holt, 6. Bailey Reid

Grand Champion - Kellyn King, Reserve Grand Champion - Britney Montgomery
 Junior Showmanship - Brian Johnson, Senior Showmanship - Chad Clift

Swine

Chester White: 1. Brittany Morris, 2. Brittany Morris, 3. James Crow
 Breed Champion - Brittany Morris, Reserve Breed Champion - Brittany Morris
 Light Duroc: 1. David Parker, 2. Hudson Williams, 3. Brian Johnson, 4. Keith Dillard
 Heavy Duroc: 1. Taylor Williams, 2. Keith Dillard, 3. Lindsey Clift, 4. Malissa Montgomery
 Breed Champion - Taylor Williams, Reserve Breed Champion - Keith Dillard
 Light Hamp: 1. Kade Carthel, 2. Brittany Morris, 3. Tucker Williams

4. Britney Montgomery, 5. Lance Williams
 Heavy Hamps: 1. Kade Carthel, 2. Kade Carthel, 3. Chase Reid, 4. Brian Johnson, 5. Cory Graves, 6. Hudson Williams
 Breed Champion - Kade Carthel, Reserve Breed Champion - Kade Carthel

Light York: 1. Taylor Williams, 2. Lindy Weldon, 3. Bailey Reid, 4. David Parker, 5. Gage Parker, 6. Malissa Montgomery

Heavy York: 1. Brock Irwin, 2. Kade Carthel, 3. Chad Clift, 4. Lance Williams, 5. Justin Thompson
 Breed Champion - Brock Irwin, Reserve Breed Champion - Taylor Williams
 Light Crosses: 1. Lance Williams, 2. Brittany Morris, 3. Tanner Irwin, 4. Travis Stedje, 5. Meagan Stedje, 6. Anna Millican, 7. Seth Thompson
 Medium Crosses: 1. Kade Carthel, 2. Brock Irwin, 3. Michael Dillard, 4. Tucker Williams, 5. Brenna Reid, 6. Sammi Johnson, 7. Aaron Weller
 Heavy Crosses: 1. Michael Dillard, 2. Lanie Graves, 3. Reagan Karlin, 4. Sydney Been, 5. James Crow, 6. Callie Stedje
 Breed Champion - Lance Williams, Reserve Breed Champion - Michael Dillard
 Grand Champion - Taylor Williams, Reserve Grand Champion - Brock Irwin
 Junior Showmanship - Lance Williams, Senior Showmanship - Chad Clift

Spearman Practice Show

On February 4, the Spearman Show took place at the Spearman County Barn.

Steers

Class I: 1. Mel Shields, 2. Tracy Brown, 3. Chase Schubert, 4. Casey Cator
 Class II: 1. Tracy Brown, 2. Travis Brown, 3. Kyna Shields, 4. Kali Shields
 Grand Champion - Tracy Brown, Reserve Grand Champion - Mel Shields
 Junior Showmanship - Tracy Brown, Senior Showmanship - Travis Brown

Lambs

Light: 1. Adam Ferguson, 2. Jessica Jarvis, 3. Tara Shields, 4. Lauren Ferguson
 Light Medium: 1. Tabatha Shields, 2. Joey Pearson, 3. Preslee Baker
 Medium: 1. Misty Brown, 2. Noemi Rodriguez, 3. Tara Shields

4. Blayne Baker
 Light Heavy: 1. Dustin Mackie, 2. Tim Bynum, 3. Eric Flores
 Heavy: 1. Tabatha Shields, 2. Dustin Mackie, 3. Christen Ferguson
 Grand Champion - Dustin Mackie, Reserve Grand Champion - Tabatha Shields
 Junior Showmanship - Tabatha Shields, Senior Showmanship - Dustin Mackie

Swine

Class I - Chester: 1. Blayne Baker - Breed Champion, 2. Kyna Shields - Reserve Breed Champion
 Class II - Duroc: 1. Stuart Martin, 2. Cody Benton, 3. T.J. Vasquez, 4. Brett Widener
 Class III - Duroc: 1. Zack Nollner, 2. Austin Benton, 3. Kyna Shields, 4. Kali Shields, 5. David Sharp
 Breed Champion - Stuart Martin, Reserve Breed Champion - Cody Benton
 Class IV - Hampshire: 1. Zack Murray, 2. Joey Pearson, 3. Allison Brown

Class V - Hampshire: 1. Mallory Martin, 2. Coy Herrington, 3. Lexi Batton, 4. Dakota Cator, 5. Travis Boyd
 Breed Champion - Mallory Martin, Reserve Breed Champion - Zack Murray
 Class VI - York: 1. Zack Murray, 2. Andi Lynn Scarborough
 Class VII - York: 1. Preslee Baker, 2. Zack Nollner, 3. Misty Brown
 Breed Champion - Preslee Baker, Reserve Breed Champion - Zack Nollner

Class VIII - Cross: 1. Brad James, 2. Wade Evans, 3. Misty Brown, 4. David Sharp, 5. Tate Batton
 Class VIII - Cross: 1. Casey Cator, 2. Dustin Mackie, 3. Coy Herrington
 Class X - Cross: 1. Blayne Baker, 2. Dustin Mackie, 3. Ty West, 4. Mel Shields, 5. Eric Vasquez
 Breed Champion - Blayne Baker, Reserve Breed Champion - Dustin Mackie
 Junior Showmanship - Blayne Baker, Senior Showmanship - Tim

Brittany Morris - 3rd in English or English Cross Steers, Bailey Reid - 2nd in Steers, Tracy Brown - 4th in Steers, Travis Brown - 2nd and 3rd in Exotic or Exotic Cross Steers, Tracy Brown - Junior Showmanship Steer, Kyna Shields - Senior Showmanship Steer, Travis Brown - 2nd in Senior Showmanship Steer, Bailey Reid - Grand Champion Lamb, Tabatha Shields - 2nd in Junior Showmanship Lamb, Taylor Williams - reserve Grand Champion York and 2nd in Duroc, Tucker Williams - 2nd in Hampshire

Bynum
 Grand Champion Swine - Mallory Martin
 Reserve Grand Champion Swine - Stuart Martin

Fort Worth Stock Show

The stock show was held in Fort Worth on January 31 through February 3. The following 4-H and FFA members placed:

Kyna Shields - Breed Champion - Angus, Travis Brown - 6th steer, Rachelle Holt - 7th steer, Kaylee Holt - 10th steer, Tucker Williams - 10th steer, Tracy Brown - 13th steer, Bailey Reid - 14th steer, Brad Holt - 19th steer, Taylor Williams - 20th steer, Stuart Martin - 6th swine, Kade Carthel - 11th swine.
 Most of the steers were shown in classes of 60 or more steers.

Top O' Texas Livestock Show

Spearman, Gruver and Morse 4-H'ers participated in the Top O' Texas show January 13th and 14th. Listed below are the results.

2000 Holiday Classic

Preslee Baker of Spearman and Kyna Shields, also of Spearman earned top honors at the 2000 Holiday Classic at Seward County Community College.
 Baker won reserve honors in the Swine Show, while Shields placed with reserve grand progress steer in the cattle division.

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Spearman Basketball News

by Jeff Beedy

Lynx Romp, Lynxettes Run Out of Time

Canadian came to town on Friday to play Spearman in another 6-2A district game. After the dust settled, both Lynx teams won and both Lynxettes teams simply ran out of time. There was a big crowd on hand from both sides with a lot of energy in the air. It was a lot of fun for the fans, players and everyone involved. Everyone's support is greatly appreciated!

The JV Lynxettes got things started as they had the first game of the evening. They played a good game, but came up a little short as they got outscored 44-28 by the Lady Wildcats.

The JV Lynx were up next and they played hard and came away with a win by a score of 52-40. Jeremy Vera led the Lynx with 17 points followed by Lance Smith with 10.

The Varsity Lynxettes were up next in a game everyone knew was going to be tough. Although this game was close the entire way, Canadian came away with the victory by a score of 43-38.

Adrienne Simpson led the Lynxettes in scoring with 12 points followed by Jenn Schnell with 10. The difference in this game was Canadian made their free throws and the Lynxettes didn't make theirs. The Lynxettes' effort was great and they played hard the whole game.

The Lynx played the final game of the night but got off to a slow start. Actually, they keep Canadian in the game so everyone wouldn't leave at half-time because the Lynx only led by 11 points at the break. But in the 3rd quarter, the Lynx came out and

buried the Wildcats as they went on a 23-0 run. They held Canadian scoreless in the 3rd quarter.

Canadian only scored 11 points in the 4th quarter as the Lynx pounded Canadian 70-31.

Spearman was led in scoring by John Brock with 19 points and Randy Duffy with 13.

The Lynx also have a big game Tuesday in Panhandle as they are also in a must win situation in order to be assured a playoff spot. Panhandle is another hostile environment and it will be tough to win down there, so we need all the support we can get! Please make plans to attend this huge night of basketball! Good luck Lynx and Lynxettes!

Spearman Lynx

Date: 1-26-01 Place: Spearman
 Season Record: 10-15
 Score by Quarters
 Lynx 12 24 13 9 58
 Clarendon 13 10 22 14 59

Date: 1-30-01 Place: Wellington
 Season Record: 11-15
 Score by Quarters
 Lynx 21 29 20 15 85
 Wellington 5 14 14 20 53

Date: 2-2-01 Place: Spearman
 Season Record: 12-15
 Score by Quarters
 Lynx 22 9 23 16 70
 Canadian 10 10 0 11 31

Spearman Lynxettes

Date: 1-26-01 Place: Spearman
 Season Record: 17-10
 Score by Quarters
 Lynxettes 15 10 7 13 45
 Clarendon 10 8 5 6 29

Coach Short's Comments: We were pleased with our defense throughout the game. We had a good offensive 1st quarter to get us off to a good start. Rebounded well, but too many turnovers in the 2nd and 3rd quarters.

Date: 1-30-01 Place: Wellington
 Season Record: 18-11
 Score by Quarters
 Lynxettes 11 14 11 14 50
 Wellington 7 11 17 13 48

Coach Short's Comments: We turned the ball over too many times. We had moments where we stood and watched and we had moments where we executed and took good shots.

Date: 2-2-01 Place: Spearman
 Season Record: 18-11
 Score by Quarters
 Lynxettes 6 12 11 9 38
 Canadian 7 11 14 11 43

Coach Short's Comments: We needed to knock down a few more shots to win this game. We had some good offensive execution in the 1st half, but did not convert. Canadian hit some big "3's" and free throws down the stretch.

Spearman JV Lynx

Date: 2-3-01 Place: Spearman
 Season Record: 11-6
 Score by Quarters
 Lynx 11 10 15 16 52
 Canadian 8 7 9 16 40
 Coach Bass' Comments: Great overall team effort!

Spearman JV Lynxettes

Date: 1-26-01 Place: Spearman
 Season Record: 12-12,(6-4)
 Score by Quarters
 Lynxettes 17 9 13 16 55
 Clarendon 10 6 11 7 34
 Coach Walker's Comments: The girls shot 74% from the free throw line.

Free throws were big down the stretch. This is probably our best job at the free throw line all year.

Date: 2-2-01 Place: Spearman
 Season Record: 12-13,(6-5)
 Score by Quarters
 Lynxettes 7 3 8 10 28
 Canadian JV 12 11 6 15 44

Coach Walker's Comments: We played very passive offensively. We've got to be stronger with the ball. We fought back a little late in the third and early in the fourth, but we had dug too deep of a hole. Free throws were a bright spot.

Gruver JH Tourney Continues Saturday

The Gruver Junior High Tourney continues on Saturday with another full slate of action for the Spearman basketball teams. The 7th grade girls defeated Fritch on Thursday by a score of 35-19 and they will play Perryton Saturday morning at 10:00. If they win, they will be in the finals at 1:45 Saturday afternoon. If they lose, they will be out of the tournament.

The 7th grade boys were narrowly defeated by Fritch on Thursday by a score of 36-28 and will play Sunray at 12:30 on Saturday for consolation.

The 8th grade boys rolled over Fritch by a score of 55-12 on Thursday to advance into the winner's bracket. They will play Perryton on Saturday at 11:15 a.m. If they win, they will be in the finals at 4:15 Saturday afternoon. If they lose, they are also out of the tournament.

The 8th grade girls lost in a heart-breaker to Fritch by a score of 27-25. They will play Sunray at 3:00 p.m. Saturday for consolation. Good luck to all the Junior High teams on Saturday!

Gruver Greyhound Basketball

by: Harletta Carthel

Hounds Bash Booker

It was the second meeting of the Hounds and the Booker Kiowas, but the same outcome, as Gruver overcame the feisty Kiowas, 55-45, in a district match-up.

After a first half marked by turnovers and miscues by the Hounds, the tenacious ten got their act together to jump to a commanding 11 point lead at the end of the third quarter.

The Hounds suffered the loss by foul of point guard Anthony Villalobos midway in the fourth quarter and later of guard Cory Schneider. On the positive side was the superior job of rebounding by the Hounds and back-to-back three pointers by Kasey Harris in the final period.

Score by Quarter

Gruver 14 24 40 55
 Booker 10 18 29 45
 Brady Hart 4, Jason Shoulders 10, Anthony Villalobos 6, Cory Schneider 8, Aaron Weller 7, Kasey Harris 16, Kade Carthel 1, Chad Howe 2, Kirby Johnson 1.

Elks Push by Hounds

In a game with all the physical aggression of a football game played in basketball suits, the Stratford Elks slipped by the Hounds, 58-47.

Even though the Hounds suffered several turnovers in the opening minutes of play, the Gruver pack, playing tough defense, fought back to within four at the end of the first quarter.

Down by more than 10 at one time in the second quarter, the Hounds again fought back to finish the half with a five-point deficit.

The third quarter was not as kind to the Hounds as they ended the quarter down 11 and post Jason Shoulders and Kade Carthel each playing with four fouls.

The wild fourth quarter saw the Hounds giving it their all, and Kasey Harris moving Gruver within four with a three-pointer at the 4:20 mark. With a jumper by Cory Schneider, the margin narrowed to two points.

But hopes were dimmed nearly as quickly as they began when a lay-up by Anthony Villalobos was ruled a

charge and seconds later a physical lay-up by Stratford netted the Elks three points with the aid of a foul call on Villalobos.

With time expiring, the Hounds resorted to fouling for ball control.

Score by Quarter

Gruver 8 22 26 47
 Stratford 12 27 37 58
 Brady Hart 16, Cory Schneider 12, Anthony Villalobos 2, Aaron Weller 2, Jason Shoulders 6, Kade Carthel 4, Kasey Harris 5.

Lady Hounds Banisi Booker

The precision Lady Hounds rolled to their fourth consecutive district victory, defeating the Booker Lady Kiowas by the mirror score 63-36.

With a 31-14 lead at halftime, the Lady Hounds were never challenged by the Lady Kiowas.

The Lady Hounds were also hot at the three-point circle with five players swooshing the net for six goals. Brandi Griffin was also back in the lineup after setting out two games for illness.

Halftime Score

Gruver 31, Booker 14
 Kaylee Holt 4, Tessa Yanke 9, Sammie Stavlo 7, Amy Watley 2,

Lindsay Messer 12, Lisa Johnson 7, Teal Armes 9, Cassie Myatt 5, Courtney Goad 2, Christie Clift 4.

Lady Hounds Stifle Stratford

Playing for the district top spot, the Lady Hounds topped a formidable Lady Elk team to capture the honor, 43-23.

After an intense first quarter, the Lady Hounds led by three and then upped their lead in each quarter to snowball to the victory.

Score by Quarter

Gruver 12 19 29 43
 Stratford 9 13 19 23


JV Hounds 30, Booker 12
 JV Hounds 60, Stratford 26

JV Lady Hounds 23, Stratford 25

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DATED the 5th day of February, 2001.

John L. Hutchison
Attorney for the Estate

LEGAL NOTICE

First State Bank is accepting bids on a 1997 Dodge extended-cab 4x4, Cummins diesel pickup. Bids must be in written form and will be accepted until February 20, 2001. For further information contact Lenny Pecha at 659-5565. The vehicle may be inspected anytime during business hours. First State Bank has the right to refuse any and all bids.

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FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME
1 Person	\$12,900
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5 Persons	\$19,850
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7 Persons	\$22,800
8 Persons	\$24,300

For more information, contact Gary Ellsworth at the Spearman Housing Authority office located at 201 S. Brandt, or call (806) 659-2524. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Spearman Housing Authority does not discriminate based on race, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, or other classification protected by federal and state laws.

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A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

On February 8, 2001, the Boy Scouts of America turned 91 years old. Troop 551 of Spearman has been chartered for 53 years and the Cub Scout Pack has been chartered for 33 years. This organization has helped many young boys and men. Each boy that has been a member has many memories for the events that they participated in. The scouting program has changed through the years but the Scout Oath and Scout Laws as well as the Cub Scout Promise has held firm. Scripture can also support the Scout Laws. The Boy Scouts of America organization has many values that it presently and will continue to uphold.

The Cub Scout Pack in Spearman is in need of adult volunteers and youth boys. Any person who enjoys working with youth can be an adult leader. You do not need to have a young boy in the program.

The Cub Scout Pack consists of boys 1st grade through 5th grade. Each boy is placed in a den with other boys who are the same age and school grade. They have meetings once a week for about an hour. During the meetings, they make things such as toolboxes, birdhouses, pinewood derby cars, and raingutter regatta boats. This is a small list of items. They also learn many things about their community, nation, church, leaders of the community and nation among many other things.

Once a month a Cub Scout Pack meeting is held and is attended by all of the dens and their families. The pack meetings consist of many ideas, some are displays of what the boys have made or are working on, big events are the Pinewood Derby race or the Raingutter Regatta. The boys can attend day camp in the summer.

A young man 11 years of age up to 18 years of age can be a youth member of the Boy Scout Troop. The Boy Scout Troop has two adult leaders but could always use more. The boys in the Troop work on scout skills and merit badges and have outdoor outings. The outings depend on adequate adult leadership.

In both groups, each boy works his way up through the ranks of the program at his own pace. Each rank is harder to earn. The ultimate rank that the boys strive to achieve is that of Eagle Scout. There are many men in Spearman that have earned this honor. This honor carries throughout your adult life. Many national leaders, astronauts, famous athletes, military personnel, actors, directors to name just a few have the honor of Eagle Scout. President George W. Bush and Steven Spielberg praise their scouting years for their interests and successes.

Due to the lack of adult volunteers, the Cub Scout Pack will not be rechartering this year. It will be a huge loss if this happens. If you have an interest to help, please step forward before it is too late. There are young boys out there who want this program, but are unable to take part in it.

Contact Linda Cummings at 659-3942 or Chrystene Matthews (District Scout Executive) at (580) 468-8088 if scouting is calling you.



Scout Law

A Scout is

TRUSTWORTHY. A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

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HELPFUL. A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

FRIENDLY. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

COURTEOUS. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

KIND. A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

OBEDIENT. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

CHEERFUL. A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

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CLEAN. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

REVERENT. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

SHS January Students Of The Month

Spearman High School recognizes Richard Varnon and Adrienne Simpson as students of the month for January.

Varnon, son of Allen and Peggy Varnon, has participated in high school football, basketball, track and band.

He was named academic all-district both his junior and senior years in football. He has been a part of SHS's high school basketball team all four years, gaining varsity status his senior year. He earned regional and state qualifier in discus and shot put and discus his junior year as well as the Most Valuable Track award. He has lettered all four years in band, winning awards for Most Outstanding Marching Section and Most Outstanding Musician his junior year.

Varnon is a member of the First Christian Church in Spearman and has served as Jr. Deacon since he was a freshman in high school. He has worked with VBS and Children's Church as well as with the church's building project in 1998-1999. He currently serves on the Youth Ministry Team of the High Plains Area and attended Christian Youth Fellowship Seminars during his freshman and sophomore years. He worked in service projects in the Fort Worth area during the summer of 1998 and with Habitat for Humanity the following summer. He is currently involved in student-led school prayer.

Varnon plans to attend college either at Sterling College, Texas Tech or Texas Christian University (TCU).

Simpson is the daughter of Lenis and Holly Simpson.

She has participated in basketball and cheerleading at Spearman High School, as well as National Honor Society, UIL and Homecoming.

Simpson was named Honorable Mention in All-District Basketball for two years and Academic All-District for two years as well. She has been a varsity cheerleader all four years of high school. She is Lynxette basketball captain.

She was voted Class Favorite her freshman, sophomore and junior years of high school as well as 2000 Football Homecoming Queen. She was Hansford County Farm Bureau Queen for two years. She also serves as her senior class vice president, Student Council Vice President and National Honor Society Vice President.

She is a member of the United Methodist Youth.

She plans to attend Southern Methodist University to major in Public Relations.



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