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Landfill May Reopen

by Harletta Carthel

The possibility of reopening the Spearman landfill was the topic of discussion at a meeting of the Hansford County Commissioners, the city councils of Spearman and Gruver, and Hansford County Judge Jim Brown on Monday, January 5.

The closing of the landfill on October 8th was prompted by a federal regulation which prohibits landfills in the proximity of airports due to the possibility of birds flocking near such an area creating a hazard for aircraft operation.

Contacted by Mayor Burl Buchanan and City Manager Robert Patrick, Congressman Larry Combest was instrumental in gaining permission from state and federal authorities to waive the restriction concerning the proximity of landfill and airport. As Combest states, "These rules were made for high-traffic airports at risk from birds flocking around a nearby big city landfill, and clearly didn't have Spearman's two-a-day crop dusters in mind."

Mayor Buchanan said, "I am very appreciative of the Congressman's (Combest's) help. He was very receptive and eager

to find the way to work this out for Spearman."

Even with the waiver, however, many other restrictions and financial criteria regarding the landfill must be addressed before the landfill can be reopened.

These restrictions come under the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's (TNRCC) jurisdiction. In general terms, the considerations for opening a landfill are (1) the landfill governing board must have a methane monitoring plan, (2) closure and post closure requirements for landfill sites (which includes 30 years of monitoring) may cost an estimated \$160,000 for compliance, and (3) financial assurance requirements must be met by the local government in a complex ratio formula set out by the TNRCC.

Since the landfill is funded with city revenue, another aspect of the landfill issue discussed was the county's financial responsibility regarding the use of the facility by residents in Hansford County residing outside the city limits.

Addressing this issue, Hansford County Commissioners agreed to dig up to two pits per year for the

landfill project. At today's prices it is an estimated cost of \$27,000.

Preceding the landfill's closing, the City of Gruver had paid \$16.89 per ton for usage of the Spearman facility. This compares with the \$30 per ton, plus transportation costs to the Borger landfill facilities, which the City of Gruver was forced to use when the landfill closed. The rate for use of the proposed reopened Spearman landfill has yet to be determined.

With much work yet to be done and many issues left to be decided, City Manager Patrick stated, "Preliminary tests by management and auditors would appear that we will meet the local government self test (guidelines set out by TNRCC), but the financial estimate of the reopening has not been completed by the city engineer, Dwight Brandt of Amarillo, who is currently awaiting a technical information packet from TNRCC."

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Hansford Happenings

Waka Church of the Brethren Annual Groundhog Supper

The Waka Church of the Brethren will have its annual Groundhog Supper on January 31, 1998, at the church in Waka. The All You Can Eat Sausage and Waffle Supper will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. A free-will offering will be accepted.

FAFSA Workshop

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

Trinity Fellowship Church - "Family Issues" Series

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

Mother's Day Out

The Trinity Fellowship Church will be holding Mother's Day Out beginning Tuesday, January 13th. It will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be available for ages 3 and 4. Some of the activities children will enjoy are crafts, music, creative play, numbers letters, shapes, colors, story time, and much more. Enrollment is limited, so call now to register, at 659-2671.

Bethesda Outreach Center of Spearman

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

Parenting Workshop

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

Lunch & Learn Program

"Traveling Alone in America Today" will be the topic for the Lunch & Learn Program, January 29 at 12 noon, Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. DPS Officer, L.B. Snider from Amarillo will present the program. Participants will become aware of potential dangers and understand their personal responsibility in making traveling and shopping alone safer. Mr. Snider will also answer questions concerning auto, phone and home safety. This program, sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is open to everyone. Call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, for more information (659-4130 or 733-2901).

Financial Aid Seminar

Spearman High School will host a financial aid seminar on Monday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Presenters at the seminar will be Monty Blackman and Kerry Henton of Brown, Graham, and Company; Dave Corley of Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority; and Linda Tinsley of West Texas A&M University. Topics that will be discussed include 1) New tax laws and tuition; 2) Types of financial aid; 3) Which type of financial aid is best; 4) Applying for financial aid; 5) Scholarships; 6) Tax credit. Following the presentations, there will be a question and answer period. If you have a junior or senior student who plans to attend college, this seminar will be very beneficial. College costs continue to rise and the necessity for further education continues to increase. Take this opportunity to learn some options for financing a college education.

Hansford County Gun Club

The Hansford County Gun Club will meet on Monday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Spearman City Hall.



by Harletta Carthel

Gyene Spivey, left, accepts roses and a plaque of appreciation from Gruver City Commissioner and Lion's Club member Buster Davis. Spivey was honored by the Lions Club for her service to the community through her grant requests which have resulted in over \$60,000 in funds for the city. Purchase of the new Gruver ambulance and emergency medical equipment for use by Gruver's Emergency Medical Service was made possible by the funding.



The Gruver Emergency Medical Service was recently honored by The Prudential Insurance Company of America for acquiring a portable cardiac defibrillator through The Prudential Helping Hearts Program. The rescue squad received a \$1,710 grant from Prudential to cover approximately half the cost of the defibrillation unit. The presentation took place at the Gruver City Hall. Pictured are (Back Row, L-R) Mayor of Gruver Mark Irwin and representatives of the Gruver Fire Department Sam Gruver, Mr. Crain, Michael Booth, Beth Swink, Diane Boyd and Gyene Spivey; and (Front, Row, L-R) Curt Fitzgerald accepting a check from a Prudential representative.



Pictured above are (Back Row, L-R) Reg Schnabel and Ed Moreno; (Middle Row, L-R) Darrin Rayl, Martina Miller, and Keith Goodman; (Front Row, L-R) Gabriel Salazar and Jeff Spencer

Cargill Makes Donation To Spearman VFD

submitted

The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department has recently purchased a new all-purpose rescue truck due to generous donations from the Hansford County Commissioners, the Spearman City Council, and a \$7,000 donation from Cargill.

"A new rescue truck that is dependable and efficient will be a great enhancement for our local fire department," said Darrin Rayl, General Manager, Cargill Grain Division. "We're glad to be able to help with the purchase of this much needed equipment."

The contribution is sponsored by Cargill in Spearman. It is funded jointly with the Cargill Partnership Fund, a program that matches contributions by local Cargill facilities with corporate funds to support special projects and services that help their communities.

"Without this large donation from Cargill, it would have been

impossible for us to have purchased this needed equipment," said Keith Goodman, Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.

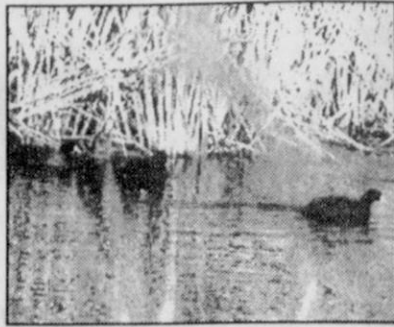
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New All-Purpose Rescue Truck

Happy Birthday!

Out At The Lake



to winter there along with some ducks. Over a year ago I wrote about this bird, but we didn't have a picture. Remember they are the variety a friend cooked thinking they were ducks? I'll recycle the description.

The American Coot has a bill like a chicken, lobed feet instead of web, the habits of a duck, and the ancestry of rails and gallinules, but if you don't try to eat it, it's an interesting bird. It is the only slate-gray duck-like bird with a whitish bill.

The Palo Duro River Authority Board will induct two new

members at the meeting on Tuesday. Replacing Wilson Buchanan and Orval Allen of Dumas, the Moore County Commissioners have appointed Gladwin Gillispie of Dumas and Jay Goodwin of Sunray. Other members from Moore County are Howard Diedrichsen and Dr. Arthur Davidson of Dumas. From Hansford County we have Kenneth Evans and Robert Novak of Spearman and T. J. Bergin and Wesley Maupin of Gruver. The ninth member is Jack Lane of Stinnett.

Jim wishes to thank the people that brought the hay to Dedication Park. We think Darrel Harvey brought the

smaller bale but have no clue as to who brought the big round bale.

Raymond Cantu and Joan Hawkins both saw a brownish bobcat south of the office last week. The cat was seen by Raymond as he was coming to work and by Joan as she was leaving from the office. Those are both very good viewing times. Red Byrd, our winter fisherman, got to see a doe swim across the Lake. She was not being pursued.

The new 1998 permits are in.

Ramona Reynolds called to say that they have a pair of magpies at the Jones Ranch south of Gruver. Many people are seeing cardinals and also noting the absence of robins.

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

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

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

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

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

January 19
Birthdays - Paula Kizzar, 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, Perry Arnold, Billy Hays, Jose Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown, Shayne Acker
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz

January 20
Birthdays - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Virginia Head, Staci Swan, Emma Lopez, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Larry Dunn, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne 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
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Beedy, Mr. & Mrs. James Turner, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Remmel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

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

January 23
Birthdays - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenny, Johnnie Fuller, Louise Archer, Ann Zamora
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Duncan

January 24
Birthdays - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Dearl Shelton, Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts, Linda Stalcup
Anniversary - Larry & Galye Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Smith

January 25
Birthdays - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mabel Jameson, R.L. McFarlin, Travis Davis, Mike Dodd, Deloris Sloan, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralisa Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Barquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sparks

by Dorothy Hudson
 Lake Depth-January 12, 1998--
 36 ft. 1 in.
 Jim's picture is of an American Coot swimming in the kids' fishing pond. They have decided

Ralston Files For County Commissioner

Dan Ralston has filed as a candidate for Hansford County Commissioner for precinct 2 and 6.

Dan was born and raised in Hansford County, graduating from from Gruver High School in 1968. In 1973, he received a B.S. Degree in Animal Production from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He has been involved in farming and

ranching his whole life.

He is married to Penny, who is a teacher in Gruver. They have two children, a 23-year-old son, Rex of Abilene, and 20-year-old Tisha, a student at Oklahoma State University.

"I would appreciate your support," commented Mr. Ralston.

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A busy highway can be a dangerous place to take a walk. In fact, it would be suicidal to stroll down the fast lane of a freeway at 6 p.m. on any Friday. I would not be so foolish as to get my exercise in that manner, because I have a healthy fear of fast-moving automobiles. But as long as I don't behave ridiculously, I have no cause for alarm.

I want my child to view me with the same healthy regard. As long as he does not choose to challenge me, openly and willfully, he lives in total safety. He need not duck and flinch when I suddenly scratch my eyebrow. He should have no fear that I will ridicule him or treat him unkindly. He can enjoy complete security and safety--until he chooses to defy me. Then he'll have to face the consequences.

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

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Pastor - Johnny Taylor
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209 King • 733-2760
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Laugh and Live

by Gary C. Smith

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"If money talks, why isn't it doing some explaining." -- Henny Youngman

This was in my joke file, but in reality, it is pretty sad. GCS

On October 29th of last year, ABC news reported the following information.

The U.S. Treasury Department Office of the Inspector General (the group tasked with assuring that the U.S. Government spends its money wisely) recently conducted a study in an effort to improve the morale of its 300 departmental employees.

The study concluded that they should give each of the 300 employees a token gift. The morale booster, in their esteemed opinion, would no doubt improve performance, efficiency and reinvigorate the often-beleaguered spirit of the hard-working bureaucratic watchdogs.

In U.S. Government style, the Inspector General's Office contracted out the procurement of the agreed-upon morale-boosting gift to the lowest bidder. The gift was a plastic ruler, emblazoned with the logo of the U.S. Treasury Department, and accompanied with the ever-so-wise words of the watchdog's philosophy on spending and wasteful oversight.

Now here's the good part: The 35-page study cost roughly \$155,000 - or, \$4,500 per page! The 300 adorned plastic rulers, bid on by only one contractor, cost a total of \$345,000 - or \$1,100 per ruler! The cost of the report and the rulers combined: \$500,000.

ABC News did some cost comparisons with conventional travel agents, and found that for less than the cost of just the report, nearly the entire department could have received a cruise line vacation.

In another embarrassing comparison, that \$500,000 would have been enough to pay a full-time inspector to monitor IRS abuses for a full eight years.

"It's incredibly demoralizing," said one Treasury Department employee, who granted ABC News an interview on the condition of anonymity.

Senator Collins (R-ME) who was infuriated at this gross failing in the system, called a hearing to discuss the issue before Committee. (Which begs the question... "What did the hearing cost and does anybody in Washington care?")

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To the Gruver Community,

Josephine and I want to thank the lot of folks that have made our life much more comfortable, pleasant and rewarding during this past year, 1997.

First of all, we would like to thank the Church for their moral, spiritual, and material support. The visits, prayers, food (some in their nineties brought food), the many cards, letters, encouraging words, and etc. were deeply appreciated.

We also want to thank the Mobile Wheels and those who delivered the meals three times a week. These delicious meals were some of the highlights of each week. We also express our appreciation and thanks to the Hansford Home Health for their steadfast and dependable services three days a week.

We also express our appreciation and thanks to the Hansford Home Health for their steadfast and dependable services three days a week. Their visits always brightened Josephine's days.

Just recently during this holiday season, we were blessed with many things. First was a fruit and goodies basket from the Church. Then all in one evening, we had the following: first was a group of young ladies led by Gwen Parker. Josephine was in bed, so they came to the foot of her bed and sang some songs. Then they all hugged her neck. Second, a knock came on the door and there was Vanna Reid with a huge box of canned foods given to us by the Gruver Elementary. Then thirdly, a group of young men led by Bob Adams brought us a yard ornament and then sang us some songs.

We want to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts. You have made our lives so much better.

We wish for all of you a happy and prosperous new year in 1998.

From our hearts,

Flavil and Josephine Ayers, Box 823, Gruver

Thank You

The Christmas season this year was to be more than a celebration of Christ's birth for Brandon and Cari Baker. Her illness caused a delay in their uniting. We would like to Thank each and everyone for their prayers, concerns, cards, phone calls, and visits. The Staff and Doctors at Hansford Hospital were very supportive. And special Thanks to family and friends for being flexible with their plans for the Holiday. An extra special Thank you to Terry Schneider for his creative talents in poetry and to those many special friends who helped with the reception at the church.

It is nice to have our "Small Town Family" look after us.

Through God's Love,
Cari and Brandon Baker;

Mary and Buford Baker; Karen and Buford Babitzke

Thank You

The wish to thank everyone for the loving phone calls, cards, flowers, food, memorials, prayers, and heart felt words of kindness over the loss of our loved one, Girtha Gamble. Thank you to the United Methodist Church, Rev. Ken Cole, Cheryl Meek, and Lynanne Maize for the beautiful music. To the wonderful neighbors and friends - thanks for being so loving and caring and always being there. Thank you to the care givers in the hospital and manor.

God Bless You All,

Kay Dean and Choise Smith; Keith, Jodie and Tyann Hight;
Hunter and Bridgette Smith, and Macy; Dean Smith; Tanya Kitchens

Thank You

The family of Frank Armstrong would like to express our appreciation of all the kindness shown to us at this time of loss. All the many cards, flowers, food and prayers has been such a comfort. Friends and family mean so much to us in times like these.

Sincerely,

Richard, Lisa, Candice, Kara, and David Pipkin; Leona Armstrong;
Teresa and Mark Freeman; Pat Smith; and Hugh Armstrong

Thank You

A special note of thanks to all of those who have shown their love and concern toward Travis during his time of recovery. The wonderful meals, the many prayers and the welcomed visits were all such a blessing to our family. We are so very lucky to live in such a loving and caring community.

Billy, Joan, Ashley, Travis, and Tracy Brown

TEAMS/TAAS Retake Tests Set

by Glenda Guthrie

Students who are no longer enrolled in school and have not previously passed both sections of the TEAMS Test or the three sections of the TAAS Test, but have met all other graduation requirements may retake the section(s) not passed.

The TEAMS mathematics test will be administered on Wednesday, March 4, 1998, and the English language arts test will be administered on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

The TAAS writing test will be

administered on Tuesday, March 3, 1998; the math will be administered on Wednesday, March 4, 1998; and the reading test will be administered on Thursday, March 5, 1998.

Individuals no longer enrolled in Texas Public Schools who wish to register to take the Exit Level TEAMS or TAAS tests may pick up a registration packet at the Spearman High School Counselor's Office. Registration forms must be completed and mailed by January 30, 1998.

Gruver ISD School Menu

Breakfast

Monday, January 19
Cereal, Graham Crackers, Juice, Milk

Tuesday, January 20
Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk

Wednesday, January 21
Pancakes, Juice, Milk

Thursday, January 22
Biscuit, Ham, Juice, Milk

Friday, January 23
Cinnamon Roll, Juice, Milk

Lunch

Monday, January 19
Chili Dog, Fries, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, January 20

Chicken Pot Pie, Cheese Stick, Salad,
Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, January 21

Cheeseburger Pocket, Corn, Salad,
Fruit, Milk

Thursday, January 22

Baked Ham, Green Beans, Fruit,
Hot Rolls, Milk

Friday, January 23

Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Lettuce,
Pudding, Milk

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Hansford County Community Calendar

January 15-25

Thursday, January 15 - Birthday - Martin Luther King Jr. (1929)
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out

Friday, January 16 - Prohibition Remembrance Day
4:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Girls Basketball vs. Shamrock - T
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Girls Basketball vs. Sunray - H
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Boys Basketball vs. Sunray - H
5:15 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Shamrock - T
6:30 p.m. - Spearman V Girls Basketball vs. Sunray - H
6:30 p.m. - Gruver V Girls Basketball vs. Shamrock - T
8:00 p.m. - Spearman V Boys Basketball vs. Sunray - H
8:00 p.m. - Gruver V Boys Basketball vs. Shamrock - T

Sunday, January 18 - Maintenance Day
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - First Assembly of God

Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Birthday - Robert E. Lee
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
EMT Basic Class Call Paul Moore at 659-5298 or Michele Davis at 659-3411
5:00 p.m. - Spearman 7th Grade Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Sunray - Girls-H/Boys-T
6:00 p.m. - Spearman 8th Grade Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Sunray - Girls-H/Boys-T
7:00 p.m. - Hansford County Gun Club Meets at Spearman City Hall Conference Room
7:30 p.m. - Spearman 9th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Sunray - T

Tuesday, January 20 - Inauguration Day
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Girls Basketball vs. West Texas - T
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Boys Basketball vs. West Texas - T
5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Girls Basketball vs. Booker - T
5:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Booker - T
6:30 p.m. - Spearman V Girls Basketball vs. West Texas - T
6:30 p.m. - Gruver V Girls Basketball vs. Booker - T
8:00 p.m. - Spearman V Boys Basketball vs. Texas - T
8:00 p.m. - Gruver V Boys Basketball vs. Booker - T
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor

Wednesday, January 21 - Kiwanis International Anniversary
9:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Service
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
12:00 p.m. - Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber meets at Palo Duro Cafe
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
2:30-3:30 p.m. - Birthday Reception at Hansford Manor honoring Maud Stump
7:00 p.m. - Trinity Fellowship offers "Family Issues" series

Thursday, January 22
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
5:00 p.m. - Gruver 7th Grade Boys & 8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Hooker - T
6:00 p.m. - Gruver 7th Grade Girls & 8th Grade Boys Basketball vs. Hooker - T
7:00 p.m. - FAISA Workshop - Gruver High School Library

Friday, January 23 - Birthday - John Hancock
Pingle-Morse CISD School Holiday
4:00 p.m. - Gruver JV Girls Basketball vs. Wheeler - T
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Girls Basketball vs. Stratford - H
5:00 p.m. - Spearman JV Boys Basketball vs. Stratford - H
5:15 p.m. - Gruver JV Boys Basketball vs. Wheeler - T
6:30 p.m. - Spearman V Girls Basketball vs. Stratford - H
6:30 p.m. - Gruver V Girls Basketball vs. Wheeler - T
8:00 p.m. - Spearman V Boys Basketball vs. Stratford - H
8:00 p.m. - Gruver V Boys Basketball vs. Wheeler - T

Sunday, January 25 - Superbowl Sunday
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Serv. - First Baptist Church of Spearman

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society. The men and women that serve on the Spearman ISD have extraordinary dedications to the children and their welfare in this community. January is a designated time for us to thank them for their untiring efforts.

The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our student. They volunteer hundreds of hours and immeasurable amounts of energy to assure that our schools provide the best education possible for the children of Spearman. Here are some of the reasons to take the opportunity to express our appreciation at this time.

School board members are citizens whose decisions affect our children-what they learn, who will teach them, and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms.

These men and women are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They represent you, and they take this responsibility seriously by attending lengthy meetings, conferences and institutes where they broaden their knowledge about education.

The Spearman board is one of more than 1,000 such boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of the public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture, and circumstances.

It's a tradition that began more than 300 years ago. With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility and one which is not taken lightly.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women. Make a special effort to express to each board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated. I encourage all local citizens to take a moment to tell a board member "thanks for caring about our children's education."

The Spearman Board of Trustees are: Bob Boxwell -

president, Sheri Benton - vice president, Carol Dunnihoo - secretary, Craig Schumann, Robbie Dewberry, Andy Scarborough and Mark Sheets. Their dedication to excellence in our schools deserves our expression of appreciation.

Sincerely,
Willard R. Murrey
Superintendent

Dear Editor:

Please publish this letter as a Thank You to all of our local government officials for the work they do in helping us to "get along" and make all of our lives better.

Our recent blessing of a 14 inch blanket of snow, much staying where it fell, and some piling up on roads when later wind came, has left the county in a quagmire of sorts, much to the chagrin of those who need to "get around and get things done." Clearing county roads of snow after one of these weather events has always been difficult for county precinct road crews with the limited amount of machinery and labor normally available.

In the early days of this century, a person who lived along a stretch of road, was often appointed Road Commissioner for that particular stretch of road. Thus, citizenry hyped each other in a cooperative and compensatory manner.

Could a similar organization of land owners, farmers and ranchers, joining County Commissioners with their 4-wheel drive tractors using county owned V-plows or blades clear roads along lengths of road assigned to them?

These thoughts have reminded me of John Kennedy's paraphrase of an earlier statesman (whose name I do not recall), "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can I do for my country." I believe we should ask the question of ourselves by substituting County for Country.

Practical? Workable? These are the thoughts of a senior citizen. I leave it with the visionaries (younger persons) to organize and work the plan.

Sincerely
Roy L. McClellan

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Willard, Tamy & Mary Murrey

Murrey Graduates From Baylor

Willard and Mary Murrey's daughter, Tamba Michelle Murrey graduated from Dallas Baptist University on December 18, 1997. Willard and Mary attended a Candlelighting Service on December 17 in the Great Hall of Dallas Baptist University. Graduation was attended by Tamy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Armstrong, of Waco, and Mrs. Mary Murrey of

Grand Prairie, as well as her parents.

Making the graduation exercises very special was Willard being invited to give the Commencement address. Willard serves as a Trustee of Dallas Baptist University. Both Willard and Mary are graduates of Decatur Baptist Junior College which was the forerunner of DBU. Willard serves as Superintendent of Schools in Spearman.

Tamy is employed at DBU as Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Financial Affairs, Mr. Harold Norris. She will continue in that position, and live in Grand Prairie.

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all news and advertising for the Hansford County Reporter Statesman is Monday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline may be published at a later date.

Catherine Smith, Editor

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Monday,
January 19th
in observance of

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Sacred Heart Childhood Development Center

by Father Scott Raef

For quite some time, those concerned with the welfare of our community's children have discussed the need for quality day care for the hard-working mothers and fathers of the area. While several activities sponsored by the local schools and churches have provided after-school and "Mothers Day Out" programs, the lack of a full-time, fully accredited childhood development center has left many families to search for this type of care with independent caregivers and the like.

Taking into account the great need in this part of the Panhandle, as expressed by local caregivers, community leaders and even the State of Texas; Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church began a process some time ago of discerning how their Christian community, might help address this need. After much discussion with the members of the parish and the Parish Council, along with the organized assistance of Mrs. Theresa Pigott, Director of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo's Office for Childhood Development Centers, it was decided to establish a Board of Directors to further investigate the possibilities for and the needs that will soon present themselves in the establishment of a Christ-centered, state-accredited center.

The Board of Directors met for its first organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 13, at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. The members of the Board of Directors are: Mrs. Erin Bergin, Gruver; Mrs. Cindy Blackman, Spearman; Mrs. Rosalee Bueno, Spearman; Mrs. Sam Cogdill, Spearman; Rev. Ken Cole, Spearman; Mr. Buster Davis, Gruver; Mr. Ruben Gomez, Spearman; Fr. Scott L. Raef, Spearman; Mrs. Anne Snow, Spearman; Mrs. Maria Sumner, Spearman; Mrs. Elena Vargas, Spearman.

For further information or to offer ideas, time or financial contributions to: The Sacred Heart Childhood Development Center, please contact Mrs. Sam Cogdill, 659-5070, Mrs. Cindy Blackman, 659-3233, or Mrs. Erin Bergin 659-2535 (work) or 733-2713 (home).

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Even with the stock of "hot checks" in the possession of the sheriff's office, the origin of a Monday morning fire in the Hansford County courthouse is of a "suspicious" nature. It was in the laundry area of the county jail and the main damage was to some uniforms in the locker section, other than some smoke and other minor damage. No inmates nor personnel were injured. The smoke detector alerted Deputy Allen Mires who checked and found the blaze. He was assisted in extinguishing it by deputies Mike Davis and Gary Evans by the time the fire department arrived.

According to Sheriff McFarlin, it is customary procedure to notify the state fire marshal's office so an agent will be in Spearman to officially determine the cause.

Bob and Candy Boxwell returned last Saturday from a Christmas visit with her parents in Madison, Indiana. Daughters Regan and Erin accompanied them. Regan then returned to school at T.C.U. in Ft Worth after the Christmas break.

Last week this column carried an item regarding the death of a former Gruver resident, Merle Wallin. It was inadvertently misspelled as Wall.

Virginia Head, DeLinda McLaughlin and Dana spent a few days in Carlsbad last week. Virginia became ill and, after returning to Spearman, was hospitalized in Hansford Hospital.

She has recovered fully and also is pleased with her recovery from knee replacement surgery last month.

Bodil and Jack Bradley of Hereford visited with her mother, Ora Lee Blackburn, during the week-end. They live near Hereford.

Those seeking a pleasant sight from the recent dreary, gray, dismal weather can just drive by the Family Laundry at the intersection of Hancock and Kenneth streets. The window full of bright, colorful house plants is indeed a refreshing splash of color. Thanks, Vi and Ray, for a cheerful change.

Her many friends regretted to learn that Anita Anthony is

moving to Amarillo after selling her home to Jack and Dolly McWhirter. Her new address will be % Craig Methodist Retirement Center, 5500 West Ninth, #333, Amarillo, 79106.

Anita came to Spearman in January, 1962 as a nurse at Hansford Hospital when the late Bob Vaughn was administrator. She married L. L. Anthony and after his passing feels that it is time to no longer have the responsibility of maintaining a home.

All the neighbors wish her luck and happiness in her new location.

Former Spearman students have indicated they follow their school mates through this column - where they live, what they do, their families, etc. So when a former student comes to Spearman, or has a change in family, or a new occupation, or moves, the information can be passed on by calling 659-3468.

Sheriff R.L. McFarlin has decided he will abandon his talents as a prophet since his latest failure in spite of all his omens and signs. Seems he predicted that he would have a granddaughter in December, but was presented his sixth grandson - of whom he is very proud.

Colton Marshall Davis Cator was born to Kelli and Marshall Cator on December 16, 1997. He arrived at Baptist High Plains Hospital in Amarillo weighing 9 lb, 1 oz. and 21 inches long. He has three brothers, Casey, 8.5, Dakota, 6, and Kyler, 4. Marshall has a brother, Durwood. Kelli has a sister, Robin.

In addition to R.L. and Kaye McFarlin, his other grandparents are Patti and D.A. Cator all of Spearman. Great grandmothers are Helen Prachar, Spearman; Rosalie Cator, Gruver; Tommie Boyles, Cushion, Oklahoma and Fannie McFarlin, Dumas.

The Davis in Colton's name is in honor of his great grandmother, Rosalie Cator, whose maiden name was Davis, as he chose her birthday for his arrival.

The county elections are due this spring, and the local races are heating up. There are several candidates for at least three of the offices. It is important the voters have information to make a choice. Perhaps the candidates will have a press release to state their positions soon.

There is an outbreak of flu and

pneumonia now, especially among the elderly. Gus Renner was taken by ambulance on Thursday to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He had been in Hansford Hospital with pneumonia and was taken with a heart condition. According to friends he is recovering.

Myrt Bohanan is still in C.C.U. in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo, as of this writing. She was taken by ambulance from Hansford Hospital last week with severe heart trouble. Her family is in attendance.

Peggy Archer is recovering from knee replacement surgery, and is now at St. Anthony's Baptist Rehab Center. Her address is Room 207, 200 N.W. 7th St. Amarillo, 79107.

Weatherman Dwayne Smith did not attend meteorology school, so it was probably in telecommunication classes that he developed his vocabulary and learned that a FINE is a TAX for doing wrong; a TAX is a FINE for doing well. He reports that the high temperature was on 1 - 5th

at 63 degrees; the low was on 1 - 19th at 16 degrees. No moisture for the week.

Your neighbor thanks those who sent various forms of greetings on Monday on the "39th" birthday. Well-thanks to most of them - an exception could be the grandson - whose not so subtle warning about the number of candles, E.P.A., global warming, ozone layers -- doesn't rate many thanks-----

A radio commentator said that owner Jerry Jones is contemplating building a new stadium for his Cowboy football team. It will be adjacent to the Dallas jail -- to make it easier for his players to commute !!!

Every government employee, in any discussion, includes the words - "out-source." What does it mean? Sometimes they say "the out-source" indicating it is a thing. Then one will say "we will out-source" indicating it is an action. Do you do it, or is it done to you? Is it good or bad? What the dickens are they talking about?

Hendricks Honored

This article is being reprinted from the Washington Eastside Journal.

Don Hendricks was helping his girlfriend's father weatherproof the roof of his Kirkland home in Washington when he looked over and saw the man had collapsed.

Realizing that Howard Conrow had suffered a heart attack Hendricks shimmied down the ladder and frantically instructed Conrow's wife, Pat, to call 911. He then raced back up to the rooftop, sank to his knees and began CPR on the 75 year old man, trying desperately to remember the precise steps he had learned many years ago in a first aid class.

"I was just hoping I was doing the right thing," Hendricks, 48, recalled of the October 15th emergency. Apparently he was. Neighbor Chris Hruska climbed up to help, and she performed chest compressions, while Hendricks continued mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until medics arrived.

When medics arrived, Conrow was not breathing and had no pulse. Lying flat on the roof of the home, the man was clinically dead, firefighters said.

They shocked Conrow's heart until they got a pulse, then used ropes to lower the man in a metal cradle. Firefighters credit Hendricks and Hruska for not only saving Conrow's life, but preventing brain damage.

Conrow underwent a quadruple bypass and is doing well.

Hendricks and Hruska were presented a Life Saver Award for going above the normal citizen call to duty by the Kirkland Fire Department.

Don (Rick) Hendricks is the son of Nina Hendricks and the brother of Vicky Bullard and Danny Hendricks. He grew up in Spearman and attend school here until he graduated. He served in the Vietnam war and has lived in the Washington area since getting out of the service.



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Tuesday - Jan. 20th
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Wednesday - Jan. 21st
Fried Chicken

Thursday - Jan. 22nd
Cowboy Stew

Friday - Jan. 23rd
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A Center Piece

by Garland Hopper

The Article may seem a bit dated, but throughout the Holidays and bad weather the thoughts have been muddled.

The Golden Spread Senior Citizens Christmas party was a huge success. It was good to see so many out that have been missed. Following a delicious dinner Bingo was played. Then as surprise came a tall, skinny Santa Claus with a gift for all. Charles Brillhart played the keyboard while Mary Brock led the singing of Christmas Carols. After running the gamut of carols, Charles took requests which was hymns. Thanks to Charles, Santa, Mary, Kathy, Pearl and all others who helped to make this a memorable event.

The Senior Ladies were pleased with the turn-out for the Open House on December 18th. The quilt of houses was won by Thyra Fajen of Guymon, Oklahoma. She had recently celebrated her 90th birthday and said this was the first thing ever won. may she long enjoy the quilt.

The Center continues to have exercises 3 mornings each week; covered dish meals Monday at noon, Tuesday at 6:00 and

Thursday at noon. Games follow the meals on Monday and Tuesday and crafts on Thursday. Progressive pitch is on First and third Mondays of each month. More information may be had by calling 659-3866.

January 20th will be another evening of Senior Follies. The search is out for any Senior Citizen with a talent to participate. If this Follie is any thing like the last, a lot of enjoyment will be had. All Senior Citizens are invited to attend. The charge is a covered dish of food.

Other fun programs are in the planning and will be published as plans are completed.

May God Bless Our Country.



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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1997

Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			TRUST FUND	TOTALS
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	500-999 DEBT SERVICE FUND	800-829 EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND	98 AUGUST 31 1997
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	3,154,731	77,106	241,418	151,849
5800	State Program Revenues	1,881,729	54,715	-	-
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	224,756	-	-
5020	Total Revenues	\$5,036,461	\$356,577	\$241,418	\$151,849
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	2,705,406	134,404	-	-
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	224,206	-	-	-
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	438,761	217,986	-	-
0040	Administrative Support Services	311,891	-	-	-
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	529,278	-	-	-
0060	Ancillary Services	-	29,701	-	-
0070	Debt Service	42,561	-	229,364	-
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	44,042	-	-	-
6030	Total Expenditures	\$4,296,146	\$382,091	\$229,364	\$4,907,600
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	740,315	(25,514)	12,054	151,849
7020	Other Resources	135,000	30,726	-	-
8030	Other (Uses)	(50,726)	-	-	-
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	824,589	5,212	12,054	151,849
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,185,804	-	96,510	844,947
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$2,010,393	\$5,212	\$108,564	\$996,796
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel Sports

Houndball (by Wesley Miser)

On January 6, Tuesday, the Gruver boys Varsity team was overcome by Spearman in a non-district basketball game. The score ended at 51-56. Individual point statistics for the Greyhounds are as follows: Charlie Stavlo - 2, Buster McLain - 7, Brant Armes - 7, Lance Hallum - 12, Jim Potts - 2, Bray Armes - 8, Rob Murrell - 4, and Jared Johnson - 8.

Wrestling Winners

Colby and Earl Griffin both placed second in their respective weight division in the Lubbock Wrestling Tournament recently.

Another brother duo, Taylor and Tucker Williams competed in the USA National Wrestling Tournament in Dallas over the holidays. Taylor placed second in his division, and Tucker placed fourth in his division.

Team Takes Second

Congratulations to the Gruver Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Team which took second place honors in the Spearman Basketball Tournament over the weekend.

Former Coach Dies

Former Gruver Varsity Boys' coach, Bud Gray, died Saturday, January 10. His services were held Tuesday in Borger where he had resided after his retirement in 1995, after teaching 12 years in the Borger School system. He had also taught at Corpus Christi, Three Way, and Gruver.

Residents Featured in Publication

Dan and Justin Carthel were featured on the cover of the "West Texan," the alumni publication of West Texas A&M University. They were pictured with Dan's grandmother and mother in an article which traced five generations of the family's association with the university since 1910.

Linda Venneman is also pictured in the context of the same publication as she attended the reunion of former WT cheerleaders held in conjunction with homecoming activities in November.

Our Ill

GHS senior Brandi Morris is scheduled for surgery on Thursday, January 15, to repair a torn ACL in her knee. The injury was the result of a skiing accident over the holidays. Brandi is the daughter of Joe and Nancy Morris.

Another GHS senior, Steffany Simon, the daughter of Joyce Simon, injured her shoulder in an automobile accident last week in Spearman. Steffany has been sidelined from her cheerleading duties until she receives a release from her physician.

Niger Mission Team

Seven members of the First Baptist Church left Thursday, January 8th., for Niger, Africa where they will be part of a mission effort in the Muslim country until January 24. The group consisted of Bob and Janice Adams, Curt Fitzgearld, Bill Hadley, Jack Weldon, and Lance and Connie Wood.

New Arrival

Braquel and Josh Reed proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Carly Michelle Reed, who was born December 30 in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The little lady weighed 4 pounds and 5 3/4 ounces and was 16 1/2 inches long. Her maternal grandparents are Rodger and Pat Ferguson of Gruver. Her paternal grandparents are Royce and Jennifer Riggan of Hale Center and Gerald and Dee Reed of Logan, New Mexico. The maternal great-grandparents are Harry Barkley of Memphis and Ruth Ferguson of Griggs, Oklahoma. The paternal grandparents are Jim and Barbara Cockerham of Bovina and Leo and Neola Reed.

Thank You!

Several have asked me to express the appreciation of Gruver and the surrounding area to Duane Weller and the members of the highway department for their long hours of work over the holidays in clearing the roads and highways. Those responsible for the great job were Roy Deeds, Steve Gross, Ronnie Harris, Donnie Osbourne, Josh Reed, Victor Rios, Chico Tercero, Jimmy Traylor, Taylor Genn, Johnnie Williams, Tony Pacheco, and Duane Weller.

Family Visits Area

Stan and Stacy Fletcher and children visited relatives and friends in the Gruver area during the Christmas holidays. Ritchie and Carolyn were elated to entertain their "Northwest" family. Lindsay, Stan and Stacy's daughter, celebrated her eighth birthday while in Gruver while "nearly five"-year-old Nathan Fletcher enjoyed cousins Matt and Miles Messer and Mason and Landry Fletcher.

The family also spent one week-end in Henrietta, Texas where Stacy's mother resides. While there, Stan was able to visit with his cousin Warren McClenagan, GHS graduate who is serving as pastor of a Baptist Church in the Bowie area, and friend Barris Ayres, also a former Gruver resident.

Stan is the music minister of The Church at Palisades in Federal Way, Washington, a suburb of Seattle.

Bouncers Invade High School

Parents and fans of the Gruver basketball teams dribbled their way through the high school during homeroom period Tuesday to show their support for the Hounds and Lady Hounds as they began district play.

Gruver Stock Show Slated

The Gruver Stock Show has been scheduled for January 24 in the Gruver County Barn. The Hansford County Stock Show will be February 13 and 14, also in the Gruver County Barn.

Residents Relocated

Two families have recently moved from our community. True and Frankie Leatherman have moved to Bixby, Oklahoma. Their new address is 13313 S. 85th. East Avenue, Bixby, Oklahoma 74008.

Billy and Debbie Etheredge and their children Laura and Billy Bob have moved to Dumas. Their address 117 Pine, Dumas, Texas, 79029.

Gruver School Board Meets

During the January 8 meeting of the Gruver School Board Meeting, a bid of \$32,996 was accepted for the purchase of 100 new band uniforms to be delivered after September 1, 1998.

The board also approved the offering of two courses, Early Childhood Development I and II and Advanced Farm Welding. Although the classes were offered this year, the state needs approval from the local board and a request from the campus to continue to allow these courses to be offered. Students who successfully complete the courses have a certificate and skills that can be marketed in the work place.

Big City News

On a quick trip to Oklahoma City Monday for a basketball game, my husband and I saw a new innovative and sign of the past. The innovative was a

computer used on the scoring table of the basketball game. At halftime and at the end of the game, the computer gave a highly-detailed summation of the game including every statistic imaginable for each player including their playing time to the hundredth of a minute. The reminiscent part of the trip was seeing gas prices at 84 cents per gallon.

Book Fairs Scheduled

Parents, your children may be asking for book money next week for the annual Gruver Elementary and Junior High Libraries' Book Fairs. The dates for the elementary fair will be January 20, 21, and 22. The junior high's fair will be January 20 and 21. The time for both fairs is 8 - 4 each day. For more information, contact Patty Miner, 733-2031, or Glenda Renner, 733-2081.

From the News Ten Years Ago

Lawrence Behney, a general practitioner from Missouri, will be coming to Hansford County this week to look over the possibility of opening a medical practice here.

Twenty Years Ago

Arriving at 7 p.m. in time to be a most wonderful Christmas present December 25th via Amarillo was 6 lb. 8 1/2 ounce Joni Janeen Hart, daughter of Jon and Marlynn Hart.

Debra Clawson, daughter of Max Clawson, has been selected for inclusion in the 1977-78 edition of "Who's Who among American Colleges and Universities." Debra attends Oklahoma City University.

It's A Boy

Michael and Heather Spahich, 402 Butadieno, Borger, announce the birth of a boy, Brent Michael Spahich, who was born at 1:54 a.m. on Thursday, January 1998 in Dumas Memorial Hospital.

The baby, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces, was delivered by Dr. Turhan Baykan.

The newborn's grandparents are Dale and Sherri Scroggs of Stinnett, formerly of Dumas; and Eck and Helen Spahich of Fritch.

Great-grandparents are Bea Reid of Borger, Jack and Thyra Bain of Sunray, and Grace Scroggs of Waka.

Wagoner Files For County Treasurer



Wanda Wagoner

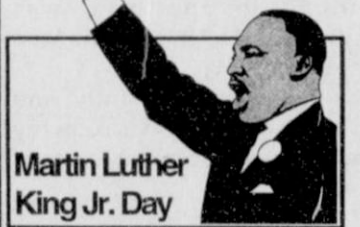
Wanda R. Wagner of Gruver is announcing her candidacy for the position of Hansford County Treasurer in the primary election which will be held March 10, 1998.

She has been a resident of Hansford County for 24 years. She is married to Richard L. Wagner and has three children, Brent is a graduate of Tarleton State University with a degree in Animal Science. He currently resides in Stephenville, Texas. Brent is a cattle buyer for Capital Land and Livestock out of Schwertner, Texas. Ashley is a graduate of Tarleton State University with a degree in Agribusiness. She is married to Mitchell Bezner of Dalhart, and is employed by the family feedyard as office manager. Kimberly, who is a senior at Texas A&M University is majoring in finance and marketing with plans to graduate in December 1998.

Wanda has worked as secretary in the Hansford County Extension

Office the past 11 years. She has helped organize and served as assistant treasurer of the Hansford County Fair for 5 years. Through her work in the Extension Office, she has helped organize the concession stand at the Hansford County Junior Livestock Show and Sale these past 11 years. She has helped coordinate 4-H fund raising activities and managed the 4-H and Rodent Control accounts through the Extension Office. Wanda has helped coordinate the Hansford County Jackpot Show, along with serving as secretary and treasurer for the past 5 years. She has also been a Volunteer Leader for the 4-H program for 20 years. She has helped plan and implement the Extension Long Range Planning Program twice as it is revised every 5 years. This program helps with economical and social problems within the county. Prior to working with Extension, Wanda was employed at the Hansford County Veterinary Clinic for 3 years. Wanda has served as election judge for Precinct 2 in Hansford County for the past 13 years.

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Dean and Brooke Homsley Greene, of Paris, TN, wish to announce the birth of their son, Brennan Scott Greene. Brennan was born on Saturday, January 3, 1998 in Murry, KY. He weighed 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Jimmy and Donetta Greene of Spearman and Edna Scroggs Owen of Fayetteville, AK.

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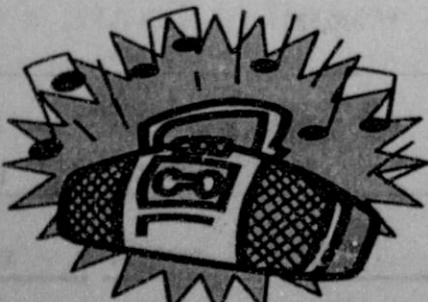


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Pictured above is the Spearman Junior High 8th Grade Football Team. They are: (Front Row, L-R) 71 (manager) - Adam Holmes, 37 - Jared Lozano, 81 - Clint Jackson, 31 - Jake Burch, 82 - Brett Widener, 80 - Nick Benton, 64 - Eric Trejo, Steven Haney (manager); (2nd Row, L-R) Coach Ryan Rhoades, 13 - Pete Vargas, 12 - Miguel Ceballos, 11 - Eduard Vasquez, 10 - Tanner Beedy, 21 - Uriel Garcia, 22 - Jason Blan; (3rd Row, L-R) 20 - Matt Dunnihoo, 84 - Joe Wilson, 44 - Coy Herrington, 70 - Charles Davis, 74 - T.J. Vasquez, 88 - Hector Diaz, 85 - Marty Miesner; (Back Row, L-R) 61 - Jesse Macias, 72 - Ric Salazar, 65 - J.D. Shufeldt, 52 - Chad Scarborough, 77 - Art Maestas, 51 - Homer Munoz, 78 - Bobby Lujan.

The 8th Grade's season record was 6-3. Scores by game are as follows: Spearman - 32, Sunray - 6; Spearman - 14, West Texas - 28; Spearman - 0, Stratford - 40; Spearman - 12, Boys Ranch - 6; Spearman - 26, Canadian - 0; Spearman - 20, Sunray - 0; Spearman - 16, West Texas - 14; Spearman - 0, Stratford - 14; Spearman - 38, Boys Ranch - 8.



Pictured above are the members of the Spearman 7th Grade Football Team. They are: (Front Row, L-R) Ryan Dewberry (manager), 32 - Wesley Patterson, 87 - Scott Sauer, 45 - Jeremy Vera, 31 - Gerardo Hernandez, 86 - David Pipkin, 21 - Adrian Castillo; (2nd Row, L-R) 23 - Zach Renteria, 14 - Lance Smith, 33 - Matt Francis, 55 - John Thomas, 24 - Daniel Longoria, 81 - Garrett Griffin, Albert Rodriguez (manager); (3rd Row, L-R) 53 - Adam Cherry, 50 - Rodney Howell, 40 - Travis Brown, 64 - Ryan Quillin, 20 - Lance Baker, 63 - Dustin Mackie, 68 - Josiah Vasquez; (Back Row, L-R) 43 - Colton Miller, 77 - Erick Vasquez, 11 - Kevin Beedy, 36 - Paul Bynum, 68 - Chris Hearon, 62 - Jeff Swan.

The 7th Grade's season record was 6-2-1. Scores by game are as follows: Spearman - 0, Sunray - 12; Spearman - 20, West Texas - 6; Spearman - 20, Stratford - 0; Spearman - 42, Boys Ranch - 0; Spearman - 8, Canadian - 8; Spearman - 6; Sunray - 14; Spearman - 20, West Texas - 6; Spearman - 30, Stratford - 0; Spearman - 38, Boys Ranch - 8.



Pictured above are the members of the Spearman Junior Varsity Football Team. They are: (Front Row, L-R) 80 - Ty West, 11 - Stephen Vasquez, 21 - Casey Villines, 44 - Jimmy Gayton, 10 - Tim Bynum; (2nd Row, L-R) 68 - Kelsey Henton, 65 - Eric Eslick, 64 - Clayton Vanderburg, 72 - Wayne McCubbin, 66 - Andrew Jacobs, 84 - Brady Woolley, 37 - Dib Kirk; (3rd Row, L-R) Coach Ryan Rhoades, 82 - Jullian Villarreal, 71 - David Parker, 52 - Reagan Renner, 58 - Teddy Whitefield, 78 - Richard Varnon, 25 - Danie Ellis, Evan Cudd (manager); (Back Row, L-R) 87 - Phillip Creel, 26 - Renee Hernandez, 50 - Junior Moreno, 81 - Mickey Schoenhals, 88 - Josh Schumann, 22 - Jake Coates, 20 - Dwayne Creel.

The JV's season record was 4-6. Scores by games are as follows: Spearman - 0, Canadian - 36; Spearman - 22, Sunray - 6; Spearman - 8, West Texas - 14; Spearman - 14, Stratford - 20; Spearman - 6, Boys Ranch - 18; Spearman - 0, Canadian - 36; Spearman - 22, Sunray - 14; Spearman - 6, West Texas - 20; Spearman - 30, Stratford - 22; Spearman - 42, Boys Ranch - 14.



by Harletta Carthel

Milana Reiswig of Morse is the new officer-in-charge at the Gruver Post Office. Reiswig has been employed by the United Post Office for nineteen years, and has served as post master at the Morse Post Office for the past five years. Reiswig and her husband, Travis, have two children, Shelby and Mikala.

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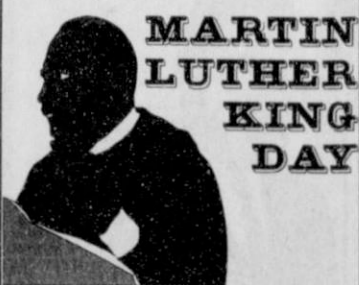
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Tuesday, January 20 Cereal & Toast or Scrambled Eggs & Tortillas; Fruit or Juice; Milk	Thursday, January 22 Fish Sandwich on a Bun, French Fries, Pinto Beans, Pears, Milk
Wednesday, January 21 Cereal & Toast or Ham & Eggs, Fruit or Juice; Milk	Friday, January 23 JH & Elem - Spaghetti & Meatballs, HS - Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Fruit Cocktail, Bread, Milk
Thursday, January 22 Cereal & Toast or Scrambled Eggs & Sausage, Fruit or Juice; Milk	Specialty Bar Monday, January 19 Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Peaches, Milk
Friday, January 23 Cereal & Toast or Cinnamon Roll, Fruit or Juice; Milk	Tuesday, January 20 Burrito, French Fries, Lettuce, Tropical Apples, Milk
Lunch Monday, January 19 Chicken Pattie, Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy, Sweet Peas, Rolls, Milk	Wednesday, January 21 Corn dog, French Fries, Lettuce, Sweet Potato Pie, Milk
Tuesday, January 20 Chili & Cheese Hot Dogs, French Fries, Tropical Apples, Milk	Thursday, January 22 Pizza, French Fries, Lettuce, Pears, Milk
	Friday, January 23 Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Pickle, Onion, Tomato, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

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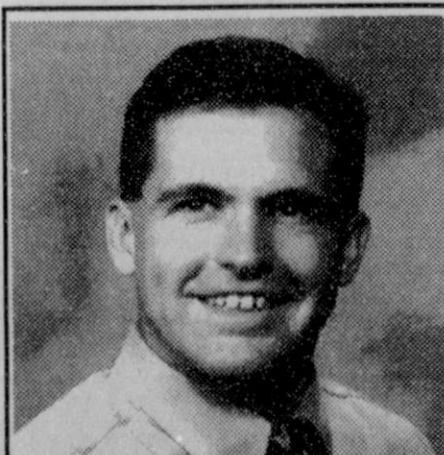
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