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'Watt 'A Giant!

Wind Turbine Erected In Hansford County

by Harletta Carthel

Hansford County has a new claim to fame as the home of the largest wind generator in the United States. Construction will be complete this weekend, weather permitting, on a giant wind turbine, located approximately one mile south of Hitchland, TX in northern Hansford County.

"It's huge!" Spearman City Manager Robert Patrick said, after visiting the construction site on Tuesday. "It is really something to see."

The Samson-sized generator will produce three megawatts of electricity more than very twice the amount of energy than that produced by the 1.8 megawatt turbines comprising the White Deer, TX field. Each of the three blades of the new turbine measure 145 feet, making a 90 meter diameter wing span.

"The model, V-90, erected at the Hansford County site is the newest model by Vestas, the world's largest manufacturer of wind turbines," Jay Lobit of Great Plains Windpower said.

The turbine is 265 feet in height to the turbine's hub and has a 20 ton generator capable of producing enough electricity to power 1,000 residential homes.

"The turbine has the ability to provide enough electricity for virtually the entire city of Spearman on an optimum wind day," Lobit said.

The Hansford County giant is the third of its kind with one erected in Denmark eighteen months ago, and one erected in New Brunswick, Canada only one month ago. There are currently plans for a fourth super-sized turbine to be constructed by the same crew at the Hansford County site in the Midland/Odessa area, near McCamey. Another turbine will follow in western Canada.

"The Hansford County site will help in testing what components of the turbine need to be adapted to the United States since the electrical frequency differs in megacycles from that found in Europe," Lobit said.

Energy from the 2.8 million dollar turbine, which is not located on land originally proposed by Great Plains Windpower for wind turbine fields, will be sold to Southwest Public Service.

According to David Teal, Superintendent of Gruver Schools, the building of the new turbine will not affect the tax base as the project of 2.8 million dollars does not meet the \$10 million dollar criteria which requires the filing for application under House Bill 1200.

"The ball is currently in the corner of Great Plains Windpower," Teal said.

"The Texas Comptroller has approved the application and contract submitted to them by Gruver ISD and Great Plains Windpower. It is now up to Great Plains to submit an application fee for the cost of contracts and an economic impact study."

Judge Seeks 'Higher' Office

by Harletta Carthel

A life-changing decision made nearly twenty years ago has resulted in the resignation of Judge Jim Brown.

"I was married to my wife Rosemary for twenty-five years before I decided to join her and convert to the Catholic faith," Judge Brown said. "Her faith and the faith of my family were an inspiration to me."

Joining the Catholic Church in 1983, Judge Brown is on the brink of fulfilling his dream of becoming a full time deacon for the church.

With his ordination December 30, 2000, Judge Brown is now a ordained permanent deacon of the Catholic Church. To obtain that position Judge Brown was schooled for four and a half years through the Catholic Diocese in Amarillo.

As a permanent deacon of the church, Judge Brown may be married with his wife an integral part of the preparation period.

"Wives must give written permission to enable their husbands to pursue the office and must also be a part of the required schooling for the last two years of the process," Judge Brown said.

Being a permanent deacon was a dream which Judge Brown could fulfill only by a move to another locale, thus prompting the decision to resign December 31, 2003 from a position he has held for thirteen years.

"I leave the office with no regrets. I have enjoyed every day I've been here," Judge Brown said.

Those days have been busy days with many challenges. One of the biggest challenges has been the preparation of the county budget.

"The county budget is the most stressful part of my job. I am a conservative, and I try to take care of employees, to keep taxes low, and to provide funds for the services demanded," Judge Brown said. "This year I couldn't even give a cost of living wage increase this year due to the financial situation."

"I have agonized over every budget. for example, in order to provide new windows for the courthouse, I had to save money on the budget for five years. I have tried to do a good job, and I have never had anyone come up during the deciding of a budget."

The quality of Judge Brown's work might also be evidenced by his lack of opposition during his tenure. He has run unopposed for office since his election in 1991.

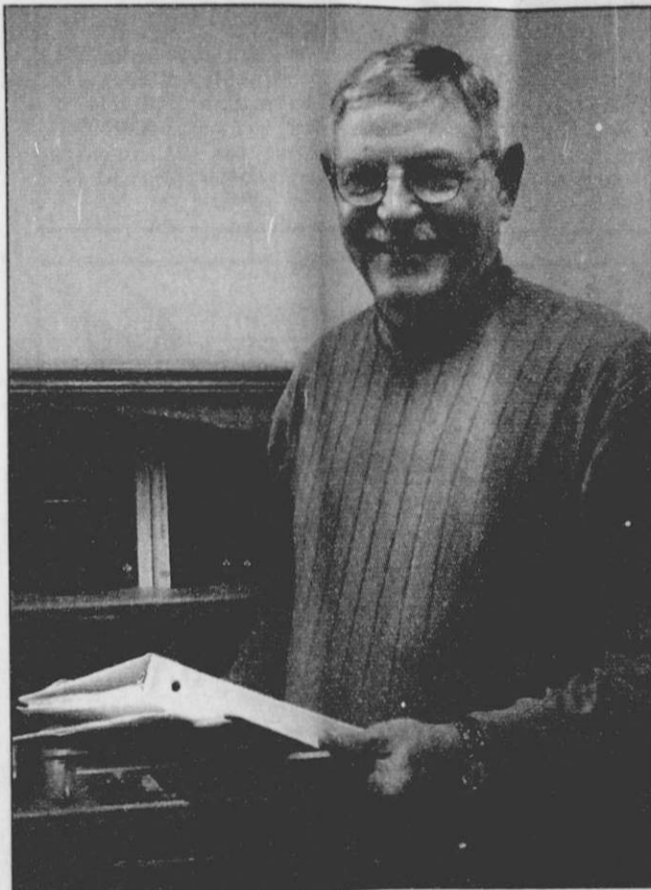
Judge Brown has learned much about the position he has held and its many facets through the years.

"A county judge must wear many hats," Judge Brown said. "My duties include handling juvenile cases for detention hearing, probate

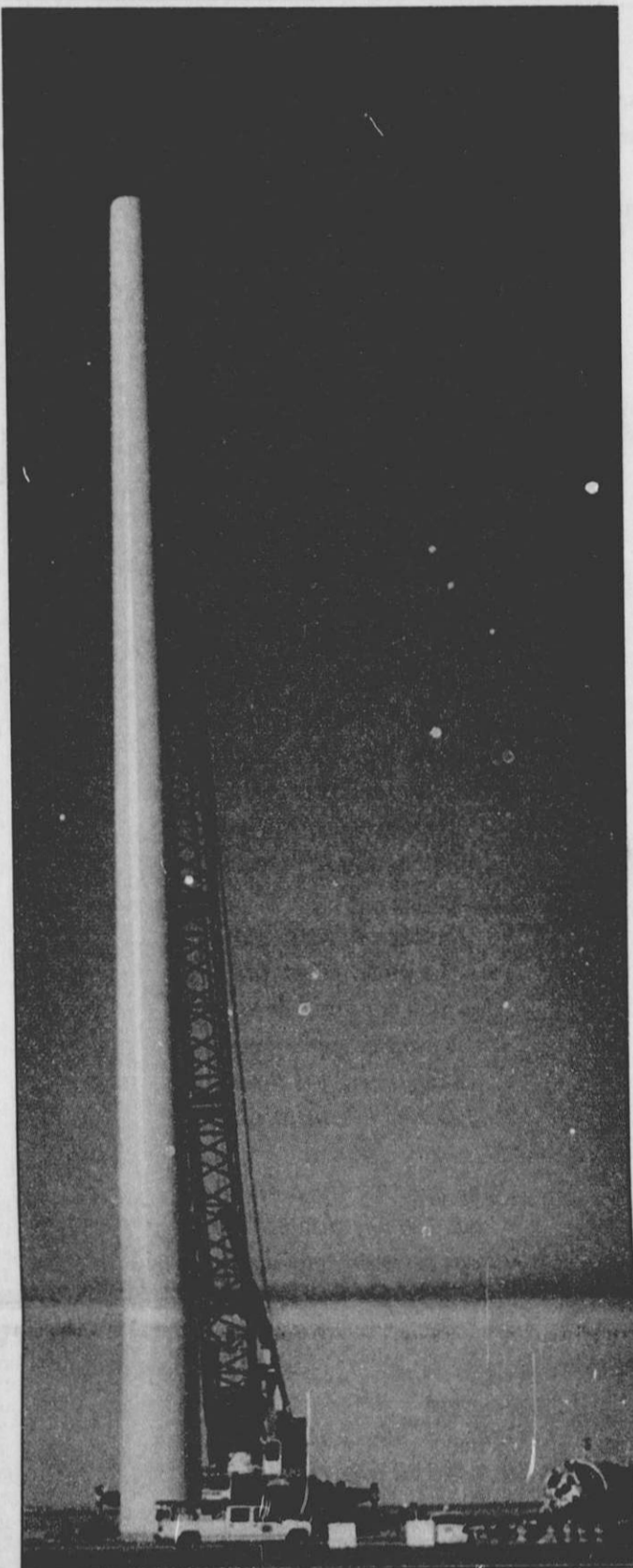
matter (guardianships), and mental health commitments. The office is also a criminal court for Class A and B misdemeanors. In addition, I serve on the Juvenile Board and preside over the Commissioners Court which meets each second and fourth Monday."

There are also unofficial duties. since the judgeship is a trusted position. Many people seek advice for an array of problems.

"Sometimes I have been able to help people, and sometimes I haven't," Judge Brown said. "My door has always been open. I am a people person; I love people, and I love the people of Hansford County. It has been my privilege to serve them."



Hansford County Judge Jim Brown



Construction nears completion on a giant wind turbine, located approximately one mile south of Hitchland, TX in northern Hansford County. Upon completion, the generator will be the largest in the United States.

photo by Robert Patrick

County Judge Election Timeline

*October 2004: Bennie Wilson of Gruver is appointed by the Hansford County Commissioners Court to fill the unexpired term of Judge Jim Brown until judge is elected at general election.

*December 3, 2003-January 2, 2004: date to file for a position in the March 9, 2004 primary election.

*November 2, 2004: Winner in the Democratic and winner in Republican primaries will face each other in the general election.

*January 1, 2005: Candidate elected in November general election will fill unexpired term which ends December 31, 2005.

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3 Hansford Officials Announce Retirements

by Greg Cunningham, Amarillo Globe-News

The Hansford County government is facing a real changing of the guard as three longtime elected officials are calling it quits during the next year or so.

"I guess you could say we're going to get some young blood in here," said tax assessor-collector Helen Dry, who will retire at the end of her term next year. "Of course, I don't know who is going to run, so maybe I should just say it will be younger blood."

Dry will be joined by Sheriff R.L. McFarlin in retiring at the end of next year.

"I sort of have mixed emotions," McFarlin said. "But I think you know when it's time to hang it up."

The young pup of the bunch, at least in terms of years in office, is County Judge Jim D. Brown, who will call it quits at the end of this month.

"I decided to do it because I

could," Brown said. "That sounds funny, but it's not meant to be. The timing is just right for me to pursue other interests."

Although the professional lives of the three have been intertwined for years - McFarlin's job included the duties of the tax assessor-collector before Dry was elected to a separate office, and Brown worked as a deputy for McFarlin - all said there was no effort to coordinate retirements.

The 63-year-old McFarlin, who is planning to move to Amarillo with his wife, will be leaving behind a void at the sheriff's desk he filled for more than 30 years. The leaving will be tough, but he said he has served his time and it will be good to be closer to necessary services in Amarillo as the couple gets up there in age.

"I've got a lot of good friends here, and I'll certainly miss those people," McFarlin said. "This is just an all-round good

community."

Although Dry, 64, is joining McFarlin among the retired, she won't be joining him in Amarillo. Dry said she has lived in Spearman for 50 years, and she has no intention of changing that. She does plan on changing the time she gets up every morning, however.

"I just decided I'd worked long enough," Dry said. "There's still a lot of things I want to do. I don't know exactly what yet, but I'll figure that out later. The main thing is I'm just not going to have to get up when that alarm clock goes off in the morning."

Brown, 65, also plans to move to Amarillo, although he won't necessarily be living the easy life. He said he hopes to go to work for the Diocese of Amarillo, so he can continue his life's work of service to other people.

Brown's early retirement means an election will have to

be held for someone to serve out the last two-plus years of his term.

Anyone interested in running for the position will have to apply with the county Jan. 2.

As of Tuesday, December 9th, Tammy Batton, Republican County Chairman, reported the following candidates have filed for the Republican primary in March.

Hansford County Sheriff: Gary Evans, Pete Ochoa and Lance Swan.

Hansford County Tax Assessor/Collector: Linda Cummings

Hansford County Commissioner, Pct 1: Butch Reed

Hansford County Commissioner, Pct 3: Charlie Bell, Ty Williams

The final day to file in the March primary for county offices is Friday, January 2, 2004, by 6:00 p.m.

Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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This week I would like to share the words to the song "Imagine" in memory of John Lennon, who was shot and killed on December 8, 1980. During this Christmas may we all pray for a world where we can all live as one.

Imagine

Imagine there's no heaven,
It's easy if you try,
No hell below us,
Above us only sky,
Imagine all the people
living for today...

Imagine there's no countries,
It isn't hard to do,
Nothing to kill or die for,
No religion too,
Imagine all the people
living life in peace...

Imagine no possessions,
I wonder if you can,
No need for greed or hunger,
A brotherhood of man,
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer,
but I'm not the only one,
I hope some day you'll join us,
And the world will live as one.

written by: John Lennon

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 :)

Stargazer



Paul Derrick is a retired social worker and former college professor who holds M.S.W. and Ph.D. degrees in social work from the University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife, Jane, are folk musicians. They are active members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco. Contact Paul at: 918 N. 30th St., Waco, TX 76707-2502; (254) 753-6920 (voice and fax); (254) 723-6346 (mobile phone); Pjderrick@aol.com.

Earthlings Invading Mars

It wasn't enough that we Earthlings spent weeks spying on Mars during its recent close approach. Over the next few weeks we're really going to get in its face as five space probes from Earth are about to join the two already orbiting the red planet.

But before we look at these missions and what they hope to accomplish, let's set the tone for realistic expectations. Given our history of attempted Mars' missions, we can expect less than 100% success. Since the 1960s, NASA has attempted 14 Mars missions, 5 of which failed. (The U.S.S.R.'s record was worse with 13 of 16 missions failing.) Two of our 5 failures were recent: the 1998 Mars Climate Orbiter and the 1999 Mars Polar Lander reached Mars only to vanish. NASA's 1975 Viking 1 & 2 and 1997 Pathfinder/Sojourner are the only successful Mars landers.

Of the 5 spacecraft now enroute to Mars, one is already in trouble. Launched in 1998, Japan's Nozomi is intended to orbit Mars to study its atmosphere, but unfortunately it has serious fuel and communications problems. Although Nozomi means "hope" in Japanese, there may be little left for this mission. We'll know soon as it is scheduled to arrive and go into orbit Dec. 13.

The European Space Agency's Mars Express, launched in June 2003, is to arrive and begin orbiting Mars Dec. 26. Its objective is to map Mars' surface and atmosphere more thoroughly than has ever been done, specifically looking for direct evidence of liquid water or ice, past or present.

Britain's Beagle 2, being carried to Mars on ESA's Mars Express, will descend onto the planet's surface Dec. 25. After activating its compact robotic laboratory it will look for signs of Martian microbial life, past or present. (Beagle 2 is named after the 19th century ocean-going ship from which Charles Darwin made his historic discoveries leading to his theory of evolution.)

NASA's two Mars-bound spacecraft, both with similar objectives, will land on different sides of Mars. Spirit, launched June 10, 2003, will arrive January 4; Opportunity, launched July 7, 2003, will arrive January 25. Each will deploy a rover with an array of geological instruments to study Mars' climactic and geologic history, and specifically to look for signs that Mars might have had a life-supporting environment.

While hopes abound, the extremes of outcomes of these missions are enormous: all could fail leaving crushing disappointment, or Beagle 2 could shake human history by discovering life on Mars.

To learn more about these missions, see Govert Schilling's "Mars Attacked!" in the January 2004 issue of Sky & Telescope.

SKY CALENDAR

Dec. 13/14 Sat. evening/Sun. morning: The Moon will interfere with this year's Geminid meteor shower which peaks the morning of Dec. 14. The best viewing will be Dec. 13 between 8 and 10 p.m.--after Gemini rises but before the Moon rises.; Dec. 16 Tue. morning: The 3rd quarter Moon is near Jupiter.; Dec. 19 Fri.: Saturnalia, an ancient Roman festival celebrating Saturn.; Dec. 21 Sun. morning: The crescent Moon is near Scorpius' Antares.; Dec. 22 Mon.: Winter solstice--first day of winter, and the shortest day of the year in the Northern hemisphere.; Dec. 23 Tue.: The Moon is new.; Dec. 25 Thu. evening: The crescent Moon is near Venus.

PLANETS

(The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west.) EVENING: Venus, the "evening star," sets nearly 2 hours after the Sun with Mercury setting 40 minutes before Venus. Neptune sets at 9:30 p.m., Uranus at 11 p.m. and Mars at 1 a.m. MORNING: Saturn rises at 7 p.m. and is high in the west in the morning. Jupiter rises just after midnight and is the bright "morning star" high in the southeast.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Red Hot Receipt Collectors Collecting Lowe's Receipts

The Red Hot Receipt Collectors of Spearman Jr. High are excited to announce that they are once again saving Lowe's register tapes. These register tapes will be turned into valuable educational equipment. You can help by saving all of your Lowe's register tapes and giving them to any SJH student. There are also boxes placed at the following businesses for you to place register tapes in: First State Bank, First National Bank, Dreamer's, Simple Simon's, and Celebrate. If you would like a box set up at your business or need someone to come and collect register tapes for you, please contact Mardell Strawn at SJH (659-2563). Thanks for your continued support.

"A Feast with Friends" Cookbook

"A Feast with Friends" cookbook, compiled by the Harrington Cancer Center Circle of Friends, is being sold by Jenna McElroy. Profits from the book will go to the Circle of Friends to assist cancer patients and their families in their time of need. The cost of the ring-bound recipe collection is \$15. Call Jenna at 659-2365 or 659-2617 for more information, or to place an order.

Register Tapes for Education - Birdwell Elementary

The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

Register Tapes for Education - Pringle-Morse CISD

Pringle-Morse CISD is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Pringle-Morse CISD would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be given to a Pringle-Morse CISD student or mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062.

Senior Citizen's Book Exchange

For those who are 55 or older and are tired of reading the same old book, come to the Golden Spread Center and exchange your book for something more exciting. Don't have a book to exchange? That's okay, come and get one any way. We have mysteries, biographies, romance, Christian books, you name it, we've got it! 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Golden Spread Center, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, 659-3030 Donations appreciated.

Medical Fund Established for Roney Clark

A fund has been established at First State Bank for Roney and Veann Clark to help with medical expenses.

Spearman Boy Scouts Meet

The Spearman Boy Scout Troop meets every Tuesday night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Hall, located at 5th and Hazelwood. Doug Cummings is the Scout Master. All boys age 11-18 are invited to attend and find out more about scouting. All Scouts are reminded to attend every meeting. For more information, call 659-3942 or 659-2378. Don't Forget - Boy Scouts are currently delivering and selling Trails End Popcorn. Buy yours today!

Spearman Blood Drive

A Spearman Blood Drive will be held Monday, December 15th from 2-7 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt in Spearman. Call the Coffee Memorial Blood Center at 1-800-658-6178 to schedule an appointment. All donors will receive a specially designed gold Christmas ornament.

Post Office Open Saturdays for Holidays

The Spearman Post Office will be open on Saturday, December 6th, 13th and 20th from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. to help with holiday mailing.

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree is currently displayed at the Spearman Post Office with the angel tags for gift items for children. Anyone wishing to adopt an angel is invited to do so. All gifts should be returned to the Post Office by December 16th.

Hansford Home Health Care Open House

Hansford Home Health Care invites the community to a Cookie and Cider Open house on Tuesday, December 16th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 720 South Roland. Shirley Kimbrough encourages everyone to attend and learn more about Home Health Care.

Medical Fund Established for Wanda Townsend

The First Baptist Church of Spearman has started a Medical Assistance Fund at the First State Bank in Spearman for the family of Wanda Townsend. If you could be of financial help to this family at this critical time, any assistance would be greatly appreciated. You may make your contribution at the First State Bank in Spearman toward the Wanda Townsend medical Assistance Fund.

PANHANDLE PLANNER

Panhandle Community Services Utility Classes Set

Funding is now available from Panhandle Community Services for those who need help with their utility bills. Utility classes will be held for co-pay clients the second Friday of every month at the Expo Center in Perryton from 10-10:30 a.m. These classes are mandatory for clients who wish to continue receiving help in paying utility bills. For more information, call PCS at (806) 435-2478.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meeting

The next community meeting for Rushing Wind Emmaus will be held at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, located at 100 Amaryllis St., between Borger and Fritch on Hwy. 136, on Saturday, December 13th. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a covered dish dinner, followed by a worship service at 7 p.m.

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Open House

Community Worship Center of Perryton will present "The Christmas Shoes" on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 13, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. in the Perryton Junior High School auditorium. "The Christmas Shoes" is a dramatic musical adapted from the song by contemporary Christian group, NewSong. The drama takes you through the lives of two families. One family has all the resources and wealth they need, but still find something missing in their lives. The other family doesn't have much to give at Christmas, but they have each other and a house full of love. Come see how the innocent love of a child buying Christmas shoes for his critically ill other changes the heart of a "Grinch" to restore what is important in life, love, and commitment to family. "The Christmas Shoes" is filled with classic carols as well as new music by Eddie Carswell and Michael O'Brien of the group NewSong. Join us for an evening of music and drama that will celebrate the hope we have in the Christ of Christmas.

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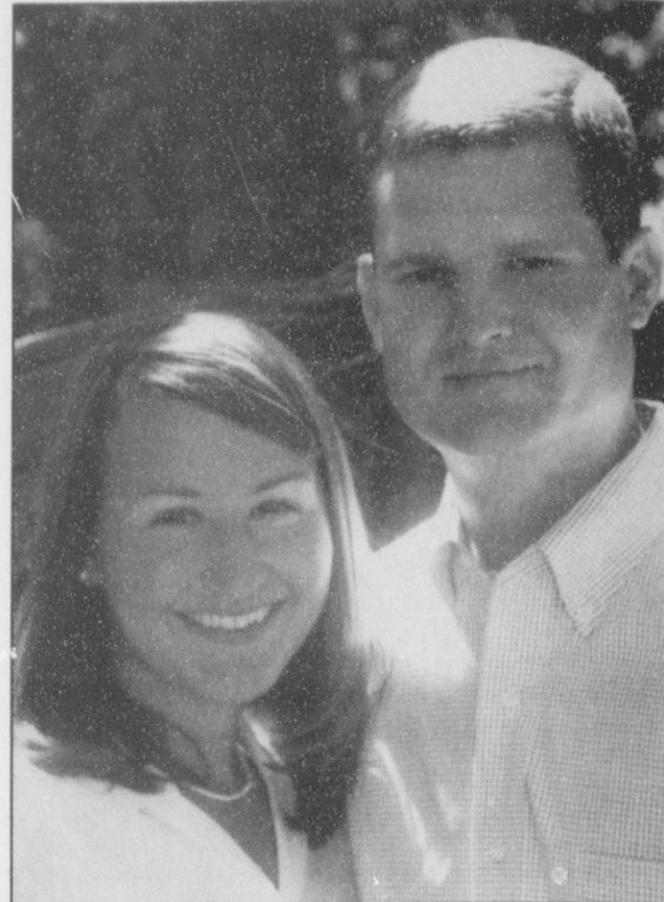


Perrin, Butts Wed

Valerie Kay Perrin and Larry Mac Butts were united in marriage at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock with the Rev. Todd Dyess officiating. Honor attendants were Alysia Smith of Lubbock, sister of the bride, and Michael Butts of Lubbock, brother of the groom. Parents of the bride are Wayne and Lynn Perrin of Lubbock, parents of the groom are Larry and Robbie Butts of Spearman. Grandmother of the groom is Rosa Lee Butt of Spearman. The bride will graduate December 20 from Texas Tech University and is employed by the Texas Tech University System. The groom, a graduate of Texas Tech, is employed by Lubbock EMS. Following a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the couple will live in Lubbock.

SHS Forensics Team Takes Honors

The Spearman High School Forensics Team traveled to Amarillo High School to attend the annual Shut Up and Speak AHS Speech Tournament last Friday and Saturday. Of the eight students who competed, six of the Spearman Speech Team members made it to the finals and semi-finals. Shs students competed with 31 schools of whom most were 4 and 5 A in size. Si Li Tang advanced to the semi-final round of Poetry. Mark Thomas advanced to the semi-finals of Extemporaneous Speaking. Linzi McCubbin competed in semi-finals of Prose. Katie Baehler advanced to the semi-final round of Impromptu Speaking. Receiving trophies were Joshua Derrington who placed 7th in Extemporaneous Speaking and 2nd in Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Adriana Pinon who received 3rd. place in Poetry. These students were given engraved silver plates with stands. Linzi McCubbin was given a special award as she was recognized at the tournament for being one of the Most Outstanding Speech Team Leaders and for her contributions to her team.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. James Recek of Austin, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jodi Lyn Recek to Kenton Paul Odom, son of Ms. Debby Odom of Gruver and Mrs. and Mrs. George Odom of Dalhart, Texas. The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She is employed at Austin State Hospital as a recreation therapist and is completing a Master of Education in School Psychology at Texas State University. The prospective groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. He is employed by the University of Texas System as an internal auditor. The couple plans a January wedding at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Austin.

Thank You

Dear friends and family, I hope this all finds you well! This is just a little note to thank some people we may have missed. Several weeks ago I traveled to Fort Worth for business. Unfortunately, my car was broken in to shortly after arriving. Among one of the items stolen, was a box containing my gift lists, thank you notes, and gift certificates from my wedding in Houston and shower in Spearman. Since I no longer have my lists, I can't recall who has/has not received a thank you note from us. For those few who had not yet received a personal thank you note from Derrick and I, we wanted to be sure and let you know how grateful we are for everything. We feel truly blessed by your generosity! Thank you again for thinking of us during this very special time, and we sincerely regret cannot personally thank you. Love and many thanks for all, Derrick and Korin Burnett

Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Garnett, Beth McEntyre, Joann Schneider, Kenda Boyd, Diana Cantu, Bea and Wayne Comp, and the Hansford County Hospital staff for their expert care during the birth of our daughter Kidzee, November 18. Sincerely, Izzy and Michelle Vasquez

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ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along with a student's high school GPA and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The ACT Assessment is curriculum-based, designed to measure a student's academic achievement. There are four sections to the exam: English, reading, math and science.

Students who have already taken the ACT can retest and try for a higher score. Juniors often use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses or tutoring to correct those weaknesses and retest as seniors. Students who test more than once can choose which scores to report to prospective colleges.

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You are invited to share our joy as we exchange marriage vows on Friday, the twelfth of December two thousand three at seven o'clock in the evening First United Methodist Church 407 S. Haney • Spearman, TX
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reception immediately following

Bridal Registry

- Daisha & Kyle Sumner - Dec. 14
- Shelly Hunt & Andy Etheredge
- Grace Davis & Justin Calvert
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MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the Spearman Church of Christ for bringing church services to the residents last Sunday. It is so appreciated!

All day Monday was spent bringing in Christmas decorations and decorating the Manor from top to bottom. The residents helped with many decorations and the auxiliary helped with much of the decorating. We have now decked the halls, the walls, and everything in between! Monday night was filled with bingo hosted by the Methodist Church. Thank you!

Christmas is such a fun time of year for all of us and especially for the residents. For many it means that they will get to see family or friends that they may not have seen for a long time and the spirit of the Christmas season dwells within this small community that we call Hansford Manor. This entire county as well as many adjoining counties step up to the mark to bring variety and fun to the residents here. We are so appreciative of each and every one of them.

Tuesday morning was a-buzzin with residents busily painting on objects for the Christmas Bazaar to be held on the 9th, and writing Christmas cards to friends and families that afternoon.

Wednesday morning Anne Whitaker brought a bible study that the residents and staff enjoyed. Thank you Anne. That afternoon as the residents had their heads bent over the painting projects, three high school girls came by to help. Thank you girls! We enjoy the freshness of the school kids coming to share their time, giggles and help with us. We all had a good time working on the Christmas ornaments and decorations.

Thursday we started the day off with a wild game called Christmas Sock Roll. At the roll of the dice, each time a 7, 11, or doubles came up a resident's name was drawn to win a pair of Christmas socks. We had a wild morning with all of the hooping and cheerleading going on. In the end, every resident here won a new pair of decorated socks for Christmas. That afternoon

the auxiliary was ever so faithful to help with bingo. Ladies and gentlemen, we are so glad that you come. We enjoy the visits and appreciate the help. Thursday also brought a wonderful surprise. D & C Greenhouse delivered 80 big, beautiful poinsettias to the Manor. Every resident and the nurses stations received one of their own!

Thank you! That was wonderful and completed the decorations for the Christmas season. We will all enjoy them for a very long time!

Friday morning was spent on the Current News Program with much discussion ensuing about Pearl Harbour. Some of our residents were directly involved on the front lines. The afternoon was spent in different ways. Many residents went to town with us to do some of their Christmas shopping while others chose to stay here and watch a movie. It was a busy week filled with excitement! I heard one resident say "I saw Santa Claus kissing Mommie and she slapped his face". Well, such is life

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--December 8, 2003--27.84 feet (-0.14 feet)

Jim's eagle count has gone up to 6 birds with 4 of them the beautiful bald eagles and 2 still immature. I expect this to be 3 pairs, but Jim was careful--perhaps. He said the morning is a good time to look for them. On days the office is open, visitors are invited to come by and use the scope in the office to look for them. Evenings they are more apt to be seen over the Gibner side before they go to roost.

The number of Canada and snow geese has jumped. There aren't as many as some years, but there are enough to make quite a showing on the Lake. Lately they have been flying out to feed around 3:30 in the afternoon. I enjoy seeing them go out or come back in, but the time changes somewhat. The sand hill cranes have moved.

Sunday was a pretty day, but it did not turn out to be a good

fishing day, as several found out.

Jim's dog Scooter has been enjoying running away from home, staying out all night, and at least once of staying away 2 and a half days. He has been having so much fun he has involved the Buschman's dog, too. A trip to the vets this morning for surgery is supposed to change Scooter's lifestyle.

Pheasant season opens this Saturday with the day's bag limit reduced from the 3 cocks of last year to 2.

Perhaps many of you read the 2 articles in the Amarillo News-Globe about Keith Lamb of Gruver's "Better Mousetrap" that has won him a trip to Hawaii in January where he will represent Texas inventors at the Farm Bureau convention. The December 4, 2003 Livestock Weekly has a long piece by David Bowser datelined Gruver about Keith and his mousetrap. He has had calls from 7 states

asking about the ingenious trap.

His mousetrap was designed with the principle, "Keep it simple, stupid." The trap doesn't have any moving parts and there's nothing high tech on it. I found the Livestock Weekly article much more informative than the newspaper ones, except the illustrations in the newspaper added for those who might want to build their own trap. A fence charger is used as the stunning or killing device.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Annie Laura Hargrove was born April 1, 1905 in Friona and passed from this life on November 27, 2003. She made her home in Dimmitt, moving there in 1942. She married E.V. Hargrove in April, 1925. He preceded her in death in August of 1972.

Born to them were 4 children. Don Hargrove of Dimmitt, Hazel Britt of Friona, Lee Roy Hargrove of Abilene, and Betty Pugh of Spearman.

She had 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held at First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt and interment was at West Lawn Cemetery.

All of the neighbors express sympathy to Betty, James, and their family.

Delinda McLaughlin recently went to Atlanta, Georgia to a Creative Memories leadership convention. Although she attended many training sessions, she had some time to sight see. She and other consultants took the subway to see the Margaret Mitchell house and museum where she wrote

"Gone With the Wind". They saw the state capitol and took pictures in the governor's office.

Coca-Cola originated there and they saw the museum and gift shop. They also shopped in an underground area that was a railroad with brick pavers. The toured the CNN studios. There was not a live show being broadcast at the time, but was a delayed broadcast.

This was the first time Delinda had been in the Eastern zone.

John Trindle is recuperating and receiving physical therapy in the Hansford Hospital after a hip replacement in Amarillo.

Merry Sparks is acting especially excited. Seems that one of her grandsons in Amarillo has advanced in the free throw competition for 9 year olds and will be competing in El Paso in January. Waine is the son of Brandy Henderson.

Notification has been received that all mail sent to SPC Andrew Cummings after December 9, 2003 will be sent to Ft. Bragg and held for him.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Date Listed for Contest Judging

Judging for the Gruver Chamber of Commerce's annual lighting contest is slated for Sunday evening, December 21 from 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

At that time, one residence and one business will be determined as winners. For those who do not want to be considered in the judging contest, lights may be turned off during the specified time.

City Gas Price Locked In

The City of Gruver has locked in a natural gas price of \$6.69 for the winter season.

This compares with the price of \$5.74 that was last year's price.

Welcome Master Williams

Kyle and Kym Williams proudly announce the birth of their son Holden Alexander Williams.

The "little" lad was born Tuesday, November 18, at 3:20 p.m. in Amarillo.

He weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces and was 21" long.

He was welcomed by his bothers and sisters Hudson 11; Laurcen 9 Addie 6, and Brinkley 22 month.

Grandparents are Rex and Deanna Williams of Gruver, Sharon Mitchum of Lubbock, and Al Fletcher of Grand Prairie. His great grand-

parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Knapp of Garland, Texas.

Snow Blankets Area

Over one and one-half inches of snow was reported by the City of Gruver by noon Tuesday, December 9. The snow yielded .1 inch of moisture.

It was the first measurable snow of the winter season.

Gruver basketball games with Hooker were canceled due to the weather conditions.

Community Care Concerns

Veta Allaway has returned home and is progressing.

Jerry Overbey is recuperating at home following his hip replacement surgery.

Oh Brother!

The Gruver Junior Varsity and Varsity basketball rosters list several brothers. This makes it imperative to list the first name of the player as well as the list in reports of the game. Two pairs of brothers even have the same first initials.

Hound brother duos are Ryan and Reid Winger, Crispin and Carlos Borunda, and Tanner and Brock Irwin. Although not brothers but sharing the same last name are cousins Lance and Tucker Williams.

Nominaciones G/T para el 2002-2003

Ya estamos aceptando nominaciones para el programa G/T del año escolar 2003-2004. Los estudiantes del Kinder hasta el grado 12 pueden ser nominados.

Este talentoso programa educacional esta designado para desafiar estudiantes con potencial de promedio avanzado con pensamientos de habilidades creativa y productivas para acelerar y estar encima y sobre encima del curriculum de la escuela regular.

Si alguien desea nominar a un estudiante que crea que sea un aprendiz intelectualmente dotado y creativo los animamos para que vengan a la oficina de la escuela elementaria para llenar la forma de nominacion despues del 24 de Nov. o antes del 19 de Dec.

Los estudiantes nominados pasaran por un proceso de examen para determinar su elegibilidad.

Si usted tien alguna pregunta o necesita mas informacion, por favor llame a la oficina del Consejero al 659-2565 (para elementaria) y la oficina del Consejera al 659-2563 (para Jr. High).

Estas son las diferencias sobre un niño/a inteligente o un niño/a con un don especial de talento.

Niño/a Inteligente

Sabe las respuestas
Es interesado/a
Es atentivo/a

Tiene buenas ideas
Trabaja duro
Contesta las preguntas Grupo adelantado
Pone atencion con interes
Aprende con facilidad
6-8 repeticiones por maestria
Comprende las ideas
Se goza con sus companeros
Es receptivo/a
Termina sus tareas
Le gusta la escuela
Absorbe la informacion
Tecnico/a
Buen memorista
Prefiera sus lecciones con estructura
Es alerta/a
Esta contento con su propio conocimiento

Don especial de talento

Ase preguntas
Es sumamente curioso/a
Se involucra mentalmente y fisicamente
Tiene ideas absurdas y locas
Juega para aunn prueba bien
Explica con mas detalles
Mas alto que su grupo
Tien opiniones y emociones fuertes
Lo sabe todo
1-2 repeticiones por maestria
Puede inventar sus propias ideas
Prefiere adultos
Esta intenso
Invento un diseno nuevo
Le gusta a prender
Manipula la informacion
Inventor
Buen adivinador/a
Mendra en la complejidad
Es muy interesado/a y observante
Es sumamente auto-critical

2003-2004 Spearman ISD Gifted & Talented Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for the Gifted & Talented program. Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade may be nominated. The gifted educational program is designed to challenge students with above average potential in academic, creative, and productive thinking skills to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the Elementary, Jr. High, or High School office and complete the nomination form. Nominations will be accepted through December 19, 2003. Nominated students will go through a screening process to determine eligibility. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the counselor's office at 659-2326 (Jr. High) or 659-2565 (Elementary).

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Is attentive

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Top group
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Understands ideas
Enjoys peers
Grasps the meaning
Is receptive
Completes assignments
Enjoys school
Absorbs information
Technician
Good memorizer
Enjoys straight forward, sequential presentation
Is alert
Is pleased with own learning

Gifted Learner

Asks the questions
Is highly curious
Is mentally and physically involved
Has wild, silly ideas
Plays around, yet tests well
Discusses in detail, elaborates
Beyond group
Shows strong feelings and opinions
Already knows
1-2 repetitions for mastery
Constructs abstractions
Prefers adults
Draws inferences
Is intense
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Tips for Healthy Holiday Eating For People With Diabetes

Cookies, cake, candy - many Americans come face to face with temptation this time of year as they attend parties and family gatherings. Holiday treats abound and it seems everyone is serving large meals. For people living with diabetes,

healthy holiday eating is essential because proper weight management and proper blood sugar control is very important to maintaining good health.

"For individuals with diabetes this can be an especially challenging time of year because in

addition to rich foods and holiday stresses, people step out of their usual routines," says Fouad R. Kandeel, M.D., Ph.D., director of the City of Hope Gonda Diabetes Center in Los Angeles. "Diabetics People with diabetes must maintain vigilance over their blood-sugar levels, their medication, their diet and exercise."

People living with diabetes can successfully maintain their diets during the holiday season if they take care to adapt traditional recipes to reduce sugar, fats and carbohydrates.

Pumpkin Bread

Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1-1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 Teaspoon baking soda
- 1 Teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 Teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 Teaspoon cloves
- 1/4 Teaspoon salt
- 1/3 Cup reduced-calorie margarine, softened
- 1/2 Cup sugar
- 6 Packets Sweet One* sweetener
- 2 Large eggs
- 1/2 Teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 Cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1/3 Cup fat-free milk
- 1/4 Cup walnuts, finely chopped

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray 8-1/2 x 4-1/2 x 2-1/2 inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. Sift together flour, baking soda, cinnamon, baking powder, cloves and salt.

In a separate bowl, cream margarine, sugar and Sweet One*. Beat in eggs and vanilla; beat in pumpkin.

Stir dry ingredients into pumpkin mixture alternately with milk, stirring until blended after each addition. Stir in walnuts.

Pour into prepared loaf pan. Bake 50-60 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in middle comes out clean. Turn onto wire rack and cool.

Yield: 1 loaf (12 servings)
Serving Size: 1 slice
Exchanges: 1-1/2 carbohydrates, 1/2 fruit, 1/2 fat
Total Carbohydrates: 28 grams
Calories: 135

Egg Nog

Ingredients:

- 4 cups fat-free milk
- 1 cup egg substitute
- Sugar substitute to equal 4 Tablespoons of sugar
- 3 Teaspoons rum extract or 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Ground nutmeg

Directions:

Combine milk, egg substitute, sugar substitute and extract. Beat with rotary beater or electric mixer until well blended. Chill thoroughly. Stir before serving and sprinkle with nutmeg.

Yield: 8 servings
Serving Size: 6 oz.
Exchanges: 1/2 carbohydrate exchange, 1/2 milk
Total Carbohydrates: 6 grams
Calories: 50

Stinnett Man Arrested in Hansford County

by Nancy Young; *Borger News-Herald News Editor*

Cody Waleseiak, 31, Stinnett, was arrested on Saturday, November 22, 2003 north of Stinnett near the Hansford-Hutchinson County line.

Two firemen in the Morse Community area reported they observed a man around a drain pipe in the area of Farm to Market 281 and State Highway 207. Upon investigation, the men also found several empty ether cans tossed on the ground.

The men contacted the Hansford County Sheriff's Department. According to Hutchinson County Chief Deputy David King, Hansford County Deputy Lance Swan observed Waleseiak throw a gun from his vehicle as well as a powder substance inside of a plastic bag. The officer believed the substance to be methamphetamine.

Hutchinson County Deputies Gary Garrett and Brad Sheets responded to the scene and located a cooler inside a drain

pipe. Liquid chemicals were found in the cooler.

The Star semi-automatic 9MM and plastic bag were taken into custody as well as plastic containers.

The Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force and Drug Enforcement

Agency were called to the scene as well as a clean-up crew.

Waleseiak was arrested on a bond surrender warrant out of Lubbock County for misdemeanor theft. Additional drug-related charges are also pending.

Stationmaster's House Museum

Members of the Stationmaster's House Museum recently had their annual holiday supper at the El Vaquera Restaurant in Gruver. Helen Boyd, Chairman of the Museum, welcomed special guests Billy and Sybil Miller, Dink and Carma Dorton, and Bill and Marilyn Been.

Billy and Sybil Miller were this year's King and Queen for the museum. Dink Dorton was recognized for his volunteer service to the museum. Marilyn Been has been assisting as caretaker of the museum, to fill in for Reba Hunter, when she cannot be there.

Jennie Blankenship, Chairman of the Historical Commission presented Johnnie Lee with a plaque to show appreciation for his service to the Historical Commission and the Museum for the Years 1962 to 2003. Johnnie has always been willing to help in any capacity needed.

Members present for the occasion were Joel Lee and Joyce Lackey, Don and Lynanne Maize, Harry and Hazel Stumpf, J. D. and Rubyjo Wilbanks, Don and Wanda Reed, Irwin and Helen Boyd, Charles and Joanne Eaton, Jennie and Sonny Blankenship, Johnnie and Joann Lee, and Reba Hunter.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Pringle-Morse

The Pringle Morse School Board will meet at 7 p.m. December 11.

December 15, the girls and boys basketball teams will travel to Channing for games.

A Christmas Concert is scheduled for December 18th at 7 p.m.

School will dismiss at 12 p.m., December 19.

Gus Birdwell Elementary

First graders will visit the First State Bank for hot dogs and a visit with Santa December 10, at 11 a.m.

Art with Mr. Rindibaker from West Texas A&M University is slated for kindergarten from 9-10 a.m., December 12, and for first grade from 10-11 a.m.

December 16- TAKS Tests will be administered for grades 3-5.

The Handbell choir of the First Baptist Church will perform December 17, at 2:30 p.m.

Pre K Christmas parties will be December 18th.

School will dismiss for the Christmas holidays at 1 p.m. December 19.

Spearman Jr. High

A Christmas Choir Concert is slated for December 11 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Basketball games are slated with Boys Ranch for December 15. Girls play there, boys play here.

The sixth grade band will perform for elementary students December 12, at 2 p.m.

Five states band perform December 14 at 2 p.m. in Guymon.

A band concert is slated for 2 p.m., December 14 in the high school auditorium.

School will dismiss at 1 p.m., December 19. for the holidays

Spearman High School

The freshmen boys will play compete in the Borger Tournament December 11-13.

The varsity girls and boys will travel to Sunray for tournament games December 11-13.

Spearman Junior Varsity teams will compete in the Spearman Junior Varsity Tournament December 13.

A band concert is set for Sunday, December 14, at 2 p.m. in the auditorium.

The freshman Lynx will host Boys Ranch at 7:30 p.m., December 15.

The JV Lynettes will travel to Fritch for a 6 p.m. game, December 15.

The junior Varsity Purple and the Lynettes will travel to Panhandle December 16 for games beginning at 5 p.m.

December 17-19 - Final exams are scheduled.

December 18 the National Honor Society's Christmas Party will be from 6:30-8:30 in the library.

School will dismiss two hours early for the Christmas holidays.

The Junior Varsity and the Varsity Lynx will play Canyon there beginning at 6:30 p.m., December 19.

The Junior Varsity Purple and the Lynettes will host Canadian with games beginning at 5 p.m., December 19.

Gruver Elementary

There will be a district-wide luncheon for teachers participating in the Wellness program, December 11.

"Bob Humbug," a Christmas play will be presented by kindergarten students December 17th, at 10:30 p.m. in the kindergarten classrooms.

Christmas Dinner of turkey and all the fixin's will be served December 17, in the school cafeteria with students' families invited to attend at the cost of \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Principal Diane Brown will read a Christmas Story to PreK - fourth grade students at the school's Christmas tree, December 17.

There will be a reception for school personnel staff December 18.

Third and fourth graders will take an online assessment test December 18.

Santa Claus will visit Gruver Schools December 18th.

December 19 will be Dairy Queen one day for all classes meeting their Accelerated Reader goals.

School will dismiss at 12:20 for the Christmas Holidays.

Gruver Jr. High

The Junior High Hounds will host Boys Ranch December 15, while the Junior High Lady Hounds will play at Boys Ranch. Games in both locations beginning at 5 p.m.

Gruver High School

The Lady Hounds will compete in the Hugoton Kansas Invitational December 11-13 while the Hounds will compete in the Sunray Tournament.

Gruver will host the ACT December 13th.

Jenny Hart and Salvador Luciano will be the Lions Club guests for December 17.

Gruver will host Borger in junior varsity and varsity games December 19 beginning at 4 p.m.

School will dismiss for the Christmas Holidays at 12:20 p.m. December 19.



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Gruver Greyhounds

The GHS Hounds took a win over the West Texas High Comanches Tuesday night, December 2, and then grabbed third place in the Lake Meredith Tournament over the weekend.

Hounds 35, WT High 30
Brock Irwin 4, Lance Williams 2, Matt Messer 4, Cass Cooper 17 (five three pointers), Cody Mac Been 15, Reid Winger 9

Lake Meredith Tournament
Hounds 58, Borger 53
Brock Irwin 8, Lance Williams 2, Carlos Borunda 8, Matt Messer 8, Cass Cooper 12 (Four three pointers), Hutch Reed 2, Cody Mac Been 6, Reid Winger 6, Stephen Salazar 4.

Hounds 34, Dumas 62
Brock Irwin 2, Lance Williams 5, Carlos Borunda 3, Matt Messer 3, Cass Cooper 5, Cody Mac Been 4, Reid Winger 5, Stephen Salazar 6.

Hounds 45, West Texas High 38
(Playing for 3rd Place)
Brock Irwin 2, Carlos Borunda 9, Lance Williams 5, Matt Messer 7, Cass Cooper 5, Ryan Winger 2, Cody Mac Been 5, Reid Winger 10

Lady Hounds

The Lady Hounds topped WT High 56-33 Tuesday, December 2, and then took consolation honors at the Lake Meredith Tournament over the weekend.

Lady Hounds 56, West Texas 33
Lindsey Clift 8, Allison Reid 10, Lauren Urban 10, Laci Fitzgeard 8, Kelly Sue Jones 2, Liz Lopez 10, Cassie Myatt 8.

Lake Meredith Tournament
Lady Hounds, 59 Borger 52
Lindsey Clift 10, Allison Reid 1, Lauren Urban 6, Samantha Myatt 2, Laina Grotegut 8, Laci Fitzgeard 7, Liz Lopez 3, Rachelle Holt 6, Cassie Myatt 10

Lady Hounds 57, River Road 39
Lindsey Clift 11, Allison Reid 2, Lauren Urban 8, Smantha Myatt 5, Laina

Grotegut 3, Laci Fitzgeard 6, Liz Lopez 2, Rachelle Holt 2, Cassie Myatt 18

Lady Hounds 31, Fritch 27 (Consolation Game)
Lindsey Clift 2, Allison Reid 5, Lauren Urban 2, Laci Fitzgeard 7, Jessica Montgomery 2, Kelly Sue Jones 1, Cassie Myatt 12.

Gruver JV Lady Hounds

JV Lady Hounds 42, West Texas 26
Kellyn King 3, Jessica Vela 11, Sarah Mireles 2, Callie Hargis 8, Victoria Vela 18.

Gruver JV Tournament
JV Lady Hounds 19, Spearman 39
King 3, Timber Barkley 1, Sarah Mireles 4, S. Flores 5, Hargis 4, V. Vela 2.

JV Lady Hounds 23, Canadian 41
Sydney Been 3, Jimmiee McCloy 2, Mireles 3, Charlene Lopez 5, Hargis 2, J. Vela 4, V. Vela 4.

Gruver JV Hounds

JV Hounds 25, WT High 37
Crispin Borunda 4, Tanner Irwin 5, Tyler Lane 9, Tucker Williams 7, Conrad Curry 4, Oscar Medina 6.

Gruver JV Tournament
JV Hounds 49, Fritch 29
Crispin Borunda 6, Tanner Irwin 10, Tyler Lane 10, Tucker Williams 9, Brad Clawson 2, Conrad Curry 2, Drew Grotegut 2.

JV Hounds 41, West Texas 42
Crispin Borunda 2, Tanner Irwin 4, Tyler Lane 15 (four three pointers) Tucker Williams 6, Conrad Curry 3, Oscar Medina 5, Brian Johnson 6.

JV Hounds 39, Canadian 31
Crispin Borunda 14, Tyler Lane 5, Tucker Williams 3, Conrad Curry 16, Oscar Medina 9.

Spearman Lynettes

Lynettes 50, Wellington 44
Lindsey Short 4, Jordan short 7, Keilee Goodheart 4,

Cayla Smith 2, Ashlee Flowers 6, Kelcee Rex 5, Sami Cazares 4, Saylee Flowers 1, Tonya Hart 7, Jocelyn Whitehead 10.

Coach's Comments: We had a better rebounding game for us, free throws late could have helped us widen the lead.

Miami Tournament
Lynettes 59, McLean 23
L. Short 6, Harbour 3, J. Short 4, Goodheart 6, Smith 6, A. Flowers 4, Rex 2, Cazare 4, Hart 8, Whitefield 16

Coach's Comments: Played real good defense in the 1st half but struggled on offense. The 2nd half was almost the reverse, better offense but not as good defense.

Lynettes 48, Channing 29
L. Short 5, Harbour 2, J. Short 5, Goodheart 5, Smith 6, A. Flowers 2, Rex 6, Hart 4, Whitefield 13

Coach's Comments: Real fast start on offense and defense. 5 of 9 3-pters in the 1st half, 2nd half was a pretty even game.

Lynettes 59, Wellington 57 (Semi-Finals)

L. Short 2, J. Short 6, Goodheart 10, Smith 3, A. Flowers 8, Rex 8, S. Flowers 6, Hart 6, Whitefield 10

Coach's Comments: Real tight, offense ball game in the 1st half. We had 4-6pt leads in most of the 3rd qrt, lost the lead once in the 4th but came back to win.

Lynettes 38, Ft. Elliott 56 (Finals)
L. Short 2, J. Short 7, Goodheart 6, A. Flowers 7, Rex 4, S. Flowers 2, Hart 10

Coach's Comments: Lynettes placed 2nd in the Miami Tournament. We played a very good Ft. Elliott

team. We played from behind the whole game. Girls fought hard throughout.

JV Lynettes - Purple

Lynettes 34, Wellington 13
Hart 2, Shields 5, Parker 6, Vanderburg 8, Lozano 3, Paul 4, McElroy 4, Montgomery 2
Coach's Comments: Nice Effort! It was a good win on the road.

Gruver Tournament
Lynettes 37, West Texas 15
Hart 3, Mendoza 2, Shields 4, Parker 2, Vanderburg 3, Lozano 5, Paul 4, McElroy 9, Montgomery 5
Coach's Comments: This was a nice win against a District opponent.

Lynettes 39, Gruver 19
Hart 4, Shields 3, Parker 10, Vanderburg 4, Lozano 11, Paul 2, McElroy 2, Montgomery 3
Coach's Comments: The girls adjusted well to a defense we hadn't seen before this game. It was a nice win.

JV Lynettes - White

Lynettes 26, West Texas 34

7th Grade Lynettes

Lynettes 49, West Texas 12

8th Grade Lynettes

Lynettes 46, West Texas 12

Spearman JV Tourney Schedule Saturday, Dec. 13

11:00 a.m. - Spearman vs. Gruver; 12:30 p.m. Canadian vs. Perryton; 3:00 p.m. - Perryton vs. Spearman; 4:30 p.m. Gruver vs. Canadian

All games will be played in the varsity gym.

Academic All-District

The Spearman High School Girls Cross Country team had a banner year in competition and in the classroom.

Fourteen Cross Country team members were named to the academic all-district list.

They are: Jessica Brown, Rossilyn Bulls, Ashlee Flowers, Macy Harbour, Tonya Hart, Melissa Lesly, Adriana Mendoza, Sonny Parker, Mallory Paul, Tabatha Shields, Jordan Short, Lindsey Short, Aleisha Sweat, and Claudia Vaquera.

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Renée King Offers Organizing Tips for the Hectic Holiday Season

The falling leaves, the chill in the air, wool sweaters and frost on the windshield...yes, the end of the year is rapidly approaching. The final challenge is to make it through the holidays without losing one's mind - a daunting task as we all know. Renée King, time-management and organizing expert with AT-A-GLANCE, the leading manu-

facturer of calendars and organizing products, and member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO), offers the following tips and suggestions to help individuals get organized during the hectic holiday season.

a.. Stay ahead of the game - Shop early for holiday gifts rather than cramming all your shopping into a short time before the holidays. By shop-

ping early, you will have a better selection to choose from, can avoid many holiday traffic delays and can even take advantage of pre-holiday sale prices. Also, make a list of what you are planning to purchase, and for whom. Using a list will help you to avoid overspending.

b.. Avoid the cash crunch - Start a separate savings account just for holiday spending. Many banks offer "Christmas Clubs" or other types of savings plans

that allow you to deposit from your paycheck on a regular basis. This helps avoid a last minute cash crunch or credit card overload.

c.. Makin' a list, checkin' it twice - Use an address book or planner to keep a running list of those you plan to send holiday cards to. By keeping track each year, you avoid having to start the list from scratch.

d.. Hey Mr. Postman - Buy plenty of postage stamps early to avoid waiting in long lines at the post office. Also, be sure to mail any gifts or packages early, at least 2-3 weeks in advance of the holidays - you will avoid long lines at the post office and save money by not paying for last minute expedite shipping services. Save time on your hol-

iday cards by using self-adhesive return address labels. These labels are inexpensive and are usually available in holiday designs.

e.. On the road again - Make travel plans well in advance to take advantage of early booking discounts and seat availability. If driving, have your vehicle serviced well in advance of your trip to avoid unfortunate breakdowns.

f.. Holiday feast - Prepare some of your holiday foods in advance and store them in your freezer. In addition, plan your holiday meal in advance and make a list of all the supplies that you will need to shop for to avoid multiple trips to the store. Also, don't be afraid to ask for help, or to accept a hand in

preparing the holiday meal. It's no imposition to ask those that will be attending to prepare a dish to bring with them, such as hors d'oeuvres or desserts.

g.. Get the kids involved - Children love to know that they are important, so give them some responsibility. Allow them to help set the table before the meal, clear the table after the meal, and dry and put away the dishes.

The bottom line is planning and preparing in advance. The more you get done before the holiday season really kicks in, the less you will have to fight the traffic, crowds and lines - and you can enjoy the holiday season without the stress.

Time-Honored Traditions for Holiday Trimmings

Years ago, decorating for the holidays meant hanging a wreath on the door and stringing popcorn around the tree. Today, sprucing up the home for the season has evolved into a grand tradition shared by the entire family.

Whether it's trimming the tree, hanging stockings on the mantle or using special holiday dinnerware, 90 percent of respondents to a recent survey conducted on behalf of Lands' End Home reported they will be decorating their home for the holidays.

"Many times, families find themselves overwhelmed with all there is to do around the holidays," says Dabney McAvoy, Lands' End Home design director. "While there is much to accomplish throughout the season, decorating the home is one of the most time-honored traditions that families embrace."

Celebrating the season in style should never involve stressing about home décor. As McAvoy suggests, choosing a theme will help take the guesswork out of decorating.

Tried and True Holiday Classics

Staying true to holiday classics is an easy way to ensure that your decorations are not simply a fading fad. Some tried and true holiday decorating traditions include:

* As early as 16th century

Scotland, tartan plaid was used to accent the dinner table with the reds and greens of the holiday season. A tartan plaid table runner, place mats or napkins adorned with engraved napkin rings give an intimate and timeless touch to any meal.

* Incorporate greenery into any room, hallway or entrance with a decorative holiday wreath.

* Adorn mantles by hanging stockings with care from pewter stocking holders to emphasize the home-for-the holidays feeling.

Whimsical Characters of the Season

Everyone can relate to the cheerfulness that holiday snowmen or similar characters bring. Some suggestions for including these whimsical friends in your decorating include:

* Feature a cherished holiday treasure such as the icy snowman and accent home décor with similar colors such as cool hues of blue and silver.

* Turn your child's bedroom into a winter wonderland with fun, seasonal bedding featuring holiday favorites such as snowmen and reindeer.

* Replace everyday household items with festive alternatives, such as "Frosty" mugs, plates and dishtowels in the kitchen.

Old-Fashioned

Holiday Retreat

Memories of good times and holiday traditions are hard to ignore when seasonal decorations have a vintage overtone. Some great antique-style touches to transform any home into an old-fashioned holiday retreat include:

* Needlepoint stockings hung from the mantle will give any fireplace that stylish look of the past. Add fresh greenery and red ribbons draped across the mantle to deliver extra old-world charm.

* For those overnight guests, deck the guest rooms with a vintage-style holiday quilt on the bed. Scented candles on the nightstand will give even the most tired travelers a sweet holiday retreat.

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Meetings and Minutes

Spearman Chamber of Commerce

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on Thursday, November 13, 2003 at noon at the Hungry Cowboy. Members present were Missie Bates, Robert Patrick, Jason Cantrell, Rosi Martinez, Martina Miller, and Gina Gillispie.

Rosi made a motion with a second from Jason to accept the minutes of the last meeting and the financial report. Motion carried.

Gina reported that all the votes were in from the membership and the new board members will be Steve Hartgraves, Pete Ochoa, Anna Fishburn, Jeanette Hodges, and Diana Bynum. Judy Yarbrough will serve as past president of WDSCC and there will be a Retail Merchant representative appointed at a later time.

Missie reported that the hiring committee met, and Gina will put an announcement in the paper to take resumes until December 15. At that time, interviews will begin. Other details of the procedure were discussed.

Gina will let everyone know when the meeting in December will be and send information.

Gina also reported that she had been contacted by Sylvia Lowe to consider an Alaskan Cruise type show. More details to follow.

Hansford Hospital Auxiliary

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary met December 1, 2003, at Judy Nelson's for lunch and a business meeting.

A food cart, lab equipment, T-shirts for residents participating in the Olympics, bed alarm thermometer, and Olympic trophies

were purchased with the donations to the 2002 Operation Greeting Card funds.

Sandee Smith will assist Mary Fern Terry with the Operation Greeting Card project this December.

Auxiliary members were urged to provide crafts and baked items for the Manor Christmas Bazaar on December 9. Funds raised will be used for the Manor Empty Stocking Fund. Members will also provide cookies for the Manor Christmas Party December 19.

Members present were Judy Nelson, June Patterson, Rosa Lee Butt, Verna Gail Keim, Lorene Kunselman, Verna Brown, Peggy Ellsworth, June Jackson, Margarette Evans, Mary K. Harbour, LoRee Booth, Helen Holt, Frances Cudd, Many Fern Terry, Jackie Graham, Elaine Odegaard, Betty Jean Davis, Sandee Smith, Patty Sheppard, Norma Jean Mackie, Alva Garner, and Muriel Boyd.

Spearman ISD

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in a Public Hearing - Educational Performance Report for 2002-2003 at 6 p.m., a Public Hearing - 2003 FIRST Rating at 6:30 p.m., and a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on November 10, 2003 in the High School Library.

Mr. Will Jarvis, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

HEAR FROM PATRONS/STAFF
No one came before the board.

PUBLIC HEARING EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2002-2003
Mr. Sumner presented a

PowerPoint presentation on the Annual Educational Performance Report (AEIS) for 2002-2003. He reviewed the new state assessment (TAKS) scores for each grade level tested and noted levels of accomplishment and areas of concern. The AEIS rating for the District and Campuses were as follows: District - Recognized, Gus Birdwell Elementary - Exemplary, Spearman Junior High - Recognized and Spearman High School - Recognized. A time was provided for public comment from parents and taxpayers. Mr. Sumner said that the AEIS data, along with other information, could be found in the Annual Educational Performance Report. There are copies at each campus (principal's office, teachers lounge and library). In addition, copies are available to the public at both the Downtown City Library and City Hall.

PUBLIC HEARING 2003 SCHOOL FIRST RATING

Mr. Sumner discussed the 2003 School FIRST Rating (Financial Integrity System of Texas). This report is to explain the district's performance under each of the 21 indicators and the district's rating. Spearman I.S.D. received a Superior Achievement with all 21 indicators answered Yes regarding financial management. Mr. Sumner added that this financial rating indicates that the District is effectively and efficiently managing the financial affairs of the school district according to State standards. He said that he was proud of the leadership in this area demonstrated by Larry Murphy and the Business Office. A time was provided for public comments from parents and taxpayers following the report. Mr. Sumner said that a copy of the actual FIRST School Rating was included

along with the other AEIS data in the Annual Educational Performance Report.

RECEPTION HONORING 2003 RETIREE'S

Reception Honoring 2003 Retiree's

The 2002-2003 school retiree's were recognized and presented with plaques for their years of service to the students at Spearman I.S.D. The retiree's were Ruby Burger - 26 years of service, Sylvia Hodge - 20 years of service at Spearman I.S.D. and 25 total years, Sandee Smith - 22 years of service at Spearman I.S.D. and 30 total years, and Mary Ann Lasater - 18 years of service at Spearman I.S.D. and 21 total years. A reception followed in their honor.

INSTRUCTION PRESENTATION

Kristi Ramon provided an entertaining demonstration of the book, Wild Thing, and Karla Flowers shared information on their presentation at the Early Literacy Reading Institute.

CLOSED MEETING REVIEW OF STUDENT PLACEMENT IN DAEP

RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING

ACTION ITEMS

Denied request by parent(s) to allow their children to return to Spearman High School from DAEP before the end of the original placement.

Approved consent items: 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2003; 2. Paying the bills in the amount of \$160,774.02

Awarded the gas and diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of December 2003.

Approved financial report as presented.

Reviewed TASB Policy Manual Update 71 (LEGAL) policies and approved (LOCAL) policies in Update 71.

Reviewed the follow-up on the facility study by Paul Trautman and discussed the possible building project. Approved proposal of Paul Trautman to work with the district in preliminary board consulting assistance not to exceed \$6,000 at this point. The board selected Rodney Sumner, Larry Murphy, Mark Allen and Dwayne Mitchell as the Site Investigation Committee to secure information on possible building sites.

INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT ITEMS

The student enrollment for

Spearman I.S.D. was 739 as of November 10, 2003.

Mr. Sumner reviewed the substitute report from September 19 to October 17, 2003.

Mr. Sumner reviewed the information from Hansford County Appraisal District regarding 2002 travel trailer tax refunds due to voters passing Amendment #5 that addressed the taxability of travel trailers. Spearman I.S.D. had 62 paid accounts regarding travel trailers for a total of \$5,897.15 that will be refunded by the Appraisal District to those taxpayers.

Mr. Sumner provided the first six week's Staff Perfect Attendance list.

Mr. Sumner informed the Board of the February 2, 2004 confirmed date for required board/superintendent "Teambuilding" training provided by Region 16 Education Service Center via our video conference system beginning at 6 p.m.

CLOSED MEETING PERSONNEL MATTERS

RECONVENE INTO OPEN MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 a.m.

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Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought that occurred from July 1, 2003 to the present are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Perryton, James M. Heck, Farm Loan Manager said.

The Texas counties eligible for the assistance are Childress, Clay, Collingsworth, Cooke, Dallam, Fannin, Grayson, Hansford, Hardeman, Hemphill, Lamar, Lipscomb, Montague, Ochiltree, Sherman, Wheeler, Wichita and Wilbarger. They were a part of the counties named by Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman to be eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from these programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 1, 2004 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season.

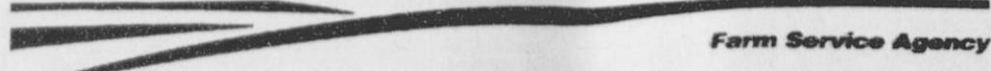
FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to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

individuals holding a majority interest.

For further information, call the FSA office in Spearman at

(806) Perryton at (806) 435-6597, ext. 2 or come by the office at 800 N. Main, Suite D, Perryton,

TX. The office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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Emergency Loan Program

Overview

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides emergency loans to help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding, other natural disasters, or quarantine.

Loan Uses

Emergency loan funds may be used to:

- Restore or replace essential property;
- Pay all or part of production costs associated with the disaster year;
- Pay essential family living expenses;
- Reorganize the farming operation; and
- Refinance certain debts.

Eligibility

Emergency loans may be made to farmers and ranchers who:

- Own or operate land located in a county declared by the President as a disaster area or designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as a disaster area or quarantine area (for physical losses only, the FSA Administrator may authorize emergency loan assistance);
- Are established family farm operators and have sufficient farming or ranching experience;
- Are citizens or permanent residents of the United States;
- Have suffered at least a 30-percent loss in crop production or a physical loss to livestock, livestock products, real estate, or chattel property;

Loan Terms

- Have an acceptable credit history;
- Are unable to receive credit from commercial sources;
- Can provide collateral to secure the loan; and
- Have repayment ability.

Loan Requirements

FSA loan requirements are different from those of other lenders. Some of the more significant differences are the following:

- Borrowers must keep acceptable farm records;
- Borrowers must operate in accordance with a farm plan they develop and agree to with local FSA staff; and
- Borrowers may be required to participate in a financial management-training program and obtain crop insurance.

Collateral is Required

All emergency loans must be fully collateralized. The specific type of collateral may vary depending on the loan purpose, repayment ability and the individual circumstances of the applicant. If applicants cannot provide adequate collateral, their repayment ability may be considered as collateral to secure the loan. A first lien is required on property or products acquired, produced, or refinanced with loan funds.

Loan Limit

Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000.

Interest Rate

The current annual interest rate for emergency loans is 3.75 percent.

Application Deadline

Applications for emergency loans must be received within 8 months of the county's disaster or quarantine designation date.

Temporary Assistance

Borrowers who receive temporary assistance are expected to return to conventional credit sources. Emergency loans are a temporary source of credit, and borrowers are reviewed periodically to determine whether they can return to commercial credit.

For More Information

Further information on the emergency loan program is available from local USDA Service Centers or on the FSA website at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Blaine Pack (left) and his uncle, Mike Pack, cast admiring eyes on the Heisman Trophy that was on display at the Texas A&M Oklahoma State football game. The trophy travels through the country and is displayed at college game sights throughout the football season. The display was an unexpected delight to the Packs who were in attendance at the game.

NOTICE

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the deadline for information to be included in the December 25th and January 1st issue will be Monday, December 15th at 5 p.m. This is also the deadline for information to be included in the December 18th issue.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434 or CathyRSmit@aol.com. Information may also be faxed to (806) 659-3368.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be CLOSED December 22nd-26th. We will be open on Monday and Tuesday, December 29th and 30th, and will be closed again December 31st-January 2nd. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, January 5, 2004.

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The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their annual fundraiser - "Operation Christmas Greeting." Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

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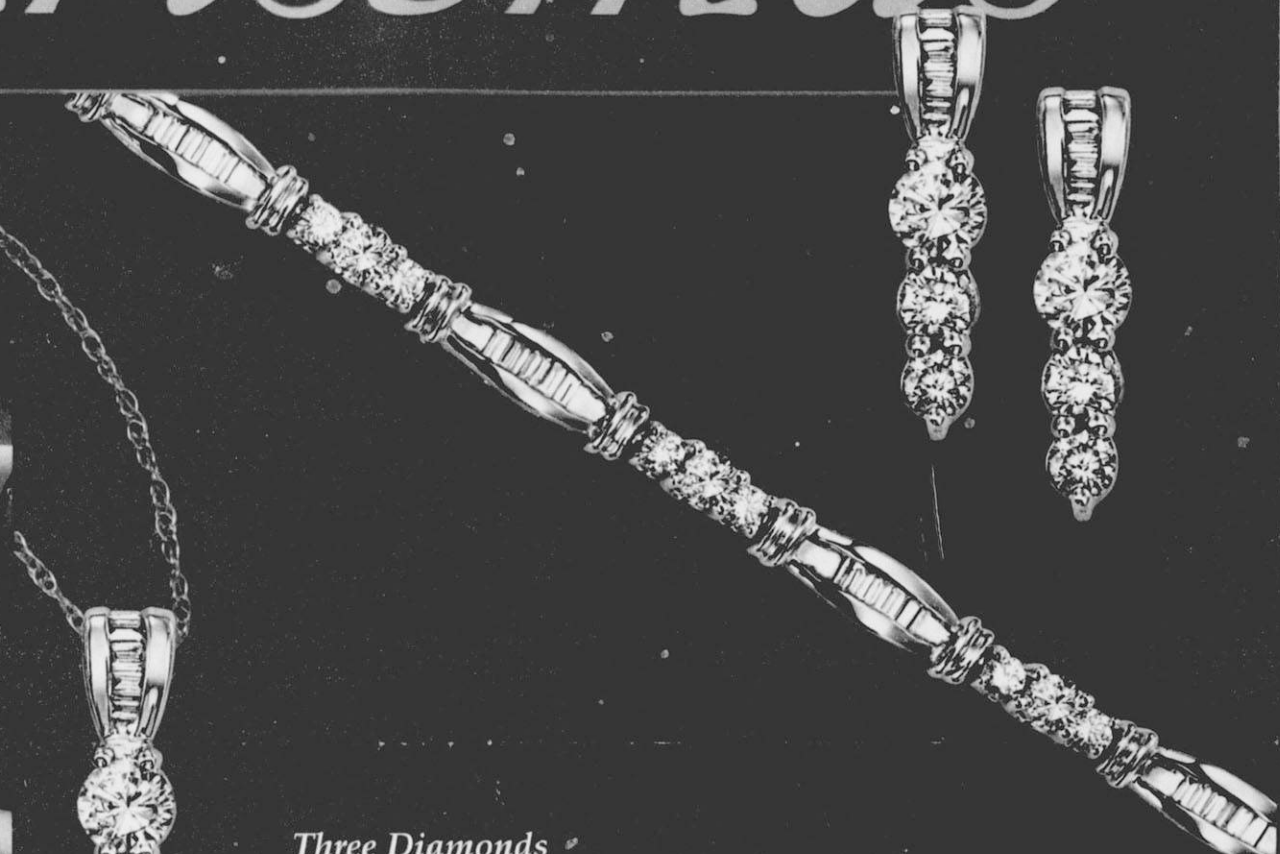
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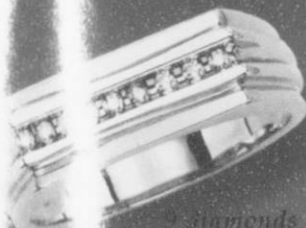


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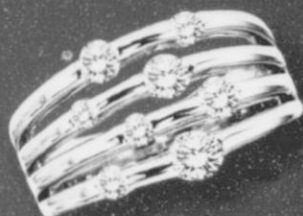
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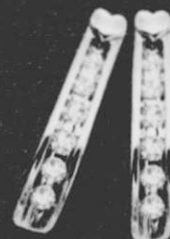
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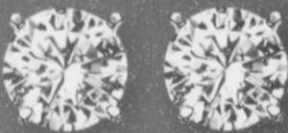
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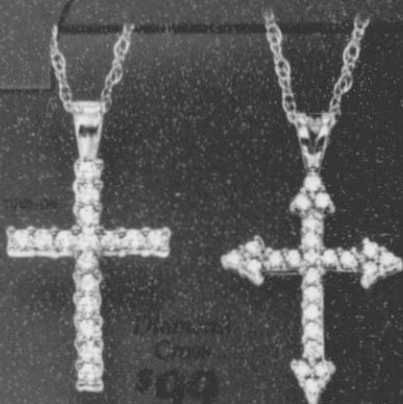
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