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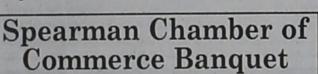
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

Kegan Garnett of Spearman was named to the 2008 Class 2A-3A Golden Spread Super Team as Punter on January 1, 2009. The 5-11, 170-lb. senior was also named All-District 1-2A first-teamer at running back and punter.



The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

The theme for the event is "College Night." Krista Kirkland Gerlich, the West Texas A&M Women's Basketball Coach, will be the guest speaker. Krista is a former Lynxette and a member of the Texas Tech

University championship team. Corporate tables are available for \$150 (includes 8 tickets). Advance corporate table purchasers will be able to decorate their own table with schools colors of their

The dress code will be casual and spirited with favorite school attire.

Everyone is invited to come together in recognition of all the success in the past year and all the great things to come in

Advance tickets are available at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, 806-659-5555.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 16. South winds 10 to 15 mph. FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15

mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

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SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in

the mid 20s. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY - Partly

cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in

the mid 20s. TUESDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs around



Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes 1/16 JVG (6), JVB (6), VG (7:30), VB (7:30) at River

1/19 7th G (5), 8th G (6), 9th G (7:30) at Bushland 1/19 7th B (5), 8th B (6), 9th B (7:30) vs Bushland 1/20 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) vs Fritch* 1/22 & 24 7th B, 7th G, 8th B, 8th G @ Spearman

JH Tournament 1/23 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) at Panhandle*

1/26 7th G (5), 8th G (6), 9th G (7:30) vs River

1/26 7th B (5), 8th B (6), 9th B (7:30) at River Road 1/27 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) at Highland Park*

1/30 JVB (5), JVG (5), VG (6), VB (7:30) at Bushland*

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

1/19 7th B (5), 8th B (6), JV B Red at Stratford 1/19 7th G (5), 8th G (6), JV G Red vs Stratford* 1/20 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs Boy

1/22 & 24 7th B, 7th G, 8th B, 8th G @ Spearman JH Tournament

1/23 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) at West Texas*

1/26 7th B (5), 8th B (6), JV B Red vs Sunray 1/26 7th G (5), 8th G (6), JV G Red at Sunray* 1/27 JVG (5), JVB (5), VG (6:30), VB (8) at @

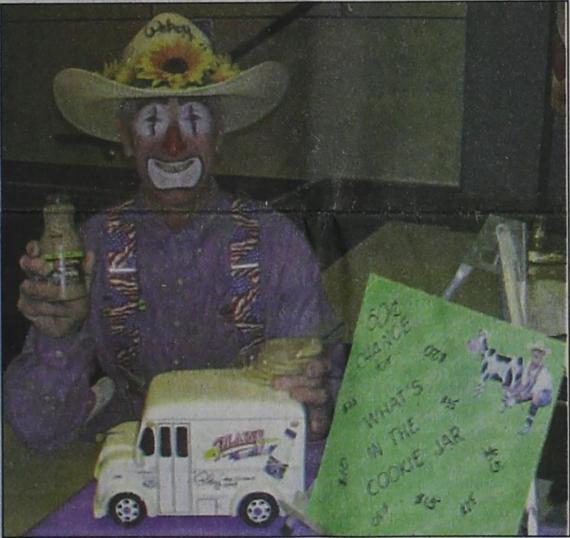
Stratford* 1/30 JVG (4), JVB (5:15), VG (6:30), VB (8) at vs Sunray*

*District Game



Bret Burgin, Vice President and Advisory Director at First National Bank

Hansford Hospice Hosts Pancake Supper



Pokey the Clown attended the Hospice Pancake Supper and brought milk and orange juice that was donated by Plains Dairy.

The Hansford Hospice Pancake Supper held Friday night, January 9th, was very successful in raising funds for our Hospice program, thanks to the efforts of so many people in our community. The Hospice Volunteers would like to thank Harry Stumpf and the Lion's Club members who were a tremendous help in cooking the pancakes and helped in many ways to make the supper a success. We would like to thank the Spearman School District for providing us a wonderful facility for the Pancake Supper and thanks goes to school cafeteria employee, Tina Adams, who assisted us in the kitchen. We would like to thank the Spearman National Honor Society who helped us serve the pancakes and helped at the ticket desk. We would like to thank Mary Mayfield who provided us music of her late husband, Smokey Mayfield. Pokey the Clown through the efforts of Judy Tindell, volunteered to come to our pancake supper and he arranged for Plains Dairy to provide the milk and orange juice and Judy also was a great

Also thanks goes to the Hansford Observer, KXDJ, Spearman

Reporter, and Cindy Blackman for providing us publicity for this event. Also Cindy Blackman assisted in many other ways in helping the Volunteers plan the supper. Most of all we want to thank everyone who came out and supported our Hospice program by attending the Pancake Supper.

When Hansford Hospice began almost 18 years ago, we were told a community this small could not support a Hospice program. Due to the overwhelming support of this community through memorials, donations, and your participation in our fund raising events over the years, Hansford Hospice has been able to serve the needs of many patients in Hansford County.

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers were very appreciative of the efforts of the Lions' Club who came and

On January

6, 2009, the

Lynx defeated

the White Deer

defeated the

White Deer

On January

9, 2009, the

Spearman

Lynx defeated

the Stratford

58-32 in their

district opener.

basketball

news, see page

For more



(Photos by Tami Hargrove, http://spearmansports.smugmug.com)

Burgin Joins First National Bank

Bret Burgin will be joining First National Bank as a Vice President and Advisory Director on Monday January 12.

Bret has been employed by First State Bank Spearman for 18 yearsprimarily as an agriculture loan officer. He graduated from Oktaha, Oklahoma, high school and from Texas A & M University. Bret was a

member of A&M's livestock judging team. Bret has been involved with the 4-H judging teams in Hansford County as their coach for 18 years. The teams have had great success having qualified for the state contest 13 times, qualifying for the national contest 4 times and winning on 3 of those trips to nationals. Ten of the students have gone on to attend college on livestock judging schol-

He is a member and past president of the Spearman Lions Club. Bret has served as a volunteer fireman in Spearman for 17 years and is currently the assistant fire chief. He has been chairman of the First United Methodist Chuch's finance committee for 9 years and is currently a member of that committee.

Bret is married to Paige Pittman and they have two children-Jaci age eleven and Carter age eight. Bret's primary duties will be as a loan officer for First National.



Edwin Pearcy pays Hospice Volunteer, Celia Krug, for his pancakes and sausage at the Hospice Pancake Supper.



Lions' Club members, Harry Stumpf, and Rev. Jim Reeves help in preparing the pancakes. and their assistant, preparing pancake batter for the Hospice Pancake Supper.

NWT Conference of **UMC Offers Support** to Lockney

The Northwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church offers its prayers and support to the people of Lockney.

The Lockney School District suffered a great loss when Lockney High School was severely damaged in a suspicious fire Sunday night. In addition to that loss, the Junior High School suffered significant smoke and water damage and will be forced to close its doors for several weeks while clean-up efforts take

In response to this tragedy, the First Baptist Church and First United Methodist Church in Lockney will open their doors to the staff and students of those schools. The High School will be meeting at First Baptist Church and the Junior High School will be meeting at First United Methodist Church in

An immediate call for school supplies is being sent out throughout the NWTX Conference. We ask that, as a Conference and Community, we step up to the

Bring or send NEW items to: St. Stephen United Methodist Church, 4600 S.

Western in Amarillo (806)355-7271 • St. John's United Methodist Church, 1501 University Avenue, Lubbock, TX (806-762-0123) • FUMC Plainview, 1001 W 7th, Plainview, TX

79072 (806)293-3658. Donations will be collected and delivered to the Lockney School District.

Should you desire to send financial assistance, mail or deliver your donation to: Treasurer, NWTX Conference Office, 1415 Avenue M, Lubbock, TX 79401. The monies will be collected and utilized for recovery assistance. Make the following notation on your check: Lockney Fire Fund.

We are encouraging people in the Big Spring and Abilene District to make monetary donations instead

of supplies. It also should be remembered that more than a building was lost in this fire. A community is hurting. Memories have been lost forever and recovery from the pain will take some time. Please remember the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of this community in your prayers, your giving and your



Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

Much thanks to Jeff Knighton requiring that family unity be for sending this shocking news our

Texas Judge gives 7 year old right to decide custody

Dallas, TX, January 6, 2009 A seven year old boy was at the center of a county courtroom drama yesterday when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of him. The boy had a history of being beaten by his parents and the judge initially awarded custody to his aunt, in keeping with child custody law and regulation

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

board will be organizing our histor-

ical commission and museum man-

agement this year. Our first meet-

ing will be next Wednesday at 4

p.m. at the museum. If you are

interested in participating in our

historical preservation, please try

to attend. The more involved we are

in our preservation efforts, the

more we can accomplish.

Remember: Wednesday, January

21st, 4 pm, Wolf Creek Heritage

busy bees last Wednesday. We hung

364 pieces of art from the

Lipscomb County Schools. As

always, the creativity and talent of

our children is inspiring. The

exhibit is colorful, creative, and

very enjoyable. We hope each of

our readers, parents, teachers, etc.

come out to see the talents of our

students and their teachers. We

always enjoy this time of the year,

when we can celebrate our students

and also introduce them to the

many aspects of history and their

The core team members were

Museum.

I mentioned last week that our

maintained to the highest degree propose who should have custody possible.

The boy surprised the court when he proclaimed that his aunt beat him more than his parents and he adamantly refused to live with her. When the judge then suggested that he live with his grandparents, the boy cried and said that they also beat him. After considering the remainder of the immediate family and learning that domestic violence was apparently a way of life among them, the judge took the unprece-

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

display all of January and February.

fund efforts. Our goal is \$200,000

and we have raised \$120,000. We

will be focusing on grants this year

to assist us in meeting our goal,

however we hope to have several

fundraising efforts to assist as well.

one of our volunteers and come see

us about our programs. Juniors and

Seniors applying for college, vol-

unteerism is great for your resume.

National Volunteer Day for next

Monday (Martin Luther King, Jr.

Day) requesting Americans to

become involved in their commu-

nities. There are a lot of opportuni-

ties in our county - find one that

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

I used an article from J.L.

Dixon's column last week and

thought it would be interesting to

review J.L.'s life history for some

Mr. Dixon was born in 1900 in you.

of you who did not know him.

fits your interests.

heritage. The exhibit will be on Marshall, Missouri. His family

President Obama has scheduled a

We encourage you to become

Stay tuned for more information.

We are continuing our building

dented step of allowing the boy to of him.

After two recesses to check legal references and confer with the child welfare officials, the judge granted temporary custody to the Dallas Cowboys, whom the boy firmly believes are not capable of beating

> Until the next time, May God Bless.

moved to Lipscomb County in

1908. He quit school when he was

sixteen to work on farms and ranch-

es in the area. He had many occupa-

tions from road construction, serv-

ice station, to burlap bag faculty.

He operated the Higgins Bag

County Commissioner of Precinct

No. 4 in 1958 and held the office

for 10 years. He was an active com-

missioner when he died in August,

The Prairie Dog in 1964, keeping

his identity secret. Keeping his

readers guessing was a true delight

and added fun to his earlier essays.

Besides relating historical informa-

tion about early Higgins, Mr.

Dixon's viewpoint on early events

and citizens provide us with a

unique perspective. We will contin-

ue to relate some of his tidbits in

talented individuals and it is our

privilege to share their stories with

Our county is bested with many

this column from time to time.

ENJOY YOUR WEEK!

He began writing his column

Mr. Dixon was elected as

Company until 1966.



STRAUS PREVAILS IN RACE TO BECOME NEXT SPEAKER



by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - State Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, pulled together 88 vote pledges in the first week of 2009 - more than enough to earn oath of office. his election as speaker of the Texas House.

support of many long-term Amendment. Craddick allies and other House members, but he ended his quest, tinues seeing that the projected vote count for Straus would be insurmountable.

recognized by fellow members as a by House members: Republican who works well with northeast San Antonio.

will preside over the House in its Washington, D.C., for the inaugu- that occurs in the state. ceremonial and routine order of business, including the vote for speaker. She will turn the gavel over to the new speaker.

Background on speaker's role

The Texas Constitution requires the House, each time a new legislature convenes, to choose one of its own members to serve as speaker.

The 150 members of the House will elect the new speaker on the afternoon of Jan. 13, opening day of the biennial 140-day regular session of the 81st Texas Legislature.

It is the speaker's job to maintain order during floor debate, to recognize legislators who wish to speak and to rule on parliamentary mat-

Members determine the speaker's duties by adopting rules by a majority vote at the beginning of the ses-

The speaker:

· Signs all bills and joint resolutions, and as a member of the House may vote on all questions before the body;

· Appoints members of each standing committee and designates the chair and vice chair for each committee;

· Refers proposed legislation to

committee; and · Appoints conference committees, creates select committees and directs committees to conduct interim studies when the Legislature is

not in session. AGs file First Amendment

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general representing all 50 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands on Jan. 8 took legal action to defend the constitutionality of prayer during the inauguration of Barack Obama as president on Jan. 20.

In a friend of the court brief written by Abbott and filed with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the state attorneys

54. As opposed to

56. Site of witch trials

57. Elizabeth Gilbert's

"Eat, ____, Love"

58. Steak preference

60. Swimming shoes

61. As opposed to own

62. *Dixie Chicks' "Not

Ready To Make

63. Indian flatbread

64. Pharaohs' cobras

wants

59. Candid

67. Contend

right to say the words "so help me Obama. God" while reciting the presidential

Incumbent Speaker Tom challenge filed on Dec. 30 by par-Craddick, R-Midland, dropped his ties claiming that the traditions of basis, information regarding each bid for a fourth term when it an inaugural prayer and an oath of became clear Straus would prevail. office that includes the words "so during the preceding school year in Shortly thereafter, Rep. John help me God" violate the the district on school property, in a Smithee, R-Amarillo had gained the Establishment Clause of the First school vehicle, or at a school-spon-

Legislative bill filing con- including at a school bus stop.

· Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, Secretary of State Hope Andrade members would be free to travel to placed on every financial transaction

general defended the president-elect's ration of President-elect Barack

· Rep. Veronica Gonzales, D-McAllen, filed HB 484, legislation Abbott's office said the brief was that would require each school disfiled in an effort to defeat a legal trict to report to the Texas Education Agency on an annual incident of bullying that occurred sored or school-related activity,

 Rep. Rob Orr, R-Burleson, filed Texas House and Senate mem- HB 499, a bill that proposes to bers have been able to pre-file legis- change the name of the Railroad lation since early November. Here Commission of Texas to the Texas First elected in 2004, Straus is are a few more bills recently filed Energy Commission, effective Jan. 1, 2010.

· Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Democrats. He represents District D-San Antonio, filed House Brenham, filed HB 508, ordering a 121, which includes the communi- Concurrent Resolution 14, a meas- study of the effect on this state's ties of Alamo Heights, Olmos ure that would allow the Texas economy of replacing all state and Park, Terrell Hills, Windcrest and House and Senate to stand adjourned school district ad valorem tax revfrom Jan. 16 to Jan. 26. If passed, enue with revenue from a tiny tax



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News From Gruver

Gruver Blood Drive

A blood drive was held in Gruver on January 7th. Coffee Memorial Blood Center received 17 donations during the blood drive.

The Coffee Memorial Blood Drive would like to thank everyone for supporting Coffee Memorial Blood Center and the patients of the High Plains Region...Give the Gift of Life!

New Business

Goldston Dental Health Center is opening an office in Gruver on January 28, 2009. The office will be located at 103 E. Broadway (733-

Hugh Goldston, D.D.S. and Shad Goldston, D.D.S. will be practicing orthodontic, cosmetic and general dentistry. Office hours are 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

An Open House will be held at the office, 103 East Broadway, on Tuesday, January 27th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and meet the doctors and staff,

ACROSS

1. Muhammad's birth-

6. Tropical constrictor

Gentry sang one of

these to Billie Joe

13. Island of coral reef

surrounding lagoon

14. Hyperactivity dis-

15. Helen in Russian

16. Beyond suburban

17. Hawaiian welcome

"Rock N Roll Jesus"

23. Hole punching tool

24. Energy producer

25. Thrown before a

37. Boxer's garment

39. Protagonist in "To

40. Infamous Roman

41. *Grammy-winner

43. To moderate or

44. Void, as in mar-

46. Work very hard

48. Ancient upright stone bearing mark-

Lennon sang about

Kill a Mockingbird"

28. 18-wheeler

35. Singles

emperor

"Instant

restrain

riage

47. Dust

ings

30. Living things

18. Once more

19. *Nominated for

21. In a defensive

stance

hook

9. *In 1967, Bobbie

place

order

THE GRAMMY'S

53. What vendors do 55. Art degree?, pl.

61. *Nominated for

66. *This rapper won

for collaboration

with Gwen Stefani

68. Spy's other name

72. Japanese money,

74. End to a prayer,

73. Between ready and

DOWN

Ronson who pro-

69. Sports stadium

70. Cacophony

pl.

pl.

music

bag

Cross

motion

Across

Korbut

3. Cut at birth

5. Gives permission

6. Illegal pitching

7. *Singular of #9

8. Farewell in Paris

9. Soviet gymnast

10. Precedes Abby

author Blyton

15. *Grammy winners

12. Not loony

71. Short version

City, SD

57. Side shot

"Disturbia"

and to see the new clinic.

Author Visits Elementary

of writing.

Gruver Jr. High selected the following as Citizens of the Six weeks: 5th grade - Justin Moreno, 6th grade - Reagan Haynes, 7th grade - Madison Williams, and 8th Meghan Teal.

Paula Terrazas, Niki Brown, Rachel Teal, Noemy Guereca, Cassie

22. Beak or snout

24. Made up of fibers

nated for "Best New

25. *Brothers nomi-

26. Beside, archaic

Artist"

27. Capital of

missile

Switzerland

29. Castle defense

31. Short for intercon-

tinental ballistic

32. *Jordin Sparks,

Chris Brown song

33. One of a series of

McKay, Maggie Gaspar, Macy McLennan, Rayel Anderson; Saxophone - Bailey Stedje, Niki Beasley; Trumpet - Damain Rey, Beau Pierce, Oziel Blankenship, Brett Wills, Gabriel Mundo, Cole Wills, Madison Williams; French Horn - Zoe Cantrel, Michaela Davis, Madi Teal, Reagan Haynes; Trombone - Travis Stedje; Euphonium -Ashley Williams; and Tuba -Marco Ayala, Valentine Trejo

Graders Launch Rockets

The 5th and 6th graders launched their model rockets on Wednesday, January 7th. The model rockets were assembled to culminate a science study on forces and motion taught by Mrs. Lexy Glass. Mrs. Glass was assisted by her former 5th grade science teacher, Mr. Mayhew. Mrs. Glass remembered building and launching a model rocket in Mr. Mayhew's class in

These games are brought to you by the

Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

ornaments in Doric

Grammy-winning

hip-hop group

38. African chieftain

42. A defendant is bet-

ter off with one of

45. *Coldplay's "Viva

49. Electric fish

51. Famous desert

CROSSWORD

order

these

34. Sharp slope

36. *De La ____,

Gruver Jr. High 5th & 6th

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1. *Grammy-winning duced Winehouse's 2. Small ladies' hand-4. She organized Red 11. British children's

for "Hotel California" 50. Fleur-de-lis 20. Check-out person 52. *Lil Wayne's genre

Chester Drawers visited Gruver Elementary on Friday, January 9, 2009. He spoke to the elementary children about his series of books and talk to them about his process

Congratulations to these students.

Author Eddie Bowman aka

Citizens of the Six Weeks

Jr. High Honor Band

The following students made the Junior High Honor Band: Flute -Serena Diaz, Vanessa Garcia, Patty Garcia, Iresama Soto; Clarinet -

January 15 Birthday - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Christopher Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Poer, Jennifer Sparks, Remmington Smith, Gary

Anniversary - Billy & Martina

January 16 Birthday - Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Jason Babitzke, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana

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

Huerta

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

January 19 Birthday - Paula Kizziar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutterfield, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Collier, Donna Murray, Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Harris, Billy Hays, Jose Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown

Anniversary - M/M Roy Diaz January 20 Birthday - Johny Jarvis,

Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Staci Swan, Espinosa, Schneider, Louis Rodriquez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar

Anniversary - M/M Kermit M/M McKee, Sonny Blankenship

January 21

Birthday - Roy Mayhew,
Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim
Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda
Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy
Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Schaefer, Marcus Vasquez

Anniversary - M/M Jeff Beedy, M/M Kenneth Baker, M/M Kent Remmel, Mr.& Mrs. David Schultz

January 22 Birthday - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Vargas, Mayfield, Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila, Callie Hopkins,

Joe Avila Anniversary - M/M James Scroggs, M/M Walter McDade, M/M Steve Gross, M/M John

Hugh Goldston D.D.S.

January 23 Birthday - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez, Adrianna Reza Anniversary - M/M Jim Roberts, M/M Gene Duncan

January 24
Birthday - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Dearl Shelton, ... Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts

Anniversary - Larry & Gayle Porter, M/M Archie Smith January 25

Birthday - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mike Dodd, Deloris Guthrie, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralia Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley

Anniversary - M/M Marvin Sparks January 26

Birthday - Chase Reid, Joe Cage, Gary Woolley, Matt Archer, Patsy Hunt, Jon King, Tiffany Hendricks, Lori Ann Perez, Patsy Brown, Kellie KJos, Mark Thomas, Debbie Hagerman, Rodolfo Garcia Anniversary - Bill & Jody Harnish

January 27 Birthday - Jack Gillispie, Jerry Womble, Wanda Brown, Williams, Lynette Nickie Lozano, Jerry Hart, Twana Trout, Allen Leach, Andrew Boyd, Amber Ramón, Berry Kirkpatrick, Lyndle Cook

Anniversary - M/M Gus Vargas January 28 Birthday - Brooke Bevill, Rita Williams, Howard Garnett, Tammy Burch, Joe Archer Jr.,

Melissa Donahue, Joyce Woolley, Patty Volden, Randy Burress, DeAnn Sparks, Brooke Adams, Curtis Cernik, Lupe Velasquez, Cari Stedje Anniversary - M/M Clark Bridges

January 29

Birthday - Bill Hadley, Erin
Derington, Linda Diaz, Johnnie Gaither, Andy Graham, Richard Larson, Estella Gilmore, Andi Hager, Tanner Beedy, Gerry Davis, Nancy Mitchell, Dustin Hodge, Delphia Duke, Brad Hicks, Travis Reiswig, Jackson Davis, Ryan McElhany

Anniversary - M/M Harold Anderson

January 30 Birthday - Vicki Crawford, Jackson, Timothy Schultz, Charolette Bynum Anniversary - M/M Eusebio Vela Sr., Richard & Arlene Paschel, M/M Jose Perez

January 31 Birthday - Breanna Dearin, Brian Stewart, Austin Zimmer, James Schnell, L.C. Owens, Cory Schneider, Charles Lilley, Hudson Williams, Jim Younger,

Karen Ferguson Anniversary - M/M Manuel Ruiz, M/M John Shields, M/M Dick Hintergardt, M/M Royce Mathews

Shad Goldston D.D.S.

GOLDSTON

DENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Our Sympathy

AUSTIN B. "CAP" BENSON

AMARILLO - Austin B. "Cap" Benson, 91, of Amarillo died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2008.

Memorial services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 10, 2008 in Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage St., with Jim Fox, chaplain of Vista Care Hospice, officiating. Burial was Dec. 27 in Gruver Cemetery in Gruver.

Cap was born in Hill County and graduated from Phillips High School. After high school, he worked as a welder in the shipyards of New Orleans during World War II. After the war, Cap moved back to Phillips, where he started a long career at Phillips Petroleum. During his career at Phillips, he worked in several towns in the Texas Panhandle. He retired after more than 40 years of dedicated service.

Cap moved to Amarillo in 1998 from Gruver. He was a member of the Gruver Masonic Lodge and First Christian Church in Gruver. He loved music and playing the guitar. Cap also loved attending dances at Amarillo Senior Citizens. Cap coached baseball teams for many years, where he touched the lives of many young men.

Cap married Bonnie Cook in 1940 in Borger. She passed away in 2001. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Mary Carrasco and the staff of MC's Private Care as well as Steve Kirkpatrick and the staff of Interim Healthcare and the Vista Care Hospice doctors and staff.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathy Stedje, in 1997; a son-in-law, Dennis Stedje, in 2001; and two great-grandchildren, Hayden Steinberger in 2002 and Gunner Stedje in 2008.

Survivors include a daughter, Cindy Holton and husband Jerry of Spearman; a son, Bob Benson and wife Gabriele of Lyons, Colo.; six grandchildren, Brett Benson, Shana Benson, Shelley Singleton, Shannon Steinberger, Jason Holton and Scott Stedje; and nine great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be to MC's Private Care, 4807 S. Rusk

St., Amarillo, TX 79110.

JESUS "JESSIE" RAMOS

FRIONA - Jesus "Jessie" Ramos, 83, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, in Hereford.

Rosary was said at 7 p.m. Sunday, January 11, 2009 in St. Teresa's Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday, January 12, 2009 in the church with the Rev. George William as celebrant. Burial was in Friona Cemetery by Blackwell Funeral Home of

Mr. Ramos was a longtime Friona resident and a custom farmer. Survivors include his wife, Norberta Garcia Ramos; six sons, David, Joel and Ernesto Ramos of Friona, Ramon Ramos of Clovis, N.M., Mike Ramos of Hereford and Ray Ramos of Remington, Ind.; six daughters, Santos Machado, Frances Delapaz and Erminia Guerra, all of Friona, Olga Arias of Mexico, Melinda Jacquez of Spearman, and Olga Baltzel of O'Fallon, Ill.; two sisters, Gloria Salinas of Pomona, Calif., and Teresa Perez of Amarillo; three brothers, Antonio Ramos of Pomona, Ramon Ramos of Friona and Eucebio Ramos Jr. of Clovis; 30 grandchildren; and 47 great-grandchildren.

GEORGE LEE YOUNG

SPEARMAN - George Lee Young, 71, died on Sunday, January 11,

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church with Rev. Jeff Hinshaw officiating.

George was born on August 8, 1937 in Abilene, Texas. He married Virginia Bartz on September 3, 1971 in Spearman.

George moved to Spearman in 1970 to work at the radio station. He owned and operated KRDF from 1993-2007. He was a member of Hansford Lodge #1040 A.M.&F.M. He was also a member of the Lions Club and Shriners and was a Boy Scout Master.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Sedgweick.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Young of Spearman; two daughters, Debbie Lou Bowman of Amarillo and Cindy Lee Fox of Houston; two brothers, Teddy Fitzpatrick, Jr. and Dean Vernon Fitzpatrick; two sisters, Vista Loudan Burch and Anna Bertha Copeland, both of Lubbock; two granddaughters, Amanda Bowman of Amarillo and Cha'tae Avila of Spearman; two grandsons, Justin Bowman and Michael Avila, both of Spearman; and many friends.

The family requests memorials be to the Boy Scouts of America, Adobe Walls Council, 301 W. 12th St., Spearman TX 79081.

ARTHUR J. HARMON

AMARILLO - Arthur J. Harmon, 83, of Amarillo died Sunday, Jan. 11,

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories, 6969 E. Interstate 40, with the Rev. Jerry Davey officiating and military honors by DAV Chapter 26. Entombment was in Memorial Park Cemetery East Mausoleum.

Arthur J. Harmon, 83, of Amarillo, beloved brother, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Jan. 11, 2009. He was a member of Paramount Baptist Church.

He was born May 29, 1925, in Chillicothe, to Arthur M. and Dollie Mae Harmon. He graduated from Roaring Springs High School. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces in August 1943, served in the European theater and achieved the rank of staff sergeant before being discharged in 1945. He married Yvonna Simpson in 1947.

He worked for the Texas Veterans Affairs Commission in Lubbock, Houston, Waco and Amarillo for 23 years, retiring in 1990.

Immediate survivors include three sisters, Juanita Cooper and Vee Gordon and husband Harold, all of Matador, and Lee Bradford and husband Van of Gruver; three brothers, Lonnie Harmon of Hedley, Gordon Harmon and wife Freddie of Mansfield and Billy Harmon and wife Martha of Lubbock; 11 nieces and nephews; and numerous other relatives and friends, including Don and Rose Mary Rhoden of Amarillo.

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m.. - Gruver - Christo Rendentor Mass - Spanish

Rev. Guillermo Morales

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

Grace Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1101 Bernice • 659-2033 Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church) Pastor - Cecil Biggers, PLM

> Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6 p.m. Wed Pastor - Don Baltazor

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

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

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

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

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Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver 339-7646 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Pastor - Arlen Lloyd

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Morse Baptist Church 733-2757 Pastor - Mike Martin

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Medical Fund for Bruce Duncan

An emergency medical fund has been established for Bruce Duncan at First National Bank, Spearman. If you would like to make a donation you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to First National Bank, Bruce Duncan Medical Fund, PO Box 337, Spearman TX 79081

Medical Fund for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg

An emergency medical fund has been established for Nancy DeLuna Jernberg of Stinnett. Nancy was recently diagnosed with a rare malignant brain tumor and will be undergoing treatment. If you would like to make a contribution you may make a deposit with any teller or mail a donation to H&H Federal Credit Union, 104 Main Street, Stinnett TX 79083

Beginning EMT Classes Scheduled

Beginning EMT classes will begin January 21, 2009. Call the City of Spearman at 659-2524 for more information, or to sign up.

Project Graduation 2009

The parents of the Spearman High School Class of 2009 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 29th. Graduates will be provided with food, games, activities, and fun! In addition, to encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in the final "class of 2009" memory, making this project special, please contact Patti Schnell at 659-2919, Paula Cooper at 659-3133, Shannon Barnes at 659-2164 or Maria Sibley at 659-1037 Contributions can be mailed to: Project Graduation - Maria Sibley, P.O. Box 74, Spearman, TX. 79081.

Hansford Gun Club Meeting

The Hansford Gun Club will meet on January 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spearman City Hall Council Room. Anyone interested is invited to attend

Fund Established for Cross Country Lynxette Championship Rings A fund has been established at First National Bank, Spearman for the Spearman Lynxettes Cross Country 2008 State Championship Team. The fund has been established to purchase a ring for each team member and their coach in honor of their achievement. If you would like to give money to support this endeavor, please contact Stephanie Brock at 659-1774, or take your check by First National Bank.

Hansford County Practice Stock Show

The Practice Stock Show will be January 25, 2008, starting at 1:00 p.m. All weights need to be turned in by 12:30 p.m. This show will be held in the Spearman County Barn. This show allows exhibitors to prepare for the Hansford County Stock Show, which will be held in Spearman on Friday and Saturday, January 30 & 31. All interested are invited to attend.

Crop Production Seminar

A Crop Production Seminar

A Crop Production Seminar will be held on January 15, 2009 in the Spearman County Barn. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. 7 CEUs will be given to participants - 4-General, 2-IPM & 1- Law & Reg. This seminar is being sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Pioneer Seed, Dupont. Contact Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Hansford County for more information 659-4130 or 733-2901.

KACV to Have Free Workshop

KACV will be hosting a free workshop at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, on Spearman to explain the new digital television transition.

Region 16 ESC offers Free GED Preparation Software
Region 16 ESC is offering free GED preparation software for students interested in obtaining a GED. You will also have access to a free online GED prep program through the public library. If you are interested in finding out more information about these services, please contact: Cindy Blackman at 659-3233, Maria Carbajal or Margaret Ruttman at 659-2231 or stop by the Hansford County Library.

Spearman Lynx Basketball Fundraiser

The Spearman Lynx Varsity basketball players are painting paws on driveways (\$15 each or 2 for \$25) to raise money for tournament expenses this year. If you are interested in purchasing paws, please contact Coach Jr. Ashmore or any member of the Lynx basketball team.

GISD Offering Reward for Information

Gruver Independent School District is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who burglarized two Gruver teachers homes between October 17-19 2008. If you have any information, contact: Troy Seagler at 806-733-2477, Micah Davis at 806-733-2081, David Teal at 806-733-2001 or the Hansford County Sheriff's Office at 806-733-2901.

Web Page Development - Level 1 Class
There have been some inquiries expressing an interest in a "Web Page Development" class. If you are interested in taking this class, contact Cindy Blackman, at 659-3233 or cindy.blackman@region16.net.

Child Find

Your school district is looking for children ages 3-21 years who may be slow in developing communication skills, social interactions, walking skills and/or have major physical disabilities. We want to give your child the chance to receive the extra help he/she needs, if the disability interferes with his/her education. Please call your elementary campus to get more information or call Perryton SSA, 435-4412.

Gruver Elementary Collects Register Tapes for Education
Gruver Elementary is participating in the Lowe's Marketplace Register Tapes for Education. Gruver Elementary is also collecting the pink Box Tops for Education and the yellow UPC bar code Labels for Education from Campbell and Swanson products. You can deposit your register tapes, pink Box Tops and UPC Bar Codes in the Elementary School Lobby, City Library, City Hall, Night & Day Beauty Salon or Hitchin' Nails Salon. Jo Clawson will also collect them at 711 Womble. Please help us earn free education equipment by collecting these items.

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Beware of FAFSA Web Scam

Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S Bernice, Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave an individual feeling helpless and out of control - we can help.

Spearhead AA Group

The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous* is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy, neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. For more information, call 662-1111.

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister



In the second week of Epiphany, the season of discovery of the nature of God, in Jesus Christ, we study 1 Samuel 3:1-20, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Corinthians 7:12-20, and John 1:43-51

Our Old Testament lesson shows us the call of the prophet Samuel. Samuel was a "wonder" child. He was born of a woman thought to be barren; Eli, the prophet, was raising Samuel in the temple of the Lord. Samuel was called by a voice in the night three times. Each time Samuel thought Eli was calling him; but, Eli instructed Samuel after the third call to lie down and if the voice came again to say, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel then came to know the Lord, by listening. and later to serve the Lord by conveying the message given him, even when he was afraid the message would hurt his mentor, Eli.

The Psalmist sings of the depth of God's knowledge of him. God formed of Psalmists inward parts; the body of the Psalmist in the womb and knows the Psalmist in the present and in the future. So, too, does

Paul is writing to Christians living in the most wicked city in the Roman empire. Paul starts with a pun that conveys his message: "All things are in my power, but I will not be under the power of any of these things." The Greek word believed that the Spirit and the Body were separate. Thus, one could do anything to the Body and not harm the Spirit Paul is saying, "not so!" He wants the Corinthians (and us) to understand that we as Christians are free to do anything, but we cannot allow anything to master us. Any addiction of our body - alcohol, drugs, sex, name your favorite - seeks to master us, to take control of our lives. As Christians we already have one master, Jesus Christ. Secondly, Paul is reminding the Corinthians (and us) that we are not our own. How many times have you heard a child or a child-like adult say, "It's my life, I'll do as I want!" Paul reminds that Christ died for us, we are redeemed by his blood, the ransom for our sins is paid, and we belong to Jesus Christ. Therefore, "No, it's not your life; it is the life that God has given you."

John shows us the call of Nathanael. Jesus just previously called Andrew who immediately went to his brother, Peter, and told him of Jesus and asked Peter to "come see." Jesus sees Philip and tells him, "Follow me." Philip follows and then goes to find Nathanael. Philip tells Nathanael, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote." Nathanael responds, "Can any good come out of Nazareth? [Nazareth was not a significant village or city.] Nathanael tells Jesus, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

The greatest witness that a Christian has is the life they lead. If you would serve the Lord, don't argue about the merits of your congregation; rather, invite others to "come see." May the Holy Spirit allow you to discover the call of Jesus Christ for your life.





Gruver Tuesday, January 27 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

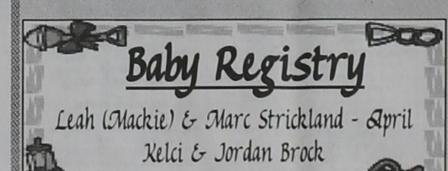
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Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and wore gold honor cords. The three levels of honor recognition are Summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and Cum Laude (3.50-3.74). The WTAMU Class of 2008 included 19 graduates with Summa Cum Laude honors, 29 students with Magna Cum Laude honors and 48 with Cum Laude honors. Five students also were recognized as Attebury Honors gradu-

The graduating class represented 15 states and 111 Texas cities and

Graduates from Gruver were: Hugo Hernandez with a BBA in Management; Lisa Johnson with a BS in Interdisciplinary; Dan Villegas with a BFA in Graphic Design. Graduating from Spearman was Homar Flores with a BBA in Finance.

WTAMU Announces Honors Lists for Fall Semester

West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,100 students to honors lists for the fall 2008 semester. Of that total, 417 were named to the President's List and 758 students were named to the Dean's List. Students named to the President's List must have a grade point average (GPA) of 4.00 and carry a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate

Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.50 and 3.99 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

President's List: Gruver - Matt D. Messer, a Senior Finance major and Abbi A. Yanke, a Sophomore Pre-Medicine major; Spearman - Jonathan C. Klemme, a Junior Pre-Veterinary Medicine

Dean's List: Gruver - Apryl S. Burleson a Sophomore General Studies major; Bonnie L. Frick a Junior EC-4 Generalist major; Adan Salazar, a Senior Computer Information System major; Gisela Soto, a Senior Spanish major; Victoria G. Vela, a Junior Mass Communication-Broadcasting major; and Reid B. Winger, a Senior General Business major; Morse - Tara L. Shields, a Sophomore Sports/Exercise Sciences major; Spearman - Lizet Y. Camacho, Sophomore EC-4 Generalist major; Breanna K. Deakin, a Junior EC-4 Generalist major; Saylee M. Flowers, a Junior Mass Communication-Public Relations major; Ashley N. Hernandez, a Senior Political Sciences major; and Zackery J. Nollner, a Sophomore Mass Communication-Public Relations major

OPSU Announces Honors Lists for Fall Semester

Katie Weaver of Spearman and Kimberly Moore of Gruver were amed to the 2008 Fall Dean's Honor Roll at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses, have no "Fs" or incomplete courses and have between a 3.50 and 3.99 GPA for the semester.

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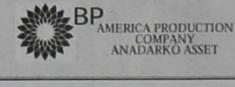
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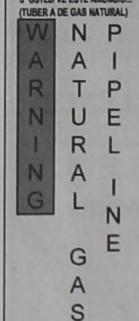
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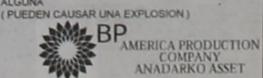
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Ada Joyce was so excited and happy

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forget the day! Ada Joyce and I mar-

James returned to being a farmer.

He and Ada Joyce had three chil-

dren: Mike Stedje (Judy), Lynn

Stedje (Jan) and Marilyn Doege

(Jack). The sons with their families

continue to farm in the Oslo

Community. Marilyn and her fami-

went to Europe on an American

Express tour. James was able to

show Ada Joyce where had had

James died in Guymon,

Oklahoma March 2, 2003 at 93. He

is buried in the Oslo Lutheran

Editor's note-- The 88th

Infantry was driving through the

Dolomite Alps toward Innsbruck,

Austria when the hostilities ended

for them on May 2, 1945. They had

spent 344 days in combat, sus-

tained 15,173 casualties (killed,

wounded, or missing).

In 1975, James and Ada Joyce

"I always said that when I came

with her Aunt Ada Ward.

ried on February 3, 1946."

ly live in Dallas.

served in WWII.

Church cemetery,



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James Arthur Stedje

Continued from last week "Another time I was out fixing a line and I was coming back when a jeep pulled up and it was O.J. Hoel. I knew that he was in Italy, but had no idea where. I rode back to my outfit with him. This was the place where the Germans were shelling and one came through our roof and landed in the next room. This time I was alone on the switchboard, and the rest of the guys had gone to the caves. I couldn't leave the switchboard! We had all these twenty lines that came in there, but only three lines were left after the Germans got through shelling!

"One night I had dug my foxhole under a trailer, and had three sand sacks around my head area. Next morning, I found a piece of shrapnel in one of the sacks. (I have it in my memory box in the office.) I did get a piece of shrapnel in my arm which I dug out with my knife the next morning. One of the guys in our outfit got killed that night.

"I remember how we were busy all the time in Italy. Each day we made trips of more than twenty miles for grocery supply. One day I rode along with one guy in the truck hauling supplies. O.J. was stationed near where the food supply was stored, and he was on one of our trucks marked 'Signal Corps.' He asked the driver if he knew James Stedje and he said, 'Yes, I'll bring him down tomorrow on our load.' I spent the night with O.J., and we slept under a half-ton truck. That night we were bombed again. Two bombs dropped close to us and left two holes big enough to drive a truck in. I caught a ride back to my outfit the next day. It is interesting to know we

had to keep busy hauling because knew she was the one! Yes, Ada our kitchens were feeding 16,000 to 17,000 men a day. Ours was for three hundred men.

"I got sick with a gall bladder attack and went to the hospital. I am sure the K-rations were what caused it. This little hot-shot doctor decided that I needed an operation. I did not submit to it, and I think I made him mad! I didn't want him practicing on me, so I told him 'No! Just go ahead and send me back up with my outfit. I would get over it somehow.' I still have my gall bladder at the age of 92!! It was after the war was over, and I was still overseas, but back in Naples, and I got hepatitis. I sure turned yellow as did several of the other men, but we survived and felt pretty good after getting out of hospi-

"After we took Rome, we were able to go there and see it. It was interesting. When we were walking in the streets, people would put their hands up like 'Heil Hitler.' Then they would see that we were Americans, and their fingers would wave at us. I drove a truck, and so I hauled one hundred miles back to the Post Office. There were about seven trucks, and I hauled for seven days. I remember one load was all German rifles. Thus the war was over! One day I took a load of boys to Venice sightseeing, only I had to stay with the truck to keep away stealing. I could not eat in front of all the hungry kids, so I left my food on the truck and walked off. When I came back, there was not a crumb left.

'Sightseeing was a way of killing time, and we didn't know low long it would be until we could go home. I remember the song 'Sentimental Journey' was popular at the time when we were waiting to come home. I moved a load of stuff to a place where the company gathered, and that is where we broke up. A part of our company was sent on to Japan; those boys were disappointed that they didn't get to go home at that time.

"I got out of the service and came home October 31, 1945. I came to Amarillo and spent the night. The next day Marie [James' sister] came over from Pampa where she had been teaching and got me. She had my car. One of the first people I saw was Rob Alexander at the Amarillo Hotel. When he asked me what I was going to do, I said, 'Oh, get married and start a family.' I had no idea who I was going to marry, but marry I did.

'While I had been gone, Ada Joyce Spivey had written me more letters than anybody else. So, I

BBBS Volunteer of the Month



Big Sister Stephanie Brock is pictured with her Little Sister, Taylor.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Volunteer downs. of the Month for December 2008. Brock and her Little Sister, Taylor, now a fifth grader, meet together that allows volunteers to meet with weekly as part of the Bigs in a Little Brother or Sister once a Schools program at Spearman week on the school campus during

October 2007. teers with kids who can benefit from extra time, attention and support. Through these professionally supported relationships, children learn new skills, have different experiences and develop friendships just talking. that increase their confidence and

Stephanie Brock has been named help them deal with life's ups and

Bigs in Schools is the school based mentoring program option Elementary. They were matched in the school day. Many people find this way of working with children The Big Brothers Big Sisters easy to fit into their schedule since organization matches caring volunthey don't have planned contact with the child outside of school in the evenings or on the weekends. They spend thirty to fifty minutes together each week playing games, reading, working on homework or

The Volunteer of the Month

Award recognizes a volunteer Big Brother/Sister who has connected with the Little Brother/Sister in a special way or gone above and beyond to establish and nurture the relationship. It is designed to communicate appreciation for the difference the volunteer is making in the child's life.

"These two have a very special connection," said Julie Stedje, the agency's Match Support Specialist. "Stephanie has been able to provide a very close, understanding relationship where Taylor feels free to talk about her feelings and experiences. Stephanie can really understand Taylor's situation and this is helping her immensely. As I visit with Taylor and Stephanie, their affection and appreciation for each other is very evident! I think Stephanie very deserving to be the Volunteer of the Month.

The match enjoys painting, playing games, talking and doing arts and crafts projects in their time together. Taylor has especially enjoyed making scrapbooks. "Stephanie is very creative and funny," Taylor said. "She is a good listener.'

"She is a precious girl," Brock said of her Little Sister. "We have become very close and I treasure my time with her.'

Brock has served as a mentor to children in Spearman schools since

Taylor is one over 90 children matched in BBBS school and community based programs in Perryton, Spearman, Gruver and Booker. Anyone interested in learning more about the program may call Lopez at 434-0016.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Board Proposes Rule Changes

Directors recently proposed changes to District Rules reducing the Allowable Annual Production limits. The Board has proposed a gradual reduction of the groundwater production limit to reach one and one-half (1 _) acre-feet per acre per year from the current two acre-feet per acre by January 1, 2012. Increasing groundwater demand along with declining saturated thickness levels from the aquifers within the District requires stronger conservation measures. The Board anticipates the reductions will assist the area in saving the District's groundwater resources for future generations in the Northern Panhandle.

Additionally, the Board is proposing additional conservation measures to reward producers that save water below the production limit. If the producer saves groundwater below the production limit then the producer may use a portion of that water during either of the following two years. This conservation measure will allow some flexibility for producers during years of inconsistent rainfall, allowing them to reserve groundwa-

ter for use during drought years. The District also proposes reducing the density of wells that may be drilled within the District. Current rules allow one well per 80 acres, or 8 wells per section. The proposed rule would change that densi-

The North Plains Groundwater conservation measure will assist in staff. If a driller or property owner on the District's evaluation of onservation District Board of addressing future drilling through- needs an extension to a permit they Aquifer characteristics, Aquifer storout the District.

The Board is also proposing to add two new well categories to the District's current well classification system. A new small well "S" classification for wells that pump 0-17 gallons per minute is proposed for wells not used for exempt or domestic and livestock purposes. Small well owners that pump water for other than domestic or livestock use are already required to report their annual production. This proposed rule change will clarify that they must report their water use just like all of the other nonexempt wells in the District. A new "E" classification would be added for wells that pump 1,300-1,800

gallons per minute. To simplify the rules, the District proposes to amend timelines for well construction permits and test hole permits to extend the time the permits are effective and remove the permit extension process. Current rules allow well construction permits to expire after 120 days if the owner has not requested a 30 day extension. The proposed rule change will simplify the well construction permit by providing for a 150 day well construction permit with no extensions granted by the District staff. Currently, the rules allow test hole ty to one well allowed per 110 rules will allow a 60 day test hole one geographic area to another.

can request an exception from the

Another new requirement that is proposed is that a producer must inform the District of any metering changes within 30 days. Land owners will also be required to designate who will report the sale of water rights to the District. Both of these measures will allow the District to be as accurate as possible in calculating annual production of groundwater within the District

In other business, the Board of Directors approved the proposal of the Desired Future Conditions (DFC) for the Ogallala Aquifer within the District. There were seven public meetings held throughout the District in 2008 to obtain comments from the public on setting the DFC, and there was a large turn-out of interested persons for this Board meeting as well. After listening to the comments from the residents of the District, the Board proposed a DFC of at least 40% of the Aquifer to be remaining in 50 years for Dallam, Hartley, Moore, and Sherman Counties and proposed a DFC of at least 50% of the Aquifer to be remaining in 50 years in Hansford, Hutchinson, Ochiltree, and Lipscomb Counties within the District. The District proposed two permits to expire after 45 days if DFCs because the uses or condithe property owner has not request- tions for the Aquifer within the ed a 15 day extension. The new District differ substantially from acres, or six wells per section. This permit with no extensions from the These proposed DFCs were based

age, managed available groundwater, current demand and estimated future demand, as well as evaluation of DFC effects on other Districts and District stakeholder desires. The proposed DFCs were presented to the other Districts in GMA 1, and will also be presented to the Texas Water Development Board for final approval.

The Board approved fourteen well permits as active and complete wells, and set the date for the next meeting. That meeting will be held immediately after the Rule Change Hearing at 9:00 a.m. on January 20, 2009 at the Amarillo College Moore County Campus Auditorium at 1220 East 1st Street in Dumas. The public is invited to

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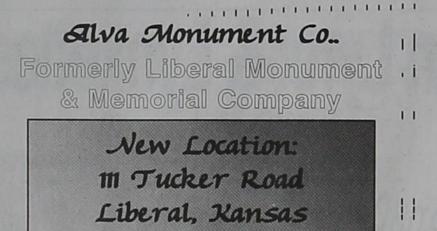
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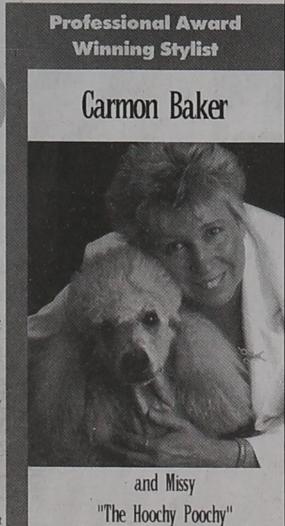
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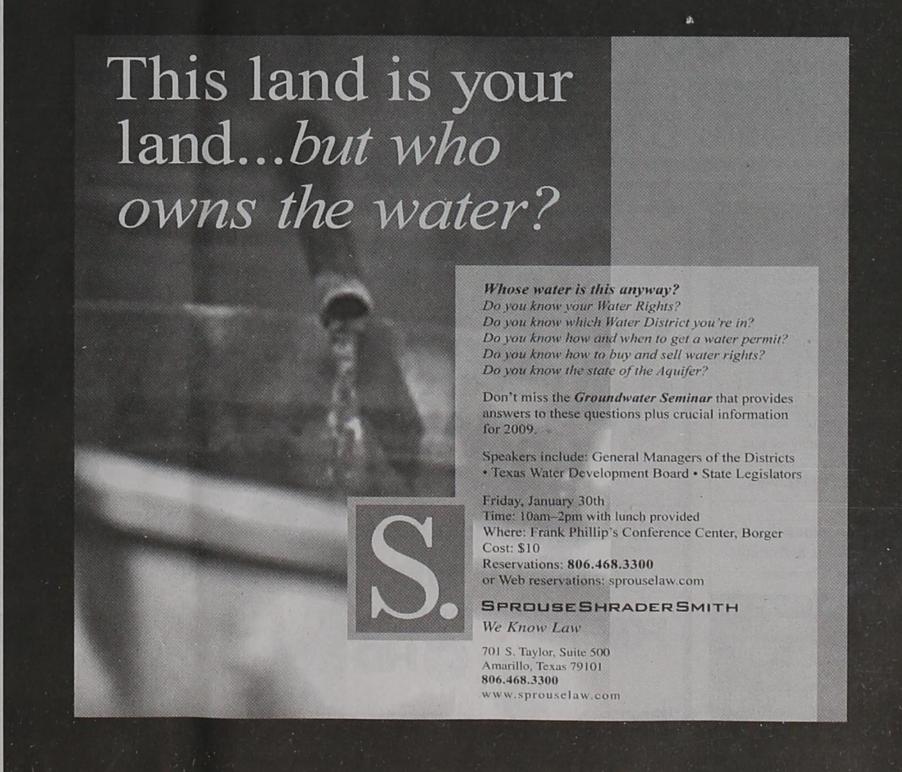


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All-District Football

1-2A ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL

OFFENSE Most Valuable Player- Matt Smith, Sr., Panhandle. First Team

QB-Sawyer Cornelius, Jr., Bushland; RB-Kegan Garnett, Sr., Spearman; Colby Skidmore, Sr., Panhandle; Dylan Woodfin, Jr., River Road; Receivers-Devonte Taylor, Jr., Highland Park; John Ruzich, Sr., Panhandle; Chris Perez, So., River Road; Crockett Gillmore, Jr., Bushland; Michael Matthews, Jr., Bushland; Linemen-Corben Reid, Jr., River Road; Weston Richburg, Sr., Bushland; Jake Moffitt, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; Rob Reagan, Sr., Panhandle; Eric Graham, Sr., Panhandle; Tight End-John Ware, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; Tyler Hunt, Sr., Bushland; Kicker-Casey Wood, Sr., Sanford-Fritch.

Second Team QB-Nathan Chestnut, Sr., River Road; RB-Mason Harris, So., Bushland; Austin Sinclair, Sr., Panhandle; Chase Farrar, Sr., Spearman; Seth Pruett, Sr., Highland Park; Receivers-Michael Sternberg, Jr., Panhandle; Rawley Gomez, Jr., Bushland; Tyler Moore, Jr., Bushland; Jared Cunningham, Jr., Sanford-Fritch; Hernandez, Spearman; Linemen-Colten Blessen, Jr., Bushland; Glen Foy, Sr., Bushland; Cullie Cooper, Sr., Spearman; Nathan Abbe, Sr., Panhandle; Daniel Manzella, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; Matt Condren, Sr., Bushland; Tight End-Cho Sherwood, Sr., Panhandle; Kicker-John Ruzich, Sr., Panhandle; Ross Berggren, Sr., River Road.

DEFENSE Most Valuable Player-Andrew Hudson, Sr., Bushland.

First Team Ends-Crockett Gillmore, Jr., Bushland; Tyler Williams, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; John Paul Campbell, Sr., River Road, Colby Panhandle; Skidmore, Sr., Graham, Sr., Linemen-Eric Panhandle; Corben Reid, Jr., River Road; Linebackers-Cho Sherwood, Sr., Panhandle; Skyler Mitchell, Sr., River Road; Jake Moffitt, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; Michael Brewer, Sr., Highland Park; Trevor Kitts, Sr., Bushland; Backs-Wes Weiss, Sr., Bushland; Caleb McGuire, Jr., Bushland; Tanner Strickland, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; Chase Farrar, Sr., Spearman; Nathan Chestnut, Sr., River Road; Punter-Kegan Garnett, Sr., Spearman.

Second Team Ends-Stetson Kelly, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; Cullie Cooper, Sr., Spearman; Lineman-Kurtis Greene, Jr., Highland Park; Glen Foy, Sr., Bushland; Reece McElroy, Jr., Sanford-Fritch; Linebackers-Kenny Lammons, Sr., Sanford-Fritch; Kegan Garnett, Sr., Spearman; Caleb Mendoza, Jr., Bushland; Ethan Dykes, Sr., River Road; Jacob Cameron, Jr., Panhandle; Andy Mendez, Sr., Spearman; Backs-Fernando Flores, Jr.,

Spearman; Devonte Taylor, Jr., Highland Park; Sheldyn Van Winkle, Jr., River Road; Gage Henry, Sr., Panhandle; Michael Matthews, Jr., Bushland; Jared Cunningham, Jr., Sanford-Fritch; Punter-John Ruzich, Sr., Panhandle; Caleb McGuire, Jr., Bushland.

1-1A ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL **OFFENSE**

Most Valuable Player-Derek Lovvorn, center, Sr., Canadian.

First Team QB-Kaleb Horsford, Stratford; Brandon Robinson, Jr., Canadian; RB-Jesse Lopez, Sr., Stratford; Clay Cockrell, Sr., Canadian; Colton Wilson, Jr., Sunray; FB-Darren Bumpas, Sr., Sunray; Receiver-Angel Resendes, Sr., Stratford; Alex Reyes, Sr., Canadian; Clint Cockrell, Sr., Canadian; Danny Reyes, Sr., Canadian; Linemen-Dain Gariepy, Sr., West Texas; David Acevedo, Sr., Stratford; Byron Saloga, Sr., Stratford; Cass Holland, St., Canadian; Zach Lee, Sr., Sunray; Tight End-Nathan Taylor, Sr., Sunray; Kicker-Dylan Weaver, Sr., Canadian.

Second Team QB-Brian Kelly, Sr., West Texas; RB-Miles Messer, Sr., Gruver; Dylan Weaver, Sr., Canadian; FB-Kenan Leamon, Jr., West Texas; Receiver-Danny Ruiz, Sr., Sunray; Rily Urban, Jr., Gruver, Chris Sigler, Sr., West Texas; Linzy Praeger, Sr., Linemen-Kyler Canadian; Raymond, Jr., Sunray; Kade Yarnold, Jr., Canadian; Elias Terrazas, Jr., Stratford; Andrew Saenz, Sr., Sunray; Spencer Hoff, Jr., West Texas; Tight End-Jorge Robles, Sr., Stratford; Kicker-Chris Sigler, Sr., West Texas.

DEFENSE Rankin, lienabeker, Sr., Canadian, First Team

Ends-Dylan Weaver, Canadian; Clay Cockrell, Sr., Canadian; Linemen-Dain Gariepy, Sr., West Texas; Ryan Alexander, So., Canadian; Darren Bumpas, Sr., Sunray; Linebackers-Chandler Lutes, Sr., Stratford; Ty Dooley, Jr., Sunray; Danny Reyes, Sr., Canadian; Backs-Angel Resendes, Sr., Stratford, Clint Cockrell, Sr., Canadian; Alex Reyes, Sr., Canadian; Tanner Barnes, SR., Sunray; Punter-Chris Sigler, Sr., West Texas.

Second Team Ends-Stetson Hunter, Jr., West Texas; Danny Ruiz, Sr., Sunray; Linemen-Brent Reed, Sr., Stratford; Jason Browning, SR., Canadian; Zach Lee, Sr., Sunray; Linebackers-Klinton Keener, Jr., Stratford; Derek Lovvorn, Sr., Canadian; Andrew Saenz, Sr., Sunray; Backs-Kaleb Horsford, Sr., Stratford; Chris Sigler, Sr., West Texas; Rily Urban, Jr., Gruver; Kevin Green, Sr., Sunray; Punter-Reed Parvin, Sr., Booker. Coach of the Year-Eddie Metcalf,

Class 1A & 2A State **Basketball Rankings**

High school basketball rankings as compiled by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches and Tex Preps Basketball magazine for this week:

Class 2A Boys: 1 Ponder (23-0), 2 New Waverley (16-3), 3 Whitewright (18-1), 4 Gladewater Sabine (22-3), 5 Floydada (20-1), 6 Edgewood (16-5), 7 Krum (18-4), 8 Wall (15-2), 9 Spearman (17-2), 10 Jarrell (14-5), 11 Frankston (15-2), 12 Shallowater (12-4), 13 Newton (9-6), 14 Peaster, 15 U.C. Randolph (17-1), 16 Hearne (13-5), 17 Little River Academy (15-3), 18 Hitchcock (13-9), 19 Santa Rosa (17-5), 20 Coahoma (17-4)

Class 1A Division I Boys: 1. Cayuga, 2. Roscoe, 3. Bremond, Mumford, 5. Plains, 6. Dallardsville Big Sandy, 7. Sudan, 8. Gruver, 9. Graford, 10. Mount Enterprise, 11. Wheeler, 12. Petrolia, 13. Bartlett, 14. Broaddus, 15. Normangee, 16. Archer City, 17. Clarendon, 18. Stratford, 19. Martins Mill, 20. Itasca.

Class 2A Girls: 1 Winnsboro 24-0, 2 Bowie 24-2, 3 Wall 21-2, 4 Peaster 20-1, 5 Shallowater 19-2, 6 Poth 13-4, 7 Kountze 18-5, 8 Abernathy 15-3, 9 Jim Ned 16-7, 10 Brock 16-8, 11 Krum 21-4, 12 Melissa 18-2, 13 San Saba 22-1, 14 Aubrey 18-5, 15 New Waverly 14-4, 16 Halletsville 18-4, 17 Hempstead 17-5, 18 Woodville 18-4, 19 Industrial 18-3, 20 Ponder 22-

Class 1A Division I Girls: 1 Canadian 17-2, 2 Thorndale 18-2, 3 Sudan 20-5, 4 Simms Bowie 20-1, 5 Wellington 20-1, 6 Roscoe 19-3, 7 Goldthwaite 15-7, 8 Lovelady 17-5, 9 Gruver 17-6, 10 Smyer Most Valuable Player-Jed 19-2, 11 Christoval 15-4, 12 Martin's Mill 18-5, 13 Sunray 20-2, 14 Nueces Canyon 15-1, 15 Cayuga 13-5, 16 Tahoka 16-4, 17 LaPoynor 14-6, 18 Falls City 18-4, 19 Evadale 15-3, 20 Irion County 17-2

> Globe-News Baksetball Rankings (1/9/09)

Boys Class 3A-2A-1A 1. Floydada 19-1

2. Spearman 16-2

3. Vega 16-2

4. Wheeler 12-1 5. Clarendon 11-4

Girls Class 3A-2A-1A

1. Canadian 16-2

2. Wellington 20-1 3. Gruver 17-6

4. Sunray 20-2 5. Fort Elliott 14-1

> **District Rankings** (1/13/09)

Team	Dist	Overall
Spearman	0-0	17-2
Highland Park	0-0	16-5
Bushland	0-0	9-7
Panhandle	0-0	9-8
River Road	0-0	10-11

x-Sanford-Fritch 0-0

District 1-2A - Girls Dist Overall Team 1-0 16-3 Spearman 1-0 12-10 Panhandle 7-11 Bushland 1-0 0-1 Highland Park 9-13 River Road 0-1 10-15 Sanford-Fritch 0-1 4-14

District 1-1A - Boys Dist Overall Team Boys Ranch 0-0 12-3 0-0 11-7 Gruver 0-0 4-3 Stratford 0-0 8-10 West Texas 0-0 2-11 Sunray District 1-1A - Girls

Team Dist Overall Gruver 1-0 18-6 1-0 9-9 Boys Ranch 0-0 20-2 Sunray Stratford 0-1 6-13 West Texas 0-1 3-15

Athletes of the Week

Matte Yanke of Gruver was named to the Amarillo-Globe-News Athlete of the Week Honor Roll on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. Yanke scored 23 points in a 64-45 victory against Texhoma and 12 points in a 56-32 victory against Stratford in a District 1-1A Division 1 opener.

GRUVER ISD

12/30/08 Varsity Hounds Canadian Holiday Tourn. Gruver 13 22 32 41 River Road 13 26 27 43 G-Williams 11. RR-Price 11.

1/2/09 Varsity Hounds Dimmitt 18 31 48 58 Gruver 16 29 42 59 D-Javier Sanchez 15, Damian Gauna 13; G-Tyler Wills 19, Taylor Williams 14; Records: Gruver 10-

Varsity Lady Hounds Dimmitt 8 17 28 39 Gruver 10 23 30 44 D-Quiroz 17. G-Yanke 15, K. Gibson 13, Vela 10. Records: Gruver 16-6.

1/8/09 Varsity Hounds Gruver 4 14 32 52 Texoma 17 29 47 58 G-Taylor Williams 18, Rily Urban 11; T-Trey Freeman 18, J.D. Pugh 15; Records: Gruver N/A,

Jr. Varsity Hounds Texoma 40, Gruver 24.

Texoma 8-2

Varsity Lady Hounds Gruver 10 21 34 64 Texoma 8 13 26 45

G-Mattie Yanke23, Devlin Reynolds 12; T-Amy Elliott 17, Brittany Beattie 12; Records: Gruver N/A, Texoma 5-5

Hansford County Basketball

Jr. Varsity Lady Hounds Gruver 42, Texoma 24

Varsity Hounds White Deer 8 16 23 36 Gruver 11 33 50 60

WD-Tyler Perryman 13, Tyler Smith 10; G-Rily Urban 15, Taylor Williams 10; Records: White Deer 8-7, Gruver 11-7

Varsity Lady Hounds Stratford 6 16 21 32 Gruver 8 24 42 56 S-Ibarra 12, Rueda 6, Everett 6. G-Yanke 12, Vela 17, Winger 10. Records: Stratford 6-13, 0-1. Gruver 18-6, 1-0.

Jr. Varsity Lady Hounds Gruver 38, Stratford 8.

1/13/09 Varsity Hounds Gruver 19 34 51 65 Sunray 8 13 19 25

G-Riley Urban 19, Taylor Williams 13. S-Colton Wilson 7, Zane Hartman 6. Records: Gruver 12-7, Sunray 2-12, 0-1.

Jr. Varsity Hounds Gruver 30, Sunray 15.

Varsity Lady Hounds Gruver 14 26 38 56 Sunray 12 21 24 37 G-Lynn Vela 15, Mattie Yanke S-Amber Thomberry 13, Macey Cartrite 13. Records: Gruver 19-6, 2-0; Sunray 20-3, 0-1.

Jr. Varsity Lady Hounds JV: Gruver 21, Sunray 16.

SPEARMAN ISD

12/31/08 Varsity Lynx Caprock Tournament Lubbock

The Spearman Lynx took second place at the Caprock Tournament held in Lubbock December 29-31. 2008. Jordan Ashmore was named to the All-Tournament Team.

1/6/09 Varsity Lynx Spearman 13 36 55 68 White Deer 9 16 25 25

S-Jordan Ashmore 31, Brett Weingarner 9. WD-Smith 4, Perryman 4, Story 4. Records: Spearman 16-2, White Deer 8-6.

Varsity Lynxettes Spearman Lynxettes 62, White Deer Does 25

1/8/09 7th Grade Lynx Lynx 19, Panhandle 53

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7th Grade Lynxettes Lynxettes 15, Panhandle 34

8th Grade Lynxettes

Lynxettes 33, Panhandle 23

JV Lynxettes White Spearman 16, Panhandle 18

1/9/09

Varsity Lynx Highland Park 4 14 27 32 Spearman 13 27 43 58 HP-Washington 10, three with 6. S-Morgan Ashmore 15, Shelby Hanna 13. Records: HP 9-13, 0-1, Spearman 16-3, 1-0.

Varsity Lynxettes Spearman JV 7 21 27 38 Highland Park JV 2 8 10 16 S-Andi Scarborough 12; HP-Sanchez 4, Smalley 4; Records: Spearman 11-7.

1/12/09 7th Grade Lynx Lynx 38, Highland Park 15 8th Grade Lynx

Lynx 55, Highland Park 30 9th Grade Lynx

Lynx 47, Highland Park 30

1/13/09 Varsity Lynxettes Bushland 8 15 21 26 Spearman 19 34 43 58 B-Lyz Moak 7, Samara Hancock 6; S-Shelby Hanna 15, Haley Smith 11; Records: Spearman 17-3, 2-0, Bushland 7-12, 1-1.

Jr. Varsity Lynxettes Bushland JV 0 8 15 21 Spearman JV 3 8 21 32 B-Vogler 10; S-Garnett 10; Records: Spearman 12-7.

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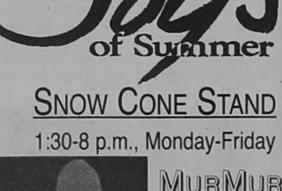


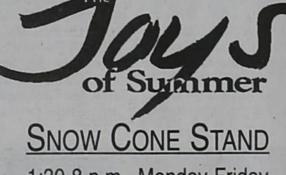
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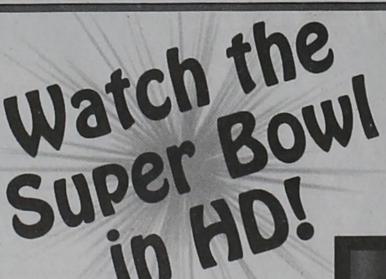


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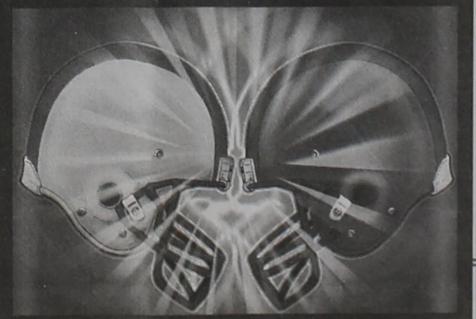
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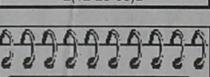
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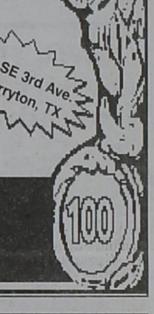
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If any of the readers are interested in seeing porcupines in a tree, you might still catch them in the trees just south of the bridge over the Palo Duro Creek in the Park. One of the three Jim had seen was killed on the road last Thursday. He saw the other two still in the same area on Sunday. It is a sight most of us don't get to see.

This is the week of the Eagle Count sponsored jointly by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the jackrabbit population.

the United States Geological Survey. There are 4 mature and 2 immature eagles for Jim to report this year. The eagles are known as fish eaters, but they also have a taste for goose. The eagle count usually goes up when the numbers of geese increase.

So far this year, we have not had any big flocks of the beautiful snow geese, but there are usually a few mixed with the Canada geese.

The coyotes seem to be overcoming the mange. Although there are still some with scruffy fur, healthy looking coyotes are being reported. Perhaps this will reduce

Over the Christmas holidays Trudy Hart became a member of the " I've Seen the Mountain Lion" Club. Trudy, a student at Texas Tech, was at her home on Farm Road 520 southeast of the Palo Duro Feedlot when she heard the family dogs go into a barking frenzy. She turned on the outside lights and saw what at first glance seemed to be a large yellow Labrador about 50 yards from the house. Then she noticed the size, the rounded ears, and the long tail, and she knew it had to be a mountain lion. It did not stay long but turned and ran north west into the night.

Spearman's Christy Lang Lends Talent to OPSU's Lady Aggies

New Mexico Highlands Gets 68-64 Win over Lady Aggies

By Scott Puryear of OPSU Sports on

The Oklahoma Panhandle State women's basketball team defended their home court against New Mexico Highlands on Friday night and fell 68-64 in a very close game that went to overtime before a winner was

The first half was a tight one with several lead changes and NMH held a 20-17 advantage with five minutes left before the break. However, near the 4:30 mark, OPSU's Nicole Candelaria nailed a three-point bomb to tie the score at 20 points.

The Lady Aggies kept up the pressure at both ends of the court and earned a 24-20 lead with 3:30 to go. Fans knew they were in for a good game as things remained close and the Lady Aggies led by just a single point at the half (32-31).

In the second half, defense was the rule and with 12 minutes left to play in the game, things were tied at 39-39. However, an NMH run gave them a 48-41 advantage with five minutes to play.

There was no quit in the Lady Aggies and an Amanda Boggs deuce cut the NMH advantage to 48-46, and with 2:29 on the clock a Halee Edwards' free throw kept OPSU within two at 49-47. The Lady Aggies soon made up the difference; regulation time was over and the score was tied 52-52.

The five minute overtime period got underway and both teams worked hard for a win. NMH came out fast and with two minutes left, they held a 62-58 advantage. The Lady Aggies (now 1-11) kept their heads high and kept fighting, but clutch free throws by NMH sealed their second win of the season, 68-64

Christy Lang (freshman) had a nice game for the Lady Aggies with 19 points and five rebounds while teammate Lauren Cherry scored ten and pulled down nine rebounds. Rachel Beck added nine points and six rebounds; Candelaria scored eight and pulled down six rebounds, while Edwards scored six points and had a game high five assists.

Lady Aggies Fall to Texas A&M International, 86-66

By Scott Puryear of OPSU Sports on

In somewhat of a "Tale of Two Halves," the Oklahoma Panhandle State women's basketball team lost (86-66) to Texas A&M International in Laredo on Saturday afternoon.

In the early going, TAMI came out very fast on their way to a 44-15 halftime advantage, but the Lady Aggies fought back with a 51-point second half. It was the second Heartland Conference contest for both

TAMI had five players score in double figures, led by Mary Tobias' 20.

Christy Lang led OPSU with 12 points, while teammates Kariz Bioni and Rachel Beck both added nine. Bioni was the Lady Aggie rebound leader with eight and Natasha Normand pulled down seven. Halee Edwards scored seven, had six rebounds, six assists and a pair of steals.

With the win, TAMI moved to 2-0 in the Heartland and 5-9 overall for the 2008-09 season. The loss put the Lady Aggies at 0-2 in the league and 1-13 overall.

The Lady Aggies will be back in Goodwell for a three game home stand beginning on Thursday with a 5:30 p.m. matchup with another Heartland rival -Newman University. On Saturday afternoon they will host Lincoln at 2:00 and on the following Thursday evening they will host the University of Texas-Permian Basin at 5:30.

Plenty of Basketball at OPSU this Weekend

By Scott Puryear of OPSU Sports on 01/14/2009

There will be plenty of men's and women's college basketball action at Oklahoma Panhandle State University on Thursday evening as well as Saturday

On Thursday, the teams from Newman University will be in Goodwell to match up with the Lady Aggies and the Aggies. Tip-off for the women's game is set for 5:30 p.m. and the men are set to go at 8:00.

On Saturday afternoon the men's and women's squads from Lincoln University will be on campus for more Heartland Conference action. The women's game is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. and the men are set to go at 4:30.

All games can be heard in the Goodwell-Guymon area on KPSU radio (91.7 FM). Internet broadcasts will also be available - log on to www.opsu.edu and click on Athletics to find the link.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Reminds Water Users that Annual Groundwater Production Reports are Due

annual groundwater production were mailed to landowners who pumped groundwater within North Plains Groundwater District during 2008. The forms were mailed out on November 10 and 12, and well owners are reminded that the forms are due at any time between now and March 1, 2009. For many who have completed their production for the year, this earlier mailing of forms will allow them to complete the paperwork and return it sooner. Groundwater production reporting is not required from domestic or stock wells, but agricultural producers who irrigate, municipalities, CAFO's and industries who use water are required to report their groundwater usage each year to the

The new forms this year now fulfill the District rule requiring that water usage be reported in acre-feet. The forms contain the multiplication factors to aid well owners in completing this item, and there is now a handy instruction guide as an aid to filling out the forms as well.

Once the report is completed and received back in the District office, well owners will receive a blue post card stating that their report has been received. Once the data has been reviewed, a yellow post card will follow telling the well owner either that their report is complete and satisfactory, or that there is data missing and the report is incom-

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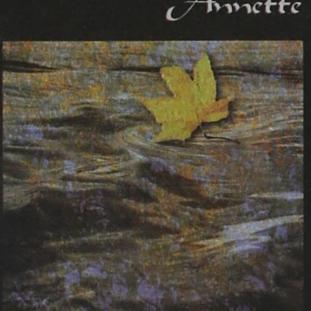
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The District would like to reports. remind those reporting that the forms must be signed and dated, and must have all supporting documentation attached. The District is no longer accepting faxed copies of bills from the gas or electric supply companies, so well owners are now responsible for obtaining these

The forms for reporting 2008 March I will be subject to fines for records themselves and sending them in attached to the production

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Spearman Chamber of Commerce Minutes

As recorded by Secretary-Treasurer Teresa Barkley

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met on January 8, 2009.

Members present were: Keith Hight, Cass Lasater, Ed Hanson, Alvin Byers, Kyla Ortiz, Teresa Barkley, Cindy Blackman and Landon Jackson.

President Alvin Byers called the meeting to order and led the Board of Directors in prayer.

Alvin presented minutes from the last meeting. There were no corrections. Motion was made by Cass Lasater to accept minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Landon Jackson. Motion carried. Alvin presented the financial report. Cass made a motion to accept the financial statement. Cindy Blackman seconded the motion. Motion car-

Old Business: Keith presented the End of the Year Expense Report. Brief discussion was held about the fact that the 2008 Estimated Budget had projected for expenses of \$30,000.00 and actual money spent was \$18,594.95 using only 62% of the projected budget.

New Business: The projected 2009 Budget was then presented by Keith. He conducted a brief discussion and application about a few sion and explanation about a few changes in the new budget. He pointed out to the Board that he had reduced the amount spent on special programs due to the fact that the Chamber would "probably" not purchase hats for the golf tournament participants this year as that is done only every other year. The new budget was lowered for wages and taxes due to the fact that there is not a part-time employee at this time. This projected budget reflected an increase in the scholarships given by the Chamber from \$1,500 to \$2,000. There was also an increase in the utilities due to the higher cost of gas.

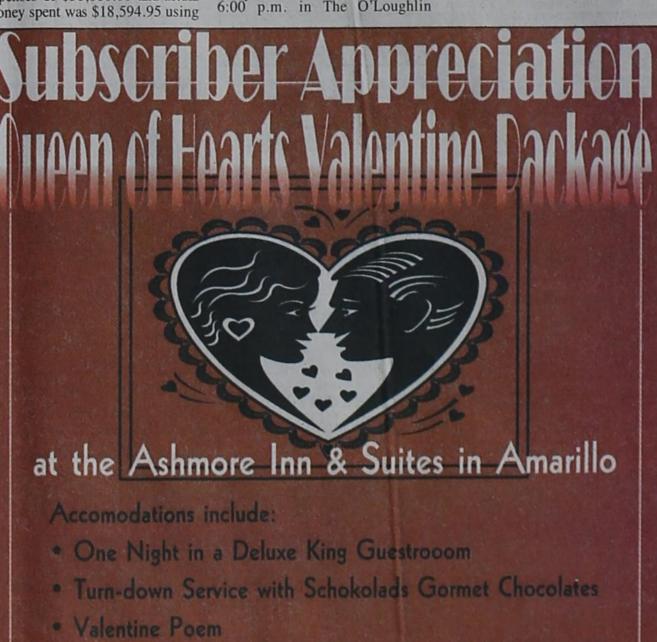
President Byers thanked Manager Hight for his budget presentation and commended him on his excellent management skills in 2008. Cindy Blackman moved that we approve the new 2009 Budget and Spearman City Manager Ed Hanson seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held in regards to the upcoming Annual Chamber Banquet to be on January 22nd at 6:00 p.m. in The O'Loughlin

Center. Teresa reported that the Lions Club had approved the use of their Purple Flags for decorations and Cindy was volunteered to seek permission from the school to use their trophies as center pieces for the tables. Former Citizen of the Year James Cunningham will present this year's award recipient with Mayor Brian Gillespie presenting the Business of the Year Award. Cheryl Gibson-Salgado will pres-ent the Miss Hansford Pageant Winners. Ron Antalek will present Fireman of the Year, Cobbler will be served for dessert in place of the cheese cake and will be prepared by the Board members.

Cindy reminded us of the Hospice Pancake Fund Raiser this Friday, January 9th, and motioned that the Spearman Chamber of Commerce donate \$50 to this worthy cause. Discussion was held and motioned was amended to \$100. Teresa Barkley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Due to numerous scheduling conflicts in February it was unanimously decided to hold the next Chamber meeting on March 5, 2009. Cindy motioned to adjourn and Cass seconded. Motion carried.



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