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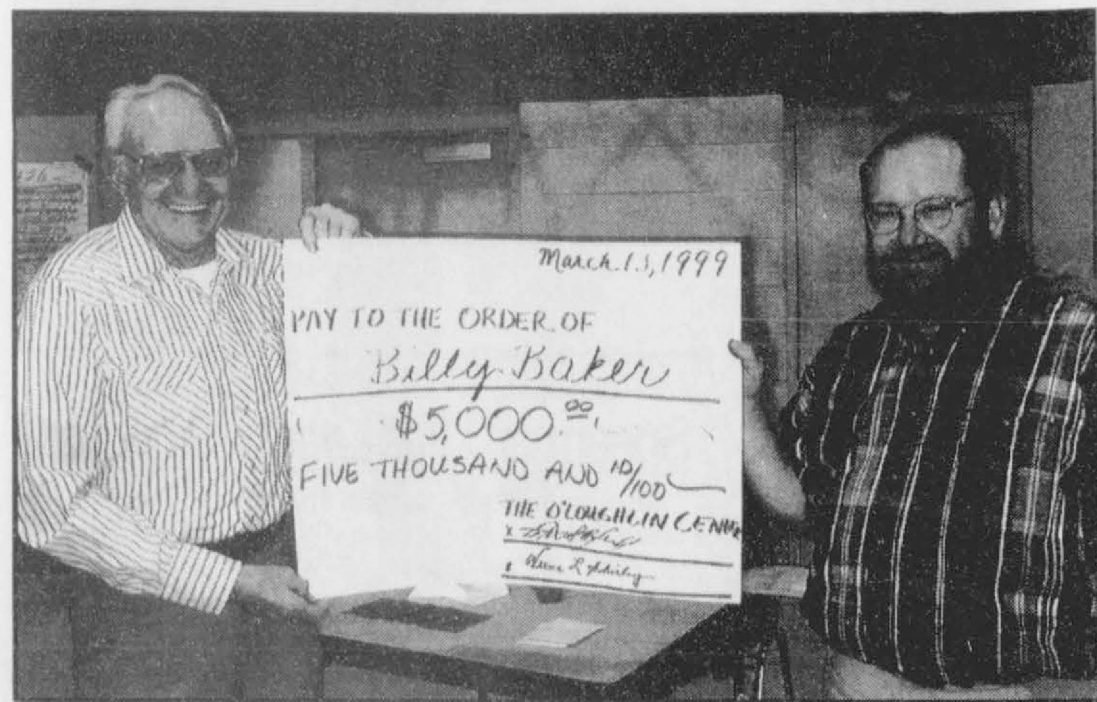
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Billy Baker receives a \$5,000 "check" from Mike Cudd at the First Annual Pot of Gold Dance and Dinner.

Local Man Wins \$5,000

Billy Baker was the winner of a \$5,000 drawing at the First Annual Pot of Gold Dinner and Dance held last Saturday night at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. Everett Tracy was the 2nd place winner and received \$200; Mark Irwin was the 3rd place winner and received \$100; Kate Logsdon was the 4th place winner and received \$75; Anne Sanders was the 5th and received \$75. Over 200 tickets were sold, with great participation from the Gruver, Morse and Spearman communities. Guests enjoyed both the wonderful food which was prepared by the Spearhead Board, and the evenings music performed by "Insufficient Funds."

Community Futures Forum

What issues will be affecting you, your family, and your business in the next five years? That is the question the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, and the Gruver Chamber of Commerce will be asking area citizens Tuesday evening, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church in Spearman.

This forum is part of a statewide effort to hear from citizens in every county in Texas. This meeting, known as the Texas Community Futures Forum, is the first part of a

two phase process, and is known as an Open Forum. All residents are welcome to attend this forum and share issues that will be affecting them in the next five years. By the end of the meeting, issues will be prioritized and later put in a report format. It will also be posted on the Texas Community Futures Forum web site and will be forwarded to state legislators to be utilized during this legislative session.

The second phase of this process will be called the Focus Forum. During the Focus Forum, the general issues identified during the

Open Forum will be brought down into specific, achievable goals. It will then be published and distributed for use by local and county government, public and private agencies, schools, and churches.

So, again the question, what issues will be affecting you, your family, and your business in the next five years? Attend the Texas Community Futures Forum Tuesday evening, March 23 and share it. You will be helping yourself and your community.

For more information, contact Peggy Winegarner, Extension Agent, at 659-4130.

ARNet Takes Over Rural E-Net

ARNet Inc. of Amarillo announces the take over of the day to day operations of Rural E-Net, an Internet Service Provider that services the Perryton, Spearman, and Booker areas.

"Rural E-Net has provided a great service to these communities by bringing in Internet access. We feel this is an outstanding opportunity for ARNet to add a quality company to our Internet operations. Our goal is to work diligently to assist Rural E-Net in providing more value added services, and enhanced technical support," said Frank Stepp, VP Sales & Marketing

As a division of ARNet, Rural E-Net will continue to service current customers and sell Internet services to new customers. Rural E-Net will begin to offer additional services such as technical support available twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, web site development (including eCommerce sites), and training classes. Kent Thornton, Sr. VP Operations says,

"ARNet intends to bring more stability and faster access to Rural E-Net customers. We will be working with the local Telephone Company to bring ISDN, (high speed access), to Perryton by the end of the year."

ARNet will work toward the consolidation of operations and equipment in order to bring more stability to the system, and offer more value to the customer based upon these economies of scale. ARNet's management states that administrative functions will remain the same, but beginning in April, customers will return their payments to the Amarillo office. New customers may continue to sign up for Internet service at Perryton Office Supply at 123 S. Main.

ARNet is known throughout the Panhandle as the leader in Internet education. ARNet produces Internet 101, a call-in radio program that airs on Tuesday evenings at 6:10. The program airs on KGNC AM 710 in Amarillo, and KFYO AM

790 in Lubbock. ARNet also offers a slate of outstanding training Classes, covering everything from understanding your computer to advanced Internet techniques. Eric Spellmann currently teaches all classes in the Northern Panhandle. Eric also host a two minute segment, (Tech Center), during the 10:00 p.m. news, on Tuesday and Friday evenings on KVII TV. "ARNet is excited to bring the best Internet and computer training classes around to Perryton," stated Eric Spellmann, Dir. Training.

ARNet Inc. is the largest Internet Service Provider in West Texas. ARNet's customers are located from Perryton to Post and from Vega to Wellington.

ARNet's corporate offices are located in Amarillo, in the KGNC building at 3505 Olsen. A full branch office is located in Lubbock at 8004 Quaker.

If you have questions or concerns, you may reach ARNet by calling, 806 355-3539. Or by emailing us at info@arn.net.

Amarillo Opera Presents Elixir Of Love

Amarillo Opera will prove that laughter and music make a powerful tonic when it stages the grand finale for its eleventh season. Gaetano Donizetti's classic *Elixir of Love* is set for Saturday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. The full-length opera, to be performed in English, is produced in association with the Amarillo College Opera Workshop.

As the show's title suggests, a remarkable "love potion" sold by a traveling salesman serves as a catalyst for romance, intrigue, and loads of fun in the light-hearted musical tale. The production, featuring five guest artists singing the leading roles, a guest conductor, guest state director, and a chorus of 50 talented area performers, promises to be just what the doctor ordered for area audiences. The show also features a unique staging twist. Amarillo Opera Founder/Director Mila Gibson plans a nostalgic treat for

Panhandle audiences by setting the story at a fictitious ranch just outside of Amarillo in the 1890's.

"*Elixir*, as written, is set in an agrarian community at the turn of the century, so it seemed natural to set it right here in the Panhandle," Gibson explains. "We've had a lot of fun designing the production elements, and it suits the story perfectly."

The colorful characters seem right at home on the Western frontier: the beautiful and wealthy rancher owner, her poor but earnest suitor, and the visiting salesman

promoting his magic tonic. Soldiers featured in the original storyline will turn into Texas Rangers. Hundreds of specially created costumes will evoke the era, as well as elaborate sets.

Tickets for *Elixir of Love* may be purchased at the Amarillo Civic Center Box Office, Monday through Saturday, 12 noon to 6 p.m. at 401 South Buchanan, Amarillo. You may also call (806) 378-3096 to charge tickets over the phone. If you have a season membership in Bravo, please call (806) 372-SING (7464).

Coffee Memorial Blood Center Blood Drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be in Spearman on Monday, March 22nd from 1:30-6:30 p.m. for a blood drive at the First United Methodist Church. The blood drive will be held in the fellowship hall, at 407 Haney Street.

Spring is finally here and everyone's schedule doubles with activities. Unfortunately, the need for blood does not slow down. We do hope that one of the items on your agenda will be to come by the blood drive and donate blood.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call 1-800-658-6178 and we will be happy to help.

Texas Prairie Rivers Consortium

The Texas Prairie Rivers Consortium will hold their first meeting Monday, March 22nd, 10:00 a.m., at the River Valley Pioneer Museum in Canadian. The consortium - with representatives from Canadian, Wheeler, Shamrock, Spearman, Miami, Black Kettle National Grasslands, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - was formed during the Nature Tourism Seminar which the Canadian/Hemphill County Economic Development Council hosted in November.

Ted Eubanks of the Austin-based firm, Fermata, Inc., spoke at the seminar, inspiring the participants to form a consortium to develop and market the region they named Texas Prairie Rivers Region. Citing the fact that vacationers would not travel to any one of the communities for an extended stay, the emerging group realized that visitors could enjoy a wealth of activities in an extended area. The participants realized they would be much more effective pooling natural, human, and financial resources to market the area with the one shared feature - prairie rivers.

Eubanks pointed out that prairie rivers offer a unique eco-system, geographical climate, and details not present anywhere else, or on other types of waterways.

Building on the enthusiasm and hope generated by the 40-plus participants in the two-day seminar, a task force was appointed to research and start development plans for the new consortium. Members are Chairman Ramelle Farrar of Canadian, Ravonda Hardcastle of Wheeler, Reggie Blackwell of the United States Forest Service, Bridget Renfroe of Shamrock, Troy Manley of Miami,

and Larry Murphy of Spearman.

The task force accepted Murphy, offer to handle the job of settling up a non-profit corporation, and and Wildlife, the Forest Service, and EPA officials. The formation of the Consortium, the hiring of Eubanks, and the inclusion of hired Fermata, Inc. to do an in-depth survey and inventory of the region, assets. Funding for these projects was included in the original grant from Canadian/Hemphill County EDC.

Starting with Canadian, unparalleled diversity of birds, Eubanks, inventory will highlight the attractions throughout the eight-county area, as well as other complementary sites in the region.

Eubanks will report to the Consortium the results of the

survey and inventory, as well as his preliminary meetings with Parks surrounding counties, have all elicited praise from August Hesse III, Community Development Specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture, who has offered support and the possibility of future financing through his agency and the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation.

Anyone interested in the development of tourism, nature and wildlife, and other possibilities is invited to join the session. No reservations are needed for the meeting. Lunch will be served at noon, and those planning to stay are asked to reserve a place by Friday, March 19th. Call 323-5397.

Gruver Police Chief

by Harletta Carthel

Chris Morris has been hired as police chief for the City of Gruver. Morris and his wife Holly, who both hail from Lampasas, have an eleven-month old son, Charles. The family has recently made their home in Gruver.

Morris is a graduate of Amarillo College. His family is very involved in law enforcement. Charles Morris, Chris's father, is the chief of police at Pampa while his mother, Virgie Morris is a deputy sheriff of Lipscomb County. Morris also has an older sister who is currently attending the Amarillo Police Academy.

Morris states he and his family are glad to be in Gruver and looks forward to meeting the town's residents.



Gruver Police Chief
Chris Morris

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 name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine Smith.

March 18 Birthday - Danny Henson, Bill Burger, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Percy, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bullard

March 19 Birthday - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Vera Mae Hays, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight

March 20 Birthday - Mack Beville, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Ila Mae Buchanan, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Toni Vera, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Garry Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Maxine Banister, Jane Henton

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Benny McCullough, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Barkley

March 21 Birthday - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarrango, Maxine Bannister

Anniversary - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver

March 22 Birthday - Veta Allaway, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Key, Bob Miller, Payton Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Kelly Rauscher, Randie (Renner) Baumann, Roy Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, Tim Kizzar, Alice Miller, Michael Burke, Doug Gumfory, Tavo Borunda, Jorge Soto, Carla Jones, Debbie Clement

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wilson

March 23

Birthday - Tanner Irwin, Mercedes Perez, Dwayne TeBeest, Annie Houghton, Jamie Sterling, Beth Ann Flowers, Angela Craig, Teresa Russell, Marvin G. Wilson, Christopher Turner, Ramon Garcia Jr., Bernice Flores

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cazares

March 24

Birthday - Dillon Payne, Marie Bell, Mike Floyd, Charles Haight, Frank Sursa, Lesa Deakin, Karie Coates, Patricia Pool, Lera Deakin, Jeri Diane Sterling, Chandra Lee, Carla James, Rebecca Garza, Corry Haight, Ruth Bryan, Beth Phelps

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Babbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Breiland, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Traham

March 25

Birthday - Rosalie Grotegut, Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albrect, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogdo, Tom Latta, Jean Schaffer, Michael Covington, Joe Baca, Amy Bridges, Inez Holland, Verna Strawn

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Josh Reed

March 26

Birthday - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tanda Taylor, James Brown, J.D. Faulkner, Judy Irbeck, Greg Holladay, Rugh Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu, Mozelle Sparks

Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley

March 27

Birthday - Tommy Boone, Diana Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Joe Villalobos Jr., Clark Dunaway, Gary Urban, Debbie Herrington, Michael McCarney

Anniversary - Steve and Debbie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd



Howard Goodrich

Howard Goodrich, 79, died on Thursday, March 11, 1999. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Christian Church in Gruver. Rev. Gary Gumfory will officiate. Interment will be in Gruver Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman. Howard was born in Calhoun, MO in 1920. He had lived in the area for 48 years, moving from Calhoun, MO. He was a truck driver for Phillips Petroleum.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, a former Deacon of the First Christian Church, and a member of the I.O.O.F. (Oddfellows). He served with the 10th Mountain Division of the 5th Army in Italy in World War II.

He was preceded in death by a son, William O. "Bill" Goodrich in 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice Goodrich of Gruver; three daughters, Deanna Kenney of Spearman, Nell Frame of Longmont, CO, and Virginia Martin of Spearman; one son, Eddie Goodrich of Perryton; one brother, Raymond Goodrich of Kansas City, MO; two sisters, Roxie Gregory and Mary Justis of Clinton, MO; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Thank You

The family of Charles Caison would like to express our thanks and appreciation to everyone who sent flowers, food, cards, memorials, and to those who visited in our homes, sharing their own special stories and memories.

Thanks also to the community at Waka, the Church of the Brethren, and Pastor Carol Coulter, for their hospitality, caring and prayers.

Debbie, Sam & Family; Penny & Skyler; Bryan, Kadee & Tyler; Charles, Jan & Family; Brent, Natalie & Family

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Mary Lorene Cline

Mary Lorene Cline, 84, of Gainesville, died on March 13, 1999. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, March 20, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in Gruver Cemetery. Rev. Jerry Moore of the United Methodist Church in Gruver officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Johnson-Moore Funeral Home of Denison, Texas.

Lorene was born on October 20, 1914 at Honey Grove, Texas to Marshall G. and Arkie V. Holder Shelton.

She married Floyd Cline in Amarillo, Texas.

She was a former member of the Gruver Methodist Church and was a dietician for the Gruver public schools for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her son, Larry Lee Cline, her parents, one brother, and three sisters.

Survivors include two brother, Cecil Shelton of Vidor, TX and Derl Tucker of Sherman; one sister, Betty Sandridge of Tulsa, OK; two grandchildren, Jerry Dean Cline and Debra Cline; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Thank You

The family of Fannie Venneman would like to thank everyone for all of the calls, cards, flowers, visits, and special prayers for Fannie during her critical illness. She was so happy to come home to the wonderful people of Hansford County and is doing much better since her return to Hansford Hospital. We are so fortunate and blessed to have our doctors, nurses and hospital staff who care so much for their patients. There is truly no place like home!

Joe T. and Linda Venneman & Family; Hattie Davis & Family; Mary Venneman; Clementine Renner

Spearman Little League Sign-Up

Tryouts for Major League (10-12 year olds who were not on a Major league team last year) and all Girls Softball (ages 8-12) will be Monday, April 5th.

Tryouts for Senior League (ages 13-16) and Minor League (ages 8-9) will be Tuesday, April 6th.

There will be no tryouts for T-Ball (ages 6-7).

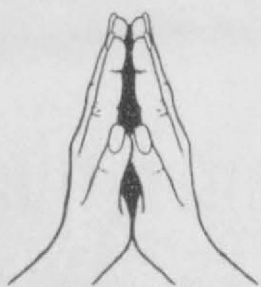
Applications are available at Cates Men & Boys Wear. Return forms, fee, and birth certificate to Cates Men & Boys Wear by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 3rd.

For more information, contact

Gary Ellsworth at 659-3948.

If you would like to volunteer, help coach, umpire, or be a sponsor, please call.

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[Jesus said:] "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins." [also] "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

By faith [Abraham] lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful Who had promised . . . as it is, they desire a better country, that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit Who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Taken from 1 Jn. 2, Jn. 8, 18, Heb. 11, Eph. 2, 1 Cor. 2, The New American Standard and The New International Version.

In Spearman . . .

Apostolic Faith Church
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Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00pm
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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
283 S. Barbo • 659-2036
Sundays School 9:45am
Worship 10:50am
Evening Bible Study
Worship 6:30pm Sun.
Senior Minister: Joseph Weeks

First Baptist Church
123 N. Barbo • 659-6557
Sundays School 9:45am
Worship 11am
Evening Worship 7pm
Wed. Fellowship Meeting 6pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00pm
Wed. Youth Meeting 8pm
Pastor: Rick Palko
Min. of Youth Education: Blain Foster

Church of Christ
121 S. Hwy • 659-2414
Sundays School 9:45am
Worship 10:30am
Evening Worship 6:00pm
Ebb. Study Wed. 7:30pm
KFFC Radio Program
Liturgy with Ch. 7:30am MF
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Sundays Mass 11:30am - Spanish
1:30pm - Guero - Ch. 8:30am
R. And. M. Mass - Spanish
Rev. Scott Paul

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717 W. 7th Ave • 659-2571
Sundays School 9:30am
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Church 10:30am
Pastor: Jimmy Taylor

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Lutheran Church
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1101 Barbo • 659-2232
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407 S. Hwy • 659-6033
Sundays School 9:45am
Worship 8:30 & 11am
Jr. High Youth 5pm Sundays
High School 6pm Sundays
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Pastor: Ken Cole

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31 S. Erndt • 659-2544
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Evening Worship 6pm
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Thurs. Worship 7pm

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Worship 10:20am
Evening Worship 6pm
Wed. Evening Worship 7:30pm

First Christian Church
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Sundays Worship 11am
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Young Adults Bible Study 7:30 Sundays
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339-7709
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Worship 11am
Pastor: John R. Chandler

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Worship 8:30am & 10:50am
Evening Worship & UMW 6pm
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Laugh and Live

by Gary C. Smith
gcs@ren.net



My father-in-law, Gerald Ritchie, sent me a message with the following list from a first grade teacher who collected well-known proverbs.

She gave each child in her class the first half of a proverb, and had them come up with the rest. Their insight may surprise you...

- ▶ Better to be safe than.....Punch a 5th grader.
- ▶ Strike While the.....Bug is close.
- ▶ It's always darkest before.....Daylight Savings time.
- ▶ Never underestimate the power of.....Termites.
- ▶ You can lead a horse to water but.....how?
- ▶ Don't bite the hand that.....looks dirty.
- ▶ No news is.....impossible.
- ▶ A miss is as good as aMr.
- ▶ You can't teach an old dog new.....math.
- ▶ If you lie down with dogs, you'll.....stink in the morning.
- ▶ Love all, trust.....me.
- ▶ The pen is mightier than thepigs.
- ▶ An idle mind is.....The best way to relax.
- ▶ Where there's smoke there's.....Pollution.
- ▶ Happy the bride who.....gets all the presents.
- ▶ A penny saved is.....not much.
- ▶ Two's company, three's.....the Musketeers.
- ▶ Don't put off till tomorrow what...you put on to go to bed.
- ▶ Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and...you have to blow your nose.
- ▶ None are so blind as.....Helen Keller.
- ▶ Children should be seen and not.....spanked or grounded.
- ▶ If at first you don't succeed.....get new batteries.
- ▶ You get out of something what you...see pictured on the box.
- ▶ When the blind leadeth the blind.....get out of the way.

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GCS

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Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Nash of Plainview, TX announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Kaye Nash to Stefan Kale Dorman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dorman of Gruver. A May 1, 1999 wedding is planned in Gruver.

Miss Nash is a graduate of Plainview High School and attends Texas Tech University, majoring in Family Studies, a division of the College of Human Sciences. She plans to graduate in May, 2000.

Mr. Dorman is a graduate of Gruver High School and also attends Texas Tech University. He will graduate in December, 1999 with a degree in Environmental Conservation of Natural Resources for Land Use Management with the College of Agriculture. He served three years of active duty in the United States Army with the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY.

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<p>She's All That</p> <p>PG-13</p> <p>Freddie Prinze Jr. • Rachel Leigh Cook Anna Paquin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Screen 1 • 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Message in a Bottle</p> <p>PG-13</p> <p>Kevin Kostner • Paul Newman Robin Wright-Penn</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Screen 2 • 7:30 p.m.</p>
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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

"Pinocchio" Presented By Broadway For All Ages
"Pinocchio" will be presented by Broadway for All Ages - 1999 on Monday, March 29, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center. The tickets are \$9.00 each. If you would like to attend this presentation, please reserve your seat now by calling Sherry at The Golden Spread Senior Center, 659-386. Reservations must be made by March 19th. We will be taking a van to the performance and will then eat lunch at Furr's Cafeteria before returning home.

Walk Across Texas
Walk Across Texas is a fun and flexible way to exercise. Just get together with seven other people - friends, neighbors, coworkers, or family members - and start walking, jogging, or even biking. You can walk together or individually, outside or at a gym, any way that fits your schedule and lifestyle. You keep track of your miles, to see if you can walk the 800 miles "across Texas" in 8 weeks. Report your totals to your county Extension office to see how your team "measures up" against others in your town. And by the end of Walk Across Texas, you'll have a healthy habit that will last a lifetime! To find out how you can Walk Across Texas call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

Texas Community Futures Forum
What issues will be affecting you, your family, and your business in the next five years? That is the question the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, and the Gruver Chamber of Commerce will be asking area citizens Tuesday evening, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church in Spearman. This forum is part of a statewide effort to hear from citizens in every county in Texas. By the end of the meeting, issues will be prioritized and then later put in a report format. It will then be published and distributed for use by local and county government, public and private agencies, schools, and churches. All residents are welcome to attend this forum and share issues that will be affecting them in the next five years.

Pesticides Usage Training & Testing
March 22, 1999 has been set for training and testing for private applicator, non-commercial and commercial licenses for pesticides usage. The class will start at 9:00 a.m. in the Spearman County Barn. This class is given by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Contact Burt Williams Extension agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901, for more information and to register. The test is free, and the cost of the license is \$50.00.

Christian Concert
Jerry Smith of Borger presents the Kevin Spencer Family and Bobby Treece in a Christian Concert on Thursday, March 25, 1999. The free concert will be held in the Borger High School Auditorium, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Children's Miracle Network
The Spearman Dairy Queen would like to ask the community for donations for a garage sale to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. All proceeds stay in the Amarillo area and benefit children at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Amarillo School of Medicine. Please bring donations to the Spearman Dairy Queen. The garage sale will be held on Saturday, March 27th, beginning at 9 a.m. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a "Champion for Children."

Kindergarten Round-Up
Children attending Spearman Kindergarten next school year will be invited to visit school on April 6th and 7th. We will be screening the children in the following areas: motor skills development, concepts development, language development, speech and general health. If you have pre-registered, you will receive a letter from the school specifying your child's scheduled appointment time. If you have not pre-registered your child, please contact the Elementary School Office as soon as possible at 659-2565.

Reunion De Kinder
Todos los niños/ninas que van a atender las clases de kinder el año que entra van a ser invitados a visitar nuestra escuela el 6 y 7 de Abril. Vamos a estar dandoles una prueba en habilidades y desarrollo tanto en lenguaje como en otras habilidades y salud general. Si su niño/lla está registrado o registrada, usted va recibir una carta de la escuela diciendole cuando tiene su cita. Si todavía no ha registrado su niño/nina por favor contacte la oficina de la escuela elemental lo mas pronto posible al 659-2565.

Queen Of Hearts & Her Royal Court Gala
The American Heart Association Hansford Division will host their Annual Queen of Hearts & Her Royal Court Gala on Monday, April 10, 1999. It will be held at the First Baptist Church, 402 East Broadway, in Gruver. The schedule of events for the evening will be: 6:15-7:00 p.m. - Hors d'oeuvres and Viewing of the Royal Auction; 7:00 p.m. - King's Feast prepared by the Williams Brothers, Served by the Queen's Royal Court; 8:00 p.m. - Mystical and Magical Entertainment, Royal Auction. For more information, or to make a donation for the auction, please contact Dorothy Buzzard at 659-2010 or Charlotte Bergin at 733-2297.

Alpha Mu Psi's Easter Egg Hunt
Alpha Mu Psi will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gruver City Park. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the county barn.

Emergency Medical Technician Class
Spearman Emergency Medical Service is offering an Emergency Medical Technician Class. If interested, call 659-2524 and leave a message.

Waka Church of the Brethren's Groundhog Supper
The Waka Church of the Brethren has rescheduled their Annual Groundhog Supper for Saturday, March 27th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church in Waka. Waffles, sausage and hot syrup will be served. A free-will donation will be accepted to help purchase new carpet for the sanctuary. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Spearman Blood Drive
A blood drive will be held in Spearman on Monday, March 22, 1999 in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Women's Guild Easter Bake Sale
The Sacred Heart Women's Guild will host an Easter Bake Sale on Wednesday, March 31st at Lowe's Marketplace in Spearman. It will begin at 8 a.m. Proceeds will be used for their scholarship fund.

Heritage Days Planning Meeting
A Heritage Days Planning Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th at noon at the Palo Duro Cafe. This meeting is open to anyone interested in participating in the annual celebration.

Area-Wide Easter Egg Hunt
The Kids Church of the First Assembly of God Church in Spearman will host an area-wide Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 4, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. at Rocket Slide Park. Prizes to be given away in each age group are: Bicycles, Rollerblades, Easter Baskets, and Gift Certificates.

Office hours for The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman are Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1-5 p.m. The deadline to submit items to be published is Monday at 5:00 p.m. for that week's publication.

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Wedding Announcement

Carolyn Doby wishes to announce the engagement of her daughter, Mandy Doby, to Jeremy Thomas of Spearman. Jeremy is the son of David and Cyndi Pearson.

Mandy is employed at Lowe's Marketplace, and Jeremy is employed at J&M Service Center.

The couple plans a March 20, 1999 wedding at the First Assembly of God Church, 401 N. Bernice in Spearman, at 3:00 p.m. Friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend.

A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Mandy is the granddaughter of Daisy Doby.

Jeremy is the grandson of Clifford and Marie Richardson and Murl and Ann Pearson.

Varnon Named To Dean's List

Eric Varnon, son of Allen and Peggy Varnon, from Spearman, Texas was one of the 139 Sterling College students named to the Dean's List for the 1998 fall semester. The student's qualified by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or better during the fall semester. The college is pleased to have these students as representatives of the academic excellence for which we strive at Sterling College.

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Basketball Academic All-District

The 1998-99 Basketball Academic All-District members have been announced.

Spearman Girls: Haley Beasley, Kristin Beedy, Brook Lesly, Haley Lombard, Amber Ramon, Jennifer Schnell, Clara Shieldknight, Adrienne Simpson, Lanna Smith, and Lisa Swink.

Spearman Boys: Randy Duffy, Michael Lusby, Jeremy Mackie, Landon Miller, Nathan Pipkin, Quentin Shieldknight, and Brady Woolley.

Gruver Girls: Janae Watley, Janie May, Brooke Salmans, and Brooke Beville.

Gruver Boys: Dallas Henson and Lucas Johnson

Pringle-Morse CISD Board Hours

All of the Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District Board of Directors have received their required hours with the exception of three hours each for Tier II - team building. This training is scheduled for April 29, 1999.

Board members and their hours are as follows: Lonnie Clemmons - 5 hours, Jerry Hart - 5 hours, Alan Leach - 6 hours, Clyde McCloy - 6 hours, Carolyn Shields - 9 hours, Betty Womble, - 8 hours, and Ron Womble - 5 hours.

It's A Boy!

Melissa (Stewart) and Douglas Walls wish to announce the birth of their son, Dawson Patrick Walls.

Dawson was born on Thursday, March 4, 1999 at 8:25 a.m. at Memorial Hospital of Texas County in Guymon. He weighed 5 pounds, 4.6 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Richard and Barbara Diller of Stratford, and Kenneth and Letha Stewart of Spearman.

Great-grandmothers are Irene Butler and Cathrine Diller, both of Stratford.



Cari and Roger Tedder of Guymon are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlyn Elise Tedder. She arrived on Wednesday, March 10, 1999 in Guymon. She weighed 7 and one-half pounds, and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Larry and Caroline Kenealy of Spearman, Roger Tedder of Stinnett and Mary Tedder of Borger.

Great-grandparents are Ms. Larry Kenealy Sr. of Coudersport, PA and Mrs. Austin Moore of Winnsboro, TX.



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth -- March 15, 1999 -- 40 ft. 5 in. 40°

The weekend storm brought .90 of moisture at the office. Thus the level only dropped 2.5 inches. Jim Derington said the roads were sloppy, and not many people were out this week.

Charley Laxton is pictured holding a 14 pound blue catfish and Red' Byrd is holding another weighing 10.5 pounds. Charlie also recently caught a 16 pound blue catfish. All were caught on shad. Red and Charlie men are very generous with their friends, as they give away many pounds of fish. This Tuesday Charley and Claudine Laxton are having a fish fry for the Manor.

The last week or so has brought many cedar waxwings through our area. Glen Harris called Sunday about the flock at his country home

north west of Gruver. Many were seen both at the office and at the Derington home. Archie Nelson brought a dead one by for me to see the beautiful colors close up. The little bird had crashed into one of their sun porch windows. Archie remarked how the tail looked as if it had the tip dipped in a bucket of yellow paint. The band seemed to be three-eighths of an inch. Then there is a beautiful spot of red where the wing joins the body. All in all, it is a lovely bird. They eat the berries on our junipers, so I can see why we get them here, however I can't imagine why I never noticed them before last year.

Jim hasn't been able to get a sure count on the bald eagles, but he knows he is seeing at least one immature and one mature bird. He also reported seeing white tail deer around the house. For awhile they only saw mule six deer.



Cazares/Lady Of The Year

submitted by Bernarela Olivarez, President

The Sacred Heart Women's Guild elected Tencha Cazares as their Lady of the Year.

Tencha resides in Gruver and has been an active member of the Spearman Sacred Heart since 1978. She is married to Amadeo Cazares, and they have two children, Cody and Casey.

Tencha has also been an active member of the guild since 1978.

She is employed by Gruver State Bank.

The Sacred Heart Women's Guild meets the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 5, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The spring cleaning meeting will be held in Perryton on March 24, 1999. The Spearman Women's Guild will be providing breakfast breads and juices.



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Hansford County Community Calendar March 18-28

- Thursday, March 18**
 - 10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch
 - 12:00-1:00 p.m. - Lunch & Learn, "Tex-Mex Cooking" - Spearman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
 - 7:00 p.m. - Spearman Senior Parents Meeting for Project Graduation - Gus Bidwell Elementary Library, Spearman
- Friday, March 19**
 - 9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
 - 5:00 p.m. - Spearman Junior Basketball Tournament
- Saturday, March 20**
 - 9:00 a.m. - Spearman Junior Basketball Tournament
- Sunday, March 21**
 - 3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - First United Methodist, Spearman
- Monday, March 22**
 - 8:30 a.m. - Moms In Touch - Gruver Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
 - 9:00 a.m. - Pesticides Usage Training & Testing - Spearman County Barn
 - 9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
 - 10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioner's Court Meets
 - 10:00 a.m. - Texas Prairie Rivers Consortium - River Valley Pioneer Museum, Canadian
 - 12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
 - 12:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Lunch
 - 1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Uno
 - 1:30-6:30 p.m. - Blood Drive - First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Spearman
 - 2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
 - 7:00 p.m. - Genealogy Class at The O'Loughlin Center
 - 7:30 p.m. - Hansford Masonic Lodge Meets
- Tuesday, March 23**
 - 12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
 - 2:00 p.m. - Hearing Aid Checkup - Golden Spread Citizens Center
 - 6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
 - 7:00 p.m. - Texas Community Futures Forum - First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Spearman
- Wednesday, March 24**
 - 6:30 a.m. - Mug 'n' Muffin Women's Fellowship - First Christian Church, Spearman
 - 9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
 - 9:45 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Center Food Service
 - 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
 - 12:00 p.m. - Heritage Days Planning Meeting - Palo Duro Cafe
 - 1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - "42"
 - 2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor



Haley and Joel Shields of Spearman are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Brantley Taylor Shields. She arrived on Thursday, February 25, 1999 in Guymon. She weighed 7 and 8 ounces, and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Charles Shieldknight and Hazel Shieldknight and Lonnie and Leann Shields.

Great-grandparents are Jimmy and Lois Shieldknight of Spearman, Ed and Vernetta Hibbs of Enid, OK, Bessie Taylor of Spearman, and Leland and Pat Reeves of Mangum, OK.



Our Golden Wedding Anniversary

In honor of the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Betty and Roy Lee Uptergrove their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a dessert and coffee reception Saturday, the third of April, nineteen hundred eighty-nine two until four o'clock in the afternoon First Baptist Church, 123 S. Bernice, Spearman Texas

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Mary Lou Wysong returned to her home in Spearman last week for the first time since last October. At that time she and Ernest Stone left here and followed the historic Natches Trail in Mississippi for the entire 450 miles.

They went on to Tupelo, Mississippi, then to North Carolina and Georgia for leisurely sight-seeing.

They stayed at Marco Island, Florida for an extended visit with her sister, Delia Kaye and C.M. Sampson through Thanksgiving. Also sharing Thanksgiving were Delia Kaye's daughter, who lives at Marco Island, and her son-who lives in Miami.

The travelers then cruised along from Florida to Zapato, Texas, on the Mexican border. They have friends there and enjoyed Christmas during their stay.

They spent some time in Deming, New Mexico and were pleased to meet her son Gary there. Gary, now of Stephenville, was driving through to California and also stopped by on his way back.

At both St. Quartz Sites and Ajo, Arizona they enjoyed friends from a travel group with whom they have traveled.

After six weeks there, they headed for Spearman. Mary Lou states that two items made an impression during all their travels—they did not have any bad weather and the number of people with ties to Spearman that she has contacted in her travels.

Several of Mary Schumann's grandchildren, taking advantage of spring break, accompanied her to Colorado for four days.

They went to Marvel, Colorado and were guests of Mary's sister and brother-in-law, Melva and Lee Nichols. Melva is recovering from a broken leg, the result of a fall in February.

They all enjoyed a day at Purgatory and Durango; some went skiing, some shopped, some visited. They also spent some time with the Nichols' son and daughter-in-law, John and Ester of Hesperus.

Accompanying Mary, were Craig Schumann, with Josh and

Tashiana, Haley Beasley, Brittany and Tanner Beedy, Melissa Sutterfield with Sawyer and Mabry, and their cousin, Chelsea Sutterfield, of Amarillo.

Sylvia and Ray Robertson were pleased that Midland's spring break gave them the opportunity to have their grandson, Stephen, his mother Donna Robertson, and his friend Jerry Morgan as guests. The boys are juniors in high school in Midland.

They were here during the pleasant weather, so were able to enjoy some fishing at Palo Duro Lake. The boys had a good catch, in spite of being under the advice and direction of grandpa T. Ray.

Isn't he the proof of the statement that African natives fish lying down, but in this country fishermen lie standing with their arms outstretched?

Judy and Dennis Nelson used the spring break to fly to Washington, D.C. for a visit with their daughter Kyla and Tom Sell.

Kyla and Tom have most interesting work as Tom is with Representative Larry Combest, and Kyla with Representative Robin Hayes of North Carolina.

Kyla had a business appointment at Badin, North Carolina so the Nelsons and Tom drove down with her. They toured some near-by areas, including the well-known Pine Hurst locale.

One event in D.C. they especially enjoyed was the Texas Tech reception, with Larry Combest as host. There was good attendance in the Longworth Building with both president and chancellor of Tech there.

Jean Sheets is expected to return home within the next few days from Baptist St. Anthony's hospital where she has been seriously ill. She was confined to C.C.U. for three days but has since been moved to a private room where she is improving.

She was taken by husband, Pinkie, and son Jerry to her doctor early last week in Amarillo and was immediately hospitalized.

Jerry is here with his parents during her illness. He is from League City, Texas (between Dallas and Houston).

Mac and Lesly Annon recently returned from a short visit in Germany. They left February 18, and flew to Atlanta where they met Lesly's step-mother and step-sister who live in St. Augustine, Florida.

Lesly's father, who lived in St. Augustine, had passed away in August. Since he was reared in the Munsign, Germany, he had requested that his ashes be returned there.

The Annon group were met at Stuttgart and driven to Munsign where Lesly's uncle and great-aunt still live. She has other relatives in near-by Winnend whom they also visited.

Lesly has been in Germany twice before, but it was Mac's first trip there. He was impressed by the beauty of the country and hopes to return for a longer stay.

Lesly has lived in Florida and California, but states that she really likes living in "the Texas Panhandle." She and Mac have been here since their marriage two years ago. She is employed at the Phillips College in Borger, and he is with Farmland Company. Their home is between Spearman and Stinnett, and Ray and Sylvia Robertson are his grandparents.

Willard Davis enjoyed the visit of son, Ned Davis, from Thursday through Sunday.

Ned lives in Thornton, Colorado and comes here often as possible.

Three folk here are enjoying spring break a great deal, though none have any school attendance. Five month old Peyton Simpson, and grandparents Don and Lynanne Maize are having fun together while parents, Tammi and Lance Simpson, are on a trip during spring break in Amarillo.

Ruth Bryan enjoyed the visit of her son and daughter-in-law Joe

Mike and Dee Bryan of Amarillo, as well as her one-year-old great-grandson, Austin Taylor Bryan. Austin stayed with Ruth while his father, Ruth's grandson Tim Bryan of Nacadoches, went skiing at Red River.

The Oklahoma City paper carried a notice of the death of Robert Sloan, 41, of Guymon on an icy highway. He was taken to Dumas hospital where he died. He was the son of Hubert Sloan, formerly of Spearman, and a relative of Troy Sloan and Sara Sloan Wright of Gruver. Interment was in Hansford cemetery.

Sympathy is extended to Gloria and Don Knox on the death of Gloria's brother, Glen Hoggatt, 80, of Perryton. A long illness preceded his passing, and interment was in Ochiltree cemetery.

Dwayne Smith checked his weather charts for this information—the highest temperature was on March 10th at 62 degrees; the lowest on March 13th at 18 degrees; moisture: on the 8th - .42, on the 12th - .60, on the 13th - .23; total for the week - 1.25.

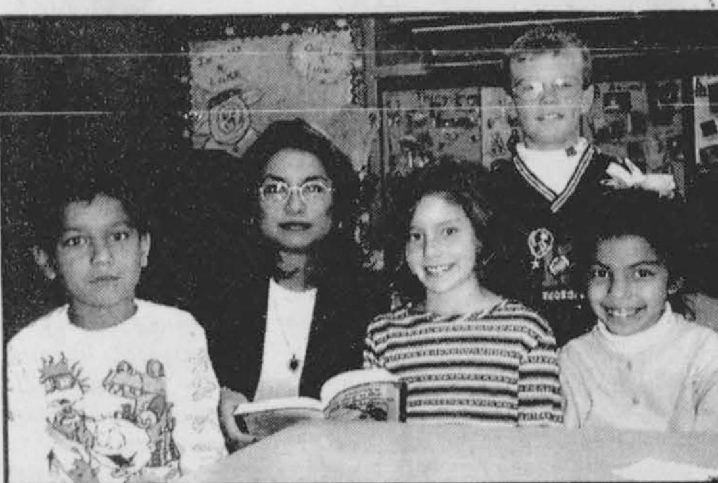
The weather bureaucrats needn't worry that their knowledge will ever be considered second-hand - it has never been used.

A timely and interesting editorial was that of William Rusher in the Amarillo Daily News on Monday. He finishes with the following "I'll bet this is the first you've heard about it, though it announced it's agenda two weeks ago."

For those who do a little betting—it would be safe to bet that it will never be mentioned on T.V. news, and probably only in editorials in print.

(I have a copy available, if anyone is interested in reading it.)

Partner In Education



Maria Sumner of First National Bank is pictured with students in Mrs. Lasater's 2nd grade class.

The 1998-99 school year marks the third year of partnership between First National Bank and Gus Birdwell Elementary 2nd graders.

During this period, the partnership continues to place special emphasis on the support by First National Bank employees. Volunteers are provided as speakers in the classroom and various achievement awards and programs.

This ongoing partnership has served to bond First National Bank and the 2nd graders. Activities have included fund raisers, incentives for students, and thank-you's. First National Bank has demonstrated how much it takes to effectively

influence children and instill in them love of learning.

First National Bank employees have also been entertained by the 2nd grade classes of Mrs. Lasater, Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Smith. Each year a special thank-you is presented to the bank employees.

First National Bank employees believe that without the efforts of the Partners In Education program, many children would not have benefited from the special attention that Spearman area businesses provide to the schools.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

A late winter storm over the weekend brought ice, snow, and cancellations to the Gruver area. Gruver athletes were idled when the events in which they were to compete - the Canadian track meet, the Canyon tennis tournament, and the Booker golf tournament - were canceled due to the inclement weather.

Although many trees in the area were damaged by heavy ice, there were no electrical problems as experienced in an earlier storm in January.

The City of Gruver reported .94 inch of moisture from the storm.

Gruver ISD Board Meets

In the regular monthly meeting of the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees, all members were present for a lengthy session.

The following action was taken: The minutes of the February 18, 1999 meeting were approved (7-0), the textbook committees report was approved (7-0), and the call for a school board election on May 1, 1999 and the selection of officials for the election were approved (7-0).

In other action the board unanimously approved the extending of the lease of ball parks to Gruver Lion's Club and Gruver Little League Association. A one-day senior trip to Taos New Mexico was also approved by the same margin.

A junior high gifted and talented educational trip to Colorado Springs, Colorado was approved by a 6-1 margin with board member Mike Yanke voting no.

After an executive session of two hours and thirty-seven minutes, the board approved the employing of elementary, junior high, and high school teachers. In a 7-0 vote, the board voted to propose non-renewal for Angie Lopez for the 1999-2000 school year. The board approved a motion to hire Steve Myatt as teacher and coach for the 1999-2000 school year by a vote of 5-2 with members Buddy Lowe and Paul Stavlo voting no.

The board will consider other personnel employment at their next meeting.

Items of discussion were the Hansford County Appraisal District contract for appraisal and tax collection services, the employment of an auditor for the

1998-99 fiscal audit, the recording of board members' training hours, and the superintendent's report.

The board voted to dismiss after approving the payment of bills in the amount of \$62,255.61.

City Hall Takes Survey

With the help of several volunteers, City Manager A.J. Ratliff recently took a door-to-door survey of Gruver residents to determine if the city of Gruver fell within the 60% low income status, which would aid the city in obtaining a Community Development Grant from the office of Housing and Urban Development.

Through the results of the survey, Gruver was found to have a 61% low income level according to standards of the grant program which range from \$20,600 for a single person to \$38,850 for a family of eight.

Should Gruver receive the grant, one possible use for the funds might be a water storage unit for the city.

Egg Hunt Slated

Alpha Mu Psi's annual Easter egg hunt has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m., March 27, 1999 at the Gruver City Park. In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will be held in the county barn.

GHS Band Students Place

Five GHS band students received division I ratings in the recent solo/ensemble contest held on the campus of West Texas A&M University.

Those receiving the division I ratings were Elizabeth Duncan, clarinet solo; Mary Puebla, clarinet solo; Clayton Acker, alto sax solo; Daniel Hernandez, tenor sax solo, and Ryan Abernathy, trombone solo.

Students receiving a division II rating were Judy Luciano, flute solo; Brittany Morris, flute solo; Evan Schmidt, baritone; Brenda Soto, baritone solo; and the clarinet quartet of Elizabeth Duncan, LeAnn Earle, Mary Puebla, and Tera Red.

GISD School Board Candidates

Seven individuals have filed as candidates in the upcoming May 1 school board election with two three-year terms to be decided.

Since press deadlines precede the filing deadline, there may be additional candidates to announce next week.

Those filing are Debbie Chisum, Jody Irwin, Billy Kelly, Jr., Bill Hadley, Danny Shults, Dewayne Thompson, and Ty Williams.

The Reporter-Statesman will carry biographical sketches and informative material submitted by each candidate in future issues.

Former Gruverites in the News

Ashley (Wagner), Mitchel Bezner and Mitchel's family, all of Texline, are featured in the March 1999 issue of Successful Farming magazine in a feature story of successful farm families.

Holly (Venneman) and Justin Gifford are pictured on the front cover of the March issue of Accent West. The cover picture is used in conjunction with article entitled "Thirty - Something" which features young people in varied occupations that are making their homes in Amarillo.

Holly is currently in training with Dr. Jaffar, an Amarillo cardiologist, to become a cardiologist physician's assistant.

Renner Places at Houston

My apologies to Reagan Renner who I failed to mention last week as a winner at the Houston Stock Show. Reagan's middleweight Hampshire barrow placed twenty-eighth.

Get Well Wishes

Bernice Goodrich was hospitalized on Saturday with heart problems. She was later transferred to Amarillo.

Madeline Harland was taken to Amarillo on Monday with heart problems. She underwent surgery on Monday night to have a shunt put in place.

Dean Cluck suffered a fall on Saturday evening and was taken to Amarillo where he was scheduled for hip joint replacement surgery.

Charles Kruse is progressing well from his recent surgery.

Dixie Karlin underwent an unexpected heart bypass surgery

Thursday after experiencing heart problems during a stress test. She is expected home by publication time.

Sophomore Kim Boyd will be evaluated this week for a possible cracked vertebrae in her neck.

Gruver to Host Meet, Tourney

Gruver High School will host a junior high and high school track meet on Friday and Saturday, March 19th & 20th at Greyhound Stadium.

Gruver will also host a high school tennis tournament on Friday and Saturday at the GHS tennis courts. Booker, Perryton junior varsity, Canadian and Gruver will compete in singles and doubles competition.

Condolences

Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Lorene Cline. Mrs. Cline is remembered by former Gruver students for her thirty years of service in the Gruver schools lunchroom.

Mrs. Cline died on Saturday, March 13, in Gainesville and will be remembered in a graveside service on Saturday, March 20th, at 2 p.m. in the Gruver Cemetery.

The community was saddened by the loss of Howard Goodrich. His services were held on Tuesday. Mr. Goodrich and his wife Bernice who survives him, were one of the dearest, finest couples I have ever known. Mr. Goodrich was a skilled craftsman who shared his talents with others during his retirement years. Along with Bernice, who refinished furniture, they were one of the few people you could trust with a family heirloom. The Goodrich's hospitality made their yard a gathering place for friends and neighbors in the evenings of warmer months.

DEADLINE

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

Junior Basketball

submitted by Jan Howard

Spearman will host their 8th Annual Junior Basketball Tournament on March 19th-20th.

3rd through 6th grade teams from Perryton, Pampa, Guymon, Stratford, Gruver, Morse, Fritch, Panhandle, Dumas, Beaver, OK as well as Spearman will be competing in the two-day tournament on the junior high campus. Games will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening, and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

The Spearman 3rd and 4th grade girls All-Stars played in the Morse Tournament on February 26th and 27th; they placed 2nd. Members of the team are Jordanna Lozano, Saylee Flowers, Kelcee Rex, Amber Romero, Kendall Schneider, Kylee Howard, Callie Cazares and Mattie Davis.

The 3rd and 4th grade All-Star boys team placed 1st at the Morse Tournament. Members of the team are Collin Gillaspie, Lance Huddleston, Bryan Thomas, Zack Nollner, Bryn Garnett, Aaron Maestas, Rhett Renner, Stuart Martin and Blayne Baker.

The Spearman 5th and 6th grade girls All-Stars played in the Stratford Tournament on March 12th and 13th. Members of the team are Macy Harbour, Dana

McLoughlin, Jessica Schrode, Cayla Smith, Jena Cherry, Jena McElroy, Callie Hargis and Abby Winegamer.

The Spearman 5th and 6th grade boys All-Stars played one game in the Stratford Tournament, but due to inclement weather could not make their second game. Members of the team are Caleb Gillaspie, Jeff Brock, Clete Vanderburg, Kylie McGaha, Pedro Lugo, Mark Thomas, Wayne Gibson, Jacob Jones, Jarick Howard and Travis Sander.

The 3rd and 4th grade boys and the 5th and 6th grade boys and girls will be playing in the Perryton Tournament on March 26th and 27th.

The Spearman 3rd and 4th grade boys will play Gruver at 5:00 on Friday in the old gym.

The Spearman 3rd and 4th grade girls will play Morse at 6:15 p.m. on Friday in the old gym.

At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, the Spearman 5th and 6th grade boys will play Dumas in the varsity gym.

The Spearman 5th and 6th grade girls will play Perryton in the activity gym at 8:45 p.m.

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Museum usings

by Joanne Eaton

It is so easy to walk into the grocery store, pick up a gallon of milk, pay for it, and be on your way. We never even think of what work it takes to get the milk into the bottle. Now there are machines that do all the work for us, but in the thirties, it wasn't that way.

W. E. Sparks, or Sparky as most of us know him, was part of a family that had a dairy in the thirties. He was the son of Litch and Cora Sparks, the owners of Sparks Dairy. It was located about 4 1/2 miles west of Spearman on Highway 15. W. E. (initials only) can still remember the telephone number, D-15. There were four other boys in the family. They all learned what work was!

W.E. and his brothers would get up at four each morning, milk cows by hand, and then deliver the milk to customers in Spearman. The cows had to be milked again at four in the afternoon and deliveries made again. This was not just a five day a week job. It was seven days a week! There was no time to play sports or any other thing that kids like to participate in.

Between the two milkings, there were milk bottles to wash, separators to clean, feed to grind, and a barn to clean. The barn had to be cleaned after each milking. The bottles were washed in the "milk house." There was no electricity so the water was heated by kerosene heaters. If the kerosene heaters started smoking, everything had to be washed again to remove the black film. In the dust bowl days when you got ready for the bottles, there was dust in them even after they had been cleaned. Amid all this, school had to be attended!

All of the cows were jersey and Holstein cross. W. E. said that the jersey cow put the cream to the milk. There were usually about 20 or 25 head of cows. They grazed in the pastures near the house. A few times they were put on wheat, but the customers always complained that the milk tasted bitter if that was done.

After the milking and the bottling of the milk, the boys would go to the house to eat a breakfast prepared by their mother and sisters. The girls did not help in the barn. The milk was usually all sold, so their mother had to make water gravy.

After a good breakfast, the boys would head to town to deliver. They had an old car with running boards. They took the set out of the back, put their milk bottles there, and with a boy on each side of the car on the running boards, headed for town. One of the brothers would drive the delivery route then one brother would be in the back of the car handing out the milk bottles to the brothers on each side of the car on the running boards. Those two brothers would run their delivery to the porches on each side of the street, then hurry back to get the milk for the next house. They would also bring empty bottles from the houses. The car would never stop.

Milk was sold at 10 cents per quart. Grocery stores paid eight cents per quart. Pints of milk sold for six cents. Schools paid ten cents a quart. They sold about 100

quarts per day. They delivered only to the town of Spearman.

All of the bottles at the dairy said Sparks Dairy on them. There were times when some kids would run short of funds. Milk would disappear from porches. The kids would return the bottles to Sparks Dairy for a 10 cent refund. This was not too profitable for the dairy.

W. E. worked in this dairy for about 15 years. His comment on doing this work was, "It's a poor way of serving the Lord."

The museum does have an old separator and some old glass milk bottles that people can look at, but nothing that is from the actual Sparks Dairy. If anyone has something that was from there and would like to donate or loan it, the Museum would be glad to have it.

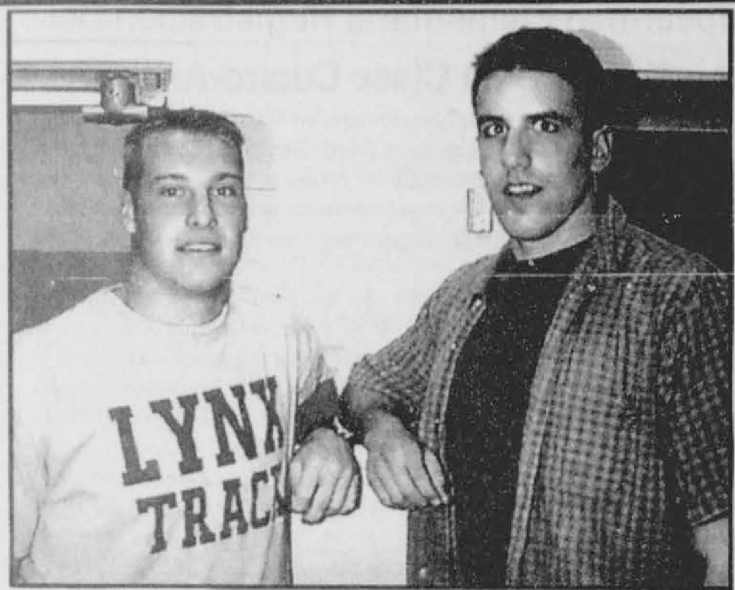
The museum is open once again! We have redecorated the rooms of the Stationmaster's house. Charles Eaton and Jim Beasley did the plastering and painting. New tile is also on the entry floor. J.D. Wilbanks, Don Maize, Irvin Boyd, and Lester McLain laid it. The rooms of the old depot now have HEAT. That is quite a blessing! We are talking COLD before! I have gone in the old depot in the winter to write something I needed for a story and nearly froze before I got out. Well, not literally, but it was cold.

Be sure to come see the windmill mural that Tom Beasley, of Gruver, painted. It will fit right in with the collection of windmills coming to Spearman from Mr. J. B. Buchanan.

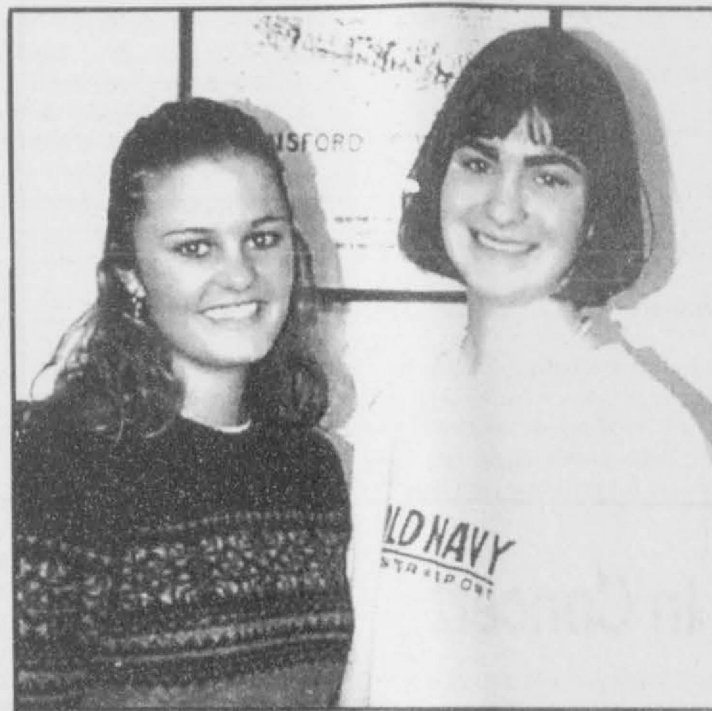
Come see all our changes! Museum hours are from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Reba Hunter is back to give you special treatment. Spring Tours have already started. Various civic organizations and school groups have made plans to visit. We would love to have everyone of you to come tour.



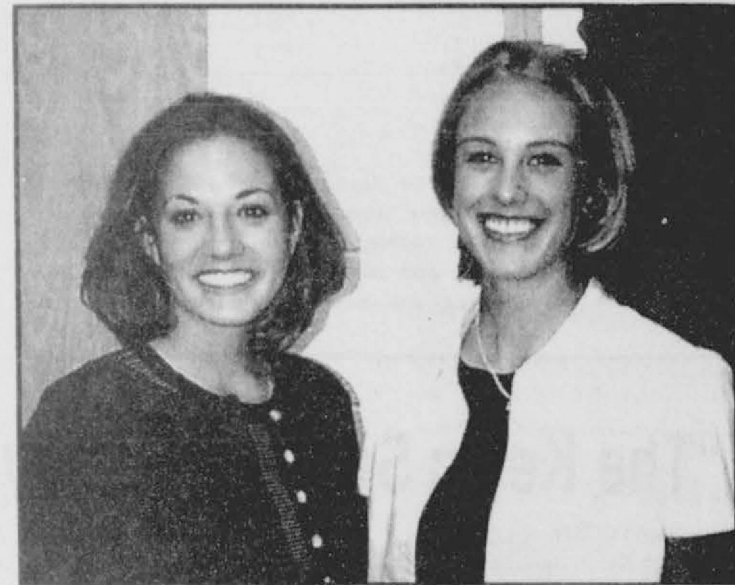
Named to the District 6-1A boys district basketball team were (from left) senior Matt Watlington; junior Bray Armes; senior and most valuable player of the district, Jim Potts; and junior Dan Odom. The Hounds finished the 1998-99 season as Bi-District champs.



Senior Lynx basketball players Michael Lusby (left) and Landon Miller were chosen for the district boys basketball team. Teammate Jordan Brock was selected for the honorable mention district list.



Gruver High School sophomore Sammie Stavlo (left) and junior Janae Watley have been named to the 6-1A all-district girls basketball team. The two young ladies were the top scorers of the 1998-99 season for the Lady Hounds which were the district runner-up team.



Seniors Camille Smith (left) and Kristin Beedy were recently named to the girls 6-2A all-district basketball team. Teammates Adrienne Simpson, Halee Beasley, Jenn Schnell, and Brooke Lesly were named to the honorable mention district team.



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Si tiene un niño/niña, o sabe de un nino/nina, que tiene un cumpleaños antes de Septiembre 1, 1994 y que va cumplir 5 anos antes del primero de Septiembre del 1999, por favor complete esta forma y regresela ala oficina de la escuela Elementaria de Spearman, 511 S. Townsend. Esto debe ser hecho antes del Jueves 25 de Marzo del 1999.

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Spearman Elementary Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration

Children attending Spearman Kindergarten next school year will be invited to visit school in April. To know who these students are, Spearman Elementary School is starting the 1999-2000 Kindergarten list. It is important that next year's students be known now in order that they may be given information on the immunizations and other items necessary for information.

If you have a child, or know of any child, whose birth date is prior to September 1, 1994, and who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 1999, please complete the form and return it to the school office at the Elementary School, 511 S. Townsend. THIS SHOULD BE DONE PRIOR TO THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999.

Registration Form for 1999-2000 Spearman Elementary Kindergarten

Child's Name: _____ Sex: M / F
(Please Print) Last First M.I.

Parent's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Child's Social Sec. # _____

Birthdate: _____ Age on. Sept. 1, 1999: _____

Do you have a birth certificate for your child? If the answer is NO, please apply for one NOW. Do you have immunizations up to date for your child? If you do not have a social security card and number for your child, please apply for it NOW. These documents will be necessary to enroll your child in school!

Spearman Chamber News

On Thursday, March 11, 1999, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met for a regular meeting at noon at the Palo Duro Cafe.

Members present were: Bruce Stinson, Dr. Scott Martin, Tami Kunselman, Davonna Daharsh, Tindle Ramon, Robert Patrick, Jim Younger, Eulalia Blankenship, and Gina Gillispie. Absent were: Jan Williamson, Worth Whitworth, Kim Brock, and Carolyn McLeod.

President Bruce Stinson called the meeting to order. He welcomed Vance and Irene Snider with Hi-Plains Auto Supply as Business of the Month. Bob Janitz with Great Western Directories was also introduced as a special guest.

Eulalia made a motion to approve the minutes, financial statement, and bills. Davonna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Davonna reported that WDSCC were beginning work on the Miss Hansford. It is tentatively scheduled for June 3.

Tindle reported for Spearman Connection that Bob Janitz would make a presentation later in the meeting.

Gina reported that she had been approached to hold an essay contest with prizes of Hansford Bucks being given to the winner in grade level categories. Davonna made a motion to proceed with this contest, Eulalia seconded. Motion carried.

Gina reported that a Secretaries Day Luncheon will be held Wednesday, April 21st at the First Christian Church. It was discussed that the proceeds from this function will go to purchase a new computer for the Chamber office. Tami made a motion that the Chamber would spend up to \$2500.00 for a new computer and copier. Davonna seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tami also requested that the equipment be in place by next meeting. Tindle will order the equipment.

Bob Janitz gave his presentation to the board concerning Internet advertising. Tami made a motion, with a second from Davonna, to approve Mr. Janitz meeting with all the Chamber members to offer them a discounted price to create web pages for their businesses. During the next few weeks Gina will go with Bob to offer this opportunity to the membership.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

"The Kevin Spencer Family" In Concert

Jerry Smith of Borger is proud to present The Kevin Spencer Family and Bobby Treece in Concert on Thursday, March 25, 1999. The free concert will be held in the Borger High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The Kevin Spencer Family is a southern country gospel group that organized in June of 1992. The group consists of Kevin Spencer, his wife Tammy, and James Dean.

Kevin traveled nearly a million miles and made 19 albums with his family "The Spencers" until 1992, when he felt he should spend more time with his wife and children. Kevin definitely feels God has opened doors for him to start his own musical family.

Tammy is a very warm person. She also enjoys singing and playing Gospel Music.

James enjoys traveling from town to town singing for God.

Kevin wrote 1991's Top 50 Singing News Number 1 Song of the Year, "Let's Meet By The River" along with his mother, Barbara. He also is known for the Number 1 song he sang, "It'll Be Worth It After All," and the ever popular "Shepherd Of My Valley."

The Kevin Spencer Family has been awarded The Singing News "Horizon Group of the Year" and the Gospel Voice "Sunrise Group of the Year," the two highest honors for a new group to receive. They currently sing 230 concerts per year in 20 different states, and can be seen on many different Christian TV stations including GMT (Gospel Music Television). They also have their own TV show called "The Kevin Spencer Family Hour."

Bill Gaither has invited the group to be a part of his videos "All Day Singing" and "Sunday Meetin' Time."

They performed "I Heard About A Stone" and "Twelve Gates To The City," along with George Younce of the Cathedrals. Kevin and Bill Gaither also have released gospel music trivia board game titled "Homcoming Audition."

The Kevin Spencer Family are all born-again Christians and believe in living what they sing.

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Bort Earns Degree



Stephen Bort

Stephen Bort, son of Jeanette Bort and the late Andrew Bort, graduated summa cum laude from Metropolitan State College of Denver (MSCD) on December 20, 1998, proving that it's never too late to earn a degree—and to earn it well. Stephen is a 1973 graduate of Gruver High School. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree at MSCD with a major in English/Creative Writing and a minor in Linguistics.

During his studies at MSCD, Stephen was awarded first place by the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Media Association in the fourteen-state Rocky Mountain region for his 1995 nonfiction entry. Also during that time, three of his stories and three of his poems were published in MSCD's literary arts journal, *Metrosphere*. He is a member of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society and of Golden Key National Honor Society.

Stephen first entered the Gruver school system in the fall of 1962 when his family moved here from California. His mother, Jeanette, still lives in Gruver. His two older brothers, Arthur and Robert, live in Amarillo. His sister, Anne, lives in Pensacola, Florida.

Presently, Stephen writes for "Timelines," a half-hour, historical documentary TV show premiering in the Denver area in March. *Timelines* is produced for weekly airing in the Denver area with videotapes also provided for the Colorado school system. The programs are geared toward Colorado educational requirements. Stephen wrote, "The Origins of Money" episode, which should air in March. He is now working on two more episodes. Information on *Timelines* can be found on the internet at <http://www.frecyellow.com/members6/timelinehome.html>.

Stephen is also working with a

group of other writers, collectively known as the Denver Writer's Society, to develop film scripts for eventual production. One of the scripts he is developing is an adaptation of Norman Dysart's 1996 book, "Like Whispers In The Wind." The book follows the exploits of Bat Masterson in the Texas Panhandle, during the Battle of Adobe Walls, and in the early years of Mobeetie.

Aside from writing projects, Stephen actually works for a living at American President Lines (APL), a transportation company with steamships that transport cargo worldwide. There, he creates APL's bills of lading and writes articles for the APL company newsletter. He and his wife, Jean, married now for almost seventeen years, live in Denver.

Stephen is realizing his literary goals after many false starts and credits the traditional and conservative influence of his teachers in the Gruver school system for instilling a sense of steadfastness—whatever winds may blow. Although too numerous to mention in full, those teachers include James Dorman, Bill Duncan, Bob Haggard, Charles Haight, Janet Irwin, Virita Knight, Vic Kyler, and Lloyd Looper.

Stephen also credits the educational influences of his family in Gruver—Jeanette and Andrew Bort, Arthur and Cuma Bort, and Ralph and Beulah Ben Bort. Among them, Stephen learned that book learning combined with hard work and discipline can take someone, really, as far as they want to go. He learned that it's never too late to begin the Journey.

Hospice News

by LoRee Booth

Hansford Hospice members enjoyed a Mexican dinner at the El Vaquera Restaurant in Gruver on March 8th, followed by a business meeting led by Verna Lee Shirley. Rev. Walter Greaser gave the invocation.

Hospice nurses, Silvia Herrera, Rosetta Barrera and Charla Roberts, were each presented an appreciation gift.

The minutes were read by Jolinda Hutchison and the financial report was given by Karen Thompson.

Discussion and plans for the chili-stew luncheon were completed. Hansford Hospice will sponsor the Hansford Manor bingo on April 5th and 12th.

Rosetta Barrera, Doyle and June Jackson will attend the Texas Hospice Convention April 17th in

San Antonio.

Volunteers will be delivering Meals on Wheels during May.

The April 12th meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Hansford Manor activity room.

The meeting closed with benediction by Rev. Ken Cole.

Attending were: Betty Davis, Beth Phelps, LoRee Booth, Mary K. Harbour, Edith Womble, Garland Hopper, Eloise Renner, Carolyn Hicks, Jack and Dolly McWhirter, J.C. Harris, Rev. Ken and Roberta Cole, Jolinda Hutchison, Richey and Karen Thompson, Connie Gammill, Muriel Boyd, Joan McClellan, Rev. Walter Greaser, Anna Beth Wood, Doyle Jackson, Verna Lee Shirley, Charla Hargis, Rosetta Barrera, and Silvia Herrera.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The North Plains Ground Water Conservation District No. Two covers all or part of Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, and Hutchinson counties.

The items to be addressed in the Act are as follows:

1. Change the name of the District to "North Plains Groundwater Conservation District."
2. Amend the powers and duties of the District to include regulation of all groundwater within the District.
3. Ratify the following actions of the Board of Directors:
 - a. Annexation of Lipscomb County (January 11, 1972),
 - b. Purchase of land for research

- (June, 1987),
- c. Annexation of part of Dallam County (May 1, 1993),
- d. Adoption of new Rules, (October 1, 1995), and
- e. Water Well Permit applications (January 1955 through present).

Anyone wishing to obtain additional information in regard to the intent of the bill to be introduced or specific information about the bill may contact the District at the following address:

North Plains Ground Water Conservation District No. Two
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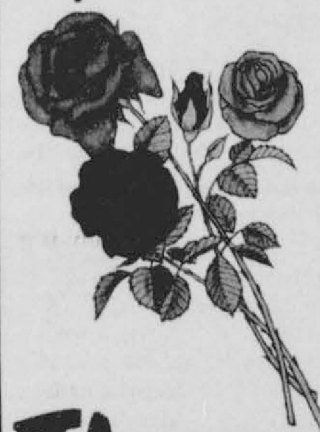
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