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Hansford Happenings

CEAP Applications Accepted

Panhandle Community Services announces that they are taking applications for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP). This program provides emergency utility assistance for low-income, elderly and handicapped people. CEAP assistance is not automatic. Application doesn't mean assistance. Assistance will be provided only to those families who have been determined by a priority matrix system as most in need. Many clients have received these services repeatedly over the years; therefore this year's plan from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs focuses on outreach and service to new clients and serving those most in need. To apply you must bring Social Security cards for everyone in your household, proof of income, current electric and gas bill, a 12 month history of your electric and gas bill. You must be a resident of Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford or Hemphill county to qualify. If you have any questions, call Johnanna Dear at 435-2478 in Perryton. You may apply in Spearman on Thursday, February 26th from 1:45 to 4:00 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center, 506 S. Brandt.

Debt Elimination Program

Get totally out of debt in 1998. Learn strategies that will get you out of debt faster using the same money you are currently spending on bills every month. Also learn how you can make an additional \$450 per day or more. The meeting will held upstairs in the Hansford County Library on Friday, February 24th at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, please call (806) 935-2404.

STOP Presents "Parents and the Internet"

Spearman Taskforce On Parenting (STOP) presents "Parents and the Internet" by Sue Hare of WEB TexTechnologies, Canyon, Texas. This program will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 1998 in the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. "Parents and the Internet" is a program designed to provide parents with information on how to look topics up on the Internet such as educational, research, historical, entertainment, recipes, and Christian sites (authors, maps, magazines), as well as addressing any concerns parents may have about their children's access to certain Web sites. In order to fully address any concerns, parents are encouraged to call task force members Sheri Benton (659-2231) or Peggy Winegamer (659-4130) with their questions, so these questions may be forwarded in advance to Ms. Hare. There will not be a charge for the seminar, and anyone interested is encouraged to attend. For more information, please call Peggy Winegamer at 659-4130.

Cub Scout Popcorn Orders

If you ordered popcorn from the Spearman Cub Scouts and haven't received your order, please call Cathy Smith at 659-3434.

TAAS Test Schedule

TAAS tests are less than a month away. The tests will be given on the following dates: Writing - Tuesday, March 3rd, Math - Wednesday, March 4th, Reading - Thursday, March 5th. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

HC Landfill Re-Opens

The City of Spearman recently received approval from the FAA and TNRCC to re-open the Type I landfill at the existing site. The landfill re-opened on Tuesday, February 10, 1998, after being closed on October 8, 1997 due to not being in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration and Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission regulations.

Before re-opening the landfill to the public, the City was required to regulate the landfill in accordance with TNRCC rules by screening incoming refuse.

Following is a list of unacceptable items in the landfill pit: A) Batteries (recyclable item) or Antifreeze; B)

Hazardous, Industrial, or Toxic Waste; C) Asbestos of any kind, or Treated Seed; D) Infectious or Medical Waste; E) Burning or Smoldering Materials; F) Motor Oil, Oil Filters, or Fuel Filters (recyclable items); G) Recyclable Metal Items (recyclable items); H) Appliances (recyclable items); I) Any item containing Freon (recyclable items); J) Tires (recyclable items); K) Grit Trap Waste and Septic Waste; L) Dead Animals.

Recyclable Items Accepted in Designated Areas Only: A) "Do It Yourself" Motor Oil (5 gallons or less per trip); B) "Do It Yourself" Oil Filters; C) Batteries; D) Metal items such as appliances or

white goods (Any items containing freon **must** have written documentation that freon has been recycled.); E) Tires \$2.00 per passenger, \$5.00 per truck tire, an \$10.00 for large tractor tires; F) Contractor or "for profit" materials will be billed at \$6.25 per cubic yard.

The Spearman Municipal will be open for business during the following hours: Daylight Savings Time - Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Regular Time - Tuesday-Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fees for dumping refuse are listed below: Hansford County residents may dump up to 20 cubic yards (example: 16 foot trailer x 4 foot high) of household waste per month (over 1 year average) at no charge. Amounts over the 20 cubic yards per month will be charged at the contractors rate of \$6.25 per cubic yard. Weighed, compacted household waste will be charged at a rate of \$25.00 per ton.

For more information, please call Robert Patrick at Spearman City Hall, 659-2524.

Hansford County Approved To Plant YieldGuard® Corn

submitted

The type of genetically improved corn that is most effective in controlling harmful corn pests without the use of chemical insecticides will no longer be restricted in 10 Texas Panhandle counties.

The corn, known as YieldGuard® insect-protected corn, is the only genetically improved corn that provides season-long protection against the multiple generations of European and Southwestern corn borers that plague the South.

YieldGuard®, developed by Monsanto, is restricted in regions where cotton is grown as part of a federal plan to guard against insect resistance development in the cotton bollworm. The 10 Panhandle counties had been included in that restricted area.

However, the Texas Corn Producers Board pointed out that cotton is not grown in the northern Panhandle and that corn is the dominant crop. The TCPB, with cooperation from Commissioner Perry's office, worked to petition EPA to lift the restriction in the 10 northern counties - Carson, Dallam, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Hansford, Hartley, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Sherman.

YieldGuard®, which contains a protein from a soil organism known as *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), is one of several Bt corn products.

Corn borers do an estimated \$1.2 billion in damage every year to the nation's corn crop. In 1997, YieldGuard® insect-protected corn hybrids provided an average yield advantage of 10.8 bushels per acre over the identical hybrid without the YieldGuard® trait, for a net return of nearly \$17 per acre throughout the Corn Belt.

"We are very happy that corn farmers in the Panhandle will be able to use YieldGuard® in 1998," said Jerry Don Glover, executive director of the Texas Corn Producers Board.

Bt, when present in corn in sufficient amounts, is very effective against European and Southwestern corn borers but is harmless to humans, wildlife, and beneficial insects. Bt also provides partial control of corn carworm, which is also known as the cotton bollworm. In areas where Bt cotton is grown, the US

Environmental Protection Agency restricts the amount of Bt corn that can be grown as a precaution to ensure that bollworms do not develop resistance to Bt.

Cotton-producing counties in Texas remain affected by the EPA restriction, but the northern Panhandle has now been removed, which means that corn growers there will have full access to the same protection as corn producers across the state line in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

TCPR was successful in removing YieldGuard® from the restriction because Monsanto requires all its customers to implement a program to protect against insect resistance. Growers who purchase YieldGuard® corn agree to leave a percentage of their corn in non-Bt hybrids. This refuge will ensure that a population of susceptible insects are available to mate with the very rare corn borers that are naturally resistant to Bt. The offspring of such a union would be susceptible, thus minimizing the chance of resistance.

Glover issued a strong advisory to corn growers to implement an insect resistance management program. "It is very important for every grower who plants Bt corn to set aside a refuge where resistant corn borers can mate with susceptible insects. Bt is great technology that improves our ability to farm, and growers must be the ones who protect it for the future."

Only one variety of YieldGuard® was removed from the restrictions. It is available in hybrids from several leading seed companies. Another variety, sold by Novartis seeds, is available in the Panhandle but is subject to the restriction.

"We have been working on this project for many months with the cooperation of the Texas Department of Agriculture, our senators and congressmen. The TCPR would like to thank all involved for their help," said Glover.

The Texas Corn Producers Board is the research and promotion program for corn funded by a uniform corn checkoff collected from corn producers in every county of Texas.



Cindy Blackman (left), member of the Spearman Lions Club, looks on as Jan Howard, Spearman Kindergarten teacher, gives a donut to Whitney Maestas. The Spearman Lions Club recently handed out donuts and milk to the students of Gus Birdwell Elementary.

SISD Introduces Genlynx

by Harletta Carthel

When the Spearman High School dropout rate doubled in the 1996-97 school year, local school officials began to seek ways to curb the rise. The program formulated to meet this need is known as Genlynx.

Although Genlynx is an alternative school (according to Webster's definition of "a school that is non-traditional, especially in its educational ideals or methods of teaching"), Genlynx should not be confused with the state-mandated Alternative Education Plan (AEP), which deals with discipline problems within the school district.

According to Jeff Rowland, Spearman High School Principal, the Genlynx program is designed for "at risk" students, or students who, for various reasons, have fallen behind in amassing the credits they will need for graduation.

The program, which was named Genlynx by its teacher, Myrna Biggers, is held on the second floor of Hansford County Library. There are two sections of classes each day. Students may attend the 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. classes or the 1:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. classes.

Novanet, a computer based curriculum designed to let a student learn at his own pace, is used in the classes. Students are required to pass a minimum of one course per month which amounts to completing a minimum of ten credits per school year. Students are required to master 85% of the course, rather than the 70% required in the traditional school setting. Students are also required to take the GED test as part of the program. This enables the students who still fail to meet graduation requirements to have their GED.

This type of alternative school is similar to the "Champs" program offered by many area schools. In the Champs program, "at risk" students from several area schools are bused to a mutual location (Fritch for this area) each day for school and are taught at an individual learning rate, which can be accelerated or slowed to meet the individual's needs. Rowland measures the cost of educating the students now in Genlynx in this manner would be approximately \$60,000 per year plus busing costs. The cost of the Genlynx program is approximately \$35,000 per year.

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February 28th
6:00 p.m.
Come & Go, or Come & Stay



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Chili & Stew Supper*
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*All-You-Can-Eat Chili, Stew, Cornbread, Brownies, Coffee & Tea
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by Gary C. Smith

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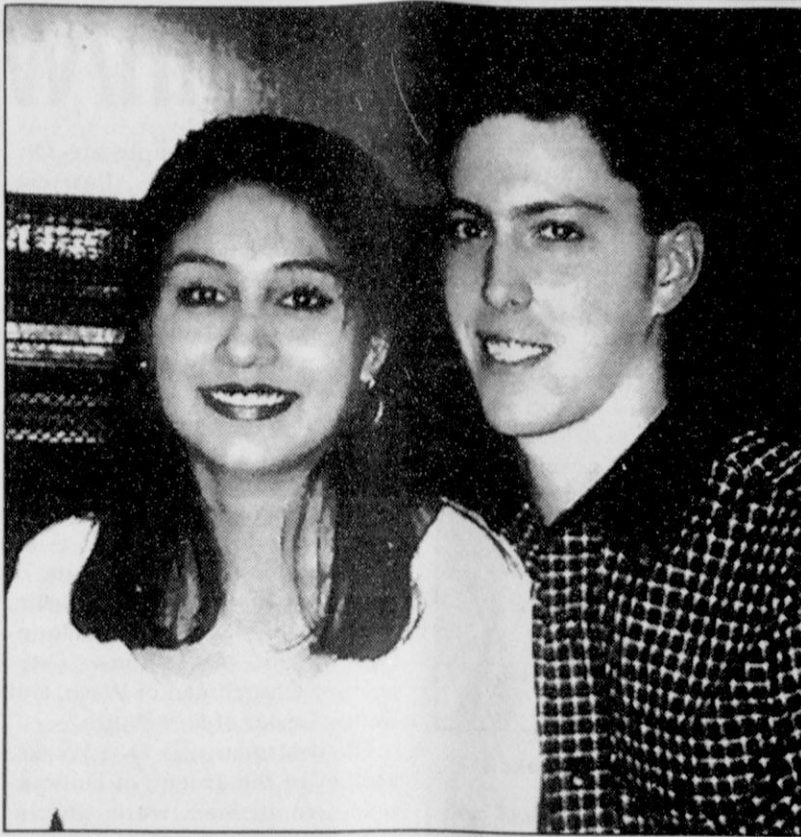


Last week, I presented to you some statements that some school children had made about the Bible. Those bits of wisdom came from the Old Testament. This week I offer to you statements that students made about the New Testament. (I figured that if God followed the Old Testament with the New Testament, then I might do well not to break with tradition.)

• **NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY** •

- When Mary heard that she was the Mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
- When the three wise guys from the East Side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager.
- Jesus was born because Mary had an emasculate contraption.
- St. John, the blacksmith, dumped water on his head.
- Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, "Man does not live by sweat alone."
- It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
- The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
- One of the opossums was St. Matthew, who was by profession a taximan.
- St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
- According to the Bible, a Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony.

Until Next Time,
May God Bless
GCS



Engagement Announcement

Inocencio and Nohemi Rosales of Spearman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Juanita, to Pete Vera, III, son of Pete and Kim Vera.

The couple plans a March 7, 1998 wedding at The O'Loughlin Center of Spearman. A wedding reception will follow the ceremony. Juanita is a junior at Spearman High School.

Pete is a 1997 graduate of Spearman High School. He is a certified Nurses Aide at Hansford Hospital District.

At The Movies

Hard Rain (R) - Misbehaving Christian Slater may be in the pokey in real life, but in the film world, he's back on screen, this time in an action flick with Morgan Freeman and Minnie Driver. (violence, some language)

For Richer or Poorer (PG-13) - Another of those reassuring comedies that tell us that rich people are unhappy. Tim Allen and Kirstie Alley learn life lessons when, on the run from the IRS, they hide out in an Amish community. (humor, language)

*You are invited to attend a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Leslie Latta
bride-elect of Coy Meyring
on Saturday, February 21, 1998
from 10:00-11:30 a.m.
at the home of Jack & Mary Ann Lasater
1109 Linn Drive*

*Your
place for*

Bridal Registry

*Leslie Latta & Coy Meyring - Feb. 21
Dawn Darwin & Joe Weeks - Reception Feb. 22
Juanita Rosales & Pete Vera III - Feb. 21
Debra Revier & Chance Jackson*

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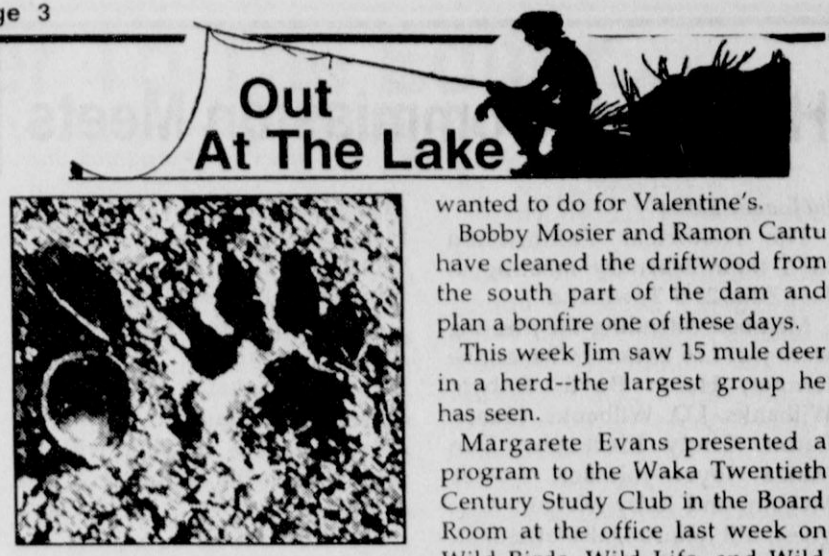
Couples Currently Registered

Leslie Latta & Coy Meyring - Feb. 21st
Angela Vela & Nichlous Luther - March 1st*
Juanita Rosales & Pete Vera III - March 1st*
Dawn Darwin & Joe Weeks
Chance Jackson & Debra Revier*

*Date of Shower

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Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson
Lake Depth--February 16, 1998--
-35 ft. 2 in., 42°

The picture of the cougar track was taken by Leon Stavlo of Dumas at his irrigated farm west of the Capps elevator. He is finding tracks of two different animals and presumes a male and a lioness are now there together. This area is not too far from where tracks were found of a female with a cub in December of 1995.

Jim reported that Steve Bishop caught a record 13.5 pound blue catfish on a big minnow last Saturday. Steve expects more big fish to be caught this year. Jim said they didn't have official records at the office, but he hasn't heard anyone mention a bigger fish.

Darryl and Janice Harvey camped at the R.V. Park this weekend. That was what Janice

wanted to do for Valentine's. Bobby Mosier and Ramon Cantu have cleaned the driftwood from the south part of the dam and plan a bonfire one of these days.

This week Jim saw 15 mule deer in a herd--the largest group he has seen.

Margarete Evans presented a program to the Waka Twentieth Century Study Club in the Board Room at the office last week on Wild Birds, Wild Life, and Wild Flowers last week. During their stay, the ladies saw mountain bluebirds and looked through the scope at a bald eagle perched on a nest. Mae Wolford said the well-organized study was excellent.

Marian Tomlinson loaned me Window on the Prairie, An Artist's Perspective by Carolyn Stallwitz with a text by Georgia Tyler. I was quite taken with this book, published in 1981 by a Dumas artist.

The libraries in both Gruver and Spearman each have a copy of this lovely book. There are 64 subjects, mostly birds with a few animals mixed in. All are found in our area. Not all are in color, to my regret, but each is painted in a natural setting. One of my favorite paintings was of the blue grosbeak's nest with a shed snake skin woven in.

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Hansford County Community Calendar

February 19-March 3

Thursday, February 19
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
1:00-5:00 p.m. - 55 Alive Driving Class - The O'Loughlin Center
Spearman Varsity Girls vs. Panhandle - Borger
7:00 p.m. - ACCORD Meets - Perryton Expo Center

Friday, February 20
Spearman ISD Student Holiday

Saturday, February 21
UIL Solo/Ensemble Choir Competition - Canyon
1:00 p.m. - Gruver Varsity Boys Practice Game against Clarendon - Borger

Sunday, February 22 - Birthday - George Washington
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Monday-Thursday
8:00-9:00 a.m. - Aerobics Class at The O'Loughlin Center

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
6:00-7:00 a.m. - Aerobics Class at The O'Loughlin Center

Monday, February 23
National Holiday - Banks, Post Office, Government Offices Closed
10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioner's Court meets
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor

Tuesday, February 24
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
7:00 p.m. - "How To Talk So Kids Will Listen" Workshop - Spearman Elem. Library
7:00 p.m. - Gruver Boys Bi-District Game - vs. Follete - Perryton
7:30 p.m. - Debt Elimination Program - Hansford County Library

Wednesday, February 25 - Ash Wednesday
Gruver 5th Grade Pioneer Trunk Show - Gruver Elementary
9:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Service
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
7:00 p.m. - Trinity Fellowship offers "Family Issues" series

Thursday, February 26
Gruver ISD Staff Development Day - Student Holiday
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
1:00-5:00 p.m. - 55 Alive Driving Class - The O'Loughlin Center
1:45 p.m. - CEAP Applications - The O'Loughlin Center

Friday, February 27
Spearman ISD Staff Development Day - Student Holiday
Gruver ISD Staff Development Day - Student Holiday

Saturday, February 28
High School Practice UIL Meet - Canadian
6:00 p.m. - Chili, Stew & Bingo Supper - The O'Loughlin Center

Sunday, March 1 - Peace Corps Anniversary (1961)
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Gruver Church of Christ

Monday, March 2 - Birthday - Dr. Seuss (Theodor S. Geisel)
2:00 p.m. - Hansford County Historical Commission Meets - Ft. Zulu Museum

Tuesday, March 3
4:00 p.m. - Hansford County Genealogy Club Meets - Hansford County Library

Historical Commission Meets

by Joanne Eaton

The Historical Commission held their February meeting at Fort Zulu, 28 S. Townsend.

Members attending the meeting were Joel Lee Lackey, Clementine Renner, Helen Boyd, Rubyjo Wilbanks, J.D. Wilbanks, Joanne Eaton, Cindy Blackman, Don Maize, Joyce Johnson, Lester McLain, and Ruby McLain. One guest, Bill Johnson, also attended.

Chairman, Joel Lee Lackey, called the meeting to order.

The Preservation Committee said the Walter Wilmeth saddle is now in the Wagon Barn. Bill Wilmeth bought it and donated it to the museum. R. L. McClellan donated a Beckwith 1905 reed

organ to the museum. Chuck Newcomb donated a camera, pictures, and sweater that belonged to Earnest Newcomb.

The Appreciation Committee is nearly finished with the cemetery census of all the cemeteries in Hansford County. At a later date a booklet will be printed with the census recorded in it.

The Committee is waiting for the weather to clear so the hearth from the Palo Duro can be moved outside. A dome has been purchased to cover the hearth. This is an Indian hearth that the Archeologists discovered before the Palo Duro Dam was built.



Dawn Darwin Weaks

Dawn Darwin of Lubbock and Joseph Weaks of Spearman were united in holy matrimony in a double ring ceremony on February 14, 1998 at Texas Christian University's Robert Carr Chapel in Fort Worth with Rev. Nancy Allison and Rev. Bob Coleman officiating.

Emmaus Community Gathering

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet in the Waka Christian Center on Saturday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. An agape meal will be served followed with a service of praise, worship, and communion. All churches including the tri-state area of Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas are invited to participate. The public, family and friends are invited and a nursery will be provided. Plans are being made for Men's Walk No. 1 and Women's Walk No. 2

which will be held in the First United Methodist Church in Perryton during the summer. The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.

The Board of Directors of the Waka Christian Center, which is a non-profit organization, is renovating the former Waka school into a retreat center for Christian organizations, churches, scouts, and families in the area. The center is located three blocks south of Hwy. 15 in Waka, ten miles east of Spearman. Many people are donating their time, supplies, and funds toward developing the center. You are invited to attend the Emmaus services and to see the progress being made on the center.

Beanie Baby Drawing Held

Kid's Stuff of Spearman held a raffle for eight Princess Bear Beanie Babies on Wednesday, February 18th. This is the original Princess Bear Beanie Baby that was made in honor of the late Princess Diana. All proceeds from the raffle went to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Panhandle.

Listed below are the winners of the drawing: Ronda Renner, Tiffany OQuin, Keisha OQuin,

Darwin/Weaks Wed

Parents of the couple are Dr. Charles and Mrs. Patricia Darwin of Dallas and Mr. Richard and Mrs. Jackie Harris of Baytown.

The bride chose an elegant, simple gown of ivory matte satin and lace with pearl applique on the bodice. Pearl applique also cascaded across her train of ivory organza. Her veil, also crafted from ivory organza, was crowned with pearls and small matte satin hearts.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Kelly Conrad of Austin. Bridesmaids were Tracy Dunn-Noland of Oklahoma City, Jennifer Churchman of Waco, and Denise Lester of Fort Worth.

The best man was Don Weaks, brother of the groom, of Duncan, OK. Groomsmen were Charlie Darwin, brother of the bride, Chris Wilson, and Thomas McCracken.

Acolytes were Emily Darwin and Krista Daniel, cousins of the bride, the ring bearer was Jake Knowles, cousin of the groom. Ushers were Molly Meier, Amy

Wahl Weaver, Cari Daniel, Jason Jones, Larry Linguist, and Timothy Pendleton.

Providing music for this worship occasion were Emmitt Smith, organist, and Melet Springer and Burr Phillips, soloists.

A reception was held at Texas Christian University's Faculty Center. Houseparty members included Susan Titus, Anne Stewart, Michelle Doss, Melissa McBrayer, Tracey Lawler, Jennifer Schooley, Susan Shearer, and John Ballenger.

Following a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple will live in Spearman.

The bride is a graduate of Baylor University and Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University and is employed by Second Baptist Church of Lubbock as a minister.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Texas and Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University and is employed by First Christian Church of Spearman as a minister.

You are invited to attend a
Wedding Reception
honoring

Revs. Joseph & Dawn Weaks

on Sunday, February 22, 1998

from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall

of the First Christian Church,

29 S. Bernice, Spearman.

Nursery provided.

Genlynx

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Rowland states that students must be a minimum of 16 years of age to enter the Genlynx program, but married or pregnant students, or students with children are automatically qualified. He also adds that most of the students in the program work, and the program's class schedule is extremely helpful to them. He adds that the public is most welcome to tour the new classrooms and equipment.

Rowland also is very pleased with the Novanet computer-based curriculum and hopes that it can also be used at a future time at Spearman High School. As for the Genlynx program, Rowland believes it is doing a superior job in assisting students to gain their high school diplomas and, moreover, achieve their goals for the future.

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Among The Neighbors

Joe Bob Grayson were the occupants of the vehicles.

by Helen Fisher

Candy, Bob and Erin Boxwell returned late Sunday night from Ft Worth where they enjoyed the week-end with daughter, Regan. She is a student at T.C.U. During the week-end, they attended the basketball game which T.C.U. won. They spent some time at the Kimball Art Museum, where the traveling exhibit of Renoir Art was being displayed.

On Saturday afternoon, they attended the wedding of Dawn Darwin and Joseph Weeks, at the Robert Carr chapel on T.C.U. Campus.

Other members of the Spearman Christian Church attending were Don and Lorraine Kunselman, Carl and Janie Kunselman, Loree Booth and Gary Ellsworth. Gary brought most of the members of youth fellowship of the church. It was a lovely ceremony and details are expected later.

Valentine's Day on Saturday will long be in the memories of Chad and Tara Davis. They were the winners in the Sweetheart Valentine contest sponsored by Radio station KRDF.

Their week-end included an elegant dinner at Abuelos, a nights stay in the Hampton Inn, and tickets to the ballet, "God Bless Amarillo and the Cowboys Too." Afterward they danced at the historic Nat Ballroom on Route 66. They also received a corsage, boutonniere, some cash, a commemorative poster and a music CD.

Before they won the contest, they had won one of the eight daily contests and were presented with a bracelet and earrings.

Chad and Tara express their thanks and appreciation to KRDF for this wonderful week-end, and also to the Prairie Gardens and Cates Men and Boys Wear for their contributions to it.

Chad and Tara are now living in Farnsworth and also attending Frank Phillips College in Borger. He is majoring in elementary education and she in physiology.

A two-car collision on Wednesday about noon occurred at the intersection of 9th street and highway 207. It resulted in a broken femur for one of the drivers and minor injuries to another. Earl Wattier, Michael Gallegos and

NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HANSFORD COUNTY

There have been numerous inquiries concerning trees in the county courtyard being cut down. Let me assure you that the trees that were cut down were diseased or dying.

The County intends to replace the destroyed trees.

Sincerely
Jim D. Brown
Hansford County Judge

Bryson Fuller recently placed fifth in the State Wrestling Meet. He is the seven-year-old son of Kelly and Johnnie Fuller of Dumas, the grandson of Charles and Joanne Eaton, and the great-grandson of Roscoe and Marguerite Nelson.

Observers say that nothing equals the expressions of pride, glee and self-satisfaction of a golfer who hits a hole-in-one. Weatherman Dwayne Smith could claim that such an expression is exceeded by that on the face of a weatherman when his predictions turn out to be accurate! Last week-high temperature was on February 9 at 64 degrees; low was 29 on both the 11th and 13th. Moisture was .03 on the 12th; .05 on the 15th and .22 on the 16th.

Now, all can quit holding breath and watch the world shift back into gear since the Cowboys have a coach at last - Chan Gailey.

The end of a long road was reached for John Martin, 65, last week when he passed away in an Amarillo hospital after he was taken from life support systems by authority of his family members.

John Martin was a resident of Spearman for more than 45 years, coming here as a part of a combine crew with his brother Charles. He was employed through the years by many in Spearman, and one former employer, Irvin Davis, was in touch with his brother Charles and learned that the services were last Friday and interment in Llano cemetery in Amarillo.

The obituary in the Amarillo News stated that he had no known relatives; however he had two brothers and a sister living near Graham.

Martin was a tractor driver and

a capable farm worker, and when he first decided to make his home in Spearman, he lived in a house, later in an apartment, and finally in his pick-up camper. He was a sort of early 're-cycler' gathering copper wire and other items from the land-fill and cleaning and restoring it, then selling it.

He had been hospitalized here a few times and once lived in the Manor for a short time, but preferred his own independent style of living. Although he was a loner, he was gregarious and congenial. In the early years here, he would "rig out" weekly and go to Borger for some social life. He had lady friends, but never married.

But later he developed a fondness for the fruit of the vine and jobs became scarce; his health deteriorated. He was befriended by many - the sheriff would encourage him to come to the jail for bathing; others also took an interest in him. He was always appreciative of favors. He lived on SSI.

Finally he went to Amarillo and was a habitue of the Salvation Army and like organizations.

Martin was a familiar sight, shuffling along, needing a shave and a bath, lost in thought. He went his solitary way, harming no one; helping no one; until his time finally ran out.

Remembering all those years, one wonders-of his early hopes, of his one time ambitions, his yearnings, ending in disappointments, perhaps even in heartbreaks-for him and his family.

"While the people retain their virtue and vigilance, no administration - by any extreme of wickedness or folly can very seriously injure the government in the short space of four years." spoken by Abraham Lincoln.

Well, Mr. Abe, what happens when 80% of the people are indifferent to to virtue and vigilance?

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

There has been much concern voiced over the threat posed to the Ogallala Aquifer and other drinking water resources in the Great Plains by the construction of confined animal feeding operations (CAFO's) and their attendant waste water lagoons, especially those of corporate hog farms. There have been many arguments about the overall benefits and/or detriments of those farms being located in this area. This letter is not primarily concerned with the economic and cultural impact of CAFO's, but rather a layman's look at the technical aspects of lagoon design and construction, and the probability of lagoons leaking and polluting the area's drinking water. Although the following data is specific to the northern Texas Panhandle, the environmental conditions are similar to that of western Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Panhandle. My company employs personnel in both states and has corporate offices in Guymon.

In order to meet state requirements, Texas Farm, a large swine production company in Ochiltree County, Texas, retained the services of a registered professional engineer to develop design specifications for their waste water lagoons. They have developed specifications that are far more stringent, with regard to permeability, than the regulations of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission require.

Construction protocol requires that before lagoon excavation begins, all involved site soils are sampled to specified depths and tested to identify their physical characteristics and permeability rates. During excavation the most impermeable soil layers are stockpiled. After the lagoons are fully excavated the stockpiled

soil is placed back into the lagoon and compacted, forming a highly impermeable liner. Following installation the liner layer is tested in place to ensure it meets permeability standards. With the above process in mind, the figures below are provided as relevant to the potential danger that waste water lagoons pose to Ochiltree County's drinking water resources, and that of the High Plains region in general. These figures assume no evaporation.

Depth to Ogallala Aquifer in Ochiltree County: 250 to 500 feet
Depth to Ogallala Aquifer around Perryton: 280 to 350 feet

Rate of permeability through compacted clay liner: 1 inch per 58.8 days (705.6 days to penetrate 1 foot liner - Below which is 260 to 330 feet of soil, sand and rock above the aquifer surface)

As stated previously, these figures assume no soil or water surface evaporation, which would significantly reduce and/or completely offset infiltration rates. In the Ochiltree County area evaporation rates for open bodies of water are 62 to 64" per year. This compares to 6.2 inches of infiltration per year in a clay lined lagoon (based on 1 inch every 58.8 days). At such rates, it can be expected that loss to lagoon waste water through evaporation would be 10 times that of loss to infiltration. Typical for this area are estimates given at Lake Meredith for water losses due to evaporation and infiltration through the unlined lake bed. The ratio of loss there is assigned at 3.5 to 1, up to 5 to 1, respectively. Evaporation losses greatly exceed infiltration losses, even in such unlined circumstances.

Finally, if (and it really is a big if) water from lagoons reaches the Ogallala Aquifer, it will have been filtered through hundreds of

feet of caliche, sand and soil. In short, it will be purified.

Sincerely,

Dan Carter, Project Manager

P.S. - I, like dozens of other people in small communities across the Oklahoma Panhandle, western Oklahoma and the northern Texas Panhandle are able to be involved in local communities (e.g., Spearman, Gruver, Perryton, Booker, Follett, Stratford, Texhoma, Hardesty, Goodwell, Beaver, etc.) as taxpayers, little league coaches, Sunday school teachers, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, etc., because we are employed by my company, or others that are involved in swine production or the construction of hog facilities. If this environmentally sound industry is detrimentally affected by a moratorium or a slow-down of some sort, many of us will have to leave the communities we call home in order to find employment that will support our families. It would be difficult for us as well as for the towns we leave behind. These issues really need to be decided by those with technical expertise, not by politicians or by a few people financially well-heeled and emotionally charged, but lacking any hard factual data to support their opinions on the issue. In Oklahoma, where the governor wants to cut taxes and brags about unemployment being down, it needs to be said that corporate chicken and hog farms are a great reason for the latter, and may enable the former.

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Since being in office, Norma Jean has become a certified County Treasurer with over 10 hours of financial investment credit. As an investment officer for the county, Norma Jean was instrumental in investing county funds in a pooled account in a local bank that has netted a gain of nearly twice the interest of the previous investment contract.

She is a member of the County Treasurer's Association of Texas and has been on the education committee for three years. Locally, Norma Jean is a member of the First Baptist Church, Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, and Happy Homes Extension Club. She has been the assistant treasurer for the Hansford County Livestock Show for 27 years.

Norma Jean has lived in Hansford County for 52 years and raised her family here. Her children are Cathy McCoy of Perryton, Lynna Renner, Glen Ray Mackie, and Michele Davis of Spearman. Her mother, Viola Hutton, is a resident of Hansford Manor.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel
Hansford County Stock Show and Reunion

The annual Hansford County Stock Show was not only the main event for many county residents this weekend, but also a reunion for many. The event becomes an informal celebration of life each year as grandparents and numerous other "kith and kin" of the young exhibitors and former 4-H and FFA students return to the show.

Some of the former exhibitors in attendance were Sharlet Slough, Kacee Smith, Blake Ferguson, Trevor Williams, Justin Carthel, Randi (Renner) Baumann, Davonna (Cator) Dahrsh, Galen Slough, and Traci (Smith) Chisum.

GHS seniors who competed in their final Hansford County Stock Show this weekend were Kathy Slough, Jared Johnson, Justin Johnson, Brandy Morris, and Brant Armes.

GISD School Board Meeting

In the February 11, 1998, meeting of the GISD School Board, the three principals of Gruver Schools: Tim Garland, Laura Blessingame, and Diane Brown were approved for employment for 1998-99. After a brief discussion with Superintendent Barry Haenisch concerning changes in his employment contract, the trustees also approved Haenisch's contract for the upcoming school year.

The Board awarded Pennco Insurance, a branch of Hartford Insurance Company serviced by Bort Insurance Agency of Gruver, as the provider for the school's insurance for property, liability, musical instruments, inland marine, boiler, and vehicle insurance. J. Mack Hoel was named the district's auditor for 1998-99.

In other action, the board increased the allowances for reimbursement of meals while traveling on school business from \$15 to \$21 per day.

Gruver Elementary Event

This week the Gruver elementary students will be participating in the fund-raising project called "Kids for Wish Kids". The project is designed to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which fulfills wishes for kids under age 18 who have been diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. Gruver Elementary has specifically adopted its own Alan Tarango of Gruver Junior High.

The "Kids for Wish Kids" program will be used as a teaching tool as the elementary students will use their math skills to count money and keep track of what they have raised with the help of their teachers. The project will also teach compassion and satisfaction as the children help to make Alan's wish come true.

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Even though the project will be ending on Friday, February 20th, contributions will be accepted after this date.

School Board Workshop Slated

A workshop for area school board candidates and interested citizens who want to learn more about the challenges and rewards of trustee service will be held Thursday, February 26, from 7-9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center (1601 South Cleveland) in Amarillo.

The workshop is open to all school board candidates, interested community members, and current school board members. Admission is free. For more information, call Lisa Carothers at 1-800-580-8272, extension 6161.

Sports

Lady Hounds Blast Booker

Gruver 62 - Booker 50
The Lady Hounds played Booker for the second spot in district and the chance to advance to the playoffs on Friday night in Borger.

The first half of the game was a back-and-forth struggle with neither team ever possessing more than a four point lead. The score at halftime was tied at 25.

The second half of the battle was different story, however. The determined Lady Hounds came out with a deadly gunning attack and were ahead at times in the

third quarter by as much as 13. At the end of the third, the Lady Hounds led by 44 to 33.

Although the Lady Kiows cut the lead to nine points at one time in the fourth quarter, they were unable to make up the deficit, and the Lady Hounds coasted to the win.

I was unable to get detailed statistics before press time. I will have them and coverage of the Lady Hounds' Bi-District game with Allison next week.

JV Ends Successful Season

The Junior Varsity Hounds coached by Lonnie Burnam, have had a very successful basketball season. The team's record is 19 wins and 2 losses (to Guyton and Borger). A report of the team's last two games follow:

Gruver 59 Wheeler 47
Derik Grotegut 2, Dan Odom 13, Kirby Johnson 2, Jason Shoulders 20, Tyler Barkley 2, Anthony Villalobos 4, Luke Johnson 4, Jesus Rodriquez 2, and the twins, TJ and Jeff McClure with identical scores of 7 points each.

JV Hounds 63 Claude 27
Grotegut 8, Colby Hunt 1, Odom 12, K. Johnson 4, Shoulders 11, Barkley 3, Corey Schneider 4, L. Johnson 4, TJ McClure 9, Jeff McClure 6, and Rodriquez 1.

JV Lady Hounds 33 Wheeler 31
Krystle Deeds 4, Miranda Thoreson 4, Becky Cassady 2, Tessa Yanke 7, Leah Shults 2, Lindy Tolleson 10, Kayce Howe 2, and Ashleii Barrera 2.

Eighth Grade Girls

Gruver 27 Booker 26 (OT)
(A great game and fun way to end the season)
Brit Morris 4, Sara Bass 7, Kaylee Holt 2, Sarah Moore 4, Dallas Robinson 5, and Jacinda Perez 4.

Basketball Schedule
Hounds play Clarendon at White Deer at 1:00 p.m.

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Saturday (practice game).

Hounds play Follett at Perryton at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 24 (Bi-District game).

Our Condolences

The community extends heartfelt sympathy to Bill and Janice Underwood of Spearman. The Underwood's son, Jeff, a student at Southwest Oklahoma State University, died Saturday following heart surgery. Mrs. Underwood is a teacher at Gruver High School.

Hobert Sursa of Chickasha, Oklahoma, the brother of Reba Hunter, died Friday, February 6.

Bill Smith, who resided at Nature's Park, south of Gruver died Monday, February 16. No other details were known at press time.

School Calendar

February 25 - Pioneer Trunk Show for the fifth grade students of Pat Overbey.

February 26 and 27 - School Holiday. School will dismiss at the usual time on Wednesday preceding the holiday.

March 2 - Band parents meeting at 6 p.m. in the Band Hall for all parents with band students in grades 7-12.

March 3 - The fifth, sixth, and seventh grade bands will perform for the Gruver Music Club at 2:00 p.m.

March 3 - TAAS Writing Test for Eighth Grades. (Mrs. Blessingame reports that eighth graders will be required to take

the test even if they are competing at the Houston Stock Show where an area will be set-up for that purpose.)

March 6 and 7 - Track meet at Stratford for all divisions.

March 14 - Panhandle track meet (high school only).

March 20 and 21 - Booker track meet (all divisions).

March 21 - Junior/Senior prom.

March 23 - One act play zone competition in Shamrock.

March 27 and 28 - Gruver track meet (all divisions).

March 27 - UIL Contests for elementary and junior high students at Frank Phillips College in Borger.

March 30 and 31 - High school UIL academic contests in Amarillo.

New Kid on the Block

Bud and Brenda (Dahl) Hopkins of Carrollton announce the birth of their son Hunter Lee Hopkins. The little lad was born on January 30, 1998 in Carrollton. He weighed in at 7 pounds and was 20 inches long. His grandparents are Robert and Suellen Dahl, and his great-grandmother is Ester Dahl, all of Gruver.

Our Ill

Kenton Johnson injured his shoulder at the Hansford Stock Show last weekend in his efforts to stop a frightened show calf. Kenton was treated and released from Hansford County Hospital

on Friday. Hopefully, Kenton's shoulder will not require further attention.

Senior Brant Armes suffered second-degree burns to his left hand in an accident on a farm tractor. Doctors are working closely with Brant to assure his hand will be healed in time for the Hounds Bi-District game with Follett.

In The News Ten Years Ago

Joe E. Vanderburg, a Spearman resident, has been named to the Hansford County Soil Conservation Service Unit in Spearman as a Soil Conservation Technician.

Krista Stedje scored 23 points to pace the Lady Hounds in their 42-34 victory over Stratford.

Twenty years Ago

Mrs. Perry Lamb was honored with an Anticipation Shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Fletcher.

Mildred Lewis was officially sworn in as the new postmaster of Morse.

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Lynx Basketball News

The Lynx wrapped up the 1998 basketball season on a winning note. After falling to the Stratford Elks on Tuesday, February 10, 62-48, they came back strong and defeated the Roughriders 80-74 on Friday, February 13.

Spearman traveled to Stratford to face their opponent in Elk territory. The Lynx played the Elks a more closely matched game than the score reflects. With the exception of the first quarter, the Lynx stayed within two points or outsourced the Elks the other quarters. The Elks overpowered the Lynx that first quarter as they managed a 22-6 run. Second quarter the Lynx rose to the challenge with an 18-12 drive of their own. The Elks managed a 10 point lead at the half but only downed the Lynx 28-24 the second half.

Landon Miller took high point honors as well as earning another double double for the season. He scored 17 points with 8 baskets and a free throw, and grabbed a total of 14 rebounds with 3 assists and 1 blocked shot. Quentin Shieldknight was second high with 12 points. He had 2 from the field and shot an impressive 8 of 9 from the line. He also accomplished his first double

double with 11 rebounds with 2 assists. Carlos Hernandez added 11 points with 4 from the field and 1 from downtown. Michael Lusby and Jordon Brock each added 2 baskets for 4 points. Brock had the team high 5 assists with 3 steals and 2 rebounds. Lusby had a steal, an assist, and a rebound.

The Lynx played a hard fought game, but just couldn't overcome that first quarter Elk run. Spearman also had to face this district game with the absence of another player, Dusty Barber, as he was ill with the flu.

On Friday night the Lynx ended their 97-98 season with a district win against Boys Ranch. It was a great game for the Lynx with every player scoring or contributing to this win.

The game stayed extremely close with Spearman outscoring Boys Ranch 25-23 in the first quarter, but stumbling in the second quarter 15-16. At halftime, the Lynx only possessed a 1 point lead of 40-39.

Boys Ranch came out strong in the 3rd quarter with a 20-13 showing and stole a lead of 59-53 entering the 4th quarter. The Lynx regrouped and downed Boys Ranch 27-15 that final quarter to win this district game.

Hernandez went on a 31 point shooting spree to lead the Lynx to this victory. He shot an impressive 61% from the field making 10 baskets, 50% from downtown with 1 basket, and 73% from the line with 8. He also had the team high 4 assists with 3 steals and 3 rebounds. Miller marked another double double with 18 points and a team high 15 rebounds. He swished 8 from the field and 2 from the line. He also had 3 assists, 1 steal, and 1 blocked shot.

Shieldknight added 9 points with 2 from the field and 5-6 from the line. He also had 2 assists, 3 steals, and 3 rebounds. Lusby netted 3 baskets and 2 free throws for 8 points. He had the team high 6 assists and 5 steals with 2 rebounds. Jason Banks swished 3 baskets and 1 free throw for 7 points and had an assist. Brock helped out with 1 basket and 2 from the line for 4 points. He also had 3 assists, 1 steal, and 9 rebounds. Barber had a basket and free-throw for 3 points. He also had 2 assists, 2 steals, and 2 rebounds. Brian Black helped out with a rebound.

The Lynx finished their season with an overall record of 13-11 and 4-6 in district play. With the many injuries that this team had to endure this year, they are to be commended for the fine job they along with Coach Neff, Coach Rhoades, and Coach Bass have done. Spearman is very proud of the Lynx and wishes them a great season next year.

Lynxette Basketball News

The Spearman Lynxettes completed their '97-'98 regular season with a district loss to Stratford, and a win over Guymon. The Lynxettes fell 50-40 to the Lady Elks, but defeated the Lady Tigers 52-43.

The Lynxettes came out strong against the Lady Elks outscoring them 12-4 in the first quarter. Spearman held on to a 19-12 lead at halftime.

Third quarter brought a whole new Lady Elk team as they dazzled the Lynxettes with a 19-2 run. With a 31-21 Lady Elk lead, the Lynxettes stepped up and answered with a 19-19 tie in the final quarter, but the 10 point deficit still remained. The Lynxettes had only shot 33% from the floor, 11 % 3 pointers, and 57% from the line to Stratford's 41 %, 38%, and 52% respectively.

Keisha OQuin had the team high 13 points with 4 from the field, 1 from downtown, and 2 from the line. She also grabbed 6 rebounds and 2 steals. Misha Davis was second high with 10 points. She had 3 baskets, 4 free throws, 6 rebounds, and 1 steal. Lindsey Smith stepped up and hit 2 baskets and 3 free throws for 7 points. She pulled down 5 rebounds and snagged 3 steals.

Jennifer Neff was close behind with 3 baskets for 6 points. She also had 2 rebounds and 3 steals. Kristin Beedy and Jenn Schnell each sunk 2 free throws. Beedy also had 3 rebounds and a steal.

Brook Trantham helped out with 4 rebounds.

This was a disappointing loss for the Lynxettes as this put them in second place for the district title. The Lynxettes had the power to win, but with 23 turnovers, low shooting percentages and 28 fouls, it was just not to be.

The following Friday night the Lynxettes capped the 97-98 season with a non district win over the Guymon Lady Tigers. This team had improved since the Lynxettes's first meeting, but not enough to defeat the Lynxettes. The Lynxettes improved their shooting to 42% from the floor and 55% from the line.

Schnell was high point with 15. She hit 4 baskets for 8 points and 7 free throws as well as grabbing 4 rebounds and 2 steals. OQuin finished the night with a double double. She had 11 points along with 13 rebounds. She swished 3 baskets and 5 from the line with an assist and 4 steals. Davis added 9 points with 3

baskets and 3 from the line. She pulled down a rebound and had a steal.

Beedy had 2 baskets for 6 points, 4 rebounds, and 2 steals. Neff and L. Smith hit a couple of baskets for 4 points each. Neff had a rebound and 2 steals while Smith grabbed 7 rebounds. C. Smith made a basket and a free throw for 3 points as well as a rebound and a steal. Trantham pulled down 3 rebounds.

The Lynxettes completed the regular season with an overall 22-7 record and 6-2 in district. The Lady Elks emerged the District Champs and the Lynxettes District Runners Up. The Lynxettes have enjoyed an impressive season and will begin their trip down that play off road this week.

On Thursday, February 19th, the Lynxettes will meet the Panhandle Pantherettes at Borger High School Gym, to decide the Bi-District Championship.

Spearman ISD School Menu

Breakfast
Monday, February 23
 Cereal & Toast or Ham & Egg Taco, Fruit or Juice; Milk
Tuesday, February 24
 Cereal & Toast or Scrambled Eggs, Sausage & Tortilla; Fruit or Juice; Milk
Wednesday, February 25
 Cereal & Toast or Pancake w/Sausage, Fruit or Juice; Milk
Thursday, February 26
 Cereal & Toast or Breakfast Pizza; Fruit or Juice; Milk
Friday, February 27
 School Holiday
Lunch
Monday, February 23
 Chicken Fried Steak - HS, Steak Fingers - Elem. & JH, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Milk
Tuesday, February 24
 Shaved Ham on a Bun, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, Peach Cobbler, Milk
Wednesday, February 25
 Oven-Fried Chicken - HS, Chicken Nuggets - Elem. & JH, Macaroni & Cheese, Sweet Peas, Biscuits, Pears, Milk

Thursday, February 26
 Beef & Cheese Nachos, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
Friday, February 27
 School Holiday
Specialty Bar
Monday, February 23
 Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Mixed Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, February 24
 Burrito, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Peach Cobbler, Milk
Wednesday, February 25
 Pizza, Combo Salad, Cookie, Pears, Milk
Thursday, February 26
 Cheeseburger, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
Friday, February 27
 School Holiday

Thursday, February 26
 Beef & Cheese Nachos, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
Friday, February 27
 School Holiday

Gruver ISD School Menu

Breakfast
Monday, February 23
 Cereal, Graham Crackers, Juice, Milk
Tuesday, February 24
 Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk
Wednesday, February 25
 Donuts, Juice, Milk
Thursday, February 26
 School Holiday
Friday, February 27
 School Holiday
Lunch
Monday, February 23
 Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetables, Hot Roll, Milk
Tuesday, February 24
 Chili, Carrot Sticks, Fruit, Crackers, Donut, Milk
Wednesday, February 25
 Corn Dogs, Beans, Fries, Fruit, Milk
Thursday, February 26
 School Holiday
Friday, February 27
 School Holiday

Pringle-Morse ISD School Menu

Breakfast
Monday, February 23
 Muffins, Toast, Juice, Milk
Tuesday, February 24
 Oatmeal, Toast, Juice, Milk
Wednesday, February 25
 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Juice, Milk
Thursday, February 26
 Biscuits, Gravy, Juice, Milk
Friday, February 27
 Cinnamon Rolls, Toast, Juice, Milk
Lunch
Monday, February 23
 Beans w/Ham or Chili, Crackers, Carrot Sticks, Salad, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, February 24
 Hamburger Steak or Turkey & Noodles, Potatoes, Gravy, Green Peas, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday, February 25
 Hamburger or Ham Pocket, French Fries, Baked Beans, Jell-O, Milk
Thursday, February 26
 Spaghetti or Grilled Cheese, Salad, Corn, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Friday, February 27
 Pizza or Turkey Salad, Salad, Fruit, Ice Cream, Milk

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.



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