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At A Glance

Crisis Center Asking for Cell Phones

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sunflower Seminar Planned For Local Producers

In response to high natural gas prices, a seminar is scheduled to help local producers consider confection and oil sunflowers as a low input crop. The event will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, February 19 at the Moore County Community Building in Dumas, Texas.

Contracting opportunities are currently available in this area, and receiving points have been established for both oil and confection sunflowers. With the number of corn acres expected to decrease this planting season because of high input costs, more and more producers are looking towards a low input crop to save money and sunflowers can do just that.

"We know natural gas prices have producers scratching their heads about what to plant this year," said Wayne Monroe, a district sales manager for Triumph Seed. "We just want to help them consider all their options."

Producers will hear from Texas Agricultural Extension Service about agronomics, entomology and herbicide concerns of sunflowers. Additionally, 1.5 CEU's will be offered for attending the meeting.

In addition to Triumph Seed, representatives from SIGCO Sun Products and Northern Sun will be on-hand to discuss marketing options for the coming year. There is no cost to attend the meeting and refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact Wayne Monroe at (806) 670-1894 or 1(800) 530-4789.

Locals Attend Presidential Inauguration

by Harletta Carthel & Sara Eisfeld

It wasn't the Bush Bandwagon, but it might have been the Bushband and wagon when eight Hansford County residents rolled into the 2001 Presidential Inauguration.

Jim and Verna Lee Shirley, Roy Byrd, Maxine Cline, Craig Schumann, and Santiago (Chico) Tercero journeyed to Washington, D. C. to display an antique wagon and horse team at the "Black Tie and Boots Ball" while Cody Cazares traveled to the capitol to celebrate the success of his efforts on the Bush campaign team.

The Shirley's adventure was a week of all-night cross-country driving, rush-hour traffic in Washington D.C., security checks and animal activist threats culminated in an evening of pure Texas bliss for the Hansford County residents.

For Jim Shirley, Craig Schumann and their entourage, the January 20 George W. Bush inauguration was an experience never to be duplicated.

"It's a once in a lifetime thing," said Jim Shirley, owner of the four Belgian horses and 1903 Studebaker hitch wagon that traveled across five states to represent Hansford County, Texas.

In June of 2000, Shirley was invited to attend the inauguration by lobbyist Rick Myers, an acquaintance of Larry Combest.

"Larry had ridden in the wagon in a parade in Lubbock," said Shirley.

The planning and preparation for the trip to Washington as well as for showing the horses and wagon was extensive and began in the early fall.

"We had to revamp the van to accommodate food and water for the horses as well as the equipment," said Shirley, who spent nearly three weeks restoring the hitch wagon.

In addition, the horses had to be conditioned and the truck had to be ready for the 1600 mile trip.

Just weeks before Shirley found out he would be taking his horses to the inauguration, he ran into Craig Schumann who offered his help in running the truck.

"I told him, 'If you ever need a driver, I'll be available,'" said Schumann. "Two weeks later he called to invite me."

On Saturday, January 13, just under a week before inaugural festivities, the crew left Spearman, Texas for Washington, D.C.

"We had to let the horses out every six to eight hours," said Schumann. "A lot of people don't realize that when you get in a semi truck how few places there are to stop."

They arrived in Washington, DC during rush hour traffic on January 15, managing to maneuver the truck, trailer and follow-up vehicle through the city, an hour into Maryland where they and the horses would board.

Because of high security and animal activist threats, they decided to get to the convention center before

traffic and trouble got heavy.

"We got up at 4 a.m. and drove into D.C.," said Schumann. They had barely set up the horses and the wagon among the other 70 booths of Texas products, when the media and the visitors converged upon them, enthralled with the part of Texas they were displaying.

That afternoon, after the trade show had finished, Secret Service combed the hotel in preparation for the evening's "Black Tie and Boots Ball."

The seven from Hansford County dressed in black Levis, hats and long western dusters joined the 12,000 present for the occasion.

"We decided to go as the Magnificent Seven," said Shirley.

Their horses and wagon became the backdrop for hundreds of pictures as well as thousands of interested ball guests.

Roy Byrd and Maxine Cline of Gruver were excited when asked by the Shirley's to accompany them on their adventure. "We were even more excited when Bush won the election," Cline said.

"Roy wore a tux for the Black Tie and Boots bash, and I wore a long black dress with a collar, but the horses were center stage," said Cline.

The media was delighted with the Shirley's display and, the huge horses drew a great deal of attention with television stations as far away as Australia and New Zealand. "It was so funny to see women in long evening dresses climbing on the horses to have their picture taken,"

At the event, Byrd and Cline saw such notables as Wayne Newton and Clint Black but were not fortunate enough to see the most notable, George W. Bush, who made a brief appearance at each celebration gathering in the capitol area.

Since it was the first trip to the nation's capital by the group, they managed to schedule a limousine trip of the area where they viewed the Pentagon, the Lincoln Memorial, the federal building, the Arlington Cemetery, and the Washington Monument.

Some members of the entourage also made time for a fox hunt in Maryland where Shirley, his son Jim Bob, and Tercero donned traditional hunters garb to ride in the hunt while Schumann was part of the hill toppers who rode in a pickup.

For Cody Cazares, the inauguration was viewed from the perspective of a job successfully completed.



Jim and Verna Lee Shirley's sons, Jim Bob Shirley and Brent Shirley, and friend Debbie Pittman, all of Dallas, traveled to DC to help with the preparation, as well as to enjoy the festivities. They are pictured above as they prepare for the many visitors to the exhibit on Inauguration Day.

Being a worker in the early Bush presidential bid, Cazares was an active supporter throughout the campaign.

Upon his arrival in Washington, D.C. the day before the inauguration, Cazares visited with Bill Sessions on Capitol Hill. In a later visit, Mercer Reynolds, II gave Cazares a ticket to the youth concert. Cazares' ticket seated him near the Bush nominee for Secretary of Commerce and Housing. The Bush's twin daughters Jena and Barbara (who the elder Barbara Bush says is her revenge on George W.) were also in the gathering.

The Baylor student enjoyed among others, the band 98 Degrees and singer Leann Womack. The highlight of the night was a visit by Colin Powell and President-elect Bush.

The pre-inaugural night ended with a stop at the Hard Rock Cafe for a private reception given by the Nevada delegation.

A cold and wet morning greeted Cazares on inauguration day. After attending a reception given by Kay Bailey Hutchinson, Republican senator from Texas, Cazares walked to the presidential swearing in ceremony in freezing cold.

Cazares stated that the Texas themed "Black Tie and Boots Ball"

at which the Shirley's wagon and horses were featured was the "in place" of the festivities. Tickets which had originally sold for \$125 each were later bringing \$2000 on eBay. Cazares said that the boots and tie event was in stark contrast to the MTV ball which featured many rock stars and Hollywood celebrities and was the most popular event of the Clinton inauguration festivities.

The Texas flavor was evident in other areas. Western hats were in great demand. By Friday afternoon preceding the inauguration, shops in Washington, D.C. were completely sold out of the cowboy headwear.

The Texas flair extended into the inauguration parade with the Texas A&M Band and the Crawford High School band from the town near Bush's ranch, participating.

Although Texas roots were evident throughout the inaugural events with Stetsons in every crowd, the event was also the capitol at its most glamorous.

"Minks and limousines were everywhere," Cazares said.

For the Hansford eight, the inauguration of 2001 was as Jim Shirley said "a once in a lifetime" event but all eight readily agree that twice would be nice.

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Chico Tercero holds the reins and poses for a picture with gymnast Mary Lou Retton (in cowboy hat on horse) and some of her friends. Craig Schumann graciously let Mary Lou borrow his cowboy hat for the picture.

Schools Evacuate For Gas Leak

by Sara Eisfeld

Spearman Elementary and Junior High students were released around 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 8, 2001 from school after school officials discovered a gas leak.

"It was a safety issue," said Superintendent Rod Sumner. "We didn't think it was immediate, but we thought it was better to evacuate the area."

Within 30 minutes of discovering the gas leak, both buildings were evacuated of students.

Contractors later discovered that the gas pipeline in between the junior high and elementary buildings had come loose at the couplings.

Although the repairs took nearly two and a half days to complete, only Thursday classes were disrupted. Students were to be out of school on Friday in preparation for the Hansford County Stock Show.

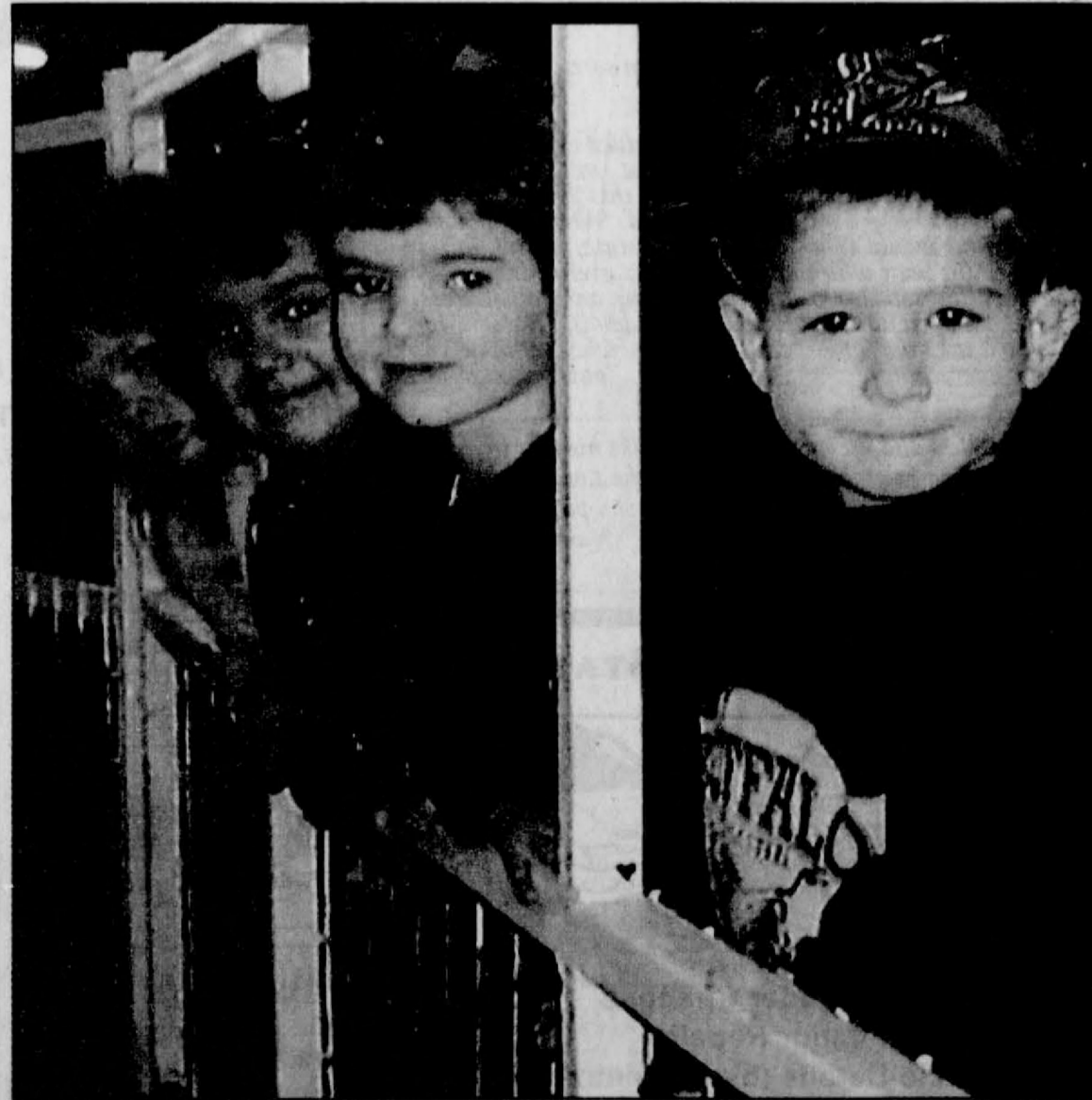
"If it had been earlier in the week - like Monday or Tuesday, we'd have had to take three days off," said Sumner. "It was fortunate that things happened when they did."

Sumner credits Rodney Cogdill and his staff for their persistent dedication to getting the problem repaired.



Sure Gonna Miss You, Buddy!

Jessica Schmidt gives her pig one last goodbye hug after the Hansford County Stock Show this past weekend.



What's Really Important? Seeing the Pigs...

Standing on the mesh wire and peering through the show ring fence, Jayme Pack, Tyann Hight, Carson Pearson, and Blake Burgess were quite perturbed when a man moved in front of them and hindered their ringside view of the Hansford County Swine Show. Tapping the man's leg through the wire fence, the boys asked "Can you please get out of the way so we can see the pigs?" The man obliged.

When the next class of pigs entered the ring, the swine judge politely asked the four-year olds "Am I still in your way?"

Gus Birdwell 5th Grade Science Fair

Thursday, February 17th • 8:30-10:30 a.m. • Gym

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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Someone sent me the following story. I'm not sure who it was, but I really enjoyed it and thought you might, too.

The Son

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. When the Viet Nam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son. About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art. The young man held out his package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this." The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift." The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected. The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?" There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted, "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?" Another voice shouted angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real bids!" But still the auctioneer continued, "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?" Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford. "We have \$10, who will bid \$20?" "Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters." \$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?" The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!" A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!" The auctioneer laid down his gavel, "I'm sorry, the auction is over." "What about the paintings?" "I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!" God gave his son 2,000 years ago to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is, "The son, the son, who'll take the son?" Because you see, whoever takes the son gets everything. author unknown

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 :)

Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor
Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



How Employees Steal From Themselves

"Don, this is a true story," the letter read. "I want to tell you how one of my employees cost himself a \$2,000 raise." Then in one page in clear, concise terms the writer of the letter - a savvy business owner, regular reader and friend - told me the story. It made me think of my early work years. Was I guilty of similar indiscretions? As I thought about the jobs I'd held, I remembered several situations where I'd made it easy for my bosses to keep me from being overpaid. No raise or promotion. The letter I mentioned in the opening paragraph pointed out one of the many ways employees can steal from their own success. As I considered turning this thought into a column, I talked with other business owners and managers. Between us we came up with several ways folks can limit their own salaries and success.

Self-limiting actions

- **Arrive late and leave early.** If you arrive five minutes late every morning and leave just 10 minutes early each evening you've saved

yourself more than one and a half week's work each year. It's like getting eight free vacation days. Of course, your employer may view it as you missing more than 60 hours of work.

- **Stretch your lunch hour and breaks.** If you take an extra-long lunch hour just once a week - say just an extra 30 minutes - you avoid working another 25 hours each year. When the boss is gone is a great time.
- **Spend a lot of phone time on personal business.** Call your sister, your spouse and any friends you haven't talked to since yesterday. It does make your day go faster. Your boss probably won't even notice if you make your calls when he or she is on the phone too.
- **Do a little Internet surfing and sharpen up your computer game skills.** This will speed up your workday.
- **Do only what you're told to do.** You can't be blamed for not doing something you weren't told to do can you? No, the safest way to keep your current pay level is to do only what you're told.
- **Don't build your skills.** Why bother to become a better communicator, no one ever listens to you anyway. Why learn the new computer software, it will be replaced in two years or less. Besides, if you can do more stuff someone may actually expect you to.
- **Don't worry about your attitude.** If the boss asks you to do something urgent when you're

doing something else, let him or her know you dislike the interruption. Usually, a quick scowl and a sigh will do the trick.

- **Look like a minimum-wage worker.** You can relax about the hair and body piercings. Wear your low-rider jeans and sneakers. You wouldn't want your friends to see you not looking cool and comfortable. Remember, it's a free country.

Follow these tips and I'll guarantee the results. Your boss will not fight so hard for your next raise. In fact, he or she may not fight at all. After all it's no crime to steal from yourself.

NOTICE

The Club area of the Cafe will be closed for repairs until February 18th. We are remodeling, cleaning, and installing air cleaners, so the club will work more efficiently. There will also be an extra waitress during the supper hours.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The passing of Ben Upchurch, obituary elsewhere, brings back memories to the many who have been associated with him in the past half century. He came here with the Soil Conservation Service 52 years ago. He was also a surveyor. Ben was always cheerful and accommodating and had a host of friends.

Sympathy is extended to his widow, Marian and other family members.

Sara and Mark Eisfeld had looked forward to the visit of Sara's parents, Harvey and Sandy Sankey of Lake Benton, Minnesota. Expecting to show them the differences in the Texas Panhandle and Minnesota, Sara met them in Amarillo on Friday and showed them snow covered country similar to their state.

They enjoyed the drive and Lake Palo Duro and didn't mention that Minnesota is "the land of 10,000 lakes."

They were here for the weekend, leaving on Monday. It is hoped they can return, when the weather permits a comparison tour of the local area and the occupations.

Kelly and Sid Sawyer, former residents of Spearman, spent the weekend in the home of Bill and Leann Carson. They now live in Buffalo.

Several members of the First Baptist Church returned Friday from a week in Matamoros, Mexico where they had gone to work at an orphanage. They built four bunk beds, six tables, two cabinets and a pantry.

Roy Lee Uptergrove and Alton Ellsworth picked up Doug Duose at Pampa and drove down. The next day, Doyle Jackson, Buddy Benton, Sammy Don Jones, and James Cunningham drove down. Will Jarvis, Brooks Beck and Shawn Ferrar flew.

Roy Lee has worked at this orphanage every year except two since 1974.

Delinda McLaughlin and Stephanie Brock returned late Saturday from a Creative Memories session in Dallas on Friday and Saturday. It was a very interesting and informative meeting. Delinda was called to the stage and introduced for her leadership of her group.

Stephanie was delighted to be awarded the President's Trip for her sales record as Senior Unit Leader.

The trip for two consists of six days in Santa Barbara and two in Los Angeles in March.

The obituary for Frankie Donnell, 70, is elsewhere in this issue. Since the onset of her illness, Frankie has been missed by her many friends, especially the "coffee drinkers" groups. Her pleasant demeanor and humorous observations made her presence a pleasure.

Condolences are extended to Oscar and her family.

Generally the library on Main and Hancock Street is a place where silence prevails but last Wednesday, the silence was shattered when a car jumped the curb on Hancock to

come crashing through a window, taking out the brick underpinning.

A young lady lost control of her car but was not injured though the car sustained some damage. Her name was not available.

Virginia Martin returned late Sunday from Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo where she and other family members had been since Tuesday, February 6. Her husband, Charles Linn, had been air lifted from Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton.

Charles Linn, an employee of Amarillo Road Construction, was run over by a front-end loader at the construction site on HW #70 between Perryton and Pampa.

His injuries are numerous and serious with definite lung damage, broken bones and internal injuries. He has been in CC unit and was on a respirator until Saturday. He has had two surgeries for crushed pelvis and has developed pneumonia. As of this writing, Monday, he is still on oxygen.

As this is being written, plans are underway for the reception for Andy Burleson who is joining the staff of the Interstate Bank here.

Andy, though Gruver claims him, is actually a Spearman product graduating in 1952. His parents were the Dan Burlesons and he and his sisters were raised in the Holt community.

He served in the military and is married to the former Patsy Cluck, daughter of Sam and Fay Cluck.

Andy is thoroughly familiar with agricultural interests, including cattle, as well as the financial aspects.

Spearman welcomes him to come back home!

While the local economy may be on a down turn, there is little evidence of it with the road construction, well drilling and movement of grain and livestock.

This community and surrounding areas offer security and relaxed living to the citizens to the point that they may be taken too much for granted.

This awareness of safety and security is largely due to our effi-

cient law enforcement officials.

There is more criminal element than is generally known which keeps them ever vigilant.

A recent list of prisoners from the Sheriff's office shows since January 1 to February 12 that 23 felons were jailed for crimes committed and tried. These are criminal charges, not civil.

Of the 23 jailed, three were for public intoxication; three for family assault; two for burglary; two for possession of alcoholic beverage with intent to sell; one for possession of marijuana; one assault with deadly weapon, parole violation, theft by check, harassment, probation violation, evading arrest, bond forfeiture, (drugs), indecency with a child, vehicle burglary, receiving stolen property and assault.

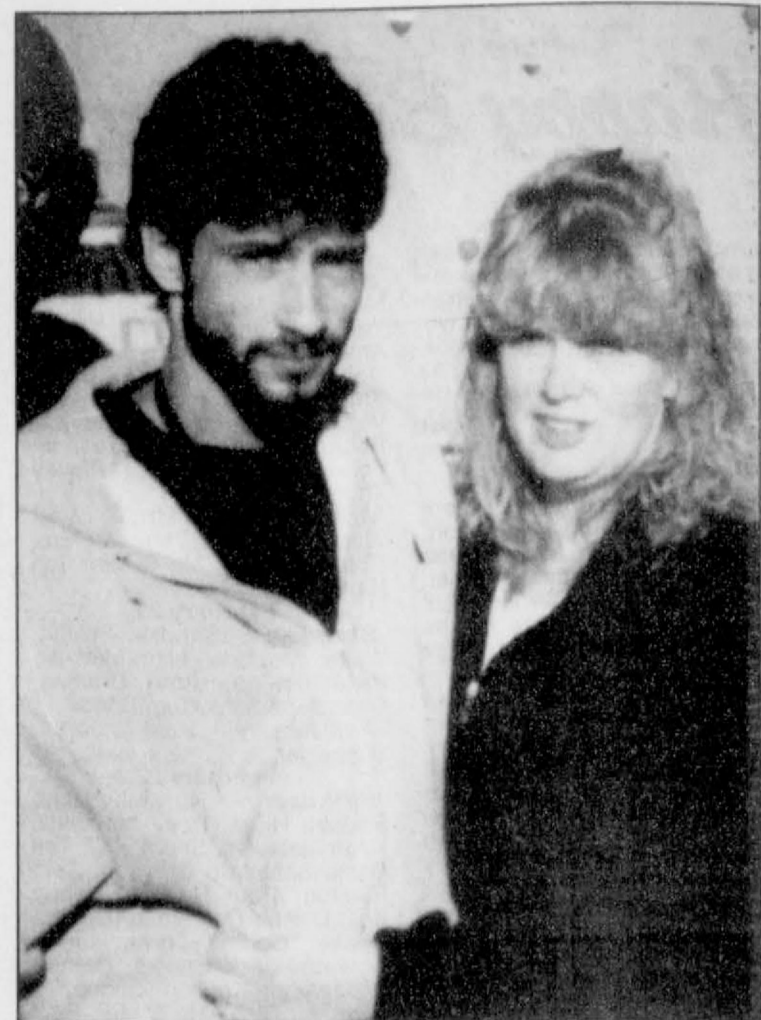
The Sheriff's office has at present 53 outstanding warrants issued for crimes committed in this county which have been placed on the computer. They cover a wide variety of offenses.

Sheriff McFarlin, who has been here 37 years when his term expires, feels strongly that the people of the county are law-abiding, trustworthy folk, but there is always a fringe element that keeps the law enforcement personnel constantly busy.

Hansford County covers 970 square miles and he and his deputies cover it. He gives much credit to his efficient deputies, Gary Evans, Pete Ochoa and Lance Swan.

Sheriff McFarlin is also very complimentary of the Spearman Police Department under the direction of Police Chief Welbe and his force. Their cooperation and efficiency have much contributed to the area's security.

Weather for the week of February 5 through February 12 at 7 a.m. shows the high temperature was on the 7th at 71 degrees; the low on the 9th at 14 degrees with snow of 6 inches.



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Roberts of Amarillo wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha Eve Dennis, to Brian Alan Morrow.

Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morrow of Amarillo. Samantha attended Tascosa High School, and graduated from the Exposito School of Hair Design in 1987. She is currently employed by Chris and Jessie Deakin.

Brian is a 1989 graduate of Amarillo High School. He is currently employed by Deakin Electric.

The couple plans an April 7, 2001 wedding in the Wedding Chapel in Amarillo. A reception will follow at Will Rogers Range Riders in the Club House.

College News

Texas A&M University Graduation

Texas A&M University recently awarded Scott Matthew Jarvis of Gruver a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Development. He was among 3,400 students receiving degrees during their fall commencement services.

Honor Rolls

Candice Lee Pipkin and Sydney Allison Woodington, both of Spearman, also were recently honored on the Distinguished Student list. They were among several thousand who were recognized for maintaining 3.25 to 3.75 Grade Point Ratio while taking at least 15 hours.

Texas A&M University Graduation

Texas Tech University awarded degrees to Jason Kevin Swink, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Swink of Spearman and Wylee Reed Maupin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Maupin of Gruver.

Swink received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management Info Systems and Maupin received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture & Applied Economics.

Honor Rolls

Fourteen Hansford County students at Texas Tech University in Lubbock qualified for academic honor lists for the fall semester.

Those on the President's Honor List include: Jocelyn Alane Edwards, daughter of Frank and Kitty Edwards; Lindsey Jan Smith, daughter of Bobby and Dixie Smith; Kelsey Lee Henton, son of Kerry and Jane Henton; Dillon Derrick Miller, son of Jim and Marlene Miller; Kristin Amy Evans, daughter of Gary & Nelle Evans; and Manuel Cortes Valencia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel G. Valencia.

Those on the Dean's List include: Kasey Lynn Dunnihoo, daughter of James & Carole Dunnihoo; Jarod Lee Huddleston, son of John David & Diane Crawford; Wesley Nicole Maupin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Maupin; Jared Mark Moore, son of Ann L. Moore; Jill Ann Odom, daughter of George Odom; Rolando Sammy Renteria, son of Jessie Renteria; Janae Jill Watley, daughter of Andy and Sheila Watley; and Lanna Camille Smith, daughter of Bobby and Dixie Smith

Thank You

Thank you very much to the Spearman Fire Department for arriving within five minutes, for helping us with the fire and for helping us clean up the house.

Thank you to the First Christian Church for supper on Sunday night. You were very gracious.

Terrell Evans

Thank You

On behalf of the Hansford County Stock Show Board, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following for their donations to the Goat Share Fund. Upon the completion of collection, this money will be distributed evenly to all those who did not make the sale. Your support of the Hansford County Stock Show is greatly appreciated. If you would like to contribute, please contact Gina Gillispie at the Spearman Chamber of Lenny Pecha at First State Bank.

Bill Hunter, Vanderburg children, Lee Bradford, Corner Service Station, Sparks Spraying, Gemini Designs, Kay & R.L. McFarlin, Josh Bynum, Pittman & Sons, Stedje Brothers, David Bergin, Rick & Cheryl Sander, AGCO, Palo Duro Feeders, Clay Montgomery, Montgomery girls, Hereford Bi-Products, Danny & Debbie Herrington, Spearman Bail Bonds

Thank You

I would like to thank the Gruver Fire Department and Ambulance Service for their help and kindness shown to me in the wreck south of Gruver on February 1, 2001. Though I don't know their names, I do remember their kindness and comfort until Medi-Vac arrived to transport me to Northwest Texas Hospital. Doctors expect a full recovery.

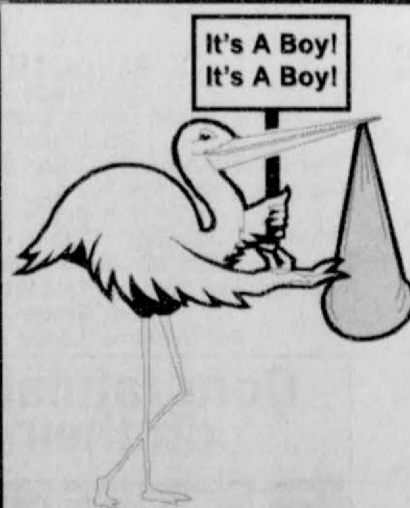
Rebecca Browning

You are invited to a Baby Shower

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Logan and Josie Hudson of Hemphill, TX are the proud parents of twin boys born on Sunday, February 11, 2001. Samuel Ross weighed in at 4 pounds, 15 ounces, and Daniel Joe weighed in at 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Proud grandparents are Larry and Jan Holt of Spearman and Stan and Patti Hudson of Pampa.

Great-grandparents are John and Virginia Trindle and Nolan and Helen Holt of Spearman, Jean Holland of Gruver, and Faber and Frances Francis of Pampa.

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

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Bridal Registry

Joanna Jarvis & Randy Roberts - Feb. 17th
Lacie Baker & Trent Tidwell - March 10th
Kim Venneman & Clint Cooper - March 17th
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Lady Hounds Take District Laurels

In a win over the Boys Ranch Lady Riders on Tuesday night, (2-6-01), the Lady Hounds capped off a perfect district record with the girls district 1-A championship.

The Lady Hounds played White Deer for the bi-district title on Tuesday night in Fritch. Results of the game came too late for press coverage this week, but in the likely event the Lady Hounds defeated the Does (which they have twice this season) they will play in the sectional tournament in Levelland at 10 a.m. on Friday, February 16. According to Superintendent Laura Blessingame, there will be no school on Friday, February 16, should the girls basketball team be competing in the sectional tournament.

Gruver Youths Excel in County Stock Show

Two Gruver youths took grand champion honors with their exhibits in the Hansford County Stock Show over the weekend.

Teal Armes' lamb and Brad Holt's

steer both took top honors in the annual show while Kellyn King's lamb was named reserve champion lamb and Lanie Grave's gilt was chosen reserve champion swine.

Kaylee Holt was chosen senior swine showman while Lance Williams was chosen junior swine showman.

Storm Hits Gruver Area

A fast-moving storm with lightning, sleet, and snow hit the Gruver area Thursday afternoon. The storm deposited a thick layer of sleet late Thursday afternoon before changing to blowing snow near nightfall.

The underlying layer of ice made travel hazardous and sidewalks treacherous over the weekend.

The City of Gruver reported two inches of snow and .92 inches of moisture.

Houston Stock Show Meeting Slated

A meeting for all parents and exhibitors taking animals to the Houston Stock Show will be 7 p.m. Monday, February 19, in the Gruver Vocational Ag Building.

Plans for transportation and trip coordination will be made at that time. For more information, call Clay Montgomery, 733-2091.

Residents Express Appreciation
Several Gruver residents have asked that kudos be given to the Gruver Highway Department for their work in clearing roadways in the two recent winter storms that have hit the area.

Juniors Receive Rings

The GHS junior class received their senior rings in a ceremony in the high school library on Wednesday, February 14.

Season Ends for GJHS Basketball

The junior high boys and girls ended their basketball season in games with Boys Ranch Monday, February 5.

While all junior high teams had successful seasons and ended with winning records, the seventh grade boys finished with a perfect record.

Gruver Eighth Grade Girls

Gruver 44, Boys Ranch 9

Gruver Seventh Grade Girls

Gruver 32, Boys Ranch 18

Senior Banquet Slated

The Church of Christ senior ban-

quet will be held in the church's fellowship hall Monday, March 12.

All senior students are invited to the meal and entertainment.

TAAS Scheduled

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Test will be given to high school students on February 20-22. The writing portion of the test will be on Tuesday, February 20 with the math portion on Wednesday, February 21, and the reading portion on Thursday, February 22.

Sympathy Expressed

The community's sympathy is extended to the family of J.W. and Rhonda Ward in the loss of Rhonda's mother, Frankie Donnell. This is the second recent death for the Ward family as J.W.'s father, Jewel Ward died in January.

Former Gruver teacher Ginger Barte called Gruver Schools last week to report the death of her mother who lived in Albany.

Student's Condition Improves

Junior Steven Salazar continues to improve following his sledding accident in December. Last week Steven progressed from his wheelchair to crutches.



Lake Depth--February 12, 2001-- 46.1 feet

If any of you readers checked your computer for the Lake Depth, you read that the Lake had jumped over 2 feet in depth since last week. Don't believe it. Something is wrong with the gauge.

Bird Talk

Jim reports that 30 ring-billed gulls have been seen on Horse Creek. These pale gray birds have a black ring just above the tip of the thin yellow bill. They have yellow legs and yellow eyes. These birds are common to abundant winter visitors, but most of us have not seen them.

At the feeder at the Derington home, Jim has been seeing cardinals, blue jays, scrub jays, pinyon jays, mountain bluebirds and several small birds.

Margaret and Charles Bell, who live northwest of Gruver, have had a small flock of mountain bluebirds visiting them the last three days. The beauty of their intensely blue feathers have made them very welcome.

I have a copy of Kenneth Seyffert's just published Birds of the Texas Panhandle. The illustrations are by Carolyn Stallwitz of Dumas. Kenneth, who lives in Amarillo, has done the main listing of the birds at the Park and Lake. This book is not one for the new birder to use identifying the birds he sees. It is for those who want to know how often particular birds are seen, what times of the year they are seen, if they nest here, and along with the current status, the historical mentions of the species as far back as Abert in 1846.

Ferrets

Elvin Wright of Gruver has shared this story of seeing a ferret when he farmed north of Gruver over 20 years ago. One morning when he drove up to his machinery, he saw a ferret with a big rat in its mouth. The ferret, on seeing Elvin, dropped the rat and disappeared. The rat had puncture holes on its neck that were still bleeding. Elvin left to tend to his irrigating but later came back and found the rat was gone.

Louis Schnell of Spearman saw a ferret run in front of his car between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M. two years ago on the Gibner side of the Park. He remembers the animal as being rather dark.

Louis thought Luther Matthews and the Clucks bought ferrets in the 30's or 40's to turn loose in their prairie dog towns.

Paul Stavlo bought two pairs of ferrets some time ago for up on the Knutson Ranch. My memory is that they disappeared. Now I am wondering if the ferret that Louis saw was one that Paul had bought.

Since the black-footed ferret is on the endangered list, they aren't being sold. Does anyone know about the origin of the ferrets that can be bought?

Miscellaneous

Early Sunday morning Jim saw a bobcat at the entrance of the Park.

Ramon has found both sides of a mule deer's antlers in the Park north of the dam. It is unusual to find both sides fairly close together. Later they will be displayed at the office.

There have been some dead fish found at the lake edges. One was a bass that weighed 9 pounds. The wildlife people said there not enough dead fish to be a concern.

Blowin' In The Wind

by Dwayne Mitchell

A Challenge 27 with a twelve-foot wheel is being prepared by the Showtime Car Club for placement in the J. B. Buchanan Windmill Park.

The mill was bought by two of the Showtime Car Club members from a rancher north of White Deer. Members of the SPWA and the Showtime Club went to White Deer to bring the mill to Spearman, but because of the size of the mill, twelve feet, and at the height of the tower, it was necessary to get professional help to set the mill down.

The wheel and tail were sent to Denver for dipping in galvanized metal; meanwhile, the large gear box was being disassembled, refurbished, and reassembled. The wheel has been assembled, and the blades tipped with a four inch red band.

Much of the restoration work of assembling the wheel and of the gear box has been done by Showtime member Walter Woolley, who also is a SPWA member.

Robert Novak donated a large angle iron tower that will be painted and will hold the Challenge 27. Top of the wheel to the ground will be about 40 feet so the Challenge 27 will be a towering (sorry) presence in the windmill park.

Completion of the Challenge 27 is just that, a challenge, but it illustrates how organizations can help with the SPWA's task of completing

the windmill displays in time for the International Trade Fair to be held here in June, 2002.

When will the Challenge 27 be up in the park? Hopefully, by late spring as the weather will be the determining factor.

Hummer Model F

The Hummer Model F is number 9 in the list of windmills in Spearman. It is located on the Chamber of Commerce triangle at the intersection of Collard Street and Kenneth Avenue or known colloquially as "Crazy Corners."

Distinctive characteristics of the Hummer are the ten-foot umbrella wheel that is governed by a large weight and has the chicken (a Plymouth Rock to everyone except those who don't know a Leghorn from a Rhode Island Red) decorative weight.

The mill was donated by Mr. Clyde Kile, a noted windmill collector at Beaver, Oklahoma.

The mill's working mechanism was sandblasted, painted and assembled by Terry Schneider. The mechanism is operated by a rotary crank that is powered by the wheel. This rotary crank operates a pitman that is connected to a slide mechanism that slides up and down in a bracket. The sucker rod is fastened to this slide mechanism to give the sucker rod its pumping action.

The wheel built by Orville Latham, Don Reed, J. D. Wilbanks, Sammy Don Jones, and other SPWA members is white with red tips and folds out of the wind by means of the weighted vanes.

One must have seen the Hummer in its various and sundry pieces as it came to Spearman to truly appreciate the amount of effort and coordination that goes into a mill's restoration to its former grandeur.

Exact age of the Hummer that we have in Spearman is unknown, but it dates from the first decade of the twentieth century. The Hummer Model F is an important part of our windmill heritage.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

How fortunate we are in Spearman to have a person like Elaine Swan to deliver our Amarillo Globe-News. The weather is never too bad that she doesn't make her delivery: rain, snow, or sleet, she manages to get the paper to us. She even goes further than throwing the paper. During the last two snow storms, I have found my paper on my front porch.

Thank you, Elaine, I do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Pauline McGee

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School Board Workshop To Offer Candidates Info, Insight

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 22 from 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center, 1601 S. Cleveland in Amarillo.

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board services, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at (512) 467-0222 or (800)580-8272, ext. 6104 or check the TASB website at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

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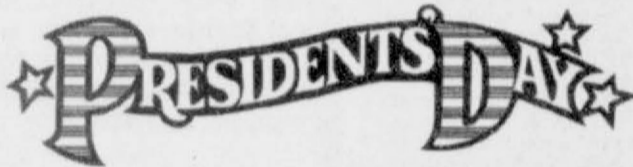
Hansford County Veterans

Listed below are the names of three Hansford County Veterans who were inadvertently left off of the Veteran's List that was published on November 9, 2000. If you know of others, please call the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office at 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine Smith

Van Bradford
Oscar Donnell
Gilbert Salgado

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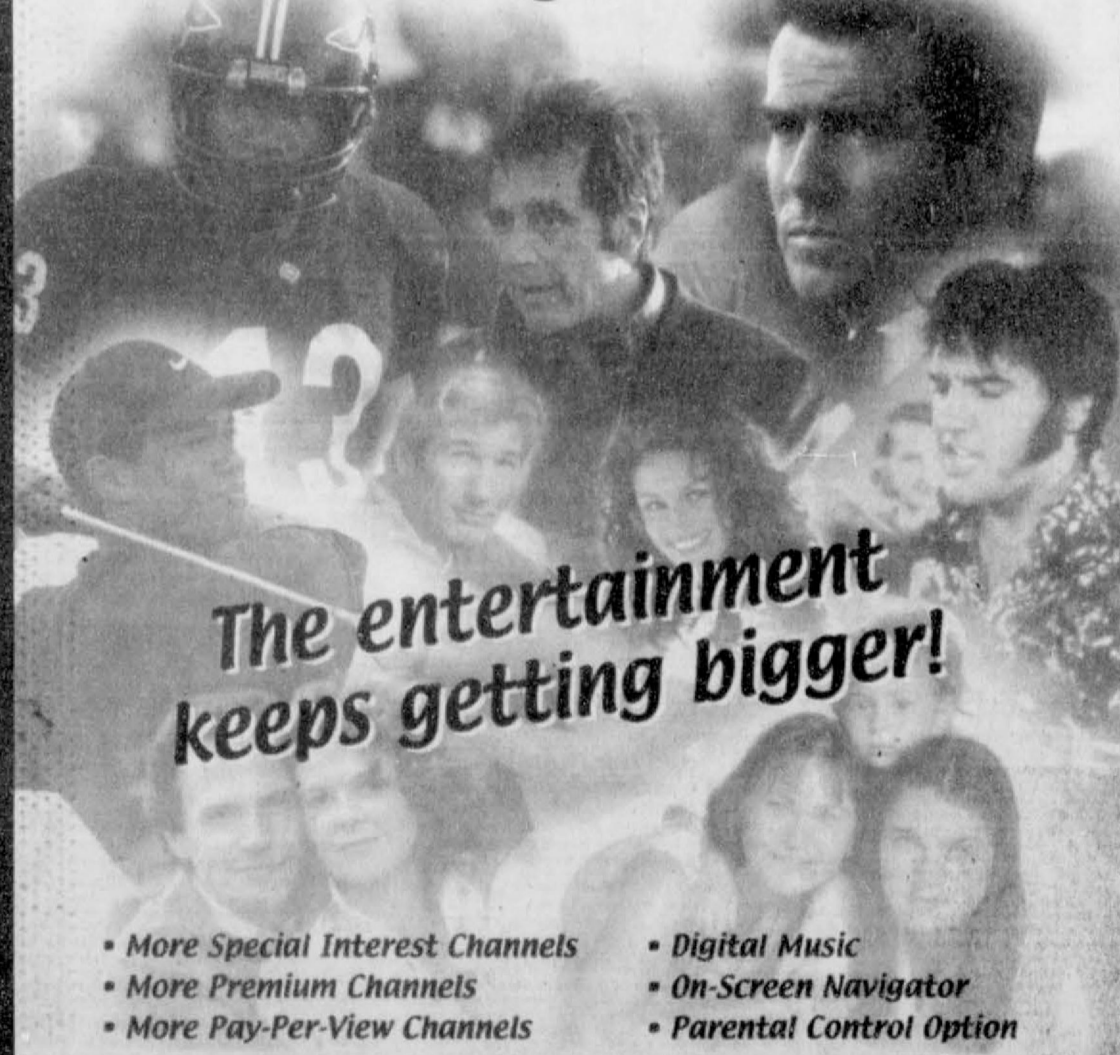
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