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Santa Claus
is coming to town!

Dec. 17 • 11 a.m. Plains Shopping Center

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SIGNING ON THE DOTTED LINE - Texas-New Mexico Power Company (TNP) President and CEO Kevem Joyce (seated, right) and Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) Chairman of the Board and CEO Bill Helton (seated, left) signed a definitive agreement for TNP to sell its Panhandle area properties to SPS. Looking on at the Tuesday, Dec. 6 signing ceremony were Doyle Bunch, SPS executive vice president (standing, left), Mike Blanchard, TNP general counsel, and Jack Chambers, TNP senior vice president. The companies hope to obtain appropriate regulatory approvals and complete the transaction during the summer of 1995.

No cause for alarm over city testing of drinking water

Having clean natural water in Spearman has always been something that many of the residents of the town have taken for granted. However, many people are beginning to become concerned about the recent discovery of the water samples that were contaminated with the Coliform bacteria last month.

For those residents who do not know about the water samples, it is not as bad as it sounds like. Last November, the City of Spearman water system collected three water samples that contained Coliform bacteria. The City is required by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC),

whom set the drinking water standards in Texas, to submit a minimum of three samples each month for analysis of bacteria.

"This is strange because it has never happened before," stated Kelvin Knauf, Spearman City Manager. "Spearman's water is well water. It could have been something in the test tubes at the lab, or perhaps the testing site," Knauf later stated. Sites for the testing are chosen at random, including business and residential areas. Knauf went on to say later, "We have had no strange odors from the water or any related medical problems, so there is no cause for alarm.

We will be watching it, and if anything later develops, we will make sure that the Spearman residents know about it."

The bacteria is a possible health concern, but it can be treated if caught in time. Total coliforms are common in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. In association with water, however, it is usually caused by faulty pipes. The bacteria can cause disease, with symptoms like diarrhea, cramps, nausea, jaundice, and any associated headaches and fatigue. If anyone experiences these symptoms, the sooner that they can get to a doctor, the more of a chance they will not become worse.

Routine stop nets possible drug money

The Hansford County Sheriff's Department had a little excitement Monday, December 12 when a routine traffic stop became a possible drug bust.

DPS Trooper Toby Schaefer was on routine patrol around 9:45 a.m. when he clocked a car going 85 miles an hour, 4 miles east on highway 15. He called for back up from the Hansford County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff R. L. McFarlin, Jr. and Deputy Dennis Cline responded to the call. By the time they got to the scene, Trooper Schaefer had the car stopped.

Sheriff McFarlin said, "Upon searching the suspects \$9,000 was found on their persons. It was suspected that there might be drugs in the car. The car and the suspects were then transported to the Hansford County Sheriff's Department where a drug dog was called in from McLean, Texas. The dog did indicate that drugs had been in the car but there were not any found." McFarlin went on to say that they feel the drugs had already been delivered to a buyer.

The driver of the car, Manuel Castillo Holgain, 28, of El Paso, Texas, was wanted on outstanding traffic warrants. Holgain is being held at the Hansford County Jail on a possible immigration violation. He is in the United States from Mexico on a visa. The passenger of the car is also being held at the Hansford County Jail pending charges.

There is an on going investigation and further charges may be filed later.

Truck taken recovered

A Spearman man was arrested December 8th at 12:30 p.m. for unauthorized use of a vehicle and placed in the Hansford County jail.

Michael Joe Alaway, 34, of Spearman was arrested after Officer Philp LaRue of the Spearman Police Department, observed the 1985 White Ford Ranger pickup that he was driving. LaRue felt that there was something wrong so he called it in.

The owner, Melvin Swenn, was called an asked about the whereabouts of the pickup. Swenn told the Police that the pickup was not where it should be so a report was filed on the pickup as being stolen.

Postal rate to increase January 1st

This coming New Year will be bringing in more than joy and happiness, it will also be a time for the residents of Hansford County to be making last minute runs to the post office to beat the new price increases on packages. Every three years, the rates on postal prices change, but this is the first time that the rates took 4 years to change.

Starting January 1, 1995, the United States Post Office will be raising the price on all merchandise handled through there. "Most items will be changed, but there are

some that will be reaming the same," stated George Finley, Postmaster of the United States Post Office in Spearman. Of those items effected, the ones mainly used, the first class stamp, that will be raised from 29 cents to 32 cents; post cards, that will be changed to 20 cents; Certified Letters, that will raise to a \$1.10; Express Mail, that will go up to \$10.75; Priority Mail, that will be raised up to \$3.00; Money Orders, that will be .85 cents; and Return Receipts, that will be a \$1.10, will be the ones effected.

The amount of insurance on

packages sent, up to \$600.00, will remain the same and so will the largest amount of money orders, up to \$700.00. Also, now is the time to buy the G stamps at the post office before the new year.

The Post Office will be closed the following Monday after January 1, so people who are trying to beat the price increase need to have their mail at the Post Office by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 31. After that date, all mail sent will have the new year's post mark and will require the 32 cent stamp.

diesel bid from Golden Spread, approved the Minutes of November 14 and December 2 meetings, and finally, the board approved paying the bills in the amount of \$89,257.34. They did not, however, act on joining the TASB Legal Assistance Fund. Instead, the Board chose to postpone it and place it on the January Agenda.

Five items also went up for discussion in front of the Board.

See SISD, page 11

SISD conducts monthly meeting

This past Monday, December 12, The Spearman Independent School District met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in room 114 of the High School. The Board listened to staff members, special reports, several action items, and discussed many activities and events that have effected and will effect the school.

The meeting began with a report from Mrs. Strawn, concerning her attendance to a Homemaking Conference. No action at the time of the meeting was taking.

Secondly, the Board heard special reports from Mrs. Thompson and Sam Atwood, Principal of SHS. Thompson showed the Legislative Report video from the Association of Texas Professional Educators, while Atwood presented the High School Campus Improvement Plan.

On the action items, the Board was very busy by accepting four proposals and delaying one. They approved J.L. Brock's recommendation to increase liability insurance coverage, accepted the gas/

libraries, and various community businesses for the public to read and study. A summary of the information will be sent to every parent in the district with the report cards that will be distributed in early January.

After closed session to discuss the applicants for the business office position that has been created, the board voted unanimously to employ Julie Williams for the position. Williams has been employed at Caprock Industries for seven years. She and her husband Neal are the parents of two children, Ben, a second grade student in Gruver Elementary School, and Emily, who is five years old.

Hailey Lamb was recognized as the GHS Student of the Month. Lamb was introduced to the board

by Mrs. Amy TeBeest, Gruver High School science teacher. She was recognized for her academic progress, her leadership and participation in the band. Lamb is a junior student and the daughter of Perry and Loni Lamb.

The board decided to use the same form for evaluating the superintendent's performance as has been used in the past. That evaluation will be completed and shared with the superintendent in the January board meeting.

Due to a conflict, the January regular meeting was scheduled for January 4, 1995 at 1 p.m. The meeting was originally scheduled for January 11.

After voting to pay bills totaling \$75,187.59, the board adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Gruver board members hear reports

The Gruver School Board members conducted their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 7 at 1 p.m. in the Gruver High School boardroom.

In an open hearing, the Gruver ISD board of trustees heard the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System report. Reports were given by the superintendent and each campus principal. The academic accomplishments of students, as measured by the TAAS test given in 1993-94, was reviewed for the members. Areas of concern and emphasis were also discussed, as well as attendance rates for the campuses and the district's dropout rate. The superintendent, Barry Haenisch, informed the board that copies of the report will be distributed to the city library, school li-

Hansford Happenings

Decorating Contest

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce will be holding its annual Christmas Home Decoration Contest. Judging will take place Monday night December 19th.

D.A.R.E. Raffle

Raffle tickets for a D.A.R.E. Classic Jacket with leather sleeves, estimated value \$150.00, are now available for \$1 a piece at the Police Department or from D.A.R.E. Officer Jamie Downs. Drawing will be held during halftime of the Spearman/Perryton varsity boys basketball game. You do not have to be present to win.

Band Christmas Concert

Spearman High School Band Christmas Concert will be held December 15 at 7 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium. The public is invited.

Choir Christmas Concert

Spearman High School Choir Christmas Concert will be December 17 at 3 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium. The public is invited.

Quilt Raffle

Twelve Days of Christmas quilt raffle tickets are available. \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Call 659-3866 or any Senior Citizen member.

Defensive Driving

The defensive driving class will be December 21 and 22 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 for non-members and \$30 for members of the Chamber of Commerce. Contact Cindy Blackman at 659-5555 for more information.

Cub Scouts Party

Cub Scout Pack 578 White Elephant Christmas Party will be December 19 at 7 p.m. in the O'Loughlin Center. For more information call Andy Scarborough at 659-3882.

Gruver Church Choir

Gruver United Methodist Church Choir will present the musical "City of Lights" on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Gun Club Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Hansford Gun Club Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Spearman City Hall.

"A Christmas Toy-Story"

Gus Birdwell Elementary School's second graders will present a Christmas musical, "A Christmas Toy-Story" Thursday, Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. and noon and Friday, Dec. 16 at noon. The play will be presented in the music room. Second grade teachers are Marsha Pipkin, Dede Smith and Mary Ann Lasater.

"Prehistoric Christmas"

The first graders at Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman will present "Prehistoric Christmas" Tuesday, Dec. 20 for students at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the music room. Parents are invited to performances of this dinosaur holiday extravaganza Wednesday, Dec. 21 at noon and 12:45 p.m. First grade teachers are Cindy Clyburn, Jennifer Nollner and Kristi Ramon.

Video Presentation

First Assembly of God Church is showing a four part video series on the end times every Wednesday night this month. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. Showing Dec. 21 is "A Thief In The Night," and "Dec. 28 is "Prodigal Planet." Come join us for these powerful prophetic films of the end times.

Children's Christmas Program

The First Christian Church will have a children's Christmas program at 7:30 p.m., December 18, 1994. All of the church is invited to attend and refreshments will be served after the program.

Commodity Distribution

Commodity distribution will be Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

10 Days 'til Christmas



SANTA GOURDS - From gourds to Santas! Anna Beth Woods received a special Christmas present this year. She was blessed with five gourds-Santas painted by Mrs. Hobb's 8th grade art class. The 8th grade students greatly enjoyed the art project, and all agreed it was time well spent! The class includes: Estrella Cruz (not pictured), Yolanda Trejo, Sandra Sofo, Jennifer Duggan, Bobbi Kay Christian, and Lucas Johnson.

School Lunch Menus

Spearman School Lunch Menu Monday, December 19 Chicken pattie, whipped potatoes, cream gravy, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, apple-raisin cobbler, and milk. Tuesday, December 20 Jumbo corndog, macaroni and cheese, sweet peas, pears, Christmas cookie, and milk. Wednesday, December 21 Bologna and cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, crackers, potato chips, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, peaches, and milk. Thursday, December 22	No school Friday, December 23 No school SISD Breakfast Monday - Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, and milk. Tuesday - Two waffles, fruit juice, and milk. Wednesday - Cereal, toast, fruit juice, and milk. Thursday - No school Friday - No school Gruver School Lunch Menu No School Christmas Holiday Pringle-Morse School Lunch Menu No School Christmas Holiday
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Lieb inducted into society

Lori S. Lieb of Morse, Texas was one of 100 students inducted into West Texas A&M University Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society in a formal ceremony October 30. Membership to Alpha Chi is by invitation and is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher and rank in the top 10 percent of their class. Lieb was a 1992 graduate of Spearman High School.

On Dec. 19 Cindy Rice will be singing Hi Ho Hi Ho It's Over the Hill I Go To the Big '40'.

From: Those of us who have gone before you!

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor,
When I attended school, & played in school sports. Each individual was given equal opportunities to practice, participate & to learn. Learning the plays & techniques. Enjoying the friendships & companionship that competition brings. The people that I remember looking up to as mentors. The same people who now it seems only see the wins or losses. Have they forgotten that they are shaping the next generation of leaders?

In their all consuming lust for winning have they forgotten that each child can't be "The Best". They may not be the best dribbler, passer or shooter but they deserve to be treated with respect. My child or your child may never be "A team quality" but they enjoy the game, competition & comradary that comes with school sports. Each & everyone deserves the time & attention that all of us expect from others as adults.

I would but ask that these coaches to remember great memories from their school days. The next time they put a child down or hurt their feeling. Winning & losing are not all there is to it. Each child we hope, will grow up to be like the people they admire most. Hopefully they are people who believe that winning is doing their best. Unfortunately I am seeing more & more Coaches saying to our children that their best is not good enough.

At the Movies

Showing at the Lyric Theatre in Spearman Friday, December 16, through Tuesday, December 20, are "Interview with the Vampire" on screen #1 at 7:30 p.m. and "The Swan Princess" on screen #2 at 7:45 p.m.

In "Interview with the Vampire" Christian Slater is a writer chronicling the lives of a group of New Orleans vampires in this thriller based on Anne Rice's novel. Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt are the principal bloodsuckers.

"Interview with the Vampire" is rated R. Come see "The Swan Princess." The entire family can enjoy the magic of this wonderful animation for children and adults as well! "The Swan Princess" is rated G.

Palo Duro officials meet

The Palo Duro River Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, at 2 p.m. in the board room of the Palo Duro River Authority for the purpose of discussion and/or action on routine and other business.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Bills from the previous month were paid. The consideration of salary adjustments was tabled for review. The dam inspection report by the engineers was given and the dam was found to be in good condition. The Palo Duro #1 well relocation was discussed and it was decided that addition proposals were needed. There was a discussion of the Texas Water Conservation Association annual meeting coming up March 1-3. Some of the board members and managers will be attending. Projects going on around the lake were discussed just to let everyone know what is happening. The meeting was adjourned.

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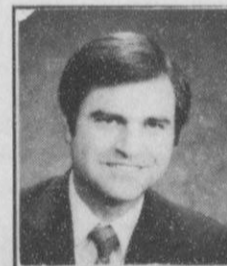


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*The family of Brent Connelly
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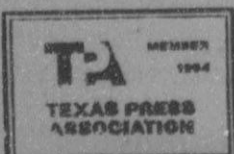
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Lifestyles



THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS - Last Sunday, December 11, The First Baptist Church in Spearman put on a fantastic musical called "The Gift of Christmas". In the play, several church members, including Becky Lusby and members of the Son Co. and Genesis choirs, performed and put on various costumes of the time when Christ was born. Lusby was joined on her solo of "Love Has Come" with Belhany Furlow. Other breath-taking solos and songs were sung by Deacon Wayne Biggs, Music Minister David Furlow, a trio by Troy James, Shane Swenn, and Furlow, a duet by pianist Denice Bridges and Pastor Kyle Henderson, and Kathy Archer. (Photo by Chad Davis)

Hospice lights campaign continues

The Hansford Hospice Lights of Love Tree continues to gain support from area residents during the second week of the Christmas season.

Making donations in memory or honor of through the week of December 5 thru 12th are the following persons: Berry Cleaners - donation. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Archer - donation. Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Gibner - Brent Connelly. Ernest Newcomb, Charles and Lola Newcomb - Lenard Jameson. Mr. and Mrs. Rue Sanders, Julie and family - Brent Connelly. Joe and Linda Venneman - John Venneman and Faye Gillispie. Wesley and Cheri Jarvis - donation.

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and Ynese Williams - donation. Anna Beth Wood - Shirley Bud Lowe. Roy and Ida Edwards - donation. Goldie M. Dunnihoo - Lilly Mae Shaull. Alton and Peggy Ellsworth - donation.

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Mrs. Bill Blackman - donation. Mrs. Dayton N. Barkley - Helen Woods. Barbara Cook - A.F. Cook. Jim and Linda Beeson - Brent Connelly. Bob and Linda Burke - their parents.

Residents donate to Auxiliary Christmas program

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary is once again asking your support for its Operation Christmas Fund. This money is used to purchase equipment and much needed items for the Hansford Hospital and Manor.

Donations may be made to Mary Fern Terry, 906 Bernice, Spearman, Texas 79081.

Instead of mailing Christmas Greeting Cards, we have donated to Operation Christmas Greeting: Freeman Barkley, Olive "Babe" Pendergraft, Dale and Debbie Sanford, Raymond and Grace Kirk, Beulah Abston, Marvin and Ruth Ann Jones, Bill and Estelle Jackson, Dude and Verna Brown, Gene and Frances Cudd, Juanita Logan, and Del and Barbara Cluck.

job well done.

The balance of December will mostly be the routine calendar events. The Senior Citizens Center will be closed the 26th of December and January 2nd for holiday time for Pearl and Floydene.

Merry Christmas to one and all! May God bless you with safe and happy holidays.

A "Center" Piece

By GARLAND HOPPER

December 6th the lucky winner of the Christmas Quilt was Charlotte Bergin of Gruver. Congratulations, Charlotte!

The Blodgett Room at the O'Laughlin Center looks "A Lot Like Christmas." A thank you to Bart, Kathy, and Lola for their time and work to decorate the tree. A good

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BRING ON THE BAND - The Gruver High School Band performed recently in a big concert for all of Gruver to come and enjoy. Seen here, the band is performing one of the many songs that played for those who attended. (Photo by Cora Thompson)

Dobson lends hand to fund-raiser

Dobson Cellular recently presented a check for \$14,305 to Ronald McDonald Children's Charities of Texas as the result of a two-month fund raising campaign.

From September 15 - November 15, Dobson Cellular offered a free cellular phone with a donation of \$25 or more to the Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. Customers simply stopped by Dobson Cellular Systems and made their donation. Upon credit approval and a one-year service agreement, donors re-

ceived a free Motorola H Classic portable phone.

According to Ron McVean, Jr. of the RMCC Amarillo chapter, "The partnership between Dobson Cellular Systems and Ronald McDonald Children's Charities was the most successful fund-raiser for this chapter. RMCC overwhelmingly appreciates the generosity of Dobson Cellular and their Loyal clientele."

Ronald McDonald Children's Charities, one of the largest

children's charities in the United States, was established in 1984 in memory of Ray A. Kroc, founder of McDonald's Corporation. RMCC offers many grants to help young people. These grants fall in the areas of: education and the arts, health care and medical research and civil and social services.

The cornerstone of the children's charities, is the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home-away-from-home for families with hospitalized children. There over 150 Ronald McDonald Houses in nine countries around the world including one in Amarillo.

"Ronald McDonald Children's Charities provides an essential service for Texas families with children in need of medical assistance. We take pride in knowing that our contribution will make a positive impact in the lives of these families," said Everett Dobson, president of Dobson Cellular Systems.

Delozier graduates from Air Force

Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio - Air Force Airman Braden C. Delozier has graduated from Air Force basic training here.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Delozier is the son of Terry C. and Candi Delozier of 303 S. Hazelwood, Spearman.

He is a graduate of Spearman High School.

Reed on tour aboard USS Kitty Hawk

November 21, 1994 (FHTNC) -- Navy Seaman Michael B. Reed, a 1993 Graduate of Spearman High School, is midway through a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans with the aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk, homeported in San Diego.

Reed's ship is the lead ship of its battle group, consisting of an aircraft carrier with nine aircraft squadrons, three guided missile cruisers, a guided missile frigate, an ammunition ship, a replenishment oiler and two attack submarines. The USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group deployment not only provides a forward deployed presence in an area of strategic importance, but it also reinforces our commitment to our Pacific allies.

Reed and USS Kitty Hawk have participated in a wide-range of exercises with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, Republic of Korea's Navy and Royal Singaporean Navy. Reed's ship and its crew also join with Marines from the Third Marine Expeditionary Force in an exercise which highlighted the capability of a carrier to be used as a launching platform for airborne amphibious assaults.

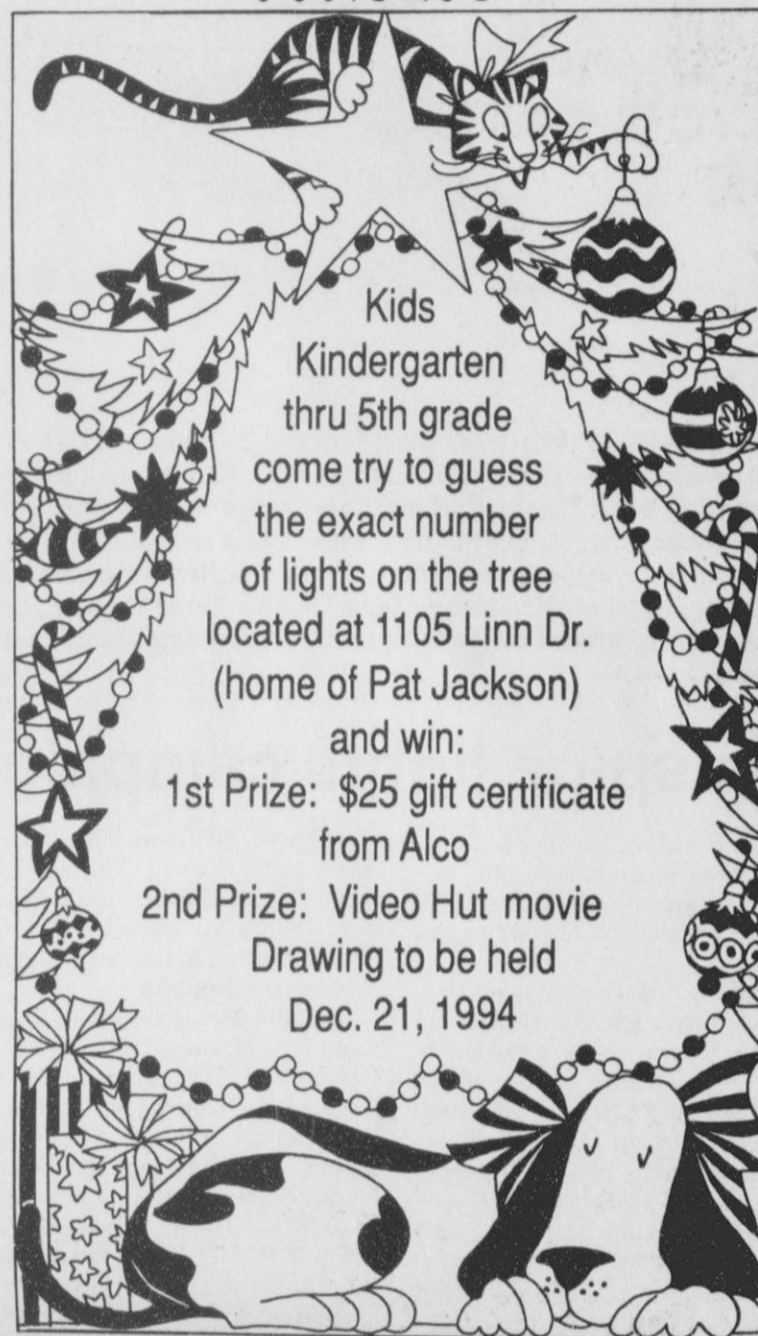
While deployed, Reed has visited Japan, Okinawa, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Guam, and Malaysia.

Reed's involvement in the deployment is an example of how U.S. aircraft carriers are on station around the world from the Persian Gulf and the Western Pacific to the Mediterranean Sea.

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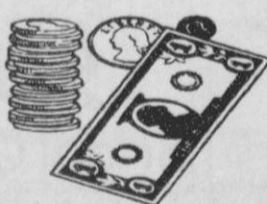


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Out at the Lake

By DOROTHY HUDSON

Lake Depth--December 12, 1994 - 20 feet and 7.5 inches.

Over a year ago Kenneth Evans reported to the PDRA board that there was evidence of a mountain lion in our area. Mr. and Mrs. Punk Jackson, who live in the canyon just south of Old Hansford on what used to be known as the Rosenbaum place, were both awakened from a sound sleep by the blood curdling scream of a lion. Punk said on a recent telephone visit that he sat straight up in bed.

Neither he nor his wife has seen the lion, but they have several odd happenings of their various animals being chased, and Billy Jeff Hawkins had found cougar tracks at the edge of the lake.

Although I am interested in the wildlife in the area, this report was of particular interest to me, be-

cause our youngest daughter and her family live less than a quarter of a mile from the Palo Duro Creek, and our grandchildren play along it. They were alerted to the possibilities and soon began to find cougar tracks. One afternoon about dusk, our daughter Jean and her son Micah saw the cougar running between their house and the creek. They had been losing quite a few hens and wondered if the cougar had developed a taste for chicken. Sometime later after a snow, they found the tracks around the chicken house and a few up near one of the windows of the house. One day last fall when they were moving cattle from one pasture to another, Micah got another look at the cougar. Jack Hart got a glimpse of the long-tailed animal near the bridge that spans the Palo Duro a mile and a half west of the Palo Duro Feedlot.

Area landowners help provide ideal conditions for hunts

Ring-neck pheasants are rapidly on the increase. Food is plentiful in corn and sorghum-producing regions of the High Plains; however, undisturbed nesting and wintering cover is still the key.

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Besides being beautiful to look at pheasants have economic ben-

efits. Pheasant - hunting rights typically are leased on a daily basis. Day - lease prices in the area currently average \$25 to \$75 per gun the opening weekend then prorate down the following weekend.

Hansford County landowners are doing a great job of Wildlife - Management and should be commended for it. Winter is here folks, so dress up warm and above all be safe and thoughtful not only of yourself but of all other hunters as well. GOOD - HUNTING.

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Museum Musings

by Joanne Eaton

The museum board went to the country home of Joel Lee and Joyce Lackey for their Christmas dinner. Those attending were Bill K. and Estelle Jackson, Helen and Irvin Boyd, Harry Stumpf, Jeff and Linda Lackey, Juanita Pierce, Charles and Joanne Eaton, J. D. and Rubyjo Wilbanks, Gus and Clementine Renner, and the host and hostess, Joel Lee and Joyce Lackey. Besides the great dinner everyone enjoyed a tour of the home and a good visit.

Many of the board members have always lived in Hansford County. They can tell you many things about locations and people.

Christmas is a wonderful time to remember a passed-on loved one or friend. Donations in memory of those people will also help the museum. A donation to the museum in honor of anyone living is also accepted. Barbara is at the museum Tuesday through Saturday from 1

p.m. until 5 p.m. She will be happy to help you! We could also be a good deduction for income tax purposes.

The museum has been decorated for Christmas. Be sure to go by!

Chamber Chatter

by Cindy Blackman
Chamber Manager

Santa Claus will be in Spearman, Saturday, December 17, at Plains Shopping Center at 11 a.m. Christmas drawings will also be held at this time. Winners for the December 10 drawing are Robert Elliott, Albert Baker, Phyllis Cummings and Debbie Hagerman. They won \$50 gift certificates from The Bunkhouse, Gordon's Drug, Earls TV & Appliance and All Occasion Flowers. Remember, you must be present to win.

Defensive Driving will be December 21-22. Call the Chamber office at 659-5555 for more information.

Tickets are still on sale for the New Year's Eve dinner and dance.

The Board of Directors will have a work day on Saturday, January 21. We will set up our 1995-96 program of work, so be sure you send the surveys back in to the office.

New directors are George Young, Bret Burgin and Norlan Winegarner. We want to thank all of the nominees and hope we have a chance to work with all of them in the future.

The chamber wants to thank Pete Wall of Texas-New Mexico Power and Jose Vaquera with the city for putting up the street decorations.

There have been two sightings north of Gruver on the Coldwater. Buddy Lowe, Jr. spotted one early one morning when he was gathering cattle with others on the Hindergardt ranch, and Dennis Stedje got a quick look on some grass south of the Phillips Plant.

A little oddity develops in the story here, because the fathers of both of these men had seen a mountain lion in the county some 25 to 30 years ago.

Anna Marie and Gordon Stedje were coming home about midnight back when they lived in the county, when a big cat ran across the road in front of them at the bridge across the Coldwater where Ada Joyce and James Stedje live. Buddy Lowe, Sr. and his father Curt Lowe saw one on the Lowe place near Old Hansford.

We may not find out if we have one lion or two or more. So far no one has mentioned whether he or she saw a female or male. Continued next week.

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- Turn off all lights before leaving or going to bed.
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- Avoid outdoor electrical lines when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.
- Use waterproof lighting equipment outdoors. Hang sockets downward and don't leave a socket empty.



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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Dr. Scott and Julie Martin returned on Wednesday from Vancouver, British Columbia, where he attended a conference of the American Association of Equine Practitioners. Scott had been appointed to the committee that serves as liaison for the veterinarians and farriers. He was busy with the committee and other sessions which he felt were most informative.

The Martins flew to Vancouver on Friday by way of San Jose, a six hour flight. While Scott was busy in the conference Julie had an interesting time sight-seeing and shopping. Shopping had always appealed to Julie but she may have reached the saturation point after shopping in one huge mall that consisted of 400 shops.

The scenery is spectacular-the city is nestled between grand mountains and the ocean. The population is extremely diverse, with large percentage Oriental. The city rates close to San Francisco in that respect and has a large China town.

Some of the highlights for the Martins were taking the sea bus to an island, eating at a floating restaurant, the sky train, and dining at a fabulous Chinese place to name a few.

The weather verged on freezing with some snow and rain, causing them to realize how fascinating it would be to visit there in the summer.

Demonstrating their friendship and appreciation for Billy Paul Hazelwood and his family, the Trinity United Methodist Church in Amarillo hosted a fund-raising dinner for them.

According to an item in the Amarillo Sunday News-Globe, the dinner was on Sunday after services. It stated that Bill Hazelwood has a cancerous tumor in his chest and is receiving radiation.

Billy Paul, the son of Paul and Betty Hazelwood, is a graduate of Spearman High School. He taught at Bonham Junior High in Amarillo until November and fully expects to return to teaching.

All his Spearman friends share in wishing him and his family the best of fortune.

Word from Mike Hulett, former publisher of the Reporter-Statesman, is that he is teaching high

school physical science at McArthur High School in San Antonio. He is active in the Trinity Baptist Church and is well pleased with his situation.

Olive Pendergraft enjoyed the company of her nephew, Bob Kirk of Austin, from Wednesday to Friday afternoon. He had flown to Amarillo, driven to Boulder, Colorado, in connection with his work, then enroute back to Austin, stopped for a visit with Olive.

Maxus Exploration Company has recognized a number of employees for their years of service, including Gene Sparks for his 35 years. Gene, the son of Mozelle Sparks, graduated from high school here in 1947. He and his wife have three daughters and live in Amarillo. Mozelle attended the retirement party in Amarillo.

Ed Lee, the affable manager of Alco, spent the week-end bringing his bride to Spearman. They were accompanied by her 18 year old daughter, Dolli, who will make her home with them.

Ed and Catherine Penner were married November 11 in the First Baptist Church in Newton, Kansas. Due to some details of business, she was unable to move at that time.

They will be living at 501 Cook street. Mrs. Lee is a member of the Baptist Church and enjoys quilting and other crafts.

Spearman extends a warm welcome to these new residents.

Jenifer Hester from Columbia, South American, made an interesting talk to a gathering at the Baptist Church here last week.

She is a medical missionary and is on leave. She is staying with her parents, J.D. and Winifered Hester, at Texline, but has a speaking schedule. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Sada Hoskins here and has several aunts here.

All who heard her presentation found it extremely interesting, and it is hoped that this newspaper can get an in depth interview with her.

A long and informative article and picture appeared in the Sunday News-Globe in the Farm and Ranch section regarding the wind

power generation at the home of Jeff Lackey of Spearman. It was a detailed description, too lengthy to include here, but may be a forerunner of thing to come.

Jeff and Linda are the fourth generation of the Lackey family to live on the place.

Mrs. Fern Fulkerson was honored last Wednesday when a number of friends gathered in the home of her daughter, Bobbie Novak, to observe her 81st birthday, at a morning brunch.

Most of the guests had been members of a Bible study group that has since disbanded. It was a morning of warm fellowship and pleasure and best wishes for their gracious honoree.

Christmas time is a time for remembering old friends and letting them know they are remembered. Many are former citizens who at one time were active in Spearman in civic, school and church affairs and have now retired in other communities.

Here are some addresses of those who have moved away: Major and Ruth Lackey-1717 Norfolk, #2352, Lubbock, 79416; Matilda Entekin-Clairemont Retirement Center, 4707 Bell, # 124, Amarillo, 79109; Mrs. Eva Adkison, 6915 N. Huber Ave, Odessa, Tx 79764; Magda Garnett-702 N. 7th, Apt. # 302, Kambie West, Laurel, Ms 39440; Margaret Gibner-4508 Calyx Court, N.W. Albuquerque, N.M. 87120; Altha Townsend Kirk-713 Mayland Drive, New Port News, Va 23601; Earl Riley - 15 Hospital Drive, Canyon, Tx 79115; and Carrie Marie Berry-4125 St. Francis Rd, Crowley, Tx 76036.

Jan and Micky Robinson of Amarillo proudly announce the birth of twin sons on November 30, 1994. It was at Nth west Texas Hospital in Amarillo the important event occurred when Cody Keith, weight 5 lb, 2 oz made his entrance, as Garrett Duane, weight 4lb, 14 oz.

The proud grandparents are Jeanette Thoreson, Amarillo; Dee and Winnie Carol Allen, Spearman; and Donnie and Ann Robinson, Amarillo.

Their great grandfather is Duane Pitcher, Lampasas; great grandmothers are Mrs. Annie Allen,

Spearman, and Mrs. Gertie Robinson, Dumas.

The officials and employees of Hansford County held a retirement social for Amelia Johnson, County and District Clerk and Val Winger, County Commissioner.

His cake was cleverly decorated with a yellow road grader and hers with titles of functions of her office.

Special guests were her brother, Bill and Joyce Johnson, Mrs. Marlene Winger, Teague Winger and daughter, and Val's mother, Pauline Winger.

Val has been commissioner for eight years and will devote more time to his farming and cattle.

Amelia has been in the clerk's See NEIGHBORS, page 11

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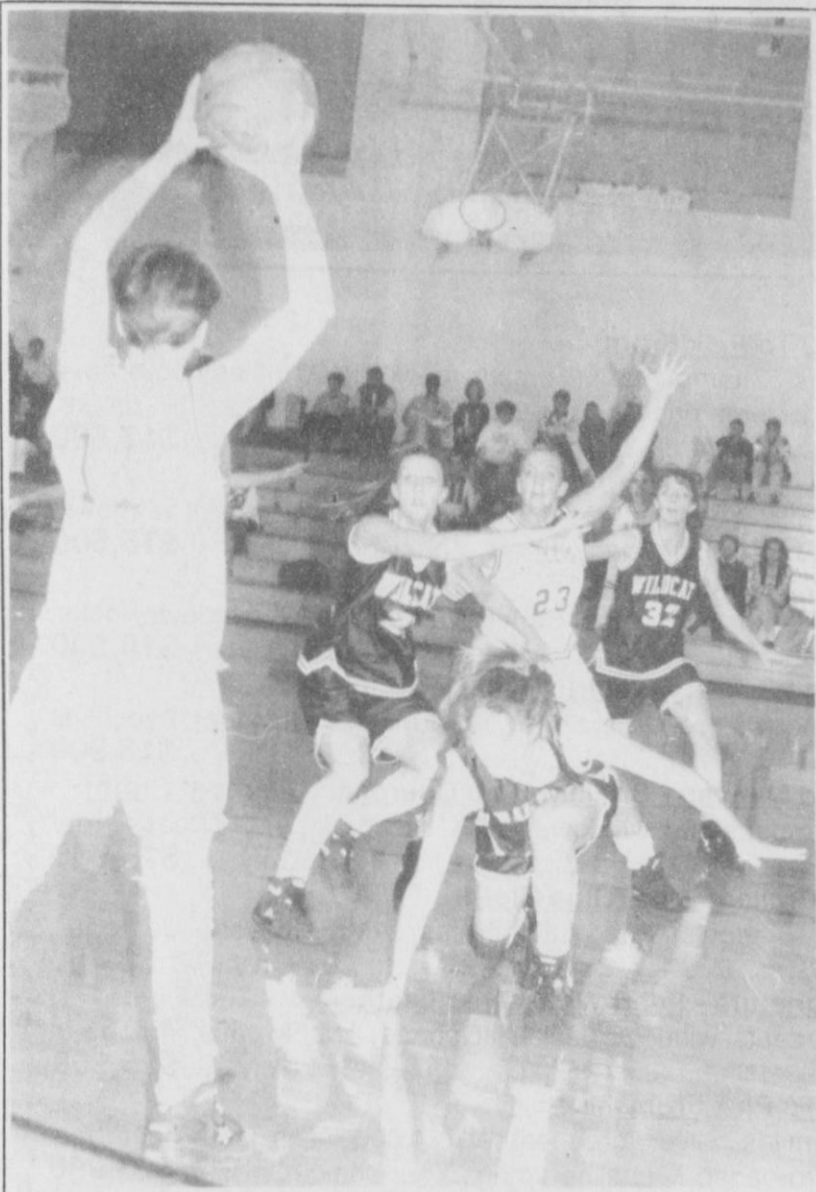
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Sports

Lynx/Lynxettes record victories over CHS



GET OUT OF MY WAY - This year's Spearman Lynxettes team is somewhat young, but it is defiantly one of the most aggressive teams that Spearman has seen. As seen here, Ashly Shieldknight is tripped teamed by three Lady Wildcats, in which she easily got by. (Photo by Chad Davis)

Thanks to brilliant effort by Chad Wilkerson, Heath Archer, Shad O'Quin, and Jarod Huddleston, the Spearman Lynx held on to a 57-56 lead late in the fourth quarter to give them a win over the Canadian Wildcats. The tension was thick last Tuesday night as Spearman put in a shot with little time left, and Canadian tried to make up for it. However, at the buzzer the last Canadian shot was missed and Spearman got the victory.

The Lynx lead the first half, but Canadian controled the second half. Spearman outscored the Cats 16-11 in the first quarter and 13-9 in the second. The Cats took control of the second half by outdoing Spearman 19-16 in the third and 17-12 in the fourth.

Chad Wilkerson, who began the season with a slow start but is now coming through stronger than ever, came through for the second time in a row and slammed home 16 unanswered points. Wilk had an outstanding second quarter with 7 points on 3 field goals and 1 free shot. Also, besides making 4 points in the first quarter, he went on to hit a trey in the third and went 2 for 2 from the foul line in the third.

Heath Archer also played an impressive game by putting in a couple of field goals in the first quarter, 1 in the second, and 2 field goals and 3-pointer and a went 2 for 2 from the foul line in the third. This gave him a game ending 13 points.

Shad O'Quin and Jarod Hud-

leston, the two giants of the team, also made double figures for the team by tying with 10 points. O'Quin had a field goal in the first, went scoreless in the second, put in a couple a free shots in the third, and finished the fourth quarter off with 2 field goals and 2 free shots in the fourth. Despite going scoreless in the fourth quarter, Huddleston had a deuce of field goals in the first and third quarters and had 1 field goal in the second.

Coyt Tigrett, who put in 6 points, and Dillon Miller, who had 1 field goal, finished up the Lynx's scoring.

The Cats' Bivins, who had 17, Lusby, who had 11, and Flowers, who had 10, all made double fig-

ures, but the Lynx's unstoppable defense held the offense anyway.

Coming off a disappointing run at the Canyon Tournament, the Spearman Lynxettes made up for the disappointment last Tuesday, November 6, as they destroyed the Canadian Lady Wildcats, 54-38.

The Lynxettes lead throughout the entire game, including a first quarter jump of 17-12. They went on to outscore the Lady Cats 11-8 in the second, 13-6 in the third, and 13-12 in the fourth.

The franchise of the team, Kara Townsen, put in 29 electrifying points. Townsen, who has lead the Lynxettes in scoring just about all year, scored 10 of the 17 points for the Lynxettes in the first quarter,

put in 6 points and went 1 for 2 from the penalty stripe in the second, had 4 points and knocked in 1 out of 2 from the free throw line in the third, and had 6 points and was 1 for 1 from the on the penalty shot

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GHS squads get by Hartley

The Gruver Greyhounds erased a 17 point second quarter deficit to defeat the Hartley Tigers 66-63 in an exciting game played at Hartley this past Tuesday night, December 6.

"We played really well all night," said Hounds' Head Coach Tim Garland. "We got down early - but battling - we worked our way back into it. We were down 17 in the second quarter. But we hit them with our press, and that got some things going for us. The press was effective. We didn't give up the layups, and got a lot of turnovers."

With one and a half minutes left, the game was tied 61-61. Aaron Frick was fouled and hit both free throws to put the Hounds up by

two. But Hartley came back to tie it 63-63. Then with 30 seconds left, Jace Dawson was fouled, and hit the front end of the one and one. Wylee Maupin got the rebound off the second attempt, and put it back up and in for the three point win, 66-63.

According to Coach Garland, "We've regained some confidence and belief in ourselves over the past three games."

Brant Armes, freshman point guard, played his first game as a varsity Hound, and already has earned himself a starting position.

Hounds (3-6) vs. Hartley
 Tuesday 12-6-94 at Hartley
 Gru 12 25 44 66
 Har 20 37 46 63

3-Pointers - Brant Armes, Phil DeLaCruz, Josh Mayhew, Ricardo Soto.

Gru - Wylee Maupin - 12, Josh Mayhew - 12, Jace Dawson - 10, Aaron Frick - 8, Brent Armes - 5, Max Frick - 4, Ricardo Soto - 3, Travis Ferguson - 1.

The Gruver Lady Hounds found out this past Monday they had lost their Top Gun, Julie Meyer, to a stress fracture in her foot. Meyer, the Lady Hounds' leading scorer averaging 16 PPG, will be lost for a month. That did not, however, stop the Lady Hounds from edging out the Hartley Lady Tigers this past Tuesday night, December 6, at Hartley, 63-59 in an overtime thriller.

"We're searching for an identity," said Lady Hounds' Head Coach Steve Myatt. "We had 17 turnovers in the first half, and only four in the second half. The turnovers in the first half were nearly all unforced. We were down by as many as 12 points."

Coach Myatt continued, "Starting in the second quarter, we got into a good rhythm, and spread the ball around. We gutted it out, and won a really tight game. We had a good 4th quarter, and a good overtime. It was a really good win for the girls."

More from Coach Myatt, "We shot the ball really well, and the scoring was balanced. We shot 22-51 from the field (43%)."

It was Kiki Carthel who took over late to bring the Lady Hounds the victory. Awesome Miss Kiki Dee scored 13 points, was leading scorer, had five of the nine overtime points, and was 3-4 from the free throw line in the overtime. Wendy Rodriguez had the other four overtime points.

Farrah Frantz, who will make it a 3-time all-star for her this year, scored 33 awesome points for the Lady Tigers, including six treys.

Lady Hounds (7-2) vs. Hartley
 Tuesday 12-6-94 at Hartley
 Gru 10 27 38 54 63
 Har 20 30 40 54 59
 Gru - Kiki Carthel - 13, Kaysha Cluck - 10, Cara Hathaway - 10, Amber Murrell - 9, Tisha Ralston - 8, Weslyn Maupin - 7, Wendy Rodriguez - 6.

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At The Buzzer

By Chad Davis

Although the football season is long done and gone, I feel as though I must touch on it one last time. When Coach Smith handed me the all-district player selection for this year, I must say that I was pleased. However, I was more shocked than pleased. Now I know last week I said I was going to be as non-biased as I could, but anyone can see that Hansford County did not get a fair deal on these picks.

Look at the picks. Sure, Sean Parks, of West Texas, had a great year of throwing the ball, but what about Wilky? He should have got 1st team QB. Parks might have had more yards thrown and higher completion ratio than Wilk did, but that does not mean he is a better athlete or player. Wilk ran the ball for 3 touchdowns, threw for 6 touchdowns, and carried the pigskin 80 times for 354 yards. He also had 135 passes for 52 completions and 630 yards. Parks might have had more impressive numbers, but I think Wilk got a bum deal out the situation. If the picks were based on hart and determination, Wilk would have had no trouble in making the first team.

What about the running back position? I was upset again when I saw two Stratford players making the top two picks of the district. Does anyone out there remember Aaron Frick and Shawn Moore this past season? They had a fabulous year. I am not quite sure at this point how many yards Frick had, but I'm sure it was well over 600.

As for Moore, he carried the ball 142 times for 559 yards, and he even had 13 catches for 147 yards. Both players deserve more than they got, and if anyone had seen them play only once, they could understand where I am coming from. Who can forget what a tremendous season Sammy Renteria had? Renteria only was named as a 2nd team linebacker. His skills on the field should have at the least been honored with a 1st team spot on the defense and even a spot on the offense. It is a shame that these players will not be around next year. With them, as well as the players that are going to be on the two teams next year Gruver and Spearman would not have any trouble taking the first and second place in the district. They might just do it anyway.

Also, one more thing on football. I wonder how the Lynx season would have went if Brent Collins would not have not been injured. As many fans may remember, Collins was hurt early in the season, due to a shoulder injury that has plagued him for some time now. In the game against Stratford, Collins was given the final blow to the shoulder that put him out for the rest of the season. What a tragedy this was, especially after he lead the Lynx to a surprising victory this past season against the Perryton Rangers. However, Collins, unlike Wilkerson, Moore, Renteria and Frick, will be back next season. . . . So it goes. . . .

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Spearman Lynxette JV vs. Canadian

Tuesday 12-6-94 at Spearman
Spm 14 24 34 48
Can 11 20 22 35
Spm - Misha Davis - 22, Brooke Trantham - 10, Lacie Baker - 4, Jennifer Neff - 4, Mindy Tigrett - 3, Teri Ricke - 2, Carrie Burton - 1.

Spearman Lynx JV vs. Canadian

Tuesday 12-6-94 at Spearman
Spm 11 28 40 56
Can 17 28 37 41
3-Pointers - Blake Beedy.
Spm - Blake Beedy - 16, Eric Varnon - 14, Shan O'Quin - 7, Alan Huddleston - 7, Clint Faries - 5, Britt Savage - 5.

Lady Hounds JV vs Hartley

Tuesday 12-6-94 at Hartley
Gru 11 27 39 49
Har 0 0 4 8
3-Pointers - Jill Odom.
Gru - Kathy Slough - 12, Odom - 9, Amy Gillispie - 7, Joni Hart - 7, Autumn Bateman - 6, Lexy Spivey - 4, Erika Barrera - 2, Robbi Mathews - 2.

Hounds JV vs. Hartley

Tuesday 12-6-94
Gru 15 37 54 75
Har 4 4 6 11
3-Pointers - Matt Overbey.
Gru - Bailey Barkley - 17, Matt Overbey - 11, Heath Tolleson - 9, Juan Arreola - 8, Daniel Bort - 8, Buster McLain - 7, Blake Ferguson - 5, Tucker Henson - 5, Scott Jarvis - 2, Tye Womble - 2, Doug Gumfory - 1.

Hounds 7th Red (3-1) vs Stratford

Monday 12-05-94
at Greyhound Gym
Stratford 8 12 21 30
Gruver 11 24 32 38
Gruver - Bray Armes-12, Colby

Hunt-9, Jared Christian-8, Derik Grotegut-6, Dallas Henson-2, Dan Odom-1.

Synopsis: This team, playing before the home crowd for the first time, has a lot of quickness, but not much height. With only six players, the Hounds grew tired at the end, but still won comfortably.

Hounds 7th White (2-1) vs Stratford

Monday 12-5-94
at Activity Center
Stratford 8 10 12 18
Gruver 2 3 7 13
Gruver - Darren Duran-6, Trevor Ferguson-3, Jesus Rodriguez-3.

Hounds 8th (2-2) vs Stratford

Monday 12-5-94
at Greyhound Gym
Stratford 10 16 22 28
Gruver 10 16 29 37
3-Pointer - Charlie Stavlo.
Gruver - Jim Potts-22, Stavlo-7, Jason TeBeest-4, Clint Robinson-2, Matt Watlington-2.

Synopsis: The Houndshave a big, big player in 6'2" Jim Potts, who was able to hit from outside as well as inside. But Charlie Stavlo also dazzled the crowd with two key steals and layups in the second half, and an NBA 3-Pointer at the third quarter buzzer.

Hounds 9th (1-6) vs Stratford

Monday 12-05-94
at Greyhound Gym
Stratford 4 8 16 26
Gruver 2 6 18 25
Gruver - Jared Johnson-10, Keith Cassidy-6, Arturo DeLaCruz-3, Victor Luciano-2, Rob Murrell-2, Jody Robinson-2.

Synopsis: This team has the local market on heartbreaking losses, as a Stratford boy hit a trey with only seconds left in the game for the one point victory.

Lady Hounds 7th Black (3-1) vs Stratford

Monday 12-05-94
at Stratford
Gruver 10 12 22 26
Stratford 6 17 23 29
3-Pointers - Janae Watley
Gruver - Chelsie Hicks-8, Watley-

8, Lindy Tolleson-6, Annie Mathew-4.

Synopsis: According to Coach Watley, Stratford has a tall, tall, team. A bad second quarter, in which they were outscored 11-2, hurt Gruver.

Lady Hounds 7th White (0-3) vs Stratford

Monday 12-05-94
at Stratford
Gruver 0 0 0 14
Stratford 0 0 0 18
Gruver - no book available.

Lady Hounds 8th Black (3-1) vs Stratford

Monday 12-05-94
at Stratford
Gruver 6 11 13 16
Stratford 7 15 25 33
3-Pointer - Erika Salmans
Gruver - Missy Johnson-5, Sabrina Cookenour-4, Salmans-3, Jennifer Duggan-2, Jessica Favela-2.

Lady Hounds 8th White (2-2) vs Stratford

Monday 12-05-94
at Stratford
Gruver 7 11 14 18
Stratford 11 15 24 30
Gruver - Lauren Miller-8, Heather Gammon-7, Teresa Crow-3.

Lady Hounds 9th (3-5) vs Stratford

Monday 12-05-94
at Stratford
Gruver 2 5 8 16
Stratford 8 13 13 17
Gruver - Steffany Simon-6, Darby Johnson-4, Amber Roberts-3, Brandy Morris-1.

Lady Hounds 7th Black (3-0) vs. Lynx 7th A

Monday 11-28-94 at Greyhound
Spearman 4 6 17 22
Gruver 13 27 33 39
Gru - Lindy Tolleson - 14, Janae Watley - 12, Krystle Deeds - 7, Chelsie Hicks - 4, Annie Mayhew - 2.

Spm - Camille Smith - 9, Halee Beasley - 6, Kriti Wall - 6, Brooke Lesly - 2.

Synopsis: Gruver coasted after a big first half. This team, coached by Shelia Watley, is one of the best teams in Gruver.

Game

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line in the fourth.

Ashly Shieldknight, also a high point maker for the Lynxettes, was next in points scored with 16. Shieldknight's points came mostly in the first quarter, when she sunk 3 field goals and put in a free shot, to give her 7 points for the quarter. Shieldknight had only 2 points in the second and third quarters, but made up for the shortage of points by putting in 2 field goals and a shot from the line in the fourth.

These two gals had help all night from their teammates. Macy Shieldknight helped the winning cause by putting in 3 points, Kelly Shieldknight put some points on the board by making 2, and coming up from the freshman team, Lindsey Smith took home 2 points.

The only Cats' gal that even came close to the Lynxettes' leading scorers was Lynch, who put in 13. Still yet, her 13 was behind Shieldknight's 16.

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ROUNDBALL DANCING - The Spearman Lynx played host to the Canadian Wildcats last Tuesday, December 6, and beat them in a thriller, 57-56. In the picture above, two of the main players for the Lynx, Shad O'Quin and Dillon Miller, battle for the ball to maintain possession. (Photo by Chad Davis)

For the Sport of it

by Bob Bort

Hats off to senior Julie Meyer, and her gutsy performance at the Lake Meredith Classic at Fritch this past December 1-3. What a leader! Julie played four games, all with a broken foot, and earned all-tournament team honors in leading the Lady Hounds to three victories. Julie will be sidelined one month with a stress fracture to her foot, and she is expected back for the Stratford Tournament January 5-7. The foot hurt at Fritch, but she played with the pain anyway. The Lady Hounds are playing now without their two Top Guns, forwards Meyer, the leading scorer averaging 16 PPG, and Molly McLain, who has been out all year. Both will be back for the district race.

I haven't heard yet from the government agency, the Department of Information, or from the U.S. Consul General, for the country mentioned in this column the past two weeks. Because I have been schooled in six languages, I see no problem and they should be more than willing to grant me a working visa to live there permanently, retaining my U.S. citizenship. I plan on working tourism, and writing a book or two. If I told you the title of the first book, it would give away the name of the country. I have nothing against Gruver, but there is simply no way I can use my skills here. My children will all be fine, on their own, once they finish school here, but they will probably want to come there to visit me.

Only two people have guessed the country correctly. Those people are Jon Jarvis and Dorothy Hudson. Other countries guessed were Thailand, Japan, and Spain. Many, many people asked me to tell them the name of the country, as they couldn't guess. I have already given away too many clues. It should be simple to guess, with a map and a dictionary or an encyclopedia.

But I do have a heart, so here is the clue that is the ultimate giveaway. The U.S. Consul General for the country where I plan on moving doesn't even live in that country. She lives in Barcelona, Spain.

Anyway it is still a distance off in time. Not until the summer of 1996.

The newspaper is backlogged with basketball linescores, and they should be able to catch up over the Christmas Holidays. I am adamant about writing up each of the varsity games, and that takes space. This week's newspaper should have the Lake Meredith Classic (Lady Hounds), the Gruver JV Tournament (Hounds), the Gruver-Stratford Junior High results, and the Gruver-Hartley games (Varsity/JV). All of those are a week old. This past week, the Hounds played well at the Perryton Lions Club Tourney, and they are playing much, much better. The Lady Hounds won three of five at the Kids Inc./Toot 'n Totum-Pizza Planet Tip Off Classic at Caprock High School, and they are playing

outstanding basketball, considering they are without their two leading scorers. The Hounds JV and the ninth grade played in tournaments at Borger. I don't know how much of those games will be in this week's newspaper, or how much will be delayed until next week. The Gruver-WT 9th grade game and the Gruver-Guymon games (Varsity/JV) will also be delayed one week. Then the action slacks off, and we can catch up over the following two weeks.

The alternative, which would get them all in on time, would be to just print the linescores without any writeup, and that would really be bland.

Hounds/Lady Hounds compete at Lake Meredith Classic over weekend

Lady Hounds (4-1) vs Sanford-Fritch
Thursday 12-01-94
at Lake Meredith Classic - Fritch
Gruver 11 17 25 44
Sanford-Fritch 12 19 27 34
Gruver - Julie Meyer-15, Weslyn Maupin-8, Amber Murrell-7, Wendy Rodriguez-6, Kiki Carthel-2, Kaysha Cluck-2, Tisha Ralston-2, Tara Shapley-2.

Synopsis: Freshman Weslyn Maupin and junior Tara Shapley played big time clutch basketball to spark the Lady Hounds in the final quarter. Weslyn was 4-4 from the field and scored 8 points, all in the fourth quarter when it was needed most. But with the Lady Hounds trailing 34-33 and 3:45 left in the game, it was Tara Ruth who hit the big shot - a jumper to put the Gruver gals ahead for good and catapult them onward to an awesome 11-0 run to end the game. The Lady Hounds had trailed by eight in the second quarter.

Lady Hounds (5-1) vs Perryton
Friday 12-02-94
at Lake Meredith Classic - Fritch
Gruver 9 19 28 49
Perryton 10 22 27 31
Gruver - Tisha Ralston-11, Julie Meyer-9, Cara Hathaway-8, Weslyn Maupin-5, Wendy Rodriguez-5, Kaysha Cluck-4, Kiki Carthel-2.

Synopsis: The Lady Hounds, who yesterday had an 11-0 run to close the game, today had an awesome 17-0 run to close the game. Trailing 29-28 with 6:35 left in the fourth quarter, Tisha Ralston had a steal and a layup, was fouled and sank the free throw, to put the Lady Hounds ahead to stay, 31-29. Then, leading 32-31, Tisha had two steals and two more layups to start the 17-0 run. All in all, Tisha had five steals and five layups, the first three point play, for 11 points, all in the fourth quarter! What an effort! The Gruver gals cannot afford, though, to play only one quarter of good basketball against Panhandle and West Texas, their two opponents on Saturday.

Lady Hounds (5-2) vs Panhandle
Saturday 12-03-94
at Lake Meredith Classic - Fritch

Basketball...

Spearman Lynxettes 7th A vs. Lady Hounds White

Monday 11-28-94 at AC
Spearman 2 4 10 16
Gruver 2 6 12 14
Spm - Nancy Flores - 6, Maria Vela - 5, Cindy Goodman - 2, Irene Vaquera - 2, Marcy Villalobos - 2.
Gru - Lacie Osborne - 6, Dusty Eckhardt - 4, Randi Atwood - 2, Candance Barrera - 2.

Hounds JV (5-2) vs Highland Park
Thursday 12-01-94
at Gruver JV Tourney - VG

Highland Park 14 25 34 47
Gruver 14 24 41 49
3-Pointers - Brant Armes, Daniel Bort, Tye Womble.

Gruver - Armes-12, Juan Arreola-12, Bailey Barkley-11, Heath Tolleson-4, Bort-3, Womble-3, Scott Jarvis-2, Buster McLain-2.

Hounds JV (6-2) vs Perryton
Friday 12-02-94

at Gruver JV Tourney - VG
Perryton 11 27 36 56
Gruver 13 31 57 71
3-Pointers - Brant Armes-2, Scott Jarvis.

Gruver - Armes-23, Bailey Barkley-13, Juan Arreola-10, Jarvis-6, Matt Overbey-6, Tye Womble-6, Daniel Bort-3, Tucker Henson-2, Buster McLain-2.

Hounds JV vs. Spearman

Saturday 12-3-94 at Gruver JV Tourney - VG Championship Game
Gru 12 23 36 46
Spm 12 23 34 39
3-Pointers - Britt Savage, Brant Armes - 2, and Tye Womble..

Gru - Brant Armes - 15, Juan Arreola - 14, Tye Womble - 5, Tucker Henson - 4, Scott Jarvis - 4, Bailey Barkley - 2, Buster McLain - 2.

Spm - Britt Savage - 14, Eric Varnon - 12, Alan Huddleston - 6, Jamie Townsend - 5, Shan O'Quin - 2.

Spearman Lynxettes 9th vs. Canadian Lady Wildcats

Tuesday 12-6-94 at Spearman
Spm 14 24 34 48
Can 11 20 22 35
Spm - Misha Davis - 22, Brooke

Trantham - 10, Lacie Baker - 4, Jennifer Neff - 4, Mindy Tigrett - 3, Crystal Boyd - 2, Teri Ricke - 2, Carrie Burton - 1.

Spearman Lynxette JV vs. Wheeler Lady Mustangs

Saturday 12-10-94 at Wheeler Tourney
Spm 16 23 31 41
Whe 9 23 39 55

Spm - Misha Davis - 17, Lindsay Smith - 10, Mindy Tigrett - 6, Brooke Trantham - 4, Carrie Burton - 2, Lacie Baker - 1, Jennifer Neff - 1.

Lady Hounds 9th (4-5) vs. West Texas

Monday 12-12-94 at Plemons
Gru 6 17 25 31
WT 0 6 17 26

Gru - Amber Roberts - 10, Darby Johnson - 9, Steffany Simon - 6, Virginia Barrera - 3, Brandy Morris - 2, Laura Garcia - 1.

Hounds 9th (2-9) vs. West Texas

Monday 12-12-94 at Plemons
Gru 6 15 24 34
WT 6 15 19 36
Gru - Jared Johnson - 17, Arturo DeLaCruz - 8, Victor Luciano - 3, Rob Murrell - 3, Kyle McNett - 2, Kevin Harris - 1.

Lady Hounds JV (6-4) vs. Guymon, Ok.

Monday 12-12-94 at Activity Center
Gru 10 25 42 55
Guy 4 16 24 34

Gru - Joni Hart - 15, Amy Gillispie - 14, Jill Odom - 10, Mary Dawn Henson - 6, Autumn Bateman - 4, Kathy Slough - 4, Lexy Spivey - 2.

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In spite of disappointment at last week's Canyon Tourney, the Spearman Lynxettes struck hard this past as they defeated 3 teams in the Wheeler tournament to take home the winning trophy.

The franchise of the team, Kara Townsen, pulled down 68 collaral points to make the top Lynxettes scorer. Townsen also went on to be almost perfect from the penalty stripe throughout the entire tournament. She did go perfect in the Championship game against West Texas, and she finished the tourney with an unbelievable 16-21.

Spearman Lynxettes vs. White Deer Lady Bucks

Thursday 12-8-94 at Wheeler Tourney
Spm 10 23 37 66
Wht 8 21 35 55

Spm - Kara Townsen - 22, Macy Shieldknight - 12, Ashly Shieldknight - 11, Shayla Barber - 7, Sam Beasley - 6, Kiki Kelp - 4, Tara Butt - 2, Keisha O'Quin - 2.

Spearman Lynxettes vs. Wheeler Lady Mustangs

Friday 12-9-94 at Wheeler Tourney

Spm 9 29 44 61
Whe 9 16 19 41

Spm - Kara Townsen - 18, Keisha O'Quin - 13, Ashly Shieldknight - 11, Shayla Barber - 10, Sam Beasley - 4, Kelly Shieldknight - 3, Tara Butt - 2.

Spearman Lynxettes vs. West Texas High Lady Comanches

Saturday 12-10-94 at Wheeler Tourney Championship Game
Spm 12 33 56 64
WT 8 29 48 62

Spm - Kara Townsen - 28, Ashly - 16, Shayla Barber - 10, Macy Shieldknight - 8, Kelly Shieldknight - 2, Keisha O'Quin - 2.

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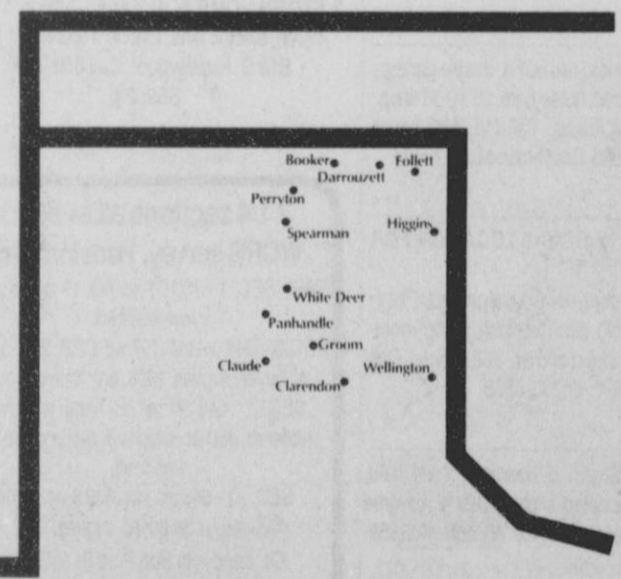
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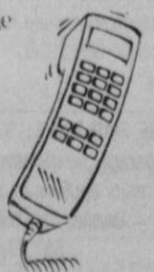
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Obituaries

Robert L. Driscoll
SPEARMAN - Robert L. Driscoll, 86, died Tuesday, December 6, 1994. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Lust, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Driscoll was born in Range, Oklahoma, and had been a lifetime resident of the area. He moved to Spearman in 1960. He married Mona Ingels in 1941 at Oklahoma City. He retired in 1973 from Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Sheryl Meek of Spearman and Bonnie Shrode of Quito, Ecuador; a son, Rick Driscoll of Bridgeport; a sister, Rose Wilkins of Hardesty, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Spearman Little League, First United Methodist Church Piano Fund or to a favorite charity.

Clifford George
GRUVER - Clifford George, 78, died Sunday, December 11, 1994.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lewis Holland, pastor, and the Rev. Larry Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. George was born in Richards, Colorado, and had lived in the Gruver area for 60 years, moving from Baca County, Colorado. He married Mary Jo Gruver in 1938 at Borger. She died in 1975. He also was preceded in death by daughter, Sandra Coker, in 1976. He married Hazel Gruver Pearson in 1976 at Clayton, N.M.

He was a cement contractor and had owned and operated Clifford George Redi-Mix in Gruver from 1955 until his retirement in 1984.

He was a member of Gruver Masonic Lodge No. 1326 AF&AM.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jolene Thompson of Gruver and Lariece Copeland of Palestine; two step-daughters, Donna Snodgrass of Lubbock and Janet Williamson of Amarillo; two brothers, Charles George and Cecil George, both of Springfield, Colorado; two sisters, Dorothy Utt of Vilas, Colorado, and Helen Prachar of Spearman; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Toxey Hall Loftin
Canadian - Toxey Hall Loftin, 79, died Saturday, December 10, 1994 in Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held Monday, December 12, at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Canadian, Texas with Rev. Jack Lee, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Loftin was born June 23, 1915 in Prentiss, Mississippi. He married Alice Estelle Rippey July 2, 1936 in Rayville, Louisiana. They moved to the Texas Panhandle in 1954. Mr. Loftin was employed by Baker and Taylor Drilling Company from 1954 until his retirement in 1982. In 1972 he moved to Canadian from Perryton. His interests were gardening, fishing, hunting, his family and the church. He was preceded in death by three brothers, Willis Lester Jr., J.P. and Kenneth Loftin.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Shirley Smith of Canadian; three grandchildren, Sabre Cofer and Sharie Moelling, both of Amarillo, and Michelle Serr of Seattle, Washington; seven great-grandchildren, Amy, Candice, Rance, Nathan, Aspen, Maverick and Joey; two brothers, Joe Pat Loftin of Clinton, Mississippi and Floyd Loftin of Greenville, Mississippi; four sisters, Louise Taylor of West Helena, Arkansas, Christine Jones and Bert Bullock both of Prentiss, Mississippi, and Claudia Berry of Panama City Florida; and 15 nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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Willard Murrey, Superintendent of Spearman Schools, presented the Campus Report Cards as issued by TEA. This information is being prepared for public use. Murrey also reported that another meeting of area superintendents was scheduled for early January to work on an interlocal agreement to form a Technology Co-operative. In addition to these two items, Murrey also reported that request for bids for computers and printers has been published and mailed to several vendors. Like the TASB Legal Assistance Fund, this too will be an action item at the January meeting. It was also reported that efforts to identify eligible Pre-K students is progressing. The administration continues to explore funding opportunities.

Neighbors

office for 17 years. She will be moving to Austin and pursue a new career. She has been accepted by Texas University to enroll in a ten months school for Certified Legal Assistants.

The citizens of Hansford County appreciate the efforts of these two officials in the tenures and wish them good luck.

With the opening of pheasant season, there were many hunters in the county. Most report good, tho not exceptional, results.

Ira Harbour, as he has for many years, had a number of guests over the week-end. His son Ted came up from Dallas, as did two old friends of Ira's who had hunted here previously 16 years ago. Others were two friends from Clarendon who brought their wives. The wives joined Shirley Harbour and her mother in being hostesses, and in seeing none of the hunters went hungry.

Two friends from Plainview, and one from Iowa Park and Curtis Harbour all joined the hunt.

Pheasant hunter guests of Marie Beck were Beck cousin James Beck, four sons and a friend from Sulphur Springs; another cousin, Kenneth

After the Board considered personal matters and proceed with the Superintendent's evaluation, the meeting was called to a close.

However, the meeting was soon opened again for two more discussion items. The Board established a \$500 stipend for Junior High School Cheerleader sponsors and approved a Budget Amendment for such. Finally, Murrey acknowledged that he has accepted Mrs. Cindy Trent's resignation.

Clarification

Crystal Boyd, a student at Spearman High School, recently completed her requirements for placement in the last six weeks A-B Honor Roll. Her name was not published along with other student's names two weeks ago.

Beck, of Nacogdoches. They came Friday and left Monday.

On Saturday evening other local relatives gathered for a meal and visiting. They were Juanita and Al Tucker, Audene and Verlin Beck, Edward and Thea Beck and children.

Patti and Bert Sheppard had a good weekend with their hunters. Their son Rory and Janet with their year-old, David, came from San Antonio. Three of his co-workers came with them. Janet's parents, Lew and Ann Wygant, of Amarillo, and Patti's sister Dixie and Coy Jones, Brownfield, completed the list of out-of-towners. Several locals also participated.

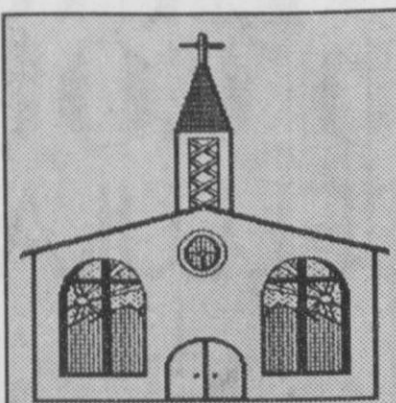
The Board of Trustees of the Hansford Cemetery announce the appointment of Don Maize to serve on the board.

Don has always taken an active interest in and put in many hours of volunteer labor in helping to maintain the grounds.

The citizens are fortunate to have a person of his caliber agreeing to serve. He will join Freeman Barkley, Paul Hazelwood and Ray Phelps as trustees.

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Zephaniah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Isaiah	Psalm	Luke
3:14-20	30:19-26	40:1-11	42:10-17	56:1-8	16	1:5-25

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Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sun.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Pastor James Brown

First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wednesday Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor Todd Lillard

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: 2 p.m. Wed.
Youth: Wed. 6 p.m. & Sun. 5 p.m.
Pastor LaVern Draper

First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Jr. High Youth: 6 p.m. Wed.
High School Youth: 7 p.m. Wed.
Youth Choir: 6 p.m. Sun.
Pastor Kyle Henderson

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.
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Pastor Dan Carter

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
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First Presbyterian Church
(Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)
1021 Cotter • 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between addresses above)
Pastor Beverly Cook

First United Methodist
407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sun.
High School: 6 p.m. Sun.
Pastor Jeff Lust

Union Church
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Wed.
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901 Roland • 659-2792
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209 King • 733-2760
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Minister Bob Setliff

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2960
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 6:30 Wednesday
Pastor Gary Gumbofy

Oslo Lutheran Church (ECLA)
West of Gruver on Hwy 15 & N. FM 1162
339-7646

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Worship: 11 a.m.
Morning Prayer: 9 a.m. Wed.
Pioneer Clubs (Grades 1-6): 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor John R. Chandler

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Sunday School: 10 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.

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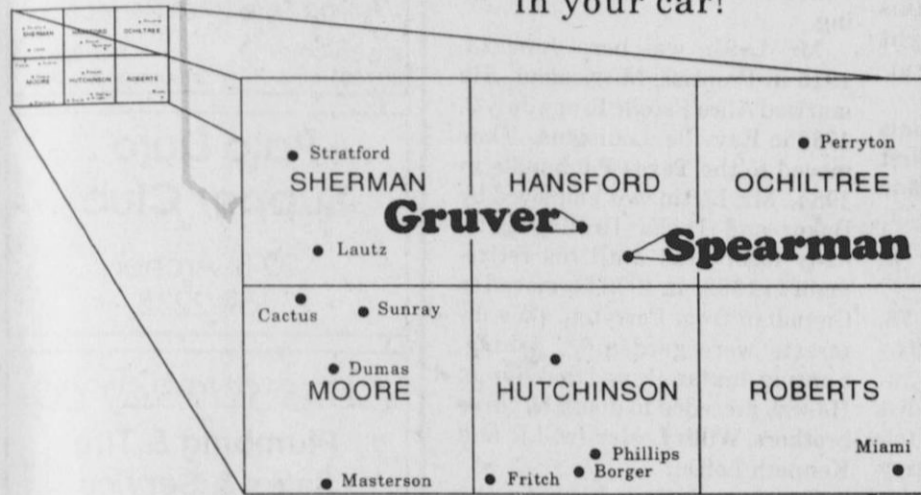
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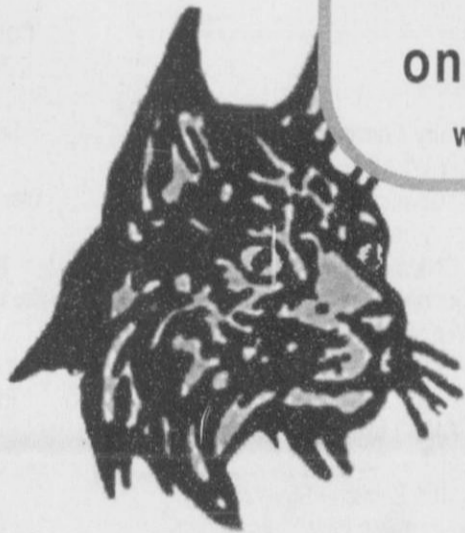
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