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#### Gift Card **Grants Are** Available to Consumers Facing **Financial Problems**

Financial Assistance Network has a gift card grant program to help consumers who need to stretch their gift giving budgets The gift cards can be used to purchase cameras, audio systems luggage, office and desktop elec tronics and more from internet and catalog merchants.

To qualify, individuals must have income of less than \$32,121. Families will also qualify to receive a \$150 gift card package if they have over \$7,500 in credit card balances and the balance is not getting paid off due to high interest rates. Seniors an d the disabled can qualify for up to \$250 in gift cards. Volunteers can also qualify to receive a \$250 gift card package if they promise to give the gifts they receive to at least two people in need.

"Financial Assistance Network has hundreds of thousands of gift cards that will be distributed to consumers before the end of the year," says Gary Compton, a volunteer at the non profit agency. We are very excited about the gift card giveaway program because several generous individuals and companies are also buying gift cards at national retailers for us to distribute to needy individuals and families. In addition to the catalog and internet merchant gift cards, we will also be distributing gift cards from many national retailers including, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Blockbuster Video, Border's Books, Circuit City, Eckerd, Gap, GNC, Hollywood Video. Home Depot, JC Penny, K-Mart, Olive Garden, Payless Sho Source, Radio Shack, Red Lobster, Sears, Staples, Target, Toys-R-Us, Wal-Mart and many

more. Individuals that qualify can receive the gift card giveaway package by sending 5 first class stamps to: Financial Assistance Network, Gift Card Giveaway Package GCG-02E, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-882-6000 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet

web www.GiftCardGiveaway.org.

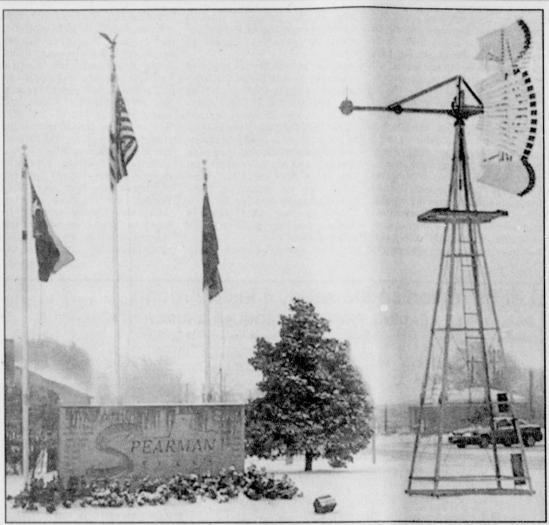
# NOTICE

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the deadline for information to be included in the December 26th and January 1st issue will be Monday, December 16th at 5 p.m. This is also the deadline for information to be included in the December 19th issue.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434

CathyRSmit@aol.com Information may also be faxed to (806) 659-3368.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office wil be CLOSED December 23rdanuary 3rd.



### It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like ... Snow!

Spearman received the first snowfall for the season on Tuesday, December 3rd, recording five inches.

# Stay The Course, Or Else



Stephanie Bynum-Cousineau (in black hat) participates in the First Annual Afgan Land Mine marathon.

By Pamela Constable

BAGRAM, Afghanistan, Nov. 29 The starting point was a Soviet fighter jet carcass, the course ran between two barbed wire fences hung with land mine warnings and the finish line was a military hospital choked with dust from a stream of Humvee traffic.

The only familiar features of the Minefield Marathon, held on Friday, November 29th at this chilly U.S. military base, were the human ones: lobster-red noses and knees on the thinly clad runners, whoops of encouragement from platoon mates on the sidelines, rhythmic grunts and grimaces as

the dirt-streaked runners soldiered

Lt. Raymond Youngs, 25, a sinewy military policeman from Boston, won the race in 3 hours 1 minute 5 seconds, a more than respectable time considering the elevation (4,480 feet), the weather (30 degrees Farenheit at the 8 a.m. start) and the terrain -- a rugged, unpredictable dirt course around a military airstrip that had been heavily mined during a decade of

"It was definitely a challenge. With all those mines, you've got to make sure you stay on the path,"

Youngs said just after crossing the finish line ahead of 150 other contestants, all servicemen and women from among the 5,000-plus American and coalition troops stationed in Bagram.

The race was part of a two-day Thanksgiving celebration at the U.S. base that began Thursday with a mammoth feast airlifted from Germany for all 12,000 U.S. troops in Afghanistan, including 6,400 pounds of turkey, 16,750 pounds of mashed potatoes and 1,320 pumpkin, pecan and sweet

potato pies.

In addition to the marathon, troops in Bagram were treated to greetings from several minor Hollywood celebrities on a USO tour, and a pep talk from Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, that was laced with folksy humor.

Franks praised the troops for showing that "Americans can develop an attitude, a little chip on their shoulder when they need to." He said he had spent his Thanksgiving -- the second consecutive one with U.S. troops stationed here -- "being thankful for your sacrifice" in the war against terrorism. There is still "a long way to go," he said, "but we can get there.

The marathon also had a humanitarian purpose: to remind the public of the continuing threat posed by land mines in Afghanistan, where more than 7 million of the deadly devices were planted during various conflicts in the 1980s

Lt. Col. James C. Post, a surgeon and four-time marathoner from Pittsburgh who runs the army field hospital in Bagram, was a principal organizer of the race.

'In the hospital here we still see a lot of children injured by mines, Post said before the race. "We wanted to emphasize that they are still a danger to the people of Afghanistan." Later in the day, villagers outside the base said a local boy had just been seriously injured by a mine and treated in Bagram. To highlight the issue, the race was begun with a detonation of explosives instead of a gunshot, and the 6.5-mile course around the airfield was marked with red mine December

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# What's Coming Up

December 5 8th Grade Parent Meeting for JH Basketball Tourney, JH

Library, 6 p.m. December 5–7 Miami Varsity Basketball Tourney Gruver JV Basketball Tourney

Immunization Clinic, Nurse Office, 10 a.m.—Noon & 1–3 p.m. AEIS Report Card/Performance Hearing, HS Cafeteria, 6 p.m Regular School Board Meeting, HS Cafeteria, 7 p.m. High School All—Region Band Auditions, Panhandle, 2–9 p.m. December 12

Financial Aid Night, HS Library, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Choir Concert, Auditorium, 8 p.m.
2nd Grade Christmas Musical, Elem., 8:30 a.m. & Noon
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December 12–14
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December 15
Christmas Band Dinner, HS Cafeteria, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Christmas Band Concert, Auditorium, 2 p.m.
NHS Family Christmas Party, HS Library, 3-5 p.m.
December 20
Last Day of First Semester
Junior High Awards Assembly, 11:30 a.m.
Two-hour Early Dismissal, 1 p.m.
December 23-Jan 3
Christmas Vacation for Students - No School
December 26-28

December 26–28 Caprock Basketball Tournament (Lynxettes), Lubbock Post Basketball Tournament (Lynx)

anuary 3 Staff Development Day (Compensatory Day)

anuary 6 First Day of Second Semester (students report back to school)

warning signs. At scattered intervals, mines in the field were marked with red spray paint, and a team of Bosnian mine dogs preceded the runners as a final protec-

Further military drama was provided by an Apache attack helicopter, which hovered over the starting line, and two Humvees with machine gun turrets mounted on top, which flanked the runners waited impatiently in the freezing morning air, many wearing only shorts and T-shirts.

The race was an officially sanctioned, 26.2-mile marathon; each contestant's time for four loops around the airfield was carefully clocked and recorded, and the fastest three men and women received watches and commendation plaques.

Lt. Kristen Lafond, 23, from New Jersey, was the first woman across the line and third in the entire field, finishing in 3:15.55. Her face was flushed and smiling as she munched an orange and posed for photos afterward.

But many runners joined just for the experience; some chugged along at a near walk, sweating heavily under full backpacks and

rifles. One coalition soldier from Poland held his country's flag aloft the whole way, while a squad of Koreans jogged along together, egging each other on with lusty

Capt. Jonathan Fellion, 34, an army nurse from Pittsburgh, said he viewed the grueling race as an important morale boost for troops confined to a remote base during

There's a reason we all got up at 0500 to be here -- we did it to challenge ourselves, to bolster our selfesteem and camaraderie," said Fellion, jogging in place to keep from freezing. His contestant's patch, No. 34, was scrawled with the names of his relatives and pets.

Some contestants said they hoped to work off a little of the turkey and trimmings with which they had stuffed themselves Thursday. Others said they mostly wanted to be able to tell their children about the experience.

"To say I've run a marathon in a war zone," mused Maj. Dean Mings, 47, a high school history teacher and army reservist from St. Louis, who was warming up at the starting line. "It is definitely the challenge of a lifetime.'

# Auxiliary Heads Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their yearly fundraiser Operation Christmas Greeting." Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary. This money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor. The following have made donations:

# Merry Christmas

**Grace Simpson** Dortha Keys Granville & Muriel Boyd Olive "Babe" Pendergraft Mary Fern Terry Alva Garner

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Your donations can be mailed to Operation Christmas Greeting, 906 Bernice, Spearman, Texas 79081.

# Laugh Live



by Catherine R. Smith CathyRSmit@aol.com

Christmas season always brings many joys and opportunities. I would like to share the following "Five Great Lessons" with you in the hopes that that will provide an opportunity for you to provide joy to others.

1 - Most Important Lesson - What's in a Name

During my second month of nursing school, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one:

"What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"
Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the

last question blank.

Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I've also never forgotten her name was Dorothy.

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2 - Second Important Lesson - Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 PM, an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rain storm.

Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s.

The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxi cab. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down

his address and thanked him.

Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving

Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole.

3 - Third Important Lesson - Always remember those who serve In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-yearold boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it.

"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied."

The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream, "he said. The waitress brought the ice, cream, put the bill on

the table and walked away.

The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. - You see, he couldn't have the sundae,

because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

4 - Fourth Important Lesson - The Obstacle in Our Path
In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway.

Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by

and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the king for

not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and

approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition. 5 - Fifth Important Lesson - Giving When it Counts Many years ago a little girl named Liz was suffering from a rare

Many years ago a little girl named Liz was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies

needed to combat the illness.

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath

and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then

smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

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.

Catherine:) Numbers 6:24-26

# Teen Alcohol Consumption Staggering

by Erica Catton

The Holidays are upon us, and that means along with the department store commercials ads comes a barrage of promotion for alcoholic beverages, enticing our children to want to try the various products. Unfortunately for the future of our country, it's working. Reports from the "Monitoring the Future" study, self-reported youth alcohol consumption has increased since 1993. According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse in the year 2000, "66% of youth that drink alcohol regularly report pas month usage of one or more illicit drugs." Additionally, alcohol kills more people in America than all illegal drugs being consumed com-

The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University reported earlier this year that nearly a third of high school students say they binge drink at least once a month. A concentrated effort in Weschester County, NY led by a youth council focused on the fact that the upscale suburban area has an unfortunately high rate of underage alcohol consumption. This clearly shows that substance abuse is not age, gender

or socio-economic biased.

L. Ron Hubbard, an American author who spent nearly 30 years researching drugs and their effects on society, discovered that all drugs act very similarly in that a little bit acts as a stimulant, such as a few drinks. Then more of the same drug acts as a sedative, as in somebody passing out from drinking a lot. Enough of the same drug, fast enough, will kill a person. Take for example the recent rash of deaths among college students from alcohol poisoning (caused when large amounts of alcohol are consumed in a short period of time).

It seems to be a far too common consensus by Americans that alcohol isn't as bad as other drugs. The fact that alcohol is legal helps mould this attitude surely, but add to alcohol's legitimacy the billions of dollars spent annually on seductive advertisements that glamorize drinking and it's no wonder that over 1/2 of America's adult population ends up consuming alcoholic beverages on a regular basis (56.8% to be exact, per the National Institute of Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse).

Alcohol advertisements bom-

barding Americans daily is one of the main catalysts that is driving increasing numbers of youth to drink. Alcoholic beverage commercials, especially for beer, are very good at positioning their product next to something that is normally desired or admired. For example, an advertisement trying to sell alcohol to guys might put very attractive women in the commercial with the alcoholic beverage, and visa versa. There are often "good times", parties or friends involved as well. Another example of advertising to kids would be having their favorite athlete promote beer in a commercial. People begin to automatically associate one with the other and the alcohol just seems to be a part of everyday life then to some people, and seems to be a part of "the good life" to others. Sometimes alcohol commercials will remind us at the end to drink responsibly or to have a designated driver, presenting themselves as being genuinely concerned for our well-being. Perhaps the alcoholic beverage companies should promote the negative effects of alcohol consumption much the same way pharmaceutical companies are

required to explain the side effects of prescription drugs that are advertised on television.

Substance abuse is America's #1 social problem and is the root cause for many others. Our nation's children aren't immune to the solicitations. Take the time to learn more about the negative effects of alcohol and how our youth are being deceived to think that drinking in excess is okay. Let's teach our kids that just because something is socially acceptable, it doesn't mean it's good for them.

To get help for someone who is addicted, call Narconon Arrowhead today at 1-800-468-6933 or log on to www.stopaddiction.com for a free information packet and video. The Narconon Program is a new, proven approach to ending addiction that achieves incredibly high success rates for permanent recovery.

If you would like more information on addiction and how to remove drug residues from the body visit Narconon Books: Your source for addiction and drug treatment publications < h t t p://www.narconon-

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December 5

Birthday - Martha Haden, Billy Dearmond, Mike Skinner, Dale Randall, John Pipkin. Arbeta Nobels, Gwen Smith Norman Scroggs, Susie Oakley, Beatrice Comp, Cory

Anniversary - Alfonso & Carrie Ceniceros, Mr. & Mrs. Don Kunlseman

December 6

Birthday - Ryan Ramón, Penny Kruse, Coleen Penny Brummett, Ed Di Gaither, Kruse, Coleen Ed Dear, Mrs. Baither, Cecelia Mayleea Castillo, Harnden, Kelli Randall. Carolyn Cummings, Lisa Keetch, Mary Venneman, Chevy Jerald Ray Scribner, Jenna McElroy

Anniversary - Burl & Nellie Buchanan, Bill & Ginger Pittman

December 7

Birthday - Sheldon Atwood, Brenda Bayless, Del Cluck, Janell Haefner, Bret Hobbs, Cynthia Williams, Emily Williams, C.L. Pierce, Sue Bowling, Carlee Dixon, H.E. Jenkins, Thane McCloy, Zach Gallimore, Dusty Hodge, Beth Dudley, Beverly Antalek Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Willard McCloy

December 8

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December 9 Birthday - Clayton Smith, Verna Finley, Grant Odom, Matt Overbey, Marlene Winger, Campbell Vanlandingham, Elodia Flores, Melana Papay, Shawn Cook, Juan Garcia Jr., Elda DeSantiago, Maddie Rose

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don

December 10

Birthday - Pat Barkley, Akiko Bort, Marilynn Hart, Harold King, Brent Pittman, Aaron Jackson, Kayla Pletcher, Donald Piatt, Kay Barnes, Lelia

Bynum, Phyllis Collins, Linda Bartz, Bryce Reed Jarvis, Serina Diaz, Brent Wagner

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs.
Ladell Scroggs, Mr. & Mrs.
John Sprigg, Mr. & Mrs. Perry
Lamb, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Irwin
December 11

Birthday

Birthday - Kasey Davis, Manella Kiser, Dana Steele, Phillip Renner, Maria Martinez, Florence Fletcher, Jim Evans, Betty Dunaway

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jess Wood, Irene & Butch

December 12 Birthday - Gene Fletcher, Kaisi Foster, Claudia Barton, Pete Fisher, Olga Cantu, Mary Ann Martin, Jana (Pittman) Ivey, Babara Ring, Daniel Ochoa, Don Reed, Chance Johnson, Ivin Boyd, Christine Brandvik, Omar Favela Guadalupe Trejo, Blanche Greene, Freddy Walton, Marvin Wilkerson, Justin Boyd, Blanche Brandon Sauz

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King, Mr. & Mrs. John Lopez,
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Birthday - Betty Burk, James
Burk Jr., Holly McCloy, Barbara
Schnell, Murriel Boyd, Linda Butt, Bobby Smith, Jack Reed, Georgena Hart, Dan Roach, Dana Wattier, Robert Zamora, Marylin Cline, Blythe Finley, Leaha Smith

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kurt

December 14 Birthday - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Stavlo, Barbara Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmehr, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Sandra Grover, Eddie Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift, Betty Redwine Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don Maize, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Stork

December 15 Birthday - Dallas Henson, Harvey Profitt, Hal Shufeldt, April Davis, Carolyn Davidson, Bob Pearson, Abbe Steger, Clarence Eller, Rosa Pierce, Stephanie Crossland, Donny Davis, Maria Ortiz, Jennie Jones, Jose Vargas, Jim Norton, Joey Bynum, Randall Sauer, LeAnn Shields, Eric Vasquez, April DeLaRosa

December 16 Birthday - Carl Archer, Dave Hand; Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Hughes

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Byron Kenney, Mr. & Mrs. George P. Odom, Mr. & Mrs. John Purvines

HOBBS, NM - Donald Spoonemore, 89, died on Wednesday, November 27, 2002 at Merrill Gardens in Hobbs, NM.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2002 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Hobbs, with Pastor Dean Mathis officiating. Funeral arrangements were by Chapel of Hope Funeral Home of

Don was born on July 7, 1913 in Moulson, Washington. He married Bertha Jordan in 1934 in Hobbs, NM.

He was a driller and tool pusher in the Hobbs and Spearman, TX area for over thirty years. He graduated from Hobbs High School in 1932. He and his son, Donald Ray, were the first father and son to graduate from HHS and play football at HHS. Don was remembered by many old timers for having broken his neck during a football game against the Carlsbad Cavemen in 1931. He was a member of Taylor Memorial Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha, in 1997.

Survivors include three sons, Donald Ray Spoonemore of Lago Vista, TX. Robert Spoonemore of Pflugerville, TX and Steve Spoonemore of Austin; one daughter, Linda Sandlin of Seattle, Washington; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

#### 2002 Worldwide Candle Lighting

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting will be held Sunday, December 8, 2002 at 7 p.m. This event is held every year on the second Sunday in December, at 7 p.m. in every time zone. As candles burn down in one time zone, they are lighted in the next, creating a 24-hour wave of light that encircles the globe Candles are lit in memory of all children who have died .. that their light may always shine.



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### HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Holiday Hours for Hansford County Library

The Hansford County Library will be closed Thursday, November 26th, hrough Sunday, December 1st for the Thanksgiving Holidays. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. only on Monday, December 23rd and Friday December 27th, and will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Thursday, December 26th. The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, December 30th, and will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31st, and will remain closed on Wednesday, January 1st. The ibrary will resume regular business hours on Thursday, January 2, 2003.

Spearman Ministerial Alliance
The Spearman Ministerial Alliance will meet on Monday, December 9, 2002 at noon at the Panhandle Deli & Diner. All local ministers are invited and encouraged to attend.

4-H Smoke Meats

Hansford 4-H has the following extra meats available for purchase: 1 Hansford 4-H has the following extra fileats available for purchase. Spiral Ham - \$27, 1 Peppered Turkey Breast - \$17, 5 Smoked Sausage Links - \$14 each, 8 Crispy Chicken Tenders & Gravy - \$12 each, 8 Southwest Tamales, Chili & Guacasalsa - \$13 each, 3 Smoked Pork Patties - \$11 each, 7 Marinated Chicken & Beef Fajitas - \$11 each, 5 hunter's Packs (contains peppered turkey breast, pork loin, smoked pacon & jalepeno summer sausage; comes in decorative camouflage box) - \$20 each. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office at 659-4130 or 733-2901 to purchase.

Panhandle Bird Club 
The Panhandle Bird Club will meet at Lake Palo Duro Headquarters at 
10 a.m. on Saturday, December 7th. Call Rosemary Scott for more information, or log onto www.spearman.org/birding.html for the links to the Panhandle Bird Club.

Celebration of Christmas

The Full Gospel Community Worship Center of Perryton will present "Merry Christmas With Love" on Sunday, December 15th at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and on Monday, December 16th at 7 p.m. in the Perryton High School auditorium. "Merry Christmas With Love" is a musical filled with a variety of songs of the season. Come experience the joy, hope, and fun of the Christmas season as we perform the familiar as well as the not so familiar carols of Christmas. "Merry Christmas With Love" will have music that appeals to all ages, so bring your family and friends. Each performance is free of charge. For more information, contact the church

Register Tapes for Education
The Spearman 7th and 8th Grade Gifted & Talented class will be accepting register tapes from Lowe's Marketplace from September 1, 2002 until March 31, 2002, These tapes will be turned into valuable and important educational equipment, free of charge, for the Spearman Junior High campus. Tapes may be given to any Spearman Junior High student, or may be taken to the Spearman Junior High office.

Campbell's Soup Donation
Campbell's Soup is donating a can of soup (up to 5 million) to area food banks just by clicking on a football helmet at their website. It's quick, be done once http://www.chunky.com/click\_for\_cans.asp.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group
Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 7-8 p.m. at the First
Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to

Wesley United Methodist Church's Festival of Arts & Crafts The Wesley United Methodist Church will host their 22nd annual Festival of Arts and Crafts on December 7, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Community Center. Only a limited number of booths are available with applications being screened. The booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045, or call (806) 364-0774.

FUMC Chancel Choir to present "Come Let Us Worship The King"
The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir would like to invite you to attend our 11:00 AM service on December 15th to worship with us in music and slides. The Chancel Choir will be presenting "Come Let Us Worship The King" arranged & orchestrated by Russell Mauldin and created by Sue C. Smith & Russell Mauldin. Christmas is a season to celebrate, an occasion to rejoice, and a time to give. But more than anything, Christmas is a reason to worship. So in the middle of all our holiday preparations, let's take time to prepare our hearts to bow down in honor Jesus the King. "Come Let Us Worship The King" reminds us that long ago a King made His journey from heaven to earth. Almighty God himself had prepared the way for the Savior's arrival to earth. At the moment of His birth, Jesus began to fulfill every prophecy ever made about His coming. Mary and Joseph knew that this Baby was going to the special, but who would imagine a King? Please join us for this special presentation on Sunday, December 15th. You will be blessed!! December 15th. You will be blessed!!

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by Dorothy Hudson Out At The Lake bald eagle can often be spotted, but Jim did not have much news

for us. He and Scooter, his dog, did

have a run-in with a skunk. The Derington garage got well sprayed as well as the dog.

The different news stories of

bears being seen in the Panhandle

this fall have started me to won-

dering if bears have ever been spotted on the Palo Duro water-shed. The only story I have found happened in Ochiltree County-

which is close enough. Dorothy Cator and her aunt Ouida Harbour helped me find the story in Adobe Walls Bride by John L. McCarty Sena Walstad, born of Norwegian

parents in Iowa in 1872, was 14 when her family had come to Ochiltree County in 1886 hunting grass for their 150 head of cattle.

She had helped drive the cattle and

One day in 1887 she was round-

ing up some of the cattle in Pickett

Ranch Canyon, when her horse snorted and shied to the side,

She then saw the half grown

brown bear that had caused the

upset and decided to rope him. It

took some doing to get the horse

close enough that she could rope

the bear, but eventually she got

Tamed, the bear did make a pet-a spoiled one that became such a

nuisance that the family gave him

to a neighbor better set up to take

care of him.
In 1890, Sena and Archie King, a cowboy from Virginia, were mar-

Olive King, Archie's sister, was

visiting them when she got the job

to teach on the Canadian River,

met Billy Dixon, and became the

almost unseating her.

him back to the house.

"Adobe Walls Bride."

Pictured above is Phil Goodwin, of Perryton, with a 15½-pound Blue Catfish.

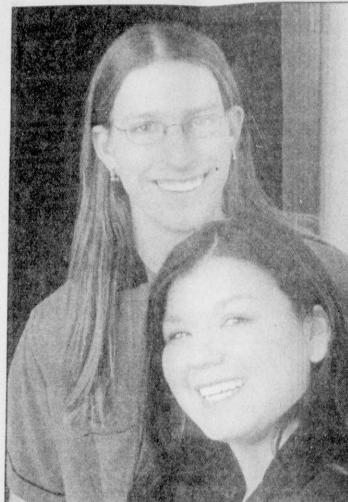
Lake Level--December 2, 2002--30.19 feet

Phil Goodwin is one of the Perryton fishermen that enjoy our Lake. He had caught a 10-pound catfish earlier and then with the 15.5-pound one of the picture he was really happy

Not many are fishing these nippy days, but there are some that know how to dress for the exposure and seem to get along fine.

Don Savage of Spearman has been appointed and has accepted a position on the PDRA board of directors. He replaces Robert Novak, who served in many ways and positions over the years.

Some geese are to be seen, and a



### Engagement Announcement

Mary Ontiveras wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Laura Elena Ontiveros of Amarillo, to Christopher Harold Cummings, of Amarillo. Christopher is the son of Douglas and Linda Cummings of

The couple plan a January 4, 2003 wedding at the Catholic Church of

Laura is a 1999 graduate of Hereford High School. She attended West Texas A&M University, where she studied Biology, Chemistry and Pre-Med. She is now studying Radiology at Amarillo College. She is

Christopher is a 1998 graduate of Spearman High School. He is

employed at Affiliated Foods

the Holy Spirit in Tulia.

employed at Glamour Shots in Amarillo

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### Thank You

Thank you to the Spearman Community for your prayers, calls, thoughts and selfless acts of concern on my behalf, following my vehicle accident. Your love and support has been overwhelming, to both me and my family.

Special thanks to the Spearman Elementary faculty and my Methodist Church family. You

brought tears to my eyes.

An extra special thanks to the Spearman EMS and rescue crew. We are truly blessed to have these

people.

Many blessings to you all,
Sherry Boyd & Family (Willis, Amy & Nikki)

### Thank You

and concern during my illness and surgery. Thanks to Spearman EMS and especially to Kevin McDonald for his care.

In God's Love, Buford Babitzke

### Thank You

Once again we find ourselves reaching to thank the community for all the prayers, money, food, compassion, etc. during this great loss in our family. My daddy is the most awas are man I have most awesome man I have ever known - he had many good friends. During this time the outpouring of these friends has been overwhelming. Thanks for your continued prayers and the "assistance" provided to Mom from her friends. What a comfort to know that when we, "the kids," cannot be there. Mom is surrounded by such wonderful folks.

Thank you so much, Hershelene Turner; Connie & James Walker; Shelene Jines; Jason Turner; Chad Kelley & grandchildren



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# Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fishe

Conservation District, headquartered in Dumas, featured the winners of scholarships for the 2002 Water Conservation Essay Contest in the fall newsletter. Kade Carthel of Gruver was the first place win-ner and was awarded a scholar-

The publication included a pic-ture and information about him as well as his essay.

Two Spearman exes attended the New York Marathon Race in New York City recently. Clint Patterson, now of Dallas, participated and Jeff Gressett watched from the sidelines. Jeff now lives in New

#### Thanksgiving Notes

Margaret Harnish, resident of Hansford Manor, was delighted to have her daughters for the holi-

Lyda Littleston of Island Falls. Maine was here from November 23rd through December 2nd. She

The North Plains Groundwater is a former Spearman resident, as were her two daughters, who were here also. Ronda and husband Phil McFain and Rolinda Boyd are all from Jackson, Florida

They also visited an old friend, Bill Whitford.

Bobby Brown, now of Amarillo, Tuesday through Thanksgiving with his mother, Wanda Brown. He also visited his children and grandchildren here.

Another guest of Wanda's was Sue White of Wimberly, TX. She spent some time with her brother. Jim and his wife Rosemary Brown. Enroute home she stopped in Dalhart to see her daughter, Lorin Diffie Thompson and family. Lorin is formerly of Spearman.

Week-long guests of Grace Kirk were her son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Joyce Davis. Roger is retired from his 30 years as head of the Oklahoma Department of Forest Service.

Sara Dossett thoroughly enjoyed her week-long holiday. Her grandson, Ricky Neely of Omaha, and his family, took her to Lubbock them. They Thanksgiving with his mother,

On the return trip they stopped in Amarillo to spend some time with Sara's son and daughter-in-law, Bernard and Teresa Dossett. Sara feels it was a blessed Thanksgiving with family, friends, fun and food.

Kim and Thelma Copeland and son Daniel Kit drove from Austin to spend Thanksgiving with his mother, Joe Copeland.

Gary and Cathy Smith, with con Clayton, drove to Granbury, TX last Tuesday for Thanksgiving with her parents. The entire family gathered for a truly family Thanksgiving. They returned on

Mary and Buford Baker had their three children here for a typical family Thanksgiving. They are Melissa and James Jasky, with two children, of Houston; Brandon and Cari Baker, of Lubbock; and son Kevin Baker, a student at West Texas A&M in Canyon.

Brandon and Cari a so visited her parents, the Buford Bab-tske's.

Larry Floyd, Youth Director of First Baptist Church, and his wife, Lucy, had an old friend, Mark Kemp, as their guest. He gave the ordination message Sunday, when Larry received his ordination as a Youth Director.

Betty Clifford of Intersoll, Ontario, has been here for two weeks visiting her mother, Edith Pipkin of Hansford Manor. Another daughter and son-in-law, Yvonne and Larry Stokes, and family of Amarillo also visited. They took Edith to her home, where they all Thanksgiving dinner.

Richard and Lisa Pipkin celebrated Thanksgiving with their daughter and son-in-law, Candace and Jeremy Sutterfield, in San Antonio.

Weather for the week of November 25th, through 7 a.m. on December 2nd: the high was on December 1st at 69; the low was on November 27th at 15; no mois-

#### **Connors State College Participates** in Livestock Judging Contest

New show arena, new hog barns, new sheep barns, new cattle barns new management but the same team that has won the Junior College Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest the past three years at the Tulsa State Fair won again this year.

As usual the CSC group does it with team depth. Six of the top 12 and eight of the top 20 individuals were from CSC and as they were spread over three different teams. In fact, not only did CSC have the winning team but would also have the fourth and fifth teams if all had been counted. Fifteen of the top teams in the country competed.

Evidencing the consistency of the CSC team, they won four of the five categories of competition, winning cattle by 35 points, hogs by four points, placings by 21 and reasons by 13. The team was particularly mpressive in the reasons room, having the first, third and fourth place eam, as well as, the top two individuals and six of the top 10.

Melody Shields of Spearman finished sixth in the swine division. Jerry McPeak and Blake Nelson coach the team.

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Jay Goodwin



# The Gruver Grapevine

Holiday Season Begins

The lighting of the city park gazebo and memorial trees on November 29 heralded the arrival of the Christmas season.

Residents are reminded that judging in the Chamber of Commerce's annual lighting contest will be December 22.

Golden Agers Schedule Games Golden Agers will gather December 9 from 1-4 p.m. for a game time. Members are urged to bring a friend and a snack.

According to Ada Joyce Stedje, the December 9th. meeting will be the only one scheduled for the month, which is a departure from the usual twice monthly meetings. The group will meet again on January 13, 2003 from 1-4 p.m. to

Get Well Wishes Kenny Red suffered a broken

begin a new year.

collarbone while working cattle. Dave Karlin underwent a heart cath on Monday and quadruple

bypass surgery at Baptist St.

Anthony Hospital Wednesday.

Sylvia Borunda is recuperating from recent surgery.

. Hansford County Postcards Books of 16 post cards made from scenic Hansford County photographs may be purchased at

Gruver City Hall for \$10. The books would make excellent Christmas stocking stuffers. The postcards which depict such Hansford scenes as the windmill collection at sunset, a silhouetted fiddler, a deserted farm house, a snowy creek, the Hansford County Court House, and sandy old boots are of excellent quality and are also suitable for framing.

Trees Glow with Love Trees are still available for adoption and adornment at the Gruver

Trees adopted will have markers identifying the name of the the loved one being honored or remembered. The Hansford County Reporter Statesman will also publish a list of the trees

adopted and their honorees. Call City Hall 733-2424 to adopt

Student's Essay Published

2002 GHS graduate Kade Carthel's winning essay in the North Plains Groundwater District's Scholarship contest was published in the newly-released Fall 2002 edition of the North Plains Water News.

Ex-Resident Dies in Nevada Former Gruver student Josh Nash, 18, the son of David and Cindy Nash was killed in an automobile accident in Nevada while driving to work. Josh was a 2002

high school graduate.

come true

Tournaments on Tap If your Christmas wishes include basketball games, your wish has

The Gruver Junior Varsity Boys and girls will be hosting a tournament this weekend, December 5-7. Gruver boys will play Fritch at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 5 in the varsity gym while the girls will play Fritch December 5 at 6:40 p.m. in the varsity gym.

Other teams in the tourney include Spearman, Dumas (girls only,)West Texas High, Stratford, Canadian, and Perryton.

Coach Seagler is hoping to find one one team to fill the boys ros-

Varsity boys and girls will be competing in the Lake Meredith Tourney, December 5-7

The boys will play Canadian at 11:00 a.m. in the old gym while the girls will play Canadian at 12:45 p.m. in the new gym.

Looking for a Few Good Men (and Women)

Do you know of someone who goes out of their way to help his fellow man; someone whose efforts benefit our community?

The Gruver Grapevine is always looking for Gruver Good Guys. Nominations are taken by phone

December Calendar

December 5-7 -Varsity Basketball Tourney at Fritch Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament at Gruver

December 9 - Junior High basketball with Sunray. Boys there, girls, here.

December 10 - High School basketball, Gruver hosts Hooker, beginning at 4:00 p.m. December 11 Luncheon

December 12 -14 - Varsity girls basketball tourney at Hugoton. KS; Varsity boys basketball tourney at Sunray

December 8 Children's Christmas Musical 6:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church December 14 - Opening day of

pheasant hunting.
December 15 - United Methodist Church's Christmas Cantata December 16 - Deadline for

Christmas and New Years editions due by 5:00 p.m. December 18 - Kindergarten

presents the play "Bob Humbug"; Christmas Dinner at school cafete December 20 - Christmas Band Concert; Early school dismissal

(12:30) for Christmas Holidays.; High school basketball at Borger, beginning at 4:00 p.m. December 21 - Teachers' half-

day workshop December 22 - Judging of Gruver Chamber of Commerce's Lighting Contest

December 25 - Merry Christmas! December 27 - Varsity girls tourney at Slayton; Varsity boys tournament at Canadian

December 30 - High school basketball . Gruver hosts Stinnett beginning at 1:00 p.m.

### Training Set For Feedgrains Marketing

Cooperative Extension will offer intensive training to develop next year's marketing strategies for feedgrains. The course is part of the Advanced Topics Series Extension is introducing this year.

The training runs two full days, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Registration is \$150 per participant, which includes cost of materials, breaks and lunches. Advance registration is required.

The course is designed especially for producers and will feature fundamentals, technical signals, seasonal trends in cash, basis and contracts for feed grains. In addition, different marketing strategies will be discussed for pre- and post-har-

The objective is for each producer to leave the course with a written marketing plan for their operation for the upcoming year. This course will be taught at a highly applied level using a combination lecture, small work groups and simulation exercises to maximize the learning experience.

The course is similar to Master Marketer's intensive training environment. Speakers include Dr. Steve Amosson and Mark Waller, an Extension grain marketing and policy economist at Texas A&M University. They are co-directors of the national award-winning Master Marketer Training Series. Both have taught over 100 begin-

ning and advanced marketing courses since the program started in the early '90s.

Partial funding for this year's ATS program is provided by the Southern Region Risk Region Management Education Center. It is underwritten by the sponsors of the Master Marketer Educational System, Texas Wheat Producers Board, Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Farrn Bureau, State Cotton Support Committee and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

For details, call Amosson or Fran Bretz at (806) 677-5600; or contact your local county Extension





# SHS Basketball

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Spearman	10	29	0	4	12	23	32

Coach's Comments: We should not be very happy with the way we played. We think we can do a lot better. We were outplayed in almost every aspect but the key stat was turnovers. (Spearman 28, Gruver 10)

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Coach's Comments: Kids played hard; but, overall defensive performance was less than expected. Must have a better defensive effort (performance).

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Spearman Pampa	7 22	26 .	0 2	3	23	33	37 48

Coach's Comments: We played good most of the game. Against good teams, small breakdowns become more important. As a team the girls did a good job from the

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Paul, M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vanderburg	U	1	0	U	0	0	0
Spearman Pampa	12	40	0	13	8	12	35 34

Coach's Comments: This was the 3rd time we played Perryton this year. The girls hit some big shots in the fourth quarter and did a good job from the line. This was the consolation semi-finals.

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Score by Quarters Lynxettes Stratford	EARMAN	VS 511	1 9 4	2 9 5	5 5	3, 2002 4 4 6	Final 27 20
Player Short, L	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Cherry	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Harbour Short, J	3	8	0	0	3	5	0
Sheilds	1	3	0	0	0	1	2
Hernandez Hart	1	2	0	0	1	3	3
Winegarner Paul, M	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Paul, M Vanderburg	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Spearman Pampa	8	27	0	6	11	20	27 20

Coach's Comments: This was the consolation finals. Our girls finished 5th in this

Score by Ouarte Lynxettes Gruver	SPEARMAN VS (	GRUVER 1 4 12	- Nove 2 0 3	MBER 22 3 7 4	, 2002 4 12 8	Fina 23 27
Player Brock Thomas Morena Jones Gillaspie Ruiz	FGM FGA	3PM	<u>3PA</u>	FTM	FTA 5 4 9 3 2 0	PTS

Swan 1 4 0 0 0 0 0 0 Baca 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 McElroy 0 3 0 0 0 0	
Spearman 6 31 0 6 2 2 Dumas 23 - 0 - 4 13	14

Coach's Comments: Dumas has a very good 9th grade team. Our girls have to keep working and keep trying to get better.

FRESH	MAN L	YNXE	TTES	- PER	RYTON	Tour	RNEY
Score by Quarters Lynxettes Canadian	EARMAN	vs CA	NADIAN 10 4	2 - Novi	EMBER 2.	$\frac{4}{8}$	Final 26 25
Player Bulls Blan Mendoza Parker Ruiz Paul, Mallory Barnes Swan Baca McElroy	FGM 0 0 3 0 3 1 0 0 4	FGA 4 0 3 6 0 4 3 3 0 12	3PM 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	3PA 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0	FTM 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1	FTA 2 0 4 2 0 0 0 4 4 2 5	PTS 0 0 1 6 0 6 3 0 1 9
Spearman Canadian	11	35	1 0	4	3 7	19 12	26 25

Coach's Comments: These girls showed improvement by beating the Canadian team whom they lost to on Monday.

<u>J</u>	V LYNX SPEARMA	ETTE	s - PE	RRYT	ON TO	URNE	Y
Score by Quarter Lynxettes Borger	SPEARMA S	N VS D	1 10 7	2 10 10	3 5 10	4 4 6	Final 29 33
Player Bulls	FGM	FGA	<u>3PM</u>	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Blan	2	4	0	0	0	0	4
Mendoza Parker	3	10	0	1	2	4	8
Ruiz Paul, Mallory	1	2 4	0	0	0	2	2
Barnes Swan	0	0	0	0	0	Õ	0
Baca McElroy	2 3	4 5	0 0	0 0	0	2 4	4 7
Spearman Borger	12 13	39	0	1	5 7	18 12	29 33

Coach's Comments: This game could have gone either way. We had a hard time scoring in the second half and didn't make enough free throws to win the game.

FRESHMAN LYNX SPEARMAN VS WEST TEXAS - NOVEMBER 25, 2002							
SP	EARMAN	VS WE	ST TEX	s - Nov	EMBER	25, 200	2
Score by Quarter Lynx West Texas	<u>s</u>		1	2	3	4	Final 33 26
Player Chambers Town Sander Jones Pillow Howard	FGM	FGA	<u>3PM</u>	ЗРА	FTM	FTA 6 4 2 8 3 10	PTS

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# GHS Basketball

#### Lynx, Lady Hounds Prevail in County Classic

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Leading as much as 11 points, the Hounds found themselves in a tie with five seconds remaining in the third quarter.

With Gruver trailing, Hunter Bevill hit two under the basket while Lance Williams had a nice three point play and came through with four consecutive free throws to knot the game at 58 at the end of regulation play

In the overtime battle, Adam Cherry and Russell Sheets each sank a basket with Cherry picking up two more on free throws and Sheets adding one free throw for the Lynx. Kevin Beedy netted a free throw and Jimmy Vera two to give Spearman the four point vic-

Gruver Scoring: Hunter Bevill 2 Brock Irwin 3, Wade Stewart 9, Aaron Boyd 9, Cass Cooper 11, Lance Williams 9, Hutch Reid 2, Cody Mac Been 15, David Puebla 1, and Ryan Winger 3.

#### Lady Hounds Notch a Win

The Gruver Lady Hounds rolled to a 53-32 win over the Spearman Lynxettes in the annual Hansford

County classic. Brandi Griffin was prolific for the Lady Hounds with 22 points while Mindee Gillaspie added 12 for the Lynxettes before being sidelined with an injury.

Gruver Scoring: Teal Armes 2 Christi Clift 2, Amy Watley 14, Laina Grotegut 4, Brandi Griffin 22, Lisa Johnson 6, Cassie Myatt

#### Hounds, Lady Hounds Lose One, Win One

Lady Hounds 58, Panhandle 25 The Lady Hounds made it look

Panhandle over Pantherettes.

Teal Armes 14, Christi Clift 6, Amy Watley 5, Brandi Griffin 12, Blythe Finley 4, Lisa Johnson 2 Ashleigh Sherrill 8, Cassie Myatt

Hedley 66, Lady Hounds 52 The Lady Hounds suffered their lone defeat of the season to a tough Hedley team

Teal Armes 6, Amy Watley 6. Laina Grotegut 9, Brandi Griffin 3. Blythe Finley 2, Lisa Johnson 14, Cassie Myatt 12.

The Panhandle Panthers took a 21-17 lead before halftime which the Hounds contested but could not overcome.

Brock Irwin 3, Wade Stewart 2, Salvador Luciano 3, Cass Cooper 6, Lance Williams 8, Cody Mac Been 145, David Puebla 2, Ryan

Hounds 44, Hedley 43

The Hounds won a teeth clincher in a battle with the feisty Hedley Owl team

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Parents and taxpayers are invited to attend this meeting, ask questions and provide comments regarding student performance issues. The meeting will be held on December 9, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

In addition, the following items are made available free to the public upon request: (1) the performance and profile sections of the AEIS Report for every school as well as the district; (2) the Comparable Improvement Report (campus-level only); and (3) the AEIS Glossary in either English or Spanish versions. Feel free to call the Superintendent's Office at (806) 659-3233 to request a copy of this material. Additional copies of this report will also be made available at the Spearman City Hall and Public Library.

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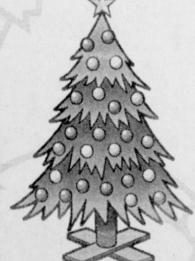
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Telefax (806) 244-2863
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'Pray tell, Mayor Pilgrim, would

ting of trees to maketh that fire which cooketh the vegetables.

To which a few of the citizenry responded by marching around the gathering with crude signs made of buckskin upon which was written in cherry juice, "On strike, we worketh

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the feast Thanksgiving as there is no one to thank! We insisteth that no prayers be uttered and the name Thanksgiving not be proclaimeth!" With all requests granted, the holiday was declared.

When cometh the day so planned, the pilgrims with kith and kin gathered on the designated Monday Looking around at each other, they tried to remember why they had assembled, remembered not, and soon dispersed to return to their homes and work.

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10:00 AM Household - 2:00 PM Vehicles & Equipment

FURNITURE 2 Sets, Divan and love seat; Kitchen table w/4 chairs; King size bed, complete; Full size beds; Matching couch and chair; 3 Piece bedroom set; La-Z-Boy swivel chair; Brown swivel chair; Oak dresser; Recliner; 2 Wooden chairs; Metal desk; Bookcase; End tables; Coffee tables; Glass front gun case; Metal desk. ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES Over 100 crocks (15, 12, 5, 4, 2 gal.) and whiskey jugs, 3 slates of marble, Nice brass hall tree w/bevel edged mirror; Roll top desk; Old chest; Treadle sewing machine; Old curling iron; Kerosene lamp; 1950 Record player; Corn shellers; Shoe lasts — some with stands; Tools; Wood handle soldering irons; Hand plane; Irons. HOUSEHOLD Eugena vacuum sweeper; Lamps; Floor lamps; Singer Touch & Sew sewing machine w/table; Regina upright vacuum cleaner; Vanity shelf; Wooden smoking stand; Wooden TV trays; Linens; Towels; Rugs; Pictures; Frames; Holmes air purifier; Aquarium w/ attach., plastic chandelier; Metal candle stands; Flower arrangements; Christmas tree & decor; Schwinn Stationery bike; TV stand; Humidifier; Encyclopedias; Books. KITCHEN Upright deep freeze; Maytag washer; Whirlpool dryer; Sharp microwave; Pressure cooker; Ice cream freezer; Burton top stove grill; Toastmaster grill (new); Jars; Pans; Dishes; Cast iron skillets; Old kitchen stool. SHOP & GARDEN Troybilt rototiller, J.D. self-propelled mower, J.D. push mower, Edgers; Craftsman 12" radial arm saw; Hi-lift jack; Steel drive auto ramps; 3 Sp. fan box; Wooden saw horses; 2 Wheel garden cart; Carpenter tools; Garden equip.; Garden sprayer; Mailbox; Shelving; Elect. D-horner; Black & Decker saw; Evap. cooler; Paint equip.; Ladder. VEHICLES, AUTOMOTIVE 1997 F250 Ford, super cab, short box, 4x4, 5.4 eng., loaded; 1991 Lincoln town car, loaded; 1983 Ford F250, 4x4, 400 eng., flatbed, 20K on recent overhaul, good truck; 1968 Chevy C50 grain Truck, EQUIPMENT Miller Bobcat 225 NT, 225 amp., 8000 watt; Welder/ AC generator; Onan P216G 16HP 4 cyc.; Eng. w/ elect. start, auto speed control, and original manuals; Engine time - 4 hrs.; Krause 15' oneway; Crustbuster 16' offset disk; IHC 710 moldboard, on land, 6-18; FlexKing 5-5 sweeplow; Rich., pickers; 3 Noble 2000 drills, 12" spacing, transport; 12 V. elect grain auger; 12 V elect. Mayrath grain auger; 2 Pickup box trailers; 1 pickup box, only; 6' Bush hog mower; 3 Pt. hitch; 6' Bush hog mower spares; 3 Pt. hitch/frame; Gearbox; Drive shaft, and blades w/hub, NONCLASSIFIED Galaxy 3 UHF TV antenna; 250 Gal. steel propane tank; 418" x 48" portable propane bottles; 2110 Gal. steel fuel tanks; Solar 110 Gal. plastic sprayer tank; Wylie 30 gal. plastic sprayer tank; Auto MB5Q-H micro mist sprayer; 4 Barrel racks; 20 16" x 16" flush mount 11/120 VAC light fixtures; 36x7'6" pre-hung door; 2 Pair steel motorcycle dirt bike work stands; IDP weight bench "Fit for Life"; Pair old jailhouse window bars; Round bale trailer; 2 Bulk carle feeders/ wheels; 4 Plastic 1,400 gal, water tanks; Waldon drill hitch; 3 Steel crossbed PU tool boxes, 2 steel side-mount PU tool boxes, Tufbox Crossbed PU tool box, Tufbox behind seat tool box case, Chrome Sunfighter for ½ T. Ford or Chevy PU, 1 set 12" wheels/tires/springs 4.80x12, Pair HC trailer axles, single trailer axle; 3 HC auto trailer hitches; Ind. trailer hitch 48" x 65".

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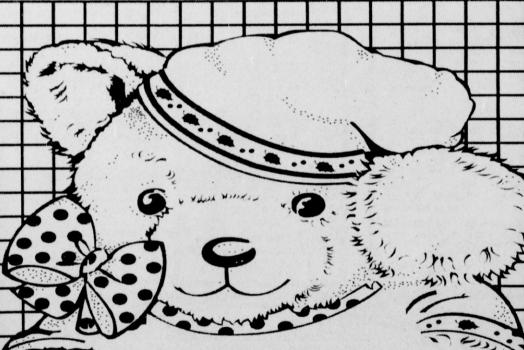
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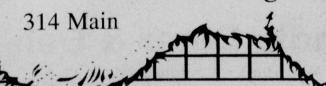
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