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Hansford Happenings

FPC Courses Offered In Spearman

The following courses will be offered in Spearman by Frank Phillips College in January. Psychology - Drug & Alcohol Dependent (3 hr. credit) - \$110; Business Management - Management Training (3 hr. credit) - \$110; Infant Massage Workshop (2 hr. workshop - soothes infants and parents) - \$25; Painted Floor Cloths (rugs) - Thursday evening classes - \$33; Volunteer Management - Thursday evening - \$23; First Things First - Time Management Class (Tuesday evenings - 6 weeks) - \$40. To register, or for general information, please call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs provides services to make homes warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer through the Weatherization Assistance Program of Panhandle Community Services. Other grants are leveraged with these funds and could assist in repairs such as: Caulking, Weather-stripping, Insulation, Repairing/replacing door/windows, Plumbing, roofing, etc. These weatherization services are for low-income families. Each eligible applicant's house is assessed on a prioritized basis for allowable repairs. Call Panhandle Community Services' office at 435-2478 to see if you qualify.

EMT Basic Class Offered

The Spearman Ambulance Service is holding an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Basic Class from January 12th through April 15th. For more information, or to sign up, call Paul Moore at 659-5298 or Michele Davis at 659-3411.

FAFSA Workshop

High school seniors and their parents are invited to a workshop providing assistance in completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 22nd in the Gruver High School Library.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meeting

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet in Perryton on Saturday, January 10, 1998, at the First United Methodist Church located at 4th and Baylor. An agape meal will be served at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall followed with a service of praise, worship, and communion in the sanctuary. A nursery will be provided. Emmaus which develops Christian leaders is ecumenical and members, friends, and families of all churches are welcome. Rushing Wind includes area churches in Kansas, Oklahoma, and the Northeast Panhandle of Texas.

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 "What are 10 Greatest Lies That Will Destroy A Teenager," "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 will be holding Mother's Day Out beginning Tuesday, January 13th. It will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be available 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.

Bathesda 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.

Region 16 Education Service Center Public Service Announcement

Public Education in Texas is for every child. Don't leave any child behind. The children of Texas come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and abilities. They do not all learn the same way, but they all do learn. Do you know of an infant, child or young adult who does not learn easily or has an impairment that might affect his/her success in life? Do you know that public school programs can serve these children from birth to age 21? For more information, call the Special Education Director in your school district, or contact the Special Education Department at Region 16 Education Service Center at (806) 378-5521.

Arrest Made In Hit-&-Run Accident

by Harletta Carthel

A suspect has been arrested in the July 4, 1997 hit-and-run accident which took the life of 77 year-old Eulogio Flores, Jr. of Spearman.

Steven Ross Widener, 33, former Spearman resident, turned himself into officials at the Hansford County Sheriff's

Department on Tuesday, December 30.

Widener was arraigned and charged with the felony of manslaughter, and bond was set at \$100,000 that same day. Additional charges may be filed by the Spearman Police Department when the grand jury convenes in late January.

The arrest follows a lengthy investigation by Officer Bruce Goehring of the Spearman Police Department. Officer Goehring and Police Chief Larry Kenealy, who investigated the accident, obtained a paint chip at the scene of the accident and forwarded the chip to the Department of Public Safety Laboratory in Lubbock. Additional paint samples were also found on Flores' clothing, which were also sent for analysis. Officer Goehring later obtained written permission from Widener on December 18th, to take scrapings from the suspect's 1969 pick-up truck to be sent to the Lubbock lab.

Preceding Widener's arrest on December 30th, an informant gave the Sheriff's Department a statement earlier in the day relating the suspect's confession of involvement in the accident. A warrant for Widener's arrest was issued at that time, however, the suspect turned himself into authorities before the arrest was made.

Widener is currently the in Hansford County jail. His vehicle was delivered by Sheriff McFarland and reserve deputy Mike Davis to the Spearman Police Department on December 31st and has been impounded since that time.



The parents and teachers of Gus Birdwell Elementary School in Spearman would like to take this opportunity to thank Harry Stumpf for his wonderful gift of service to the students of Gus Birdwell Elementary. Mr. Stumpf is a volunteer crossing guard for the school during the morning.

Mr. Stumpf would also like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and students for the wonderful thank you notes he received at Christmas.



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--Jan. 5, 1998--36 ft. 4 in.

New Year's Day brought 2 boats from Texline. Neither owner had a 4 wheel drive vehicle, so after looking the ramp over with Jim, they gave up trying to put their boats in the water. Later, however, two local men put 2 boats in the lake, but they had one vehicle with a 4-wheel drive.

Red Byrd of Spearman continues to fish through the cold weather. He is catching an occasional catfish but no walleyes.

The geese seem to know something about our winter, as we don't have near the numbers we had last year. The 6 bald eagles are still at the Park. Most of the deer have been staying back in the deep canyons.

The continued stories on the removal of the buffalo from the JA Ranch to the Caprock Canyons State Park at Quitaque tie in on a story set 400 years ago in the western part of the Panhandle when Oñate, the governor of New Mexico sent Lieutenant Zaldivar and 60 men to capture a herd of buffalo to drive to New Mexico.

The men built a tremendous corral out of cottonwood logs with wide wings. They found a likely herd close by and started driving them to the corral. All proceeded well at first. Suddenly the herd reversed itself and ran over the Spanish explorers, killing 3 horses and wounding 40 others.

At this point they decided to capture calves. They did capture some, but the trauma of being caught caused all the calves to die. They then gave up. Years later the Mexicans who lived along the Rio Grande would come to the Panhandle to hunt buffalo. As they called the buffalo cibolo, these hunters became known as Ciboleros. They hunted from well trained horses, using long lances.

When Colonel Goodnight began an experimental herd from a buffalo cross on domestic cattle that he called cattalo, he found that beginning with small buffalo calves on Longhorn cows was a good way to start.

D.A. Cator of Old Hansford started with a bottle fed buffalo bull calf. He plans on raising beefalo. I understand that the bull will follow him, but that he can't be driven.

HC 4-Hers Attend International Livestock Judging Contest



Jared Johnson & Kathy Slough

by Bret Burgin

Two Hansford County 4-H members were selected to be on the State 4-H All-Star Livestock Judging Team. This was the first year an all-star team has been compiled. Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo sponsored the team on a trip to Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, to compete in an International contest.

The Hansford County youths receiving the honor were Kathy Slough, daughter of Kenneth and Alice Slough, and Jared Johnson, son of Kenton and Janice Johnson. Both were joined on the team by Brian Burt and John Philipello, both of Brazos County.

The Texas team won first place team overall honors at the contest. Individually, the Hansford County members brought home several awards. Kathy placed 2nd in reasons, 8th in cattle, 8th in bison, and 9th high individual overall. Jared placed 4th in reasons, 6th in sheep, and 11th high individual overall.

Two coaches from Texas A&M University accompanied the team to Canada. The exposure received from competing at this level should bode well for scholarship opportunities for these two seniors at Gruver High School.

Jared and Kathy are both members of the Hansford County Livestock Judging Team which has won numerous awards both state and nationally.

Golden Wedding Anniversary



Willard and Beatrice McCloy

Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCloy of Morse recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a

family dinner while their children and grandchildren were home for the Christmas holidays.

Willard (Si) McCloy grew up in Hutchison County and graduated from Texas Tech in 1942. He married the former Beatrice Ferguson on December 7, 1947. A Wayland graduate, she had moved to Morse two years earlier to teach school and coach.

They were married in the Sunnyside Baptist Church in Sunnyside, Castro County, the bride's hometown. They have lived on their farm and ranch northwest of Morse since that time. Through the years, they have been active in many church and civic activities.

Hosting the dinner were Delbert McCloy of Morse; Monte and Nan McCloy, Matthew and Clint of Shamrock; Mike and Cheryl Peterson, Mindy, Lori and Lee of Albin, WY; and Gary and Katina Clark of Colorado Springs.

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.

January 8
Birthday - Cody Barkley, Haley Shieldknight, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Lena Langston, Amanda Schneider

January 9
Birthday - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Brett Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blan, Bill Etling
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Kell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Logsdon

January 10
Birthday - Dwight Gillispie, Melina Robertson, Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensinger, Barbara Rojas, Justin Johnson, Lex Logsdon
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Frantz

January 11
Birthday - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Gloria Knox, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta Prather
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Bradley

January 12
Birthday - Fay Blount, 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
Anniversary - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Lang, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Overbey

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

January 14
Birthday - Charlene Spivey, John Bishop, Ellen Reynolds, JoAnn Kell, Gwen Younger, Frank Lozano Jr., Tony Ferguson, Daniel Pape

January 15
Birthday - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Berry Jenkins, Shari Jones, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Jennifer Poer, Dorothy Sparks
Anniversary - Billy & Martina Miller

January 16
Birthday - Viva Renner, Ynese Williams, Howard Goodrich, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Juanita Cook, Jodi Larson, Jason Babitzke, Kelly Sue Cates, Fred Van Buskirk, Norman Brock, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirk Patrick, Eva Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hazelwood

January 17
Birthday - Derik Grotegut, Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Bob Short, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Julie Adams, Jason Ridge, Ben Upchurch, Justin Gifford

January 18
Birthday - Daniel Boyd, Ervin Wright, Doyle Jackson, Curtis Davis, Candy Thoreson Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Evans, Schane Schneider, Bett Brown, Ole Dahl, Pat Randall, Jessica Blan, Robert Gilmore

With Deepest Sympathy



Frank L. Armstrong

Frank L. Armstrong, 78, died Friday, January 2, 1998. Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 1998 in Southside Baptist Church in Perryton with the Rev. Bobby Roger and Rev. Bill Sparks officiating. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Armstrong was born in Lincoln, AR. He had lived in the Perryton area since 1960, moving from Pawhuska, OK.

He was a driller and pumper for Diamond Shamrock Oil Co. for 33 1/2 years. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church and the Ochiltree Senior Citizens. He served with the Army from 1943 to 1945 in France, England, Germany and Austria.

Mr. Armstrong married Leona Bridges in 1949 at Borger. Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Patricia Smith of Perryton, Alicia Pipkin of Spearman and Teresa Freeman of Ponchas Springs, CO; a son, Hugh Armstrong of Lubbock; two sisters, Mattie Mayer of Battlecreek, MI, and Neva Wood of Oklahoma City; a brother, Roy Armstrong of Bartlesville, OK; two half sisters, Dorothy Gray of Dallas and Nena Dooley of Duncanville, OK; two half brothers, James Armstrong and Richard Armstrong, both of Dallas; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Street, Amarillo, TX 79106; or Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

Fred John Hoskins, Jr.

Fred John Hoskins Jr., 59, of Hurricane, WV, a former Spearman resident, died Saturday, December 27, 1997.

Services were at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Hurricane with Lee White and Curt Brown, pastors, officiating. Graveside services were at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 1998 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Scott Curry of First Baptist Church in Gruver officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Hoskins was born in Spearman and lived in West Virginia for 24 years. He was a senior planning engineer for Columbia Gas Co. in Charleston, WV. He retired after 28 years of service.

He was a member, deacon, Sunday school teacher and choir member at Mount Vernon Baptist Church. He also was a member of the Teays Valley Executive Board of the Baptist Convention and a charter member of the Hurricane Civic Chorus.

Survivors include his wife, Sharlie Ann Ross Hoskins; a daughter, Sara Dowling of Galveston; a son, David Hoskins of Louisville, KY; four sisters, Frances Kilgore and Jo Ann Lee, both of Spearman, Winnie Hester of Texline and Sada Long of Bartlesville, OK; and a granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to the Mount Vernon Baptist Church multipurpose building fund, 2150 Mount Vernon Road, Hurricane, WV, 25526.

Thank You

I would like to thank my family and friends for the food, money, flowers, prayers, etc. that I received during my illness. I would especially like to thank everyone for their help with my two sons, Domingo and Mario Salazar during this time.
 Olivia Renteria

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness, care, concern, food, flowers and especially the prayers in the loss of our father, Jose Renteria.

Jesse Renteria & Family; Alex Renteria & Family; Olivia Renteria & Family; Beatriz Vargas & Family; Juan Renteria & Family; Rebeca Resor & Family; Susanna Hand & son; and Gus Vargas & Family; J.J. Renteria & Family

Thank You

Our family thanks everyone for the calls, food, beautiful flowers, prayers, donations to memorial funds, and many deeds of kindness shown to our family at the loss of Teddy Layne. Because of the weather and road conditions, we give a special thanks to those attending and helping with the service. Everyone has been so caring and kind.

God Bless each and everyone of you.

Mozelle Sparks; The Gene Sparks Family; The Lester Mundy Family

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Focus On The Family

QUESTION: I want to control and lead my strong-willed child properly, but I'm afraid I'll break his spirit and damage his emotions in some way. How can I deal with his misbehavior without hurting his self-concept?

DR. DOBSON: Breaking the spirit of a child is different from shaping his will. The human spirit relates to the self-esteem or the personal worth that a child feels. As such, it is exceedingly fragile at all ages and must be handled with care. You as a parent correctly assume that you can damage your child's spirit quite easily... by ridicule, disrespect, threats to withdraw love and by verbal rejection. Anything that depreciates his self-esteem can be costly to his spirit.

However, while the spirit is brittle and must be treated gently, the will is made of steel. It is one of the few intellectual components that arrives full strength at the moment of birth. In an issue of Psychology Today, this heading described the research findings from a study of infancy: "A baby knows who he is before he has the language to tell us so. He reaches deliberately for control of his environment, especially his parents."

This scientific disclosure would bring no new revelation to the parents of a strong-willed infant. They have walked the floor with him in the wee small hours, listening to this tiny dictator as he made his wants and wishes abundantly clear.

Later, a defiant toddler can become so angry that he is capable of holding his breath until he loses consciousness. Anyone who has ever witnessed this full measure of willful defiance has been shocked by its power. One headstrong 3-year-old recently refused to obey a direct command from her mother, saying, "You're just my mommy, you know!" Another "mere" mommy wrote me that she found herself in a similar confrontation with her 3-year-old son over something she wanted him to eat. He was so enraged by her insistence that he refused to eat or drink anything for two full days. He became weak and lethargic, but steadfastly held his ground. The mother was worried and guilt-ridden, as might be expected.

Finally, in desperation, the father looked the child in the eyes and convinced him that he was going to receive a well-deserved punishment if he didn't eat his dinner. With that maneuver, the contest was over. The toddler surrendered. He began to consume everything he could get his hands on, and virtually emptied the refrigerator.

Now tell me, please, why have so few child development authorities recognized this willful defiance? Why have they written so little about it? My guess is that the acknowledgement of childish imperfection would not fit neatly with the notion that little people are infused with sunshine and goodness, and merely "learn" the meaning of evil. To those who hold that rosy view I can only say, "Take another look!"

Focus on the Family is brought to you weekly by Gillaspie Auto & Truck Center.

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Apostolic Faith Church
 822 S. Dessen • 659-2870
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sun.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
 Pastor - James Brown

First Assembly of God
 401 N. Bemice • 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. Bemice • 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. Bemice • 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
 Living With Christ: 7:50 a.m., M-F
 Minister - Willie Tolison

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 (Worship with Faith Lutheran Church)
 1011 Cotter • 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 Bemice • 659-2252
 (Worship with First Presbyterian Church)

First United Methodist
 407 S. Haney • 659-5503
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 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.
 Friday Evening Mass
 Summer - 8:00 p.m.
 Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

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Morse Baptist Church
 733-2757
 Pastor - Mike Martin



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1997 was a year that claimed many events. Newspapers throughout the land reported on some pretty interesting things. Some of the headlines seemed pretty obvious to me.

Actual Newspaper Headlines
 Infertility Unlikely to be Passed On
 Montgomery Advertiser

Study Finds Sex, Pregnancy Link
 Cornell Daily Sun

Whatever Their motives, Moms Who Kill Kids
 Still Shock Us
 Holland Sentinal, date unknown.
 (Sent to me by Steven Hansen.)

Survey Finds Dirtier Subways After Cleaning
 Jobs Were Cut
 The New York Times

Larger Kangaroos Leap Farther, Researchers Find
 The Los Angeles Times

'Light' Meals are Lower in Fat, Calories
 Huntington Herald-Dispatch

Alcohol Ads Promote Drinking
 The Hartford Courant

Malls Try to Attract Shoppers
 The Baltimore Sun

Official: Only Rain Will Cure Drought
 The Herald-News, Westpost, Massachusetts

Teen-age Girls Often Have Babies Fathered by Men
 The Sunday Oregonian

Low Wages Said Key to Poverty
 Newsday

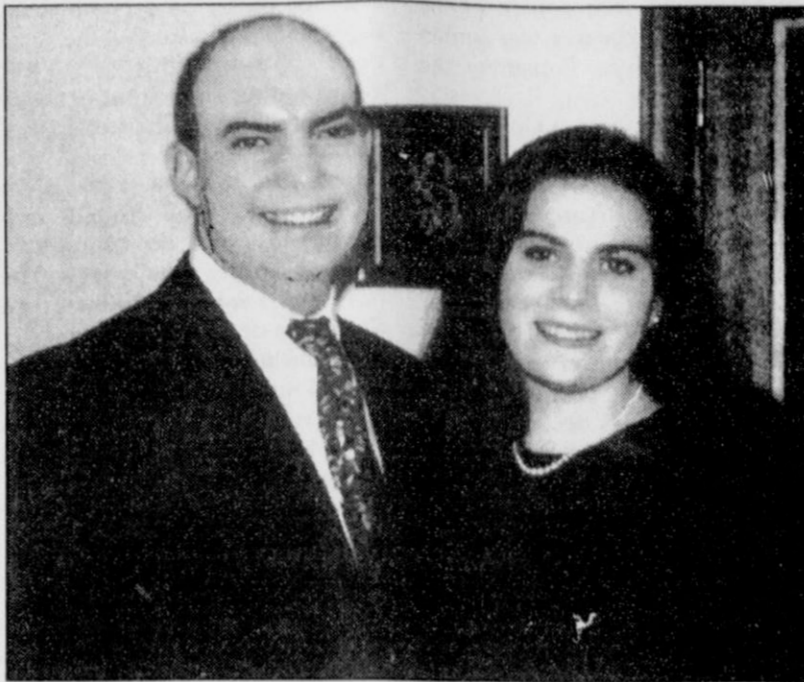
Man Shoots Neighbor with Machete
 The Miami Herald

Tomatoes Come in Big, Little, Medium Sizes
 The Daily Progress, Charlottesville, VA

Dirty Air Cities Far Deadlier Than Clean Ones, Study Shows
 The New York Times

Until Next Time,
 May God Bless
 GCS

Babitzke/Baker Wed



Brandon and Cari Baker

Cari Sue Babitzke and Brandon Lee Baker were united in holy matrimony on Friday, December 26, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. with the Rev. Gary Smith and Rev. Ken Cole officiating. The ceremony was held at the Babitzke home in Spearman.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent McDaniel of Idabel, OK and Mr. and Mrs. Buford Babitzke of Spearman. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carnes of Booker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Babitzke of Spearman, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McDaniel of Idabel, OK, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Harruff and the late Helen Harruff of Dalhart.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Buford Baker of Spearman. Grandparents are Mrs. Iva Baker of Turpin, OK, the late Aubrey Baker, Mrs. Bessie Cavan of Spearman, formerly of

Clayton, NM, and the late Fred Cavan.

The matron of honor was Leslie Needham of Shallowater, friend of the bride.

Best man was Kevin Baker of Spearman, brother of the groom.

The bride is a Sophomore at Texas Tech University, majoring in Geo-Sciences. She is a 1996 graduate of Spearman High School.

The groom is attending Frank Phillips College with plans of majoring in Horticulture at Texas Tech this spring. He is a 1991 graduate of Spearman High School.

Following a honeymoon at Angel Fire, NM, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

A wedding reception will be held on Saturday, January 10, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Spearman.

Thank You

To the wonderful people of the area, we want to say thank you. Through the eleven years of Julie Adams' illness you never faltered with your support, food, prayers, visits, flowers and kind words to her and our family.

A special thank you to Hansford Hospice, Dr. Raul Tamayo and Staff, Dr. Iqbal and Hansford Hospital staff for their loving care.

Thank you for the contributions made in Julies name, First Baptist Church for the delicious meal following the funeral, those who graded snow around the house in town as well as to the farm and the escorts from the Sheriffs Department and City Police Department.

Thank you to Vicki Gibbs and Carol Pack for the exceptionally beautiful music and to Rev. Russ Gibbs who eased our hearts by saying, "Julie became well on Christmas morning."

Thank you to those we have failed to mention, it makes our gratitude no less genuine.

NOTICE

The Spearman Housing Authority is now taking applications for potential residents. Eligible applicants will be placed on a waiting list. The family size and income guidelines are as follows:

FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME
1 Person	less than \$19,700
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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

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January 8-15

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Thursday-Saturday, January 8-10

Spearman Junior Basketball Tournament - Gruver & Spearman participating

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Amy Seagler

Amy Gumfory, daughter of Gary and Sandra Gumfory of Gruver, and Trent Seagler, son of Stan and Sharon Seagler of Lubbock, were

united in holy matrimony on Saturday, December 20, 1997 in the First Baptist Church of Gruver. Gary Gumfory, pastor of the Gruver First Christian Church, assisted by Q.D. Beville of Plainview, officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Gary Gumfory.

Maid of Honor was Angela Overbey of Canyon, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jan Cook of Lubbock, aunt of the bride, and Kimberly Seagler of Borger, sister-in-law of the groom.

The Bestman was Matthew Hoel of Lacey, WA, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Troy Seagler of Borger and Ty Seagler of Burlington, CO, brothers of the groom.

Gumfory/Seagler Wed

Flower girl was Jamie Adkison of Mansfield, TX, cousin of the bride. The ringbearer was Jordan Hicks of Gruver, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Garrett Gumfory of Spearman, Doug Gumfory of Lubbock, Micah Adkison of Mansfield, TX, Bryan Adkison of Lubbock, Cory Womble of Lubbock, cousins of the bride, and Matt Overbey of Lubbock, friend of the bride. Registering guests was Kathryn Gumfory of Granite Falls, WA, cousin of the bride.

The church was decorated with evergreen garlands, accented with gold ribbon. Vows were exchanged before an arched candelabra adorned with tulle.

The bride's gown was of candlelight shantung silk with a full skirt and beaded bodice. She

wore a short scalloped-edged veil accented by tiny pearls and held by a beaded headpiece. She wore pearls belonging to her grandmother. Her bouquet was composed of stargazer lilies, casario, and roses.

Bridal attendants wore plum velvet and crepe floor-length gowns and carried arm bouquets of stargazer lilies and roses. The flower girl wore a hunter green tea-length dress of georgette.

The bride's mother wore a tea-length hunter green gown. The groom's mother wore a tea-length royal blue jacketed gown. Both wore rose corsages.

Rodney Clawson of Gruver sang "One of Two" and "I Could Never Have a Dream," and Rhonda Hicks of Gruver sang "How Beautiful." They also sang a duet, "Shine On Us." During the

ceremony, the bride sang "If You Could See What I See" to the groom.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church following the ceremony. The bride's cakes were four separate pedestaled cakes topped with stargazer lilies and

roses. The groom's cake was a decorated German chocolate cake.

The rehearsal supper was hosted by the groom's parents in the church fellowship hall decorated in a Christmas motif.

Amy attended Wayland Baptist University and is currently working at American State Bank in Lubbock.

Trent graduated from Texas Tech University in May of 1997, and currently works for American State Bank in Lubbock. He begins Physical Therapy graduate school at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene in January of 1998.

Following a honeymoon in Amarillo, the couple will make their home in Abilene, TX.

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.

Catherine Smith, Editor

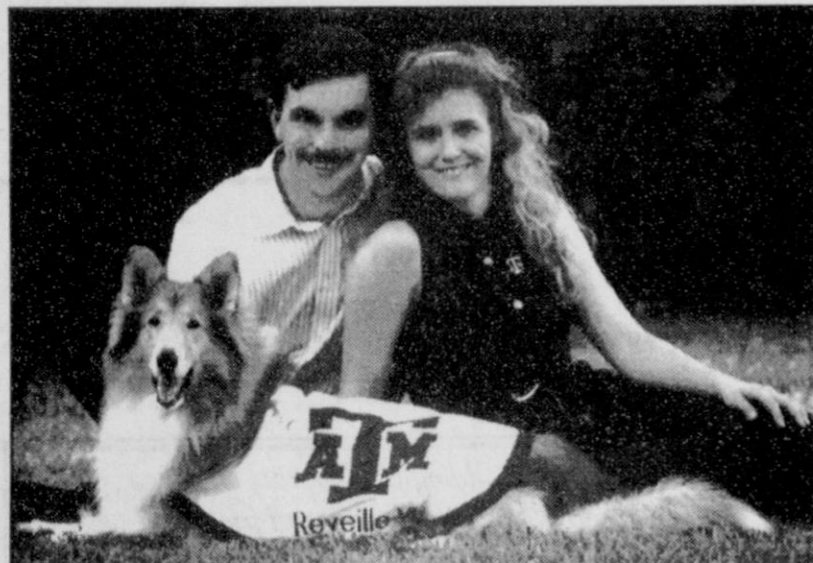
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Mr. and Mrs. Pat Jackson announce the engagement of their son Chance Patrick to Debra Renee Revier.

Debra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Revier of San Antonio. The couple plan a March 14th wedding at College Station. Chance earned a bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University. He is pursuing a higher degree at Texas A&M University. Debra will graduate Texas A&M University this May.

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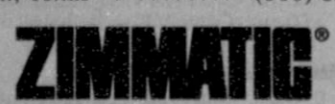
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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

A change in the customary activities of the predominately masculine household of Haley and Boyd Rice came with the arrival of daughter Trea Reed Rice on December 26, 1997. At Ochiltree General Hospital, Perryton. She weighed 5 lb, 13 oz. and was 19 inches long.

She joins two brothers, Tatum, 12 and Tarin, 8. Her grandparents are Gloria and Sonny Rice of Sealey, Texas and Sharon and A.D. Reed, Spearman (grandparents of four grandsons).

Great grandparents are Mrs. Virginia Rice, Eureka, Kansas and Lou and T. C. Harvey, Spearman.

Christmas was a sad time for several families in the county with the passing of family members.

The community shares the burden of sorrow with the family of Girth Gamble, Don Beck, Julie Adams, Teddy Sparks, L.R. McClellan, and Fred J. Hoskins, Jr.

Freddy Hoskins was a boyhood friend of Zack B. Fisher - they roamed the hills and creeks. Many are the comical predicaments and remarks that fond memory brings to mind. Freddy, an only son, had five older sisters, but was neither spoiled nor dominating - just went serenely on his way. He left many friends in Spearman.

There were many reports of ambulance runs, accidents and other mishaps during the ice, snow and holidays. Information concerning them was not available to this writer.

Bobby Tucker was taken by ambulance on December 30 to North Plains Hospital in Borger. He underwent an emergency

appendectomy after receiving preliminary treatment at Hansford Hospital. He was released on Thursday and is recovering at his home in Spearman.

With great pride several parents and grandparents attended the graduation exercises at Texas A&M in College Station on December 20.

Among those receiving a degree was Chris Hornsby. His mother, Debbie Hornsby and grandfather, Kenneth Burke witnessed the ceremony. They had gone down earlier in the week and visited with Kendra Burke, Kenneth's daughter.

Another graduating there was Hollie Jarvis, daughter of Wesley and Cheri Jarvis. They and Verna Jarvis were present.

There were others graduating, but information wasn't available.

A former Hansford County native and Gruver school graduate, Merle Wall passed away on December 20 at Grapevine, Texas after a long illness.

Services were on December 22, and interment was in the Grapevine Cemetery. In addition to his wife, son and two daughters, he is survived by three sisters, all Hansford County natives. They are Ollie Buchanan, Pampa; Harley Standfield, Guymon; Betty Sherm, Oklahoma City, and a number of cousins in Hansford County.

Phillip Creel, 17 year old high school junior, returned to his home this past Friday after being hospitalized at Baptist High Plains hospital in Amarillo. He had gone to the emergency room at the Hansford Hospital on Saturday evening with a minor ailment, and violently reacted to some medication. Early Sunday

morning he was taken by ambulance to Amarillo.

He expects to be in school on Monday. Although unrelated to his illness, Phillip had escaped injury on Friday evening when he and a friend, Michael Cary, and his sister, Cody Creel were taking Kristen Gould to her home in Waka.

The Hansford County part of highway 15 was dry, but when they reached the Ochiltree County line, they unexpectedly struck black ice. The car spun completely around and went into the ditch. The boys were attempting to free it, when a car occupied by a minister and wife from Perryton struck the same patch, spun around and broadsided Phillip's car. The boys were not hurt, but both girls were taken to Hansford Hospital. Cody was treated and released and Kristen was kept over night. The minister's wife was also hospitalized and released the next day.

Cody, Phillip and his twin brother make their home with their grandparents, Wanda and Duane (Bob) Stewart.

That world traveler, Jeff Gressett, arrived the Sunday before Christmas and spent most of his holidays in Spearman with his parents, Ray and Caroline Gressett.

On December 24th and 25th they were in Amarillo with their daughter, Khristi and Kelly Jones and children Ches, Leslie and Christina. Then they all returned to Spearman for the 27th and 28th.

Jeff teaches in a village 90 miles from Jedda, Saudi Arabia. Coming home he first flew to Los Angeles and visited some friends from his days in the Peace Corps.

As the holidays ended, Carolyn took him to Oklahoma City where he flew back to Saudi Arabia.

In March he had spent some time in Thailand. He had traveled extensively in Europe and was in Germany three weeks. He had previously visited a minister friend in London.

Buddy and Becky Dossett and daughters came from Harlingen for two weeks with his mother, Sara Dossett and also Becky's parents in Pampa.

They left January 2nd much too soon for the girls, who were fascinated by the snow and spent most of the daylight hours playing in it.

Bernard Dossett of Amarillo also spent part of Christmas in Spearman.

Helen Etter and Jo Larson, alerted by the storm warnings, left Monday before Christmas for Lubbock and Midland. Helen spent Christmas with Arnold and Marilyn Richardson at Midland. She planned to return the day after, but there was a surprising four inches of snow, so she returned on Saturday, picking up Jo at Lubbock.

Jo Larson spent the holidays at the home of her granddaughter, Mandy and Robert Sentor in Lubbock. Her son Mike and Rita Larsen of Ft. Worth were there also.

Jo's daughter Marcy and Jim Woods and little sons of Houston also shared the holidays with them.

Gloria and Don Knox spent several days after Christmas at Hart with David and Reta Knox and daughters. Earlier they had joined Danny and Cathy Knox and children there. They had arrived in Spearman from Wyoming earlier, and after a few days of pheasant hunting, they had gone to visit her relatives.

Then all gathered for Christmas at the Harts.

Members of the family of Vi Hornsby enjoyed several days prior to Christmas, long to be remembered, when they were in College Station for the graduation of her grandson, Chris, from Texas A&M University. He is the first in her family to attend college.

Three separate ceremonies were required for the large number of graduates, and Chris' was on Friday.

Vi, accompanied by Cliff, father of Chris, and his brother J.J. of Pampa took him to San Marcos on Saturday. He is enrolling at the college there to

get his Masters Degree. His major is political science.

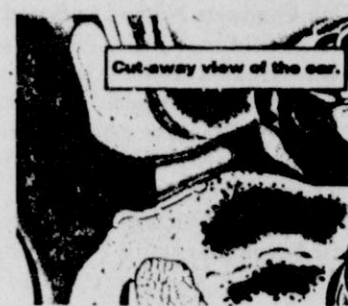
After helping him to settle in, they all went to San Antonio. They toured the historic city, including the Alamo and the other old missions, walked the length of the River Walk, and covered as many other interesting points as possible.

Lynanne and Don Maize spent New Year's with their daughter, Gerri and Jeff Colvin in Dallas. They had spent Christmas in Spearman with their other two daughters.

Chad Boxford of Ft. Worth spent three days of the New Year's holidays with his foster mother, Maxine Banister. He also visited his father, Bus Boxford. Other guests were Maxine's great-grandsons - Justin and Denton Banister of Dalhart. They spent some time with their other great-grandmother, Ivan Allen.

Spearman's weatherman, Dwayne Smith, is not a political appointee - thank goodness. How could he check the weather while "straddling the fence" and "keeping an ear to the ground?"

For the week ending January 2nd, he reports the lowest temperature was on December 29th at 21 degrees; the warmest on January 2nd at 56 degrees - no moisture for the week. However for the month of December, Spearman received 1.77 moisture and 16 inches of snow.



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The family of Jean Close; Billy Frank, Sue, and Jeanne; Marble Adams; Pat Mutt; June Audre; John Hart

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by Harletta Carthel

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A family physician, Dr. Green, earned diplomat status by passing the ABFP's certification examination, an intensive written test of the physician's abilities in pediatrics, internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics, gynecology, psychiatry prevention and other

aspects of family practice. Family physicians are trained to care for the whole person, treating a majority of all medical problems people might have and referring them to other specialists as necessary.

ABFP Diplomats must continue to demonstrate their competence in the specialty by taking recertification exams every six years. Family practice was recognized in 1969 as a medical specialty by the American Medical Association and the American Board of Medical

Specialties, and is was the first specialty to require its diplomats to take recertification exams at regular intervals.

Dr. Green is a 1968 graduate of Gruver High School. He and his wife Susan have two children, Matthew, a senior at Abilene Christian University, and Eric, a junior at Childress High School. Green's parents Weldon and Elene Green and his grandmothers Madeline Harland and Vivian Green reside in Gruver.

Yearly Rainfall

The City of Gruver recorded a total of 21.47 inches of precipitation in 1997. This compares to 23.41 in 1996, 20.27 in 1995, and 18.59 in 1994.

New Students

Gruver Elementary registered four new students on Monday, Whitney Moffett, a second grader from Hartley; and fourth graders Kade Shoulders from Morse; Jashua Alvarez from Fabens, Texas; and Lindsey Clift from Scott City, Kansas.

Enrolling in junior high were fifth graders Keeli Bolton from Dalhart and Joey Patterson from Spearman; sixth grader Colby Red from Sunray; seventh graders Christi Clift from Scott City, Kansas; Martha Alvarez from Fabens; and Wesley Patterson from Spearman; and eighth grader Cody Bolton from Dalhart.

The high school listed new freshmen Tera Red of Sunray and Chad Clift from Scott City, Kansas.

Junior High News

Junior high students will have Memory Mate and basketball pictures made on Wednesday, January, 14.

The seventh and eighth grade girls and boys basketball teams will be in the Spearman Junior High Tournament Thursday, January 8 - Saturday, January, 10. All four teams will play Canadian on Thursday. The seventh grade girls begin play at 4:45 p.m., the seventh grade boys at 3:30 p.m., the eighth grade girls at 3:30 p.m., and the eighth grade boys at 4:45 p.m.

Resident's Granddaughter Honored

Newlyweds Anissa (Ryan) and T.J. Frame were honored with a bridal shower in Perryton on Saturday, January 3. Several Gruver residents and former residents present for the event were Sue Smith, grandmother of the bride from Gruver, Barbara Buntin of Merkel; Reatta Gammon and grandson, Andrew Gammon, of Wichita Falls; Mindy Evans and children of Fort Worth; and the bride's mother, Jessie Gheen of Perryton Anissa, a former Gruver student, was a 1994 graduate of Perryton High School.

Sports

GHS sophomore, Lance Hallum suffered a cut requiring stitches when he hit his head on a concrete stairway during the Gruver/Stratford basketball game last week. Hallum and a Stratford player were both diving for a loose ball when the accident occurred.

District Play to Begin

District play for both the Hounds and Lady Hounds will begin on Tuesday, January 13 when the Claude Mustangs and Lady Mustangs invade Greyhound Gym. Gruver fans are urged to be present to cheer their teams to victory.

Football Award

I failed to list one of Brant Armes' honors, most valuable player in district 1-1A, in the write-up of last week's all-state honorable mention players article.

In the News

Twenty Years Ago

Cheryl Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Nelson,

auditioned for the all-area choir. To be eligible for the audition, Cheryl had to first be selected for the all-region choir.

For Sale: 3500 bales of hay at \$1.50 a bale.

Ten Years Ago

The city recorded one of the wettest years in decades for 1987 with 26.70 inches of moisture for the year. This included a total of 62.5 inches of snow. A total of 21.5 inches of snow fell in March and 20 inches which fell in December.

Fifth grade girl winners in the math Olympics included Janyth Hart, Kimberly Wagner, and Julie Meyer. Boy winners were Grant Odom, Moses Ortiz, and Aaron Frick.

Morse Morsels

by Mildred Lewis

The students of Pringle-Morse got back in school on Monday, after old Santa Clause was good to them all. (He even came down the chimney for some of them.)

Although, we have had some bad weather, they had to stay in the house a lot. We got about 14 inches of snow. We even had a White Christmas. That's been a long time for us. Monday morning we were having lots of fog, plus we are looking for another bad week-end. Maybe it won't be like the weeks, we have had.

Our Pringle-Morse Cougars will play basketball on Thursday, January 8th at 6:00 p.m., here. They play Hardesty, OK. Sure hope the winter weather does not interfere. The boys and girls are really ready to play ball. Stay in there Cougars!

Next Monday, they play Gruver here at 5 p.m. and they will be ready for them.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howell on their marriage during the Christmas Holidays. They were married on December 27th at Spearman. They went on a wedding trip to Taos, New Mexico, and went skiing. It was great. They returned this last Saturday, January 3rd.

Alan and Martha Howell spent their Christmas break visiting their family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Gillispie and Geana, Mrs. R. W. Thuett and their brother Robert and new sister-in-law Kristina Howell.

Alan is continuing his studies at Medical School University of Texas Health Science Center, while Martha pursues a doctoral degree in higher education in administration at Southern University, in addition to working for the University of Houston System (Univ. of Houston, Clearlake, Univ. of Houston, Downtown, Univ. of Houston, South) as Program Coordinator.

As for me, I started the new year out wrong. I didn't eat my peas - I ate them on the second. I had a big plumbing bill. Everything I had around the

house was stopped up. Thanks to my friends who finally helped me get it all unstopped. Then I came down with a bad cold. Hope I have better luck.

I had a good Christmas with my kids two weeks before Christmas. And then I was invited to my friend Gene Thuett's on Christmas eve. I couldn't get there because of the weather, so Dwight Gillispie got me up there. We all enjoyed the Christmas dinner. Thanks to all my neighbors!

Cris Parks was sick during the holidays, but he is doing much better.

Maria Gonzales has been home for the holidays. She came up to visit Deborah and Lupe Trip and boys. She got here December 23rd. It took her 6 hours to get here. She brought one of her friends home with her. They went back the 26th. She is still going to Texas Tech and trying to work a lot.

Our preacher, Mike Martin, has really been under the weather. He has been in the hospital, but with all of our prayers, he is much, much better. He didn't have church week before last - the weather was bad and he was sick.

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The City of Spearman will hold a public hearing Tuesday, January 13, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers of City Hall. The City is in the process of developing and submitting an application for grant assistance to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grants in Aid program. The application is for assistance to help improve, develop, and expand recreational activities in the city. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain citizen input about the proposed application and to hear citizen comment on the City's plans for serving the recreational needs of residents. The City invites all interested citizens to attend the public hearing.

City Hall is located at 30 SW Court. Written comments and suggestions may be sent to Robert Patrick, City Manager, PO Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend this meeting should contact the City at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for assistance. 1(1-8-98)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Spearman is proposing to construct recreational improvements in the area bound by 11th Ave. on the north, Cotter Drive on the west, FM 760 on the east, and County Road W (13th Ave.) on the south. The majority of this project area lies within the floodplain as designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA requires that notice be given of the proposed project and the effect that it will have on the area in question.

The City intends to construct recreational improvements in the project area which meet the requirements of Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management). Accordingly, planned improvements consist of structures which will not impede the flow of water, and include all or some of the following: walking/hiking trail, cultural exhibits, picnic facilities, and baseball/softball fields. It is presumed that the above improvements could have an environmental impact on the floodplain area, and the City is seeking public comment on the proposed improvements.

A public hearing will be held on January 13, 1998, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed improvements and their potential effects on the floodplain area. Plans and pertinent documents will be available for public review at City Hall after this date. Please direct any comments to Robert Patrick, City Manager, City of Spearman 1(1-8-98)B

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Blue & beige print sofa & loveseat (2 pc.)	1295 ⁰⁰	\$ 975 ⁰⁰
Light green velvet w/burgundy & beige pillow back (2 pc.)	1295 ⁰⁰	\$ 995 ⁵⁰
Brown print sofa	619 ⁰⁰	\$ 469 ⁵⁰
Beige & teal stripe sofa & loveseat (2 pc.)	1050 ⁰⁰	\$ 789 ⁵⁰
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	Reg.	Sale
Youth group close out - double dresser w/hutch top headboard & 1 night stand (4 pc.)	1195 ⁰⁰	\$ 799 ⁰⁰
Youth group close out - dresser w/colored drawer front, mirror & queen headboard (3 pc.)	998 ⁰⁰	\$ 699 ⁰⁰
Oak twin mattress bed	529 ⁰⁰	\$ 395 ⁵⁰
Oak student desk	329 ⁰⁰	\$ 245 ⁵⁰
Oak corner computer desk w/top (2 pc.)	658 ⁰⁰	\$ 498 ⁵⁰
Oak entertainment center	398 ⁰⁰	\$ 299 ⁵⁰
Oak double dresser, mirror, queen headboard & 4 drawer chest (4 pc.)	1008 ⁰⁰	\$ 759 ⁵⁰
Dark pine 4 poster queen bed, triple dresser w/hutch mirror, chest & 1 nite stand (5 pc.)	2250 ⁰⁰	\$ 1695 ⁰⁰
Oak triple dresser, mirror, chest, queen poster bed & 1 nite stand (5 pc.)	1750 ⁰⁰	\$ 1299 ⁰⁰
Honey pine dresser w/mirror, wardrobe, king headboard & 2 nite stands (6 pc.)	2750 ⁰⁰	\$ 1950 ⁰⁰
Triple dresser, mirror, chest, queen headboard (4 pc.)	1884 ⁰⁰	\$ 1425 ⁰⁰
Dark oak 4 poster bed, triple dresser w/tri-fold mirror, door chest, 2 nite stands & step (7 pc.)	3995 ⁰⁰	\$ 2795 ⁰⁰

SLEEPERS

	Reg.	Sale
Brown velvet loveseat sleep w/storage ottoman (2 pc.)	1175 ⁰⁰	\$ 899 ⁰⁰
Brown velvet sofa w/matching loveseat (2 pc.)	1296 ⁰⁰	\$ 979 ⁵⁰
Beige velvet sofa sleeper	949 ⁰⁰	\$ 659 ⁵⁰
Brown velvet stripe hi-back sofa sleeper	1365 ⁰⁰	\$ 995 ⁰⁰
Black velvet print sofa sleeper	799 ⁰⁰	\$ 599 ⁰⁰
Green velvet print wing-back sofa sleeper	959 ⁰⁰	\$ 679 ⁵⁰
Green, burgundy, blue plaid sofa sleeper w/matching loveseat (2 pc.)	2228 ⁰⁰	\$ 1348 ⁵⁰
Burgundy, blue & green stripe/print sofa sleeper	1195 ⁰⁰	\$ 899 ⁰⁰
Blue, burgundy & green plaid sofa sleeper	949 ⁰⁰	\$ 759 ⁵⁰
Teal, gold, blue, burgundy stripe sofa sleeper	899 ⁰⁰	\$ 675 ⁵⁰
Blue, burgundy, teal plaid sofa sleeper	925 ⁰⁰	\$ 659 ⁵⁰
Blue & beige striped sofa sleeper	929 ⁰⁰	\$ 698 ⁵⁰

DAYBEDS & BUNK BEDS

	Reg.	Sale
White waterfall daybed	169 ⁰⁰	\$ 119 ⁵⁰
White iron w/porcelain knobs daybed	239 ⁰⁰	\$ 169 ⁵⁰
All wood moon glow daybed	449 ⁰⁰	\$ 329 ⁵⁰
All wood poster daybed	519 ⁰⁰	\$ 379 ⁵⁰
Alabaster cast iron daybed	419 ⁰⁰	\$ 319 ⁵⁰
Red or white twin/twin bunk bed	298 ⁰⁰	\$ 198 ⁵⁰
Red, white or black twin/full bunk bed	329 ⁰⁰	\$ 249 ⁵⁰
All wood bunk beds	749 ⁰⁰	\$ 569 ⁵⁰
Blue, burgundy & green plaid sofa sleeper	949 ⁰⁰	\$ 759 ⁵⁰
Teal, gold, blue, burgundy stripe sofa sleeper	899 ⁰⁰	\$ 675 ⁵⁰
Blue, burgundy, teal plaid sofa sleeper	925 ⁰⁰	\$ 659 ⁵⁰
Blue & beige striped sofa sleeper	929 ⁰⁰	\$ 698 ⁵⁰

APPLIANCES

	Reg.	Sale
15 cu. ft. Whirlpool freezer w/t	659 ⁰⁰	\$ 549 ⁰⁰
14 cu. ft. Whirlpool refrigerator w/t	598 ⁰⁰	\$ 499 ⁰⁰
20 cu. ft. Whirlpool refrigerator w/glass shelves (1 only - almond) w/t	949 ⁰⁰	\$ 719 ⁰⁰
21 cu. ft. KitchenAid Superba refrigerator w/ice maker w/t	1169 ⁰⁰	\$ 899 ⁰⁰
25 cu. ft. Whirlpool side-x-side refrigerator w/crushed ice & water in door w/t	1498 ⁰⁰	\$ 1149 ⁰⁰
Roper extra-large heavy duty washer/dryer pair w/t	768 ⁰⁰	\$ 629 ⁰⁰
Roper gas or electric range (white only) w/t	379 ⁰⁰	\$ 299 ⁰⁰
Whirlpool ultimate care super capacity plus washer/dryer pair w/t	1037 ⁰⁰	\$ 859 ⁰⁰
Whirlpool quiet wash plus power clean dishwasher	509 ⁰⁰	\$ 399 ⁰⁰
KitchenAid quiet scrub dishwasher	659 ⁰⁰	\$ 549 ⁰⁰
Whirlpool electric smooth top range w/self-clean Accubake oven w/t	898 ⁰⁰	\$ 739 ⁰⁰
Whirlpool gas range w/sealed burners & self-clean Accubake oven w/t	839 ⁰⁰	\$ 699 ⁰⁰
Whirlpool 1.1 cu. ft. 900 watt microwave	179 ⁰⁰	\$ 139 ⁰⁰

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