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International Marketing Strategies & Implementation Seminar

The Global Trade Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce will host a seminar on "International Marketing Strategies and Implementation" on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 2 p.m. in the Amarillo National Bank Plaza II conference room on the second floor. A reception, sponsored and hosted by Milestone Architectural Ornamentation, Inc., will follow. Anyone interested is invited and welcome to attend.

The seminar's keynote speaker will be James Mied of the United States Department of Commerce in Dallas. Mied will discuss the mechanics of introducing a product or service internationally, with a logical approach to markets and research. He will also explain services offered by the Department of Commerce's Export Assistance Center.

Following Mied's presentation, there will be a panel of speakers from local businessmen who have experience in doing business in the global marketplace.

Following the speakers, Mr. Mied will present an "Export Excellence" award to two different businesses in Amarillo. Both Hodnick Enterprises/Maverick Manufacturing and Amarillo Gear Company will be honored in the presentation. Maverick Manufacturers designs and builds state-of-the-art filter winding machines, using laser cut frames and precision machined components, which produce filters superior in quality and performance to other filters currently being produced. Amarillo Gear Company has been in operation in Amarillo, Texas since 1917, manufacturing the largest range of spiral bevel right angle gear drives in the world.

"Whether a small exporting company of six employees or a large company of 1000 employees, the importance of exporting our goods to the American economy and our trade balance cannot be overstated," said Mied. "My job is to build confidence and give companies the marketing know-how, solid contacts, and extensive help with international trade practices."

Lending Cooperatives Offer Scholarships for Young Farmers

Agricultural producers 35 years old and younger are eligible to attend the Texas Cooperative Extension's next Master Marketer session for half price, thanks to AgTexas Farm Credit Services and Great Plains Ag Credit.

These West Texas lending cooperatives have teamed up to offer the price break to young farmers in an ongoing effort to support the area's young and beginning farmers. Tuition for the intensive marketing and risk management education program is \$250, so each scholarship reduces a young farmer's cost to \$125.

The first of four 2003 Master Marketer Program sessions begins January 22nd in Lubbock, and sign-up is still under way, although registration is limited. Participants in the program will learn how to identify and evaluate marketing opportunities, and then design and follow through with sound marketing plans.

To get more information or a registration form to attend the Master Marketer program, contact Extension economist Dr. Jackie Smith at (806) 746-6101 or your local county Extension office. You can also learn more about the Master Marketer program on the Internet at <http://mastermarketer.tamu.edu>.

AgTexas FCS, headquartered in Lubbock, and Great Plains Ag Credit, headquartered in Amarillo, provide loans for agricultural purposes such as farm and ranch operations, dairies, agribusinesses, real estate, livestock and equipment.

Hansford County Community Health Fair

The annual Hansford County Community Health Fair opens Saturday morning, January 18, 2003 at 8 a.m. The theme for this year's fair is "New Year's Resolutions."

"This is the time of year when many of us vow to reform our ways in the coming year - to eat more sensibly, perhaps start a diet, and exercise more," states Anne Snow, Hansford Manor Administrator. "No matter what your age or physical condition, there are steps you can take to improve your health and energize your life."

"For many that first step is to get an annual physical," continued Snow. "Some avoid it because of the expense, or inconvenience."

"It's so important to have basic lab tests and basic check ups as you get older. Health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure and elevated cholesterol can be diagnosed and treated early, before they cause more serious damage," Snow explained.

The Health Fair offers the opportunity to receive a great variety of lab tests at a bargain price. "For only \$62 you get \$445 worth of tests. The profiles and panels that are being offered will give you and your doctor a very comprehensive health profile," stated Hansford Hospital Lab Director Bing Ceniza. It is advisable to fast for at least ten hours prior to the testing for accurate results.

Dr. Mark Garnett, Dr. Brian Wonnacott and Dennis Wier, Physician Assistant, will be on-hand to discuss health-related issues and to answer questions.

In addition to the lab tests, there will be a blood drive for Coffee Memorial Blood Center and many vendors and providers will be available with information on ways to maintain and improve your health and your life.

The Health Fair is an annual event sponsored by Hansford County Hospital District and the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center.

Medicare beneficiaries can take advantage of a service to assist with questions about their explanation of benefits statements.



Cherry, Beedy to be Honored at Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame

The Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame will honor Adam Cherry and Kevin Beedy during ceremonies set for February 2 at Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium.

Kevin and Adam won the 2A state doubles tennis title in May of 2002. Beedy was honored last year as the 2001 2A state singles champion.

Kevin is the son of Scott and Becky Beedy and Adam is the son of Jennifer and Bruce Stinson.

Chambers To Head Gruver Police Department



John Chambers
Gruver Police Chief

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver's search for a new Chief of Police ended December 19, with John Chambers of Hawley unanimously chosen by the Gruver City Commission.

Chambers, 33, brings ten years of criminal justice experience to the office, serving as police officer for the city of Hawley (five miles north of Abilene) and as a jailer and correctional officer for five years.

During Chambers' tenure with the Hawley Police Department, the city received over \$200,000 in grants and initiated a community

policing strategy within the school district and the community. Chambers hopes to improve the relationship between youth and law enforcement in Gruver with a similar inclusive community policing strategy.

"Communication, diligence, trust, and consistency are essential in being effective as a peace officer in Gruver," Chambers said. "I will always have time for anyone to visit with me or express any of their concerns."

Chambers stated that he believes that an effective plan and tactic may be formulated by working together to overcome any problem.

Chambers and his wife Paulina have four children Desiree, 14, of Aledo, Texas, Amber, 11, Allen, 11, and Anthony, 4.

"I have been impressed with the warmth and sincerity that everyone has shown my family and me. My wife and I look forward to raising our family in this community. I also look forward to working as a team with Officer Chris Morris, the Hansford County Sheriff's Department, the Spearman Police Department, and the community in providing the best public service possible," Chambers said.



New Gruver Chief of Police John Chambers (second from left) and his family are welcomed by the City of Gruver. The Chambers family includes, (felt to right) son Allen Chambers, Chief Chambers holding son Anthony, daughter Desiree, Chambers' wife Paulina, and daughter Amber.

Garnett Elected to National Farm Credit Council Board

The Tenth District Farm Credit Council recently elected Jon M. "Mike" Garnett, a farmer from Spearman, Texas, to represent the district on The Farm Credit

Council Board of Directors. Ray Young of Wisner, La., also was elected to represent the Tenth District on the national Farm Credit board.

The Tenth Farm Credit District is composed of the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT) and 22 local credit cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. It is the largest rural financing organization serving the five-state region.

Garnett has been a member of the FCBT Board of Directors since 1999 and has been vice chairman since January 2000. Prior to joining the board, he was a director of the Pampa-High Plains Federal Land Bank Association (later Panhandle-Plains FLBA) for 23 years and served as the associa-

tion's board chairman from 1995 to 1998. He is a former member of the FCBT Retirement Committee.

A Texas Tech University graduate, Garnett is active in his local community. He produces wheat, alfalfa and forage crops, feeds stocker cattle, and operates a custom haying and baling business. He is a former consumer co-op director, Spearman Chamber of Commerce director and Spearman Independent School District board member. Currently, he is Perryton Branch president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

His one-year term on The Farm Credit Council board begins in January. The council is the national trade association of the Farm Credit System and represents the system's legislative and regulatory interests.



Mike Garnett



Ruby Burger (left) and Rita Duncan (right) are pictured above with Spearman Junior High Principal B'ill Wiggins (center). Mr. Wiggins dressed in a gorilla suit on Friday, December 20th to serve banana splits to the Junior High student body as a reward for raising \$35,000 in Lowe's receipts.



Thank You

Special thanks go out to the following for a spectacular job at the Spearman Junior High Banana Split Celebration held on December 20th: Mardell Strawn and her 7th & 8th Grade GT students; Mr. Wiggins, aka "Our Gorilla;" Angie Lopez, Manager of Dairy Queen; the Junior High Cafeteria Staff; Cathy Smith and Mr. Sumner for taking pictures; Parent Volunteers Charlotte Sheets, Florida Anchonda and Phyllis; and the entire Junior High student body for helping raise money in Lowe's receipts. These receipts will be used to "buy" items for Spearman Junior High. SJH is hoping to purchase a digital camera, color printer and Karaoke machine. Receipts may be donated to any SJH student or the SJH office.

Sweethearts Sought

The Hansford County Reporter Statesman is seeking to honor Hansford County couples who have been married 50 years or more in the February 13 edition.

To recognize a couple who has celebrated 50 years or more of marriage, submit their names and the number of years they have been married by mail to the Hansford County Reporter Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, Texas 79081, by e-mail cathyramit@aol.com, or by dropping the information by the newspaper office (a window drop-in slot is available for use after business hours).

Deadline for submitting names is Thursday, February 6, 2003. Names submitted after the deadline will not be published in this year's list.

Laugh
and
Live

by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com



My friend Karen Hartgraves sent me the following "Thoughts for the Day." They really made me stop and think about how I look at things and what I expect from God.

Thoughts for the Day

I asked God to take away my habit.
God said, No.
It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.
God said, No.
His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.
God said, No.
Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
God said, No.
I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.
God said, No.
Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
God said, No.
You must grow on your own! But I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.
God said, No.
I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.
God said...Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

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 :)

Laxson Named to WTAMU Staff Position



Jennifer Laxson

The Student Media Advisory Board at West Texas A&M University has named the new business manager for the student newspaper, the Prairie, and the new general manager for the student radio station, KWTS-FM 91.1.

Jennifer Laxson, a senior mass communications-broadcast major from Spearman, will serve as the radio station's general manager during the spring semester. Laxson has been involved with the campus radio station since the fall 1999 semester and has served

as a Maroon Productions intern. She was named the Female Broadcasting Student of the Year for the spring 2001 semester. She is the daughter of Paulette Laxson of Spearman.

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The Spearman High School Ag Class recently built a bookcase for the Panhandle Crisis Center. Pictured above are (Front, L-R) Marsha Neely (Panhandle Crisis Center Children's Advocate), Christen Ferguson, Fernando Ortiz, Scott Stedje (SHS Ag teacher); (Back, L-R) Cleve Vanderburg, Adan Briceno, Paul Bynum, Carlos Hernandez, Lance Baker. The Panhandle Crisis Center would also like to thank DeWitt Lumber for donating the lumber for the bookcase.

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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Roland Haney

First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

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

First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.
Pastor - Patrick Six

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.
Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Rolan • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English (aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo Rendonator Mass - Spanish
Rev. Guillermo Morales

First United Methodist
407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Ken Cole

First Presbyterian Church (Worships with Lutheran)
1021 Cotter • 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
(alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.)
Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
(Worships with First Presbyterian Church)

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

Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Youth/Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed.
Pastor - Gene Foster

Primera Mision Bautista
502 E. 7th • 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.

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Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.
Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
Pastor - A.G. Martell
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Morse Baptist Church
733-2757
Pastor - Mike Martin

Gruver

First Baptist Church
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

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

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

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

Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Garrett
733-2651
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - Jerry Moore

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Happy Birthday!

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

January 16

Birthday - Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Jason Babitzke, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana Huerta

January 17

Birthday - Derik Grotegut, Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Justin Gifford

January 18

Birthday - Daniel Boyd, Ervin Wright, Doyle Jackson, Curtis Davis, Candy Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Evans, Schane Schneider, Bett Brown, Ole Dahl, Pat Randall, Jessica Blan, Robert Gilmore

January 19

Birthday - Paula Kizziar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutterfield, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Collier, Donna Murray, Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Harris, Billy Hays, Jose Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz

January 20

Birthday - Johny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanna Jordan, Fabian Gaspar
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kermit McKee, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Blankenship

January 21

Birthday - Roy Mayhew, Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Schaefer, Marcus Vasquez
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Beedy, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Rimmel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

January 22

Birthday - James Lemons,

Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Porter, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. James Scroggs, Mr. & Mrs. Walter McDade, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gross, Mr. & Mrs. John Armes

January 23

Birthday - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Duncan

January 24

Birthday - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Dearl Shelton, Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts
Anniversary - Larry & Gayle Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Smith

January 25

Birthday - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, R.L. McFarlin, Mike Dodd, Deloris Sloan, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sparks

January 26

Birthday - Chase Reid, Joe Cage, Gary Woolley, Matt Archer, Patsy Hunt, Jon King, Tiffany Hendricks, Lori Ann Perez, Patsy Brown, Kellie KJoes, Mark Thomas, Debbie Hagerman, Rodolfo Garcia
Anniversary - Bill & Jody Harnish

January 27

Birthday - Jack Gillispie, Jerry Womble, Wanda Brown, Lynette Williams, Nickie Lozano, Jerry Hart, Twana Trout, Allen Leach, Andrew Boyd, Amber Ramon, Berry Kirkpatrick, Lyndle Cook
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gus Vargas

January 28

Birthday - Brooke Beville, Rita Williams, Howard Garnett, Tammy Burch, Joe Archer Jr., Eddie Papay, Melissa Donahue, Mavis Collins, Joyce Woolley, Patty Volden, Randy Burruss, DeAnn Sparks, Brooke Adams, Curtis Cernik, Lupe Velasquez, Cari Stedje
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Clark Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper

Our Deepest Sympathy

MYRTLE L. DOSHIER



SPEARMAN - Myrtle L. Doshier, 94, of Spearman, formerly of Hardesty, Oklahoma, died January 8, 2003.

Memorial services were at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, January 12, at First Baptist Church, Spearman, Texas, with Rev. John Goss, First Baptist Church, Adams, Oklahoma, officiating. Private burial was in Hartville Cemetery at Hardesty, Oklahoma. Arrangements were by Henson-Novak Funeral Home, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Doshier was born April 16, 1908, in a one-room dugout at Grand Valley, Oklahoma, to Will and Ruth Burton. Mrs. Doshier was the oldest of seven children, four girls and three boys. All have preceded her in death except for one sister Ona McClenagan of Gruver.

She experienced the pioneer life of living in a dugout, riding in a wagon, gathering cow chips for fuel, and going to a country school. She graduated from Texhoma High School in 1927 and shortly thereafter began teaching school. She taught at Tamarack School, Pleasant Hill, at Camrick and at Range all southeast of Hardesty, Oklahoma. She later taught at Guymon, Oklahoma, at New Bethel east of Guymon, at Palestine, at Bethany, and then at Hitchland, Texas. She then taught at Hardesty, Oklahoma for 17 years, retiring in 1970.

She married Oscar Doshier March 30, 1934. He died in 1995. She continued to reside on the family farm before moving to Spearman, Texas in 1996.

Besides her sister, she is survived by one daughter, Donnie Mitchell and husband Dwayne of Spearman, Texas, and two granddaughters, Paige Sultemeier and husband Chris and children Daniel and Joseph of Rogers, Arkansas, and Shelley Baloglou and husband Chris and children Christine and Caitlin of Amarillo, Tx. Survivors also include several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorials may be given to Bethel Baptist Church or the Hansford Hospice and may be sent to Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

STEPHEN LYLE "STEVE" HAMILTON

SPEARMAN - Stephen Lyle "Steve" Hamilton, 31, died Wednesday, January 8, 2003.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Monday, January 13, 2003 in Hansford Cemetery with Brent Thornton officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Hamilton was a 1989 graduate of Spearman High School. He was a partner in Hamilton Trucking in Spearman. He started Steve Hamilton Trucking in March 2002.

Survivors include his father, Red Hamilton of Spearman; a brother, Van Hamilton of Spearman; a sister, Becky Stark and husband, Lance, of Amarillo; a niece, Heather Hamilton of Lubbock; and two nephews, Sam Stark of Amarillo and Tyler Hamilton of Lubbock.

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

MALLIE CARTER SHEETS

SPEARMAN - Mallie Carter Sheets, 81, died Wednesday, January 8, 2003.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 11, 2003 at Spearman Church of Christ with Loran Harper and Leonard Harper officiating. Burial was in Holt Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Sheets was born in Crowell, Texas on July 4, 1921. She married Branch Sheets on August 23, 1949 in Borger. She had lived in the area for 53 years.

She was a school teacher for 30 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Spearman. She loved all sports. She excelled in playing basketball, coached basketball and tennis, and was a loyal school sports fan.

Survivors include her husband, Branch Sheets of Spearman; a son, Dan Sheets of Tipton, Okla.; a daughter, Kay Sheets of Euless; three brothers, Hilyar Carter and Percy Carter, both of Littlefield, and Eugene Carter of Hale Center; two sisters, Mary Stratton of Westlaco, and Nell Elliston of Kilgore; and two granddaughters, Susan Sheets of Wilmer, and Elizabeth Martin of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials be to Holt Cemetery, care of Mary Fern Terry, 906 Bernice, Spearman, TX 79081.

MICKEY RAINE SUTHERLAND

FRAZIER PARK, CA - Mickey Raine Sutherland, 56, died on Sunday, December 29, 2002.

Mickey was born in Spearman, Texas on August 18, 1946 and attended Spearman schools. He served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He and his family had been residents of the Frazier Mountain Community for 26 years.

Mickey worked for Tejon Ranch from 1976 to 1990 and for Mountain Propane from 1990 to 2002. He served for 16 years on the El Tejon School Board and was also a member of Mountain Memories.

Mickey gave much of his time and effort to the community that he loved, especially the youth. He participated in rodeos and was a true cowboy at heart. He loved country music and enjoyed singing and playing the guitar with the band "Good N Country." Mickey had great patriotism and loved his country.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Chari; three sons, Shawn, Casey and Weston Sutherland; one granddaughter, Sierra Sutherland; brothers Frank, Don and Gene Sutherland; and sisters Joe and Sue.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Eileen Sutherland. Memorial services were held on Saturday, January 4, 2003 at 1 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Lake of the Woods.

The family suggests memorials be made to JCCE (Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund), 101 Pro Rodeo Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80919, (888) 662-5223, or to a charity of your choice.

TOMMY DALE PEPPER
GRUVER - Tommy Dale Pepper, 56, died on Tuesday, January 14, 2003.
Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Gruver at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 17, 2003 with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Interment will be at 4 p.m. on January 17th at Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.
Tommy was born on November 12, 1946 in Shamrock, Texas. He had lived in the area since 1994, moving from Amarillo. He was married to Diana Marrs.
Tommy was employed at Attebury Grain as grain elevator manager of the Bernstein and Hitchland Elevators. He was a Mason and a member of the Khiva Shrine Temple of the Shrine, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Gruver. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1970, and was an Ag teacher at Caprock High School from 1970-1977. He was co-owner, manager and partner of the Country Barn Steakhouse from 1977-1990.
He is survived by his wife, Diana Pepper; one son, Duke Pepper of Amarillo; one daughter, Tracy Stark of Frankfurt, Germany; his mother, Frankie Pepper of Shamrock; one sister, Kathryn Doggett of Alvarado, Texas; one brother, J. Dean Pepper of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.
The family requests memorials be to the Shriner's Burned and Crippled Children's Hospital, 815 Market Street, Galveston, Texas 77550.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

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

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

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

Annual Community Health Fair
Hansford County Hospital District and the Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center will Co-Sponsor the Annual Community Health Fair at the O'Loughlin Center on Saturday, January 18, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be various health-related services represented in addition to a blood drive and lab tests at reduced prices.

Medical Fund Established for Holly Tercero
A medical fund has been established for Holly Tercero at First National Bank. Holly was injured in an automobile accident in Hansford County on November 30, 2002.

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

Bereavement Support Group Begins
Hansford County Hospice is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group that will begin January 20, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the parlor of the First United Methodist Church in Spearman. This group is for anyone whose loved one or friend has died. It is part of the on-going services provided by Hansford County Hospice. Please call 659-3054, 659-5503 or 659-5811 if you have any questions.

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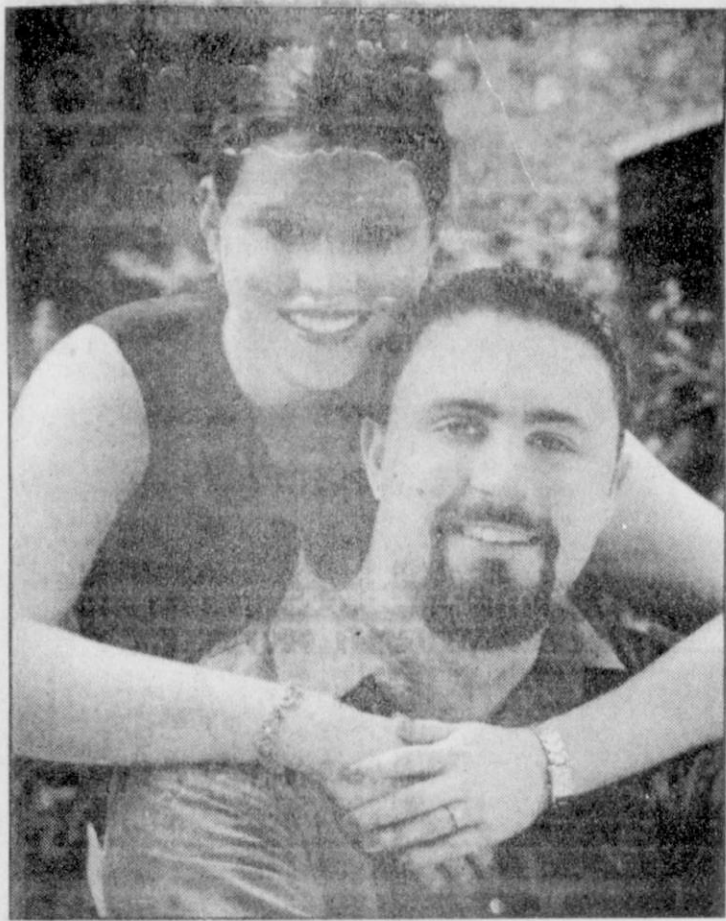
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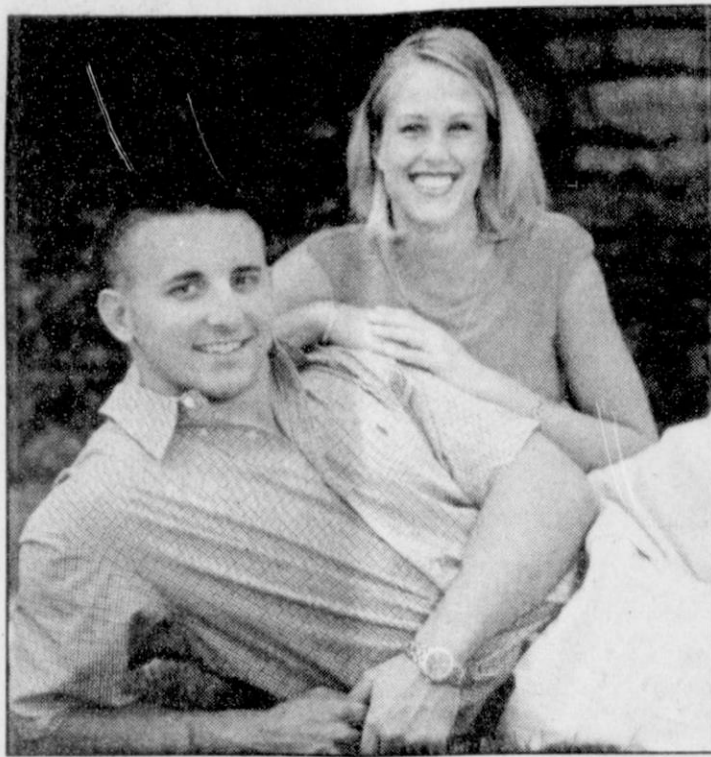
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Engagement Announcement

Bill and Kathleen Mercer of Houston, Texas wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Korin Marie, to Derrick Burnett. Derrick is the son of Craig and Denise Schumann of Spearman, Texas and Phillip Burnett of Perryton, Texas.

The couple plans to be wed at 6:00 p.m. on March 1, 2003 at the Episcopal High School in the Benitez Chapel in Houston, Texas.



Engagement Announcement

Scott and Becky Beedy of Spearman announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Kristin Jan Beedy, to Tandy Robert Whitehead, son of Tandy and Teresa Whitehead of Vernon, Texas.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on June 21, 2003 in the First Baptist Church of Spearman with the Rev. Lee Crouch, former pastor of First United Methodist Church of Vernon, officiating.

Kristin is the granddaughter of Brad and Dodie Beedy of Spearman and the late Ed and Twyla Wheeler of Dumas, formerly of Spearman.

A 1999 graduate of Spearman High School, Kristin is a senior accounting major and member of the women's tennis team at the University of North Texas in Denton. She will graduate in May, 2003.

Robert, a 1997 graduate of Vernon High School, is a 2001 graduate of the University of North Texas, where he also played football. He is a lieutenant in the United States Air Force.



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--January 13, 2003--29.71 feet

While checking the eagle count in the first week of January in 2001 and 2002, I noticed the Lake level was over 46 feet in 2001 and over 36 feet in 2002.

The eagle count showed 23 eagles in 2001 and 12 in 2002. That makes the count Jim got of 4 this January seem pretty small.

Later we will know if the eagles are around the area but just have not come in yet.

Victor White was said to have caught an 11# catfish and a smaller one, but the fishermen that come out on the pretty days have not usually found the fish.

The Panhandle Bird Club found 48 species on their birding trip to Hansford County and the Lake on December 7. The longspurs on Highway 207 seemed to get the most attention.

These birds are usually the McCowan, Lapland, and Chestnut-collared species. They are winter visitors and fly in big flocks. These birds have not been ones I identified, but now I will look for these light colored birds. They are most easily seen close-up

when the snow is on the ground but melted back from the sides of the road.

They should be getting their breeding plumage soon, and that will help separate the different species.

T. J. Bergin will be sorely missed as one of the long-time PDRA board members. He had served since 1984. When I served on the board with him from 1992 to 1995, I valued his opinion on the questions that arose.

It seemed odd to me that I had once been his math teacher in high school at Gruver. At that time his mother Blanche Taber was a good friend and I thought of him as a bright, friendly, articulate teenager.

Through the years we had another common interest of the history of the Panhandle with an emphasis on Hansford County. His grandfather, Dave Jones, had been born in Wales. Dave and his brother Joe settled as ranchers on the Palo Duro Creek south of Gruver around 1884. Joe for awhile mainly lived in Mobeetie and worked as a butcher while Dave dug a dugout and managed the ranching interest.

Thank You

Thank you to all of my family and friends who made my 80th birthday celebration so wonderful! I enjoyed every minute of it.

With love,
Mary Schumann

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me when I had surgery. Thank you for the phone calls, flowers and cards. I love and appreciate each one of you.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The basic meaning of Christmas was emphasized at the home of Carrie and Drey Clark of Houston, when Caroline Grace Clark was brought home on Christmas eve.

Her aunt, Laura Pearson, was at the door to welcome her.

Grandparents are Jackie and Bob Pearson of Spearman, Paige and Rich Clark of Houston and Judy and Bill Merrill of Nashville. Great-grandparents are James Tidwell of Lampasas and three others of Nashville.

The Amarillo Globe-News carried a long and detailed article in the sports section regarding Mindee Gillaspie. It related to her having to end her sports career due to a knee problem. The article was very complimentary, and justly so. Mindee is the daughter of Leann and Dick Gillaspie of Spearman.

Mary Lou and Steve Mathews are at their home east of town for the present. They expect to return to the place they bought on the west coast of Florida as soon as their business permits.

Their Florida home is near Port Charlotte, but so far they have reversed the usual use of the Florida residence. They spent the

summer there and have spent the winter here as the weather has been very pleasant (except for that few inches of snow in December).

Shirley Kimbrough is able to report to her office at Hansford Home Care on a part-time basis. She has the able assistance of Dawn Hearon and Deborah Jacobs.

Shirley was having trouble with one eye for some time, and just before Thanksgiving learned that there was a hole in one retina and fluid was being lost.

A new retina specialist in Amarillo performed surgery, which seemed to be successful. She stayed with her mother, who lives in Amarillo, for two weeks. The results of the surgery still doesn't seem to be up to standards, but she is able to go to her office.

A recent issue of the Amarillo Globe-News carried information about Kevin Beedy and Adam Cherry. The two will be honored by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame for winning the 2A state doubles tennis title in May of 2002.

Kevin was honored last year as the state singles tennis champion in 2001.

The banquet will be held on February 2nd at Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium.

Not many occasions bring the laughter, fellowship and good food as did the 80th birthday party of Mary Schumann. The setting was the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ on Sunday afternoon.

Mary (Haun) was born in this community and attended school here. Several of her siblings also graduated here. Mary has spent most of her life here, except for a few years during World War II when she went to California to work in an airplane factory.

There were 130 helping her celebrate. The picture albums were a source of much reminiscing and humor.

Many happy returns, old friend.

Pastor Bill Sparks, of the Union Church, returned Tuesday and is recovering from major emergency surgery performed at Dumas Memorial Hospital.

Their son, Marlon Sparks, Pastor of Victory Family Church in Perryton, was in attendance. Their daughters from Gause and Milano, Texas, were also with them. In addition, Mrs. Sparks' parents, as well as some of their grandchildren came. The Sparks' were grateful to a number of their former congregation from Pampa who came to be by their side.

They express thanks and appreciation to all for their prayers and assistance.

Family members of L.F. Hand report that he seems to be a little improved. However, he is still in CCU at Baptist-St. Anthony's in Amarillo. He was taken by ambulance last Monday with a sever spinal condition.

HCHD Welcomes Arbuthnot



Blenda Arbuthnot

B. Scott Beedy, CFO of Hansford County Hospital District, announced that Blenda M. Arbuthnot has been hired as Director of Patient Financial Services for the District. Blenda

will be overseeing Hospital Medical Records and the Hospital/Clinic Business Office. She is responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and evaluation of these units.

Arbuthnot came to work at Hansford Hospital as an interim CFO then as a Hospital Consultant. "I enjoyed working with the staff at the hospital and clinics and decided to accept the position of Director of Patient Financial Services. I have really enjoyed meeting people in the community." She grew up in Galax, Virginia, went to college in Wytheville, Virginia, and is a past Lt. Governor of Marketing for Toastmasters.

Ms. Arbuthnot has worked in the health care industry for over 17 years, including working for Blue Cross & Blue Shield insurance company, hospitals, and has been a

healthcare consultant working with Texas Organization Rural Community Hospital for 5 years.

Blenda is married to Bart W. Arbuthnot, who is a District Sales Manager for Golden Harvest Seed Company. They have two children, Jessica age 23 married and living in California, and Jeremy, 17, a Junior at Dumas High School.

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Thank You

We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for all the prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls, visits and food we received during the loss of our precious baby. The kindness and generosity you showed to all of us at the time of Hayden's death is much appreciated.

Dane & Shannon Steinberger; Jerry & Cindy Holton; Bill & Judy Steinberger and families

It's A Girl!

Dr. Tyce and Kellie Hergert announce the birth of their daughter, Kensley Reece. Kensley was born on Christmas Day, 2002 at Plano Presbyterian Hospital at 4:20 p.m. She was 18 1/2 inches long and weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces.

The paternal grandparents are Darl and Judy Hergert of Perryton. The great-grandmother is Lila M. Hergert of Spearman.

Kensley's maternal grandparents are Dennis and Susan Howe of Richardson and Thomas Fowler of Crandall. The great-grandparents are Pat and JC Mackey of Dallas and Stuart and Dorothy Howe of Richardson.

The Family wishes to thank all those who offered prayers for Kellie (and Kensley) during her high-risk pregnancy.

It's A Boy!

Lenny and Kelly Pecha announce the birth of their son, Joel Ray Pecha. Joel was born on December 31, 2002 at 6:50 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Ron and Mona Kramer of Leoti, KS and Scott and Babby Simunek of Enid, OK.

Great-grandparents are Gordon and Marlyn Langerud of Hawley, MN, Shorty and Betty Pecha of Goltry, OK, Claudia Weathers of Enid, OK and John and Arlene Simunek of Bison, OK.



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In addition to the laboratory tests, this year's health fair will feature opportunities to talk with Dr. Garnett, Dr. Wonnacott, and Dennis Wier, PA-C, in addition to several providers of health-related services in the area. There will be a blood drive, and a booth to assist in interpreting Medicare Explanation of Benefits (EOB), and the Medicare Remittance Advice (RA).

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Lady Hounds Tops in District, Tenth in State

The Gruver Lady Hounds broke into the top ten Class A Girls Teams this week with a number 10 state ranking.

With skill in all positions and depth to boot, the state ranking is aptly deserved.

A win over Stratford on Tuesday night gave the Lady Hounds a 4-0 record in district play with only Sunray on Friday night standing between them a perfect record in the first half of district play.

The boys race in the first half of district play has been a roller coaster ride with the leader of the pack changing each Tuesday and Friday night. The Hounds who continue to mesh well as a team suffered a loss to Vega in the district opener, but rebounded to win three games to take their share of the district lead. The Hounds will have their work cut out for them in the second half as they and the Lady Hounds play Sunray, Stratford, and Booker away in the second half of play.

Sympathy Extended

The Gruver community expresses their condolences to the Jesse Renteria family. Memorial services were held last week for Jesse's aunt, Sandy Esquivel, of Kansas.

City Commission Meets

Meeting in regular session on January 8, 2003, the Gruver City Commissioners approved the motion to continue the interlocal agreement for combined dispatching duties between the City of Gruver and Hansford County.

Also approved was the interlocal cooperation contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety for the failure to appear program. After approving the paying of December bills, the meeting adjourned.

Present were Mayor Mark Irwin, Commissioners Chad Logsdon and Johnnie Williams, city secretary Tencha Cazares, chief of police John Chambers, and director of public works Robert Blount

Get Well Wishes

Jack Karlin sustained a badly injured ear from a dog bite on Wednesday, January 8.

Young Karlin is having to undergo rabies shots this week as a precautionary measure.

Continue to remember Don Evans in his battle with cancer.

Flavil Ayers had day surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital on Thursday, January 16.

Super Shot Nets \$100

Former Gruver basketball standout Brant Armes was the first winner this season in the Greyhound Boosters Shoot for Cash contest.

After sinking a free throw, Armes encoored with a shot from mid court to net the \$100 cash prize.

Junior High Teams Net Honors

The Gruver Junior High eighth grade girls took third place in the Spearman Junior High Tourney over the weekend while the seventh grade boys captured fourth place.

The seventh grade girls and the eighth grade boys both took home consolation titles.

GJHS Cites Citizenship Awards

A student from each class at GJHS has been named as Citizen of the Third Six Weeks at Gruver Junior High.

Selected for their exemplary qualities of proper attitude, self-motivation, friendliness, and drive to succeed, the students were nominated by their teachers.

Chosen were Katie Gibson for the fifth grade, Dani Wheelock for the sixth grade, Adriana Soto for the seventh grade, and Travis McDowell for the eighth grade.

Reporter Statesman Trivia

The most requested issue of the Reporter Statesman for 2002 was the January 10th issue which depicted the 1924 Spearman water tower being demolished. It featured a series of pictures showing the tower's descent.

Scholarships Abound

Gruver seniors are urged to apply for a plethora of scholarships being offered to graduating seniors.

January and February are the deadlines for many scholarships, and Wendy Branstine, Gruver Schools Counselor, is encouraging students to apply for the free funds.

The applications can be obtained from the scholarship box in the GHS Library or in the counselor's office.

A financial aid meeting is scheduled for seniors and senior parents

Thursday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m., in the high school library.

Questions on financial aid, scholarships, and filling out the important FAESA form will be answered. A \$100 scholarship will be given to one lucky senior attending the meeting.

Master Whitaker Arrives

Robert and Jennifer (Jenni) Whitaker of San Antonio proudly announce the birth of their son Samuel Mason.

Born at 12:58 p.m. Monday, January 13, 2003, the infant weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces and was 20 and 3/4 inches long.

He is the grandson of Bill and Melinda Sutherland of San Antonio and Wes Whitaker of Gruver and Anne Whitaker of Amarillo, and the nephew of Dan and Merry Wheelock of Gruver.

Robert is a 1994 graduate of Gruver High School

Gruver Junior High Tourney Set

The annual Gruver Junior High Basketball Tournament has been set for January 23-25.

Teams entered in the tourney are Gruver, Sanford Fritch, Sunray, and Spearman. Seventh and eighth grade boys and girls will play one game Friday and two games on Saturday in the round robin event.

Gruver teams will play Sanford Fritch on Friday, Spearman on Saturday morning, and Sunray on Saturday afternoon. Games will be held in both the varsity gym and the activity center.

Gruver Good Guy Named

It's fitting that the first Gruver Good Guy of 2003 was nominated during basketball season.

The individual to be honored enjoys working with young people, especially in the area of basketball.

She can be seen at all home basketball games keeping books for both the junior high and high school teams. She is active in Gruver Little Dribblers and is noted for her success each year in coaching the all tournament team selected from Little Dribblers players

She is also an individual who can be called upon to provide her services in many beneficial ways to our schools.

The Gruver community salutes Debbie Chisum, a 2003 Gruver Good Guy.

The Gruver Grapevine is always looking for a few Good Guys who give of themselves to our community. Nominees taken by phone or mail at the Reporter-Statesman.

GHS Students of the Month



Kristina Christian was selected the Gruver High School December Student of the Month.

Kristina was active in cross country, track, basketball, and golf her freshman year and basketball and golf her sophomore year.

She has served as a GHS cheerleader for two years and is a two year member of the tennis team. She is a member of FCCLA and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was recently chosen Most Beautiful by her classmates.

The senior student is the daughter of Jack and Kay Christian.

Senior, has been a member of the GHS band for three years and has participated in UIL Academic events for four years. She has been active in track where she competes in shot put and discus, advancing her sophomore year to regional competition.

A member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, McDowell has been named to Who's Who among American High School Students for three years and to the United States Achievement Academy for three years.

She plans to attend Oklahoma Panhandle State University and become a successful softball coach.

ing a full load of classes to enable him to graduate in three years rather than four.

Tarango plans to attend the University of Texas at El Paso and study computer programming in hopes of producing his computer games one day. He is the son of Robert and Maria Tarango.

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Alan Tarango was selected the GHS November Student of the Month.

Tarango is a member of the National Honor Society.

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We will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of

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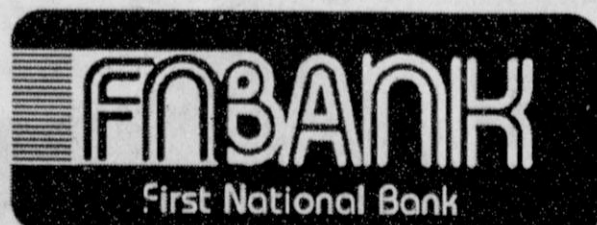
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The residence of Executor is Hansford County, Texas; the post office address is:
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED the 2nd of January, 2003.
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GHS Basketball



The Lady Hounds took top team and individual honors in the Slayton Tournament December 27-28. In addition to winning the tournament championship, the following received individual honors: (L-R) Lisa Johnson, All-Tournament; Christi Clift, Free Throw Champion (netting 29 of 30); Teal Armes, All-Tournament; Amy Watley, Most Valuable Player; and Brandi Griffin, All-Tournament.

Slayton Tournery, First Game
Lady Hounds 66, Lubbock Roosevelt 54

Teal Armes - 7, Amy Watley - 3, Laina Grotegut - 3, Brandi Griffin - 10, Blythe Finley - 2, Lisa Johnson 2 0, Meagan Knight - 4, Cassie Myatt - 7.

Slayton Tournery, Second Game
Lady Hounds 77, Childress 31
(Highest points scored by Lady Hounds this season)
Teal Armes 2, Christi Clift 16, Amy Watley - 4, Laina Grotegut - 2, Blythe Finley - 6, Lisa Johnson - 10, Meagan Knight - 2, Ashleigh Sherrill - 2, Cassie Myatt - 14.

Slayton Tournery, Third Game
Lady Hounds 42, Tahoka 38
Teal Armes - 8, Christi Clift - 4, Brandi Griffin - 12, Blythe Finley - 4, Lisa Johnson - 7, Cassie Myatt - 5.

Lady Hounds 50, Borger 31
December 19
Teal Armes - 9, Amy Watley - 14, Brandi Griffin - 4, Laina Grotegut 5, Blythe Finley - 4, Lisa Johnson - 6, Cassie Myatt - 8.

Lady Hounds 60, West Texas High 45, December 30
Teal Armes - 4, Amy Watley - 9, Brandi Griffin - 10, Blythe Finley - 4, Lisa Johnson - 21, Cassie Myatt - 12.

Lady Hounds 56, Vega 39
January 3
Teal Armes 7 - Amy Watley - 13, Brandi Griffin - 18, Blythe Finley - 3, Lisa Johnson - 10, Cassie Myatt - 3.

Lady Hounds 74, Booker 24
January 7
Teal Armes - 6, Christi Clift - 8, Amy Watley - 12, Laina Grotegut - 3, Brandi Griffin - 22, Blythe Finley - 5, Lisa Johnson - 14, Ashleigh Sherrill - 2, Cassie Myatt - 2.

Lady Hounds 60, White Deer - 42
January 10
Teal Armes - 9, Christi Clift - 9, Amy Watley - 12, Laina Grotegut - 5, Brandi Griffin - 2, Blythe Finley - 2, Lisa Johnson - 18, Cassie Myatt - 5.

Junior Varsity Lady Hounds
Lady Hounds JV 38, Vega 16
Lindsay Clift - 4, Allison Reid - 4, Callie Hargis - 4, Sarah Mireles - 2, Laci Fitzgearld - 5, Lanie

Graves - 2, Katie Jones - 5, Rachelle Holt - 6, Timber Barkley - 2, Jessica Vela - 4.

Lady Hound JV - 37, White Deer - 18.
Lindsay Clift - 19, Allison Reid - 3, Samantha Myatt - 4, Laci Fitzgearld - 6, Kaite Jones - 4.

Houndball
Hounds 41, Borger 49
December 19
Brock Irwin - 2, Wade Stewart - 2, Cass Cooper - 15, Lance Williams - 4, Cody Mac Been - 8, Ryan Winger - 4, Carlos Borunda - 5.

Canadian Tournery, First Game
Hounds 40, Canadian 41
Hunter Bevell - 2, Wade Stewart - 2, Aaron Body - 4, Cass Cooper - 6, Lance Williams - 2, Cody Mac Been - 5, David Puebla - 3, Ryan Winger - 4.

Canadian Tournery, Second Game
Hounds 49, Hedley 32
Hunter Bevell - 2, Wade Stewart - 5, Salvador Luciano - 6, Aaron Boyd - 5, Lance Williams - 4, Cody Mac Been - 8, Carlos Borunda - 13, Ryan Winger - 6.

Canadian Tournery, Third Game (Consolation Trophy)
Hounds 43, Sunray - 40
Hunter Bevell - 3, Brock Irwin - 9, Wade Stewart - 2, Cass Cooper - 3, Cody Mac Been - 11, Carlos Borunda - 8, Ryan Winger - 3.

Hounds 45, West Texas High 65
December 30
Hunter Bevell - 3, Brock Irwin - 3, Wade Stewart - 5, Salvador Luciano - 3, Aaron Body - 1, Cass Cooper - 8, Cody Mac Been - 16, Carlos Borunda - 3, Ryan Winger - 3.

Hounds 36, Vega 42
Hunter Bevell - 4, Brock Irwin - 3, Wade Stewart - 2, Cass Cooper - 6, Cody Mac Been - 10, Carlos Borunda - 10, Ryan Winger - 1.

Hounds 52, Booker 43
Cody Mac Been - 21, Carlos Borunda - 13, Cass Cooper - 3, Wade Stewart - 3, Ryan Winger 5, Aaron Boyd - 4, Lance Williams - 2.

SHS Basketball

VARSITY LYNXETTES

LYNXETTES - 61, BOYS RANCH - 21
JANUARY 3, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Short, L - 2, Vaquera - 6, Harbour - 0, Short J - 10, Goodheart - 6, Smith - 3, Flowers - 13, Cazares - 9, Edwards - 4, Whitefield - 4, Vargas - 2
Coach's Comments: We were aggressive with our defense which was good most of the night. We had a real good offensive 2nd quarter which got us the good lead.

LYNXETTES - 31, FRITCH - 52

JANUARY 8, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Vaquera - 4, Short, J. - 0, Goodheart - 5, Smith - 7, Flowers - 0, Cazares - 2, Edwards - 11, Whitefield - 2, Vargas - 0
Coach's Comments: We had a chance to play in a big emotional ballgame. I was glad the girls got to experience that. We did not shoot well or rebound on defensive end, but we did a lot of good things in between.

VARSITY LYNX

LYNX - 63, BOYS RANCH - 37
JANUARY 3, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Smith - 0, Beedy - 13, Cherry - 13, Sauer - 2, Baker - 7, Vera - 2, Martin - 4, Hernandez - 0, Sheets - 1, Griffin - 2, Miller - 19

LYNX - 40, FRITCH - 51

JANUARY 8, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Beedy - 12, Cherry - 9, Baker - 0, Vera - 0, Sheets - 0, Griffin - 5, Miller - 14

JUNIOR VARSITY LYNXETTES

LYNXETTES - 83, BOYS RANCH - 5
JANUARY 3, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Short, L - 8, Cherry - 15, Harbour - 4, Short, J - 22, Shields - 5, Hernandez - 0, Parker - 4, Vanderburg - 13, Paul - 4, Hart - 2, Winegarner - 6
Coach's Comments: The girls shot the ball better than they have all year from the field.

LYNXETTES - 31, FRITCH - 28

JANUARY 8, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Short, L. - 2, Cherry - 4, Harbour - 9, Short, J. - 60, Shields - 5, Hernandez - 0, Parker - 0, Vanderburg - 0, Hart - 5, Winegarner - 0
Coach's Comments: A nice win on the road. We didn't take very good care of the ball in the second half, but managed to hang on and win the game.

JUNIOR VARSITY LYNX

LYNX - 46, BOYS RANCH - 28
JANUARY 3, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Parker - 8, Vasquez - 8, Martin - 15, Ruiz - 2, Hand - 4, Sheets - 9

LYNX - 34, FRITCH - 31

JANUARY 8, 2003
Player - Points Scored: Brock - 2, Thomas - 3, Vasquez - 2, Vanderburg - 6, Jones - 6, Gillaspie - 3, Moreno - 3, McGaha - 9

January

What's Coming Up

- January 16-18 Fritch 9th Grade Basketball Tournament (Lynx)
- January 16 Board/Superintendent Strategic Planning Workshop
- January 17 All-Region Band Clinic & Concert @ Amarillo Civic Center
- January 19 Hansford Manor Worship Service, 3 p.m., First Christian Church of Spearman
- January 22 National School Nurses Day
- January 22 District Education Improvement Committee Meeting @ HS Library - 4-6 p.m.
- January 23 Hansford Manor Christian Buffet, 5:30 p.m., Church of Christ of Spearman
- January 23-25 Canadian 9th Grade Basketball Tournament (Lynxettes) Gruver Junior High Basketball Tournament
- January 24 Basketball Homecoming (All-School Pep Rally) @ Varsity Gym - 2:30 p.m.
- January 26 Hansford Manor Worship Service, 3 p.m., First Christian Church of Gruver
- January 26 Spearman Practice Livestock Show
- January 30 Board/Superintendent Strategic Planning Workshop
- January 31 Hansford Manor Birthday Party, 2 p.m.

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