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### IN THE NEWS

**Military planners assess options for Iraq**  
WASHINGTON - U.S. military planners ordered to draft options for a quick boost to troop levels in Iraq are weighing moves to send another Army brigade or delay the departure of Marines already in the war zone, defense officials said this week.

**Hindus through the Ganges for holy bathing festival**  
ALLAHABAD, India - Nearly half a million Hindus braved near-freezing temperatures to wash away their sins in the icy waters of the Ganges river in northern India on Wednesday, the first day of a six-week festival.

**Gunman kills male student at Washington high school**  
SEATTLE - A gunman shot and killed a male student at a high school in Tacoma, Washington before the start of classes on Wednesday, a police spokesman said.

**San Quentin stops taking new inmates amid stomach bug**  
SAN FRANCISCO - California's most famous prison, San Quentin, has temporarily stopped accepting new inmates and allowing outside visitors for the first time after nearly 500 prisoners fell ill with gastroenteritis, officials said.

**Carter, Rumsfeld give final salute to Ford**  
GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan - Friends and colleagues from Gerald Ford's years in official Washington gave the former U.S. president a final salute on Wednesday as a week of national memorials came to an end in his Michigan hometown.

**Briton accused of U.S. double murders hospitalized**  
BOSTON - A Briton accused of murdering his American wife and infant daughter has been transferred from a Massachusetts jail to a psychiatric hospital to determine if he suffers from a major mental illness, a hospital official said.

**U.S. aims to stop Islamic extremists fleeing Somalia**  
WASHINGTON - U.S. forces are deployed near Somalia to block the escape of members of that country's ousted Islamist government with ties to al Qaeda and other extremists, a State Department spokesman said.

**Indonesia seeks missing plane with foreign help**  
MAKASSAR, Indonesia - Aircraft from Singapore on Thursday joined Indonesia's intensive search for a plane that had 102 people on board when it disappeared in bad weather four days ago.

**Mexico troops enter Tijuana in drug gang crackdown**  
TIJUANA, Mexico - Hundreds of soldiers and federal police descended on the border city of Tijuana on Wednesday to probe corruption by local police and open a new front in President Felipe Calderon's war on drug violence.

**Basque separatists say surprised by deadly ETA bomb**  
MADRID - A party seen by Spain's government as the political wing of Basque guerrillas ETA said on Wednesday it was caught by surprise by Saturday's deadly car bomb, which led the government to end the country's peace process.

**Shares end flat in 2007 debut after Fed's minutes**  
NEW YORK - U.S. stocks ended little changed in their 2007 debut session on Wednesday, as minutes from the Federal Reserve's latest meeting renewed concerns about the strength of the economy and corporate profits and halted an early rally.

**Two more test positive for polonium in UK probe**  
LONDON - Two more people have tested positive for low levels of polonium 210, the radioactive poison that killed former Russian agent Alexander Litvinenko, British health authorities said on Wednesday.



Bonnie Funk and Sandy Russell help distribute food at the First Christian Church through the Angel Food Ministry.

#### JANUARY 2007 MENU

- Regular Unit - \$25.00**  
(6) 5 oz. Bacon-Wrapped Beef Filets  
(1) 16 oz. Bean Soup Mix  
(1) 15 oz. Diced Bartlett Pears  
(1) 1.5 lb. Boneless Pork Roast  
(1) 26 oz. Pasta Sauce  
(1) 14 oz. Peanut Butter  
(1) 2 lb. Fully Cooked Frying Chicken  
(1) 16 oz. Pasta  
(1) 8 oz. Pancake Mix  
(1) 2 lb. Salisbury Steak Entree  
(1) 7.5 oz. Mac & Cheese  
(1) Dessert Item  
(1) 2 lb. Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast  
(1) 24 oz. French Fries  
(1) 7 oz. Brown-N Serve Sausage  
(1) 1 lb. Flame-Broiled Meatballs  
(1) 16 oz. Green Peas & Carrots

**Special 1\***  
10 lb. Box Popcorn Chicken \$16.00

**Special 2\***  
5 lb. Combo Box - \$18.00  
(4 8-oz. Ribeyes, 2 lb. Beef Back Ribs, 1 lb. Italian Sausage)

**Special 3\***  
12 lb. 4-4-4 Special - \$18.00  
(4 meals serves 4 each)  
(Beef Stew, Chicken Fajitas, Seasoned Pork Chops & Rice, Chicken Alfredo)

\* One or more SPECIALS available only with order of one or more regular units

#### VERSE OF THE WEEK

There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?

- James 4:12-12

#### VOICE OF THE WEEK

...never be conceited. With respect to our attitude toward our enemies, this means first, remember that you were God's enemy and that, without having earned it or being worthy of it, you were met with mercy. It means second, remember that God hung on the cross for your enemy too, and love God and God loves you.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail me at cathysmith@antden.com.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Who qualifies?**  
Everyone, there are no applications or qualifications to order Angel Food.

**Where does the food come from?**

Our food is "restaurant grade" meats, frozen vegetables, fruits, dairy products, etc. which we acquire through our involvement with only the best producers/vendors of high quality, "name brand" foods. Never "seconds" or "day old" type products are involved.

**Can we purchase more than one unit or special?**

Yes, you can purchase as many regular units as you would like. To purchase a special box you must first order a regular unit.

**Where do I pay and pick up my food?**

We have host sites all over the United States. Click here to locate a local participant.

#### WEATHER WATCH

**THURSDAY NIGHT** - Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 40s. West winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the north 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow in the evening - then a slight chance of snow after midnight. Breezy. Lows around 19. North winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

**SATURDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows around 18.

**SUNDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

**MONDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

**MONDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

**TUESDAY** - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

**TUESDAY NIGHT** - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s.

**WEDNESDAY** - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

### NOTICE

The Hansford County Tax Office will be closed on January 11, 2007.

The staff will be attending a TxDOT training in Amarillo.

## Angel Food Ministries



"A Food Ministry With A Servant's Heart"

Many people in the Panhandle, like the rest of the country, have a hard time supplying the basic necessities for their family. These people are not necessarily unemployed, but just the victims of being left somewhere in the middle. They make too much money to qualify for public assistance, but make too little to pay all of their bills and put nutritional meals on the table. Fortunately, there is help available.

The First Christian Church in Spearman has been accepted as an Angel Food Ministry host site. This ministry allows anyone to purchase boxes of food at just over half of grocery store prices.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia (between Atlanta and Athens), and has grown to serve hundreds of thousands of families every month across 32 states. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

**Blessings by the box**  
Angel Food's groceries are sold in a quantity that can fit into a

medium-sized box at \$25 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$50. Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42 and \$78.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one would purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices. Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can purchase, and there are no applications to complete or qualifications to which participants must adhere. Angel Food Ministries, like most all other retail grocery stores, also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program, using the Off-Line Food Stamp Voucher system.

**How the Program works**  
Food sales and distribution are handled by church host sites. Orders and payments are collected by the host sites during the first part of each month. These orders are then turned in to the Angel Food main office in Monroe, Georgia, on a predetermined date. Several days later, in the same month, the host site either picks up the food from Angel Food's 160,000 square foot warehouse to fill the orders on Distribution Day or, because this ministry is growing nationwide, food is delivered to the host site by a pre-arranged delivery mode. In most cases, as long as there is a truck headed in the direction of a community who wants this program and sees its ministry influence, there are no extra transportation costs.

It's both a Bargain and a Blessing!

January's orders must be placed by Saturday, January 13th. Orders must be paid at the time they are placed.

Food will be distributed on Saturday, January 27th from 1-2 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 29 S. Bernice, in Spearman.

For more information, or to place an order, contact Sandy Russell at 659-2497, Cathy Smith at 659-3434 or Bonnie Funk.

## Smiths prepare for new chapter life

By Mike Lee  
For The Reporter-Statesman

Folks in Spearman probably can't imagine Ric Smith selling encyclopedias or fire alarms.

Or majoring in economics in college instead of physical education.

The 57-year-old Smith -- who is retiring after 32 years of coaching football, including the last 26 at Spearman -- didn't set out to be a football coach. His future wife, Sandee Gregory, wouldn't allow it.

Ric and Sandee were high school sweethearts during the late 1960s in Olton, about 50 miles northwest of Lubbock. They married in 1969, only a year after high school.

"She said she would agree to marry me as long as I wasn't going to be a coach," Ric said. "I started studying business and working toward an economics degree at West Texas State. I sold encyclopedias and fire alarms on the side. I wasn't very good at it. I'd go into some homes, and they'd look like they couldn't afford another meal. I would end up telling them, 'You don't need this.'"

Ric eventually began teaching PE part-time at Gene Howe Elementary in Canyon. The superintendent told Ric if he would get certified to teach PE, he would hire him full-time. Ric taught elementary PE for two years, but he couldn't stand it any longer. At age 24, he knew he was meant to be a football coach.

So in 1975, Ric took his first coaching assignment as an assistant at Bovina. He wasn't sure if Sandee would go with him or not.

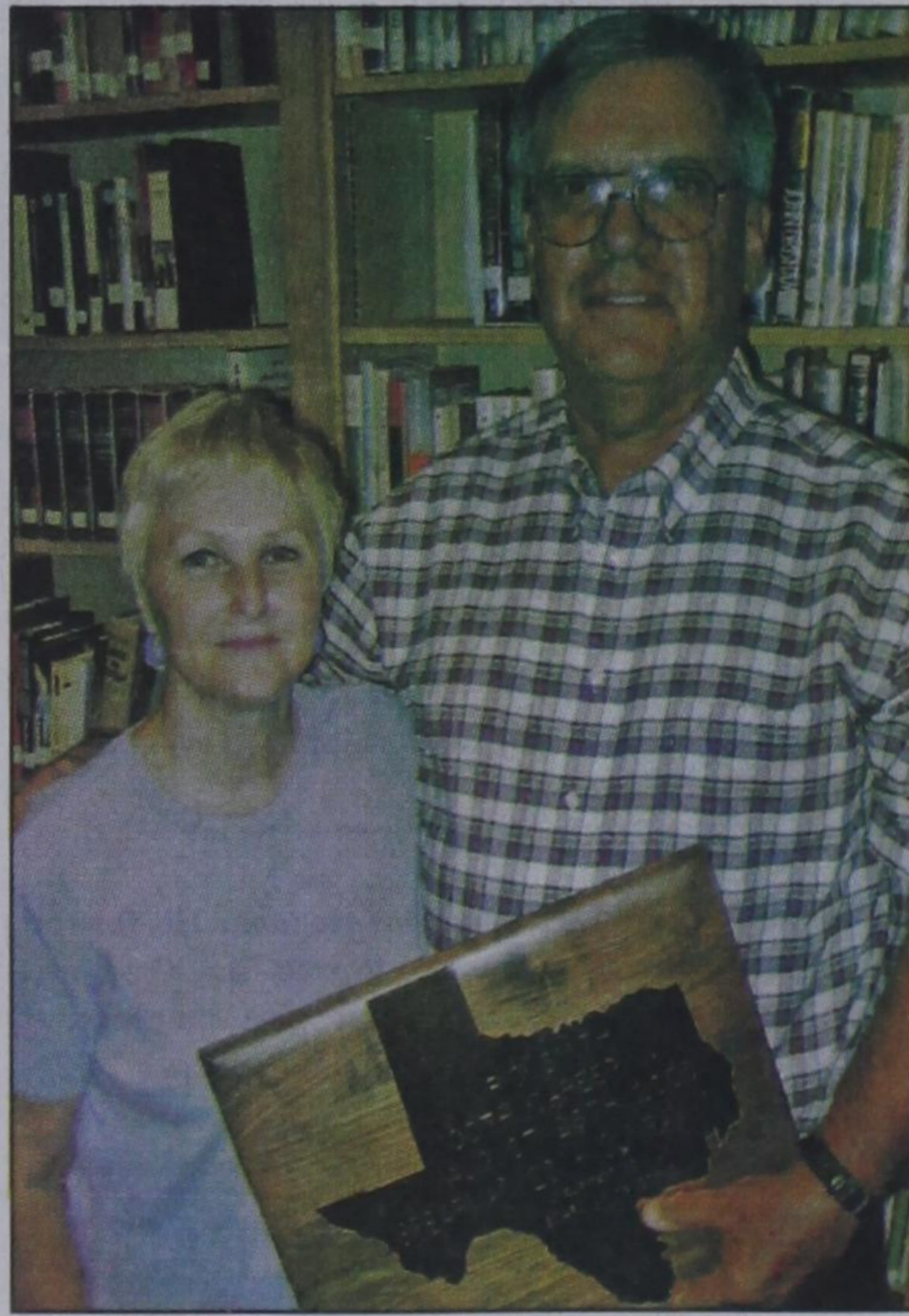
"I told her that, if she wanted to go home to mamma, she could, but that I was going to go coach," Ric said. "I wasn't sure if she would go with me or not. Luckily for me, she stuck with me."

"If she had really put her foot down, I might have gone back to selling encyclopedias."

Now, after 37 years of marriage, Sandee Smith laughs at the possibility she might not have followed her husband in his coaching career.

"I told him in high school that I wasn't going to marry a coach because I wasn't going to have to move every two years," Sandee said. "I guess by the time he became a coach, I had matured and grown up out in the real world."

"Teaching school made me happy. I knew how important it was to be happy in your job. I knew being a coach would make Ric



Spearman High School athletic director and head varsity football coach Ric Smith was honored by the Spearman ISD Board of Directors in September of 2005 after his 100th career win. The Spearman Lynx defeated Sunray 20-19 on August 26, 2005.

happy." The frequent dreaded moves came early in Ric's coaching career. He spent two years each at Bovina, Gruver and Ralls. While at Gruver, the Smiths bought a mobile home they moved to Ralls and then to Spearman in 1980.

"I just thought that was the way it was going to be," Ric said of moving so often. "When we left for Spearman, teaching and coaching jobs paid better in the Panhandle area. We figured we'd come to Spearman for a year or two and save some money and then move back to the South Plains."

Twenty-six years later, the Smiths still haven't left Spearman. Something changed in Spearman. Ric's career stabilized. So did his personal life. The Smiths sold their mobile home after three

years in Spearman and bought the house of former Spearman girls basketball coach Ralph Newton at 723 Steele Drive. It remains the Smith's house today some 23 years later.

Ric was an assistant coach at Spearman for 11 years under three head coaches -- Jimmy Duncan, Larry Lanier and Don Mullins.

"I liked the way they did things," Ric said. "There was not a lot of incentive to move. Our daughters (Daena and Shari) were starting to get involved in school activities, and it's harder to leave when that starts happening. Spearman was just a good place to raise kids. Ours could get on their bicycles and ride to the swimming pool, and we didn't have to worry about them."

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Live,  
Laugh &  
Love



by Catherine R. Smith  
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Well, here we are again at the start of a brand new year, the winter air blowing cold and brisk, carrying with it a new surge of enthusiasm and energy in anticipation of the things to come. It is also traditionally a time for making new year's resolutions. But whether or not you choose to follow this tradition, here are a few things to think about.

### This Year

Mend a quarrel.  
Seek out a forgotten friend.  
Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust.

Write a love letter.  
Share some treasure.  
Give a soft answer.  
Encourage youth.

Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.

Keep a promise.  
Find the time.  
Forego a grudge.  
Forgive an enemy.

Listen.  
Apologize if you are wrong.  
Try to understand.  
Flout envy.

Examine your demands on others.  
Think first of someone else.  
Appreciate.

Be kind; be gentle.  
Laugh a little.  
Laugh a little more.  
Deserve confidence.

Take up arms against malice.

Decry complacency.  
Express your gratitude.  
Welcome a stranger.  
Gladden the heart of a child.  
Take pleasure in the beauty of the earth.  
Speak your love.  
Speak it again.  
Speak it still once again.

Best wishes to you and your family  
for a safe, healthy and happy new year.

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 :)

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**ACROSS**

1. Tiny piece of anything
5. Lightning McQueen in 2006 children's movie
8. Not that
12. Grammy Award winner Braxton
13. Low-down
14. Have a great desire for
15. Shamu
16. 4,840 square yards
17. Pale purple color
18. Before elementary
20. Religious painting
21. Capital of Lombardy
22. A Tan American writer
23. Arrow poison
26. Division lower than clan
30. Lennon's wife
31. Hockey player in Vancouver
34. Kids' building block
35. Hello in 50th state
37. Geological time period
38. Knight's breastplate
39. Stretch on Oscar night
40. Playground favorites
42. Type of brew
43. Hinders
45. They don't fall far from the tree
47. Compass point between northeast and east
48. Small but noticeable part
50. Author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"
52. Where children never grow up
56. Deep sleep
57. Aflame
58. Composer Stravinsky
59. Separate
60. Soothes skin
61. Type of cabbage
62. "got \_\_\_?"
63. Not, prefix
64. Complements yin

**DOWN**

1. On top
2. Unit named after Torricelli
3. Popular fairytale opening
4. Air pollution
5. Hot winter drink
6. Emeril garment
7. Film wheel
8. Beginner's wheels
9. Over an angel
10. Hollywood producer Reitman
11. Short for second
13. Brightly colored flower native to Central American mountains
14. What kids do on monkey bars
19. Approximately, especially of a year
22. Black and white sea bird
23. Embers
24. Not set afire
25. Spacious
26. PET or CAT
27. Longer than 8 1/2" x 11"
28. Nimble
29. Olfactory organ, pl.
32. Traditionally anchored in the evening
33. Uniform Resource Identifier
36. Done before bed?
38. Turkish money
40. "Monkey \_\_\_\_, monkey do"
41. Reproductive cell
44. Slow and apathetic
46. Insurance contract
48. Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
49. "Par \_\_\_\_" or "Air Mail"
50. Shoshonean people
51. A gem of hydrated silica
52. Indian flatbread
53. Title for Turkish military leader
54. Lunch time?
55. Medicine
56. "I do not like them, \_\_\_-I-am"

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**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Ed Sterling

### NORTH TEXAS LAWMAKER CAMPAIGNS TO UNSEAT CURRENT SPEAKER

When the Texas Legislature convenes Jan. 9, the 150 members of the Texas House of Representatives must choose who among them will preside as speaker. Incumbent Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, will need 76 votes - 50 percent of 150, plus one - to retain his office. But Craddick will have competition this time from fellow Republican state Rep. Brian McCall of Plano. McCall says he and other state representatives are ready for a change in leadership and he believes he has the votes to unseat Craddick. The House's composition is 81 Republicans and 69 Democrats. Without a large-scale switch of allegiance among Republicans to his camp, McCall will have to convince many Democrats to back him. Craddick, 63, was elected speaker in January 2003 after serving 34 years as a House member. He was re-elected speaker in 2005. McCall, 48, has served in the House since 1991.

**President Ford honored in death**  
Gov. Rick Perry on December 27 ordered all flags to be flown at half-staff in memory and in honor of the life and public service of former President Gerald R. Ford. Ford, 93, died December 26.

"President Ford was a calming, dignified voice of leadership during a turbulent time in the history of our country," Perry said. "His tenure as president was extraordinary and his lifetime of public service to our country in the United States Navy and in Congress was admirable and worthy of the respect of all Americans."

The governor's directive applies to all U.S. and state flags under the control of the state. Flags will be at half-staff on the state Capitol Building and on flag displays in the Capitol Complex, and upon all public buildings, grounds, and facilities throughout the state for 30 days. Perry encouraged all Texans to fly flags at half-staff for the same length of time as a sign of respect.

Perry also ordered Texas flags to half-staff on Dec. 29 in honor of Scottie Stevenson, daughter-in-law of Gov. Coke Stevenson. She served as Texas' first lady after Gov. Stevenson's wife died and when her husband, Gov. Stevenson's son, was deployed to the Pacific during World War II.

**TEA clears schools after audit**  
The Texas Education Agency closed investigations into possible TAKS testing irregularities at 592 Texas schools when no evidence of wrongdoing was found.

The agency said an analysis by Caveon Test Security earlier this year flagged 700 schools as having "data anomalies" during the 2005 testing period.

A school was flagged by Caveon if the firm's review found an aberrant or unusual response pattern, a large score gain, a statistically unusual number of erasures or very similar test responses, such as correctly answering hard questions while missing easy questions.

The Commissioner's Task Force on Test Integrity concluded that security audits and on-site investigations found no evidence of action that violated the state's extensive test security system at 592 schools.

Three of the 700 schools flagged for their 2005 test results have since closed. Cases are still open for 105 schools.

**Sierra Club joins coal lawsuit**  
Power companies are moving quickly on plans to build coal-fired plants in Texas to meet growing demand for power and to reduce the state's reliance on expensive natural gas to produce electricity.

According to a Reuters news agency report, the Sierra Club has intervened in a lawsuit to slow the permitting process for as many as 18 coal-fired power plants in Texas.

The suit, aimed mainly at plans by Dallas-based TXU Corp. to invest \$10 billion to build 11 pulverized coal-burning units in the next few years, seeks to overturn an executive order issued last year by Gov. Perry that accelerates the process to obtain an air permit in Texas.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings has scheduled a Feb. 21 hearing to consider six air permits for identical coal units to be built at TXU sites in north Texas.

**Former AG now out of prison**  
Dan Morales, who served two terms as Texas attorney general, has been released from federal prison in Texarkana.

Morales began serving a sentence in 2003 after he was convicted of fraud related to payment of attorney fees in the state's \$17 billion lawsuit against cigarette makers.

Morales has transferred to a halfway house in the San Antonio area.

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# Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

Joy to the World the Lord is come! We study 1 Samuel 2:18-26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, and Luke 2:41-52. We open the first Sunday in Christmas with a story of a "wonder" child, the prophet Samuel, and the graciousness of the Lord to Hannah, Samuel's mother. The Psalmist sings a song of praise by all creation to the Lord, the Creator who has raised a "horn" for His people! [Haggai and Zachariah note that the "horn" is humble in afflictions, in tribulations, in temptations, and in beating the breast, here we see the Christ.]

Paul addresses the Colossians as "chosen ones" [in the early Church the newly baptized dressed in white to show they were "cleansed" and "chosen" by God] and urges them to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Note as you study that all these baptismal virtues deal with personal relationships, person to person. Paul charges the Colossians to clothe themselves in the love which binds all together in harmony. The Greek word Paul uses could actually translate, "Let the peace of God be the umpire of your heart". If we truly love and abide in the spirit of Christ Jesus, we cannot hate or mistreat our spouses, our children, our parents or our neighbors. If we truly love and abide in the spirit of Christ Jesus, we must in our words and deeds act in the spirit of Christ Jesus and thus joyfully praise Him.

Luke shows Jesus becoming an adult. Jewish tradition required every adult male within fifteen miles of Jerusalem to attend the Passover. At twelve, a Jewish boy becomes a "Son of the Law" and is thereafter treated as an adult.

We see Jesus leaving his family and listening to the teachers of the law and asking questions of them. Mary, the mother, finds him and chastises him, "Child why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." Jesus replied, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Jesus the Son of Man is Jesus the Son of God!

We are told that Mary treasured these things in her heart. May the Holy Spirit be the "umpire" of your heart that you may live in love.

As we enter the season of Epiphany [the season of "making known" of "revealing"] we study the baptism of Jesus through Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, and Luke 3:15-22. Isaiah Chapters 40-50 is referred to by some as Second Isaiah and was composed circa 547-540 BCE which is after the rise of the emperor Cyrus and before the fall of Babylon. This passage, verses 1-4 and 5-7, are Oracles of Salvation, a liturgical form given in response to a psalm of lament by the people. The captured Jews are told by God: "Do not fear." "I am with you." "I have redeemed you." God tells the Jews that He has given Cyrus the countries of Egypt, Ethiopia and Seba for the ransom of Israel. Historically, Cyrus entered an edict which freed the Jews to return to Israel and he authorized the rebuilding of the temple. [Cyrus is the only foreign ruler referred to in the Old Testament as a "son of God" which is a title given to all the kings of Israel]. The Psalmist sings a song of the raw, awesome power of God the Creator; yet, this awesome God gives strength and peace to His people.

In Acts, Philip has gone to Samaria during the persecution launched by Saul. He converts many of the Samaritans and baptizes them, but they do not receive the Holy Spirit. When the apostles learn of this, Peter and John go to Samaria, visit with the new converts and lay their hands upon them. With the laying on of these apostles hands, the Samaritans receive the Holy Spirit. The theme of Luke is one of unity. The Jews and Samaritans held each other in contempt; yet, Philip shares the gospel with them. When Peter and John arrive and "lay their hands" on the Samaritans, the Samaritans are accepted into the Church. There is unity in Christ between Jew and Samaritan.

In our gospel lesson, Luke shows Jesus being baptized by John the Baptist. John is preaching a message of repentance. John tells his listeners that he is not the Messiah. We are told that when Jesus is baptized by John the heavens were opened and a voice declared, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased". This message is from Psalm 2:7, "You are my beloved son", and from Isaiah 42:1, "In whom I am well pleased". Jesus was not baptized by John because He needed repentance, in His baptism the spirit of God came upon Him, He was declared to be the only begotten Son of God, he was declared to be the "suffering servant". Jesus' baptism signified the start of his earthly ministry.

May the Holy Spirit allow you an epiphany of the Lord. "Do not fear." "I am with you." "I have redeemed you".

# Happy Birthday!

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

Thank you, Catherine

**January 4**  
**Birthday** - Allen Mires, Denise Ware, Janie Kunselman, Willis Boyd, Randall Mitchell, April TeBeest, Harold Crooks, Martina Miller, Lori Haight, Mandy Vernon  
**Anniversary** - M/M Vernon Baker, M/M George De Santiago

**January 5**  
**Birthday** - Brice Lewis, Kent Remmel, LaNetta Shapley, Glenda Cambell, Scotty DeWitt, Becky Renteria, Linda Tope, Kim Stinson, Rick Cazares, Jacinda Perez, Kent Remmel

**January 6**  
**Birthday** - Benny McCullough, Debbie Knight, Julie Logsdon, Valerie Hull, Joyce Sparks, Sam Boone, Teresa Pope, Alicia Davis, Ron Antalek, Kenny Kentron, Lesa Moffett  
**Anniversary** - M/M Arnold Stork

**January 7**  
**Birthday** - Brad Holt, Marsha Lowe, Lucy Pittman, Judy Virden, Mrs. Perry Hawkins, Michael Rodriguez, Pam Porter, Buddy Parker, Christina Bayless, Dorothy Nollner, Kimberly Irwin  
**Anniversary** - M/M Howard Nash

**January 8**  
**Birthday** - Cody Barkley, Haley Shields, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Amanda Schneider, Destiny Fisher

**January 9**  
**Birthday** - Bob Bort, Miles

Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Britt Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blan, Bill Etling, Desiree Harris  
**Anniversary** - M/M Manuel Gomez, M/M Sonny Kell, M/M Bill Logsdon

**January 10**  
**Birthday** - Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensingier, Barbara Rojas, Justin Johnson, Alex Logsdon, Devin Sibley, Andrea Woolley

**January 11**  
**Birthday** - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Gloria Knox, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta Prather  
**Anniversary** - M/M Melvin Bradley

**January 12**  
**Birthday** - Imogene Williams, Helen Fisher, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stedje, Bryant Layton, Steve Ellis, Downing Salazar, Bradley Carlisle, Tara Davis, Brandlee James, Griffin Novak  
**Anniversary** - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, M/M Billy Miller, M/M Cliff Lang, M/M Jerry Overbey

**January 13**  
**Birthday** - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgerald, T.J. Johnson, Molly McCloy, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell, Abigail Hartgraves

**January 14**  
**Birthday** - Debbie Coates, Ellen Reynolds, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey  
**Anniversary** - Greg & Shonda Odegaard

# Our Sympathy

## CAROLYN DEE DAVIDSON

**SPEARMAN** - Carolyn Dee Davidson, 72, died Sunday, December 31, 2006.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Spearman Church of Christ with Ned Cooper officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Carolyn Dee Davidson, 72, passed from this life into the presence of God's glory where many loved ones await her. She was born December 15, 1934, in Gladewater, the only child of Willard "Buck" and Lorraine B. Davidson. She died December 31 at her home in Spearman.

She knew her Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, and was a member of Spearman Church of Christ.

Carolyn spent several years of her life in Colorado, Wyoming and Texas, where she enjoyed hunting, fishing and just life in general. She was an exciting and fun-loving person who was loved by all who knew her. Her passion was her pets.

In her early 20s, she became the editor of the Rangely, Colo., newspaper for eight years and was the youngest editor in Colorado at that time. She also worked at Gordon's Drugstore in Spearman for 30 years.

She will be missed by all. She was preceded in death by her father in 1976 and her mother in 2001.

Survivors include a friend, Gloria Poindexter and husband Don of Dalhart.

## DAMMA ANEITA GARNETT

**SPEARMAN** - Damma Aneita Garnett went to be with her Lord December 30, 2006.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at Hansford Cemetery in Spearman. Visitation will be from 6-7:30 p.m. Friday at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman.

Aneita was born January 29, 1916, in Union Parish Downsville, LA to Elma and Henry Oliver Roye. She married Stanley Albert Garnett on February 18, 1939. She was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Spearman, where she and her husband, Stanley, owned the Masey Ferguson Implement Business, farmed and reared their two children.

After Stanley passed away, she moved to Waco, where she had lived for the last 28 years. She loved helping other people and always cared about their needs before her own. She loved her church in Waco, Columbus Avenue Baptist, and especially her many friends in the Miriam Sunday School Class. She loved the Lord and was always living to do His will.

Survivors include a daughter, Ann Twomey and husband, Jim, of Waco; a son, Howard S. Garnett of Bella Vista, AK; grandchildren, Renee Beckham and husband, Ashley, of Rowlett, TX, Scott Twomey of Rowlett, Teresa Lynn Dale of Lawton, OK, Justin Garnett and Joshua Garnett of Corsicana, TX and Christina Brewer of Bella Vista, AK; brother, Archie O. Roy and wife, Lurline, of Baton Rouge, LA; sister Leontine Sepulveda of Baton Rouge, LA; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Estella Morris and husband Tom S. Morris, of Amarillo; brother-in-law, Howard G. Garnett of Amarillo; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 39 years, Stanley A. Garnett of Spearman; parents, Elma and Henry Oliver Roye of Downsville, LA; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ella and B.J. Garnett of Spearman; sister and brother-in-law, Nell and Bill Lawrence of Kermit, TX; brother and sister-in-law, Miller B. and Carrie Roye of Fort Stockton, TX; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Wesley and Magda Garnett of Spearman; and sister-in-law, Sarah Garnett of Paulsboro, WA.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity in her name. Our many thanks to her dear friends for loving her, Dr. James Copeland for taking care of her for many years, and all nurses and staff at St. Catherine's Center for her care the last few months.



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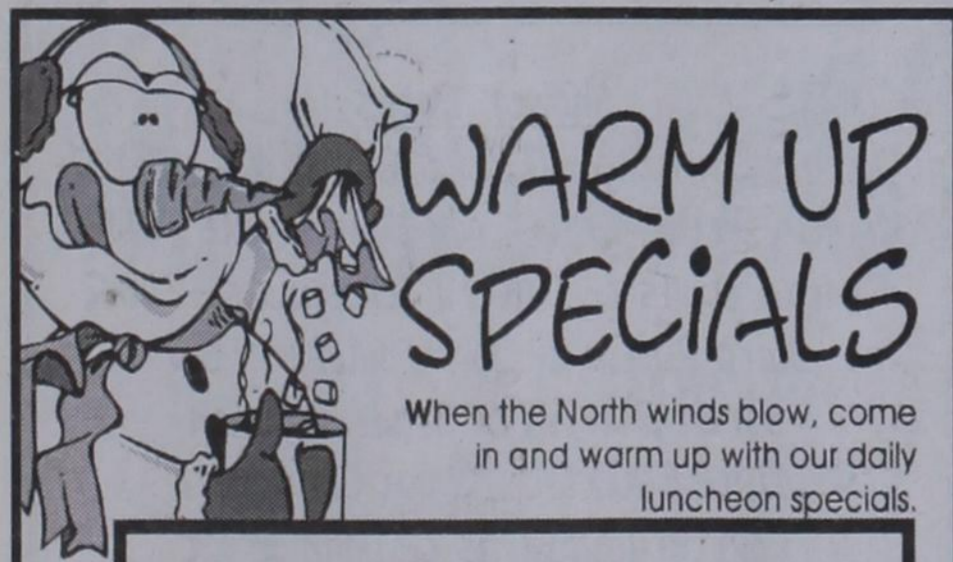


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 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
 Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.  
 Pastor - Roland Haney

**First Assembly of God**  
 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
 Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.  
 Wed. Youth: 7 p.m.  
 Pastor - Bob Elder

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

**First Baptist Church**  
 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
 Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.  
 Children's Choir - Wed., 6 p.m.  
 Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
 Pastor - Jim Medley

**Church of Christ**  
 121 S. Haney • 659-3244  
 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

### Sacred Heart Catholic Church

901 Roland • 659-2792  
 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English  
 Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish  
 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo Redentor Mass - Spanish  
 Rev. Guillermo Morales

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

**Grace Presbyterian Church (Worshippers with Faith Lutheran Church)**  
 1101 Bernice • 659-2033  
 Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
 1101 Bernice • 659-2252  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
 (Worshippers with Grace Presbyterian Church)  
 Pastor - Beverly Cook

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

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

### Primera Mision Bautista

502 E. 7th • 659-3991  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Evening: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.  
 Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.  
 Pastor: Joe Garcia Jr.

**El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.**  
 1105 S. Roland  
 Domingos: Escuela-Domical - 10 a.m.  
 Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.  
 Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.  
 Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.  
 Pastor - A.G. Martell  
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**First Baptist Church**  
 402 E. Broadway • 733-2411  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
 Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday  
 Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
 Pastor - Scott Curry

**Church of Christ**  
 209 King • 733-2760  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
 Minister - Gaylord Cook

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

### Gruver United Methodist

Broadway & Garrett  
 733-2651  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
 Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
 Pastor - George Price

**Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**  
 Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.  
 Friday Evening Mass  
 Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
 Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

### Oslo

**Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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 539-7646  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Pastor - Arlen Lloyd

### Morse

**Morse Baptist Church**  
 733-2757  
 Pastor - Mike Martin

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### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S. Roland, in Spearman on January 29, 2007. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### Computer Classes

Spearman ISD Community Resource Program is considering computer classes starting in January. Classes in word processing, excel and internet, all at different level, will be offered. If you would be interested in a class call Cindy Blackman, 659-3233. Teachers from the district will be teaching the class.

### Gruver Chamber Scholarship Calendar

Gruver Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Calendars are available for sale at the City Hall for \$10.00. Make checks payable to Gruver Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Calendar Fund.

### Adult ESL Classes

Adult ESL Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at Spearman High School (Room 112, take south entrance). The instructor will be Dana Taylor, Spearman Elementary ESL teacher. There is no charge for this class.

### Tax Office To Close On January 11th

The Hansford County Tax Office will be closed on January 11, 2007. The staff will be attending a TxDOT training in Amarillo.

### "Back in Control" Parenting Classes

A "Back in Control" Parenting Training will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at 1500 S. Taylor Street in Amarillo. Registration is at 8:45 a.m., and the class will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The class is sponsored by STAR (Services-To-At-Risk) and the instructor will be Janice James, MA, QMHP, UCAP Coordinator. There is no charge for the class. Limited seating is available. To register, call 359-2005.

### Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meets

The Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet Saturday, January 13, in the Waka Christian Center at 6 p.m. A pot luck meal will be served followed by a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided. Rushing Wind is sponsoring a women's walk to Emmaus on January 25-28 and a men's walk February 22-25.

### Cowboy Poetry Breakfast

The monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will be Saturday morning January 13, 8:00, at the Big Texan Steak Ranch. Don DeHay, of Amarillo, will be spotlighted as his first time headlining session, and Marianne Logan will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. DeHay is best known for his warm and sensitive cowboy poems about children. His wife Lou is a great supporter of his cowboy poetry, and attends nearly all of the cowboy poetry functions with him. Introductions will be made by Marianne Logan, Mistress of Ceremonies. A well-known cowgirl poet, a rhyming poet and sonneteer, she has won more than 1,000 poetry contest awards. DeHay's session will be followed by members of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association--cowboy/girl poets, singers, musicians, and tall tale tellers. Visitors who are attending and would like to participate are welcome.

## Free Service Helps Seniors Pay For Medical And Utility Bills

(StatePoint) Now that the holiday season is over and winter is upon us, many seniors are feeling a familiar pinch in their wallets. For example, with cold weather on its way, heating bills are sure to rise for many seniors nationwide.

Help is now available from the National Council on Aging's (NCOA) BenefitsCheckUp, a free and confidential online service that helps seniors determine which benefits they qualify for and how to claim them. The service is accessible on the Internet at [www.BenefitsCheckUp.org](http://www.BenefitsCheckUp.org), helping seniors or family members who want to help find savings on their prescription drugs, health care, in-home services, utilities, and more.

"Money can be tight this time of year, especially for older Americans with limited means," said Stuart Spector, NCOA's senior vice president of Benefits Access. "One of the best gifts seniors can get is the news that they qualify for additional benefits such as help with costly drugs, medical care and even energy bills. It's a gift that lasts the entire year and is particularly welcome during this expensive season."

Costly medical and utility bills are of particular concern to the more than 3.5 million seniors over the age of 65 who have incomes below the poverty threshold and the over 8.4 million who have incomes near this threshold.

As such, of particular timeliness is how BenefitsCheckUp can assist the more than three million people with limited incomes who are eligible for but have not yet enrolled in the government's "Extra Help" through Medicare's Prescription Drug Coverage (also known as Part D). If someone qualifies, he or she can save an average of \$3,700 a year - with Medicare's Extra Help paying for cost sharing and eliminating any gaps in coverage known colloquially as "the donut hole."

"If someone with Medicare has limited income and resources, there's no reason not to apply for the Extra Help. And, now, anyone, anytime can use the Web to speed up this process," said James Firman, NCOA president and CEO.

Those who qualify can still apply for the Extra Help throughout 2007. In addition to helping seniors apply for Extra Help, BenefitsCheckUp also informs users if they qualify for other federal or state benefits programs. These include programs that can save them money on health care (Medicare Savings Programs and Medicaid), provide extra income (Supplemental Security Income), find other prescription savings (State Pharmacy Assistance or private company programs) or help in paying for food (Food Stamps).

BenefitsCheckUp includes more than 1,350 public and private benefits programs from all 50 states that pay for prescription drugs, heating and cooling bills, rent, meal services and nutrition, legal matters, medical costs, and Alzheimer's care.

Since 2001, nearly two million people have used the service to find benefits programs. This winter many more seniors should take the time to secure any benefits for which they qualify but may have been missing.

For more information, visit [www.BenefitsCheckUp.org](http://www.BenefitsCheckUp.org) online.

## OPSU Continues to Deliver - Now with Online Application

by Scott Puryear

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Learners may now apply for admission to OPSU via the on-line format. The process is not a difficult one - simply go to [www.opsu.edu](http://www.opsu.edu) and click on "Apply Online."

For additional information concerning admissions or enrollment, contact either Bobby Jenkins at (580)-349-1376 or Jolie Dennis at (580)-349-1370. The school's toll free number is 1-800-664-6778.

## Spearman Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Spearman on Monday, January 8, 2006 from 3-7 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt.

T-Shirts will be given to all donors. Please call 1-877-574-8800 to schedule an appointment. ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED! The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

## Gruver Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is hosting a blood drive in Gruver on Tuesday, January 9, 2006 from 2-7 p.m. in the LaCasita Room of Gruver State Bank (3 Main Plaza).

T-Shirts will be given to all donors. Please call 1-877-574-8800 to schedule an appointment. ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED! The need is real. There is no substitute for blood. It can only come from volunteer blood donors. Please support the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

## Thank You!

As we looked around us this past week at the damage and brokenness caused by the ice storm, we can not help but draw a comparison to our shattered lives because of the loss of our loved ones, Walter and Dorothy Woolley. Yet in our sorrow and sadness, we saw beauty - not only in the way the sun was reflected on the ice, but in the many ways you, our friends, reflected God's love through your many acts of kindness. You have ministered to us in our pain with your calls, cards, hugs, food and prayers. We can not thank you enough for walking along beside us through this difficult time.

God Bless each of you,  
Gary and Andrea, Joey and Lyn  
Jessica, Wendy, Meg, Brady and family

## Thank You!

Gruver is blessed again. A special thanks to volunteers who helped clean up tree limbs after our recent ice storm. They are Gruver Redi Mix Crew, John Holland, Derik Grotegut, Aaron Weller, Nathan Schenk, Jeremy Schenk, Cirilo Cruz, Fidel Trejo, Mike Yanke, Kory Jackson, Jerry Overbey, Ty Seagler, Blake Fitzgearld, Corky Kizziar. These people and any others we may have missed are what makes Gruver such a unique and special place to live.

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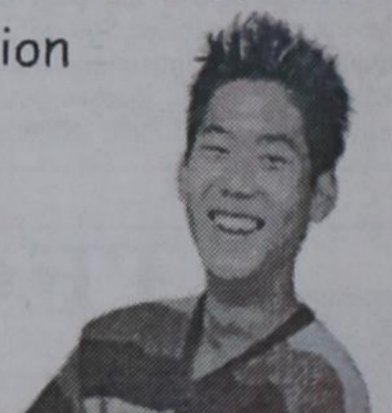
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Reagan Davis & Mickey Schoenhals - TBA  
Kara Pipkin & Jon Taylor - TBA  
Sarah Martin & Brad Newman  
Janet Eckert & Kevin Cummings  
Courtney Edwards & John Brock

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## Baby Registry

Monica (Ward) & Mike Hallam  
KiKi (Carthel) & David Brabham  
Jennifer & Will Evans  
Lindsey & Clay Neff  
Eric & Leslie Varnon

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## Smiths prepare for new chapter in life

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By 1992, though, Ric wanted to be a head coach. If not in Spearman, he was ready to move again. The Spearman head-coaching job opened that year, and Ric was promoted to his first head-coaching assignment.

It proved to be a good match. Ric's Spearman Lynx enjoyed success on the field, making the playoffs nine times in his 15 years as head coach. The Lynx played 20 playoff games under Ric. In 1998, the Lynx got off to the best start in school history at 13-0, advancing to the Class 2A state quarterfinals. Consistency was Ric's forte. His record at Spearman was 112-54, and his teams posted winning records in 12 of 15 seasons.

Perhaps more importantly than his record, Ric was known for treating players fairly. Mostly a man of few words, Ric and his staff didn't scream or yell at players. Instead, they taught them a lot about football. Probably a little about life as well.

Being at a small school enabled Ric to be in charge of a football program without giving up the day-to-day coaching duties. As head coach at Spearman, he still called the offensive plays and coached the running backs and linebackers.

"Giving orders and then sitting back and watching is not what I enjoy," Ric said.

Ric also was successful at coaching shot put and discus throwers in track. He coached seven state qualifiers at Spearman -- boys and girls -- and all seven earned medals at the state meet. Matt Tucker, Lance Swan and Richard Varnon won state championships.

Spending 26 years at Spearman enabled Ric to do something most career coaches can't. He developed longtime friendships with former players, parents of former players and townspeople in general. Ric has had the same membership at the United Methodist Church for 26 years.

"There are parents whose sons played for me 20 years ago, and I've been able to get to know them outside the usual coach-parent relationship," Ric said. "There are former players like Michael Lusby and Quentin Shieldknight and John Hughes and Lance Swan that have

moved back here. I got to see them become part of the community and see them as adults. I got to know them as more than players.

"Most of your players, you're around them for four or five years, but after they graduate from high school, you may only see them once or twice the rest of your life. But when our former players come back home to visit, I get to see them and continue those relationships."

Sandee Smith taught elementary school in Spearman for 22 years before retiring from full-time duty in 2002.

"We feel so fortunate that the Spearman people allowed us to stay," Sandee said. "We've been blessed that we haven't had to move around so much."

Sandee is teaching school again on a part-time basis and plays a lot of bridge, but Ric has no immediate plans in retirement, which isn't effective until June 1. Currently, he's still the athletic director and head coach, running the off-season football program and teaching a health class. Eventually, he knows he'll have to clean out his desk at the field house to make room for his successor.

At that point, Ric probably will fish a lot and dust off his golf clubs. He also will face knee-replacement surgery on both knees within the next 5-10 years, thanks to football injuries back at Olton in the 1960s. "I have a backlog of honey-dos that will keep me busy for the first year," he said.

The Smiths may eventually move to Lubbock to get closer to family, but after 26 years in Spearman, they're in no hurry to leave. The only thing Ric dreads is the start of the 2007 Lynx football season without him.

"It'll be tough because there's so much about it that I'll miss," Ric said. "I'll probably go watch the games here. I can't sit in the bleachers, and they probably won't want me on the sidelines. I'll probably just hang on the fence somewhere."

Mike Lee is a former assistant sports editor at the Amarillo Globe-News and covered Spearman athletics from 1998-2005. He can be contacted at [michaelllee7@verizon.net](mailto:michaelllee7@verizon.net)

## Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank the following for donating to "Operation Christmas Greeting" instead of mailing greeting cards. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies for Hansford Hospital and Hansford Manor, that are not budgeted items. Previously purchased items include a popcorn popper, furniture, a faux fireplace for the Manor, and thermometers, tables, chairs, and other items for the Hospital. Money to help purchase physical therapy equipment has also been donated.

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If you would like to participate in this holiday greeting, please mail your donation to: Operation Christmas Greeting, 723 Steele Dr., Spearman, Texas 79081.

## HANSFORD HOSPICE LIGHTS OF LOVE

Hansford Hospice Volunteers would like to thank the following for making donations to the Hospice Lights of Love. These donations enable Hansford County to provide Hospice Care for Hansford County citizens.

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# CLEARANCE



# Football Honors

## 2006 Class 1A Golden Spread Team

The Amarillo Globe-News recently announced their nominations for the Golden Spread Team in Class 1A. Gruver had a selection on offense and defense.

**Offense:** Offensive Lineman - Charlie Slough, Gruver, 6-0, 182, Sr.; Unanimous all-district selection as the Greyhounds reached the playoffs for the first time since 1998.

**Defense:** Defensive Back - Diego Luciano, Gruver, 6-0, 135, Sr.; Passed for 936 yards and seven touchdowns and was all-district selection in the secondary.

**Team:** Collin Gillaspie - Quarterback, Blayne Baker - Tight End, Cesar Macias - Center; Honorable Mention: Keith Sumner - Lineman, Rhett Renner - Lineman

**DEFENSE - 1st Team:** Zack Nollner - Linebacker, Bryner Garnett - Secondary; **2nd Team:** Collin Gillaspie - Secondary; Honorable Mention - Cesar Macias - Lineman, Keith Sumner - Lineman

**SPECIAL TEAMS - 1st Team:** Brynr Garnett - Kicker, Brynr Garnett - Kick Returner, Brynr Garnett - Punt Returner; **2nd Team:** Collin Gillaspie - Punter

**1st TEAM - Quarterback:** Diego Luciano; Running Back: Chandler Miner; Wide Receiver: Tucker Williams (Unanimous); Tight End: Drew Grotegut; Offensive Line: Charlie Slough (Unanimous); Defensive Line: Travis McDowell; Linebacker: Jake Wills (Unanimous); Secondary: Diego Luciano, Tucker Williams

**2nd TEAM - Fullback:** Tony Lora; Center: Travis McDowell; Offensive Line: Jake Wills, Lorenzo Torre; Defensive Line: Tanner Sherrill; Linebackers: Lorenzo Torres, Drew Grotegut, Chandler Miner

**HONORABLE MENTION -** Offensive Line: Justin Thompson; Linebacker: Tony Lora; Secondary: Seth Thompson

## 2006 District 1A All-District Football Team

**Coach of the Year:** Terry Felderhoff, Gruver

## 2006-07 Academic All-State Football Team

The Texas High School Coaches Association proudly announces the Academic All-State Football team for 2006-07. The teams are selected by a point system that awards points for GPA, class rank and SAT or ACT score. The student/athletes are then placed on teams according to the number of points they have earned. The Elite team represents the highest point total that can be achieved. Criteria required to be nominated is 1) overall GPA of 92 or above, including grades 9-12 and the first six weeks of grade 12; 2) Be a member of the team in good standing at the time of nomination; 3) Be of good moral character.

### 2A Academic All-State

**2ND TEAM -** Aaron Maestas, Zack Nollner

**HONORABLE MENTION -** Brynr Garnett, Collin Gillaspie, Lance Huddleston, Rhett Renner

### 1A Academic All-State

**ELITE -** Justin Thompson

**HONORABLE MENTION -** Charlie Slough, Tucker Williams

## 2006 District 2A All-District Football Team

**OFFENSE - 1st Team:** Roberto Flores - Running Back, Brynr Garnett - Wide Receiver; **2nd**

## Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop Scheduled Jan. 18

by Kay Ledbetter

Bioenergy is the current buzz word in agriculture and the Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop on Jan. 18 will keep it buzzing, said a Texas Cooperative Extension specialist.

"The area's interest in bioenergy could impact the stored grain industry, so a portion of this year's workshop has been dedicated to addressing this topic," said Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomology specialist.

The 19th annual workshop will be from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the Regency Room of the Amarillo Civic Center.

The workshop has been submitted to the Texas Department of Agriculture for continuing education credits for commercial, non-commercial and private applicator licenses.

Topics of discussion will be aeration, aflatoxin, stored grain protectants, fumigation, rodent prevention and control, and laws and regulations.

Pre-registration is requested by Jan. 10. The fee is \$35 and checks should be made to: Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS (Grain Elevator and Processing Society).

Mail registration forms and fees to: Carl Patrick, Texas Cooperative Extension, 6500 W. Amarillo Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106. For more information, contact Patrick at 806-677-5600.

## Gruver Junior High Basketball Gathering

### Thursday - Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

Varsity Gym	Activity Center
4:30 Gruver vs Spearman (7 <sup>th</sup> Girls)	4:30 Sunray vs Dalhart (7 <sup>th</sup> Girls)
5:45 Gruver vs Spearman (7 <sup>th</sup> Boys)	5:45 Sunray vs Dalhart (7 <sup>th</sup> Boys)
7:00 Gruver vs Spearman (8 <sup>th</sup> Girls)	7:00 Sunray vs Dalhart (8 <sup>th</sup> Girls)
8:15 Gruver vs Spearman (8 <sup>th</sup> Boys)	8:15 Sunray vs Dalhart (8 <sup>th</sup> Boys)

### Saturday - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>

Varsity Gym	Activity Center
9:00 Gruver vs Sunray (7 <sup>th</sup> Girls)	9:00 Spearman vs Dalhart (7 <sup>th</sup> Girls)
10:15 Gruver vs Sunray (7 <sup>th</sup> Boys)	10:15 Spearman vs Dalhart (7 <sup>th</sup> Boys)
11:30 Gruver vs Sunray (8 <sup>th</sup> Girls)	11:30 Spearman vs Dalhart (8 <sup>th</sup> Girls)
12:45 Gruver vs Sunray (8 <sup>th</sup> Boys)	12:45 Spearman vs Dalhart (8 <sup>th</sup> Boys)
2:00 Gruver vs Dalhart (7 <sup>th</sup> Girls)	2:00 Sunray vs Spearman (7 <sup>th</sup> Girls)
3:15 Gruver vs Dalhart (7 <sup>th</sup> Boys)	3:15 Sunray vs Spearman (7 <sup>th</sup> Boys)
4:30 Gruver vs Dalhart (8 <sup>th</sup> Girls)	4:30 Sunray vs Spearman (8 <sup>th</sup> Girls)
5:45 Gruver vs Dalhart (8 <sup>th</sup> Boys)	5:45 Sunray vs Spearman (8 <sup>th</sup> Boys)

First team listed will be the **HOME** team and will wear **WHITE**. If games get ahead of schedule, we will start them early. Concession stand will be available.

# Crop Production Clinics

The following is a schedule of Crop Production Clinics to be presented by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; DuPont Agricultural Products and Texas Cooperative Extension. Please feel free to contact the county Extension agent in your town to find out more information.

Dalhart - January 8, Community Coliseum  
Dumas - January 9, Moore Co. Comm. Bldg.  
Panhandle - January 10, Carson Co. Ag Bldg.  
Spearman - January 11, Hansford Co. Barn  
Guymon - January 12, Texas Co. Ag Exh. Bldg.

### Program Agenda

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Registration and welcome  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Attend first program  
11:00 - 12:00 noon - Attend second program  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch - sponsored by DuPont  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Attend third program  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Attend fourth program  
3:00 p.m. - Receive CEU or CCA certificate  
Additional Meeting Sponsorship provided by Gustafson (Poncho Seed Treatments) & Chemtura (Comite II)

### Speaker's Schedule

**Station 1:** Pioneer Hi-Bred/DuPont  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - erbicide  
Update: Lyons  
11:00 - 12:00 noon - Forage  
Quality: Carpenter  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Herbicide  
Update: Lyons  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Forage  
Quality: Carpenter

**Station 2:** Texas Cooperative Extension  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Irrigation  
Management: New  
11:00 - 12:00 noon - BioEnergy:  
Bean/Amosson  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Irrigation  
Management: New  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - BioEnergy:  
Bean/Amosson

**Station 3:** Collins Agronomics/BASF  
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Strip-Till  
Best Management: Collins  
11:00 - 12:00 noon - Corn  
Fungicide Use: Rice  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Strip-Till Best  
Management: Collins  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Corn  
Fungicide Use: Rice

**Station 4:** Kansas State University/Texas Cooperative Ext.  
10:00-11:00 a.m. -  
Miticide/Fungicide  
Update: Bowling  
11:00-12:00 noon - Strip-Till  
Fertility Research: Gordon

1:00-2:00 p.m. -  
Miticide/Fungicide  
Update: Bowling  
2:00-3:00 p.m. - Strip-Till  
Fertility Research: Gordon

Select four of the eight topics for your program attendance schedule. Program times are listed on facing page.

### Speakers/Topics

Rod Carpenter, CCA - Account Manager for Pioneer Hi-Bred International - \*Forage Quality\*  
Jack Lyons, CCA - Retail Account Manager for DuPont - \*Herbicides for Row Crops & Small Grains\*  
Dave Collins - Collins Agronomics - \*Best Management Practices for Strip-Till\*  
Dr. Leon New - Texas Cooperative Extension - "Irrigation Management & Efficiency"  
Dr. Brent Bean/Dr. Steve Amosson - Texas Cooperative Extension - \*Future of BioEnergy in the Panhandles\*  
Dr. Roxanne Bowling - Texas Cooperative Extension IPM Agent - \*Miticide/Fungicide Research in 2006\*  
Chuck Rice - BASF Tech Service Rep - \*Use of Fungicides in Corn\*  
Dr. Barney Gordon - Kansas State University, Kansas North Central Experiment Station - \*Strip-Till Fertility Research\*

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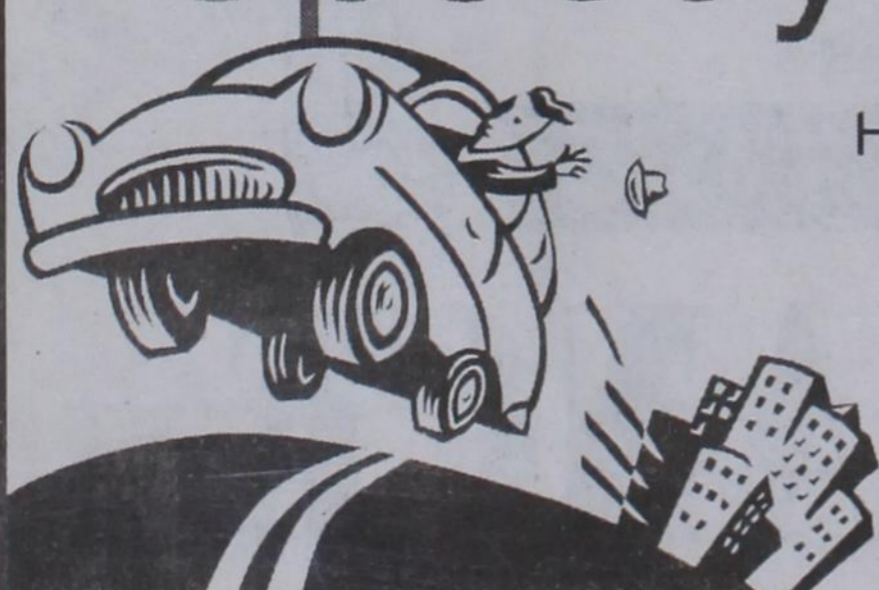
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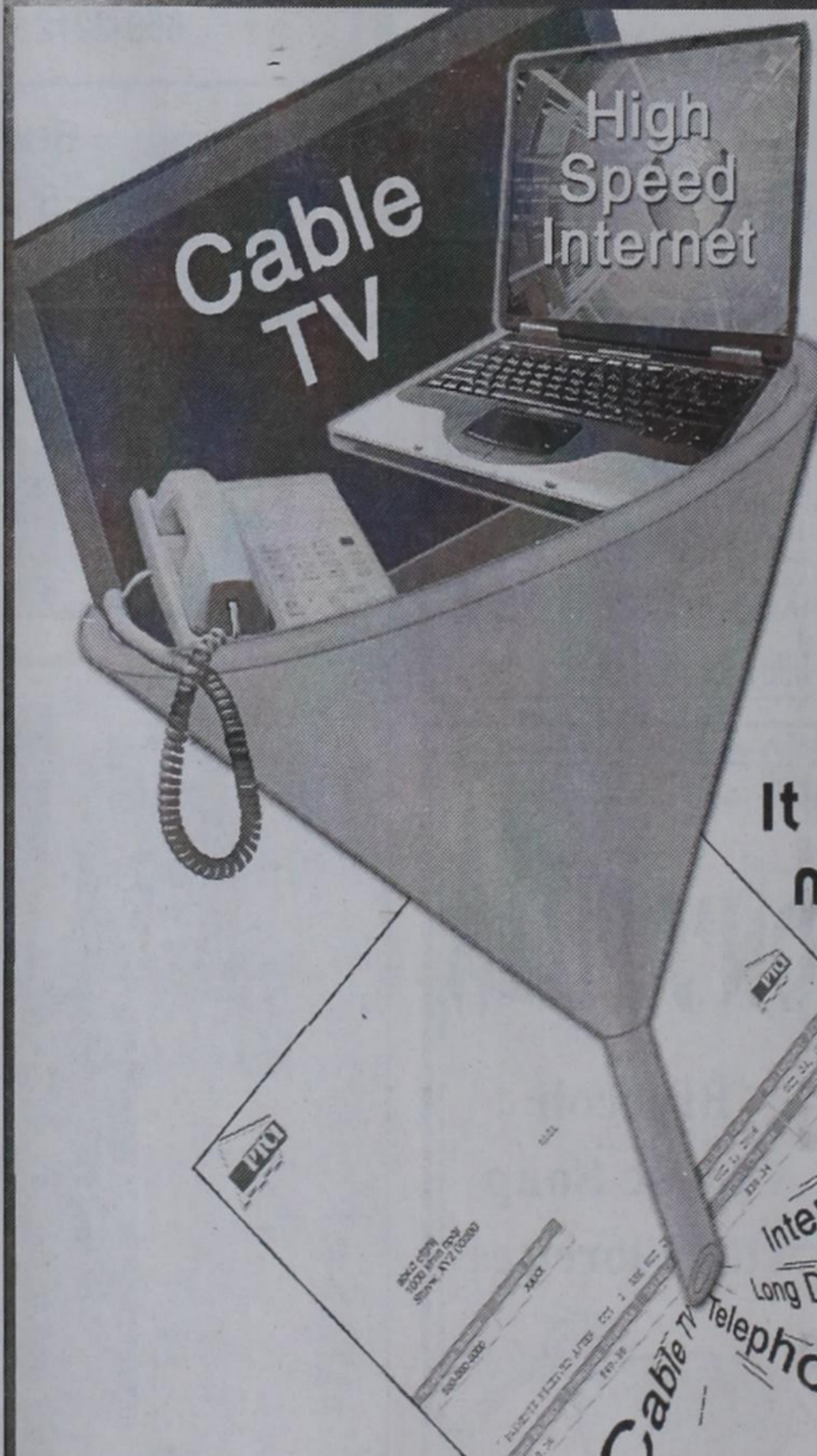
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 4(12-21-06)P  
**FOR SALE Spearman:** Land, double-wide trailer & shop. Call (806) 659-3602 or (806) 336-5525.  
 4(1-04-06)P  
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**HELP WANTED:** Taking applications for a part-time church nursery worker. Sunday morning and other various times. Fun job, good pay. Please call 659-5503 or come by

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 TFN/11-30-06/B  
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 Except as noted, the items are located at the Moore County Airport 1.7 mile east of Dumas, Texas on Hwy 87. If interested in the mobile home, come by the District office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 603 East First, Dumas, Texas. For additional information contact the District at 800-456-3026 or 806-935-6401.  
 Sealed bids are to be in the District office by 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday, January 19, 2007. Bids will be awarded as soon as possible after January 19, 2007 and the successful bidders will be notified. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
 Send sealed bids to North Plains Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box 795, Dumas, Texas 79029-0795 or come by the District office at 603 East First, Dumas, Texas. Please mark the sealed envelope with the words "Equipment Bid".  
 The successful bidders will have 30 days from the date of notification to remove the equipment from the property.  
 1(01-04-06)B

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**SPEARMAN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
**Date:** January 11, 2006  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** City Council Chambers, 30 SW Court, Spearman, Texas  
**Purpose:** To consider in public hearing the rezoning of the property listed below plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys and public ways:  
 From Single-Family Residential

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 If the Planning and Zoning Commissioner favorably considers the request the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the amendment as follows:  
**Date:** January 16, 2006  
**Time:** 7:00 a.m.  
**Place:** City Council Chambers, 30 SW Court, Spearman, Texas.  
 For additional information, call 659-2524.  
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Promise Learning Center, a new childcare facility in Spearman, is the brainchild of Jennifer Hierholzer. It will be located at the former Children's Home, 405 Archer.

The purpose of the Promise Learning Center is to provide children with the very best care and enrichment possible. The program is designed to promote social, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth; helping children attain an understanding of self and others in a positive learning environment.

"Our goal is to open between February 5th and March 1st," said Hierholzer. "We will begin registration January 8th."

The Center will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

If all goes as planned, the center will be large enough to accommodate 86+ children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 5 years.

In addition, it will provide an After-School program for children ages 5-12.

Stay-at-home and part-time mothers will be able to register their children as "Drop-In" students and when space is available they can drop off their child for a day of fun learning.

**Registration**  
Early registration will be held on Monday and Tuesday, January 8th & 9th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. All registrations received on these days will receive a 15% discount on the registration/supply fee on the first week's tuition payment. Registration will be accepted for full-time, drop-in, after-school and school-aged summer fun programs. It is highly recommended to register full-time and after-school children during the early registration, as some classrooms are expected to fill quickly.

Regular registration will begin on Wednesday, January 10th and will continue indefinitely. No registration discounts will be given at regular registration.

**Lend a Helping Hand Day**  
Two Saturdays in January (13th

and 20th) have been designated as "Lend a Helping Hand Day." Anyone interested in helping with small projects to get the Learning Center ready to open is invited to attend.

Bring your tools and help us hang bookshelves, paint rooms, lay flooring, finish out the garage, clean rooms, remove door hinges, remove doors, hang doors, put toys and cribs together, make cubbies, make bookshelves, move furniture, get the yard ready, plug electric sockets, make the building child-safe and ready, hook up computers, etc.

Hot coffee, sodas and a general feeling of generosity will be your reward. Don't assume everyone else will do it and you don't need to go - even if you can only help for 30 minutes!

**Hiring Process**  
The Learning Center began accepting applications on December 29th. Applications are available at the Center.

During the interview, be prepared to present lesson plans for a 30 minute lesson on "Season's" geared towards 3 year-olds.

Mandatory staff in-service training will be Saturday, February 3rd at the Center from 8:00 am- 5:00 pm. CPR Training will be Monday, February 5th. New hires must attend and will be paid their hourly wage for attending.

**Tuition**  
Families will receive a 5% tuition discount for each older sibling. Families who pay their tuition in full before the 3rd of each month will receive a 5% discount off their total tuition.

Discounts are not offered for Drop-In care or Kids Night Out.

Parents will be able to pay your tuition via MasterCard, Visa or PayPal.

Please contact me to discuss your tuition needs. We will have you apply for help through PWSCCS (formerly CCMS) I fully understand the huge financial burden child care is for a family.

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For more information, contact Jennifer Hierholzer at 330-0776 or via e-mail (promiselearningcenter@yahoo.com).



Horse Creek ran into Lake Palo Duro, after 3.60 inches of rain and snow last weekend. The lake level increased five and one half feet.

The moisture was good for the lake, but it didn't come without complications.

According to Bill Carson of North Plains Electric Coop, 1482 meters in Hansford County were affected.

"The worst damage was west of Gruver," stated Carson. "Restoral efforts were difficult due to continued ice and winds on December 30th and 31st. There was also a lot of mud from the heavy rains in this storm, and the storm on December 20th."

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