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## 14 Candidates Meet Deadline for March Primary

Two candidates filed for the Hansford County Judge position for the March 9, 2004 republican primary.

Benny Wilson, who was appointed by the Hansford County Commissioners Court to fill the unexpired term of Judge Jim Brown filed, as did Cody Cazares.

Four candidates filed for the Hansford County Sheriff position, including Deputy Pete Ochoa, Deputy Gary Evans, Deputy Lance Swan and Spearman Police Officer Edward Mayfield.

Two candidates filed for the Tax Assessor/Collector position. They are Linda Cummings, currently serving as assistant tax assessor/collector, and Jackie Reed Nelson, an employee at First State Bank.

Three candidates filed for the Precinct 3 County Commissioner seat. They include Tim Stedje, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Kent Guthrie, as well as Charlie Bell and Ty Williams.

County Attorney John L. Hutchison, 84th Judicial District Judge William D "Bill" Smith and 84th Judicial District Attorney Clay Ballman are all running unopposed in the primary election.

No democrats filed for Hansford County.

## Special Election for State Senate, District 31

A special election is being held on January 20, 2004 for the purpose of the Office of State Senate, District 31.

Early voting began Monday, January 5th. Texas counties had less than 30 days to prepare from the time the governor called the special election on December 8, 2003, with the holidays landing right in the middle of that period.

Early voting will last through January 16, with the election being held on Tuesday, January 20th.

Office seekers, listed with party affiliation, place of residence and profession, are:

- \* Bob Barnes, R-Odessa, restaurateur;
- \* Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, businessman;
- \* Lee Gibson, R-Dumas, farmer;
- \* Elaine King Miller, D-Amarillo, education consultant;
- \* Jesse Quackenbush, R-Amarillo, lawyer/restaurateur;
- \* Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, businessman; and
- \* Don Sparks, R-Midland, oilman.

Gov. Rick Perry called the special election when state Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, announced his resignation. Bivins is leaving the seat he has held since 1989 to accept the nomination by President Bush to serve as ambassador to Sweden.

Bivins' departure means for the first time since Amarillo, Midland and Odessa have been in the same Texas senate district together, the race for the seat is wide open. Political scientists have said the race could be a battle for the district between Amarillo and the Panhandle in the north and Midland, Odessa and the Permian Basin in the south.

A candidate must win a majority of the votes to win the seat. If no candidate comes away from the special election with more than 50 percent of votes, the top two vote getters will face each other in a run-off in February on a date yet to be determined.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Hansford County Clerks Office in Spearman and the branch office at the City Hall in Gruver. Voting will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning January 5th and ending on January 16, 2004.

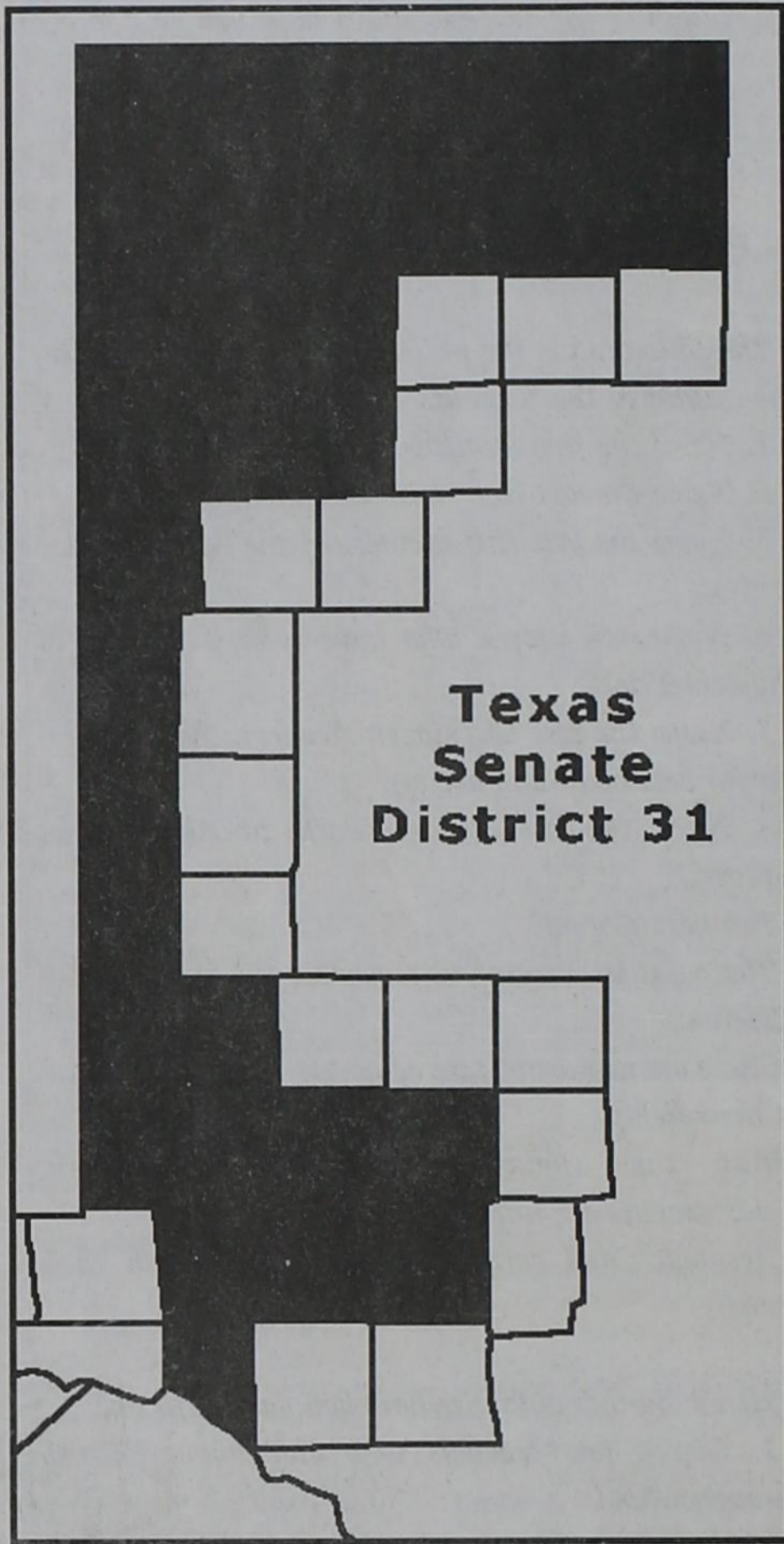
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Kim Vera, County Clerk; #15 N.W. Court; Spearman, TX 79081. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on January 13, 2004.

This special election will be held on January 20, 2004 at the City Hall in Spearman and the High School Library in Gruver, beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m.

Due to a federal court order entered on November 12, 2003, the mass mailing of new voter registration certificates may not begin until January 11, 2004.

In order to process voters in the special elections on January 20, 2004 in Senate District 31, voters may present their old (orange) certificate when voting. Voters may also vote without any certificate by showing another form of identification such as a driver's license.

Newly registered voters may still receive their new blue certificate.



Texas Senate District 31

## Winter Safety Tips from the City of Spearman

The City of Spearman wants to remind people that with the return of cold weather it is time to make sure your furnace and other gas appliances are in good operating condition to ensure a safe heating season. Also, people who have had recent roof work may want to have a service technician inspect their vents to ensure that all vents were re-installed in a proper manner and that their appliances are venting efficiently.

Ideally, natural gas burns in an appliance completely and efficiently, mixing with the oxygen in the air to produce harmless carbon dioxide (CO2) and water vapor. But if conditions are not right, the natural gas won't combust completely, giving off deadly fumes of carbon monoxide (CO).

When humans are exposed to high levels over a short period of time, or lower levels over a longer period - overnight, for example, sickness or death can occur. Carbon monoxide can be especially dangerous during the winter, when our homes are sealed up tight. Symptoms mimic the flu, so watch for these warning signs: headache, nausea or vomiting, dizziness or disorientation, muscle weakness or fatigue.

If these flu-like symptoms are NOT accompanied by a fever, if everyone in the family is ill, or the symptoms disappear when you leave the house, you may have a CO problem. You should have your gas appliances checked by a service technician right away.

Prevention is the only way to deal with carbon monoxide, and the best prevention is regular inspection by a service technician. Natural gas furnaces should be inspected EVERY YEAR. Other appliances, such as water heaters, clothes dryers and stoves should be inspected every two years.

It is also important to have a good carbon monoxide detector. These devices work like smoke detectors, sounding an audible alarm if a certain level of CO is detected. Make sure your CO detector is installed near the living and sleeping areas of your home.

If you have an older gas appliance, take a moment to check the connector linking the appliance to the gas line. Flexible metal connectors, especially those made of uncoated brass, can weaken or crack over time, causing a leak. If it's been more than 15 years since your gas appliance was installed or inspected, have the connector replaced with a new one made of either stainless steel or plastic coated metal. Make sure the connector conforms to the American National Standards Institute and are certified by the American Gas Association.

Remember, the City of Spearman is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you. If you have a suspected natural gas leak, or carbon monoxide is present, call 659-2524, anytime.

## Washington-Based Plane Crashes In Oregon

by KOMO Staff & News Services, Seattle, WA

The pilot of a twin-engine plane reported power problems before crashing, killing one and injuring three, the National Transportation Safety Board said Friday, January 1, 2004.

The Piper Seminole flying from Oakland, CA, to North Bend, OR, crashed Thursday night, December 31st, while trying to make an emergency landing because of a snow storm, authorities said.

The pilot diverted from the original route after reporting some kind of power problem, said Steven McCreary, investigator in charge of the National Transportation Safety Board in Seattle.

"We don't know whether that was because of a problem with the engine or a problem with environmental conditions affecting the engine or what," McCreary said.

Josephine County sheriff's deputies said snow was falling heavily when the plane crashed at about 6:40 p.m. Thursday next to U.S. Highway 199 just south of the Illinois Valley airport, located about two miles south of Cave Junction.

They found the plane upside-down in a brushy area near Rough and Ready Creek.

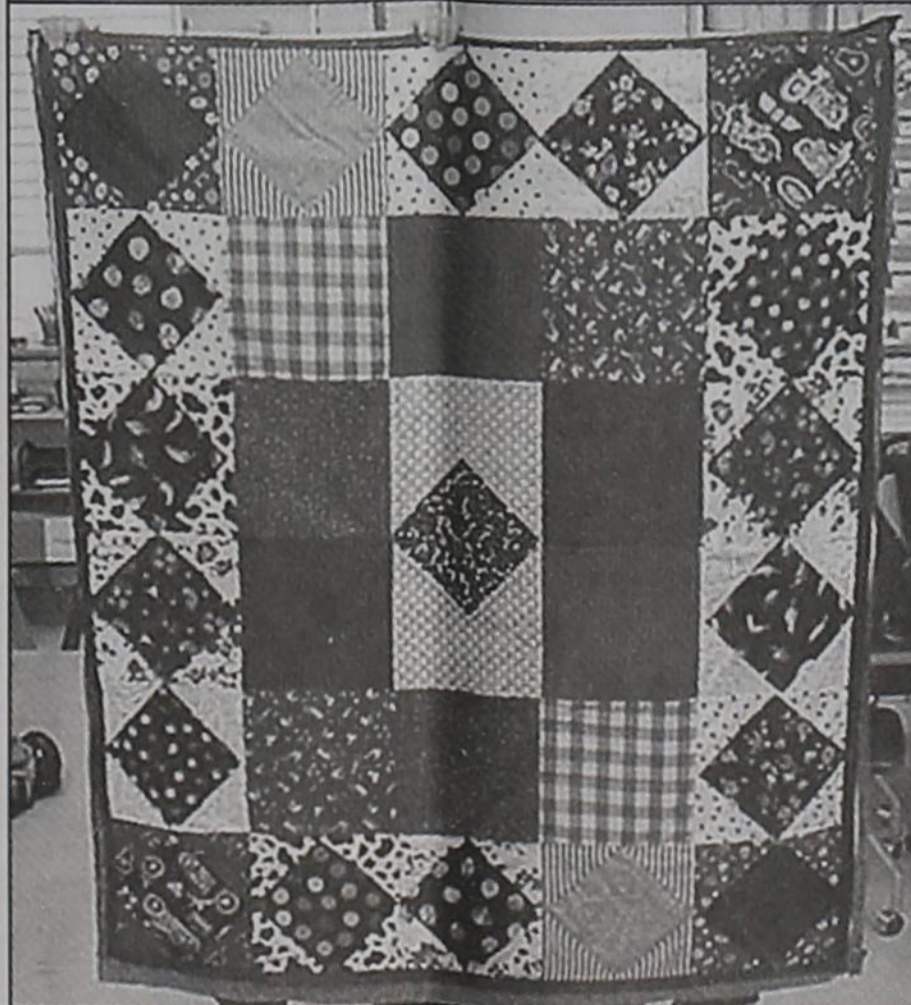
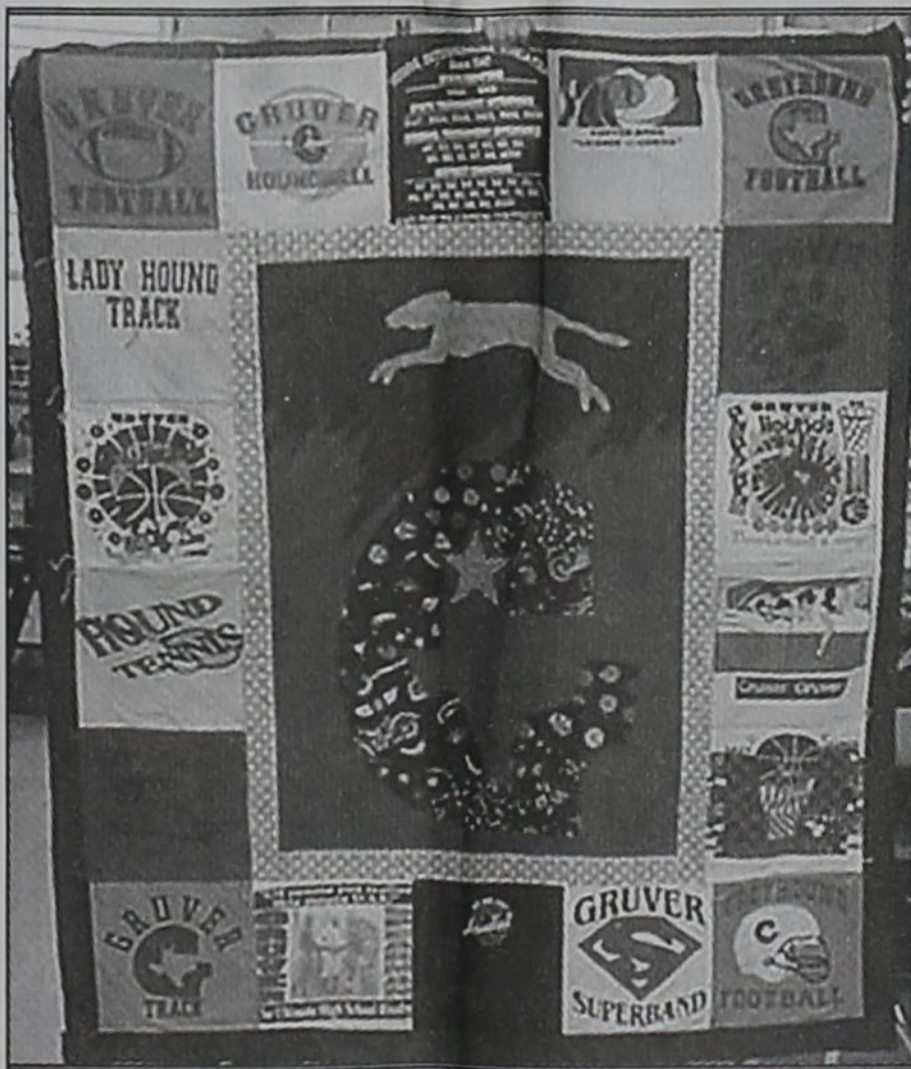
The co-pilot, Jeff McLain, 27, of Seattle, was killed. Pilot Mark Ritchie of Olympia was seriously hurt. The two women passengers on board, Ruri Murikani and Jacqueline Westfall were also injured.

The women were taken to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass and Ritchie was taken to Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford.

Two Federal Aviation Administration investigators were en route to examine the wreckage, McCreary said.

Three of the four people were flight instructors, said Sara Nicholson of Josephine County Emergency Services. The plane was registered to Piper Project II of Summer, Wash., but leased by Auburn Flight Services of Auburn, Wash., she said.

McLain is the son of Valerie Clark of Dallas and the grandson of R.L. and Betty Uptergrove of Spearman.



## Quilt To Be Ruffled

A quilt made by the geometry classes of Julie Babbs will be raffled off January 27 during the Gruver/Booker basketball games.

Tickets for the raffle are \$1 with all proceeds to go to the local Gruver Scholarship fund.

The quilt was constructed by geometry class members using squares of logos from T-shirts and athletic shirts depicting all areas of Gruver sports. The squares surround a large "Gambler" G with a silhouetted Greyhound above the emblem.

Mrs. Babbs sewed the quilt together while Ada Joyce Stedje did the binding.

## Hansford County Library Announces New Hours

by Sheri Benton

In these somewhat difficult economic times, almost all companies and organizations are looking for ways to trim the budget. The same is true at Hansford County Library. Each year at this time, we look over our prior year's expenditure and income amounts, and we try to find ways to make better use of the limited funding that we receive.

After reviewing the 2003 figures, the board made the decision to begin closing on Saturdays. In the past, we have been open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Unfortunately, very few of our patrons make use of these weekend hours. Effective January 1, 2004, our regular hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

When we initiated weekend hours, we were closed during the noon hour. Since we are now open throughout each weekday, the board felt that our patrons would all have a chance to use the library during those hours. They also believed that there was just not sufficient usage to justify the weekend hours and the expenditures involved in being open then.

No one wants to make cuts in service, but sometimes difficult decisions must be made in order to maintain the quality of service to our community. All of us at Hansford County Library believe that cutting the weekend hours will save money that can be better utilized in other ways. We will appreciate your patience as we make these changes and strive to continue on the path to excellence in library service for all our patrons.

## Texas Residential Construction Commission To Hold Open Meeting in Amarillo

The Texas Residential Construction Commission will take public comments on proposed rules pertaining to the registration of new homes, registration of builders in the State of Texas, definitions to be used in construing agency rules, and fees - all of which will be published in the January 9th issue of the *Texas Register*. In addition, the commission is interested in receiving public comment on rules related to registration of third-party inspectors, registration of certified arbitrators and the state-sponsored inspection and dispute resolution process, which have not yet been published for comment in the *Texas Register*, but which were adopted as emergency rules at the commission's January 6, 2004, Open Meeting.

Any person wanting to provide comments regarding the proposed rules is encouraged to appear and offer verbal or written comments or statements on the issue. A public meeting will be held in Amarillo at the Ambassador Inn, 3101 I-40 West, on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Interested persons not able to attend the above public meeting may submit written comments (16 copies) on the proposed rules to Susan K. Durso, General Counsel, Texas Residential Construction Commission, PO Box 13144, Austin, Texas 78711. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [rulescomments@trcc.state.tx.us](mailto:rulescomments@trcc.state.tx.us). The deadline for submission of comments with the commission is thirty (30) days from the date of the publication of the proposed rules in the *Texas Register*. Comments should be organized in a manner consistent with the organization of the proposed rules.

The commission is responsible for registering new homes and home builders in the State of Texas, overseeing a state-sponsored inspection and dispute resolution process, preparing and adopting building and performance standards and limited statutory warranties, providing voluntary certification of arbitrators, providing for the filing of arbitration wards and managing three task force groups.

For copies of the emergency and proposed rules or more information about the commission, please visit the website at [www.trcc.state.tx.us](http://www.trcc.state.tx.us).



# Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith  
CathyRSmit@aol.com



I received the following from two friends, Jimmy Lackey of Canyon and Bill Pittman of Spearman. I really like the message, and I hope you do, too.

## Charles Schultz Philosophy

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the "Peanuts" comic strip.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winner for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headlines of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They are the ones that care.

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia."

(Charles Schultz)

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

## The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

### Decorating Winners

The home of J.W. Ward and The Grocery Store were winners in the residential and commercial divisions, respectively, in the Gruver Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest.

The winners will receive Gruver Bucks to be spent in Gruver.

### Tree Trimmers Listed

Making Gruver holiday brighter were the many individuals and groups who decorated evergreens in the City Park.

A sincere thank you to the Gruver High School Cheerleaders, Delphine Etling, Gary and Nelle Evans and Weston and Kristin Born, the Boy Scouts, the Gruver United States Post Office, the First Baptist Church GA's,

Gruver Cablevision, Main Street Store, Brownie Troop #20, Gruver FFA, the DeSantiago family in the memory of Richard DeSantiago, Van Bradford and Rex Reid families in the memory of Vivian Green, the Griffin family in memory of Bob Griffin and Florence Kruse, Alan and Carla Jones in memory of Wanda Goodman, the Frick Family in memory of Doug Frick, Pat, Aly, and Jace Dawson in memory of Mae, Paul and Jim Faren, Atwood Cleaners in memory of Rosie Osborne, Lanes and Mark Washburn in memory of Loren Murphy, the Marty McCloy family in memory of Karen "Shorty" McCloy, the Maupin family in memory of West Maupin, Pat Morley in memory of Don Morley, the Grotegut family in memory of Henry Grotegut, Randy Lowe in memory of Jake and Ethel Keim and Kurt and Ruby Lowe, Cluck Cattle Company in memory of Sam and Faye Cluck, Bort Cattle Company in memory of Ralph and Beulah Bort, the Petal Patch in memory of Kirby Johnson, the Dorsey Perez family in memory of Gloria Martinez, the Gene Reynolds family in memory of Tom Jones, the Gene Reynolds family in memory of Polly Jones, the Bergin family in memory of T.J. Bergin, the Pablo Perez family in memory of Pablo Perez, Jr., the Ralston family in memory of Cecil Ralston, Janice McCloy and family in memory of Kirby Johnson, Rosie Mc Clenagan and family in memory of Dean and Ona McClenagan, Laney Harper and family in memory of Bob and Olene Cluck, the Turner family in memory of Dave Turner, the Finley and Thompson families in memory of Elmer Thompson, Jolene Thompson, and Jigger Finley, Tammy and Mary Wright, Janie Jeffries in memory of our loved ones who have gone before.

**Little Miss Cox Arrives**  
Chip and Cori (Lowe) Cox of Porter, Texas proudly announce the arrival of their daughter Chloe Christann Cox.

The sweet little miss was born Friday, November 28, 2003, at 11:58 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 and 1/2 inches in length. Her grandparents are Buddy and Marsha Lowe of Gruver and Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Cox of Fort Worth

### Laxson Receives Football Honors

Richard Laxson, a graduate of Gruver High School, was recently voted to the All-State 2nd team in football as a kicker. He also recently made the Amarillo Globe-News Superlative team for all classes in the Panhandle as a kicker.

Richard, a senior at Amarillo High School, is the son of Terry Laxson of Gruver and the grandson of Charline Laxson of Spearman.

### Condolences Extended

Otho Gammill Sr. passed away Tuesday, December 25. His memorial services was held December 26.

Our sympathy is extended to his wife Connie and Joe and Kay Robinson, of Gruver, and all Otho's family in many other locations.

Sympathy is also extended to Vireta Knight in the loss of her son Dale.

### A First for Gruver

Gruver High School will host its first-ever power lifting meet Saturday, January 24.

### Junior High All-Region Band to Perform

Members chosen from the Gruver Junior High Band to the all region band will perform Saturday, January 17 in Amarillo.

### Thermometer Dips Below Zero

Gruver City Hall recorded -2 degrees in the early morning hours of Tuesday, January 6, 2004.

The previous day, Monday, January 5, the mercury dipped to 5 degrees with 26 degrees being the high of the day.

Monday also exhibited a most unique weather situation with silver "snow" falling for several early daylight hours while a brilliant sun shone in the sky.

### District Basketball to Begin

The heated district basketball race will begin Friday when Gruver plays host to Vega in junior Varsity games beginning at 4:00 p.m., varsity Lady Hounds at 6:30 p.m. and varsity Hounds at 8:00 p.m.

## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### Register Tapes for Education - Gus Birdwell Elementary

The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

### Register Tapes for Education - Pringle-Morse CISD

Pringle-Morse CISD is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Pringle-Morse CISD would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be given to a Pringle-Morse CISD student or mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062.

### Senior Citizen's Book Exchange

For those who are 55 or older and are tired of reading the same old book, come to the Golden Spread Center and exchange your book for something more exciting. Don't have a book to exchange? That's okay, come and get one any way. We have mysteries, biographies, romance, Christian books, you name it, we've got it! 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Golden Spread Center, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, 659-3030 Donations appreciated.

### Medical Fund Established for Roney Clark

A fund has been established at First State Bank for Roney and Veann Clark to help with medical expenses.

### Spearman Boy Scouts Meet

The Spearman Boy Scout Troupe meets every Tuesday night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Hall, located at 5th and Hazelwood. Doug Cummings is the Scout Master. All boys age 11-18 are invited to attend and find out more about scouting. All Scouts are reminded to attend every meeting. For more information, call 659-3942 or 659-2378.

### Medical Fund Established for Wanda Townsend

The First Baptist Church of Spearman has started a Medical Assistance Fund at the First State Bank in Spearman for the family of Wanda Townsend. If you could be of financial help to this family at this critical time, any assistance would be greatly appreciated. You may make your contribution at the First State Bank in Spearman toward the Wanda Townsend medical Assistance Fund.

### Out-Of-School TAAS Examinee Registration

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections. The TAAS test will be given on February 24th (writing), February 25th (math), and February 26th (reading). A student can register for the TAAS test online by accessing the website at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/oos> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms may be picked up at the high school counselor's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Registration packets are due in Austin no later than 5 p.m. on January 23, 2004. Please contact Krista Baird at 659-2584 if you have any questions.

Los individuos que ya no estan matriculados en la escuela y que todavia no han cumplido con los requisitos minimos en todas las secciones del examen de TAAS, pero han cumplido todos los otros requisitos necesarios para graduarse, pueden tomar los examenes necesarios del TAAS. Darnos el examen de TAAS el 24 de febrero (escritura), el 25 de febrero (matematicas), y el 26 de febrero (lectura). Un alumno puede registrar para el examen por computadora en el sitio <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/oos> o pueden cumplir una forma de registracion. Pueden recoger esta forma en la oficina de la consejera de high school entre las horas de 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Los papeles de registracion tienen que estar en Austin antes de las 5 p.m. el 23 de enero, 2004. Favor de comunicar con Krista Baird, 659-2584, si tienen preguntas.

### Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet at the First Baptist Church of Booker on Saturday, January 10th. A covered-dish meal will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a community worship service at 7.

### Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association

The annual meeting of the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, January 22nd at the Hungry Cowboy. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$7.00. If you can RSVP, please do so (659-2791). If not, just show up. The purpose of the meeting is to report on what has happened during the past year and what is planned for the coming year. Seth Davidson has been invited and will have a report on the "Trail of the Wind" project, of which the J.B. Buchanan Windmill Park is a part. Membership dues for 2004 (\$10) are now due and can be sent to: Orville Latham, 903 S. Bernice, or Nellie Buchanan, 1112 Linn Dr., or may be paid at the meeting. Individuals, businesses and organizations are invited to join.

## Thank You

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# Our Deepest Sympathy

## THOMAS DALE KNIGHT

GRUVER - Thomas Dale Knight, 60, died Thursday, January 1, 2004, in Dallas.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2004 in Gruver United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lewis Holland officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Dale was born on July 20, 1943 in Guymon, OK. He married Frances Riney on June 30, 1968 in Amarillo.

Mr. Knight was an Army veteran, serving as a Russian Linguist for the Army Security Agency. He worked for several congressmen, including Bob Price, Charlie Sandman and Dale Milford. He attended the University of Texas, where he was a member of the Longhorn Band, and graduated from George Washington University in Washington, DC. He was a freelance computer technician.

Survivors include his wife, Frances of Denton; his mother, Vireta Knight of Gruver; a sister, Carlita Clary of Garland; and a brother, Bruce Knight of Arlington.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carl Knight.

The family suggests memorials be to American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

## DALLEN AMES SCROGGS

SPEARMAN - Dallen Ames Scroggs, 52, died Friday, January 2, 2004.

Services were at 10 a.m. Monday, January 5, 2004 in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Carl Savage and David Nuckles, former pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Dallen was born on March 29, 1951 in Spearman. He married Ladelle on December 10, 1976 in Sunray.

He was the district manager for West Texas Gas for 14 years. He attended First Assembly of God Church. He was an Army Reserve Captain.

Survivors include his wife, Ladelle; two sons, Wesley Daniel Hall of Amarillo and Darrell Ames Scroggs of Lubbock; a daughter, Julie Ladelle Howell of Talequah, OK; nine sisters, Billie Irene Ford of Fritch, Doris Jean Pipkin, June Edwards and Sharon Whitefield all of Spearman, Joyce Leach of Dumas; Mary Beth Harder of Perryton, Peggy Mitchell of Mansfield, Zada Cooper of North Richland Hills and Coleen Neal of Lebanon, MO; and three brothers, Tilden Scroggs, James Scroggs and Ted Scroggs, all of Spearman; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to First Assembly of God Church, 401 N. Bernice St., Spearman, TX 79081, to Spearman EMS, 30 SW Court, Spearman, TX 79081, or to one's favorite charity.

## JESUS MANUEL GARCIA

SPEARMAN - Jesus Manuel Garcia, 57, died Saturday, January 3, 2004.

Services were at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Rafael Garcia officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Garcia was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Irma; four daughters, Aurora Garcia Meza of Litchfield Park, AZ, and Lupe Garcia Hoizar, Melissa Garcia Vigil and Maria Garcia Anguiano, all of Spearman; three sons, Juventino Garcia of Spearman, Heriberto Garcia of Waterloo, IA, and Jesus Jose Garcia of Spearman; four brothers, Mario Garcia of Nemiupia, Mexico, Cruz Garcia of Columbus, NM, and Guadalupe Garcia and Miguel Garcia, both of Phoenix; three sisters, Cayetana Antillon of Albuquerque, NM, Diva Withers of Copeland, KS, and Lourdes Mandoza of Los Lunas, NM; 21 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or Memorial Funeral Account, in care of First State Bank - Melissa Garcia Vigil, Spearman, TX 79081.

## VELMA GOLDEN SHOEMAKE

COMMERCE - Services for Velma Golden Shoemake, 82, of Commerce, were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2004 at LyBrand Funeral Chapel in Commerce, with Rev. Johnnie Henderson officiating. Burial was in Rosemount Cemetery in Commerce. Mrs. Shoemake died Thursday evening, December 31, 2003, in a Commerce nursing home.

Velma was born May 27, 1921 in Leonard, TX, to Oscar Lee and Grace Neale Golden. She graduated from Leonard High School and attended Texas Women's University and graduated from East Texas State Teachers College. She married Billy Thomas Shoemake on February 22, 1941 in Commerce.

Mrs. Shoemake was a teacher and an accomplished artist. She and her husband lived in Lone Oak, Quitman, Hawkins, Winters and Spearman. She moved back to Commerce in 1986. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Lydia Sunday School Class. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Delphin Club.

She is survived by three sons, Billy Thompson Shoemake, Jr. and wife, Lu, of Abilene, Robert Edward Shoemake and wife, Diane, of Richmond, VA and Benjamin David Shoemake and wife, Gail, of Plano; one daughter, Betty Jean Johnson and husband, Jim, of Plano; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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## JANE VINSON

SPEARMAN - Jane Vinson, 76, of Spearman went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, January 6, 2004.

Services will be at the First Baptist Church of Spearman on Friday, January 9, 2004 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Patrick Six officiating. Graveside services and burial will be on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 2 p.m. in Huntsville, AR.

Jane was born to Maurice and Beulah Toombs on December 29, 1927 in Littlefield, TX. She married R.J. "Bob" Vinson on March 18, 1945 at Maple, TX. She completed Licensed Vocational Nursing school at Amarillo College in 1966. She resided in Morton, TX from 1967 to 1985, when she and her family moved to Spearman.

She loved the Lord, was a member of the First Baptist Church of Spearman, and was a loving wife, a great mom and a wonderful Ninny to her grandchildren. She was a devoted nurse for 24 years and was a true friend to many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and her daughter, Mary Margaret.

Survivors include her husband, Bob, her two sons, Andy and wife Terri of Amarillo and Craig and wife Beverly of Spearman; a brother, Harold Toombs of Maple; two sisters, Josephine Hines of Seminole and Mary Beth Roberts and husband Merlin of Morton; five grandchildren, Heather Cline and husband Grady of Spearman, Nicholas Vinson and wife Lindsay of Berger, Dusty Vinson of Ft. Morgan, CO, April Vinson of Waco and Hayle Vinson of Waco; two step-grandchildren, Zach Davis and Bayli Davis of Amarillo; and three great-grandchildren, Shelby Sasser, Cambry Cline and Rhys Cline all of Spearman.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hansford Hospice.

## RUFUS H. COMBS, JR.

COLUMBUS, IN - Rufus H. Combs, Jr., 83, died Tuesday, December 30, 2003 at Columbus Regional Hospital in Columbus, IN.

Services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 2, 2004 at Faith Alliance Church in Madison, IN with Pastor Mark Thomas and David Bentley officiating. Interment was in Hebron Cemetery in Madison, IN with full military honors by the Honor Detachment of the U.S. Army.

Mr. Combs was born on May 30, 1920 to Rufus H. Combs, Sr. and Lily Park Combs in Paris Crossing, IN. He was a 1938 graduate of Paris Crossing High School. On June 6, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He was honorably discharged on November 5, 1945.

Mr. Combs married Mary Ruth Bentley on June 20, 1948 at her home in Madison.

He furthered his education as a 1950 graduate of the Hanover College with a degree in Business Administration. He then started a long career working for the U.S. Civil Service in personnel administration. He worked at the Jefferson Proving Ground in Madison, IN, White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, Grissom Air Force Base in Bunker Hill, IN, Briggs Air Force Base in El Paso, TX, Bakalar Air Force Base in Columbus, IN and the Jeffersonville Census Bureau in Jeffersonville, IN. He retired from the U.S. Civil Service in 1980.

Mr. Combs was a former Boy Scout Troop Master, serving the North Madison Christian Church Troop 81 for several years. In 1967, Mr. Combs won the scholarship to attend the Scout Master Troop Leadership Session at the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in Philmont, NM. Mr. Combs was a member of the Faith Alliance Church in Madison, IN. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, doing yard work, fishing, camping and making sure the birds, squirrels and other wildlife was watched after and taken care of around his home and neighborhood.

Mr. Combs is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth; one daughter, Karen "Candy" Combs Boxwell and her husband, Bob, of Spearman; one son, Richard Combs and wife, Patricia, of Columbus, IN; five grandchildren, Richard Combs, Jr. and his wife, Jessica of Greenfield, IN, Daniel Combs and his wife, Lisha, of Franklin, IN, Regan Boxwell of Charlottesville, VA, Jared Combs of Columbus, IN, and Erin Boxwell of Spearman, TX; two great-grandchildren, Cheyenne and Chase Ford; a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Elbert and Betty Combs of Venlee, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

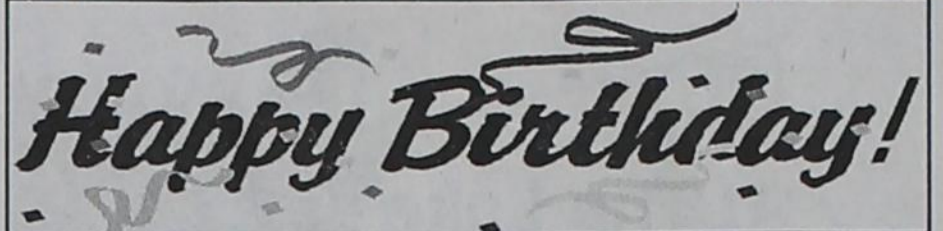
The family suggests memorials be to the Faith Alliance Church Building Fund, % Morgan-Webster-Nay Funeral Home, PO Box 250, Madison, IN 47250.

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**Anniversaries** - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Kell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Logsdon

### January 10

**Birthdays** - Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensinger, Barbara Rojas, Justin Johnson, Alex Logsdon, Devin Sibley, Melissa Vasquez, Andrew Woolley

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### January 11

**Birthdays** - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Gloria Knox, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta Prather

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

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**Birthdays** - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner

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

### January 17

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

### January 18

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

### January 19

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

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### January 20

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

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

### January 21

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

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Pastor - Beverly Cook

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Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
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Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.  
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Gary Gumfroy

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Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
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Worship: 11 a.m.  
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## Out At The Lake

by Daniel Harris

### Fawn Memories

During the early part of this past summer, I spent many hours on horseback checking cattle in our pastures. Because the rides often took me along or across our creek, they were a wonderful opportunity to observe nature. The most memorable experiences turned out to be the many encounters I had with small fawns.

The first incident took place when my brother, Micah, and I were returning home from moving some cattle. We were riding side by side, trotting briskly across a grassy low land, when Micah spied the spotted fawn as we passed on either side of it. The baby, only the size of a large house cat, never twitched as we thundered by. Circling our horses, we gazed at the little creature curled in the grass. Though scared, it lay motionless. Was there anything that would scare it into fleeing? We cherished the moment and continued homeward.

A couple of days later, Micah and I had the opportunity to learn more about fawn behavior. We were crossing the creek near the site of the previous meeting, when our nervous horses helped us detect the fawn, tucked in beside a clump of green grass. Wow, another once in a life time experience! Burn the picture deep in your mind. It may have to last you a long time. The little thing certainly has been well taught to lie still. We enjoyed the seconds. The fawn did not. After about a half a minute of having the big ugly beasts stare at it, the fawn had had enough. Without warning, it jumped to its feet. We, calming our terrified horses, watched as the baby sprang backwards into a pool of water. It stood up, covered with mud and water. "Where's my mommy? Maybe on the other side of those horses, farther up the creek. I'll have to risk it!" As it dashed between our horses, the fawn let out a pitiful maa/yelp. It soon disappeared around a bend of the creek. While Micah and I couldn't help but chuckle at the humor

on the ordeal, we both hoped that Mommy got to lick baby deer clean really soon.

While that was the last time I saw a fawn in its hiding place, we continued to have interesting encounters. One, was a little more interesting than the fawn would have preferred. I had just crossed the creek with four sick cattle and was driving them across a low land toward our house. They insisted on spreading out, so I let them and followed behind. It was hardly surprising when a couple of them flushed up a little fawn. What did surprise me though, was the baby's course of action. In spite of other options, it ran straight up the hill toward our house! While I wished for a cell phone to call home, I hurried the cattle to the side and around the house. I then topped the hill in time to see the fawn (practically in our front yard) thrashing against the chicken fence. Mama and the girls were watching with perplexed looks on their faces. I rode around the house and tied my horse. The fawn, mean while, found its way back out to pasture, so I joined the girls and mama, who still had funny looks on their faces. Funny enough, that when Mama asked me if I had done that on purpose, I hurriedly shook my head and pointed at the cattle!

Cattle also led me into another more friendly meeting, this time with two young fawns. The two sick cattle that I was driving home were in the creek bottom, and I was on the bank above. They were playing the "see if you can make me cross the creek" game, which turned into the "up and down the creek" game. While they were trying their up the creek tactic, I noticed a fawn standing in the grass a short distance farther ahead. Declaring the cattle "short term winners", I dismounted to watch the curious baby. As the horse and I stood still, it wandered closer and closer, looking us over intently. Another fawn soon appeared, watching from a safe distance, beneath a tree. The two began conversing in soft little maas. I longed for a camera, as the first

one walked within fifteen feet of me. It then went over and joined its companion under the tree. After a few minutes they both lay down, and I rode off to find the cattle, which had wandered off in opposite directions. It took me an extra thirty minutes to locate and head them home, but that didn't matter. It was worth it, to have an experience like that.

I don't know how many fawns were raised in the area

this summer, but on one trip down the creek I saw four, including a set of twins which ran off with their mother. I do know, however, that several fawns saw more of me during the summer than they would have liked. No long term harm came to them from our meetings though, and I thank the Lord for making my path cross those of one of his cutest creatures, "the spotted fawn".

## Iowa Propane Marketer of the Year



Lynn Sheets, SCE Petroleum Manager, has been selected as Iowa Propane Marketer of the Year by the Iowa Propane Gas Association.

Sheets learned of his honor at the IPGA's Annual Meeting and Convention in Des Moines in late June.

"Lynn has been very active in the last year helping with our legislative agenda," says Deb Grooms, executive director of the IPGA. "He readily volunteers to help us."

Lynn was also elected to the Propane Education Foundation of Iowa last year.

Lynn is a 1974 graduate of Spearman High School. He is the son of Claude and Jo Nell Sheets. He and his wife, Denise, and their youngest son, Jackson, live in Sully, Iowa.



## Engagement Announcement

Paulette Laxson of Spearman would like to announce the engagement of her daughter, Jennifer Wain Laxson to Aaron Dane Langston of Canyon. Aaron is the son of Larry and Judy Langston of Hamlin, TX.


The couple plans to be married on May 22, 2004 at 7 p.m. at the Starlight in Canyon. The ceremony will be partly broadcast on 91.1 FM in Canyon.

Jennifer is a graduate of Spearman High School. She is a senior Mass Communications Broadcasting Major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and will graduate in May. She is the lead video production artist for West Texas A&M University's Maroon Productions and Associate at Hasting's Entertainment.

Aaron is a graduate of Quinlan-Ford High School in East Texas. He is also a Senior Mass Communications Broadcasting Major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and will graduate in May of 2004. He is the morning show host and music director for KWTS 91.1 FM and a cook at Nothing But Noodles.

A wedding reception will be held at the Starlight in Canyon following the wedding ceremony.

Happy 13th Birthday to our "Little Alien" and our "Big Gator Man!" Love, Your Family & Friends



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Thank You Albert and I would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness you have shown us. We are so grateful to the people we know and the ones we don't know who have been so thoughtful and helpful. This is a very difficult time for us and we appreciate your thoughtfulness. God bless you, Albert & Joanne Graves



Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carthel request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter KiKi Dee to David Gregory Brabham Saturday, the third of January Two thousand and four at four o'clock in the afternoon Gruver Church of Christ 209 King St. • Gruver, TX Reception Celebration following Church Fellowship Hall

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# Sparks Joins Texas Senate Race



Don Sparks

High, and married an Amarillo girl. Don graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, earning a B.S. degree in Petroleum Engineering.

Don and his wife Gwyn have been married more than 42 years. They have three sons, Jeff, Kevin and Todd, who are active in the management of the family business. Don and Gwyn are active members of First Baptist Church in Midland, where Don sings in the choir and has taught Sunday school. As a Young Life leader and YMCA sports coach, Don Sparks has invested his time to help mold the character of our youth.

Sparks will lead the fight in Austin to help us keep more of what we earn, not tax us more. He believes that government should do only that which is absolutely necessary - and nothing more. A conservative who supports traditional family values and the sanctity of life, Don wants government to respect our faith and not mock our values.

As a successful businessman who has founded two companies, Don Sparks will fight to create jobs for our district. The oil and gas industry, along with farming, ranching and small business, is the lifeblood of our district's economy. Not only does Don Sparks understand the economic foundation of our region, he can go to Austin and speak with credibility and authority as someone who has helped build that foundation.

As one who still manages the Sherman County family farm

in the Panhandle, Don wants Texas to remain a national and international leader in agriculture. He'll work with the Agriculture Commissioner to continue to market Texas and the products we raise to the nation and the world.

Don Sparks supports efforts to ensure we have the water we need for farming, ranching and day-to-day living. Our underground reservoirs are precious resources here in West Texas and the Panhandle. For the long-term viability of our region, these resources must be protected for future generations. Don will make sure our water isn't shipped off to the big cities until we have secured long-term supplies for our own needs. With the knowledge he has concerning irrigation and the water needs on his family farm, along with his training as a licensed engineer, Don Sparks can represent us effectively to protect our water.

Don believes that many of our environmental laws are forced upon our farmers and ranchers because of special interest environmental lobbyists. Many of these so called "environmentalists" have never visited our communities but presume to tell us how we can best protect the land we love.

**"I'm a conservative who believes in the values of faith, family, free enterprise and freedom—values I learned as a boy in the Texas Panhandle,"** said Sparks. **"I would be honored to have your support in the January 20th Special Election."**

Don Sparks refers to agriculture, energy and small business as the "lifeblood" of District 31.

"I will fight to make sure our voice is heard," said Don Sparks.

Sparks has deep roots in the district. He was born in Pampa and grew up in Amarillo. His father, Will Sparks, grew up in Hansford County, where Don still has many relatives and friends. His aunts Cora and Mary Sparks ran the little store across from Spearman High School (now the Jr. High). His uncle Raymond Sparks operated the laundry in Spearman and his uncle Barney ran the pool hall. His uncle Bernie Sparks was in farming and ranching in Gruver.

He learned the value of hard work sweeping floors at his father's dry cleaners and working on the family farm. He became an Eagle Scout, graduated with honors from Amarillo

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# Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Verna Gail Keim and Kathleen Sutton flew to Los Angeles on December 29th primarily to see the Rose Bowl parade. They stayed five days and had pleasant weather the entire time.

In addition to the parade, they went to Long Beach, went aboard the ship Queen Mary, and also visited the famous Aquarium. They were impressed by the Christmas program they attended at the noted Crystal Cathedral.

After other sight-seeing, they boarded the plane for home. This was Verna Gail's first trip to Los Angeles.

Mary Dixon is in Baptist-St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo with an extremely painful elbow.

As of this writing it is referred to as "strep A" although the doctors have been unable to exactly diagnose it. All the neighbors wish Mary a speedy recovery.

The obituary for Dallen Scroggs is carried elsewhere in this issue. Dallen was well-known in this area as he was a life-long resident of Spearman. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Ladelle, and other family members.

A very considerate and thoughtful motive was the reason for a 24 hour scrap-booking party held by members of Creative Memories Consultants in order to raise funds for the

benefit of Veann and Roney Clark.

Roney was in a wreck and has been unable to work. Several hundred dollars were raised as the girls accomplished much scrap-booking.

It turned out to be an evening of fun along with much scrap-booking. The fun was enhanced with considerable and delicious eating.

The Amarillo Globe-News recently carried a long obituary from Soldotna, Alaska for William James Cessnun, Jr. age 70.

He married Elaine Blackburn, daughter of Ora Lee Blackburn at the First Baptist Church of Spearman in 1958. Elaine was a Spearman High graduate and a resident here until they moved to Alaska.

Sympathy is expressed to their family.

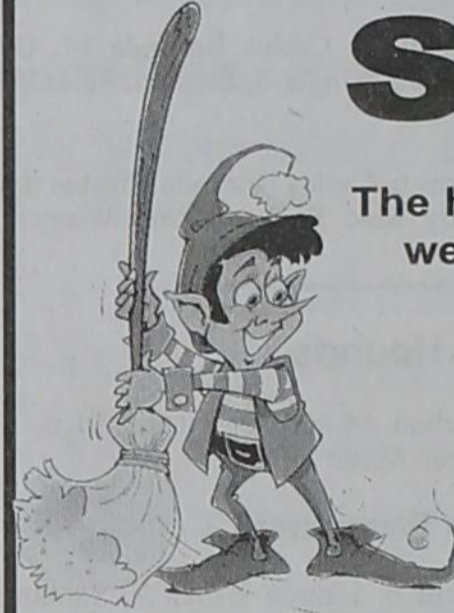
Visiting in the Mary Schumann home over the holidays were Garrett, Mika, Samuel and Gage Gumfory from Stratham, New Hampshire; Korin and Derrick Burnett from Houston; Hilary and Blake Beedy from Dallas; Tanner Beedy, Holy Pipkin and Nick Kaluza from College Station; Khris, Melodie, Keegan and Marlie Kelp and Josh Schumann from Lubbock; Brittini and Phillip Sanders from Amarillo; and Cody, Abby and Mia Pipkin from Morse.

Those attending the family gathering from Spearman were Craig, Denise, Tashi Schumann, Dan Desimone, Debbie and Vic Schumann, Shelly and Jeff Beedy, Hank, Melissa, Sawyer, Mabry and Judson Sutterfield, Vernon, Ann and Maggie Pipkin.

It was a beautiful day where they enjoyed playing and eating, but mostly the great grandchildren filling the home with laughter.

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### Hansford County Basketball Results

#### Gruver Greyhounds

Hounds 58, Borger 48  
Brock Irwin 4, Lance Williams 3, Carlos Borunda 19, Matt Messer 4, Cass Cooper 19, Ryan Winger 2, Hutch Reed 2, Cody Mac Been 3, Reed Winger 2.

#### Canadian Tournament

Hounds Take Championship  
Gruver 57, Wheeler 45  
Lance Williams 2, Carlos Borunda 20, (four three pointers), Matt Messer 3, Cass Cooper 6, Ryan Winger 4, Hutch Reed 2, Cody Mac Been 11, Reid Winger 4, Stephen Salazar 5.

#### Championship Game

Gruver 62, Memphis 60  
Brock Irwin 3, Lance Williams 7, Carlos Borunda 16, Matt Messer 13, Cass Cooper 8, Ryan Winger 2, Cody Mac Been 3, Reid Winger 2, Crispin Borunda 6, Stephen Salazar 2.

#### Championship Game

Gruver 43, Sunray 40  
Brock Irwin 6, Carlos Borunda 6, Matt Messer 2, Cass Cooper 2, Ryan Winger 2, Hutch Reed 2, Cody Mac Been 14, Reid Winger 7, Stephen Salazar 2.

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Gruver 53, Claude 16

Brock Irwin 4, Lance Williams 8, Carlos Borunda 14, Cass Cooper 9, Cody Mac Been 5, Reid Winger 3, Stephen Salazar 2.

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Gruver 57, Memphis 44

Brock Irwin 2, Lance Williams 6, Carlos Borunda 35 (nine three pointers), Cass Cooper 2, Cody Mac Been 4, Reid Winger 6, Stephen Salazar 2.

#### Lady Hounds

Lady Hounds 37, Borger 53  
Lindsey Clift 1, Lauren Urban 14, m Laci Fitzgearld 6, Liz Lopez 4, Rachelle Holt 2, Cassie Myatt 10

#### Canadian Tournament

Gruver 67, San Jacinto 26  
Lindsey Clift 4, Allison Reid 6, Lauren Urban 7, Samantha Myatt 4, Laina Grotegut 6, Laci Fitzgearld 8, Kelly sue Jones 9, Liz Lopez 4, Rachelle Holt 4, Cassie Myatt 15

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Gruver 49, Canadian 63

Lindsey Clift 8, Allison Reid 2, Lauren Urban 11, Samantha Myatt 4, Laina Grotegut 9, Laci Fitzgearld 3, Liz Lopez 1, Cassie Myatt 11.

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Gruver 44, Fritch 43

Lindsey Clift 8, Allison Reid 2, Laina Grotegut 15 (five three pointers), Laci Fitzgearld 2, Liz Lopez 3, Rachelle Holt 2, Cassie Myatt 11.

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Gruver 55, Claude 34

Lindsey Clift 8, Allison Reid 2, Lauren Urban 12, Laina Grotegut 8, Laci Fitzgearld 10, Rachelle Holt 8, Cassie Myatt 7.

#### Gruver JV Lady Hounds

Gruver 16, Borger 54  
Kellyn King 5, Sarah Mireles 2, S. Flores 3, Callie Hargis 3, Jessica Vela 2, Victoria Vela 3

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Gruver 28, Claude 37

Bonnie Frick 2, Sydney Been 4, Jimmiee McCloy 3, Sarah Mireles 4, Charlene Lopez 2, Jessica Vela 10, Victoria Vela 3.

#### Gruver JV Hounds

Gruver 29, Borger 36  
Crispin Borunda 5, Tanner Irwin 3, Tyler Lane 11, Oscar Medina 8, Brian Johnson 2,

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Gruver 47, Claude 15

Crispin Borunda 5, Tanner Irwin 2, Tyler Lane 10, Tucker Williams 6, Conrad Curry 8, Drew Grotegut 2, Brian Johnson 6, Blane Tolleson 1, Baldomero Garcia 5.

#### Spearman Lynxettes

Lynxettes 63, Panhandle 44  
L. Short 2, J. Short 6, Goodheart 17, A. Flowers 8, Rex 11, Cazares 6, S. Flowers 3, Hart 3, Whitefield 7

Coach's Comments: We played a well balanced game to win in Panhandle. Our defense was good through out the night. We had some good moments on offense.

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Lynxettes 26, Canadian 47

L. Short 4, J. Short 6, A. Flowers 2, Cazares 7, S. Flowers 7

Coach's Comments: Canadians defense caused us many problems. We tried to execute a little better in the 2nd half. They make it really tough to play and take advantage of any mistake you make. We played hard on defense and limited their offense some what.

#### JV Lynxettes - Purple

Lynxettes 39, Panhandle 48  
Hart 4, Shields 2, Parker 4, Vanderburg 2, Lozano 17, Paul 2, McElroy 2, Montgomery 6

Coach's Comments: We controlled the game for the first 3 quarters. The girls gave good effort but we failed to make plays in the fourth quarter.

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Lynxettes 35, Canadian 32  
Hart 12, Parker 4, Vanderburg 3, Lozano 7, McElroy 4, Montgomery 5

Coach's Comments: This was a great win against a district opponent. The girls trailed for three quarters then made plays in the fourth quarter to win. GOOD JOB!

#### JV Lynxettes - White

Lynxettes 13, Fritch 14  
K. Barnes 2, S. Barnes 6, Paul 5

Coach's Comments: The girls played great defense the 2nd half. We had a hard time scoring but played hard.

### GHS Student of the Month

Kaylee Shay Crawford has been selected November Student of the Month at Gruver High School.

Kaylee is serving as Drum Major of the GHS Hound Sound Band of which she has been a member for five years, beginning with her eighth grade year.

She is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club where she is serving as secretary.

Kaylee has been a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for four years. She is the daughter of Scott and Gaylee Crawford of Gruver.



### Gruver Greyhounds & Lady Hounds Basketball

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Jan 9	*Vega	5:00		6:30	8:00
Jan 13	@ *Booker	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 16	*White Deer	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 20	@ *Stratford	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 23	*Sunray	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 27	*Booker	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 29-31	@ Canadian JV Tourney	TBA			
Jan 30	@ *Vega		5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 3	*Stratford	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Feb 6	@ *White Deer	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 10	@ *Sunray	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00

### Gruver Junior High Basketball

Date	Opponent	7G	8G	7B	8B
Jan 8	Sunray (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Jan 12	Booker (Here)	5:00	6:15		7:00
Jan 15-17	Spearman JH Tourney	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Jan 19	@Pringle-Morse		5:00		6:15
Jan 26	Stratford (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Jan 29-31	Gruver JH Tourney	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Feb 2	White Deer (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Feb 9	Sunray (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15

### Spearman Lynx & Lynxettes Basketball

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Jan 8	Perryton JV Tourney		TBA		
Jan 9	@ *Boys Ranch	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 13	*Fritch	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 16	Channing			6:30	8:00
Jan 20	*Panhandle	4:00	5:30	6:30	7:00
Jan 23	@ *Canadian	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 27	*West Texas	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 30	@ *Highland Park	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 2	*Boys Ranch	4:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 4	@ *Fritch	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 10	Open				
Feb 13	@ *Panhandle		5:00		6:30
Feb 17	*Canadian		5:00		6:30

### Spearman Junior High & Freshman Basketball

Date	Opponent	7	8	9 B	JVG(W)
Jan 8	*Sanford-Fritch (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:00	6:00	
Jan 12	Perryton (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:00	5:00	TBA
Jan 15-17	Spearman JH Tourney		TBA	TBA	
Jan 19	*Panhandle (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:00	5:00	
Jan 19	Stratford (Here)				6:00
Jan 22-24	Sanford-Fritch Tourney (G-T)	TBA	TBA		
Jan 26	*Canadian (G-T)	5:00	6:00	5:00	7:00
Jan 29-31	Gruver JH Tourney	TBA	TBA		
Jan 29-31	Canadian Tourney			TBA	
Feb 2	*West Texas (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:00	7:30	6:00
Feb 9	*Highland Park (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:00	7:30	TBA
Feb 16	*Boys Ranch (B-T)	5:00	6:00	7:30	

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# MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

Just so that you will know- we did not get stoned at the Seasons in Perryton when we did the Lost Hillbillies of Hansford Manor over there.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the hee-haw band and the hillbilly antics. It was good practice so that we could put the program on for the residents at the Manor.

We have had a joyous Christmas season at the Manor. There have been so many willing to give of themselves to make Christmas special here. The First Baptist Church Choir sang for the residents on the evening of the 17th. They said that they enjoyed it very much and that the choir was very good.

On the morning of the 19th the lost hillbillies were on the radio early and then came to the Manor to put on their show for the residents. The residents were hooting and hollering. I don't know what they were laughing about-- I always wear my price tag on my hat and my combat boots with my flour sack best dress. Janie looks lovely in her beard.

Ernestina was a knockout (or was it that her front tooth was knocked out?) in her overalls. Debbie was lovely in her sack cloth dress. All in all the reunion of all the hillbilly cousins was a hoot.

The band had some of the more sophisticated instruments like a wash board and spoons to make melody with. My personal favorite song was "Dashing Through the Snow in My Rusty Chevrolet". We had a great time and the residents were laughing so loud that I got tickled.

That afternoon, St. Nick, (otherwise know as Nicholas Slough) and his elves, (namely Jose Rodriguez, Lourdes Vega and David Puebla) from Gruver High School came to pass out gifts to the residents. We had a great participation. Many, many family members came to the Christmas party. Santa and his elves did a great job with his ho, ho, ho's and having fun. Several school children from Spearman schools were on hand to help pass out gifts and help residents unwrap their gifts. The auxiliary brought hundreds of cookies and the dietary department furnished the punch for refreshments. Afterwards, staff, families, residents, and visitors sang Christmas carols to their hearts delight with the accompaniment of Janie Kunselman on the piano and Richard Kirk on the bass.

We had another special blessing when Corbin Russel from Amarillo sang a solo. He sings with the boys choir of Amarillo and sings beautifully.

Also at the Christmas party the Certified Nursing Aide of the year was announced. The residents elected Dino Delacruz as the CNA of the year.

She was presented with a gift from the residents. She was surprised and delighted. The residents loved it. The winners of the door decorating contest was also announced with Edith Smith's door winning 1st place among resident doors and the RN office winning 1st place among staff doors.

Many special people made Christmas beautiful. If I have missed mentioning anyone, please excuse me-it would be just an oversight. So much was going on it was hard to keep up. Every stocking was taken off of the Angel tree and every wish on there was fulfilled. Thank you to everyone that helped provide those gifts. The Youthful Body of Christ brought Christmas cards that they had prepared for each resident. The Spearman 8th grade computer class made bookmarks with beautiful sayings on them, laminated to last a long time. In addition to providing all of the corsages for our birthday residents each month, Prairie Gardens gave 2004 calendars to each resident. Bernice Callaway brought huge, beautiful bouquets of white roses for the residents to enjoy. Thank you to everyone mentioned and to everyone not mentioned for treating our residents with such love and favor.

Carolyn Kenealy is working on her master's degree and started community service at the Manor at just the right time. She filled in so many gaps.

She has come on Saturdays and in the afternoons to play Skip-Bo with residents, helped with the Christmas festivities, helped with manicures and many other special activities. Thanks Carolyn for all the help you have been.

Even with all of the Christmas festivities, all of the other activities continue. The First Assembly of God hosted church services on the 21st.

Thank you for coming.

The 22nd started off with exercise class as usual to limber us up. (Staff and residents) That afternoon was spent visiting and doing manicures for men and women alike.

Tuesday, the 23rd, we woke everyone up with Musercise.

Wednesday morning Anne Whitaker shared a Bible study with the residents.

She is very calm and confident and the residents are growing to love her visits. Thank you Anne. That afternoon, the staff had a late lunch with each other and a Christmas party as the residents watched a movie in the living room on the life of Mary and Joseph. Refreshments and visitation followed.

Friday morning was filled with the Newscurrents program. The residents are very involved in current world events and have much to say about them. That afternoon was spent having a very fun time with Show and Tell. Some brought things to talk about and others shared Christmas stories of times past. There were many humorous stories told. I must say that maybe times have not changed so much after all. Seems that according to stories told children have always been a little ornery !!

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Thank you to the First Baptist Church of Spearman for bringing Church to the residents on the 28th! We appreciate you.

Monday mornings are usually begun by shaking off the cobwebs of the weekend with exercises for the body, soul, and spirit. The 29th was no different. We have a good participation of exercise classes to stretch and strengthen the mind and body. Monday afternoon was spent in Resident Council. There was much business to take care of since there were so many different decisions to make. The residents approved the January calendar, elected Irene Edwards as the Resident of the Year for 2003, Kim Hawley as CNA of the month for January and Tubby Hays as Resident of the

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Tuesday morning was filled with music and exercise mixed to make up our musercise. The residents especially enjoy lively music such as this day's soundtrack to Footloose. What Fun ! After lunch we gathered in the living room to have Chatter Club. The topic of this day was learning to drive. Many amusing stories were told such as stomping on the brake instead of the footpedal and the kids hitting the floor. Most of our elders started driving when they were between the ages of 6 and 8 years old! Of course that was out in pastures in cars that did not go as fast as todays cars. Most of them relayed that they were self-taught. One gentleman said that he was 6 and was so short that he would slip off the seat ever once in a while trying to reach the brake and fall in the floor. A lady said they sneaked out of the house to drive the family car! Imagine that- bet kids don't do that any more. HA . Another lady said that her brother taught her to drive. It was with a crank up car. He would crank it- she would pop the clutch-kill it- he would crank it again. What fun to talk about! One resident quipped that it seemed that fathers were the ones that let the children drive. I think it is usually the same today. Must be one of those right brain/left brain things. One lady told of driving the family car around in the pasture learning to drive at the age of 8 and had to go back to the house to get someone to come help her get it stopped! It was fun talking about all of their different experiences while learning to drive.

Wednesday morning was filled with a bible study led by Ann Whitaker and donuts. Thank you Ann. That afternoon we had cheese, crackers, chips & dips, and champagne. Toasts were abounding at the thought of entering a new year. Irene Edwards was presented with a beautiful bouquet of red roses with the announcement of winning Resident of the Year.

Same. We discussed the best year of our lives. Overwhelmingly, male and female alike said the best year of their lives was the year that their first child was born. The worst year was during the dust bowl when there would be no crops. One gentleman related that his worst year was when he was working in the mines in Illinois in 1934 and the unions were having mine wars. There were several bombings and the state militia had to be called out to restore order.

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