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At A Glance

Farmers Reminded Of USDA Programs Deadlines

Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director, Carol Laney, reminds area farmers and ranchers of pending application deadlines for emergency assistance programs and announces recently developed new emergency programs.

Application deadlines for programs previously announced this year are:

• 2000 Oilseed Program:

* 2000 Oilseed Program: \$500 million in payments is available to the more than 600,000 producers of the 2000 crops of certain oilseeds. Eligible oilseeds include canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, soybeans and sunflowers. Application deadline is January 12, 2001.

Local USDA Farm Service

Local USDA Farm Service Agency offices will also begin accepting applications soon for the following programs:

the following programs:

• 2000 Crop Disaster
Program (CDP): Funds will be
made available to producers
who have been affected by
crop disaster. The signup period will begin January 18, 2001.

• 2000 Livestock Assistance

2000 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP): An estimated \$438 million is available to producers for grazing losses due to weather related disasters. The signup period will begin January 18, 2001.

Producers should watch for

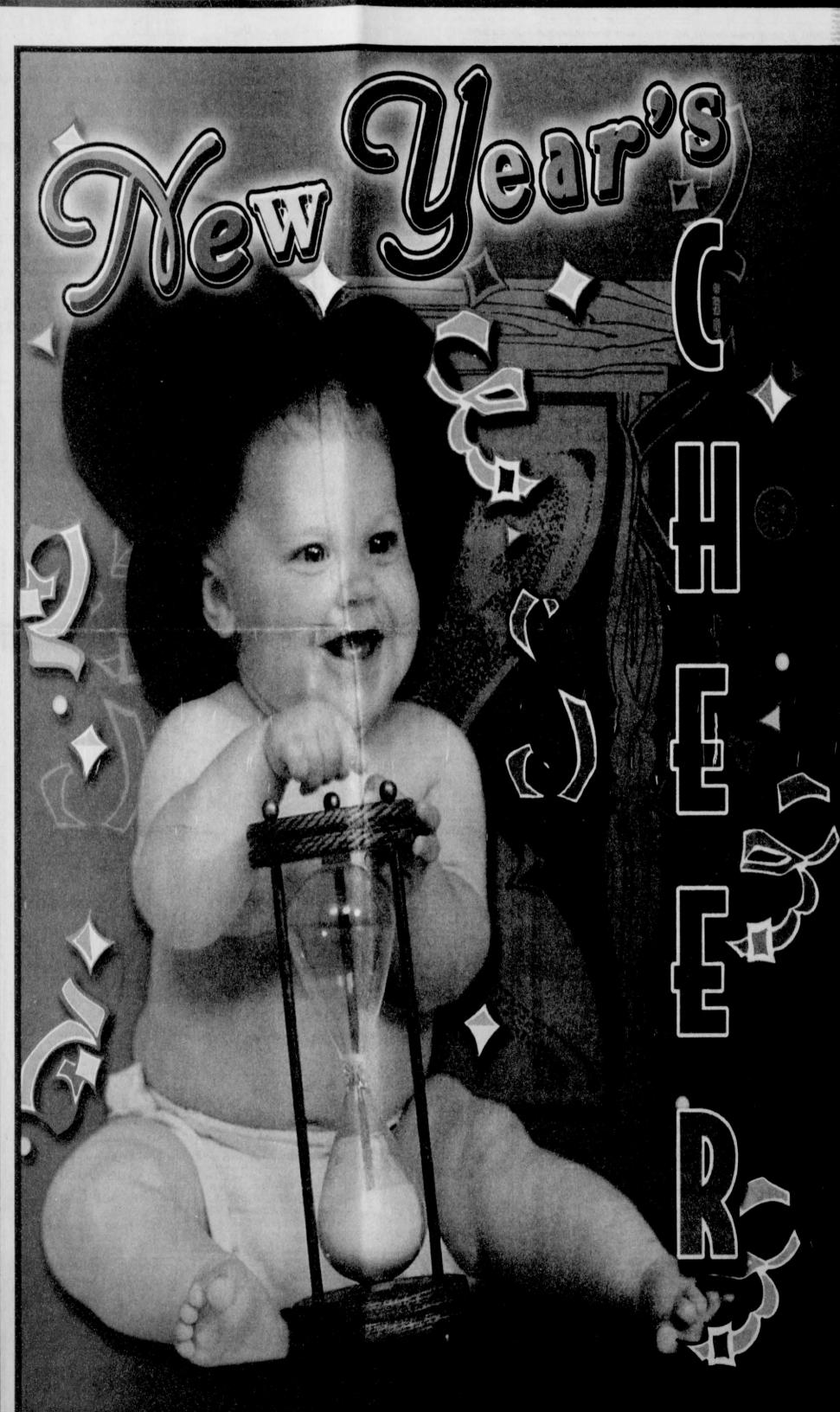
Producers should watch for new program announcements released from their local Farm Service Agency office. County offices will receive national guidance regarding new program delivery prior to program sign-up dates. Please contact the RSA office at 659-3036 for additional information about current program eligibility. New program eligibility and application information will be available in January.

College Hotline Available January 13 & 14, 2001

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC), the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) today announced its 16th annual toll-free College Information Hotline (877-782-7322). Hotline 2001 will be available on January 13 and 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Central Standard Time). The College Information Hotline, which is the largest project of its type in the nation, provides information about post-secondary educational opportunities to students and their families.

The College Information Hotline is available to anyone in the state who has questions about any aspect of college admission, financial aid, degree programs, housing, student life and activities, or special programs. Callers may also request information from specific colleges and universities or information about any college in the United States. Spanish-speaking counselors and admission representatives from more than 25 public and private colleges and universities in Texas will be on duty.

private colleges and universities in Texas will be on duty. In previous years, callers have predominantly been high school students and their parents, but an increasing number of information requests are beginning to come from middle school students, current college students, adults who did not complete college or have never attended, and veterans with questions about their bendled approximately 600-college admission and financial aid related calls.







by Catherine R. Smith CathyRSmit@aol.com

A friend of mine sent me the following e-mail that included these Instructions for Life from the Dalai Lama. This is what The Dalai Lama has to say on the millennium, which actually begins 01/01/2001 (and not 01/01/00). I found them very enlightening, and I hope you do also.

I wish for each of you a New Year of peace and happiness.

Instructions for Life

- * Take into account that great love and great achievements involve great risk.
- * When you lose, don't lose the lesson.
- * Follow the three Rs: Respect for self, respect for others, responsibility for all your actions.
- * Remember that not getting what you want is sometimes a wonderful stroke of luck.
- * Learn the rules so you know how to break them properly.

 * Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.
- * When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.
- * Spend some time alone every day.
- * Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values.
- * Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- *Live a good, honorable life. Then, when you get older and think back, you'll be able to enjoy it a second time.
- * A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life.
- *In disagreements with loved ones, deal only with the current situation. Don't bring up the past.
- * Share your knowledge. It's a way to achieve immortality.
- * Be gentle with the earth.
- * Once a year, go someplace you've never been before.
- * Remember that the best relationship is one in which your love for each other exceeds your need for each other.
- * Judge your success by what you had to give up in order to get it.
- * Approach love and cooking with reckless abandon.

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

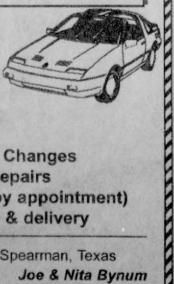
Catherine :)

Christian Men's Fellowship is hosting a community-wide
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Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor

Don Taylor is the coauthor of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarllo, TX 79105.



Heart of the Matter: Satisfied Customers

If you study business writings, you'll learn that every author has a few pet strategies for business success. Some may focus on technology, branding or positioning. Others may champion quality control, financial management or personnel skills.

If you record all the great writers' "must-do" tips, the list would be a mile long. Most items on the list would qualify as good advice and would help you succeed in business.

I have a "must-do" for that list. I believe satisfying customers should be at the top. You see, satisfied customers are the heart of the matter.

The Wrong Focus
The line was long, and the customers were growing restless. One customer asked if there had been a death behind the counter. Another wondered how you could tell - no one was moving. I heard one harried worker tell another to hang on because the owner was on her way.

Sure enough, the owner appeared in moments. She immediately surveyed the lines and went to an order station. I expected the owner to open the register and get things moving. Instead, she ran the register totals to see what volume of business the store had done for the day. After repeating the action on the drive-through register, she disappeared into her office.

A few moments later, she came out of the office and began picking up trash and restocking inventory. I wanted to yell, "Please wait on cus-

for this small-business owner, other elements were more important than caring for customers. Customers came after procedures. Customers came after seeing what kind of day the store was having. Customers weren't the heart of the matter, they were just an unwanted by-product of doing business. This business wouldn't exist if the competition was stronger.

Getting to the Heart

There are many ways to keep your customers satisfied. Here are a few quick tips to help you get to the heart of the matter.

- Focus. From the top down the emphasis of every organization must be to serve the customer. When the owner has other priorities, employees aren't at fault when the system breaks down.
- Training. Personnel experts cite stress as a major cause of employee turnover. One major cause of stress is the lack of a thorough training program. Businesses are so desperate for warm bodies to go to work that they just stick the newly hired folks into a slot and hope they can
- Make One Sale at a Time. It may sound trite, but you really can't do two things at one time. Therefore, put all of your energy into serving one customer and serving that customer well.
- Ignore Distractions. Recently, while traveling, I stopped at a well-known ice cream chain to enjoy one of the chain's cool treats. There were only two others in line so I assumed it would be a brief wait. That's when I noticed two store folks were talking, which left only one working.

I waited. Finally, the manager noticed I was watching his visit and approached the counter to take my order. Just then the phone rang. The manager excused himself and hurried to the phone. He turned his back to me and began a lengthy conversation. I waited a full minute, then left. As I backed out, the manager came to the window and gestured to me

that I was still number one in his book.

 You're Only as Good as Your Last Customer Moment. You can never relax. Customers are like elephants; their memories are good. Every customer service moment must be a positive one, because customers really are the heart of the

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice - 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith

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Trinity Fellowship Church 717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m. Pastor - Dennis Alger First Presbyterian Church (Worships with Lutheran) 1021 Cotter • 659-2033 Sunday School: 9.45 a.m. at Lutheran Church Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bidg.) Pastor • Beverly Cook

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

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

Gruver United Methodist Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9.45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m. Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - Jerry Moore

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December 28

Birthday - Autumn Gruver, Delbert Williams, Billy Dave Hand, Frank Edwards, Jennifer Kenneth Bullard, Ann Flowers, Fred Mayfield, Pauline Mayes, Tina Breedon, Joyce Vanderberg, Mary Hart, Verna Jean Boone, Samantha Samantha

Cummings, Debbie Hornsby
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McLeod, Mr. & Mrs. Tony
Shapley, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Deeds,
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Holt, Annetta &
Charles Molver Larry & Robbie Charles McIver, Larry & Robbie

December 29

Birthday - Bray Armes, Erin Bergin, Tony Cazares, Amy Tolleson, Cecillia Trejo, Jerry Williams, Mrs. W.T. Woodward, Sharon Rhea, Deanna Martin, Del Baskin, Julie Barkley, Thomas Reyes, Robert Elliott, Ed McIntyre, Deann Rosales, Martin Rasor, Brittany Taylor, Connie Wood

Anniversary - Don & Gwen McLain, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Papay, Mr. & Mrs. Brad Spivey, Mr. & Mrs. Pat O'Connell, Mr. & Mrs. John Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Harris, James & Karen

December 30

Birthday - Kelly Blasingame, Julie Meyer, Edith Pipkin, Kim Younger, Angela Van Buskirk, Robert Cochran, Fern Robinson, Robert Black, Traci White, James Red, Sammie Goehring, Kelley Ogilvie, Joyce Simon, Angelica Huerta

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Verlin Behne, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Renner, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Randall Schell, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Josephson, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Bart Thoreson, Mr. & Mrs. Van Bradford, Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Ferguson, Doug & Linda Cummings
December 31
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Birthday - Lera Beasley, Scott Houghton Jr., Justin Pressley, JoAnn Schneider, John Gaither, Jery Ross Jr., Hazel Stumph, Rick Morris, Helen Boyd, Seth Redwine, Andrew Vela, Billy Joe Boyd, Ray Brandvik, Heather Gammon, Lucy Gilmore, Delfino

Parra, Kare Thompson Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Rojas Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Bob Cluck, Mr. & Mrs. John Gaither, Michael and Patricia Quillin, Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Arrington, Mr. & Mrs. Marlon Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Page, Mr. & Mrs. James Smith, Jim & Marlene Miller

Teresa Boyo, Daylynn Bil January 1 Birthday Stewart, Johnson, Ding Brummett Jackson, Carolyn Cummings, S.B. Sheets, Alberto Francis, Rosales. Rhonda Ross, Willie Craig Vinson, Bertie Salgado, Elizabeth Sumner, Frazier. Melba Olsen, Audrie Behne, Carl Baumgardner, Colby

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January 3 Birthday - Altha Fisher, Elmon Jacobs, Brandon Close, Daryl Shieldknight, Hergert, Lois Charles Bartz, Martha Villalobos, Betsy Ward, Joe Morris, Rodger Ferguson, Lorraine Schick, Cristal Moreno Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. J.D. Wilbanks, Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Lowe January 4

Birthday - Marlene Davis, Emma Lou Collins, Allen Mires, Denise Ware, Janie Kunselman, Willis Boyd, Randall Mitchell, April TeBeest, Harold Crooks, Martina Miller, Lori Haight, Mandy Vernon

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Baker, Mr. & Mrs. George De Santiago January 5

Birthday - Brice Lewis, Kent Remmel, Lynetta Shapley, Glenda Cambell, Scotty DeWitt, Becky Renteria, Linda Tope, Kim Stinson, Rick Cazares, Jacinda Perez, Kent Remmel Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy

College-Bound Students Can Use Internet to Look for Colleges

During the holiday break, high school students planning to attend college next fall can use the Internet to begin the application process. ACT's website, www.act.org, provides valuable information and links to help students search for colleges, take virtual campus tours and apply to hundreds of col-

The application deadlines for some colleges and universities fall in early January. Getting information and filling out forms can be a time consuming task for students and their families. Electronic application can speed up the

ACT's website contains a Financial Aid Need Estimator, which uses the federal financial aid formula to estimate what the students's family may be expected to contribute for costs at specific colleges. January is a good time to file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form for the

College-bound high school students can take the ACT Assessment on February 10, 2001, the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline in January 5. Late registration postmark deadline is January 19 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation as well as at all Ivy League colleges. The test fee if \$23 (\$26 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school counselor or register online at ACT's web site -www.act.org. The web site also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test preparation materials.

Railroad Commissioner Supports Additional Pipeline Safety Standards

Texas Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews supported a proposal

regarding additional requirements to pipeline safety standards.

"This requirement will allow the Commission and industry to identify various types of plastic pipe and flag those that show repeat failures," said Matthews. "The rule was written in response to recent failures of poly I pipes used in the Texas Utilities (TXU) service areas.

The Railroad Commission has been working on improving pipeline safety standards. The commission recently approved adding requirements for natural gas operators to file reports regarding the installation and/or removal of plastic pipe. The Commission's action is based upon two factors: a Commission investigation into the use of plastic pipe and a recommendation made by the National Transportation Safety Board regarding the lack of information on plastic pipe installations.

Operators will now have to file three reports to the Commission. The three reports will consist of an annual plastic pipe failure report, plastic pipe installation and/or removal report, and a list of plastic pipe installed within each system by the date of installation. The Railroad Commission is authorized to adopt rules relating to safety standards for the transportation of natural gas and to require record maintenance and reports.

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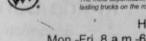
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Musical Jam Session At Golden Spread Senior Center

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

Area-Wide Singles New Years Eve Dinner & Dance

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

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.

Hansford County Genealogy Club Offers Class

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

Christmas-in-April • Hansford County

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

Spearman Practice Livestock Show

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

Gruver Practice Livestock Show

The Gruver Practice Livestock Show will be held on Sunday afternoon, January 21st, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gruver County Barn. All 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to attend. This will help you get ready for the county livestock show in February.

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The Gruver Grapevine

As all other years, 2000, the last year or the first year of the millennium (depending on your viewpoint) was a year of happiness and sadness, a year of continuity and change, and a year of achievements and disappointments; all entwined forever as a page of history.

This was the year 2000 in Gruver: JANUARY

Lifelong resident, Joel Stavlo, was killed in an accident on his farm in the Oslo community.

Unseasonably warm weather with temperatures rising to the mid 70's characterized mid-January.

The GHS Hounds take the district basketball title with the Lady Hounds earning the runner-up slot. The Gruver city water system is

updated and computerized. FEBRUARY

A weather station is installed on top of the Gruver Junior High building with reports of weather conditions monitored by an Amarillo tel-

tainment singing "Wherever You Are.

Banquet November 18th in Canyon.

Hannah Haddock, Rhett Renner and Emily Hood.

Ware Transfer Unit in Colorado City, TX.

served in several Texas correctional units since then

Nacogdoches and Michael of New Orleans, LA.

Slough, Casey Cator, Brynr Garnett and Mattie Wheelock.

Hansford County 4-H

Awards Banquet Held

The Hansford County 4-H Awards Banquet was held Sunday, August

27th at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ with 4-H youth,

their parents, volunteer leaders and supporters of the 4-H program in atten-

Brittany Morris and Clayton Vanderburg presided over the event which carried out the theme "4-H Millennium...Building Future Stars."

Coy Herrington led the Pledge of Allegiance and Nick Slough led the 4-

H motto and pledge. Melody Shields gave the welcome and Kirby Johnson

introduced the guests. Sharon Haney and Emily Hood provided the enter-

This year's Gold Star recipients were Clayton Vanderburg, son of Joe and

Kim Vanderburg, and Kirby Johnson, son of Kenton Johnson and Janice

McCloy. Clayton and Kirby were honored at the District 4-H Gold Star

Five youth received special awards for their participation in the state live-

stock judging contest, including Brad Holt, Mel Shields, Kirby Johnson,

Kyna Shields, and Dustin Mackie. Evan Schmidt and Jessica Schmidt

received the Horse awards for completing a record book for district com-

petition. Evan was the alternate to state in the senior category. Their photos,

submitted for state photography competition, were displayed for viewing at

Top salesmen in the 4-H fund raising activity were recognized. They were

4-H members who devoted their time and efforts to participate in district

contests were recognized. These members were Tracy Brown, Travis

Brown, Emily Hood, Jessica Schmidt, Christen Ferguson, David Pipkin, Kyna Shields, Dana McLaughlin, Britta Vanderburg, Sharon Haney, Seth

Clemmons, Tyler Lane, Bailey Reid, Nick Slough, Lance Williams, Charlie

Year pins were presented by teen leaders Travis, Kyna, Mel, Evan and Dustin to 4-H youth competing a project during the 1999-2000 year. 4-H gate signs, donated by Hansford Veterinary Clinic, were presented to all first year members.

Former Spearman Resident

Becomes Asst. Game Warden

Hugh Bryan recently accepted the position as assistant warden of the Dick

Bryan, who grew up in Spearman and graduated from Tarleton State University, spent 8-1/2 as an U.S. Army officer, serving as helicopter pilot and maintenance specialist in Korea, Ft Eustis in Virginia, Ft. Rucker in Alabama, Ft. Lewis in Washington and Fts. Walters and Hood in Texas. He joined the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in 1986 and has

Hugh and his wife, Nora have three children: Leslie of Houston, Laura, of

The GHS Hounds win the district, bi-district, and area basketball titles and advance to the regional quarterfinals in Levelland.

Bray Armes, Sean Cone, Dan Odom, Dallas Henson, and Jason Shoulders are selected to the boys all-district team. Coach Troy Seagler is named the district coach

Sammie Stavlo, Lisa Johnson, and Amy Watley are named to the girls all-district basketball team.

Melba Rasor is honored by the Hansford County Board of directors for her work with youth.

MARCH

A spring storm with winds in excess of 80 mph cases damage to the Gruver and Hansford County

The GHS one-act play, coached by Ginger Bartee, wins zone and district competition.

A stereo system stolen from

Gruver schools is returned, and two men are indicted in the theft.

Senior Dallas Henson is named to the first team all-region basketball team while senior teammate Bray Armes is named to the honorable mention list.

The GHS Hounds win the district track title.

Gruver teacher, Amy TeBeest, is selected as an advanced placement test grader for written portions of the National Advanced Placement Biology Test.

A spring storm hits the Gruver area resulting in considerable damage to buildings and crops. GHS Hounds win the regional

track title and are runner-up to the area track title. Junior Chase Lamb is chosen FFA

Area Vice-President. Brittany Morris is selected district

FFA Secretary.

Jason Shoulders and James Crow place fifth in the high jump and the pole vault, respectively, in the state track meet. The 400 meter relay team of Dallas Henson, Cory Schneider, Anthony Villalobos, and Aaron Weller placed seventh.

Kayce Howe advanced to state UIL academic competition in ready Sherry Johnson is named GHS

Teacher of the Year. Janae Watley and Nikki Stewart

are named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the 2000

graduating class of GHS. Kyler Barkley is selected to play

in the Greenbelt Bowl Classic in

Senior Dallas Henson is awarded Texas Interscholastic League Foundation Scholarship.

Holly Hart is named Miss Hansford Teen.

JUNE

Anne Moore is named GJHS principal to succeed Larry Bartee. 1996 GHS graduate Doug Gumfory is chosen for the cast of the musical "Texas."

A tour group stops to observe the wheat harvest of the Stedje family of Oslo.

Gruver Elementary is named the recipient of a \$175,000 grant written by elementary principal Diane Brown and teacher Darlene Gibson.

AUGUST Banker Kenneth Irwin is honored for his fifty years in banking, all of them in the Gruver community.

Four Gruver Junior High students. Valerie Burnam, Laina Grotegut, Angelica Huerta, and Blythe Finley win three-on-three basketball championship in Amarillo.

SEPTEMBER

Dry weather conditions spark thirteen weekend fires between August 31-September 2 keep the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department busy.

Foreign exchange student, Rosa Diaz, enrolls as a student in GHS.

A 24 inch gas pipeline explodes into flames near the Oslo communi-

Newly-wed couple, Brenda and Jeremy Burkhart, are killed in a two-vehicle accident north of

Senior Jessica Moore is chosen 2000 Homecoming Queen of Gruver High School. Texie Fisher is selected alumni queen in halftime ceremonies

OCTOBER

Gruver's adopted Olympic medalist, Brandon Slay, visits Gruver for a day and night of events in his honor

The Houndsound Band of GHS is awarded a Division I in district

competition A much-needed rain falls in the Gruver area to relieve a drought situation.

NOVEMBER

Gruver veterans were honored at a Veteran's Day program presented by the GHS National Honor

The FFA Quiz team of Hunter Bevill, Eric Lopez, Aaron Boyd, and Kade Carthel place first in dis-

Brittany Morris attends the annual

Ten GHS Hounds: Aaron Weller, Jason Shoulders, Chad Clift, Cory Schneider, Chase Lamb, Kirby Kade Carthel, and Johnson, Anthony Villalobos are selected to the all district football team Honorable mention players were Greg Ehrenberg, Manuel Luciano. and Bradley Duncan.

Chosen to the academic all district team were David Villegas, Kade Carthel, Chase Lamb, Kirby Johnson, Cory Schneider, James Crow, Bradley Duncan, Chad TeBeest, Anthony Villalobos, and

Aaron Weller. Gruver benefactor Eva Dozier donates funds to Gruver Schools, Gruver EMS, and numerous other

Hansford County entities.

DECEMBER

1995 Gruver graduate Heath Tolleson and the Orange County Band present their new CD release in a concert at Gruver.

City Secretary Linda Weller is chosen to succeed A. J. Ratliff, who will be retiring January 2001.

City gas prices soar over 40% in mid December.

City of Gruver Meets

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver City Secretary Linda Weller was selected by the Gruver City Commission to succeed A. J. Ratliff as city manager, effective February 1,

After interviewing four candidates at their November meeting, the Gruver City Commission accepted the resignation of Gruver's first city manager, Ratliff, and chose Weller as his successor.

In other business, the commission took no action on mutual aid agreements with the surrounding counties for fire protection. After a discussion with members of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department, Mayor Mark Irwin made the motion to approve amendments to the fire department 2000-2001 budget. After a second by Johnnie Williams, the motion carried.

Chad Logsdon made a motion to pass ordinance #281 for the continuation of insurance coverage for city retirees. Irwin seconded the motion which

Also passed by the commission was ordinance #282, providing for a penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent taxes, and the motion to select Brandt Engineers as the engineering firm for a TXDOT airport proj-

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According to Rylander, these names are only of unclaimed property owners who have been reported to the state in the last year.

"Altogether, the state is holding more than \$786 million that rightfully belongs to Texas families and business owners and I want to give it back,"

website www.window.state.tx.us/up/> to see whether the state is holding any unclaimed property for them.

Unclaimed property can be anything from an uncollected paycheck to a forgotten utility deposit or a long-dormant bank account. The law requires businesses and financial institutions to turn unclaimed assets over to the state after three to five years, if the owners cannot be found.

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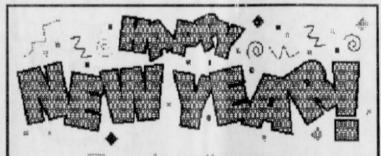
names of unclaimed property owners who have more than \$68 million coming to them," said Rylander. Everyone whose name appears on the list has at least \$100 coming to them, or maybe some stock or the contents of a forgotten safe deposit box."

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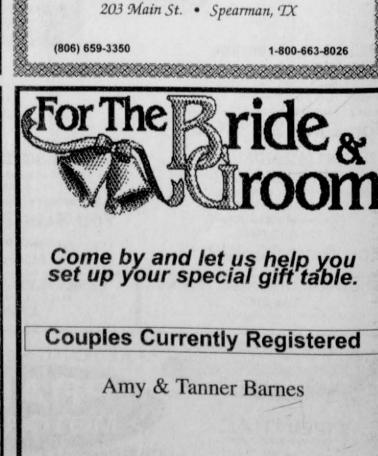
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Groundwater Conservation Reminds Well Owners to Check Well Valves

Richard Bowers, General Manager of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, reminds well owners that on October 1, 1995, Plains Groundwater Conservation (NPGCD) Rule 15 became effective. This rule requires a positive seal check valve, inspection port, low-pressure drain value and an air relief valve on all wells within the District. The positive seal check valves became required equipment as of January 2000.

"As our staff completes field work and well inspections, we continue to find many wells which are still not in compliance with Rule 15," said Bowers.

"Since we are already ten months into the new year and five years past the time the Rule was initially passed, the Board of Directors will soon be considering taking civil action, including the assessing of monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 per violations per day against those well owneres who are not in compliance with the Rule," added Bowers.

Several manufacturers have developed valves or units which meet all the required specifications of this rule. These units are generally referred to as "chemigation valves." The cost of these chemigation valves is very comparable to a standard check valve which may not meet all the specification of Rule 15. However, required items such as teh inspection port, air relief valve and low-pressure drain can be added to the discharge pipe upstream if the proper check valve is installed and still comply with Rule 15.

The type of check-valve installed

shall meet the following specifica-

1. The body of the check valve shall be constructed of cast iron, stainless steel, cast aluminum, cast steel, steel or of a material and design that provides a strudy integrity to the unit and is resistant to the foreign substance being injected. All materials shall be corosion-resistant or coated to prevent corrosion. The valve working pressure rating shall exced the highest pressure to

which the valve will be subjected. 2. The check valve shall contain a suitable automatic, quickclosing and tight-sealing mechanism designed to close at the moment water ceases to flow in the downstream direction. The device shall, by a mechanical force greater than the weight of the closing device, provide driptight closure against reverse flow. Hydraulic back pressure from the system does not satisfy this requirement.

3. The check valve construction should allow easy access for internal and external inspection and maintenance. All internal parts shall be corrosion-resistant. All moving parts shall be designed to operate without binding, distortion or misalign-

4. The check valve shall be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and maintained in a working condition during all times in which any fertilizer, pesticide, chemical, animal or human waste or other

foreign substance is injected into the water system. The check valve shall be installed between the pump discharge and the point of chemical or foreign substance injection.

5. A vacuum-relief device shall be installed between the pump discharge and the check valve in such a position and in such a manner that insects, animals, floodwater or other pollutants cannot enter the well through the vacuum-relief device. The vacuum-relief device may be mounted on the inspection port as long as it does not interfere with the inspection of other anti-pollution

6. An automatic low-pressure drain shall also be installed between the pump discharge and the check valve in such a position and in such a manner than any fluid which may seep toward the well around the flapper will automatically drain out of the pipe. The drain must discharge away from rather than flow toward the water supply. The drain must not collect on the ground surface or seep into the soil around the well casing.

a. The drain shall not be at least three-quarter inch in diameter and shall be located on the bottom of the horizontal pipe between the pump discharge and the check valve.

b. The drain must not extend beyond the inside surface of the bottom of the pipe unless special provision, such as a dam made upstream of the

drain, forces seepage to flow into the drain.

c. The outside opening of the drain shall be at least two iches above the grade.

7. An easily-accessible inspection port shall be located between the pump discharge and the check valve, and situated so the automatice low-pressure drain can be observed through the port, and the flapper can by physically manipulated.

8. The port shall allow for visual inspection to determine if leakage occurs past the flapper, seal, seat, and/or any other components of the checking device.

9. The port shall have a minimum four-inch diameter orifice or viewing area. For irrigation distribution systems with pipe lines too small to install a four-inch diameter inspection port, the check valve and other anti-pollution devices shall be mounted with quick disconnects, flange fittings, dresser couplings, or other fittings that allow for easy removal of these devices.

Rule 15 of the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District requires positive seal check valves on all wells within the District by January 2000. This applies to all wells capable of producing more than 25,000 gallons of water in 24 hours (approximately 17 1/2 gallons pe minute).

The District does not intend to concentrate solely on the inspection of all wells for compliance with the new rule. However, wells will be routinely inspected when District

personnel visit fields during normal activities, such as water level collection time, well location checks when well permits applications are being reviewed, and at times when District services are provided, such as flow tests and pumping tests. In an effort to enforce the Rule, the Board has already adopted a schedule of civil penalties which would apply to violators of Rule 15. Also, as a matter of policy, the District will discontinue testing of existing wells and/or

permitting of new wells for own-

ers/producers who are not in compliance with the Rule.

If you have any additional questions on the Rule, please feel free to contact the District at: North Plains Groudnwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795 phone (806) 935-6401, fax (806) 935-6633. Many well drillers, pump installers and sprinkler dealers are familiar with the positive seal check valves required by Rule

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Murder at Cold Water Creek

In the Spring of 1941, Hansford County was the scene for a bizarre murder, although neither the suspect nor the victim claimed residence in the area.

Noble Watson, returning to Gruver on the morning of March 20th, noticed the body of a woman in the dirt near the Cold Water Creek bridge. For 25 days, people from over the area to attempt to identify her body.

Through the skillful sleuthing of Hansford County Sheriff H.L. (Hix) Wilbanks and his staff together with the Chicago Police Department, the woman was identified by the brand labels in her shoes and coat, purchased in Marion, Indiana. There the law enforcement located her sister and brothers and began to piece the story together.

The victim, Leota Murphy, was the first of what would have been a long list of wealthy women that Mr. Orrin J. Brown, known to Mrs. Murphy as Robert E. Lawrence, hoped to prey upon. According to correspondence to her sister in Chicago, Murphy and Brown met through a marriage bureau and married, although a marriage record was never located. The pair had traveled through lowa, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, supposedly on their way to San Bernadino, California.

For a week, the police staked out Mr. Orrin J. Brown's apartment and took him into custody. He was tried in Hansford County and sentenced to death at Huntsville Prison.

A Lake On The Plains

boating Swimming camping Forty-eight miles of shoreline, covering just over 2400 acres with an average 47.5 foot of depth - Lake Palo Duro, fed by Palo Duro Creek and Horse Creek, was first envisioned in 1935. The Spearman Lions Club discussed building a dam for recreational purposes. The bond issue, which then would have saved \$13.5 million from construction costs, failed.

Forty years later, the Palo Duro River Authority began the study for a feasible dam project plan. In 1985, the citizens of Hansford County, Moore County and Stinnett approved the bond, making the way for construction of the site.

The dam itself, dug 32 feet underground to minimize water seepage, was constructed of dirt, sand, gravel and rock from the dam locale. The dam was closed in 1991.

Lake Palo Duro opened its gates in July of 1993 for fisherman, boaters and any others attracted to a relative large body of water in the middle of the cragy sagebrush North Texas plains.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been responsible for stocking the lake with the likes of cat-fish, bass, perch, walleye and bluegill.

Most importantly though is the water it supplies the surrounding area. A pump house will pipe purified water to towns in Hansford and Moore counties as well as Stinnett.

Although it has taken longer than the seven years anticipated to fill, the lack can be blamed on drought in the past several years.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas at Old Hansford

Forty miles from a railroad and with no wagon roads worthy of name, Old Hansford, located about five miles west of what is now Spearman, was a frontier settlement before the railroad era. J.H. Buchanan, editor of the Hansford Headlight, recalls Christmas in the old settlement. The following is excerpted from what he wrote about his experiences.

People in those days were just ordinary folks, who made their own fun and laughed at it. And really sometimes, it was funny. We had the same Christmas spirit then as now, but really more so. There wasn't much of anything in the way of excitement going on, so when Christmas rolled around everyone was ready for it. For weeks the ladies had been busy making fruit cakes and cooking up other things that would keep. Also, the mail order house had been patronized liberally and somewhere about the house there was a cache that no one was supposed to investigate.

Usually a home talent play or a box supper would be held before Christmas to raise money for the expenses of a Christmas tree with presents for all the children and most of the grown folks. This writer and several others learned from experience not to open anything received at the Christmas tree until after we arrived at home for people could think of the most ridiculous things to put on a tree.

The men usually planned a big hunt just before or during Christmas time and as game was plentiful along the Canadian River, there was plenty of would game to top off the menu.

One snowy Christmas, I recall when we hadn't been able to get mail for sometime, a bunch of us gathered up and carrying stringed instruments went to every house in town and sang Christmas carols. They might not have been Christmas carols but neither we or the recipient knew the difference. Anyway, what we lacked in harmony we made up in noise and a good time was had by all. Most folks we visited would immediately open the door and invite us in and we would leave a liberal donation of snow on the front room carpet.

Looking back from now, it seems some of the happiest Christmas's we have ever spent were at old Hansford. No one was rich and the county had no really poor people. In fact, we do not recall any family in the county that had to have help from the neighbors until after the railroad came. We all had plenty such as it was and if a neighbor needed any of it, he was welcome to it. We had our spats and family jars, but they were soon forgotten and everyone remained friendly and all threw in together to have a good time.

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2nd Grade
Nikki Boyd, Matt Correll, Ramon Garcia, Jessica
Pinon, Seth Salgado, Meghan Snider, Cheyenne
Sparks, Brittni Torres, Michael Avila, Jared Burke,
Jackson Curry, Lexi Painter, Tori Sheets,
Mackenzie Powell, Dedee Vaquera, Jessica
Bueno, Trent Goodheart, Leslie Hernandez,
Savannah Jones, Joel Kern, Rolando Munoz, Kali
Oltman, Jordon Robison, Shyloh Sparks, Sawyer

3rd Grade
Nelly Garcia, Nicolas Garcia, Jeannell Baeza,
Madison Boone, Austen Griggs, Caleb Odegaard,
Christian Patrick, Cassidy Taylor, Laura Borunda,
Alicia Baez, Tate Batton, Miguel Briseno, Charity
Burton, Mary Beth Hargis, Chance Pack, C.J.
Renteria, Skyler Sumner, Preslee Baker, Leanna
Espinosa, Sutten Garnett, Zack Hughes, David
Salazar, Andi Linn Scarborough, Britani Vasquez

Ath Grade
Chase Farrar, Fabian Frayre, Bond Pittman,
Tyler Schnell, Chasity Thomas, Hailey Tindell,
Brett Winegarner, Sabrina Cantu, Ashley Close,
Hunter Cox, Courtney Evans, Gabriel Moreno,
Brenda Ortiz, Victoria Renteria, T.J. Worley,
Cha'tae Avila, DeeDee Delarosa, Destiny Fisher

5th Grade
Mattie Davis Maliesa

Mattie Davis, Malissa Montgomery, Natalie Quintero, Kendall Schneider, Elliott Sheets, Amanda Snider, Amy Boyd, Callie Cazarez, Christy Lang, Jesse Moreno, Kyla Reed, Clara Kern, Kimberly Bergan, Brittney Bradley, Amy Brown, Kylee Howard, Lizet Camacho, Dane Harbour, Janica Ceniza, Colby Odegaard, Blayne Baker

6th Grade

Megan Evans, Saylee Flowers, Bryner Garnett,
Emily Hood, Jessica Jarvis, Jordanna Lozano,
Britney Montgomery, Zach Nollner, Tarin Rice
7th Grade

Katie Baehler, Kia Boone, Callie Hargis, Jarick Howard, Jacob Jones, Adriana Pinon, Tabatha Shields, Jordan Short, Lindsey Short, Britta Vanderburg, Abby Winegarner 8th Grade

Bth Grade
Jeff Brock, Tracy Brown, Wayne Gibson, Macy
Harbour, Ashley Hernandez, Dana McLaughlin,
Brodie Savage, Cayla Smith, Mark Thomas, Clete
Vanderburg

Sami Cazares, Jentry Edwards, Diana Flores, Ashlee Flowers, Keilee Goodheart, Michelfuffaker, Garrett Martin, Tatum Rice, Russell Sheets, Holly Tercero, Claudia Vaquera, Jocelyn Whitefield

Whitefield

10th Grade

Kevin Beedy, Paul Bynum, Jessica Crossland,
Ana Fraire, Garrett Griffin, Dustin Mackie, David
Piokin, Nicole Ramon, Lucy Villa

11th Grade
Tanner Beedy, Erin Boxwell, John Brock, Matt

Dunnihoo, Laura Gillaspie, Steven Haney, Art Maestas, Marty Miesner, Chad Scarborough, Clara Shieldknight 12th Grade

Tim Bynum, Andrew Cummings, Randy Duffy, Jacob Harbour, David Holt, Haley Lombard, Nicole Lozano, Junior Moreno, Chelsea Nollner, Angela Pipkin, Kara Pipkin, Natalie Pipkin, Sally Pittman, Jenn Schnell, Adrienne Simpson, Clayton Vanderburg, Richard Varnon, Brady Woolley

"A" Average 1st Grade

Berenice Ortiz, Harley Davidson, Jace Lang, Christian Fisher, Justin Rindlisbacher, Cristina Vargas, Blaine Pack

2nd Grade
Garrett Hays, Amanda Pearson, Matthew Jarvis,
Amber Martinez, Jose Mendoza, Natalie Saldivar,
Travis Bennett, Cody Benton, Roulan Ceniza, Sol
Pittman, Edgar Castillo, Stevie Couch, Melissa
Fraire, Anthony Quintero

3rd Grade
Lizette Ortiz, Katryna Ceniza, Ashton Comp,
Jesus Mendoza, Ethan Haney, Kendra Janzen,
Fernando Flores, Edgar Lugo

Kacee Breeden, Gabby Davila, Tyler Harper, Leonel Juarez, Elena Vargas, April May, Dalton Sparks, Jennifer Perez, Josue Hernandez, Raul Pena, Nataly Lopez, Irma Hernandez, Courtney Baca, Doreen Deluna, Addam Ferguson, Kegan Garnett, Jacob Seale, Dylan Sumner

Austin Benton, Crystal Bridwell, Jessica Diaz, Lisa Espinosa, Wendy Gaytan, Miriam Mendoza, Marcus Ochoa, Zack Chastain, Victor Flores, Jeremy Frost, Claribel Hernandez, Brittany May, Tyler Rex, Sandi Carbajal, Victor Villa, Alicia Francis, Justine Rosales

All A-1B

Nicholas Avila, Collin Gillaspie, Cara Gwin, Lance Huddleston, Aaron Maestas, Stuart Martin, Charles Oltman, Ryan Ramon, Kelcee Rex, Clayton Smith

7th Grade
Jessica Brown, Andrew Corell, Maribel Moreno,
Lynette Woodward

8th Grade
Eric Flores
9th Grade
Chris Cudd, Michael Lozano, Taylor Simpson

Brianne Burkhammer, Adam Cherry, Mindee Gillaspie, Kallie Smith, Lance Smith, Jeffery Swan, Elsa Vargas 11th Grade

Cheryl Gibson Cristy Alvarado, Melissa Banks, Magi Mucarsel

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Moreno, Jacob Renteria, Efrain Santillan
Kindergarten

Duran, Brody Garett, Korbin Irwin, Greyson Karlin, Bailey Keeling, Alyssa Livingston, Alex Logsdon, Gerardo Monroy, Rachelle Moreno, Stephanie Ortiz, Michael Renteria, Dallas Reynolds, Remington Smith, Cesar Soto, Flor Soto, Irasema Soto Callie Stedje Paula Terrazas Lori Watson Ashley Williams Laurcen Williams

1st Grade

Clariss Anaya, Fatima Barrera, Kaysha Bass, Landrie Burnam, Amy Flores, Shelley Gibson, Morgan Gonzales, Betty Hernandez, Erik Lopez, Daniela Luciano, Madison McLain, Ashlynn Miner, Yesenia Monroy, Marisol Ortiz, Evelynn Pastrana, Ali Tyler, Gunner Wynn 2nd Grade

Mariela Barrera, Justin Bass, John David Bergin, Noemi Bernal, Cambry Cooper, Gatlin Guthrie, Mary Hart, Jack Karlin, Zach Logsdon, Brieanne Mitchell, Colton Moffett, Luis Munoz, Sammie Sanchez, Payton Thoreson, Shelby Williams, Jessica Wilson

3rd Grade

Mary Barron, Lauren Christy, Keith Dillard, Katie Gibson, Parker Grotegut, Luli Hernandez, Reagan Karlin, Caleb Miller, Drew Mireles, Valerie Perez, Leaha Smith, Megan Stedje, Jorge Tarango, Leigh Anne Winger, Mattie Yanke

Caleb Abernathy, Sydney Clawson, Miles Messer, Lindsey Mireles, Matt Salazar, Lynn Vela

> All A's 5th Grade , Maydeli Ortiz, Kaile

Chandler Miner, Maydeli Ortiz, Kailee Reed, Diana Solis, SethThompson, Emily Williams, Abbi Yanke 6th Grade

Rebecca Abernathy, Sydney Been, Conrad Curry, Bonnie Frick, Brian Johnson, Charlie Slough, Justin Thompson, Victoria Vela

Timber Barkley, Lauren Bergin, Brad Clawson, Lindsey Clift, Matt Messer, Samantha Myatt, Stephen Salazar

Blythe Finley, Laina Grotegut, Brock Irwin, BenWilliams, Ryan Winger
"Denotes Principal's Honor Roll - These students had 95 or better in all subjects.

9th Grade

Teal Armes, Jenny Hart, Cassie Myatt

10th Grade
Christi Clift, Sammie Johnson, Julie May,
Ashleigh Sherrill, Amy Watley

11th Grade

Elizabeth Duncan, Kaylee Holt, Britt Morris

12th Grade

Brooke Bevill, Monalisa Garcia, Holly Hart, Brad
Holt, Shea Lowe, Jessica Moore, Tera Red,
Brooke Salmans, Cory Schneider, Gisela Soto,
Tessa Yanke

All A's, 1B 5th Grade Yadira Garcia, Tanner Sherrill 6th Grade Roman Gaspar, Kellyn King, Saul Pandey 7th Grade

Sheldon Atwood, Laci Fitzgerald, Lanie Graves, Rachelle Holt, Justin Horton, Allison Reid, Jessica Vela, Reid Winger 8th Grade

CodyMac Been, Brittanie Osbourne, Mark TeBeest

9th Grade

Kalee Crawford, Courtney Goad, David Puebla,

Alan Tarango

10th Grade
Lisa Johnson, Bryn Lowe, Wesley Patterson, Lori

Swink

11th Grade

Sara Bass Kade Carthel Sarah Moore Evan

Sara Bass, Kade Carthel, Sarah Moore, Evan Schmidt

12th Grade

Bradley Duncan, Sammie Stavlo, Chad TeBeest, Miranda Thoreson, Taos Weldon, Aaron Weller

Pringle-Morse CISD
Superintendent's Honor Roll
4th Grade
Craig Spalding, Jenna Wilson
6th Grade
Trudy Hart, Elizabeth Martin, Jimmilee McCloy

7th Grade
Tonya Hart, Tyler Lane, Jessica Schmidt
8th Grade
Brett Spalding

All A Honor Roll 3rd Grade

Sheldon Field, Micaela Ortiz, Riley Urban

Ath Grade
Brittany Barnes, Travis Boyd, Marisol
Hernandez, Brenda Mendoza, Zane Pittman,
Ramiro Rivera, Luis Ruiz, JR Sanchez, Jeronimo
Trejo

5th Grade Eva McCloy, Emmanuel Mendoza, Tara Shields, Ashley West, Brooke West

6th Grade
Sara Barnes, Maria Mendoza, Beatriz Ortiz,
Lauren Urban

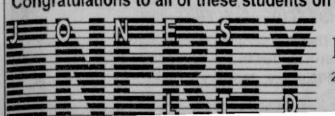
7th Grade Sammy Mendoza 8th Grade

Melissa Quillin, Guadalupe Rivero, Andrea Tarango

A-B Honor Roll
3rd Grade
David Sanchez
6th Grade
Pedro Bonilla, Genesis Hernandez
7th Grade
Angela Hampton, Timberly Thomas, Blane
Tolleson

8th Grade Kaley Barns

Congratulations to all of these students on their academic achievements!



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Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined without charge in the offices of the City of Spearman, 30 S.W. Court and procured from Brandy Engineers, Inc., 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110-2217, 806-353-7233 in the following manner: Cost \$50.00 per set, NONRE-

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Performance and Payment bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the City of Spearman reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive for-malities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

City of Spearman Robert Patrick, City Manager

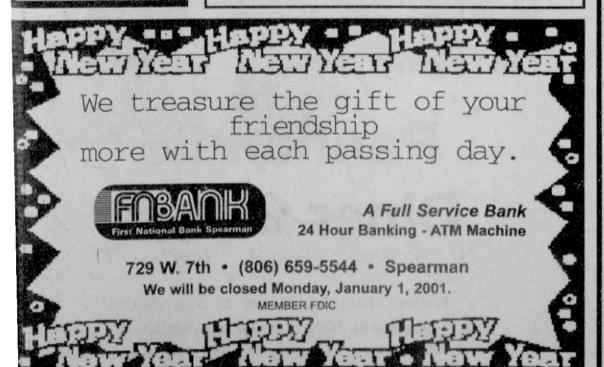
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Minutes & Meetings

Hospital Auxiliary Meets for Christmas Party

The Annual Hansford Manor Christmas party was held December 15, 2000.

After a visit from Santa the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary members served cookies and punch to residents and family members. About 50 dozen cookies were provided by Auxiliary members.

Fun and Fellowship was enjoyed

Gladiola Flower Club Meets for December

The Gladiola Flower Club met December 14, 2000 in the home of Dickie Allen for the Annual Christmas Party.

The tables were decorated with Santa centerpieces and Christmas

After the meal, a short business meeting and installation of officers was held by outgoing Chairman Estelle Jackson.

Incoming Chairman Ann Flowers appointed Program and Yearbook Committees

Christmas gift exchange and visit was enjoyed by those attending: Kathleen Sutton, Estelle Jackson, Virginia Head, Norma Jean Mackie, Janice Sheets, Dickie Allen, Verna Brown, Ann Flowers, Pam Schnell, Betty Davis, Charlsie Baker, June Jackson, Virginia Trindle, Gwen Smith and Margarette Evans.

Gladiola Flower Club Meets for November

The Gladiola Flower Club met November 9, 2000 in the Christian Church Fellowship Hall for the Annual Thanksgiving Party.

After a traditional turkey meal, everyone played Crazy Bridge.

Those enjoying the evening were: Don and Lorene Kunselman, Estelle Jackson, Dorothy Buzzard, Kenneth and Margarette Evans, Virginia Head, Gwen Smith, Clay and Pam Schnell, Doyle and June Jackson, Jerry and Jan Sheets, John and Virginia Trindle, Kathleen Sutton, Eloise Renner, Rog and Ann Flowers, Irvin and Betty Davis, Verna Brown and Dickie Allen.

Windmill Association Meets for December

On Tuesday, December 12, 2000, the SWPWA Board of Directors met at noon at the Panhandle Diner.

Member present were: Roger Buchanan, Irene Snider, Orville Latham, Dwayne Mitchell, Britt Jarvis, and Gina Gillispie. Absent: Steve Benton, Joel Lee Lackey. President Roger Buchanan called

the meeting to order. An inventory of the standing windmills was handed out. At this time, there are 15. Gina announced the Annual

SWPWA would be Tuesday, January 23, at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

There was a discussion about record keeping and it was decided that Gina would keep two hard copies, one at the Chamber office and one at Roger's office. All information will be on hard drive at the Chamber, but the backup disks will be kept at a different location. Dwayne suggested that some form of records should be kept with the Historical Chairman. This matter will be looked into further.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ministerial Alliance Minutes

The Ministerial Alliance met on Thursday, December 14, 2000 at noon in the Panhandle Diner. Bill Sparks opened the meeting in prayer.

Leonard Harper, President, led the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by

Secretary Jamie Casdorph and were approved as read. Beverly Cook gave the Treasurer's Report. Thanksgiving offering had been distributed evenly to the Panhandle Crisis Center and the Angel Tree Project. Discussion was held on the amount in the account and was decided to look for a worthy use in our community in which to use some of these funds.

Beverly Cook gave a report on 'Christmas in April." The time has come to start gathering funds for the upcoming year's projects, a suggestion has been made to announce in each congregation this need and offer them the chance to give in honor or memory of a loved one to Christmas in April. Referrals for help by Christmas in April need to be made to Beverly soon. Self-referrals are encouraged. Some of the criteria for aid by Christmas in April are; (1) Safety Issue; (2) Accessibility; (3) Quality of life (heat or cooling).

Leonard reported thanks from Elementary Principal Kent Hargis for the 20 Bibles placed in the school library by the Ministerial Alliance. Hope to have the software to implement the use of these Bibles after the first of the year. The Ministerial Alliance was pleased to be able to help in the Accelerated Reading Program.

Manor Schedules to be worked up and mailed to all the churches as soon as possible. Contact Jamie Casdorph if a date does not work with your schedule, also times can be changed at the next meeting. Jamie will also have the new roster ready at the January meeting.

No old business.

New Business: KRDF FM has given the Ministerial Alliance an opportunity to promote the True Meaning of Christmas Program to be aired numerous times. Candy Boxwell will do the program with readings. A cost of \$195.00 will be incurred, moved by Brian Foster to accept and seconded by Beverly

Brian Foster encouraged the members to remember the Disciple Now Weekend, which will be happening on the first weekend of school. They have obtained a speaker and are now in the progress of looking for host homes and cooks.

This weekend is put on by the Spearman Alliance of Christian

Gary Smith invited all the men of each congregation to a City Wide Men's Prayer Breakfast to be held Sunday, January 14th at 7:30 a.m. at First Christian Church.

Marsha Neely of the Panhandle Crisis Center voiced appreciation of the Ministerial Alliance for the funds given to purchase new coats and shoes for the children of clients in need.

Meeting was adjourned.

Those attending were: Gary Smith, Leonard Harper, Ken & Roberta Cole, Bill & Patsy Sparks, Beverly Cook, Carol & Nina Coulter, Scott Raef, Marsha Neely, and Jamie Casdorph.



May the New Year bring you all your hopes and dreams.

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NOTICE

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Income limits for the Spearman Housing Authority are as follows:

FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME
1 Person	\$12,900
2 Persons	\$14,700
3 Persons	\$16,550
4 Persons	\$18,400
5 Persons	\$19,850
6 Persons	\$21,350
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.

SHS December Students of the Month

Clayton Vanderburg, son of oe and Kim Vanderburg and Allison Haney, daughter of Warren Haney and Dora Juarez-Silat were named Spearman High School students of the month.

For three years, Vanderburg has been part of the football Academic All-District team. He also has had the honor of being on the 2nd team All-District Guard in 1998, 1st team All-District Guard in 1999, 2nd team All-District Noseguard in 1999, 1st team All-District Guard and 1st team All-District Noseguard

He was 2000 football captain as vell as 2000 Football Homecoming

He is also a member of FFA and of



Allison Haney and Clayton Vanderburg

Vanderburg gives credit to all of his teachers for making his educational experience better. Vanderburg plans o attend West Texas A&M University majoring in business management.

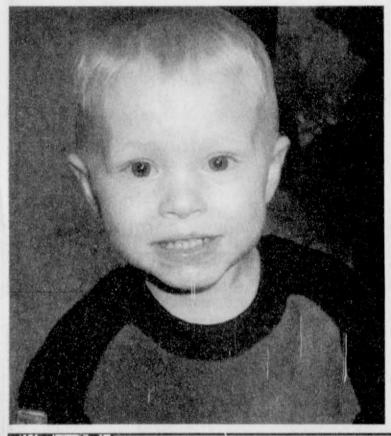
Allison Haney is actively involved in music and drama. She is a participant in Spearman High School One-Act Play. She was a member of the All-Star Cast that advanced to Area last year.

In choir, she was 19th chair as a District Soprano II, 12th chair All-Region and 4th Chair in Pre-Area. She will

sing at Area in Odessa in January. She sings in church as well as at football games and home basketball games. She has also had the opportuniy to speak for the First Sunday devotion at the First United Methodist Church. She is a member of the CrossRoads Youth Bank. She works at the O'Loughlin Center.

She credits Mrs. Frances Pipkin as the most influential teacher in her years in school.

She plans to attent West Texas A&M University and major in Music Business.



Say, "Cheese"

Two-year-old Tyler Thoms would like to say "Merry Christmas" to his parents, Tab and Cody Thoms, and his grandparents, Mike and Skeeter Huffaker.

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Texas Farm Bureau Presidet Donald Patman(middle) congratulates Elmo Dahl (left) as Ralph Willon(right), District 1 Director looks. Dahl received the Pioneer Award for his many years of Farm Bureau service.

County Farm Bureau Leader Recipient of Award

A long-time Hansford County Farm Bureau leader received the Texas Farm Bureau's Pioneer Award at the organization's 67th annual meeting in Arlington.

Elmo Dahl was one of 14 Texas Farm Bureau Pioneers named for the year 2000 at the November 26-29 convention.

Dahl has been a continuous member of Farm Bureau since 1953, when he began serving on the Hansford County Farm Bureau board of directors. Serving in every capacity except secretary, Dahl was president of the board four times and a delegate to 23 annual state conventions. During his service as president, the current county office building was completed.

Dahl has also been involved in many civic and church activities, including Cowboy Camp Meetings for eight years and the Oslo Lutheran Church council for at least 25 years.. He served on the Soil Conservation Board for 25 years and the Gruver ISD Board for six

According to the Hansford County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Dahl has exemplified what it mean his family have been active participants in the way of life most valued

to be an agricultural leader. He and continued importance as a voice for the agriculturalist in the North



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