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Hansford Happenings

Parenting Workshop

A new parenting workshop, based on the best-selling book, *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* will begin on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 P.M. in the Spearman Elementary School Library. This workshop is sponsored by Spearman I.S.D. and will be led by Marty Haney and Glenda Guthrie. Parents will learn proven skills, such as how to set limits while maintaining goodwill, effective communication techniques, cope with their child's negative feelings, express anger without hurting, engage their child's willing cooperation, and help their child become caring and responsible. Parents will also learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully and create a family atmosphere of love and respect. These skills have been found to work well with children of all ages. There will be no fee charged, and materials will be available for check-out or purchase. This workshop gives parents the know-how they need to be more effective with their children and more helpful to themselves. For more information, please contact Marty Haney at 659-2565 or 659-3519, or Glenda Guthrie at 659-2584.

Trinity Fellowship Church - "Family Issues" Series

The Trinity Fellowship Church of Spearman has begun a "Family Issues" series that will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings through February 25th. Issues of relevance to families in our community will be discussed, such as "How Far Can I Go On A Date," "How Does The Bible Speak To Every Area Of My Life," "How Can I Change My Friends Before My Friends Change Me," "Am I Really A Christian," "Help! My Family Is Falling Apart," "Is There Fun After Christianity," "Does Science Class Disprove God's Existence," and "How Can I Totally Sell Out To God."

Mother's Day Out

The Trinity Fellowship Church is holding Mother's Day Out every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for ages 3 and 4. Some of the activities children will enjoy are crafts, music, creative play, numbers letters, shapes, colors, story time, and much more. Enrollment is limited, so call now to register, at 659-2671.

Bethesda Outreach Center of Spearman

The Trinity Fellowship Church of Spearman has started the Bethesda Outreach Center of Spearman to provide food and clothing assistance for needy and emergency relief. It will be open Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Trinity Fellowship Church.

Beginning Tole Painting Class

Cheryl Hunter is interested in teaching a Beginning Tole Painting class. Anyone interested should contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

Corporate Women's Workshop

The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is offering a Free Corporate Women's Workshop on wardrobe, makeup, hair and accessories. The workshop will be taught by Jan Countiss of Amarillo. It will be held on Monday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of First State Bank. For more information, please contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 or Tanya Close at 659-5565.

Spearman Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is holding a Spearman Blood Drive on Monday, February 9th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

55 Alive Driving Course

The Golden Spread Senior Center will be holding the 55 Alive Driving Course on February 17th and 19th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00. For more information, or to sign up, please call Pearl Pierce or Kathy Bryant at 659-3866.

Revival Slated

The First Baptist Church of Gruver will host a revival Sunday, February 8 - Wednesday, February 11. The series of sermons will begin Sunday during regular service times. Monday through Wednesday, lunch services will begin with a meal at 11:30 a.m., while evening services will begin at 7 p.m.

Hansford County Stock Show

The Hansford County Stock Show kicks-off Friday, February 13, with a weighing of steers and lambs between 7 a.m.-8 a.m. The lamb show will begin at 9:15 a.m., with the steer show immediately following. The day will conclude with the swine weighing at approximately 1:30-2:30 p.m. Activities for Saturday, February 14, will begin with the swine show at 8 a.m. A judging contest will follow at 1 p.m. The presentation of showmanship and commercial steer awards will be held at 6:30 p.m. The annual auction of show animals will follow the awards.

Reduced-Tillage Farming Workshop

submitted by Rick Harrell

Ridge-till and no-till producers and specialists from Texas, Oklahoma, and Colorado will gather in Spearman, Texas on Wednesday, February 11th to discuss reduced-tillage farming. The program will be held in The O'Loughlin Center in Spearman, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Various implement dealers will have no-till and ridge-till equipment on hand. Five CEU's will be offered, and the noon meal will be provided.

Some of the area's foremost authorities on ridge-till and mulch-till farming will provide presentations on their operations. These speakers bring a number of years of experience and diversity

to the program. Systems highlighted will include non-irrigated systems, furrow and center pivot irrigated systems, and operations encompassing stocker cattle programs.

Scheduled to speak include: Dee Vaughan of Dumas, TX; Bob Dietrick of Tyrone, OK; Gerald Beer of Guymon, OK; Wayne Lidster of Dalhart, TX; Wes Robbins of Burlington, CO; and Rodney Clawson of Gruver.

These presentations will be given during breakaway sessions to allow producers to build their own program. There are four opportunities to hear classroom style presentations. Six speakers and topics will be offered, with each speaker making their presentation twice.

With rainfall being the foremost limiting factor in crop yields on the High Plains of Texas, the manner in which a producer makes use of his soil moisture can very well determine the profitability of the operation. With the high cost of diesel and natural gas, a reduction in pumping and

equipment hours can make a substantial impact on production costs. A growing number of producers are finding that conservation tillage systems have the answers that they are looking for.

If attending, please RSVP by calling the NRCS office in Spearman, TX at (806) 659-2330.

SHS Holds NHS Induction

Twenty-three of Spearman High School's finest students were inducted into the Edna Hartman Chapter of National Honor Society on February 4th. The induction program was at 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Camila Butts Wright, 1991 Spearman High School graduate and now director of the Center for Professional Development at Texas Tech University, was the speaker.

New members of the Spearman Chapter of the National Honor Society are: Clinton Goodman and Jocelyn Edwards, seniors; Holly Pipkin, Dawn Loomis and Gale Mayfield, juniors; Camille Smith, Sydney Woodington, Kelsey Henton, Halee Beasley, Amber Ramon, Kathryn Murphy, Cynthia Goodman, Dustin Barber, Jordan Brock, Jeremy Mackie, Reagan Renner, Brooke Lesly, Stephanie Bynum, Tommie Dewberry, Stephen Salgado, Evan

Cudd, Lacey Miesner and Mickey Schoenhals, sophomores.

Officers of the organization, all seniors: are Mike Butts, president; Lena Harbour, vice-president; Lindsey Smith, secretary; and Kasey Dunnihoo, treasurer.

Other senior members are Ashley Brown, Mac Butts, Misha Davis, Teresa Gomez, Brian Howell, Zachary McCammond, Maribel Martinez, Amber Morgan, Karen Paschel, and Brooke Trantham.

Junior members are: Brittini Beedy, Kristin Beedy, Krista Boyd, Betsy Holt, Landon Miller, Doran Schoenhals, Quentin Shieldknight, Lisa Swink, Mandy Vernon, Brandi Willis, and Cami Winegarner.

The local chapter of National Honor Society was established in 1959. The goal of the National Honor Society is to recognize outstanding students on the basis of their scholarship, leadership, citizenship and service.

UIL District Realignment

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver High School's football and basketball travel schedule for 1998 and 1999 was altered slightly by the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment of school districts while only the name of Spearman High School's football and basketball district was changed.

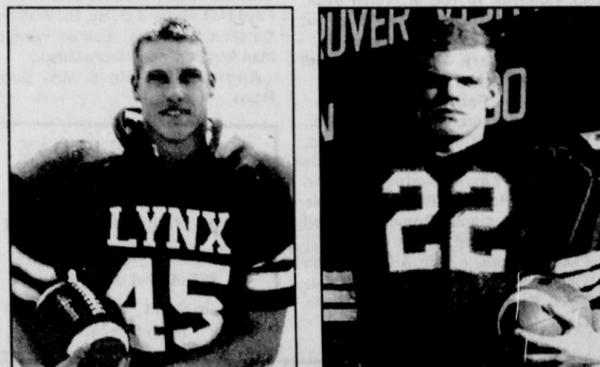
In Gruver's football district, Vega, which has been moved to district 1-3A, has been replaced with Memphis. District 1-1A will now consist of Booker, Claude, Memphis, Gruver, Shamrock, and Wheeler. In the basketball district realignment, Claude has moved to district 10 with Kress, Memphis, Paducah, and Valley. The remainder of the old district 2-1A will now be known as district 6-1A and will consist of Gruver, Wheeler, Shamrock, and Booker.

For Spearman, the current football and basketball district of

Stratford, West Texas, Boys Ranch, Sunray, and Canadian will remain in tact. The district will now be known as district 5-2A rather than district 1-2A.

Gruver athletic personnel expressed the opinion that the new football alignment would involve more travel time with Memphis replacing Vega but should also result in more games for the junior varsity and possibly the junior high football teams.

Regarding the elimination of Claude from the basketball district, the consensus seemed to believe it would be difficult to fill schedules for junior high, freshmen, and junior varsity teams. Several residents expressed the view that the exclusion of Claude would diminish the competitiveness of the district and the athletic experience derived from that competitiveness.



Two Hansford County athletes have been named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's All State Team. Senior Michael Lusby, left, of Spearman was selected as third-team kick returner, and Senior Brant Armes, right, of Gruver was selected to the secondary third-team. Spearman's Head Football Coach Ric Smith, and Gruver's Defensive Coach Lonnie Burnam wish to join in congratulating these fine football players in their accomplishments.

AARP Provides Tax Assistance

AARP is offering free tax assistance to senior citizen residents of Hansford County. AARP volunteers will be at the O'Loughlin Center in the Senior Citizen's Room between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday afternoon, beginning February 4th through April 15th.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the IRS, are knowledgeable about federal income taxes, as well as state and local taxes. They can complete basic income tax forms and answer tax questions.

Income tax forms can be complicated. AARP Tax-Aide can help. For assistance, bring your current tax records and a copy of last year's income tax return to the O'Loughlin Center, Senior Citizen's Room on Wednesday.

This service is being sponsored by Golden Spread Senior Citizens

Center and AARP, and is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS.

For more information, call toll-free 1-888 AARP NOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit their web site at: <http://www.aarp.org/taxaide/home.htm>.

The AARP Foundation is an affiliated, 501 (c) (3) nonpartisan charitable organization, established in 1961. It administers publicly and privately funded programs, such as AARP Tax-Aide, the AARP Senior Community Service Employment Program, and the AARP Home Equity Information Center.

The Foundation also carries out the Washington, DC, based advocacy programs funded through Legal Counsel for the Elderly, Inc. These programs also receive support from AARP.

Editorial

by Gary Smith

A few weeks ago, a very nice lady stopped by my office. She told me that she had something that she would like for me to read and handed me a slip of paper. The note simply read, "You don't look handicapped to me."

She said that she had parked in the handicapped parking zone at the grocery store, and someone had left the note on her car.

Then, with tears in her eyes, she told me how she had recently been diagnosed with Lupus. Her doctors had told her not to walk very much. They directed her to get a handicapped parking sticker and put it on her car, which she did.

As she spoke, it became evident to me how much she was hurting. I listened, not knowing exactly what to say, but told her that I was sorry. I explained how some healthy people park in handicapped parking places and how that offended other people. I also told her that sometimes people can be ignorant and cruel.

I am afraid that I did not offer a great deal of help to this lady. When she left, she was still hurting.

I offer this editorial now, not for the person who hastily wrote a note chastising someone else. I offer it instead to all of us. Maybe when we are ready to criticize another person, we might take a minute to realize that there may be unseen circumstances of which we are unaware.

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 name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine Smith.

February 5
Birthday - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tipps, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Pipkin, Theron Spencer, Zachary McCammond, Matt Watlington, George DeSantiago, Kyle Haensch, Matison Jones, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter

February 6
Birthday - Erica Blount, Larry Irbeck, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Carlos Espinosa, Cora Lesly, Ruben Vera, Bradly Laxton, Ofelia Zamora, Courtney Jo Myers, Wayne Shook, Betty Allen, Kimberly LaFarr, Becky Brown, Moses Lomeli, Tammie Purvines
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hohertz, Patsy & Jerry Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. Curt Fitzgeard

February 7
Birthday - Alicia Barkley, Chris Johnson, Buddy Lowe, Mike Stedje, Monique Yancy, Virginia Poole, Tracy Taylor, Calvin Pearson, Jill Havens, Kay Atkinson, Michelle Bass, Janice Noble, Kerry Fulce

February 8
Birthday - Louise Etter, Bobby Mosier, Ben Vaughn, Domingo Salazar III, Ruth Hill, Al Tucker, Verlin Beck, Dorothy Karns, Jesse Briseno, Verlene Bass, Zachary Logsdon
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Sheets, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Herndon

February 9
Birthday - Lorene Dahl, Andy Hoel, Elena Salazar, Carole Hall, Sara Avila, Paula Garza, Doris Breedon, Jackie Pearson, Linda Rodriguez, Lori Williams, Rossetta Barrera, Michelle Laughlin, Armando Borunda, Garrett Rex, Drew Mireles
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Martin Ochoa, Bill & Alice Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Travis Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne TeBeest

February 10
Birthday - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Nina Evans, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Travis Garnett, Evelina Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Clay Fewell, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Perry Dixon

February 11
Birthday - Angie Clawson, Craig Schuman, Kari Lou Russell, Joan McClellan, Jo McAdams, Denise Harbour, James Hargis, Willard Davis, Steve Ryan, Lillian Cooksey, Roy Harbour, Merle Holt, Leigh Anne Winger, Lillian Cooksey, Addie Williams
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Herb McClellan

February 12
Birthday - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Josephine Fletcher, Brian McClenagan, Brandon Reagon, Kaci Renteria, Sister Criselda Vela, Mae Hargis, Kelly Goodman, Anselmo Vela, Mary Dixon, Glynn & Lynn Pattison, Jennie Lou Connely, Jana Hawkins, Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Jo Fletcher, Troy James, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Buck Tidwell, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Lee Uptergrove, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ross

February 13
Birthday - Rick Barkley, Rosi Chisum, Kristi Williams, Sherry Lee, Faye Holt, Richard Ooley, Bill Watson, Catalina Espinosa, Esther Vargas, Mari Ann Bartimos, Maura Gaspar
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Eddy Rojas

With Deepest Sympathy

Christene States

Christene "Tina" States, 74, died Sunday, January 25, 1998 at Liberal, KS.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 31, 1998 in Primitive Baptist Church at Perryton with Elder Don Martin and Elder R.A. Tindall officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Miller Mortuary.

Mrs. States was born in Eldorado, OK. She married Marvin States in 1940 at Pampa. She had lived in Gruver since 1947 where she had been a telephone operator for eight years, was an accountant and secretary for the Gruver Lumber Co. for nine years and until recently owned and operated rental properties.

She was a member of Primitive Baptist Church at Perryton. Survivors include a son, LeRoy States of Naples, Italy; a daughter, Anita "Mel" Albright of Balco, OK; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Claudine Sillivent

Claudine Sillivent, 74, of Amarillo, died Tuesday, January 27, 1998. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30th in Pleasant Valley Baptist Church with Dr. Dana Moore, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Sillivent was born in Canadian and had lived in Amarillo since 1952. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H.C. Sillivent, in 1984. Survivors include five daughters, Charlene Helms, Linda Massey, Debbie Krobot and Cathy Darling, all of Amarillo, and Faye Massey of Gatesville; two sons, Wayne Sillivent and Robert Sillivent, both of Amarillo; a sister, Betty Prater of Dalhart; a brother, Otis "Corky" Kizziar of Gruver; 19 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Live Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001.

Thank You

Mere words can never express the gratitude we have for the love and compassion show us during the loss of our husband, brother and uncle, Gus Renner. The prayers, flowers, food and donations to the Stationmaster's House Museum are beyond our wildest dreams. Thank you so very much.

God Bless You,

Clementine Renner; Bennetta Owens; Genece Files; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Renner; Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Renner; Irene Craig; Phillip and Lynna Renner; Fannie and Mary Venneman; Joe T. and Linda Venneman; Nieces and Nephews



Ochiltree County resident Dean Leighnor (right) is pictured above with his son and grandson Harvey and Damien Leighnor. Dean caught a 69 lb. striped marlin during a recent fishing excursion off the coast of Oaia, Hawaii. Dean and his wife, Audrey, were visiting their son Harvey, his wife Agatha, and their son Damien.

Thank You

With deep gratitude, we thank the staff of Hanford manor for the care and kindness given to Edith during her stay, and the compassion shown to us during our loss of Edith.

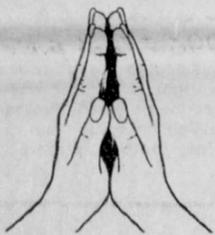
A special thanks goes to Dr. Tamayo for the care given to Edith and her family.

To all our friends, we will never forget the food, cards, and prayers in our behalf.

The Family of Edith Philipp

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Focus On The Family

QUESTION: I have a defiant 5-year-old son, and I'm doing my best to cope with the assignment of shaping his will. Lately, I've had feelings of guilt and self-doubt over the constant tug-of-war I'm in. Do other parents of strong-willed children feel the same?

DR. DOBSON: Yes, many do. One of the problems is that parents have been told by the "experts" that managing children is duck soup for those who do it right. That leaves them with intense self-condemnation when things don't work that smoothly in their homes.

No one told them that parenthood would be this difficult, and they blame themselves for the tension that arises. They had planned to be such loving and effective parents, reading fairy tales to their pajama-clad angels by the fireplace. The difference between life as it is and life as it ought to be is a frightening bit of reality.

I'm glad you were able to verbalize your feelings of guilt and depression. That is important. In response, let me give you three assurances that will help you:

1. It isn't all your fault.
 2. It won't always be so difficult.
 3. You're probably doing a much better job than you think.
- Hang in there. Your strong-willed child will someday be a stalwart, respectable, hard-working citizen whose only source of depression will emanate from conflict with his own strong-willed child.

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Send your questions to Dr. Dobson c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (c) 1982 Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

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 Worship & Children's Church: 11 a.m.
 Sun. Evening/Youth Service: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
 Wed. Children's Choir: 7:00 p.m.
 Pastor - James Brown

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

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 29 S. Bemise • 659-2036
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.
 Evening Bible Study
 Worship: 6:30 p.m. Sun.
 Senior Minister - Joseph Weeks

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

Church of Christ
 121 S. Haney • 659-3244
 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship: p.m.
 Bible Study Wed: 7:30 p.m.
 KRDF Radio Program
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 Minister - Willie Tollison

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 901 Roland • 659-2792
 Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m.
 Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. - English
 (9:00 a.m. Service on KRDF 98.3 FM)
 Sunday Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo
 Rector Mass - Spanish
 Rev. Scott Raef

Trinity Fellowship Church
 717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Service & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.
 Pastor - Johnny Taylor

First Presbyterian Church
 (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)
 1021 Collier • 659-2033
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church
 Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Buildings)
 Pastor - Beverly Cook

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

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
 Rainbow Kids Club: 3:00 Wednesday
 Pastor - Ken Cole

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 & Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m. Wed.
 Pastor - Bill Sparks

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

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

In Gruver...

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

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

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

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

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

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church
 Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.
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 733-2757
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Laugh and Live

by Gary C. Smith



gcs@ren.net

Friend, Brent Choate, sent this to me. It is entitled "The Visitor."

Ruth looked at the envelope again. There was no stamp, no postmark, only her name and address. She read the letter one more time...

Dear Ruth,
I'm going to be in your neighborhood Saturday afternoon and I'd like to stop by for a visit.
Love Always,
Jesus

Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer."

With that thought, Ruth remembered her empty kitchen cabinets. "Oh my goodness, I really don't have anything to offer. I'll have to run down to the store and buy something for dinner." She reached for her purse and counted out its contents. Five dollars and forty cents. "Well, I can get some bread and cold cuts, at least." She threw on her coat and hurried out the door. Ruth purchased a loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey, and a carton of milk...leaving her with a grand total of twelve cents to last her until Monday. Nonetheless, she felt good as she headed home, her meager offerings tucked under her arm.

"Hey lady, can you help us, lady?" Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans, she hadn't even noticed the figures huddled in the alleyway. A man and a woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags.

"Look lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and, well, now it's getting cold, and we're getting kinda hungry and, well, if you could help us, lady, we'd really appreciate it." Ruth looked at them both. They were dirty, they smelled bad and, frankly, she was certain that they could get some kind of work if they really wanted to. "Sir, I'd like to help you, but I'm a poor woman myself. All I have is a few cold cuts and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight, and I was planning on serving that to Him."

"Yeah, well, OK lady, I understand. Thanks anyway." The man put his arm around the woman's shoulders, turned and headed back into the alley. As she watched them leave, Ruth felt a familiar twinge in her heart.

"Sir, wait!" The couple stopped and turned as she ran down the alley after them. "Look, why don't you take this food. I'll figure out something else to serve my guest." She handed the man her grocery bag.

"Thank you lady. Thank you very much!" "Yes, thank you!" It was the man's wife, and Ruth could see now that she was shivering.

"You know, I've got another coat at home. Here, why don't you take this one." Ruth unbuttoned her jacket and slipped it over the woman's shoulders. Then smiling, she turned and walked back to the street...without her coat and with nothing to serve her guest. "Thank you lady! Thank you very much!"

Ruth was chilled by the time she reached her front door, and worried too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn't have anything to offer Him.

She fumbled through her purse for the door key. But as she did, she noticed another envelope in her mailbox. "That's odd. The mailman doesn't usually come twice in one day." She took the envelope out of the box and opened it.

Dear Ruth,
It was so good to see you again. Thank you for the lovely meal.
And thank you, too, for the beautiful coat.
Love Always,
Jesus

The air was still cold, but even without her coat, Ruth no longer noticed.

Until Next Time,
May God Bless
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Engagement Announcement

Rhonda and Jack Christian of Gruver wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal, to Robert Wesley Whitaker, son of J.W. and Anne Whitaker of Amarillo.

The couple plans a February 21st ceremony at the Gruver Methodist Church.

Crystal is a 1997 graduate of Gruver High School. She is currently an office assistant in Gruver.

Robert is a 1994 graduate of Gruver High School. He attended West Texas A&M University from 1994-1996. He plans to finish his degree in Pre-Veterinary Animal Science/Ultrasound at Panhandle State University in 1999. He is currently a feedyard marketing consultant.

A reception will follow the ceremony at Harold Gerardy's airport hangar at the Gruver Airport.

At The Movies

Tomorrow Never Dies (PG-13) - OK, so some people will never willingly see a James Bond movie. But plenty more are more than willing. Pierce Brosnan is everywhere these days, in ads for cars, cocktails and credit cards. You can't say he isn't trying. (James Bond-ian style action, romance, language)

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Engagement Announcement

Amanda Hiller, daughter of Lonnie and Linda Hiller of Boerne, Texas, is engaged to Edward Christians, son of Harold and Kim Christians of San Antonio.

The bride-elect graduated from The University of Texas at San Antonio School of Business and is employed with The American Funds Group as a shareholder representative.

Her fiancé is a candidate for May graduation at The University of Texas at San Antonio School of Business and is an intern with Pacific Gateway Exchange as a network provisioner.

The couple plan a May 30 wedding at Boerne Baptist Church.

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Hansford County Community Calendar

February 5-15

Thursday, February 5 - Saturday, February 7
Spearman/Gruver 9th Grade Boys/Girls - West Texas Basketball Tournament

Thursday, February 5
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
7:00 p.m. - Parenting Seminar - Spearman Elementary Library

Friday, February 6 - Birthdays - Ronald W. Reagan, Aaron Burr
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Girls Basketball vs. West Texas - H
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Boys Basketball vs. West Texas - H
5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Girls Basketball vs. Wheeler - H
5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Wheeler - H
6:30 p.m. - Spearman V Girls Basketball vs. West Texas - H
6:30 p.m. - Gruver V Girls Basketball vs. Wheeler - H
8:00 p.m. - Spearman V Boys Basketball vs. West Texas - H
8:00 p.m. - Gruver V Boys Basketball vs. Wheeler - H

Sunday, February 8 - Boy/Cub Scout Day
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Spearman First Christian Church

Monday, February 9 - Birthday - William Henry Harrison
10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioner's Court Meets
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
2:00 p.m. - Hansford County Museum Board Meets
4:00-7:00 p.m. - Spearman Blood Drive, Sacred Heart Catholic Church
5:00 p.m. - Spearman 7th Grade Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Boys Ranch - Girls-T/Boys-H
5:00 p.m. - Gruver 7th Grade Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Booker Girls-H/Boys-T
6:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber Women's Division Corporate Fashion Workshop, First State Bank Hospitality Room
6:00 p.m. - Spearman 8th Grade Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Boys Ranch - Girls-T/Boys-H
6:00 p.m. - Gruver 8th Grade Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Booker - Girls-H/Boys-T
7:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Booker - T
7:30 p.m. - Spearman 9th Grade Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Boys Ranch - Girls-T/Boys-H

Tuesday, February 10
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's
2:00 p.m. - Palo Duro River Authority Meets
4:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Boys Basketball vs. Stratford - T
5:15 p.m. - Spearman JV Girls Basketball vs. Stratford - T
6:30 p.m. - Spearman V Girls Basketball vs. Stratford - T
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
8:00 p.m. - Spearman V Boys Basketball vs. Stratford - T

Wednesday, February 11 - Birthday - Thomas Alva Edison
9:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Service
10:00 a.m. - Reduced-Tillage Workshop, The O'Loughlin Center
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber - Women's Division Executive Board Meets
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
2:30 p.m. - Spearman High School National Honor Society Induction, Auditorium
5:00 p.m. - Gruver City Council Meets
7:00 p.m. - Trinity Fellowship offers "Family Issues" series

Thursday, February 12 - Birthday - Abraham Lincoln
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board Meets
7:00 p.m. - Hansford County Hospital Board Meets
7:00 p.m. - Parenting Seminar - Spearman Elementary Library

Friday, February 13
Spearman ISD, Gruver ISD Student Holiday
Hansford County Stock Show
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Girls Basketball vs. Guyton - H
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Boys Basketball vs. Boys Ranch - H
4:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Girls Basketball vs. Claude - T
5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Claude - T
6:30 p.m. - Spearman 9th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Boys Ranch - H
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HC Stock Shows

by Harletta Carthel

FFA and 4-H youth of Hansford County recently exhibited their livestock projects in local shows held in Spearman and Gruver. Results of the local shows, which are a prelude to the annual Hansford County Stock Show to be held on February 13 and 14 in the Gruver County Barn, are listed for each town.

Spearman Stock Show

The Grand Champion Steer was shown by Bailey Reid, and the Reserve Champion was exhibited by Ashley Brown. Showmanship awards were given to Ashley Brown in the senior division and Clete Vanderburg in the junior division.

In the Spearman sheep show, Josh Bynum's animal was chosen grand champion while Jeremy Mackie took reserve champion. Sheep showmanship winners included Leah Mackie in the senior division and Dustin Mackie in the junior division.

Tarin Rice's Cross was named the grand champion in the swine show with Josh Bynum's Hamp champion for reserve champion. Garnering senior swine showmanship was Jeremy Mackie while Seth Clemmons was selected junior showman.

Winners in the breed divisions of the swine show were champion Duroc Timmy Bynum and reserve champion Chelsea Nollner; Hamp champion Josh Bynum and reserve champion Jeremy Mackie; York champion Dustin Mackie and reserve champion Greg Jacops; AOB (All Other Breeds) Dustin Mackie; and Cross champion Tarin Rice and reserve champion Ty West.

Gruver Stock Show

Over 120 entries were exhibited in the Gruver Stock Show on Saturday. For the first time in the show's history, a class of goats were shown.

In the steer division, Tucker Williams exhibit was named grand champion while Brad Holt's steer took reserve champion.

Kathy Slough was chosen senior showman, and Kaylee Holt, junior showman.

Sheep division winners

included Brant Armes, grand champion and Casey Smith, reserve champion. Bray Armes was the top senior showman and Brittany Morris, the top junior showman.

Placing in the goat show were T.J. McClure, 1st, Adam Red, 2nd, Dustin Red, 3rd, and Melissa Montgomery, 4th.

Of more than 80 exhibits in the swine division, the brother team of Taylor and Tucker Williams took top honors. Taylor's barrow was selected grand champion, and Tucker's barrow, reserve champion. Showmanship awards in the swine division were awarded to Kadie Grotegut in the senior division, and Teal Armes in the junior division.

Breed champions in the swine show were Duroc champion Amy Gift, reserve champion Brittany Morris; Hamp champion Taylor Williams, reserve champion Tucker Williams; Cross champion Lance Williams, reserve champion Teal Armes; and York champion Taos Weldon, reserve champion Jack Karlin.

Hansford County Stock Show

The Hansford County Stock Show kicks-off Friday, February 13, with a weigh-in of steers and lambs at 7 a.m.-8 a.m. The lamb show will begin at 9:15 a.m. with the steer show immediately following. The day will conclude with the swine weighing at approximately 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Activities for Saturday, February 14, will begin with the swine show at 8 a.m. A judging contest will follow at 1 p.m. The presentation of showmanship and commercial steer awards will be held at 6:30 p.m. The annual auction of show animals will follow the awards.

FSA Announces Acceptance Of CRP Acreage

Olympia, Washington, January 29, 1998 - Agriculture Secretary, Dan Glickman, announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will accept 5.9 million acres of environmentally sensitive farmland into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Locally, over 8,000 acres were accepted.

"Once again USDA has maintained its goal of enrolling the most environmentally sensitive land, keeping productive farmland in production, and being fair to taxpayers in providing the most environmental bank for the buck."

The 5.9 million acres we are accepting today will result in a 13 percent increase in environmental benefits compared to the acres accepted in the 15th sign-up and these acres have double the average environmental benefits of the program from one year ago," Glickman said. "While increasing the amount of environmentally sensitive land in the CRP, we will also be paying about \$4.50 per acre less than the historic average, saving \$261 million over the life of the program, in addition to the \$1.6 billion saved by the lower rental rates of sign-up 15."

Glickman noted that 31 percent of this land is acreage subject to current CRP contracts due to expire on September 30, 1998. "Much of this acreage is already controlling soil erosion and, as a result of the 15th sign-up, will be improved to offer greater wildlife and other environmental benefits."

The Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), which ranks CRP offers based on six environmental factors and a cost factor, was changed for this sign-up to address air quality, wildlife benefits, and reflect the diversity

of the land offered for CRP. In addition, the EBI now awards additional points to those who offer land at less than the maximum payment rate and places greater weight on environmental factors.

For the 16th sign-up, CRP offers with an EBI score of 247 or greater were accepted into the program. This EBI threshold is lower than that for the 15th sign-up because USDA applied a cost factor of 150 points rather than the 200 used in the 15th sign-up. Applying 150 points reduced the weight of the per acre rental cost, resulting in a greater emphasis on enrolling particularly sensitive lands. The 247 point threshold roughly equals 273 points under the EBI used for sign-up 15.

The new enrollment will bring the total acres in the CRP to 29.9 million acres on October 1, 1998. This compares to 28.7 million acres currently enrolled of which 4.8 million are subject to contract that will expire September 30, 1998. The statutory maximum number of acres that can be enrolled in the program at any one time is 36.4 million. Landowners offered 9.5 million acres during the 16th sign up. USDA's Farm Service Agency will immediately begin to notify farmers and ranchers of USDA's decisions regarding their CRP offers.

Glickman said that USDA is likely to hold another general CRP sign-up during the fall of 1998. He urges farmers and ranchers to look into the CRP's Continuous Sign-Up option to enroll special conservation practices that yield high environmental benefits. Eligible practices include field windbreaks and grass waterways in Hansford County. Producers may submit offers under the Continuous Sign-up option throughout the year at local USDA service centers.

The CRP is an effective,

voluntary approach to improving the environment utilizing partnerships between individuals and the government. Landowners and operators establish long-term conservation practices on erodible and environmentally sensitive land in exchange for 10-15 years of annual rental payments and cost-share assistance for adopting and maintaining those practices. Contracts between USDA and landowners establish the rental rates and cost share assistance to be paid over the life of the contracts.

SHS Attends Literary Meet

The Spearman High School attended the Dumas High School UIL Invitational Meet on Saturday, January 31, 1998. Listed below are the participants and results from this meet.

Ready Writing: Syd Woodington, Zack McCammond

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News Writing: Teresa Gomez - 5th, Maribel Martinez - 6th, Kathryn Murphy

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The January 20th issue of the Amarillo Globe-News, sports section, carried a headlined article expressing concern for Kara Townsen, who has a back injury. Kara, a sophomore at WTAMU slipped at basketball practice at Abilene Christian College and landed hard on her back. The results of the MRI were not available at that time, though it was thought that it might be a herniated disc.

It was an interesting article and very complimentary of Kara, listing her as the leading scorer.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Townsen, have another injured athlete, as their son Jamie, is out of basket ball for the season with the Lynx.

He suffered a deep cut on a finger with an electric saw at his place of employment, Elliott Construction. He will not lose the finger, fortunately, but is handicapped in several activities. He is surely missed in the Lynx line up.

Rhonda and Bart Baker, along with Bada Bissig, spent four days at Angel Fire last week. They returned on Thursday. They enjoyed some skiing, but due to the warm weather, the snow was not as deep as usual. It certainly was not like the snows that Bada is accustomed to in his native Switzerland.

Cleo George was so pleased to have her daughter, Patsy, and husband Olin Isham visit her several days last week. Patsy grew up in Spearman, but has lived in Denver a number of years.

Again justice will be served in the county for customers of Gordon's Drug now that Judge Jim and Rosemary Brown have returned from a seven day vacation. They flew to San Juan Island, California, where they met her sister, Melanie, and her husband, David Clawson. They are from New York City. They all sailed on a cruise ship to six different islands off the coast of California, including St. Thomas. They report everything was beautiful - the weather, the scenery, the ocean, and even each other.

Reverend Ken and Roberta Cole (pastor First United Methodist Church of Spearman) experienced a very up-lifting association in California last week. On Friday they flew to Garden Grove and on Sunday attended the well known Chrystal Cathedral service with Reverend Robert Schuller. Then on Monday through Friday, they attended the Christian Leadership Conference held there. They flew back on Saturday.

Broken Bones report: Friends report that Wesley (Thug) Jenkins is not recovering as rapidly as expected from a broken hip. He was a patient in Hansford Hospital when he fell and broke his hip, a week ago Sunday. He is in High Plains Baptist surgical unit, and having some bone marrow scans. The prognosis is uncertain at this writing.

Mrs. Sammi Bishop, a resident of Hansford Manor, suffered a broken hip in a fall on Wednesday, January 28. She was taken by ambulance to High Plains Baptist Hospital. According to her nephew, she is recovering. She has not started full therapy yet.

Mrs. Ethel Waggoner returned Sunday after being in Amarillo since last Wednesday when husband Johnny underwent hip replacement surgery. He is at High Plains Baptist.

He had the same hip replacement 11 1/2 years ago, but it had worn out and some bone grafts were needed. Since there have been improvements in the materials used in these replacements in the years since, they are hopeful of permanent relief this time.

He is now in Bivens Rehab. Ethel expects to return to Amarillo in the next day or two.

Weatherman Dwayne Smith knows that weathermen are not made overnight. They reach the height of their profession by degrees!

Speaking of degrees, Dwayne reports the high for the past week was on January 30th at 68 degrees; the low on the 27th and 29th at 29 degrees; and the first moisture of the year .27 on Sunday, January 31st.

As of Monday, the TV media are citing their polls indicating that Clinton's approval rating is 73% of the American people.

Some questions that each person should answer for his personal satisfaction: Since this 73% is of all American people, it would include church congregations. So, are the remaining 27%, their ministers and leaders, just "spinning their wheels" in an exercise in futility? Are churches, Christian doctrine, being outmoded? Since 73% feel that a president's personal life has no bearing on his public life and it should be of no concern to the citizenry, would such same conduct in the personal life of an otherwise effective pastor be of concern to his congregation?

Who decided that the 7th commandment is to be discarded? What is the status of the commandment regarding false witness? "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" --- no longer applicable?

College News

OPSU Announces Who's Who Nominations

Oklahoma Panhandle State University had 39 students selected as national outstanding leaders for the 1998 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the communities leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Students named from Hansford County for this year are Judy R. Stedje of Gruver and Carla J. Woodington of Spearman.

Dean's List

Sul Ross State University has announced its Dean's List for the 1997 fall semester.

Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more semester hours who maintain a grade point average of 3.3 or better are eligible for the Dean's Lists. Graduate hours are not included in Dean's List computations.

Cody Bryan McGaha was named to the Dean's List with a 4.00 GPA in Equine Science. He is the son of Bob and Belinda McGaha of Spearman.

A student from Hansford County was named to the Honor Lists for the fall 1997 semester at South Plains College.

Students represent the SPC Levelland and Lubbock campuses and SPC Reese Educational Center.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of college-level work, make no failing grades and earn a grade point average of at least 3.25.

Named to the Dean's Honor List is Douglas L. Gumory, Gruver.

A total of 2,109 Oklahoma State University students were

named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1997 semester.

To be named to the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours, make a 3.5 grade point (B average) or higher, have no grade below a C, and have no incomplete courses.

Students from Gruver on the Dean's Honor Roll were Jace Paul Dawson, Joni Janeen Hart, and Tara Ruth Shapley.

Kansas State University is recognizing 1,505 students with semester honors in recognition of their outstanding academic performance during the recently completed 1997 fall semester.

Students receiving semester honors rank in the top 10 percent of their class within their respective colleges and took at least 12 semester hours of graded course work.

Galen Dean Slough of Gruver, was listed on the Kansas State University Fall 1997 Semester Honors List.

Matt L. Gafford of Spearman, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the University.

Mr. Gafford is a Kinesiology major at ASU.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Spearman and Gruver students were among those chosen to the Presidents and Deans list for the Fall semester at West Texas A&M University.

Those included on the President's List were: Samantha Beasley, sophomore, pre-vet and Justin Carthel, senior, plant science.

Those included on the Dean's List were: John B. Holt, post-bach. non-grad, animal science; Randy B. Janzen, junior, general business; Brian H Kidder, post-bach. non-grad, biology; Candice L. Pipkin, freshman, computer science; Kelly M. Shieldknight, sophomore, agrribusiness; Max T. Frick, sophomore, Kinesiology; and Sara L. Jones, post-bach. non-grad, psychology.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--Feb. 2, 1998--35 ft. 6 in. 390

Marguerite and Archie Nelson called Sunday to report a "magic moment." They had just seen 3 grown bobcats run across the road in front of them south of the office. They also saw a golden eagle perched on a windmill west of the dam and out of the Park. They missed seeing the bald eagles which are roosting in the big grove of trees on the Gibner side.

Jim said the garage for Bobby Mosier was finished except for the door. It is to be installed Tuesday.

This past fall brought the largest invasion of mice that I have ever heard about. We all know it is common for mice to try to find a warm place to spend the winter since they don't hibernate, but this year the stories are of great numbers of mice. Some have wondered if the burning of CRP grass is responsible, but when I read in Monte Noelke's Short Grass Country in the Livestock Weekly that he had the worst invasion in modern times out at his ranch home near San Angelo, I decided other factors must enter in.

Most of us hate mice and feel that they are unsanitary anyway, but now we have a new threat to our health from the hantavirus associated with rodent feces. The first time this virus was identified was in 1993 in the Four Corners area when about 15 people died from it. About 160 people in 27 states since 1993 have been afflicted, with nearly half dying. The virus doesn't seem to transfer from people to people or by insects or pets.

The advice given is to use detergents and disinfectants when cleaning up after mice. Use rubber gloves and a dust mask and try to avoid inhaling dust particles that might contain the virus. Do not use air hoses, brooms, or vacuums to get rid of the rodent nests and feces.

An Iowa State professor thinks he was infected in 1983 from an old air conditioner that mice had invaded. He sought help when he got a high fever, backache and had trouble breathing. He lived through respiratory failure with nine days in intensive care. In 1993 he had his blood checked and found he had been exposed to the hantavirus.

Gruver ISD School Menu

Breakfast	Lunch
Monday, February 9 Cereal, Graham Crackers, Juice, Milk	Monday, February 9 Macaroni & Meatsauce, Vegetable, Fruit, Breadstick, Milk
Tuesday, February 10 Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk	Tuesday, February 10 Tacos, Lettuce, Cheese, Pineapples, Milk
Wednesday, February 11 Sausage & Biscuit, Juice, Milk	Wednesday, February 11 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Vegetable, Fruit, Roll, Milk
Thursday, February 12 Toast, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Juice, Milk	Thursday, February 12 Nachos, Beans, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Milk Salad Bar
Friday, February 13 School Holiday	Friday, February 13 School Holiday

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FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME
1 Person	less than \$19,700
2 Person	less than \$22,550
3 Person	less than \$25,350
4 Person	less than \$28,150
5 Person	less than \$30,400
6 Person	less than \$32,650
7 Person	less than \$34,900
8 Person	less than \$37,150

Rent is based on family income minus allowances for elderly occupants, children and allowances for gas and electric utilities. For more information, contact Gary Ellsworth at Spearman City Hall by calling 659-2524. Spearman Housing Authority does not discriminate based on race, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, or other classification protected by federal and state laws.

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by Harletta Carthel

Expanded Calling Area Details

Gary Stevens, the area manager of Southwestern Bell, was the source for the information I received this week concerning the expanding of the local calling area. According to Mr. Stevens, a maximum of five areas may be included in the expanded calling area petition sent to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Mr. Stevens stated that areas in another state, such as Guymon may not be included but areas such as Stinnett, 339 numbers north of Gruver, and possibly Stratford or Sunray may be eligible for consideration. The PUC will make the determination if all the areas requested fit current guidelines. Gruver telephone subscribers would know in advance of the vote what areas would be included.

City Manager A.J. Ratliff has taken a petition to Morse Implement for interested telephone subscribers in Morse to sign. He also has the petition started by Gruver subscribers in his office for Gruver signatures.

College Graduates

Four former Gruver High School students became college graduates in December ceremonies. The graduates included Sara L. Jones, daughter of Ken and Sally Jones, Cum Laude graduate of West Texas A&M University with a degree in psychology; Kevin Spivey, son of Brad and Gyene Spivey, a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Exercise Sports and Science (marketing and business); Cody Barkley, also a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in Agricultural Business; and Holly (Venneman) Gifford, daughter of Joe T. and Linda Venneman, a graduate of Texas Christian University with a degree in nursing.

Revival Slated

The First Baptist Church of Gruver will host a revival Sunday, February 8 - Wednesday, February 11. The series of sermons

will begin Sunday during regular service times. Monday through Wednesday lunch services will begin with a meal at 11:30 a.m., while evening services will begin at 7 p.m.

Sports

Weekly Scoreboard

Lady Hounds 54 Guymon 58
Jill Odom 3, Janae Watley 18, Katie Grotegut 2, Weslyn Maupin 14, Sammi Stavlo 9, Annie Mayhew 2, and Autumn Bateman 2.

Lady Hounds 60 Shamrock 32
Odom 3, Watley 21, Maupin 16, Stavlo 8, Bateman 6, Brooke Salmans 6.

Hounds 66 Shamrock 38
(Nearly identical to the score of the first meeting of these teams)

Jared Johnson 7, Jim Potts 14, Brant Armes 8, Buster McLain 16, Rob Murrell 4, Lance Hallum 4, Bray Armes 2, Dallas Henson 2, Matt Watlington 2, and Jason TeBeest 2.

Lady Hounds JV 27 Guymon 34
Krystle Deeds 6, Kim Boyd 3, Holly Hart 2, Shea Lowe 1, Tessa Yanke 9, Lindy Tolleson 4, and Casey Howe 2.

Lady Hounds JV 30 Shamrock 22
Deeds 12, Boyd 5, Becky Cassady 2, Nikki Stewart 3, Yanke 4, Tolleson 3.

Freshman Hounds 30 Clarendon 46
Greg Ehrenberg 4, Chad TeBeest 2, Clayton Acker 4, Brady Hart 4, Swink 2, Allen Thomas 3, Hugo Hernandez 1, and Chase Lamb 3.

Freshman Hounds 36
Panhandle 49
Hernandez 6, Swink 9, Hart 10, Acker 5, Ehrenberg 2, TeBeest 2, and Lamb 2.

Eighth Grade Lady Hounds 8
Perryton 43
Sara Bass 2, Kaylee Holt 4, and Sarah Miser 2.

Eighth Grade Lady Hounds 15
Spearman 41
Dallas Robinson 2, Bass 4, Holt 2, Sarah Moore 6, and Jacinda Perez 1.

Eighth Grade Lady Hounds 30
Panhandle 2
(one great game)
Beth Yanke 3, Bass 10, Moore 5, Robinson 3, Perez 6, and Miser 3.

Seventh Grade Lady Hounds 37
Sunray 6
Carrie Stewart 6, Curry Porter 2, Christi Clift 2, Rachel Abernathy 10, Katie Jones 2, Lori Swink 2, Christi McDowell 9, and Ashleigh Sherill 4.

Seventh Grade Lady Hounds 34
Perryton 4
Stewart 2, Janae Watley 6, Brandi Griffin 10, Lisa Johnson 2, and Swink 1.

Seventh Grade Lady Hounds 28
Panhandle 14
Abernathy 2, Watley 3, Lisa Johnson 8, Griffin 6, Julie May 2, Sammi Johnson 2, Swink 2, and Kasey Cazares 1.

Eighth Grade Hounds 37
Spearman 47
Ryan Abernathy 2, Chad Howe 15, Steven Salazar 1, Kade Carthel 6, Mathew Borrunda 2, and James Duggan 6.

Eighth Grade Hounds 20
Perryton 60
Gabriel Lopez 3, Howe 2, Carthel 7, Israel Azarte 6, and Duggan 2.

Eighth Grade Hounds 32
Panhandle 30
(winning basket scored at the buzzer)

R. Abernathy 2, Zack Christian 1, Howe 2, Salazar 4, Carthel 12, Azarte 2, Borrunda 2, and Duggan 7.

Seventh Grade Hounds 15
Spearman 47
Wade Stewart 5, David Hernandez 5, Eric Munoz 4, and Aaron Boyd 1.

Seventh Grade Hounds 20
Perryton 34
Brandon Casdorff 2, Eric Lopez 2, Hernandez 10, Munoz 2, and Salvador Vega 2.

Seventh Grade Hounds 31
Panhandle 30
(exciting game from start to finish)
Hunter Bevil 2, Stewart 4, Lopez 4, Hernandez 4, Munoz 10, and Boyd 7.

Injury Update

Brooke Salmans, who suffered a torn ACL before the basketball season began, played her first game as a Lady Hound against Shamrock last week.

Eighth grader Beth Yanke injured her back last week in a basketball game. Beth missed playing in the junior high tournament over the weekend but is back in action this week.

Freshman Chad Clift recently injured his knee in basketball practice.

Ryan Abernathy, who had surgery over the Christmas holidays, is back on the court for the eighth grade Hounds.

The flu bug kept several eighth grade Hounds off the court this week, but so far, has not affected other teams.

Gumfory in Presentation

Doug Gumfory, South Plains College sophomore, will be portraying Claudius, in the presentation of "Hamlet" by William Shakespeare. Performances by the South Plains Theatre Department are slated for February 13th-15th in the college's theatre.

Aaron Frick, Sam Houston State University junior, has been named an All-American Scholar. The award was conferred by the United States Achievement Academy upon recommendation by the faculty of SHSU faculty.

Weller Receives Certification
Gruver City Secretary Linda Weller graduated January 15, 1998, from the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program. Her graduations follows

approximately 200 hours of home study on a four course curriculum conducted by North Texas University.

City Receives Award

The City of Gruver was awarded the regional award for its recycling efforts by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. A large traveling trophy is currently being displayed at City Hall. Gruver's name is now inscribed on the trophy below three other past winners.

Student of the Month

Lance Hallum, son of Coach Glenn and Kay Hallum, was selected the January Student of the Month by the Gruver High School faculty. Hallum is a junior and is a member of the GHS Hound basketball team.

In the News

Ten Years Ago

Fourth grader Wylee Maupin won airline tickets for his family by placing first place in the Amarillo Daily News Christmas essay contest.

Included on the Southwest Texas State University's Dean's list are Scott E. Duncan, Steve E. Duncan, and Sharlene R. Sangalang.

Twenty Years Ago

Two free throws in overtime by Darla Armes put the Lady Hounds on top of the Phillips Blackhawks 41-40.

George C. (Bud) Lowe of Gruver has filed for re-elections to the position of County Commission Pct. 4.

Hodge Podge

February 1998 is unique. The month began on the first day of the week (Sunday) and ends four weeks later on the last day of the week (Saturday).

Ken Starr, special prosecutor, spent his earliest years in

Thalia, Texas (between Crowell and Vernon) where his father was a minister in the community.

In answer to last week's question, Stoney Burk's (Jack Lord), catch phrase he used to announce his readiness for the rodeo chute to open was "Let's dance!"

Accolades

Although former resident Dee Virden was not named in the picture which appeared in the Reporter-Statesman announcing Prudential Insurance's grant to the Gruver EMS, Dee was most helpful in securing the grant for our community. Dee is associated with Prudential in Amarillo, and we are most appreciative for her help.

I question the reasoning of many people polled in the nation who think Bill Clinton is such a great leader that our country must overlook his character faults. In a country that boasts a population of over 250 million, I believe that we can find a leader of ability AND character.

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all news and advertising for the Hansford County Reporter Statesman is Monday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

Items submitted after the deadline may be published at a later date.

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Chamber Accepting Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 1998. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Thursday, March 26, 1998.

Business of the Year Nomination

This award recognizes a Spearman business for achievement and leadership in business. Eligibility requirements include membership in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce; a business that has been in business for at least two years; a record of involvement in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic endeavors; and a business that promotes Spearman and the residents it serves.

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment, make this business uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: _____

Phone: _____

Nominations must be returned to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 1998.

Citizen of the Year Nomination

This is the 36th year to confer this award. This award recognizes an individual for exceptional service that has contributed to the development of Spearman. The award may recognize contributions that have enhanced Spearman's quality of life, or its economic development. It may encompass exceptional achievements related to government leadership, the arts, social welfare programs, civic services, or other appropriate avenues that have enhanced life for all Spearman citizens. While the award is intended to recognize an individual for specific achievements that have occurred during the year immediately preceding the presentation, it may, however recognize an individual for distinct lifetime achievement in the area of community service. Nominations may be made by any resident of Spearman or by any Spearman social service or organization.

Nominee: _____

Name of Business (if appropriate): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment make this individual uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: _____

Phone: _____

Nominations must be returned to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 1998.

SJH Basketball News

The 7th and 8th Grade Lynx and Lynxettes played West Texas on Monday, January 26, 1998.

The 7th Grade Girls A team was defeated 21-26. High scorer was Mindee Gillaspie with 10 points.

The 7th Grade Girls B Team was defeated 12-20.

The 7th Grade Boys A Team won 58-20. Kevin Beedy was high scorer with 14 points.

The 7th Grade Boys B Team won 27-22. Albert Rodriguez was high scorer with 8 points.

The 8th Grade Girls A Team won 32-15. Clara Shieldknight was high scorer with 11 points.

The 8th Grade Girls B Team was defeated 27-15.

The 8th Grade Boys A Team was defeated 37-20. Miguel Ceballos and Homer Munos were high scorers with 8 points each.

The 8th Grade Boys B Team was defeated 43-13. Chad Scarborough was high scorer with 6 points.

The 7th and 8th Grade Lynx and Lynxettes played Stratford on Monday, February 2, 1998.

The 7th Grade Girls A team won 43-22. High scorer was Mindee Gillaspie with 22 points.

The 7th Grade Girls B Team did not play.

The 7th Grade Boys A Team won 50-12. Kevin Beedy was high scorer with 10 points.

The 7th Grade Boys B Team did not play.

The 8th Grade Girls A Team was defeated 23-25. Audrey Winegarner was high scorer with 10 points.

The 8th Grade Girls B Team did not play.

The 8th Grade Boys A Team was defeated 42-56. J.D. Shufeldt were high scorers with 15 points.

The 8th Grade Boys B Team did not play.

McLaughlin Attends Convention



Delinda McLaughlin

Delinda McLaughlin, Spearman, recently attended the Creative Memories' 1998 Regional Convention in Ft. Worth, Texas on January 30 and 31.

Creative Memories, with its headquarters in St. Cloud, Minn., is a national direct-sales company that teaches people

how to organize and preserve their photographs in scrapbook photo albums. Home classes and hands-on workshops are offered by more than 36,000 Creative Memories' Consultants. The Consultants also sell photo-safe albums and supplies.

Delinda, who attended the regional convention with 700 other Consultants, has been with Creative Memories for three years.

Stephanie Brock also attended the convention and she is a recipient of a San Francisco trip in April.

One of the many high-lights for Delinda, was meeting co-founder of Creative Memories, Cheryl Lightle. Others, were seeing new products introduced, hearing informative speeches, and hearing Emory Austin, professional motivational speaker.

Delinda rode with Consultant, Janis Carmon, from Borger.

Two other Consultants attending the convention were: Laura Eaton, wife of Chuck and Janet Sheppard, wife of Rory.

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The Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program, located at the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, is a university-level professional education

program for city clerks and city secretaries in Texas. The program is the third oldest of thirty-three such programs in the country.

The Certification Program is recognized and endorsed by Section 22.074 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated. In 1984, the College Board selected the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program as one of sixty-four exemplary professional development programs in the United States.

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Spearman ISD School Menu

Monday, February 9 Cereal & Toast or Waffle Sticks, Fruit or Juice; Milk	Wednesday, February 11 Fish Sticks w/ Tarter Sauce, Fried Okra, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Pears, Milk
Tuesday, February 10 Cereal & Toast or Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Biscuit; Fruit or Juice; Milk	Thursday, February 12 Submarine Sandwich, Potato Chips, Tomato Soup, Lettuce, Peach Cobbler, Milk
Wednesday, February 11 Cereal & Toast or Raspberry Churros, Fruit or Juice; Milk	Friday, February 13 School Holiday
Thursday, February 12 Cereal & Toast or Blueberry Muffin; Fruit or Juice; Milk	Monday, February 9 Specialty Bar
Friday, February 13 School Holiday	Monday, February 9 Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
Lunch	Tuesday, February 10 Burrito, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Monday, February 9 Salisbury Steak, Potatoes w/ Gravy, Green Beans, Biscuits, Milk	Wednesday, February 11 Pizza, Combo Salad, Pears, Milk
Tuesday, February 10 Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Mixed Fruit, Milk	Thursday, February 12 Cheeseburger, Chips, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Carrot Sticks, Peach Cobbler, Milk
	Friday, February 13 School Holiday

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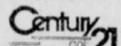
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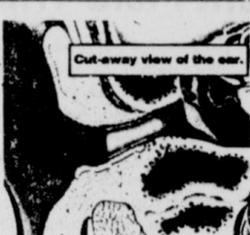
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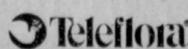
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The How To Talk So Kids Will Listen Group Workshop will be held on Thursday, February 5, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spearman Elementary School Library.

The goal of the workshop is to give parents practice, effective methods of communication that will make relationships with children of all ages less stressful and more rewarding. The session will cover: •Helping Children Deal With Their Feelings, •Engaging Cooperation,

•Alternatives to Punishment, •Encouraging Autonomy, •Praise, and •Freeing Children from Playing Roles.

Parents will learn how to: •Discipline without hurting or alienating, •Cope with your child's negative feelings, •Engage your child's willing cooperation, •Help your child develop a realistic and positive self-image, •Foster an atmosphere of love and respect, and •Resolve conflicts peacefully.

The cost of the workshop is free, but materials will be available for purchase.

For more information, please contact Marty Haney at 659-2565 or 659-3519, or Glenda Guthrie at 659-2584.

SJH AR Student Field Trip

Food, fun, and friends... what can make a better combination for junior high students? Sixty-five students from Spearman Junior High earned a trip to Borger through the Accelerated Reader program to McDonald's and the skating rink for an enjoyable afternoon on Thursday, January 15th.

Students earned points through their reading in Mardell Strawn, Brenda Pierson, and Beckee Baker's classes. Students had to earn a certain number of points, plus maintain an 85% average percent correct on tests taken over their books in order to get to go.

As an incentive to read and score well on tests, all students have the opportunity each six weeks to go on Accelerated Reader trips. Students earn points on an individual basis, and it's

possible for every student in the junior high to go on each trip.

Other trips this year have been a picnic to Palo Duro Lake for the 1st six weeks and a bowling trip to Borger for the 2nd six weeks.

Plans are in the makings for an exciting trip for the 4th six weeks to see an Amarillo Rattlers ice hockey game made possible in part through the generous donations of Spearman Junior High Student Council, Sam's Shoe Clinic, the Spearman Lions Club, and GPM Gas Services Co.

Anyone wanting to help with the expenses of this trip can contact Jim Jones (659-2563) or Cindy Blackman (659-3233). Spearman Junior High continues to see great progress and an increase in the enthusiasm for reading through this exciting program.

Human Sciences Alumni Association Scholarships

The Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences awarded over \$259,500 to approximately 425 recipients for the 1997-98 academic year. Awards ranged from \$200 to \$2,000 for each recipient. Programs in the college include human development; family studies; early childhood; substance abuse studies; marriage and family therapy; family financial planning; merchandising; fashion design;

clothing, textiles and merchandising; interior design; restaurant, hotel and institutional management (RHIM); food and nutrition/dietetics; environmental design and consumer economics; and family & consumer sciences education.

Students from Gruver receiving scholarships include:

Kristin Amy Evans - the Charlotte Ballow Camp Scholarship, she is the daughter

of Gary & Nelle Evans; and Amy Gillispie - the C.J. Davidson Scholarship, she is the daughter of Bob & Kathy Gillispie.

In the fall of 1997 approximately 2,162 students were enrolled in ten undergraduate, seven master's and six Ph.D. programs.

Area prospective students interested in studying in the College are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 41162, Lubbock, Texas 79409-1162. Applications are due February 16, 1998.



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in Gruver on Tuesday, January 20, 1998 for Diamond M Water Well Service. Pictured above are (Back Row, L-R) John Haynes, Jake McCullough, Benny McCullough, Jim Bob Reynolds, Dawn Brown and Mark Brown; (Front Row, L-R) Paula Kelly, Annette McCloy, Robin McCullough, Melinda McCullough, Lanesa Lilley, Trisha Fitzgerald and A.J. Ratliff.



by Harletta Carthel

Keith Cassady of Gruver is shown with the ten-point buck he claimed in northwest Hansford County during deer season. Cassady, a senior at Gruver High School and avid hunter and fisherman, is the son of Monty and Pam Cassady and grandson of Rose Cassady, all of Gruver.

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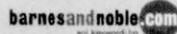
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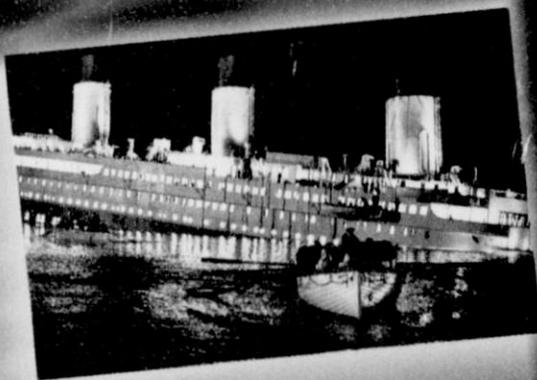
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