

## At A Glance

### January Events

**January 11** - Performance of Spearman HS One-Act Plays; 7 p.m.; HS Auditorium  
**January 12** - Gus Birdwell Elementary Semester Awards Assembly; K-2nd, 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; 3rd-5th, 12:30-1 p.m.; Elementary Gym  
**January 17** - Spearman ISD Board of Trustees/Superintendent Team Building Session; 6 p.m.; HS Computer Lab  
**January 17-21** - Ft. Worth Livestock Show (Heifers)  
**January 18-21** - Spearman Junior High Basketball Tournament  
**January 20** - Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet; 6:30 p.m.; O'Loughlin Center  
**January 21** - Gruver Practice Livestock Show; 2 p.m.; County Barn - Gruver  
**January 22** - District Technology Meeting; 3:30 p.m.; JH Library  
**January 22** - Retirement Reception for Gruver City Manager A.J. Ratliff; 4-6 p.m.; Gruver City Hall  
**January 23** - 55-Alive Defensive Driving Course; 6-10 p.m.; O'Loughlin Center  
**January 24** - Immunization Clinic; 2 p.m.; Spearman Junior High Gym  
**January 24** - National School Nurse Day  
**January 25** - 55-Alive Defensive Driving Course; 6-10 p.m.; O'Loughlin Center  
**January 25** - Financial Aid Night; 7 p.m.; HS Auditorium  
**January 27** - Walk for Kids' Sake benefiting the local Big Brothers-Big Sisters program; Ochiltree County Expo Center  
**January 28** - Spearman Practice Livestock Show; 2 p.m.; County Barn - Spearman  
**January 30** - Mammogram Clinic for School Employees; HS Life Skills Class  
**January 30-February 3** - Ft. Worth Livestock Show (Swine)

## Farmers Reminded Of USDA Programs Deadlines

Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director, Carol Laney, reminds area farmers and ranchers of pending application deadlines for emergency assistance programs and announces recently developed new emergency programs.

Application deadlines for programs previously announced this year are:

- 2000 Oilseed Program: \$500 million in payments is available to the more than 600,000 producers of the 2000 crops of certain oilseeds. Eligible oilseeds include canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard, rapeseed, safflower, sesame, soybeans and sunflowers. Application deadline is January 12, 2001.
- Local USDA Farm Service Agency offices will also begin accepting applications soon for the following programs:
  - 2000 Crop Disaster Program (CDP): Funds will be made available to producers who have been affected by crop disaster. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.
  - 2000 Livestock Assistance Program (LAP): An estimated \$438 million is available to producers for grazing losses due to weather related disasters. The sign-up period will begin January 18, 2001.

Producers should watch for new program announcements released from their local Farm Service Agency office. County offices will receive national guidance regarding new program delivery prior to program sign-up dates. Please contact the FSA office at 659-3036 for additional information about current program eligibility. New program eligibility and application information will be available in January.

## Judge Brown Ordained As Catholic Deacon

Jim D. Brown of Spearman was ordained as a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, December 31, 2000.

The ceremony was celebrated at St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo by the bishop of the Diocese of Amarillo, the Most Reverend John W. Yanta.

As a part of an ordination class of seven men, Deacon Brown promised his obedience to the diocesan bishop and his successors and was presented with the Sacred Scriptures during which he was reminded to "believe what you read, teach what you believe and practice what you teach."

In the early 1970s, the Roman Catholic Church restored the ancient practice of ordaining men as special assistants to bishops and priests and as servants of the poorest and most needy members of the Church. Permanent deacons are allowed to remain married and are

charged with such tasks as preaching, teaching, baptizing, performing weddings and funerals, and assisting the priest during the celebration of Mass. Their main role, however, is to be of service to the members of the Christian community.

During the ordination ceremony, Deacon Brown's wife, Rosemary, was invited to publicly declare her consent and support for the new ministry into which they enter together.

Deacon Brown had to complete four and a half years of formal studies of theology, Sacred Scripture, spirituality, preaching, and doctrine to become qualified for ordination. His wife, Rosemary had to accompany him for the last three years of studies.

Deacon Brown has been assigned as Pastoral Assistant of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Spearman.



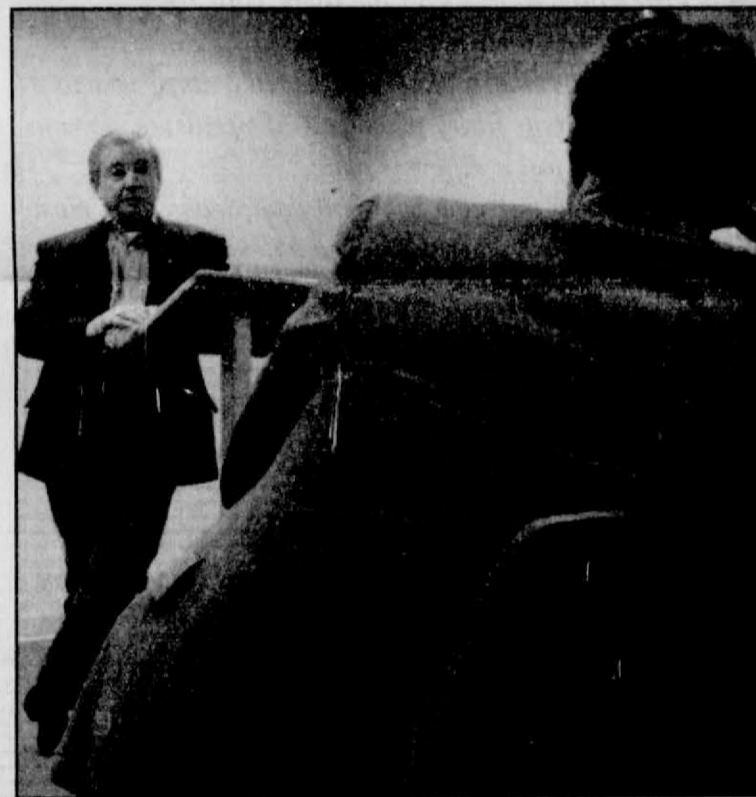
Father Scott Raef congratulates Jim Brown and his wife Rosemary, on Jim's ordination as a permanent deacon in the Roman Catholic Church.



Allison Haney (second from right), SHS senior, stands with Mechelle Curry, Becky Byers, and SHS Choir Director Lora Hoffman after an all-school rally in her honor on Monday, January 8, 2000. Curry and Byers assisted Haney in preparing for her choir competitions.

Haney finished in the top five Soprano Two's in Texas in Pre-All State Choir competition. She will travel to San Antonio on Feb. 10 to perform with the All-State Choir. She is the daughter of Warren Haney of Spearman and Dora Karim-Silat of Duncanville, TX.

Bill Pittman (right) listens as State Representative Warren Chisum fields questions during a town meeting at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman on Thursday, January 4, 2001. Educational finance in rural communities and liability insurance in health care were among the concerns expressed during the meeting.



## College Hotline Available January 13 & 14, 2001

The College Information Hotline (877-782-7322) will be available on January 13 and 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (CST). The College Information Hotline, which is the largest project of its type in the nation, provides information about post-secondary educational opportunities to students and their families.

## Cancer Center Reviews 2000 Accomplishments

As the only free standing non-profit community supported cancer center in the High Plains region of Texas and surrounding states providing cancer patient care, education, research and cancer screening, Harrington Cancer Center is proud to share with the communities a sampling of their 2000 accomplishments:

- 1,649 new cancer patients were treated and over 8,000 were screened for breast cancer
- 140 community and patient focused educational programs were provided
- A Nurse Navigator Program providing patients access to Cancer Center resources, offering assistance and support was created
- The first of four annual major medical symposia for healthcare providers was held to ensure up-to-date cancer diagnosis and treatment
- A Stereotactic Radiosurgery Unit was purchased, which is the latest treatment for brain tumors/blood vessel abnormalities and only available in Dallas or Houston previously.

*Christian Men's Fellowship is hosting a community-wide Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 14th at the First Christian Church in Spearman.*

*Everyone interested is invited to join in Christian fellowship and prayer.*



Coley Griffin and Jenn Schnell were crowned Spearman High School Basketball Homecoming King and Queen during an all-school pep rally on Friday, January 5. Griffin, son of J.L. and Jolynn Griffin and Schnell, daughter of James and Karen Schnell are both seniors. The Lynx and Lynxettes both defeated Wellington in the Homecoming games.

Laugh  
and  
Live



by Catherine R. Smith  
CathyRSmit@aol.com

A dear friend of mine sent me the following story entitled "Welcome To Holland." It was written by Emily Perl Kingsley, about the experience of raising a child with a disability. This story really touched me. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

## Welcome To Holland

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability -- to try to help people who have not shared the unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this ...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip -- to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum. Michelangelo's "David." The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The flight attendant comes and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!" you say. "What do you mean, Holland? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guidebooks. You must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around, and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills, Holland has tulips, Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain of that will never, ever, ever go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

by Don Taylor

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



### Business Education Is More Than On-The-Job Training

There are two educations: one should teach us how to make a living and the other how to live. -James Truslow Adams.

As business owners we have a responsibility to educate others as well as to serve our customers. Many of us hire others and train them to do the work we require of them. However, our responsibility to them goes much further than on-the-job training and signing their weekly paycheck.

If free enterprise is to survive, we must teach its merits. It is the best system in the world, and we must help others understand its value.

We have our work cut out for us. All too often, the media puts a truly negative slant on business activities. Remember, few journalists have business degrees or entrepreneurial experience.

A recent report on the outcome of the Microsoft antitrust litigation used greedy, selfish, exploitative, vicious and domineering language to describe Microsoft. Most of the negative comments came in the form of direct quotes from Microsoft competitors. There was no balance in the report, only glee that the big dog was going to have some teeth pulled by the government.

I'm not here to defend Bill Gates or Microsoft. I don't own any of

their stock nor do I plan to. But in fairness to Microsoft, why not talk to some consumers? After all, it is the consumer who supposedly is going to benefit from the lawsuit.

Maybe I have less faith in the government than I should, but my phone bill went up after the government broke up the Bell system. Microsoft is not a utility company. Microsoft is a publicly held, private sector, for-profit company. Forgive me while I put my pen down and get a firm grip on my wallet - software prices are going up.

This slanted type of "business reporting" goes on every day. Why would any normal, intelligent young person want to work in a greedy, bullying and exploitative environment?

#### The 3 M Method

We in business can help shape our own future. Let's spread the good word about business. Let's make certain that all people understand the importance and value of our free enterprise system. We can use this 3 M method.

• Models. Young people need models. They become what they see. If you read frequently, your children will more likely become readers. If you drink frequently, your children are more likely to consume alcohol. If you overspend your income, you can expect your kids to have money problems.

Business men and women are for the most part caring, loving, community-oriented folks. Make sure you're a positive role model for those watching your life.

• Mentors. Nothing can make as big an impact on a young mind as a personal session with a successful business mentor. You can show the real and exciting side of being a business owner or manager. You can

share the positive side of business success in a relaxed one-to-one atmosphere. If you've never served as a mentor, I urge you to volunteer today.

• Motivators. Yes, you can be a business motivator. Motivation can be defined simply as "a motive for action." You can be the person who gives a young person a reason to be

interested in the business of business. You don't have to be an eloquent speaker to motivate others. However, you must be passionate about your subject. If you've had some success, won't you share it with others? The American business community needs all of us involved to ensure that the next generation gets to enjoy the fruit of our busi-

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Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Sun. Eve.: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7:30 p.m.  
Pastor - Roland Haney

**First Assembly of God**  
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 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. Bernice • 659-2036  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Minister - Gary Smith

**First Baptist Church**  
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.  
Pastor - Rick Patrick  
Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster

**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.  
KRDF Radio Program  
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.  
Minister - Leonard Harper

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
901 Roland • 659-2792  
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English  
(aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)  
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish  
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo  
Rendtorf Mass - Spanish  
Rev. Scott Raef

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

### First Presbyterian Church

(Worships with Lutheran)  
1021 Cotter • 659-2033  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at  
Lutheran Church  
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between  
Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.)  
Pastor - Beverly Cook

### Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)

1101 Bernice • 659-2252  
(Worships with  
First Presbyterian Church)  
**First United Methodist**  
407 S. Haney • 659-5503  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.  
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: 7 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor - Bill Sparks

### Fellowship Baptist

1102 S. Archer • 659-2783  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
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.

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Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m.  
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Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.  
Pastor - A.G. Martell  
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### Waka

Waka Church of the Brethren  
435-4598

### 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. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**Gruver United Methodist**  
Broadway & Garrett  
733-2851  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
Eve. 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.

### Morse

Morse Baptist Church  
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Pastor - Mike Martin



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# Happy Birthday!

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

**January 11**  
**Birthdays** - 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**  
**Birthdays** - Imogene Williams, Helen Fisher, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stedje, Bryant Layton, Steve Ellis, Downing Salazar, Bradley Carlisle, Tara Davis, Brandlee James  
**Anniversary** - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Lang, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Overbey

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

**January 14**  
**Birthdays** - Ellen Reynolds, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey, Joann Kell, Frank Lozano Jr., Gwen Younger, Tony Ferguson, Kelly Hearon

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

**January 16**  
**Birthdays** - 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 Huerta

**January 17**  
**Birthdays** - 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, Ben Upchurch, Justin Gifford

**January 18**  
**Birthdays** - 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

**January 19**  
**Birthdays** - Paula Kizziar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Nella Beth McCloy, 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** - Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz

**January 20**  
**Birthdays** - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Virginia Head, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brienne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar

**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Kermit McKee, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Blankenship

**January 21**  
**Birthdays** - Roy Mayhew, Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Schaefer, Marcus Vasquez  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Beedy, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Remmel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

**January 22**  
**Birthdays** - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Porter, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. James Scroggs, Mr. & Mrs. Walter McDade, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gross, Mr. & Mrs. John Armes

## Our Deepest Sympathy

**Jewel J. Ward**  
 Jewel J. Ward, 84, died Friday, Jan. 5 2001. Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2001 in Gruver United Methodist Church with the Rev. Beverly Cook and the Rev. Jerry Moore officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.  
 Mr. Ward was born in Mills County and was a longtime resident of Gruver.  
 A former Sunday school teacher and Army veteran of the South Pacific during World War II, he was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Spearman. He was former president and member of Faith Lutheran Church Council and former president and member of Gruver Independent School District Board of Trustees.  
 His daughter, Karen Ward, died in 1958. He married Betsy Dahl in 1948 at Clovis, NM. Survivors include his wife; a son, J.W. Ward of Gruver; a daughter, Ann McClure of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.  
 The family suggests memorials be to Faith Lutheran Church, Box 156, Spearman, TX 79081; or a favorite charity.

**Caia Koechel Hester**  
 Caia Koechel Hester, 92, died Sunday, January 7, 2001. Services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 8, 2001 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.  
 Mrs. Hester was born in Waseca, MN, and grew up in Carrier, OK. After attending business college, she worked as a court reporter in Purcell, OK, and lived in Cisco.  
 She married E.H. "Jimmie" Hester in 1930 at Purcell and they moved to Spearman and farmed. Her husband died in 1980.  
 She was a volunteer at Hansford County Library Thrift Shop and a member of First Christian Church, where she taught Sunday school and Vacation Bible School.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Paulede Plank of Stillwater, OK; two sons, Tony Hester of Lubbock and David Hester of Ruidoso, NM; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.  
 The family suggests memorials be to First Christian Church Building Fund, Box 637, Spearman, TX 79081; Hansford County Library; Hansford Hospice; or a favorite charity.

**Dennis Gordon Stedje**  
 Dennis Gordon Stedje, 52, died Saturday, December 23, 2000. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 26, 2000 in Oslo Lutheran Church at Oslo with the Rev. Jerry Moore, pastor of Gruver United Methodist Church, and Pastor Bob Brandt, interim pastor of the church, officiating. Burial followed in Oslo Cemetery at Oslo by Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon, OK.  
 Mr. Stedje was born in Amarillo. After graduating from Gruver High School in 1967 and Panhandle State University at Goodwell, OK, with a bachelor of science degree in history in 1971, he farmed in the Oslo community.  
 A member of Oslo Lutheran Church, he was involved with the Oklahoma Panhandle State Livestock Judging Team, serving as honorary coach. He was a member of the County Livestock Show Board and a past member of the Gruver School Board.  
 He married Mary Kathryn "Kathy" Benson in 1968 at Gruver. She died in 1997.  
 Survivors include his wife, Cari; a daughter, Shelley Anne Stedje of Amarillo; a son, Scott Gordon Stedje of Stillwater, OK; two sisters, Diane Battles of Duncan, OK, and Barbara Wise of Tucson, AZ; two step-daughters, Kaycee Nicole Howe of Gruver and Kendra Dee Martin of Borger; and two stepsons, Terry Chad Howe of Gruver and Kyle Brandon Plagge of Borger.  
 The family suggests memorials be to the Stedje Memorial Agricultural Scholarship, OPSU Foundation. Mail memorials to Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

**Joicy Dee Francis**  
 Joicy Dee Francis, 97, passed from this earth January 2, 2001 at the Grace Living Center in Mangum, OK.  
 Funeral services were held Saturday, January 6, 2001 at 1 p.m. at the United Pentecostal Church with Reverend Keith Wall officiating. Interment followed at Cave Creek Cemetery in Vinson.  
 Mrs. Francis was born August 11, 1903 in a half dug-out northwest of Vinson, OK to John R. and Patsy Downs. She married A.J. (Bill) Francis in San Antonio on September 23, 1923.  
 She had lived in Pampa since 1953 until she moved to Grace Living Center at Mangum in 1995.  
 Survivors include one son, Jesse Francis and his wife Wilma of Spearman; one daughter, Juanita Mitchell and her husband Ralph of Mangum; two sisters, Myrtle Yarbrough of Wellington, TX; and Ruby Overton of Vinson, OK; seven grandchildren, Karen Read of Elgin, OK; Kathy Coats of Red Oak, TX; Andrew Francis of Perryton; Angela Graves of Perryton; Steven Francis of Perryton; David Mitchell of Perry, FL and Starla Fogle of Pampa; twelve great-grandchildren and 5 great great-grandchildren and a host of close friends and relatives.  
 She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband A.J. Francis, two sons Jolly and Jack Francis, two brothers and one granddaughter.

### HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

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**Are You Financially Prepared To Send Your Child To College?**  
 Spearman High School is hosting a Financial Aid Seminar on Tuesday, January 25 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The purpose of this seminar is to help parents explore options for paying for college costs. Representatives from the West Texas A&M, Panhandle Plains Higher Education Authority, Region XVI and Spearman Foundation will present information to guide parents in their quest for funds to send their child to college. Some of the topics that will be discussed at the seminar include the following: "How To Apply For Financial Aid;" "Grants and Loans;" "Financial Planning; Sources of Financial Aid;" and "What is the FAFSA?" The seminar is open to all parents and students. It's never too early to plan for your child's education. There will also be a \$100 scholarship given away that night. If you have any questions or need further information, please call Glenda Guthrie at 659-2584.

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**The Antique Show is Coming To Amarillo**  
 January 12-14, Continental Shows, Ltd. is staging its Antique Show & Sale extravaganza at the Amarillo Civic Center. Exhibits of antiques will include china, cut glass, art glass, majolica, Staffordshire, folk art, furniture, pottery, quilts, textiles, country antiques, items of silver and gold (including jewelry). Art will be present in all categories and particularly in the form of oil paintings and prints. Old advertising items and typical collectibles will also be exhibited. Everything on display will be for sale. Show hours are Friday, 12-8; Saturday 12-7 and Sunday 12-5. One price admission of \$3 covers all three days of the show. Children accompanied by an adult are free.

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**Walk For Kids' Sake**  
 The Walk for Kids' Sake benefiting the local Big Brothers Big Sisters program will be held Saturday, January 27th at the Ochiltree County Expo Center. Teams of three to six members raise pledges, with each member raising at least \$50. Teams will have their choice of four shifts, each with a theme as well as music and activities appropriate to the theme: the 9:00 Family Walk (strollers welcome), the 10:00 Fish Walk (featuring Christian music), 11:00 and Noon Party Walks (cool music and pizza) Each walker receives a t-shirt and is eligible for door prizes during each shift. Food and drinks will be provided throughout the day. Business sponsorships also raise money in the event. Shift sponsorships are available for \$350 and mile markers for \$100. For more information about the event, call 434-0016 or 1-800-687-8282. Advisory committee members from Spearman are Carolyn Cummings and Don Townsend and from Gruver is Paula Kelly.

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**Immunization Clinic**  
 On January 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., an immunization clinic will be held in the Spearman Junior High School gym. The clinic is open to the public.

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**Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet**  
 The Spearman Chamber of Commerce announces their Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet on January 20, 2001 at the O'Loughlin Center at 502 Brandt. This year's theme will be "Spirit of Community." There will be a Silent Auction from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., the Methodist Men Steak Dinner at 7 p.m. and award ceremony at 8 p.m. Brian Foster will be the Master of Ceremonies. Tickets will be \$15 for Chamber Members and \$18 for potential chamber members and guests. RSVP by January 15 will be greatly appreciated.


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**Retirement Reception For A.J. Ratliff**  
 A retirement reception for Gruver City Manager, A.J. Ratliff will be held in Gruver City Hall on Monday, January 22 from 4-6 p.m.

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**Can You Teach?**  
 The Community Resource Program is looking for people to teach the following classes: Cooking, Drawing, Painting, Catering, Exercises, Tile Mosaics, Photography, Stock Trading, or something else. Call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at (806) 659-3233.

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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver life-long resident Jewel Ward died Friday, January 5, 2001 in Lubbock where he was being treated for burns and complications which resulted from a shop fire.

Ward was active in the Faith Lutheran Church of Spearman and had served Gruver as a member and president of the school board.

## School Board Meets

In their regular meeting preceding the Christmas holidays on Tuesday, December 19, 2000, six members of the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees received visitors Randy Reid, Kathy Lindsey, Ann Moore, and Todd Parker. Absent was board member Buddy Lowe, Jr.

After the acceptance of the minutes of the past board meeting, a motion made by Jody Irwin and seconded by Benny Wilson, and then approved by a 5-1-0 vote to designate job classifications in which employees have potential occupational exposure to blood-borne pathogens. Voting for the motion were David Grotegut, Irwin, Terry Sherrill, and Mike Yanke. Voting in opposition was Paul Stavlo.

In motions approved by a 6-0 vote, the board approved the "Blood-Borne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan" and the Texas Reading Initiative Grant for Gruver Junior High.

With the arrival of member Lowe, the board voted 7-0 to accept the bid on student accounting software, to table the audit by J. Mack Hoel, auditor, and to approve the resolution providing for penalty costs of collecting delinquent property taxes pursuant to the Texas Tax Code Section 33.07 and 33.08.

Discussion items included the Cycle 7 Academics 2000: First Things First Midyear Progress Report, the promotion/retention policy, a review of report card grades in the elementary, and a report on the Teaching and Learning Improvement Grant.

Other items of discussion were the

Texas Tech Medical Center Asthma Survey by Dr. Brian Kingston, the school calendar for the 2001-2002 year, and the effects of proposed legislation on starting the school year after Labor Day, the fall athletic gate receipts, and the bereavement policy for state and local leave.

Final discussion items were the Telecommunications Infrastructure Board Noncompetitive PS9 Grant and a report on the upcoming Spring band trip.

Superintendent Laura Blessingame gave reports on enrollment in Gruver Schools, the AEIS Report for Parents; the superintendent's evaluation in January; the National School Board Association Convention, March 24-27, 2001, in San Diego; the TASB Leadership Team Services Winter Governance Seminar February 16-17, 2001 in Corpus Christi; the TASA X-Press News regarding health insurance; and the travel reimbursement local policy.

Blessingame also gave information on the accounts payable, a comparison of revenue and other resources to official budget, certificates of deposit, budget amendments, TEA Question/Answer On-Fact sheet, and the audit presentation.

The board then voted to pay bills except Gruver Farm Supply in the amount of \$209,931.42, with members Grotegut, Irwin, Lowe, Stavlo, and Yanke voting aye, and members Wilson and Sherrill abstaining.

In the motion to pay Gruver Farm Supply in the amount of \$1,473.44, members Irwin, Lowe, Sherrill, Stavlo, and Wilson voted aye while members Grotegut and Yanke abstained.

The meeting ended at 9:07, three hours and seven minutes after it began.

The board is scheduled to meet in regular session on Thursday, January 11, 2001 at which time they will consider several trips for various student groups, contributing \$35 per employee for Hepatitis B vaccine, the report card grading policy, and

the evaluation and contract of the GUSD Superintendent.

The board will also discuss the football program and season with Coach Doug Frick and the cross country program and season with Coach Steve Myatt as well as a hearing of the superintendent's report and a financial report.

## Get Well Wishes

Bill Etling celebrated his 86th birthday on Tuesday, January 9, 2001. As if that were not an accomplishment by its own merit, one week prior to the big event, Etling underwent a six bypass surgery and the replacement of a heart valve.

Though he remained in an Amarillo hospital at press time on Monday, Etling had all equipment removed two days after the surgery and has continued to progress with no complications.

Etling looks forward to resuming his daily walks in Gruver this spring.

GHS junior Steven Salazar returned home last week following a serious sledding accident. He is currently receiving therapy at home and hopes to return to school in the near future.

Don and Peggy Dillow will be leaving for an extended stay in Arizona where doctors hope Peggy's respiratory problems will be alleviated. The couple plan to return to Gruver on April 1.

T.C. Harvey remains in Ochiltree Hospital where he is being treated for a stroke. Delphine Etling and Leona Stavlo, his visitors on Saturday, reported improvement in his condition.

Jaedon Seagler, the infant son of Troy and Kimberly Seagler, is being treated for RSV.

## Blessingame to Attend Conference

Superintendent Laura Blessingame will attend the Mid-Winter Superintendents Conference in Austin January 29-31.

## GJH Seventh Grade Girls

Gruver 33, Hooker 4  
December 18, 2000

Gruver 29, Morse 16  
January 4, 2001

## GHS Eighth Grade Girls

Gruver 45, Hooker 37  
December 18, 2000

Gruver 43, Texhoma 18  
January 4, 2001

## Gruver Seventh Grade Boys

Gruver 44, Hooker 17  
December 18, 2000

Gruver 59, Morse 33,  
January 4, 2001

## Gruver Eighth Grade Boys

Gruver B 24, Texhoma 34  
January 4, 2001

Gruver A 39, Hooker 31  
December 18, 2000

Gruver A 36, Texhoma 47  
January 4, 2001

## Back Tracking

The picture identifying the GHS

Academic All District team was in fact the all district players who were cited for their play in district last fall.

The academic team was pictured in a December 7th edition of the Reporter-Statesman. Receiving the academic all-district honors were David Villegas, Kade Carthel, Chase Lamb, Kirby Johnson, Cory Schneider, James Crow, Bradley Duncan, Chad TeBeest, Anthony Villalobos, Chad Clift, and Aaron Weller.

## Class Favorites, Senior Honors Selected

Senior yearbook honors have been announced by Gruver High School. Aaron Weller and Brooke Salmans were chosen as Mr. and Miss GHS, respectively, with Taos Weldon and Sammie Stavlo as runners-up.

Other honors included Most Handsome - Taos Weldon (runner up Cory Schneider)

Most Beautiful - Jessica Moore (runner-up Miranda Thoreson)

Boy Most Likely to Succeed - Brad Holt (runner up Chad TeBeest)

Girl Most Likely to Succeed - Brooke Bevell (runner-up Holly Hart)

Friendliest Boy - Aaron Weller (runner-up Kirby Johnson)

Friendliest Girl - Brooke Bevell (runner up Brooke Salmans)

Class favorites are seniors Aaron Weller and Brooke Bevell, juniors Ryan Abernathy and Kaylee Holt,

sophomores Hunter Bevell and Bryn Lowe, and freshmen David Puebla and Jenny Hart.

## All Fans on Board

All GHS basketball fans are needed when the Hounds and Lady Hounds begin district play Friday, January 19, at Stratford. The Lady Hounds will take to the court at approximately 6:30 p.m. with the Hounds following at approximately 8 p.m.

Other teams in Gruver's basketball district include Booker and Boys Ranch.

## This and That

Superintendent Laura Blessingame reports that the average monthly gas bill for Gruver Schools was up nearly 300% this month. While the schools normally have a bill of \$5,000-\$6,000 per month at this time of the year, the school received a bill for \$15,000.

With the price of natural gas reaching new heights and gasoline prices expected to rise with the cutback of OPEC supplies, the one-cent rise in the price of postage stamps on Sunday will probably receive little notice, but it sure makes you wish for all the then useless one cent stamps you threw away that were given for change in the vending machine.

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<h3>Community Resource Program Class Schedule</h3> <p><b>Basic PC</b> This class is designed for the person who has always wanted to learn about computing but didn't know where to start. This course is a hands-on course and meant to be fun while walking through the exciting world of personal computing. Feb. 3 &amp; 17 - 9 a.m. - noon \$50 for both sessions Instructor: Lisa Short</p>	<h3>Intermediate Computing</h3> <p>This class is designed for the person who knows a little about computers but wants to learn more. You will be introduced to the capabilities of word processing, and spreadsheets so you may better understand how they may be used at home or work. Jan. 27 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$50 for both sessions Instructor: Lisa Short</p>	<h3>GED Class</h3> <p>General Equivalency Diploma Reg.: January 15-26 Call Glenda Guthrie at 659-2584. Limited Class size.</p>	<p>To register for classes call Spearman ISD Community Resource Coordinator Cindy Blackman at 659-3233</p>
<h3>Conversational Spanish 1</h3> <p>Thurs. Jan 25, 6-week session 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$35 Registration: January 15-19 Instructor: Mary Ontiveros</p>	<h3>Conversational Spanish II</h3> <p>Thurs. Jan 25, 6-week session 7:45-8:45 p.m. \$35 Registration: January 15-19 Instructor: Mary Ontiveros</p>	<h3>ESL Classes</h3> <p>Jan 31- 6 week sessions 6:30 - 8 p.m. \$25 class is full, please register for next class Instructor: Mary Ontiveros</p>	

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# Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

With the melting of the last of the snow came the end of a most satisfying few weeks for Yvette McCammond. She didn't fret the snow as she was enjoying having Zach McCammond with her for his Christmas vacation from Texas Tech.

During his stay, they went to Lubbock to visit her grandson Ronnie and Janet who live there. They returned this past Friday.

A recent government release announces that a former Spearman man, L.D. Pierce, has been appointed to head the computer recycling and giveaway project for the disabled and children who can't afford them.

L.D. is a VISTA volunteer and according to the release had the program up and going in Woodward six weeks ago. He felt that Christmas was the ideal time to begin the first computer giveaways as they had 11 refurbished and ready.

The third computer recipient was Jessie Roberts, age 6, now of Amarillo. Rosa Pierce Roberts of Amarillo is her mother and J.L. Pierce of Spearman is her grandfather.

L.D., formerly of Dallas and a Texas Tech graduate, asks for donations of used or discarded computers.

His aunt, Illeen Faus Willison, also a former Spearman resident is also a VISTA volunteer. She is the author of "Northwest Oklahoma Cookbook" published last year. She owned the diner on Hwy. 207 out of Gage. According to the release, she is a nurse with an extensive background in physical therapy and has done much charitable work.

Spearman takes pride in both these ex-Spearman citizens and their charitable work.

For information about these computers, or to donate them, contact: L.D. Pierce, Vista Volunteer, Woodward Mid-Day AMBUCS, PO Box 532, Woodward, OK 73801, (580) 256-3122, eztone@hotmail.com.

A guest of Ana and Rue Sanders since before Christmas is her sister, Dr. Mary Burnett of Littleton, Colorado. She will stay here a while longer and this morning (Monday) is accompanying them to Amarillo, where Anne will undergo some tests.

T.C. Harvey is in Ochilree General Hospital in Perryton being treated for a severe stroke. He, his wife Lou and her sister Opal Wallin were in Garden City, Kansas when he was stricken about two weeks ago. Later he was transferred by ambulance to Perryton.

His prognosis is undetermined at this writing.

The community is saddened by the passing of Jewel Ward, 84. Friends report that he was working in his shop when his coveralls caught fire from a heater about three weeks ago. He extinguished it and was brought to Hansford Hospital where he was treated and released. After a few days, he was taken to Lubbock Burn Center for treatment and skin grafts. He developed pneumonia and passed away

on Friday.

Jewel is the last of that generation of the Ward family, early Hansford County settlers. They came to this county in 1913 and settled on the place where Jewel has lived all his life.

Sympathy is extended to Betsy and his family.

Has there been a New Years baby in Hansford County yet?

Mrs. Ruby Riley returned last week after an absence that started before Thanksgiving. All of her children were raised in Spearman and she visited each of them. Thanksgiving was spent in Beaver, OK with daughter Betty and Tommy Davis. Her son Eddie and wife Paula and her daughter Pauline and Frank Heinz were also there.

The Sunday after Thanksgiving, Ruby went to Nucia, Colorado with Eddie and Paula for two weeks. On the 9th they took her halfway to Las Vegas to meet Lois and Mike McCaskill. She was with them through Christmas until the 27th. She then flew to Phoenix and stayed with her daughter Callie Ruth and David Van Cleek. She returned to Spearman just in time to make New Year's resolutions.

Ruby truly enjoyed everything everyday, mountains, Christmas lights, all but says she sure feels good to be back in her own home.

She expresses appreciation to her neighbors for looking after her home.

Caia Hester, 92, succumbed to a long illness on Sunday morning in Hansford Hospital.

The many friends and neighbors she has made through the years will miss her.

Condolences are extended to her family.

Weather report according to Dwayne's records for the week of 1-1-2001 through 7 a.m. 1-8-2001 shows the highest temp was on the 6th at 68 degrees; the lowest on the 1st at 20 degrees; no moisture.

The liberal media is doing all possible to belittle appointees of the President's cabinet and to prevent their approval by Congress.

Last week, they were after Ashcroft, nominee for attorney-general since they object to his opposition to the "late-term abortion" practice. This is not the usual abortion bill that has been rehashed so many times and finally settled.

Twice the Congress has passed the law prohibiting what is called "late-term abortion" and twice Clinton has vetoed it and the practice is still legal. Gore approves it.

Doctors, quoted in the papers, and at least once on T.V. said it was never needed for the mother - with availability of Caesarean section and those interviewed said they would not do it.

The process is almost too graphic to describe in this column. It involves sticking an instrument (resembling an ice pick) in the live baby's temple when the head appears, then turn the baby around so that it is born feet first, after the brain has drained.

Can a sincere Christian not oppose such a practice?



## Engagement Announcement

Joanna Lee Jarvis of Stinnett and Randall Keith Roberts of Baton Rouge, LA would like to announce their engagement.

The couple will be married on March 5, 2001 at Miss Anna's Hotel in Stinnett. A reception will follow at Miss Anna's Hotel.

The groom is a chef and the bride is a homemaker. The couple will make their home in Baton Rouge.

Joanna is the daughter of Dora Lee Jarvis of Stinnett.

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Once again, I am writing to you to send out a "Thank You" to the people of this community. Their generosity has overwhelmed me yet again. This Christmas season, Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) had a "gift card" tree at Alco and a giant stocking for stuffing at Dollar General. The response from the kind and wonderful people of this area helped us to make Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers available for 30 children in Hansford County. Even more impressive is the fact that the gifts and stocking stuffers donated to us for this purpose totaled over \$1800! Never, in my wildest dreams, did I imagine the response would be so great. This is the first time in my seven years with PCC that we have had a tree in Spearman. I hope this is a sign of good things to come for this community.

Not only do I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the program for the children, but I would also like to thank the managers and employees of both Alco and Dollar General. Both stores went way beyond the call of duty to help with the projects, and their hard work and generosity will never be forgotten. Thank you all so much.

I truly enjoy the people of this community, and your generosity and great spirit are always an inspiration to me. You are all so wonderful and we thank you.

Sincerely,

Marsha Neely, Children's Advocate  
Panhandle Crisis Center, P.O. Box 502, Perryton, TX 79070

## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth -- January 8, 2001 -- 46.67 feet

Jim had little to report this first week in January. The lake level dropped just 2 inches, and his only new birds were a pair of sleek cedar wax wings. Eastern bluebirds were seen on the Palo Duro north of Morse.

My search for early day Hansford County history received a boost last week with the acquisition of a new source. Many of you are familiar with J. Marvin Hunter's Trail Driving Days. In the mid 1920s, he started publishing a little magazine called "Frontier Times", devoted to frontier history, border tragedy, and pioneer achievement. The December, 1931 issue has an article "Buffalo Hunter's Adventures" as told by Seth Hathaway. It is often quoted in pieces on The Battle of Adobe Walls.

"In the spring of 1874 I joined a group of hunters from Colorado, and traveled south with them into the Panhandle of Texas. There were four men in the party, and they had a wagon, four pack mules, two saddle horses, and a camp outfit. Jerry Gardner, an experienced plainsman, was the owner. He was a small, wiry middle aged man, an old timer in the business. He used two men for skinners, one a German named Schmidt, a butcher by trade. The other man, Tom Cox was a deserter from the 12th U. S. Infantry. I made the fourth man, though I was not considered to be much of a hunter, but was taken along to watch camp when I told them I was no tender-foot they only laughed. ...Our food supplies consisted of flour, baking

powder, beans, green coffee and bacon. A Dutch oven and some frying pans were carried in which to cook our food. A few tin cups, knives and forks were our table ware. There were no plates, Gardner said he could not be bothered with such luxuries.

"For our ammunition we carried six or seven hundred pounds of lead, and two or three thousand shells with primers for the same. The arms of the party consisted of two 50 caliber three band needle guns for the wagon, and two 50 calibre 120 grain Sharpe's rifles, weighing sixteen and eighteen pounds for hunting. A number of knives for skinning, one grindstone and our blankets completed the equipment.

"We started south from Granada, Colorado, well knowing that it would be a dangerous trip with so small a number, all of us taking chances of getting no buffalo and having our scalps stripped off and hung in some Indian tepee. The men were to receive a monthly pay, and a percentage of the hides."

The third afternoon out they camped at Point of Rocks at the Cimarron River. Here they sighted buffalo, but the next morning before they hitched up, they were surprised by a troop of Fifth U. S. Cavalry and made prisoners. Later in the day they were released and told if they were caught in that neighborhood again, they would be taken to Fort Sill. They eluded the soldiers and came to the Palo Duro Creek where they hoped to get some salt from other hunters. (To be continued)

You are invited to a  
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Tencha Cazares

## Cazares Named Gruver City Clerk

Tencha Cazares began her first day as new city clerk of Gruver on Monday. She is replacing Linda Weller who will succeed A.J. Ratliff as Gruver City Manager.

Cazares is well-known in the Gruver area, having worked 14 years at Gruver State Bank, the latter years as bookkeeper. Previous to that, she was bookkeeper for the

Dean Cluck Feedlot. Moving to Gruver in April of 1984, Cazares and her husband, Amadeo, have two children, Cody, a student at Baylor University, and daughter Kasey, a sophomore at Gruver High School.

The Cazares' are active members of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Spearman.

### Thank You

The family of Bob Jarvis would like to thank many friends and family for your acts of kindness shown to us during our time of loss. Your prayers, cards, donations and food were greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the ladies of the First Baptist Church of Spearman who prepared such a wonderful meal. The family requests that memorials be made to the Windmill Association. The Jarvis family, the Buchanan family and Louise Vaught

### Thank You

I would like to thank Lance Swan of the Hansford County Sheriff's Department, Paul Ortega of the Spearman Police Department, Spearman Dog Catcher Jeff Shields, and my neighbor, Ronnie Willis, for their help in catching my pot-belly pig on Saturday night, December 30, 2000.

Bill Burger

## Local Lender Announces Board, Staff Changes

Robert R. Williams Jr., CEO of Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association, FLCA (FLBA) recently provided an update for the association and announced director and staff changes.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA passed a significant milestone at the close of FY2000 when loan volume exceeded \$167 million.

"The Association continues to grow at a very healthy rate, with our new loan volume growth exceeding 11% for FY2000 while continuing to maintain an excellent portfolio quality," according to Williams.

According to Williams, this healthy financial performance will allow lower re-pricing rates to the Association's members.

The Board of Directors approved an interest rate buy down, reducing their spread 75 basis points from the Farm Credit Bank's base rate, effective January 1.

"With top quality service and the best possible rate, Panhandle-Plains FLBA will validate its theme of 'striving to add value to membership,'" said Williams.

Rusty Henson of Quitaque accepted a position on the board in November. He will stand for election at the April stockholder's meeting. Staff promotions in the Amarillo office include Cory Bruce to Assistant Vice President and Sandy Reneau joining the staff full-time as Loan Assistant.

Panhandle-Plains FLBA provides long-term credit to farmers, ranchers and agribusiness in 17 counties of the Panhandle and South Plains. Offices are located in Amarillo, Pampa, Perryton and Plainview. It is under the direction of a stockholder-elected board of directors: Larry E. Fairchild of Adrian; Dennis Babcock of Groom; Ervin J. Davis of Happy; Ronnie N. Hopper of Petersburg; Jerry K. Oswald of Plainview; Dean H. Burger of Pampa; Daniel Krienke of Perryton; Wayne Garrett of Gruver; Steve Brown of Floydada; and Rusty Henson of Quitaque.



Fifty-year Mason member J.C. Harris (left) presents 50-year pins and certificates to A.B. Benson (middle) and Bill Logsdon (right) in a ceremony at Gruver Lodge #1326. The lodge, chartered in December 1950, recently celebrated their 50-year anniversary.

## Ehrlich to Resign from Law Firm

The firm of Lemon, Shearer, Ehrlich, Phillips & Good announces that long-time law partner, Mitchell G. Ehrlich, resigned from the firm effective January 1, 2001. Ehrlich resigned to pursue his interests in the oil and gas business.

Ehrlich was a partner in the firm for over 20 years. He is Board Certified by the Texas Bar Association in the fields of Oil, Gas and Mineral Law and Farm and Ranch Real Estate Law. He is a member of the Northeast Panhandle Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association and the Texas Bar Association.

The Lemon firm was established in 1929 by the late Max Boyer. The firm will continue the practice of law under the name of Lemon, Shearer, Phillips & Good, P.C. Kathy Ehrlich, CPA, will also continue as an employee of the firm.

# Hansford County Sports

## A Winning Tradition!



Thanks to the fine sponsors below, you can follow the Lynx, Lynxettes & Hounds & Lady Hounds in 2000-2001!



### Spearman Basketball News

by Jeff Beedy

Homecoming 2001 took place Friday afternoon in the varsity gym with a pep rally for the Lynx and Lynxettes and the crowning of this year's homecoming king and queen. This year's homecoming king is Coley Griffin. He is a senior and is the son of J.L. and JoLynn Griffin. Coley has done a great job for the Lynx this year. The homecoming queen is Jenn Schnell. Jenn is also a senior and is the daughter of James and Karen Schnell. Jenn has had an outstanding high school basketball career at Spearman High School. Both of these kids are well deserving and we congratulate them both!

Spearman hosted Wellington Friday night in another 6-2A district basketball matchup and the Lynx and Lynxettes broke out the brooms and swept the Skyrocks right out of town. The JV girls got things rolling, narrowly defeating

Wellington's JV 52-46. The Lynx JV played the Wellington freshman team and this was no contest as the JV Lynx dominated by a score of 60-11. Super job JV teams!

The varsity Lynxettes had a tough time with Wellington most of the game. The Lynxettes pulled away at the end and won 61-50. The Lynxettes were led in scoring by Jenn Schnell with 24 points, but all the girls played well. The Lynxettes are 4-1 in district play and are in the thick of the district race! Congratulations, Lynxettes!

The varsity Lynx played much better Friday night, coming from behind to beat Wellington. This was a close game most of the way with the Lynx were down by 4 at the half. They played a lot better the second half, pulling off a win by a score of 61-50. The Lynx are 1-2 in district and are still right in the middle of the district race. Way to go Lynx! Keep up the great work!

Date: 12-29 Season Record: 4-8  
Place: Clarendon Tournament  
Score by Quarters  
Lynx 14 19 10 16 59  
Groom 4 10 12 11 37

Date: 12-30 Season Record: 5-8  
Place: Clarendon Tournament  
Score by Quarters  
Lynx 25 6 12 20 63  
Hedley 17 6 12 14 49

Date: 1-2 Season Record: 5-9  
Place: Clarendon  
Score by Quarters  
Lynx 16 11 12 28 67  
Clarendon 15 14 11 31 71

Spearman Lynxette  
Date: 1-2 District Record: 3-1  
Place: Clarendon  
Score by Quarters

Lynxettes 14 13 6 6 39  
Clarendon 8 14 10 10 42  
Coach Short's Comments: We were happy with our effort, but felt like we could have won this game. We are excited about playing at home against Wellington on Friday.

Spearman Lynx  
Date: 12-29 Season Record: 3-8  
Place: Clarendon Tournament  
Score by Quarters  
Lynx 11 8 17 5 41  
Tulia 16 6 5 16 43

Spearman JV Lynx  
Date: 1-3 Season Record: 3-6  
Place: Clarendon  
Score by Quarters  
Lynx 5 11 24 17 57  
Clarendon 10 8 13 19 50

Spearman JV Lynxette  
Date: 12-19 Season Record: 7-10  
Place: Spearman  
Score by Quarters  
Lynxettes 9 5 11 7 32  
West Texas 15 11 9 14 49  
Coach Walker's Comments: West Texas shot the ball well and passed well. We did a poor job of matching up and defending on the ball in the first half. As a team, we haven't figured out what kind of intensity defense requires. The second half was better.

Date: 1-3 Season Record: 8-10  
Place: Clarendon  
Score by Quarters  
Lynxettes 8 17 10 11 43  
Clarendon 2 3 7 11 23  
Coach Walker's Comments: We were a little more intense defensively during this game. The girls passed the ball better than they have all year. This was a nice win coming off Christmas break.

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## Gruver Greyhound Basketball

by Harletta Carthel

**Hounds Take Two**  
The Hounds captured wins over Vega and Goodwell in play over the Christmas holiday break.

Hounds 48, Vega 46  
January 2, 2001  
After a first quarter of numerous turnovers by both teams, the Hounds ended the period on top and went on to lead throughout the game.

While the Hounds led by seven points much of the final quarter, a foul and a player technical narrowed the gap to three with Vega hitting all four shots.

The Hounds then hit one free throw and played smart to assure the win.

Score by quarter  
Gruver 10 17 33 48  
Vega 6 14 27 46  
Jason Shoulders 10, Cory Schneider 4, Brady Hart 8, Kasey Harris 8, Aaron Weller 2, Anthony Villalobos 7, Kirby Johnson 3, Kade Carthel 3.

Hounds 69, Goodwell 26  
January 5, 2001  
The Hounds scored their biggest margin of victory to date in their win over the Goodwell Eagles.

Ten Hounds figured in the scoring. Cory Schneider scored 14 points and Kasey Harris, 10 shooting outside with Brady Hart and Kade Carthel, scoring 13 and 12, respectively, mainly under the basket to lead the Hounds.

Anthony Villalobos was instrumental in numerous assists in the victory.

Score by quarter  
Gruver 24 42 57 69  
Goodwell 5 17 22 26  
Anthony Villalobos 4, Cory Schneider 14, James Crow 4, Aaron Weller 2, Kasey Harris 10, Brady Hart 13, Kirby Johnson 5, Chad Howe 4, Kade Carthel 12, Chad Clift 4.

**Lady Hounds Fall to Vega, Trounce Goodwell**

Lady Hounds 49, Vega 51  
January 2, 2001  
The Lady Hounds lost a squeaker to the Vega Lady Longhorns in the final seconds of play.

After being up by six at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Hounds suffered a scoring knot in the second period to end up nine points down at half-time.

A three-pointer by Brandi Griffin in the third quarter, followed by another bucket, drew the Lady Hounds closer at the start of the third quarter.

The determining fourth stanza saw the Lady Hounds consistently trailing by two. At 1:21 the Lady Hounds tied the game at 49 only to be defeated by a Vega shot at the five-second mark.

A three-point prayer by Gruver fell short of its mark as time expired.

Score by quarter  
Gruver 16 32 36 49  
Vega 10 23 39 51

Individual scoring was not provided.

Gruver 49, Goodwell 35  
January 5, 2001  
Revengeing their loss earlier in the week, the Lady Hounds jumped to a 19-0 first quarter lead in their game with Goodwell.

After building their lead in the second quarter, the Lady Hound scoring blitz lost steam in the fourth quarter, adding only five points to the scoreboard.

All Gruver players were able to receive quality playing time with the exception of Sammie Stavlo, who is nursing a torn ACL.

Score by quarter  
Gruver 19 33 44 49  
Goodwell 0 9 21 35  
Christi Clift 2, Amy Watley 12, Lindsay Messer 4, Brandi Griffin 12, Tessa Yanke 13, Lisa Johnson 3, Kaylee Holt 4, Courtney Goad 2.

**JV to Compete in Tourney**  
The Gruver Junior Varsity Ninth Grade Hounds will compete in the Fort Elliott Tourney on Saturday, January 13, 2001. Gruver will play Miami at 1:45 p.m., then at 6:45 following a win or at 4:15 following a loss.

**Gruver Junior Varsity Girls**  
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Gruver 28, Vega 32

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In the 84th District Court  
In and For Hansford County, Texas  
TERRY CURTIS, Individually and as Independent Executor of the Estate of Marjorie Curtis, Deceased, Plaintiff

Vs.  
QUESTA ENERGY CORPORATION, WANETA ANGLIN, BADGER PETROLEUM COMPANY, JOHN F. BRYAN, MARY JO FREE, TEMPORARY GUARDIAN OF MARVIN BRYAN, KINDRA BRYAN, VICKY D. BRYAN, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS GUARDIAN OF KYLEE RENEE BRYAN, A MINOR, TERESA JO BRYAN, LANE BRYAN, KARMA BRYAN CASSIDAY, WALTER NEAL COOK, DEBRA LYNN COOK, MARY NAN COOK, MADINE CRUM, LESLIE CLAIRE BRYAN DICKINSON, MOON COMPANY, TRUSTEE, LISA MARIAN ROSSER, SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES, INC., GENE S. STEED, BRUCE STINSON, JACK E. TREGELLAS, TRUSTEE, MARGILEE B. WILLIAMS, BAGWELL NO. 2 FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, G.E. CARLILE, Defendants.

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COME NOW TERRY CURTIS, Individually and as Independent Executor of the Estate of Marjorie Curtis, Deceased, Plaintiff herein, and for cause of action against the Defendants, allege as follows:  
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Defendant, JUDITH SWART, has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

Defendant, THREE H OIL & GAS, INC., has been served and has entered an appearance herein. Service of Citation is not necessary.

III. Plaintiff is the owner of minerals under a tract of land in Hansford County, Texas, described as follows: Section 29, Block 4T T&NO RR Co. Survey, Hansford County, Texas.

IV. On or about April 13, 1951, Plaintiff's predecessors-in-interest, FRANK DAVIS and wife MYRTLE DAVIS, executed an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of E.N. RICHARDSON, as lessee, leasing and letting to lessee, the exclusive right to prospect and explore for and produce oil and gas and other minerals from the above-described land, which lease is recorded in Volume 20, Page 161 of the Lease and Contract Records of Hansford County, Texas, and incorporated herein by reference.

The lease provided for a "term of years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter

as oil, gas or other mineral is produced from said land hereunder."

V. Through a series of assignments, QUESTA obtained all of the gas and gas rights by various Assignments of Gas Rights.

Pursuant to the terms of the assignments, Defendant, QUESTA, is bound and obligated by all of the terms, conditions and covenants, express or implied, contained in the lease.

VI. Sometime after April 13, 1951, a well was drilled on the above-described property and completed as a well capable of producing gas in paying quantities.

By virtue of the completion of the well and production therefrom and by extension agreements, the lease continued in force and effect beyond the expiration of the primary term. However, the terms of the lease by which Defendants are bound and obligated, provide in part as follows:

"Subject to the other provisions herein contained, his lease shall be for a term of ten years from this date (called "primary term") and as long thereafter as oil, gas or other mineral is produced from said land hereunder."

VII. Defendant QUESTA and its predecessors-in-title have claimed possession of the leased premises through the subject lease at all times from April 13, 1951, through the present time. Beginning August 6, 1990 through October 22, 1990, there was no production by Defendant QUESTA or any other person or company of gas or other minerals and/or production from the leased premises sufficient to perpetuate the same, so that the subject lease has heretofore terminated.

VIII. Such cessations are an express breach of the terms of the lease agreement, and such breaches terminate the lease as to both plaintiff and Defendants in accordance with the terms, conditions and provisions thereof.

IX. Plaintiff has made demand on Defendants for execution and delivery, or to place on record, a release of the described lease.

Defendant, QUESTA has refused, and continues to refuse, to execute and deliver, or to place on record, a release of the lease described in Paragraph V above.

X. Defendants' failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the lease has resulted in damages to the Plaintiff in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court.

XI. Defendant, QUESTA has converted gas from said premises to Plaintiff's special damage in a sum in excess of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) through October 2000, plus the gross value of all production thereafter.

XII. As lessee and operator of the subject property, Defendant, QUESTA has the obligation to maximize production and market production from the subject property. As a part of this implied covenant to reasonably maximize production and market production, they are obligated to maximize production and develop the property, cleaning out the well on a regular basis, treating the well with acid and fracturing the well, all to improve and maximize production and to market the production in accordance with the standards of a reasonably prudent operator.

QUESTA is obligated to promptly pay a royalty to Plaintiff out of all production and all proceeds of production attributable to the subject property, and they have failed to reasonably maximize production from the property and market production reasonably from the subject property. QUESTA, the operator of the lease in which Plaintiff has an interest has at all times had the ability, by exercising reasonable diligence, to maximize production and

market the production from the wells located on the subject property. As a result of the failures to maximize production and market, Plaintiff has suffered damages in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court.

XIII. Defendants' failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the lease has resulted in damages to the Plaintiff in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court.

XIV. Plaintiff asserts a cause of action for recovery of Court costs, prejudgment and post-judgment interest, and general relief.

XVI. By reason of those matters set forth hereinabove, it has been necessary to employ the undersigned attorneys. As a result, and in accordance with the provisions of the V.T.C.A., Civil Practice & Remedies Code 38.001, Defendants are obligated to Plaintiff for his reasonable attorney's fees herein incurred and all costs of suit.

XVII. Plaintiff request a jury trial in this cause.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that Defendants be cited to appear and answer, and that on final hearing in this cause, Plaintiff have and recover:

(1) A decree by the Court that the lease, the subject of this action, terminated automatically by its own terms upon Defendants' cessation of production on the lease, and that Defendants have no further interest in the leased premises;

(2) In the alternative, a decree by the Court terminating the lease for breach of the covenants therein expressed;

(3) Damages for breach of covenants to reasonably market and maximize production, in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdictional limits of the Court;

(4) Damages for conversion of Plaintiff's gas;

(5) Costs of suit;

(6) Attorney's fees;

(7) Prejudgment interest and post judgment interest at the highest rate allowed by law; and

(8) Such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may show himself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JEFFREY DEAN LACKEY, Deceased, were issued on December 13th, 2000 in Docket No. 2,311, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to: LINDA LEE LACKEY. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to LINDA LEE LACKEY, the representative of the Estate of JEFFREY DEAN LACKEY, at P.O. Box 401, Spearman, Texas 79081, by mail or otherwise.

DATED the 3rd day of January, 2001.  
Donald R. Ham, Attorney at Law

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Nineteen children enjoyed Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 16th at the Panhandle Deli and Diner in Spearman. The children enjoyed pancakes, bacon, biscuits, jelly, milk and juice, had their picture taken with Santa, listened to the story "How The Grinch Stole Christmas," watched the movie "Frosty, The Snowman," and made reindeer candy canes. Children participating were: Ryan Schnell, Klara Keim, Ashley Keim, Lauren Ferguson, Harley Davidson, Kelsea Miller, Carson Pearson, Sam Harmon, Katy Miser, Emily Miser, Malory Martin, Maddie Daharsh, Richard Jarvis, Gracie Weaver, Allison Brown, Jessica Bueno, DeDe Vaquero, Natalie Saldivar and Tyler Thoms. Helpers for the event were Skeeter Huffaker, Cindy Blackman, Tab Thoms, Elizabeth Miser, and Jorge Arenivar. Sponsors were the Panhandle Deli & Diner, the Community Resource Program, The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, Gordon's Drug, and the Spearman Chamber of Commerce.

## Manor Trims The Portals

It's a flurry of angels and mice defined with metallic paper, yards of ribbon and strings of tinsel. And the entrance to each residence within the residence is unique.

This is the first year of a tradition that the four halls of Hansford Manor hope will continue for many - decking the doors of Manor residents.

In most cases, the families of the Manor residents were responsible for the decorating. Although some doors were adopted by individuals other than family and decorated.

The north side of hall one claimed Bonnie Smith in Room 12 as the winner with her "Night Before Christmas" door facade. Several gray-painted mice hung to her door announcing that "not even a mouse was stirring."

Mary Chesser and Alice Kirby in Room 19 earned first place for their door-sized gold and white angel on the south side of hall one.

For her gold foiled door and angel wreath, Grace O'Brennan in Room 104 came out the winner for hall two on the north side.

Beulah Bort's door number 117 featured the face of an angel and gained her the first place spot on the south side of hall two.

Manor and hospital staff joined the festivities as well in donning some of their doors with Christmas.

Each nurse was represented on the hospital nurses lounge door with a gold gauze angel, complete with a pill cup head and syringe body. They emerged as the staff winner.

Second and third place winners of the Manor and staff are as follows:

Hall 1 North: Susan Ferrell and Ada Keith - Room 14, Ethel Pittman - Room 2

Hall 1 South: Josephine Young - Room 20, Caia Hester (who passed away Jan. 7) - Room 25

Hall Two North: Myrle Holt - Suite E, Faye Cluck - Suite G

Hall Two South: Vera Hefley - Room 118, Bob Hand (who passed away Dec. 24) and George Steakley - Room 111

## Forest Service Offers Seedlings To Encourage Windbreaks

On a farm or ranch, homestead windbreaks determine where the production land ends and the homestead begins. For Texas Panhandle landowners, windbreaks establish more than a living boundary, they also provide protection for the residence.

The Texas Forest Service (TFS) West Texas Nursery is now offering seedlings to create windbreaks. The evergreens are sold in boxes of 30, bare-root hardwoods in bundles of 100 and a wildlife pack contains 100 trees. Landowners are encouraged to order their trees as soon as possible since stock is limited.

Farmstead windbreaks have the potential, when planted 100 feet from a homestead or ranch headquarter, to block hot, dry summer

winds and cold and snow-driven gusts in the winter.

Multiple row breaks also add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead and act as a sound barrier to highway or farm road traffic.

A four-row farmstead windbreak is recommended to ensure maximum performance: two interior evergreen rows, to create year-round surveillance and foliage for up to 75 years and an inside tall deciduous row to produce protection sooner and extend the zone of protection. For landowners desiring wildlife, shrubs produce fruit and cover habitat.

Farmers and ranchers may order the trees through the Texas Forest Service or through their local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The trees will be shipped in the spring. For more information about the trees, contact the Texas Forest Service at (806) 353-8952 or the Hansford County Soil and Water Conservation District at 659-2330 ext. 3 or come by the office located at 909 W. 9th in Spearman.

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## Hospice Volunteer Class



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### A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER:

- \* Is a special and necessary member of the Hospice Team.
- \* Is caring, open, and accepting of life.
- \* Holds an understanding of the challenges that face families and patients when confronted with a life limiting illness.
- \* Affirms life not just by words, but by their works.
- \* Learns new interpersonal skills.
- \* Makes possible what was once impossible.
- \* Knows integrity means keeping promises to ourselves as well as others.
- \* Gives back to life what was given to them.
- \* Enriches their own life by enriching the lives of others.

### WHY SHOULD I VOLUNTEER?

- Hospice volunteers both give and receive many benefits from joining our program.
- \* Volunteers set their own level of commitment based on their available time.
  - \* As a full member of the hospice team, volunteers help by providing care and compassion to the patient and family.
  - \* Volunteers often form close ties with family and patient, becoming the eyes and ears of the Hospice Team.
  - \* Office volunteers, by performing a variety of non-clinical work, enable the hospice professionals to focus their efforts on patient care.
  - \* Without volunteers, hospices could not continue to provide the quality compassionate care which is demanded at this difficult time of life.

- As a Hospice Volunteer, You Will Receive Ongoing Training in
- \* Communication
  - \* Interpersonal skills
  - \* Family dynamics
  - \* The grief process
  - \* Spiritual care
  - \* Hospice philosophy
  - \* Emotional support of patients and families

### HOW DO I BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER?

Volunteer selection begins with attending the initial class orientation session. Potential volunteers are identified for patient care and / or office activities based on their personal choices, interests and tal-

ents. Individuals who choose patient care participate in an orientation and training which includes philosophy of hospice, communication skills, patient care, patient and volunteer rights and other topics. Those who chose to be office volunteers can participate in the full training program or a basic hospice orientation.

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  - \* Reading aloud
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  - \* Looking at photos together
  - \* Sharing a quiet moment together
  - \* Going on walks with patient or family
  - \* Sitting with patient so caregivers have free time (respite)
  - \* Journaling (helping the patient record their history)
  - \* Playing games together.
  - \* Help with household chores, nutritional education, financial matters, and funeral arrangements.
  - \* Bereavement support

### Helping Office Staff

- \* Answer phones
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- \* Skilled services such as carpentry, photography, computer, electrical or decorating
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