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A Child is Born

The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir will present a special Candlelight Christmas service on Sunday, December 16th at 6 p.m. This will be a Christmas worship experience of the Christ-Light with audience participation.

The significance of Christ's coming is beautifully conveyed in this service of worship for the Christmas season. Recognizing Jesus' birth as the coming of the Christ-Light offers us hope, peace, light, joy, and love. We sense the celebration shared by all who welcome Him, from the Israelites 2,000 years ago to each of us who invite this Child into our hearts today. The blending of new antems with familiar carols and choruses makes this suitable for traditional and blended churches alike.

Beginning with a quiet theme incorporating the beloved "Londonderry Air," the orchestral overture is soon energized with a Celtic setting of the French carol "He Is Born." A brief narrative precedes an optional candlelight processional by the choir while familiar choruses and carols offer the congregation an opportunity to join in singing this celebration of Christ's birth. Other well-known tunes include the chorus "I Worship You, Almighty God," and a fresh version of "When You Left Your Throne."

Gruver's Miner Named District 1-A Offensive MVP



Chandler Miner
District 1-A Offensive MVP
See related article on page 6.



A Kiss for Santa - Kristi Ramon holds her grandson, Preston, as he leans in to kiss Santa. Santa was on hand Saturday morning for pictures at the Spearman elementary cafeteria.

Weather Forecast

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Light and variable winds.

FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Lows around 18.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows around 19.

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s.

MONDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

COME TO THE GAME

Spearman Lynx/Lynxettes

12/13-15 JVB at River Road Tourney
12/14 JVG (4), VG (6:30), VB (8) at Gruver
12/27-29 VG & VB at Lubbock Caprock Tourney
12/31 JVG (12 noon), JVB (1:30), VG (2:30), VB (4:30) vs. Follett

1/3-5 JVB at Perryton JV Tourney
1/4 JVG (5), VG (6:30) vs. Stratford
1/8 (JV G (5), VG (6:30) at Canadian

Gruver Greyhounds/Lady Hounds

12/14 JVG (4), VG (6:30), VB (8) vs. Spearman
12/20 JVG(5), JVB (5), VG (6:30, VB (8) at Canadian
12/27-29 VG & VB at Canadian Tourney



Santa poses with the Burch children during the Spearman PTO sponsored Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 8th. Launa (3), Lucien (2), Leland (4 months) and Landon are the children of Amanda and Joe Burch of Spearman.

The Spirit of Christmas

Eleven years ago a handful of Spearman residents got together to plan a community Christmas dinner. 'Friends of Spearman' have been sharing the 'Spirit of Christmas' ever since.

"The thought behind the idea was that Spearman had many residents who were not able to be with family during the holiday," said Lyn Woolley, one of the coordinators for the project. "We thought there needed to be an alternative to spending the time alone."

A traditional Christmas dinner is offered with turkey, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, hot rolls and a variety of salads and desserts. There is no charge for the dinner, thanks to the generosity and support of the local community.

"Volunteers cook and prepare food that is then taken to the O'Loughlin Center," said Linda Latta. "Some volunteers prepare food for the 'Spirit of Christmas' dinner in addition to their own Christmas dinner preparations. They take their donation to the O'Loughlin Center, then return home to celebrate with their own families."

"We have several families, including my own, who have made this dinner a part of their Christmas celebration," said Woolley.

Volunteers also help on Christmas day with set-up and clean-up, providing transportation for those who are unable to drive, and delivering meals for those unable to get out.

Anyone interested is invited to attend, especially those who are by themselves for the day, workers who are in town during the holiday, people stranded due to weather, families, or anyone needing a little extra Christmas spirit.

The first dinner was held in spite of over six inches of snow. "So far we have not cancelled due to weather," said Woolley.

The 'Spirit of Christmas' dinner is held annually on Christmas day at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, from 12-1:30 p.m.

For more information, or to schedule transportation, please call Linda Latta at 659-3584 or Lyn Woolley at 659-3550.

Want to help with the 'Spirit of Christmas'?

Plans and preparations are already underway for this year's 'Spirit of Christmas' dinner. Turkeys have been purchased by 'Friends of Spearman.' volunteers are needed to cook and prepare the turkeys.

Volunteers are also needed to provide transportation.

For more information, to make a donation, or volunteer, please call Linda Latta at 659-3584 or Lyn Woolley at 659-3550.

Deadline Notice!

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

The deadline for the December 20th and December 27th issues will be Monday, December 17th at 5 p.m. The deadline for the January 3rd issue will be Thursday, December 20th at 5 p.m.

Items may be submitted by phone (806-659-3434), fax (806-398-9080), mail (Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), or e-mail (reporter@spearmanreporter.com).

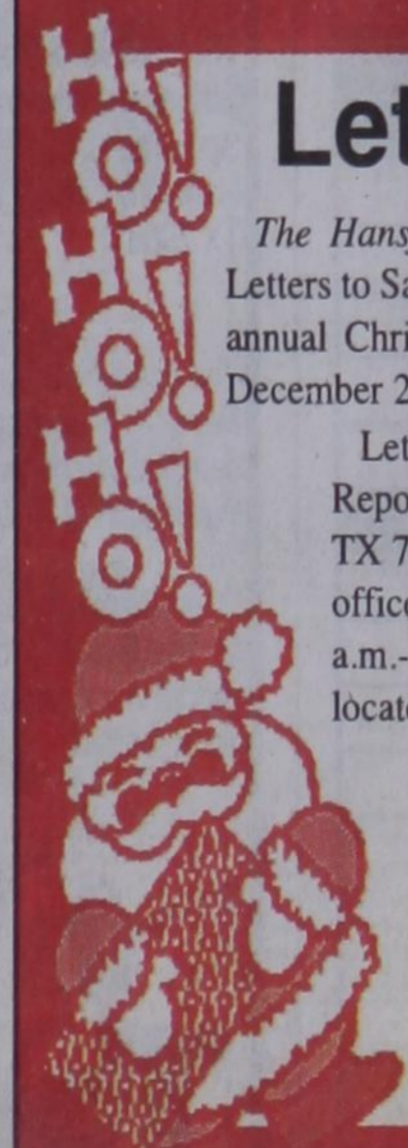
For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail to reporter@spearmanreporter.com

Letters to Santa

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will print Letters to Santa from children in Hansford County in our annual Christmas edition, which will be published on December 20th.

Letters may be mailed to: Santa Letter, % Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081, or dropped by the Reporter-Statesman office. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m. (There is a drop-slot located in the window to the right of the door.)

In order for your letter to appear in this issue, it must be in the Reporter-Statesman office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 13th. All letters will be forwarded to Santa. (Letters received after the deadline may not have time to reach the North Pole by Christmas.)



Linda Town (right) serves a hot dog to Don Schroeder during First State Bank's 19th Annual Hot Dog Cookout on Wednesday, December 12th.

Lullabies, Legends & Lies

by Parson Smith, the Prime Minister of Laughter

It has been said that "myths" are stories whose main characters "must be gods or near-gods". It has also been proclaimed that "myths" are simply the religion of others. I do not know that either of those thoughts are true. I do know that one of my favorite myths is the story and stories of the Leanan sidhe. Leanan sidhe are fairy maidens in Celtic folklore. Leanan sidhe were folkloric women who offered inspiration to artists in exchange for fame and glory.

Poets and painters have heard of (and some have been inspired by) Leanan sidhe. Myth has it that the greatest of all paintings and poetry were inspired by these beautiful fairies. But the inspiration offered by the fairy always came at a very high price. The gift of the Leanan sidhe is often paid for with the artist's premature madness or death. Not many of us consider ourselves foolish enough to believe such stories. But the stories of ancient mythology sometimes point to truths in

life. And the beautiful, enticing things that inspire us can be, and often are, the things that lead to ruin. While we might not embrace the legend of the Leanan sidhe, we still believe our own wise sayings. Remember? "Everything that glitters is not gold." Just another lesson springing from ancient mythology. But that is a story for another day.

Until the next time,
God bless.

State Capital HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN - The Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced plans to go statewide with a new smart card system that it said would create a more convenient and secure way for people to verify their Medicaid coverage. The card, which looks like a credit card, automates the patient check-in process, which presently requires provider staff to copy data manually from paper forms. The card contains encoded patient information and has built-in fraud protection, as it requires the client's finger image to use. Statewide expansion is set to begin next year when HHSC issues a request for proposals in May to select a contractor for the project. The system may be in place by the second half of 2009, said Commissioner Albert Hawkins.

AG sues two Internet sites
Attorney General Greg Abbott on Dec. 5 filed lawsuits against two Web sites, TheDollHouse.com and Gamesradar.com under the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, COPPA.

COPPA generally prohibits Web sites from unnecessarily collecting personal information from children under 13. Abbott accused the Web sites of unlawfully collecting personal information such as names, ages, and home addresses from children. Investigators also discovered that the sites' parental consent features were easily manipulated and circumvented.

Regents scale down tuition hike
The University of Texas System board of regents

ordered UT-Austin to cut back a proposed tuition hike after students and state legislators complained the average \$300 per semester hike was too big an increase. Instead, in school years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, UT System students will pay \$150 more tuition per semester or 4.95 percent more, whichever amount is greater.

In 2002, before the Legislature deregulated tuition, a typical freshman entering UT in the fall paid about \$4,500 a year in tuition and fees. In 2010, under the new rates, an incoming freshman should prepare to pay more than \$8,000.

Speaker names energy panel
Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick announced the creation of the Select Committee on Electric Generation Capacity and Environmental Effects. Craddick, R-Midland, assigned the committee to prepare a long-term energy and environmental impact plan and submit it to the 81st Legislature, which convenes Jan. 13, 2009. The plan will include an assessment of various types of energy generation available to the state. Craddick appointed eight House members to the committee: Charles "Doc" Anderson, R-Waco; Kevin Bailey, D-Houston; Norma Chavez, D-El Paso; Rick Hardcastle, R-Vernon; Phil King, R-Weatherford; Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton; Joe Straus, R-San Antonio; Sylvester Turner, D-Houston; and Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, to serve as chair.

Green schools effort is launched
U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, announced on Dec. 5 a new, bipartisan congressional effort to ensure schools are safer environmentally and thus should provide a healthier learning place for children. McCaul, co-chair of the Green Schools Caucus, said, "Today, there are American schools which are harmful to our children. That is unacceptable." The caucus will take input and begin working on legislation to promote safer schools.

McCaul and architect Stan Haas made the announcement at J.J. Pickle Elementary School in Austin, a "green-built" campus that features proper solar orientation, insulated concrete, rainwater collection, salvaged pine and recycled-content materials, unfinished materials, and paint and finishes with low levels of chemical emissions.

New chief at Parks & Wildlife
Carter Smith, state director of the Nature Conservancy of Texas since 2004, was named executive director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Dec. 5.

A graduate of Texas Tech University and Yale University, Smith succeeds Robert L. Cook, who retired on Aug. 31.

Dewhurst is named Texan of Year
Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has been named "2008 Texan of the Year" by Texas Legislative Conference, a non-partisan organization of Texas business and political leaders. Dewhurst will accept the award at the group's 42nd annual meeting at New Braunfels in March.



by Ed Sterling

STATE PLANS TO ISSUE NEW MEDICAID CARD

HANSFORD HOSPICE gives thanks to all who gave to the LIGHTS OF LOVE

Hansford Hospice Volunteers would like to thank the following for making donations to the Hospice Lights of Love. These donations enable Hansford County to provide Hospice Care for Hansford County citizens.

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If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Hansford Hospice office at 659-5811.

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- Hay bundle
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- an ___ worker builds bridges
- Computer operating system
- As opposed to outer
- A woman has never held the position
- Eat at
- Agassi
- Hawaiian welcome wreath
- Santa's ride
- Not all of them belong to a quartet
- U2's third album
- Pekingese, e.g.
- Miners' passage
- Saints' lights
- "Back To The Future" actress
- Tree resin used as incense
- Trampled
- Popular TV occupation
- They're from Mars?
- Bill Gates left here early
- Reveal the true nature
- ___ moron
- CBS News anchor
- Hair-dwelling parasites

DOWN

- TV's desperate Susan or Gabrielle
- Rope-making plant fiber
- Push for something
- Devil finds work for such hands
- Gael or Welsh ancestors
- Hairy on a hobbit
- Young or Simon, e.g.
- Idea in France
- A great distance
- Gangsters' pistols
- Scissors' sound
- Unit of pressure
- Soothing plant gel
- Dwarfed tree
- More sane
- Place in a line
- Type of message
- Hannibal Lecter was one
- This celebrity model married a billionaire
- Meat and potato dish
- Horizontal, abbr.
- One in state of perfect enlightenment
- Bengal or Siberian
- Fireplace
- Hang back
- Cut path
- Radio's opinionated doctor
- Failure to make an out
- Captain's domain
- Swelling of human organs

These games are brought to you by the **Hansford County Reporter-Statesman**

- Country's LeAnn
- Skunk's defense
- Weary walk
- Precedes Jan.
- "Devil's ___"
- Bert's best friend
- Not a sweet wine
- Starting time
- Skater jumps
- Cat crying
- Site of war in early '50s
- Plumber's snake
- What Pinocchio did
- A small island
- State of irritation
- Worth a million dollars?
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- Downhill equipment

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Happy Birthday!

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

Thank you, Catherine

December 13

Birthday - Betty Burk, James Burk Jr., Holly McCloy, Barbara Schnell, Muriel Boyd, Linda Butt, Bobby Smith, Jack Reed, Georgena Hart, Dan Roach, Dana Wattier, Robert Zamora, Marylin Cline, Blythe Finley, Leah Smith
Anniversary - M/M Kurt Bynum

December 14

Birthday - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavlo, Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmeier, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Sandra Grover, Eddie Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift, Betty Redwine
Anniversary - M/M Don Maize, M/M Chris Stork

December 15

Birthday - Dallas Henson, Harvey Profit, Hal Shufeldt, April Davis, Carolyn Davidson, Bob Pearson, Abbe Steger, Clarence Eller, Rosa Pierce, Stephanie Crossland, Donny Davis, Maria Ortiz, Jennie Jones, Jose Vargas, Jim Norton, Joey Bynum, Randall Sauer, LeAnn Shields, Eric Vasquez, April DeLaRosa
Anniversary - M/M Byron Kenney, M/M George P. Odum, M/M John Purvines

December 16

Birthday - Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Hughes
Anniversary - M/M Bill Park, M/M Rick Finley, Steve & Karen Hartgraves

December 17

Birthday - Bobbie Novak, Patsy Beville, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guerrero, Francis Floyd, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam Cassidy, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler, Art Maestas
Anniversary - M/M Bill Park, M/M Rick Finley, Steve & Karen Hartgraves

December 18

Birthday - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia, Juanita Vera
Anniversary - Tom & Rita Reed, M/M Dwayne Hart, M/M Dave Karlin

December 19

Birthday - Steve Beville, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaither, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dosssett, Pat Dear, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Zachary Belans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Walton, Ruby Katherine Thornton
Anniversary - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, M/M Roy Diaz, Kyle & Jennifer Nollner

December 20

Birthday - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin

Hayes, Brittini Beedy Sanders, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans
Anniversary - M/M William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, M/M Dale Jones

December 21

Birthday - Lidwine Carpiaux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dallasene Reynolds, Eddy Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans, Elaine Bain
Anniversary - M/M Wayne Cummings, Doris & Danny Hendricks, M/M Bob Tolleson, M/M Kenneth Slough, M/M Steve Duncan, M/M Roy Kauffman, Toby & Sally Thomas

December 22

Birthday - Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, Deanna Kenney, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominguez
Anniversary - M/M Marty Razor, M/M Byron Peddy, M/M Loren Dahl, M/M Mack Beville

December 23

Birthday - Odie Blount, Joel Lee Lackey, Joe Potts, Pat Morris, Sandy Brewer, Judith Jackson, Lloyd McWhirter, Nell Burke, Judy Tindell, Linda Maywell, Jimmy Duncan, Patti Evans, James Knoll, Rey Cook, Lavon Reid
Anniversary - M/M Marty Razor, M/M Byron Peddy, M/M Loren Dahl, M/M Mack Beville

December 24

Birthday - Kay Hobbs, Benny Wilson, Howard Heffey, Kenny Bratton, Melissa Thompson, Jocelyn (Edwards) Miller, Sandee Smith, Mark Einfeld, Gabby Bravo, Chris Bravo
Anniversary - Oscar & Rhonda Valdez, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Sadler, M/M Gary Davis

December 25

Birthday - Joni Hart, Ellen Norton, Melanie Hutton, Bill Miller, Christy Freeman, Noreen Sutton, Jeff Graves, Sharon Hamilton, Gil Harnish, Jimmy Vanlandingham, Dean Womble, John Cass
Anniversary - M/M Red Byrd, M/M Bart Baker

December 26

Birthday - Jennifer Dahl, Glenda Harvey, Rodney Schroder, Woody Fowler, Chris Perez
Anniversary - M/M L.T. Wright, M/M Jerry Womble, Eugene & Judy Yarbrough, Cari & Brandon Baker

December 27

Birthday - Lance Sparks, Sue Close, Jesse Renteria Sr., Shane Abel, Lynn Vernon, Edna Grimmer, Judy McCloy, Julie Deakin, Nicole Burgess, Chad Knowlton
Anniversary - M/M Jerry Younger, M/M Ralph Blodgett, M/M Gene Reynolds, M/M Todd Parker

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

We continue to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ as we also prepare to celebrate His birth, by studying Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146: 5-10, James 5:7-10, and Matthew 11:2-11. Isaiah proclaims the coming of the righteous King to save the people of God. Those who are weak, who are feeble, who are lame, who are deaf, indeed all who are disadvantaged will be saved and redeemed. The Psalmist sings the delights of those whose hope is in the Lord. He sings of the Lord who frees the oppressed, feeds the hungry, heals the sick, watches over the orphan and widow. In the Lord's reign those who are faithful shall be blessed forever.

James addresses the fearful first-century faith community who feared that Christ was not going to return. He exhorts them to have patience and reminds them that the Palestinian farmer had to patiently wait for the early rain of October/November and the late rain of April/May before his crops would be ready to harvest. James also reminds them that they must not "grumble" against each other. Dear Christian, our duty is to be ready! Jesus came! Jesus died! Jesus will come again! No one but the Father knows when He will come, therefore we must use whatever time we are allowed to prepare for the Kingdom. We prepare in prayer, in study, and in maintaining right relationships with others in the faith community.

In Advent, we like John ask, "Are you the one who is to come or are we to wait for another?" John was looking for a Messiah who would bring judgment upon evil-doers; we are looking for a Messiah who...? Jesus answered not by Judgment but by citing Isaiah—the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. John's expectation was perhaps too vengeful, too narrow; our expectations in this doubling age are most likely too small. John's question was perhaps for the benefit of his disciples, that they might come to know Jesus; John's question could be a sign of his impatience for the coming of the Messiah; John's question could be the indication of dawning faith and hope by the imprisoned prophet. Our question, dear Christian, can be answered only by experiencing the power of the love of Jesus Christ.

In Advent, we watch, we prepare, we rejoice, and we shall behold! May the Holy Spirit assure you of the love and power of Christ Jesus. Maranatha!

MONUMENTS

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When you buy a monument from us we make sure it is exactly what you want at a price you can afford. If it is not right, we will make it right. And you will not have to search the countryside to find us. We are here when you have a need.

Sincerely,
Bob Boxwell

Our Sympathy

ADALYN D. BARNES

SPEARMAN - Adalyn D. Barnes, 91, died Saturday, December 8, 2007.

Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Neely Landrum and the Rev. Calvin Springer officiating. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Barnes was born November 30, 1916, in Plainview and had lived in Spearman since 1933, moving from Plainview. She graduated from Spearman High School in 1934, and was Homecoming Queen her senior year. She married Bernard Barnes on September 2, 1946, in Albuquerque, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1977.

She was a homemaker, a member of Union Church, Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and the Spearman Home Demonstration Club and lived to play bridge and other games.

Survivors include a daughter, Laura Mackie and husband Glen Ray of Spearman; a granddaughter, Leah Strickland and husband Marc of Huntsville; two grandsons, Jeremy Mackie and wife Monica of Dallas and Dustin Mackie of Canyon; and many loving nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice or Hansford Hospital Auxiliary, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

ESTHER ELAINE HERRINGTON

PERRYTON - Esther Elaine Herrington, 81, passed away on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the Boxwell Brothers Chapel in Perryton with Ernest Hardy officiating. Interment will be in Ochiltree Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home, Perryton.

Esther was born on August 17, 1926 in Cleveland County, Arkansas to Willis and Mittie Hardy. She married Clyde Herrington, Jr. on March 10, 1945 in Perryton. They were married by her grandfather, Elder J.B. Hardy.

After coming to Texas at two weeks of age, Elaine was a life-long resident of Ochiltree County and a graduate of Perryton High School. She was active in 4-H for many years and was an adult leader. She was also active in Home Demonstration clubs for many years. She retired from Jade Feeders where she was employed for several years as a feed truck driver.

Preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a brother, Ben Hardy; and a sister, Ruby Matthews.

Survivors include three sons, Clarence Herrington of Perryton, Bob and Diana Herrington of Cheyenne, WY and Danny and Debbie Herrington of Spearman; two daughters, Margie and Stan Mathews of Vernon, TX and Virginia Robinson and Jules Yatzkan of Tulsa, OK; two brothers, John Hardy and Ernest Hardy, both of Perryton; two sisters, Leucille Matthews of Ozark, MO and Mavis Hibbard of Ogden, UT; five grandsons and four great-granddaughters.

The family requests memorials to Ochiltree Hospice Volunteers, 3101 Garrett Dr., Perryton TX 79070.

Deadline Notice!

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Knights of Columbus Annual Tenderloin Sale

The Sacred Heart Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, Council #5552, will hold their annual tenderloin sale on December 16, 2007. Items offered are beef tenderloins and whole pork loins. Meat will be fully cooked, vacuum sealed and delivered on December 16th. Orders can be given to any Knights of Columbus member. For further information, contact Buster Davis at 733-2568 or 733-5061, Richard Wagner at 733-2167 or 659-3743, and Lenny Pecha at 659-5957 or 733-2621.

Perryton ISD Students Seeking Memories of World War II

Students in Perryton are seeking individuals to interview for the KACV WWII/Texas Panhandle Outreach Project. Participants who are eligible to be interviewed are those that have memories from 1938-1946, especially World War II Veterans. Persons who would like their stories from WWII to be recorded on film should contact Lauren Carroll at (806) 434-0389.

Your Car Could Save a Life

Donate your unwanted vehicle to the American Cancer Society
The end of the year is right around the corner. And for many people, part of wrapping up 2007 means looking for last-minute tax deductions. The American Cancer Society would like to remind you of a wonderful opportunity that may not only be of help to you with your 2007 tax deductions, but will also raise critical funds needed to help the American Cancer Society achieve our mission. The American Cancer Society's Vehicle Donation program, a year-round fundraiser for the Society, allows you to donate your used car, truck, van, motorcycle, or recreational vehicle to the American Cancer Society. In turn, the vehicle is auctioned off and the proceeds help fund cancer-fighting programs and lifesaving research. By donating your unwanted vehicle to the American Cancer Society by Dec. 31, 2007, you can take the allowed deduction on this year's taxes. Please consult your tax advisor for details. There is no "catch" to this program. The vehicle does not have to run. The Society only requires that the vehicle have inflated tires and all vital parts in place. To add to the simplicity of the program, the American Cancer Society arranges for the vehicle to be picked up at no charge to you. Call the American Cancer Society at 1-877-999-CARS (2277) and tell them you'd like to donate your vehicle. Or visit cancer.org/donatemycar for more information.

'08 High Plains Irrigation Conference & Trade Show

The 2008 High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held Jan. 16, 2008 in the Amarillo Convention Center. The conference will be presented by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association. CEU's will be offered for Pesticide applicators, certified crop consultants, certified irrigation designers.

Gruver Elementary Collecting Register Tapes

Gruver Elementary is again participating in the Lowe's Supermarket Register Tapes for Education program. Please help us earn free educational equipment by collecting register tapes from Lowe's. Only tapes dated September 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 are eligible. You can deposit your tapes in boxes in the Gruver Elementary Lobby, Gruver Library, Gruver City Hall, Nite & Day Beauty Salon and Hitchin' Nails. Jo Alice Clawson is also collecting tapes at 711 Wormble, or they may be mailed to PO Box 488, Gruver. Please call 733-2247 if you have tapes you would like to have picked up, or for more information.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave you feeling helpless and out of control - we can help.

Spearhead AA Group

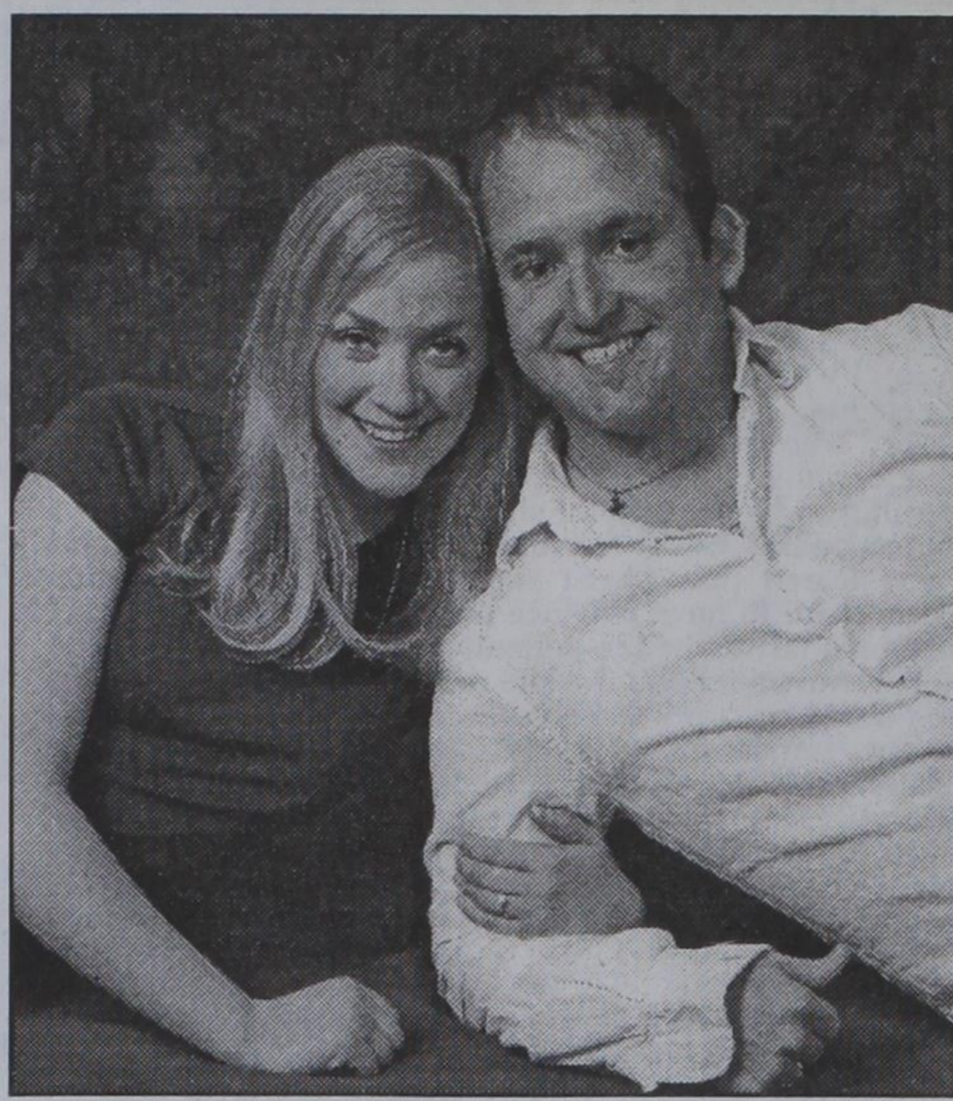
The Spearhead AA Group meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight building. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other to help solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. For information, call 662-1111.

Al-Anon

If you are concerned with someone else's drinking or addiction, the Al-Anon program can help you. Each Al-Anon Family Group has but one purpose - to help families and friends of alcoholics and addicts. The Spearhead Al-Anon Group meets every Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Spearman. For more information, call 806-330-0349.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office and Resale Store at 306 Hancock, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Call for more information regarding PCC's services. Hours for the Resale Store in Spearman are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



Engagement Announcement

Pat L. and Pam Harris of Gruver, TX announce the approaching marriage to their daughter, Bethany Grace Harris to Nicholas Peterson of League City, TX.

Bethany is currently teaching dance at Grace's School of Dance in Gruver. She also works at The Amazing Vase as a floral assistant.

Nicholas is the son of Sandy McNamara of League City, TX and Philip Peterson of Lockhart, TX. He is the grandson of Taylor and Shalmir Nichols of Boerne, TX and George and Celeste Hinds of Fairhope, AL. A graduate of Clear Creek High School, Nicholas currently attends Wayland Baptist University. Nick will graduate in May with a degree in Business Administration.

Bethany and Nicholas have set the date for their wedding for Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 3:16 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Gruver, TX. They would be honored by your presence.

To help them celebrate, a reception will be held immediately following in the FBC Fellowship Hall, 402 E. Broadway, Gruver, TX.

The couple plans to honeymoon in Beaver Creek, CO for a week before returning to Plainview, TX where they will reside until Nicholas finishes his degree.



Engagement Announcement

The parents of Audra Mae Evans and Kyle Brady McLaughlin are proud to announce the couple's engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rise Groth of Satanta, KS and the late Gary Evans. She is the granddaughter of Darlene Groth of Satanta, KS and the late Bill and Pat Evans. She is a 2005 graduate of Satanta High School. She attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University, and is currently employed by Johnston Grain in Gruver.

The prospective groom is the son of Danny and Delinda McLaughlin of Spearman, TX. He is the grandson of Jo McLaughlin of Spearman, TX and the late M.D. McLaughlin and the late Garland and Virginia Head. He is a 2001 graduate of Spearman High School. He attended Tarleton State University and Amarillo College. He is currently self-employed in Spearman.

The couple plan to marry January 5, 2008 at the Church of Christ in Spearman.

The couple will reside in Spearman, TX.

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Kadence Paige Kunselman is proud to announce the arrival of her baby sister, Averi Chaise Kunselman. Averi was born on Monday, November 26, 2007 at Southwest Medical Center in Liberal, KS. She weighed 8 pounds, 2.6 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. She is the daughter of Cameron and Kristi Kunselman of Ulysses, KS.

Proud grandparents are Carl and Janie Kunselman of Spearman, TX, Pete and Donna Dawson of Walsh, CO and the late Craig Claunch of Springfield, CO. Great-grandparents are Lorene Kunselman of Spearman, TX, Lennis Davidson of Springfield, CO, Tom Seemann of Almena, KS and Jim Claunch and the late Gloria Claunch of Lyan, CO.

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

In spite of the weather, we have a steady stream of visitors. This is always fun and entertaining. Visitors always provide us with interesting insights and feedback on our collections and museum offerings. We appreciate each and every one of you.

On Wednesday, we decorated a tree donated to us from one of our local volunteers. Thank you so much. We decorate the tree with sugar cookies, popcorn, candles, and paper chains. If you want to see how trees looked when you decorated with home made objects, stop by.

We also set up a new display tree donated to us this year. It is in the shape of a tree and we will probably use it to display appropriate collections for the seasons i.e. Christmas, Easter, etc. We have the State Capitol Tree Ornaments Collection of LaVaun Kraft on display. The Capitol makes a new ornament every year. LaVaun has been collecting since the early 90's. If you have a collection that you would like to display and share with our visitors, please call the museum and we will book you. Any type of collection will be appreciated. We would like to keep the "Tree" full all year round. We also discussed our let-

ter to Santa. Since my name is Virginia, I believe in the jolly ole man and he has never let me down. So here is our 2007 letter.

Dear Santa,
This letter is from your museum elves who work year round preserving, conserving, and displaying the history of Lipscomb County. We have tried to behave and except for a few slips of tongue we have done a pretty good job. Mildred and Georgia have provided us with new displays. They are the brains and I provide the manpower. Lovella has maintained the records on our obituaries and genealogy records. She has also started the organization of our newspaper collection with the help of Peg Herriage (a traveling elf that stops in occasionally).

Dorothy has completed her project on the designation of all of our cemeteries as Historical Cemeteries. The last two will receive their markers in 2008. Dorothy and LaVaun have been maintaining their quest to identify and mark all unmarked graves with LaVaun maintaining the cemetery book. Kellie is our quiet elf that comes in and adds all our data to our computer.

I have been busy writing our columns, attending our required museum meetings, publishing our newsletter, and like all the elves keeping the museum open.

We have had a busy and prosperous year and we thank you for answering our request from last year. We also our grateful for our two elves who had health problems this year and the fact they are healthy again.

This year our list continues to be for volunteers. We need Sunday Angels because our faithful Jim Bussard has not been able to keep the museum for us. So if you could find us some volunteers that have 2 hours a month, year, or week we would love to have them join our organization.

We also need a dust buster and a paper shredder.
Sincerely your elf,
Virginia

HISTORICAL MUSINGS

Follett held their first Christmas Parade in 1929 with a two day affair on two Saturdays. Each Saturday events were a parade with prizes for the best costumes, etc. A santa. They also had candy for every child. The attendance was reported to be between 2000 to 2500. The parade continued through the years but had been reduced to one Saturday by the third year. They also tossed live turkeys off the roof. I would like to know the origin and rationale for this tradition.

In 1930, Santa arrived in Follett driving his oxen team who he borrowed from Mr. Dick Cann of Higgins. This was a real treat for the children. The attendance was again in the 2000s.

Christmas parades with the arrival of Santa Claus are one of the best traditions and provide a community a time to celebrate being a community. Enjoy the season.

Out at the Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--December 10, 2007--20.53 feet

As I send this column in tonight (Monday), the cable in Gruver shows an even half inch of rain, and as yet the promised freezing moisture has not appeared. We that have dry-sowed wheat that needs moisture to sprout and have high hopes that this weather system will bring a future wheat crop.

Jim said this morning that the creeks were frozen but not the Lake. We are still not seeing the geese that usually flock to Lake Palo Duro. There are a scattering of ducks.

The Rotary Club again sponsored a pheasant hunt to raise money for their projects. A report from Jim said that this year brought 35 hunters. They were split in two groups. The weather could have been better, and the pheasants more numerous, but the hunters did get enough birds to report a good time.

This year I heard of some hunters being ticketed by a game warden for not having had a gun safety course. The hunting and fishing licenses also require stamps for certain activities. For instance, a hunting license requires a

stamp for migratory birds (think doves and ducks) and yet another stamp for upland game birds (pheasants, turkeys, quail). A fishing license has a different stamp for fresh water fish than the one for salt water

fish. A duck hunter must also be able to recognize the different ducks, as the numbers of ducks he can legally have in possession vary according to variety.

No one has reported seeing the white fawn. A lot of deer are being seen. There have been several killed in collisions with moving vehicles, so be on guard. Sometimes a field of green wheat will tempt deer into unexpected localities.

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Basketball Hoopla

Lynx & Lynxette Basketball Scores

Nov. 6 at Wheeler: VG - 57-29, JVG - 40-15
 Nov. 13 vs. Perryton: VG - 69-44, JVG - 50-37
 Nov. 17 vs. Childress: VG - 73-34
 Nov. 20 at Canyon vs. Lubbock Roosevelt: VG - 50-34, VB - 36-35to
 Nov. 27 at Texhoma, OK: VG - 57-34, JVG - 35-26, VB - 42-40, JVB - 21-37
 Nov. 29- Dec. 1 at Miami Varsity Boys & Girls Tournament: VB Won 1st
 Dec. 4 vs. Sunray: VG - 51-46, JVG - 30-40, VB - 43-33, JVB - 77-16
 Dec. 6-8 at Vernon Varsity Girls & Boys Tournament: VG - Won 1st, VB - 4th
 Dec. 6-8 at Spearman Girls JV Tournament: JVG - Won 1st

Gruver Varsity Girls' Basketball Scores

11/06/07 vs. Canadian: 53-52
 11/13/07 @ Sanford-Fritch: 66-57
 11/16/07 @ Booker: 48-46
 11/20/07 vs. Panhandle: 32-39
 11/24/07 @ Dumas: 35-40
 11/27/07 @ West Texas: 97-91
 11/29/07 @ Fritch Tourney vs. Bushland: 54-45
 11/30/07 @ Fritch Tourney vs. Dumas: 34-35
 12/01/07 @ Fritch Tourney vs. Sanford-Fritch: 53-39
 12/04/07 vs. River Road: 42-39

Gruver Varsity Boys' Basketball Scores

11/27/07 @ West Texas: 45-46
 11/29/07 vs. Panhandle: 53-58
 11/30/07 @ Fritch Tourney vs. Sanford-Fritch: 58-36
 12/01/07 @ Fritch Tourney vs. West Texas: 46-52
 12/04/07 vs. River Road: 69-46

1-A All-District Football

The District 1-A All-District football teams were recently announced.

Gruver High School senior Chandler Miner was named the Offensive MVP for the district.

Other All-District recipient honors are as follows:

District 1-A MVP: Parker Petty, Sr. QB/DB, White Deer (Unanimous)

Offensive MVP: Chandler Miner, Sr. RB, Gruver (Unanimous)

Defensive MVP: Darren Bumpas, Jr. DE, Sunray

Coach of the Year: Bryan Wood, Sunray

District 1-A All-District 1st TEAM

Quarterback: Tyler Pounds, Sr., Sunray

Fullback: Darren Bumpas, Jr., Sunray

Running Back: Tyler Perryman, Jr., White Deer (Unanimous); Colton Wilson, So., Sunray

Wide Receiver: Mark Gonzales, Sr., Sunray (Unanimous); Sam Coombs, Jr., Boys Ranch; Justin

Vasquez Jr. Gruver
Tight End: Trevor Dooley, Sr., Sunray; Cameron Armstrong, Sr., White Deer

Center: Jacob Burkett, Sr., Sunray (Unanimous)

Offensive Line: Tanner Sherrill, Sr., Gruver (Unanimous); Andrew Saenz, Jr., Sunray (Unanimous); Tyler Smith, Jr., White Deer (Unanimous); Carson Watley, Sr., Vega; Mark Ruth, Jr., White Deer

Defensive Line: Cory Graves, So., Gruver (Unanimous); Christian Tijerina, Jr., Sunray (Unanimous); Cameron Armstrong, Sr., White Deer (Unanimous); Carson Watley, Sr., Vega; Tyler Smith, Jr., White Deer

Defensive End: Tanner Sherrill, Sr., Gruver (Unanimous); Joseph Zavala, Sr., Sunray

Linebacker: Jake Wills, Sr., Gruver (Unanimous); Jacob Burkett, Sr., Sunray (Unanimous); Lorenzo Torres, Sr., Gruver; Matt Cobb, Sr., White Deer

Secondary: Chandler

Miner, Sr., Gruver
(Unanimous): Mark Gonzales, Sr., Sunray (Unanimous); Wade Meyer, Sr., Vega; Brice Bennett, Jr., White Deer

Kicker: Tyler Pounds, Sr., Sunray

Punter: Drew Mireles, So., Gruver; Parker Petty, Sr., White Deer

Gruver 2nd TEAM
Quarterback: Seth Thompson, Sr.

Center: Saul Hernandez, Jr.

Offensive Line: Lorenzo Torres, Sr.; Jake Wills, Sr.

Defensive Line: Saul Hernandez, Jr.

Defensive End: Matt Salazar, Jr.

Linebacker: Tony Lora, Sr

Secondary: Justin Vasquez, Jr.

Gruver Honorable Mention
Fullback: Tony Lora, Sr.

Running Back: Miles Messer, Jr.

Tight End: Tyler Wills, So.

Offensive Line: Jorge Soto, Jr.

Secondary: Seth Thompson, Sr.; Taylor Williams, Jr.

Lady Hounds Take 3rd in Blue & Red Classic Tourney

The Gruver Lady Hounds took third place in the Blue and Red Classic Basketball Tournament in Hugoton

Kansas, December 6, 7, & 8, 2007.

The Lady Hounds defeated the Hugoton Lady Eagles 43-26 in the first round.

Key Lady Hound players were: Mattie Yanke - 20 points, 14 rebounds; Devlin Reynolds - 8 points, 6 rebounds

In the Semi final, the Gruver Lady Hounds lost to SWH Lady Mustangs 44-61.

Leading Lady Hound players were: Mattie Yanke - 16 points and Diana Solis - 13 points, 5 assists.

The Lady Hounds defeated the Ulysses Lady Tigers 42-36, in the third place game.

Key Lady Hound players were Mattie Yanke - 10 points, 10 rebounds and Lynn Vela - 8 points.

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Stargazer



To readers of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman:
Stargazer is a column for all who find beauty and wonder in the night sky. Hoping you'll find Stargazer informative and entertaining, I welcome your comments, questions and ideas for column topics, and look forward to hearing from you.
-Paul Derrick

It's Time to Start Watching for Mars

OK, now it really is time to start watching for Mars. No, it won't look as big as a full Moon--it never does, regardless of what you read on the Internet. It won't even be as bright as it was in 2003, but will still be brighter than any star.

About every other year Mars spends six or so months in our evening sky. It is now up by 8 p.m. and rising a few minutes earlier each night. It then spends the rest of night moving across the sky and is high in the west by morning.

Some years Mars appears brighter than others, and this year is average. All planets circle the Sun in elliptical rather than circular orbits, so at times they are a bit nearer the Sun and at other times further. Thus sometimes Earth and Mars pass nearer each other than other times, and the nearer they pass the larger and brighter Mars looks.

Four years ago Mars and Earth passed about as close as they ever can, and Mars was dazzling--brighter even than Jupiter. It won't be that bright again until 2016, 2018, and 2020. The best of those three in 2018 will approach what we saw in 2003.

So, let's see how to find Mars which, like the Sun, Moon and other planets, rises approximately in the east. Known as the red planet, Mars does appear reddish, but so does Orion's bright star Betelgeuse. And by coincidence, the two now rise at the same time and rather near each other. As the star is rising almost due east, the planet is coming up 20 degrees to its left--twice the width of your fist held at arm's length. Even though Betelgeuse is one of the brightest stars, Mars is noticeably brighter.

Viewed with naked eyes or binoculars Mars looks like a bright star, however, through a telescope it appears as a small red-tinted ball. If you've seen Saturn in a scope, Mars now appears about the same size. In larger scopes some surface features might be discernible as well as one, or possibly both, polar caps. (It's spring on Mars so neither pole is tilted toward the Sun or us.)

For the next several weeks Mars will continue to rise earlier and grow brighter. It comes closest to Earth Dec. 18, and will be at its brightest the entire last half of December. When it reaches opposition (opposite the Sun from Earth) on Dec. 24 it will rise at sunset, be visible all night, and set at sunrise--a nice holiday gift from Mother Nature.

SKY CALENDAR

* 3 Mon. evening: Earliest sunset at latitude 30 degrees north.

5 Wed. morning: The crescent Moon is below the star Spica and to the right of Venus in the southeast. 9 Sun.: The Moon is new.

* Dec. 13 & 14: The Geminid meteor shower peaks with the best viewing being from mid evening after the Moon sets until sunrise.

* Dec. 17: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

* Dec. 19: Saturnalia, ancient Roman festival celebrating Saturn.

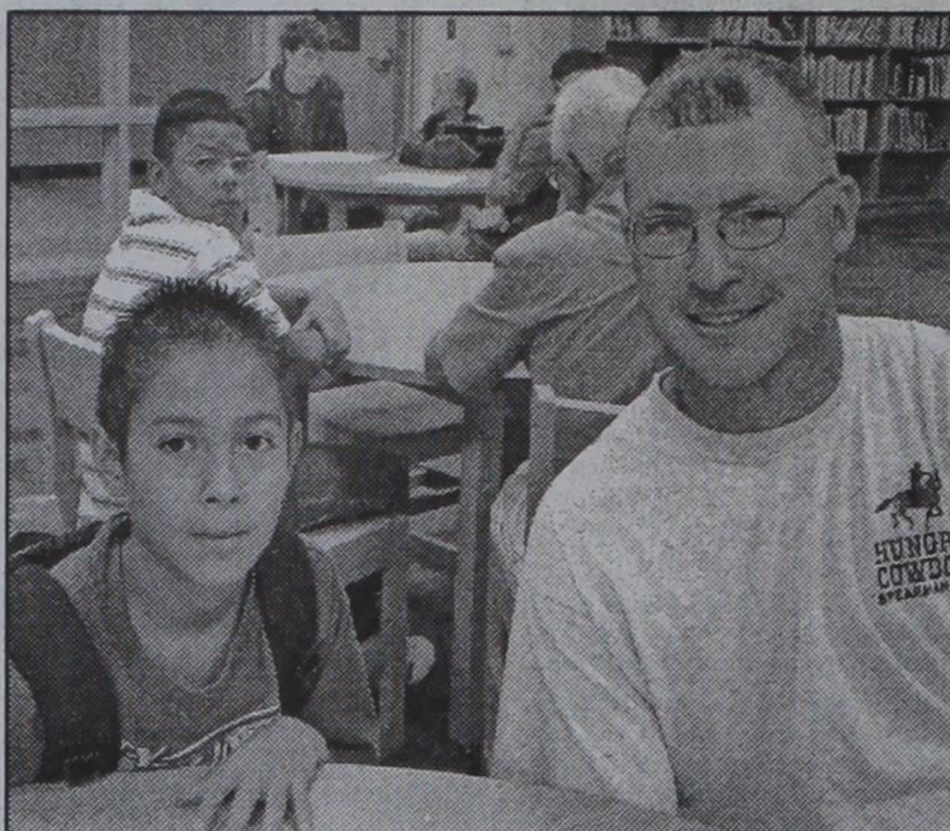
NAKED-EYE PLANETS, EVENING: Jupiter is sinking into the setting Sun and Mars is up by 8 p.m. Morning: Brilliant Venus dominates the eastern sky with Saturn high in the south and Mars high in the west.

ASTRO MILESTONES: Dec. 14 is the 461st birthday of Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe (1546-1601).

Paul Derrick is a retired social worker and former college professor who holds M.S.W. and Ph.D. degrees in social work from the University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife, Jane, are folk musicians. They are active members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco.

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Shields Named BBBS Volunteer of the Month



Tobe Shields (right) is pictured above with his Little Brother, Alex.

Big Brothers Big Sisters October. Shields and his has selected Tobe Shields as Little Brother, Alex, have Volunteer of the Month for been matched since

September, 2005 through the school based mentoring program, Bigs in Schools, in Spearman Elementary.

This award recognizes a "Big" who has connected with a "Little" in a special way or gone above and beyond to establish and nurture the relationship. Its purpose is to acknowledge the difference the volunteer is making in the child's life. There are over 100 children matched with mentors so far this year in Spearman, Perryton and Booker.

Through Bigs in Schools a volunteer mentor is matched with a student who may be experiencing academic, behavioral or social problems or who simply needs extra attention and support. The match meets once a week on the school campus during the school year. They often read, do homework, play games or just talk.

Research shows that these intentional friendships lead to improvements in self-confidence and attitudes toward school as well as encourage positive behaviors. Volunteers are good role models and caring friends.

"All of our volunteers are such wonderful, giving people," Lopez added. "They never want to draw attention to themselves and get embarrassed by receiving

recognition. At one time or another most of the volunteers have told me that they get way more out of the relationship than they think their Little does. It is hard for us to see how playing a game of checkers with a child transforms their lives but it does and in the process the volunteer is touched as well."

"Tobe owns and operates Hungry Cowboy and has two daughters yet always finds time to meet with Alex," Starla Whiteley, the organization's Match Support Specialist said.

Alex said, "Tobe and I talk a lot and it is easy since we have met for three years. He is a good friend." One of the match's favorite activities is building things - lincoln logs and models especially. They also play board games as well as computer games and an occasional game of catch.

"It seems like yesterday that we got started and now it's been three years," Shields said. "I would have to say the best thing about being a BIG is seeing what a little time invested into a young kid's life can make such a big difference."

Anyone interested in volunteering for either the community or school based program is invited to call 434-0016 for more information.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce News

The Chamber is having a shop at home campaign for Christmas. Located at all the retail businesses and restaurants you get a ticket for each \$25 spent. We have encouraged businesses to have their own drawing for their customers, I am not sure how many are doing that. On December the 22nd we will have a drawing of all the tickets for a \$250 Hansford Bucks.

Also the Lyric Cinema will have a matinee show that day for the kids, while Mom shops. We hope Santa will make an appearance there as well.

The Chamber Banquet will be January 19th with Dr. Stan Cobb returning to Spearman for an evening of entertainment and recognition of our accomplishments and special awards for 2007. We will have a tenderloin dinner. Tickets are on sale for \$30/person or corporate tables for \$230/8 tickets.

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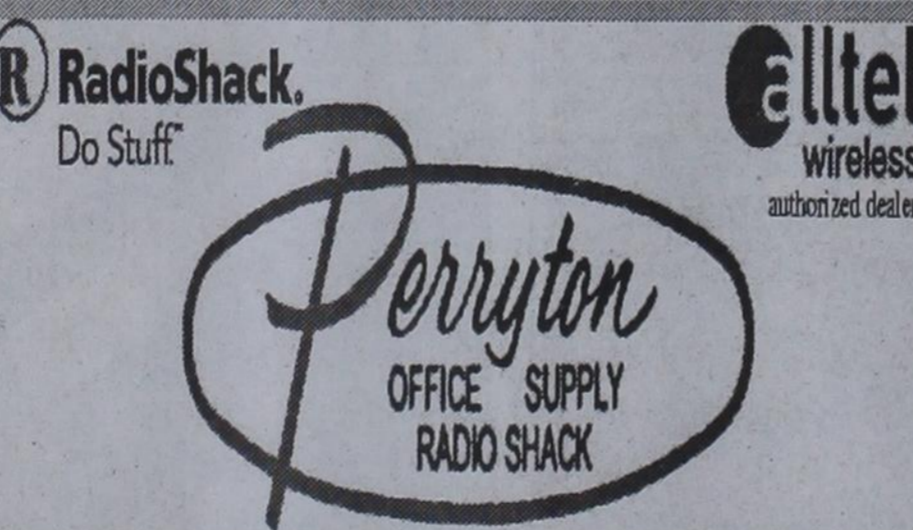
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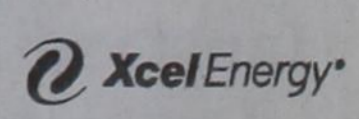
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PUBLIC NOTICE

COMBINED NOTICE NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date: December 13, 2007
Name of Contractor: City of Gruver, PO Box 947, Gruver, TX 79040
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: Sixteen (16) days after this publication, the City of Gruver, Texas intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release community development

funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 727171.

Project Title: Water System Improvements

Purpose: The purpose of the project is to improve the City of Gruver's deteriorating water system by constructing a new booster pump system.

Location: City of Gruver, TX - Intersection of Cator Ave. between Third and Fourth St.

Enumeration: District/Census Tract: Census Tract 9501

Estimated Cost of Project: \$420,380 (\$250,000 TCDF) (\$170,380 City of Gruver)

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment in the project area and accordingly the above named entity has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows:

The City of Gruver's booster pump system improvements will be advantageous to the community residents and will greatly enhance the city's water storage system. The project is not an action which will significantly affect the quality of the environment.

An environmental assessment respecting the within project has been made by the above named entity which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. The environmental assessment is on file at the above address and is available for public examination. Copies may be obtained from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, PO Box 9257, Amarillo TX 79105, Attention: Chris Sharp, (806) 372-3381, or from the City of Gruver.

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Release of Funds

The City of Gruver will undertake the project described above with Community Development Program funds from the Office of Rural Community Affairs under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Linda Weller, City Manager as certifying officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs in his offi-

cial capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the federal court if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Gruver may use the Texas Community Development Program funds and Office of Rural Community Affairs will have set aside its responsibility under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1979, and 24 CFR, Part 58.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Office of Rural Community Affairs will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of contractor approved by the Office of Rural Community Affairs; or (b) that contractor's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or a step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR, Part 58.75) and may be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, Finance Division, PO Box 12877, Austin TX 78711. Objections to the release of funds on a basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs. No objection received later

than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

CERTIFYING OFFICER OF CONTRACTOR: Linda Weller, City Manager Environmental Certifying Officer PO Box 947 Gruver TX 79040 (11-23-07)B

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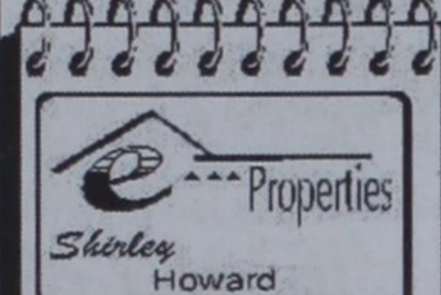
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Operation Christmas Greeting

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary has begun their yearly fundraiser - Operation Christmas Greeting. Instead of mailing greeting cards, individuals who wish to may donate money to the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and have their greeting published in this paper. The money is used to purchase equipment and supplies that are not budgeted at the Hospital and Manor.

Your donations can be mailed to Operation Christmas Greeting Chairman Judy Nelson, 130 Nelson Road, Spearman, Texas 79081. Checks should be made to Hansford Hospital Auxiliary and marked Operation Christmas Greeting. Thank you so much for supporting this fundraiser.

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