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IN THE NEWS

Bush Proposes Social Security Overhaul

President Bush proposed the biggest overhaul of Social Security since its 1935 creation on Wednesday night in his State of the Union speech, and for the first time said he would consider limiting future retirement benefits as part of a solution.

Lawmakers See Indecency Bill Moving Quickly

Legislation to significantly hike fines for broadcasters airing indecent material will move quickly in the U.S. House of Representatives, leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee said on Wednesday.

Why The Sudden Push For Military Benefits

A move to raise death pay for soldiers sets up clash between deficit constraints and Bush's global aspirations.

Witness Testifies WorldCom Faked Numbers

Two WorldCom Inc. accountants agreed to cover up \$800 million in expenses only after learning that Chief Executive Bernard Ebbers refused to warn investors that profits were worse than expected, they testified at Ebbers' fraud trial on Wednesday.

Modest Jacksonville Prens For Its Moment As Media Epicenter

The Super Bowl has become more than a mere sporting event. It is one of the purest expressions of the American ideal of competition and victory.

Democrats Say Will Hold Bush 'Accountable'

The top two Democrats in the U.S. Congress vowed on Wednesday to work with President Bush when possible, but ripped into him on two central issues -- Iraq and his bid to revamp the Social Security retirement program.

US Security Nominee Defends Interrogation Advice

Michael Chertoff, the White House's second choice to head the Homeland Security Department, on Wednesday defended his role giving advice on interrogating terrorism suspects and said he made clear torture was illegal.

Senators Reviving Bill Slapping Duties on China

Two U.S. senators plan to reintroduce a bill giving China six months to raise the value of its currency or face a possible 27.5-percent duty on exports to the United States, congressional aides said on Wednesday.

Ambitious First Trip For Rice Sets New Foreign-Policy Tone

Riding a jet stream of momentum from the Iraqi elections, Dr. Rice will plumb Europe for openings toward greater allied participation in Iraq, as well as for greater cooperation on Middle East peace.

England Gets Cleaner But London Remains Filthy

While parks and leafy lanes are getting cleaner, a survey published on Wednesday showed that London still holds the ignoble title as the dirtiest place to live in England.

After Tsunami, Fishermen Enter A New Sea

All along India's tsunami-damaged coastline, fishermen are beginning to return to the sea. Many would prefer to ply a different trade, but know no other work. For these men, stepping into a boat is key to getting back on their feet.

IRA Says Withdrawing Offer to Disarm

The Irish Republican Army withdrew an offer to disarm on Wednesday, dealing a new blow to Anglo-Irish peacemaking efforts in Northern Ireland.

Iraqi Sunni Clerics: Election Lacked Legitimacy

Leading Sunni clerics declared on Wednesday that any government emerging from Iraq's historic election would lack legitimacy because many people had boycotted a poll they said was tainted by a U.S.-led occupation.

Pope stable, but stays in hospital

Pope John Paul's fragile health stabilized on Wednesday after urgent medical treatment for severe breathing difficulties, but the Vatican said he would have to remain in hospital for the time being.

Chechen Rebel Leader Orders Cease-fire

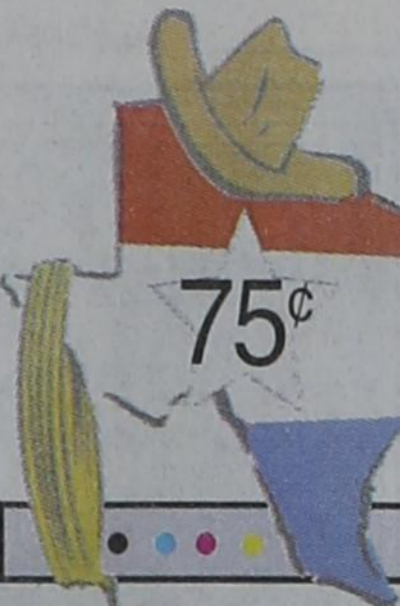
Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov has ordered all Chechen fighters observe a cease-fire in their separatist war against Russian troops in February, a rebel Web site reported on Wednesday.

Nepal King Names New Cabinet, World Condemns Him

Nepal's King Gyanendra unveiled a 10-member cabinet under his leadership on Wednesday, a day after he sacked the prime minister for failing to hold elections or end an escalating civil war with Maoist rebels.

Tourists at St Peter's Sympathize with Absent Pope

They may not agree with all his teachings, but Catholics united in St Peter's Square on Wednesday in sympathy for Pope John Paul as he lay in a hospital bed miles away.



Brock signs letter of intent with SMU

Spearman tight end Jeff Brock signed a letter of intent to play college football at Southern Methodist University in Dallas on Wednesday, February 2, 2005.

A reception was held in Jeff's honor in the Spearman High School library following the signing with members of the Spearman Lynx football team and the 2005 graduating class in attendance, as well as family, friends, teachers and coaches.

Brock, who is 6-foot-6 and 235 pounds, caught 21 passes for 255 yards and scored four touchdowns while helping Spearman advance to the 2004 playoffs with an 8-3 record. He was used more as a blocker for an offense that averaged 349 total yards per game. He also played defensive end.

SMU was the only school Brock visited, although he had also drawn interest from North Texas, Texas Tech, Air Force and Abilene Christian.

"I found the right place the first time," said Brock. "I went to their football camp last summer, and they had been in constant contact with me since then."

"I like Dallas and the school and the coaching staff. It seems to be a program on the rise."

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Spearman Citizens of the Year

Linda Latta and Lynn Woolley were named 'Citizens of the Year' at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce banquet on Saturday, January 22nd. The two were honored for their coordination and work with the 'Spirit of Christmas' dinner.

See related story on page 5



Spearman Business of the Year

David and Sandi Johnson, owners of Gordon's Drug, were honored during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce banquet on January 22nd as the 'Business of the Year.'

See related story on page 5

Retirements mark end of Dry, McFarlin era

by Harletta Carthel

Sixty-seven years of service and three decades in the history of Hansford County was honored December 10, with a retirement party honoring Hansford County Tax Assessor/Collector Helen Dry and Hansford County Sheriff R.L. McFarlin.

Over thirty-four years of the county's history was recorded during the tenures of Dry, who took office as the deputy tax assessor collector June 1, 1970, and McFarlin, who took office as sheriff September 24, 1973.

The history of Dry and McFarlin have many parallels. Both began their service in the same office when the Hansford County Tax Assessor/Collector and Hansford Sheriff's office were one. Although Dry began work when J.B. Cook headed the office, she and McFarlin's paths crossed when McFarlin was appointed sheriff three days after the death of Cook.

After taking office, McFarlin soon realized the months of January-May were so time-consuming in the pursuit of tax assessment and collection that law enforcement suffered. Using a state

law that gave sheriffs the right to call for an election to split the two offices, McFarlin was able to bring the issue before the voters.

"Many thought the measure would not pass," McFarlin stated. "When the November election came around, the issue passed by a 5-1 margin."

With the two offices separated, Dry became the first tax assessor/collector and McFarlin the first sheriff, serving exclusively in those positions.

Through their years of public service, both Dry and McFarlin have noted changes in their offices.

Dry especially remembers the busy time of license plate renewal.

"All license plates used to expire March 31, of every year," Dry said. "The last two weeks of March and the first week of April were nightmares with everyone in the county needing new plates at the same time."

Since the metal license plates came in 25-pound boxes, Dry essentially became a weight lifter each year during the spring ritual.

Voter registration handled by the office has also changed.

"Everyone had to register every year to vote," Dry said. "Now registration is renewed every two years, unless the voter has moved or had a change of address."

The paperwork in the 70's was also a heavy burden for the office.

"With no computers, all the registrations had to be typed and filed manually," Dry said.

In the early days, prior to the establishment of Hansford County Appraisal District, Dry and her workers were also responsible for the work now done by that entity.

"With our office of five, we were very busy," Dry said. "We contracted with businesses to do their inventory, and we even had to go out and count cattle every year."

With the coming of automation, especially computers, Dry's office underwent many changes. No longer are the manual typewriters, equipped with longer carriages to accommodate tax rolls, or the boxes of license plates stacked high against the wall.

Helen Dry

Helen Dry served as President of the Texas Association of Assessing Officers Region I from 1993-1994 and was a 30-year member of the association.

A member of Tax Assessor/Collectors Association, Dry served on the historical committee and the jurisprudence committee.

As a member of the Panhandle Chapter of the Tax Assessor Collectors Association, she served in all capacities.

R.L. McFarlin

Sheriff McFarlin was elected president of the Texas Association of Sheriffs in 1985-86 and again in 1988-89.

He was honored with the Tellepsen Foundation in 1989. It is the highest award given to honor an outstanding individual in law enforcement.

In 2004, the Hansford County Sheriff was honored with the Texas Peacemaker Award, which recognizes a law enforcement professional that has exemplified an extraordinary devotion to the public good and community throughout a lifetime of public service.



R.L. McFarlin was served as Hansford County Sheriff for 31 years. He was presented with the eight-shot shotgun he carried for most of his tenure as Hansford County Sheriff upon his retirement. It was one of three guns received by the sheriff's department in 1975, all of which were retired after models with more automation and fire power were purchased in the mid 90's.



Helen Dry served as Hansford County Tax Assessor/Collector for 34 years. She was presented with a quilt made of blocks from past and present tax assessors whom Dry had association with across the state, and blocks from current and previous employees of the Hansford County tax office.

Live,
Laugh
& Love



by Catherine R. Smith
cathysmith@antden.com

My dear friend Penny Sumner sent me the following "senior" version of Jesus Loves Me. I don't know who wrote it, but it is quite cute, so read, sing and enjoy.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me
For the Bible tells me so.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go.
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)
Though I am no longer young,
I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile,
Go with others the extra mile.

(CHORUS)
When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

(CHORUS)
When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)
I love Jesus, does he know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

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

Numbers 6:24-26
Catherine :)

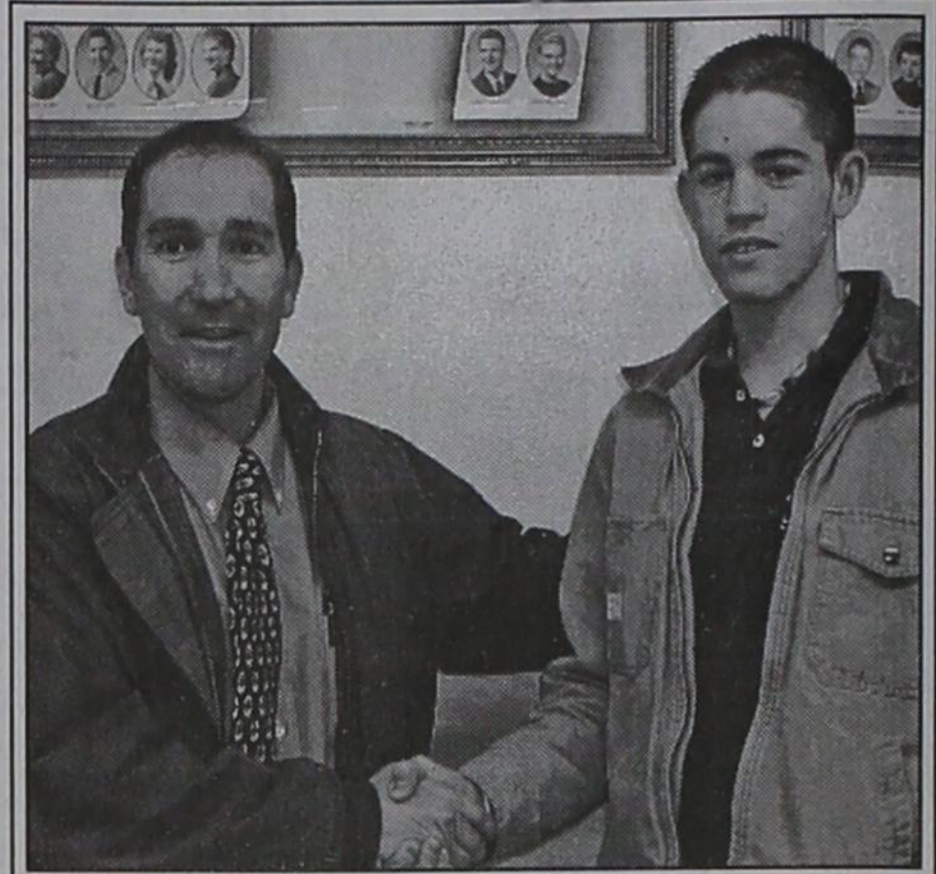
Greetings
To The Grad

Spearman Ex-Student Association seeks SHS graduates

The Spearman Ex-Students Association cannot locate the following people for the All-School Reunion being held July 1 & 2, 2005. If you have an address or phone number for any of the following people, please call Marsha Shaver 659-2780, Paige Burgin 659-3399, or Cindy Blackman 659-3584, after 5. Or mail to PO Box 132, Spearman.

Thanks for your help!
We would really like to contact every graduate as soon as possible.

- Teachers**
- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Eugene & Joy Barkowsky | Preston and Linda Smith |
| Jerry Brace | Pearl Dean Burke Skaggs |
| Frank Cockrell | Easton Wall |
| | Craig Zinck |
- Graduates**
- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ? Karron Davis Gregory | 1971 Shana Tobey McCoy |
| 1930 Warika Haney Brock | 1973 Becky Faries Etheredge |
| 1930 Chloe Gill Cone | 1973 Pam Herring |
| 1931 Colleen Tower Dutton | 1973 Billy Pjettitt |
| 1931 Annie Deering Glover | 1973 Danny Morris |
| 1931 Donna Murphy Broadhurst | 1973 Peggy Ray |
| 1932 Lorane Evans | 1973 Steve Snow |
| 1932 Milton Nielson | 1973 Danny Chisum |
| 1933 Lucille Robinson Bentley | 1974 Vanessa Floyd Barrow |
| 1933 Edna Buchanan Bassell | 1974 Kirby Brillhart |
| 1932 Beatrice Becker Cline | 1974 Bill Calaway |
| 1934 Katherin Eesealey | 1974 Tim Wisdom |
| 1934 Alene Parker Skinner | 1974 Larry and Eddie Graham |
| 1935 John Cox | 1974 Roy Luna |
| 1935 Robert Douglas | 1974 Jeff Piatt |
| 1936 Ruby Flint May | 1974 Mike Self |
| 1938 Charles Allman | 1974 Randy Sims |
| 1938 Dakota Becker Robertson | 1975 Daniel Truelove |
| 1939 Polly Smith Taylor | 1975 Renee Asbill Clifford |
| 1939 Bruce Douglas | 1975 Cathy Davis Rauscher |
| 1940 John H. Horn | 1975 Debbie Simmons |
| 1940 Rev. Dale Field | 1975 Scott Snow |
| 1940 Charles Edward Bradford | 1975 Debbie Stump |
| 1940 Juanita Hendricks | 1975 Daryl Thornton |
| 1940 Scott Raymond | 1975 Don Wirsdorfer |
| 1941 Eva Hilton Fischer | 1975 Cathy Cook Hagerman |
| 1941 Vance Prutsman | 1975 Clay Ellison |
| 1941 Wanda Smith | 1975 Paul Garza |
| 1942 Janelle Jackson Hinson | 1975 Lynette Henry |
| 1944 Iris Hall | 1975 Alice Reger Jennings |
| 1944 Calvin Cox | 1975 Gloria Olivarez |
| 1945 Dorothy Noel Hammons | 1975 Mike Bomer |
| 1946 Kay Kizziar Ferguson | 1975 Nawana Carter Brown |
| 1948 Johnnie Ruth Wilson | 1975 James Cantrell |
| 1954 Noreen Cates Lamb | 1975 Julie Callaway |
| 1959 Doug Moore | 1975 James Neal |
| 1960 Dickie Pendley | 1975 Jana Ralls |
| 1960 Galen Winters | 1975 Gloria Lopez O'Brien |
| 1960 Laddie Cluck | 1975 Danny McLain |
| 1960 Karen Crain Hoch | 1976 Belinda Benavidez Jimenez |
| 1961 Janice Louise Smith | 1976 Jimmy Jackson |
| 1961 Wayne Douglas Scott | 1977 David Witt |
| 1961 Carol Ann Fowler | 1977 Collette Smith Trammell |
| 1961 Darlene Stephens Harding | 1977 Becky Brown Myers |
| 1962 Bertie Mae Bogges | 1978 Gary McCalman |
| 1962 Carl Nickles | 1978 Randy Pool |
| 1962 Margaret Nelson | 1978 Connie Moore |
| 1962 Ken Camp | 1978 Tammy Wallace |
| 1962 Blair Burkhart | 1979 Paul Welch |
| 1962 John Chain | 1980 James Nicholson |
| 1962 Jack Conner | 1981 Gloria Arjona Baez |
| 1963 Melvin Covington | 1981 David West |
| 1963 Sharon Day Devries | 1981 Anselmo Vela |
| 1963 Tom Nelson | 1982 Donna Ball |
| 1963 John Riley | 1982 Lois Cook Cruz |
| 1963 Catherine Weaver Williams | 1982 Regina Loomis |
| 1964 Rick Collins | 1982 James Farmer |
| 1965 Carol Simmons Clark | 1982 Mitzie Hazlewood |
| 1965 Tom Hoobler | 1983 Fran Quimby Lothman |
| 1965 Mike Morris | 1983 Angela McCain |
| 1965 Richard Smith | 1983 Phyllis Lindley Mewcomb |
| 1966 Cynthia Henderson McGhee | 1983 Rosa Roberts Pearce |
| 1966 Rick Howerter | 1983 Toby Phillips |
| 1966 Marnell Simmons Pribble | 1983 Jeff Quimby |
| 1966 Bill Womble | 1984 Bambi Burger Torres |
| 1967 Amy Presser Roberts | 1986 Willie Vera |
| 1968 Larry Brillhart | 1987 Neta Burger Hill |
| 1968 Ricky Butler | 1988 Tony Truelove |
| 1968 Kenneth Banks | 1988 Mary Jane Schaffer Brown |
| 1968 Donna Byrd | 1988 Karen Cook Duff |
| 1969 Guydell White | 1989 Stan Brandt |
| 1971 Roberta Carol Anders | 1990 Arto Kunnola |
| 1971 Tina Boese | 1992 Billy JoMorre Pierson |
| 1971 Larry Owens | 1992 Khristi Williams Yoiley |
| 1971 Junior Salinas | 1992 Jeremy Willingham |
| 1971 Steve Hicks | 1993 Santiago Tercero Jr. |
| 1971 Susan Barnes Jones | 1993 James Burk |
| 1971 Karl Kingham | 1993 Michael Burk |
| 1971 Deanna Kloss | 1995 Derek Irlbeck |
| 1971 Debbie Kloss | 1996 Al Ortega |
| 1971 Carlos Lopez | 1996 Isaac Willingham |
| 1971 Tommy Loveday | 1996 Toni Scroggs Davis |



Meeting of the minds

Two mighty minds of Gruver High School congratulate each other on their recent success in the GHS Second Annual Chess Tournament. GHS Principal Mike King (left), the 2005 chess champion, is congratulated by GHS senior Lance Williams, 2004 chess champion and 2005 runner-up. King, who beat Williams in the championship game this year was knocked out of competition by Williams last year. Senior Cass Cooper placed third in the tournament.

Gibson-Salgado completes recertification program

On January 20, 2005, Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, City Secretary, City of Spearman, was recertified by the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program. Ms. Spearman has been employed as city secretary with the City of Spearman since January 2, 1986. She was certified by the Texas Municipal Clerks Program in January 2000 and by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in May 2004. Certification and recertification in the Texas Municipal Clerks Program are neither easy nor automatic. Original certification required successful completion of approximately 200 hours of individual study over a four-course curriculum, a comprehensive examination over each of the four courses, and attendance at eight two day professional development seminars. Recertification requires 72 classroom hours of instruction, completion of three texts and three comprehensive written papers. The Certification Program located at the University of North Texas, the only university level professional education program for city clerks and secretaries in Texas, is the third oldest of thirty-three such programs in the country. The Certification Program is recognized and endorsed by Section 22.074 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated. The statute mandates recertification every five years.

Union Church welcomes New Life Drama Company

The Union Church of Spearman will host the New Life Drama Company, America's leading skit drama ministry, on Sunday, February 6th at 11 a.m., during regular morning worship services. Anyone interested is invited to experience the fun, exciting and powerful skits presented by the New Life Drama Company as they minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the art form of skit drama. Their presentation is a series of short, powerful skits that are not only fun and exciting, but life changing as well.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Prairie Rivers Musical

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on Feb. 28, 2005. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2005. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association membership has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 9, 2005 at noon, at the Hungry Cowboy. Dues for 2005 are \$10.00 and can be mailed to Orville Latham, 903 S. Bernice, Spearman or Nellie Buchanan at 1112 Linn Dr., Spearman. The meal is Dutch treat but is optional. Membership and the meeting is open to anyone interested.

2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee

The 2005 Hansford County Spelling Bee will be held Tuesday, February 15 at 3:30 pm in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Private, public, parochial and home-schooled students are eligible to enter this annual competition. The bee is open to any student in grade 8 and below. The county senior champion will compete in the March 5th Regional event at the Canyon High School campus in Canyon. For more information about the spelling bee, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, Spearman ISD at 659-3233.

AARP Tax-Aide

AARP is offering free tax help for taxpayers with middle- and low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. A representative will be at Hansford County Library every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. beginning February 1st and continuing through April 12th. For more information, call 659-2853.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Hansford Hospice is sponsoring a volunteer training session beginning March 7th. Anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care, and/or desiring personal growth is invited to attend. There will be ten class sessions, and the schedule will be decided by those attending on March 7th. The course is free of charge. To enroll, please call 659-5811.

Ag Futures Seminar

Texas Cooperative Extension in Ochiltree County is sponsoring a beginning futures and options workshop for the area agriculture producers on Feb. 18th. The workshop will run 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Dr. Steve Amosson will be the instructor for the course and will provide basic information to producers about using futures and options in marketing their production. A \$10 registration fee is required for a meal and instructional material. To register, call Ochiltree County Extension Agent Scott Strawn by Feb. 16 at 435-4501.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Spearman Fire Department meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.
- Gruver Fire Department meets the first, second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
- Gruver Chamber of Commerce meets the first Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the El Vaquero.
- Hansford County Commissioners Court meets the second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
- Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors meets the second Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.
- Spearman ISD Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver City Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.
- Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at noon.
- Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Spearman City Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.
- Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon.
- Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.
- Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital.

ART ACADEMY & GALLERY
invites you to attend a
ribbon cutting and open house
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Featured February artists include:
Zulu Art Students
Photographer - Teresa Clark
Potter - Clay (Tex) Dodson
Native American Beader - Charlene Bulls Dodson
Frenchie LaBelle Lingerie by Melissa (McLain) Niven
The Store in Canadian
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Our Sympathy

ALICE KIRBY

SPEARMAN - Alice Kirby, 89, died Monday, Jan. 31, 2005. Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.
Mrs. Kirby was born Sept. 9, 1915, in Jay, Okla. She married Clayburn F. Kirby on July 25, 1932, in Jay. She was a homemaker.
Survivors include three daughters, June Tucker of Spearman, Mae Hargis of Henrietta, Okla., and Francis Dorn of Las Vegas; four sons, Frank Kirby of Chicago, Lonnie Kirby of Ironton, Mo., Donnie Kirby of Perry, Okla., and Mark Kirby of Enid, Okla.; 23 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

GENEVA EDDLEMAN

GRUVER - Geneva Eddleman, 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2005. Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 in Gruver United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Price officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.
Mrs. Eddleman was born in Millsap on May 22, 1914. She married James Eddleman on Nov. 9, 1935, in Weatherford. She was a homemaker and a member of Gruver United Methodist Church. She was a wonderful wife and mother and loved everyone.
She was preceded in death by her husband in 1992 and her parents, Dora and Augustus Hightower.
Survivors include a daughter, Janet Wommack and husband, Lee, of Oak Creek Lake; a son, Wes Eddleman of Lake Jackson; a brother, Roice Hightower of Abilene; a sister, Annie Lou Entemann of Lancaster, Calif.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
The family suggests memorials be to Gruver United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 977, Gruver, TX 79404, Hansford Manor or Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

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.

February 3

Birthday - Jerry Kiser, Joanne Hays, Kelly Davis, Jr. Hart, Pip Craig, Glenna Dibbern, Todd Ware, Donna Roberts, Beth Baker, Jerry Laird, Roy Dee Martin, Evelyn Burch, Traci Cliff
Anniversary - M/M Shawn Cook, Bob & Candy Boxwell, M/M Jose Salgado

February 4

Birthday - Mary Dawn Henson, Bill Logsdon, Argelia Rodriguez, Heath Tolleson, Misty Barnes, Roy Lee Uptergrove, Linda Davis, Dale Hendrick, Tina Marie Jenkins, Andres Ortiz, Chris Evans, Cynthia Goodman, Ted Widener, Joan Farr, Bonnie Ball, Landri Burnam, Samantha Myatt, Bonnie Ball
Anniversary - M/M Nick Jordan, Lenis & Holly Simpson

February 5

Birthday - Rose Lopez, Jerry Tipps, Kym Williams, Dorothy Cator, Reba Phillips, Cody Pipkin, Theron Spencer, Zachary McCammond, Matt Watlington, Matison Jones, George DeSantiago, Larue Mayo, Julie Richter, Larry Murphy

February 6

Birthday - Erica Blount, Larry Irlbeck, Mrs. Nell Patterson, Carlos Espinosa, Cora Lesly, Ruben Vera, Bradly Laxton, Ofelia Zamora, Courtney Jo Myers, Betty Allen, Kimberly LaFarr, Becky Brown, Moses Lomeli, Tammie Purvines
Anniversary - M/M Jeff Hohertz, Patsy & Jerry Hunt, M/M Curt Fitzgeard

February 7

Birthday - Alicia Barkley, Chris Johnson, Buddy Lowe, Mike Stedje, Monique Yancy, Virginia Poole, Tracy Taylor, Calvin Pearson, Jill Havens, Kay Atkinson, Michelle Bass, Janice Noble, Dustin Mackie, Sara Eisfeld

February 8

Birthday - Louise Etter, Bobby Mosier, Ben Vaughn, Domingo Salazar III, Verlin Beck, Dorothy Karns, Jesse Briseno,

Verlene Bass, Zachary Logsdon, Sue Watts
Anniversary - M/M Tony Herndon

February 9

Birthday - Loren Dahl, Andy Hoel, Elena Salazar, Carole Hall, Sara Avila, Paula Garza, Doris Breedon, Jackie Pearson, Linda Rodriguez, Lori Williams, Rossetta Barrera, Michelle Laughlin, Armando Borunda, Drew Mireles, Betty Scribner
Anniversary - M/M Martin Ochoa, Bill & Alice Miller, M/M Cecil Reynolds, M/M Dwayne TeBeest

February 10

Birthday - Karen Cotter, Mark Irwin, Tammy White, Robbie Cator, Mary Ann Lasater, J. Travis Garnett, Evelina Martinez, Gregory Brand, Jimmy McLeod, Charles West, Fanetta Pierce, Josie Holt, Debbie Eslick, Karen Schnell
Anniversary - M/M Perry Dixon

February 11

Birthday - Angie Clawson, Craig Schuman, Kari Lou Russell, Joan McClellan, Denise Harbour, Lillian Cooksey, Roy Harbour, Leigh Anne Winger, Addie Williams, Sloan Dominguez

February 12

Birthday - Rod Been, Lynn Burk, Louise Evans, Brian McClenagan, Brandon Reagon, Kaci Renteria, Sister Criselda Vela, Mae Hargis, Kelly Goodman, Anselmo Vela, Mary Dixon, Glynn & Lynn Pattison, Jennie Lou Connely, Jana Hawkins, Roy Sutton, Mary Virden, Troy James, Derrick Burnett, Clayton Vanderberg, Stephen Jacobs, Walter Postoak
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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the Gruver First Christian Church for bringing services to the Residents at the Manor. That is such an important part of our lives. We appreciate you!

Monday morning we made our rounds visiting as we tended to various chores at the Manor. (I cannot believe it, but we have a carnation blooming right here in the midst of January!)

The Newscurrents program outlined the country of the week, which was Sri Lanka. They are the leading producer of tea.

After lunch we had a wonderful afternoon playing *Name That Tune*. Janie Kunselman played the piano as Residents had to identify the tune. Some sang along with the music on tunes that they recognized, but Janie slipped some that were not so easy to identify. Thank you to Xi Zeta for hosting bingo Monday night. The Residents enjoyed it tremendously as well as the desserts that they provided.

Tuesday morning was filled with a fun exercise program. After lunch we gathered in the activity room for Resident Council. We had a great deal of business to take care of.

The Residents elected new officers for the year. Viola Thompson was elected President, Irene Edwards, Vice President, and Dorris Cluck, Sec.-Treasurer. Next they elected Bessie Swan as the Resident of the Month and Pam Moore as CNA of the Month. Congratulations to all of you. The February calendar was presented, discussed and approved.

After Resident Council was dismissed, the afternoon was so warm and sunny that we adjourned to the patio and played Charades. Even though it is winter time, the patio is still enjoyable with all of the furnishings that the Empty Stocking Fund provided for the enjoyment of the Residents. The Residents did the acting this time. They thought that was pretty funny. They were very good at it. No one was stumped for very long. (One of the funniest ones was a Resident act-

ing out putting on panty hose. That was hilarious!)

When we meandered down to the living room to await supper we had a surprise visitor. Coy Bennet of Perryton had come to play his harmonica and other instruments to entertain the residents. Thank you Coy!

The Church of Christ of Spearman provided the supper Tuesday night and my how they did provide! Thank you to one and all of you! Supper was great--one of our favorite standbys, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & cream gravy, homemade bread, green beans and homemade pies of every description. Thank you -- Thank you.

Wednesday morning Anne Whitaker very ably led Bible study. We do appreciate you Anne! The Residents had fresh donuts to enjoy as they listened.

The afternoon was really busy as the Residents were making Rice Krispy cookies in the shape of hearts to send to the troops for Valentines.

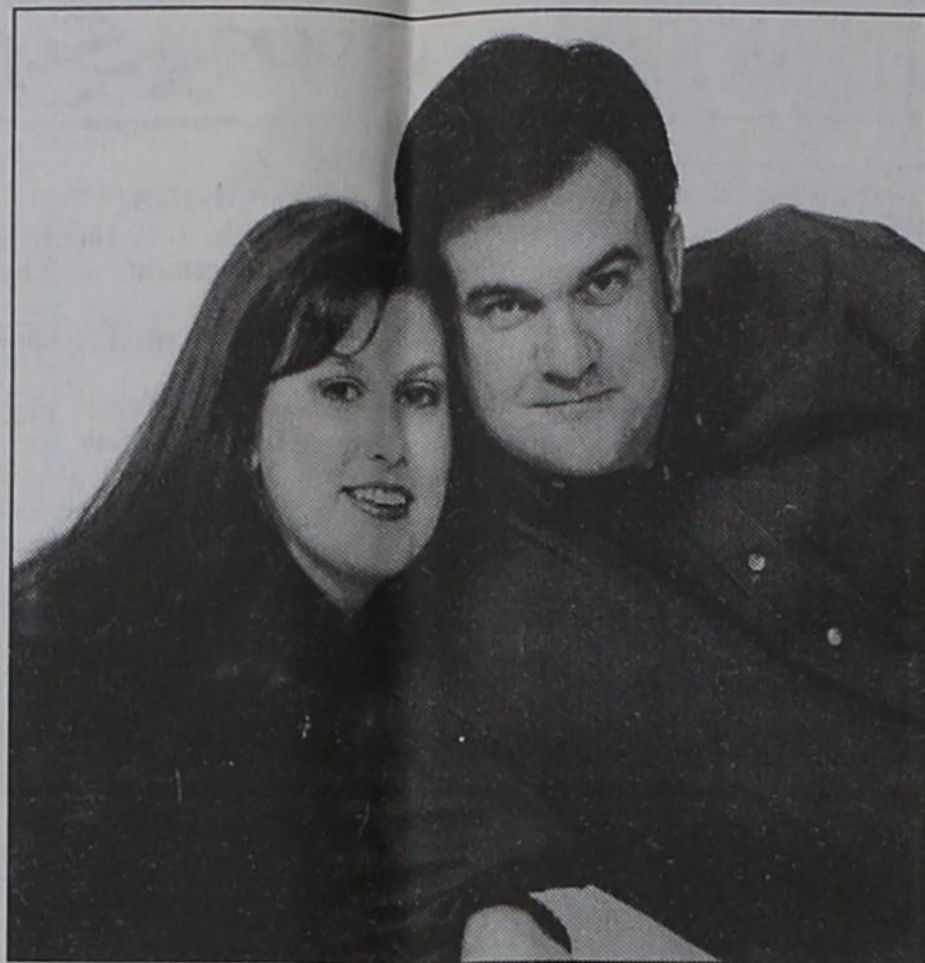
Thursday morning the Residents were back in the activity room rolling up apples to make apple dumplings with for their supper. Yum, Yum. That is one of their favorite things to eat. Afterwards, we gathered in the living room for Trivia.

The afternoon was spent playing bingo. The auxiliary is ever so faithful and we appreciate them so. They even brought homemade cookies for dessert! Thank you!

Friday morning was rock the house down morning with Musercise. We were really rocking around here!

We had planned to go shopping down town after lunch, but since it was snowing, we popped popcorn with the new popcorn maker the auxiliary provided for us and watched a movie.

After supper that night, we were blessed with the Texhoma Mennonite Youth Choir. Thank you for singing for the residents. We appreciate you!



Engagement Announcement

Jim and Paula Henry of Perryton are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jessica Rose, to Chuck Howell, son of Charlie and Mollie Howell of Darrouzett, and Phil and Carol Sell of Farnsworth.

The couple will be married on February 19, 2005, at Country Home Bed & Breakfast in Canyon.

The bride-elect is Human Resource Manager for A to Z Tire in Amarillo. The prospective groom is Vice-President for AmaTechTel Communications in Amarillo.

Don, if you're looking for Father Time, now's the time to stop - he found you! Happy 40th Birthday!

Ash Wednesday Service
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ET CETERA

Hansford County weather
Gruver reported four inches of snow and Spearman reported one-and-a-half inches from the cold front that passed through the area on Sun., Jan. 30th.

Band students to compete
Spearman and Gruver band members will compete in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest on Saturday at West Texas A&M Univ..

Hansford County Spelling Bee
The Hansford County Spelling Bee will be held on Tues., Feb. 15th at 3:30 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium.

Stock show nears
The Hansford County Stock Show will be held Feb. 11 and 12, at the Spearman county barn.

School holiday slated
Spearman, Gruver and Pringle-Morse schools will enjoy a holiday Friday, February 11. Gruver schools will dismiss at 12:30 p.m. and Spearman schools will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 10. The holiday coincides with the Hansford County Stock Show, which is slated for February 11 and 12 in Spearman County Barn.

Spearman
SHS Honor Society induction
Spearman High School will hold an induction ceremony for

National Honor Society at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 4th in the auditorium. Senator Ken Seliger will be the guest speaker.

SHS Student Council Dance
Spearman High School Student Council is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, February 5th from 9 p.m.-midnight at the high school cafeteria.

Immunization clinic
An immunization clinic will be held on Tuesday, February 15th from 10:30 a.m.-noon at Spearman High School and 1-3 p.m. at Gus Birdwell Elementary.

Gruver
Lions Club guests announced
GHS seniors Ben Williams and Lance Williams will be the February 2nd guests of the Gruver Lions Club.

Spring break rescheduled
Gruver schools spring break will be March 7 - 11. This is a change from earlier calendars that listed the break at a later time.

The March 7-11 break will coincide with the Houston Livestock Show. Easter break will be March 25-March 28, with school resuming Tuesday, March 28, with school resuming March 29.

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Mika McLain & Matt Devaney - Feb. 26
Loryn & Brady Woolley - March 12
Kortney Henton & Eric Klein - March 19
Jill Clement & Steve Crum - March 19
Amanda Anderson & John Gunning - March 26
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Loryn (Showalter) & Brady Woolley - 3/12
Kortney Henton & Eric Klein - 3/19
Jill Clement and Steve Crum - 3/19
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Citizens of the Year

In a town like Spearman there are many people qualified to be named "Citizen of the Year." Each year those who stand above the rest are honored as nominees. This year's nominees included Dwayne Smith, David Johnson, Lyn Woolley and Linda Latta.

This year's honorees, Lyn Woolley and Linda Latta, have stood out for a long time with their habit of saying "yes" - "yes" to their families, "yes" to their friends, "yes" to their church, and "yes" to our community whenever a need arises.

Webster defines a volunteer as a person who performs or gives his service of his own free will, a person who renders aid or a person who assumes an obligation through his own initiative. Those may be the dictionary definitions of a volunteer, but this year's honorees take the meaning of the word so much further.

Each year for the past eight years, Lyn and Linda have organized and served Christmas dinner free of charge to anyone in our community who has wanted to attend. It has become a Hansford County tradition that many look forward to each year. It is a time of fellowship and good food for many, and the reasons that people attend vary as much as the folks who are there.

This event brings so many in our community together in the true spirit of the season. Lyn and Linda work tirelessly putting this meal together each year and then spend their Christmas mornings serving. They take time out of their busy schedules and time away from their families to work on this project each December. This year over fifty meals were delivered to people who could not attend in person - shut-ins, people who had to work on Christmas day and various others who just couldn't make it to the O'Loughlin Center for whatever reason.

This project alone would make these two ladies appropriate recipients of this award, but they both do so much more.

Linda is a volunteer for Hansford Hospice and a member of the Hospital Auxiliary, where she served as the very first President. She served for many years as a 4-H and County Stock Show leader as a parent, and is still an active supporter of both of these programs as a grandparent.

Linda worked tirelessly in many school activities as she and her husband, Tom, raised their four daughters, Carla, Julie, Leslie and Tommi, in Spearman. She worked innumerable concession stands, raising money for whatever school trip or project the kids were working on at the time, and always with a smile on her face.

As a very active member of the First United Methodist Church, she is a leader in the Homebuilder's Sunday School Class, currently serves on the Evangelism Committee, is a member and past president of the United Methodist Women, is a supporter of all youth activities (serving as Youth Coordinator for several years), has participated in several summer mission trips, and has served on the Administrative Council in various capacities.

She is a longtime member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, where she held various offices in each of the four chapters and received honors such as being chosen Member of the Year and Valentine Queen.

Linda works with husband, Tom, at the Hansford Veterinary Clinic, helping out wherever she is needed. She and Tom organized and kept records for the Spearhead Cattle effort to help raise money for the O'Loughlin Center. She owns and operates the Newcomb House Bed and Breakfast, and serves as an ambassador for our entire area, entertaining and housing visitors from many different locations. Besides being a devoted wife and mother of four grown daughters, one of Linda's favorite "jobs" these days is playing grandma to her nine grandchildren.

Lyn, in addition to her work on the Community Christmas Dinner each year, also volunteers in our community in many other capacities. She has served as a Lay Representative for the Hansford County Library to the Texas Panhandle Library System giving a voice to library patrons throughout our area.

She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, serving as an officer and receiving honors such as Member of the Year and Valentine Queen. She was instrumental in the founding of the "Moms in Touch" group who spent many mornings praying for our students, teachers, parents and school system. As a very active member of the First United Methodist Church, she is a bible study leader, a hardworking member of the United Methodist Women, heads the Church Library Team, she works each Wednesday afternoon with the Rainbow Kids Klub, she has served on the Trustees Committee, she is the former recording secretary of the Administrative Council, she began the Intercessory Prayer Ministry at the church and has served as the coordinator for the prayer room.

Lyn owns her own decorating business, The Country Look, and has put her talents to use redecorating several rooms in the church as well as for a couple of non-profit organizations in our community. She and her husband, Joey, are currently remodeling the old Presbyterian church building into their new home.

Lyn was very active in various school activities as she and Joey were raising their two children, Meg and Brady. She, too, has worked countless concession stands, chaperoned field trips, as well as all those other "Mom" duties that go along with raising kids in a small community. She served as chairperson for Project Graduation for both her children's classes. She is currently organizing an effort to send care packages to our troops serving overseas.

Giving freely of her time, Lyn is a special friend to many of our citizens who do not have local family members to take them to the doctor, the bank, or wherever it is they might need to go.

Neither of Lyn nor Linda seek recognition for any of their volunteer efforts - they merely see a need and they fill it. No fanfare, no hoopla, no "look at me" - in fact, just the opposite. They want as little notice as possible.

Business of the Year

Gordon's Drug was named the Business of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, held January 22, 2005.

The firm of Gordon's Drug was established on December 5, 1955 by J.G. (Gordon) Parrish and his wife, Annabelle.

The first location was on the corner of Davis and Main. For the first few years, the business operated as a front-end store with a full service fountain. The main attraction with the young people being a juke box. As the business grew, a pharmacy was added and Gordon entered into a brief partnership with Lee Neymeyer.

Feeling the need for a larger building, Gordon moved his store to its present location at 314 Main in November of 1963.

James E. (Jim) Evans moved to Spearman on September 1, 1964 with his bride of one month, the former Laquita Shuss. They were married on July 18, 1964 in Ponca City, Oklahoma and moved to Spearman from Amarillo to enter a partnership with Gordon Parrish in his business, Gordon's Drug.

In January of 1974, Gordon Parrish retired and Jim acquired full ownership of Gordon's Drug. Laquita began working full time at the drug store in 1973, one year before Mr. Parrish's retirement and continued to help her husband in their business until their retirement. Jim and Laquita sold the business to David and Sandi Johnson in September of 2003.

Gordon's Drug is now fully owned and operated by David and Sandi Johnson. Features of the business include: pharmacy with 24-hour service, old-fashioned soda fountain serving breakfast and lunch, a large gift department and bridal registry, and a Fuji photo processing lab with in-house film processing providing complete photo finishing services.

"Buying the business was an unbeatable opportunity," David said. "I have always wanted to have my own pharmacy." The business alone, however, was not the only dream of the young couple.

"David grew up in McLean, where his dad owned the pharmacy, and I loved how everyone was at the football game one night and then at the tennis meet the next morning," Sandi said. "We wanted our children to grow up in that kind of environment - in a smaller school with a real sense of community and lifetime friends like David had at McLean," Sandi said.

David served as a pharmacist at the United Grocery Pharmacy in Canyon, and was in line to head the pharmacy at the new United store, but the idea of owning his own pharmacy was his dream.

David and Sandi are members of the First Baptist Church of Spearman. They have three children, Steven, 7, Carlee, 5 and Mattee, 3.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--January 31, 2005-- 33 feet (-0.12)

Jim had .28 of an inch in the gauge at the office before the snow started, but when I called this morning he hadn't thawed the icicle the snow made when he brought the gauge in the office.

Alfredo Anima, maintenance man at the Lake, told Jim there is evidence of the beavers at work on Horse Creek near the boat ramp. I am curious if they are making a dam close by.

Friday the crew burned two piles of driftwood they had gathered around the Lake.

Last week Michael Cole of Amarillo called to see if there were eagles staying at the Park. If so, he wanted to come to the Park and try photographing them. He is the son of Ken Cole, former minister at the Spearman Methodist Church.

Several people have mentioned the rabbit drive articles. Janet Eddleman Wommack, here from Oak Creek Lake for the funeral services for her other, Geneva Eddleman, remembered that she was a senior at Gruver High in 1957, the year of the drive. Her class, to help earn money for their senior trip, set up a concession stand near where the drive ended.

For you readers that like local history, I have ordered two 2004

West Texas Historical Association Year Books for the local libraries.

This one has three articles written by people of the area. David Holt, a Spearman High graduate and now a student at Angelo State University, had a prize winning student essay entitled "Pioneer Experience in Hutchinson County and the Texas West."

Cleon Roberts of Hereford who has researched so much Hansford County history with his book *Charley Newell Shot!* has a long article-- "The Afterlife of Adobe Walls."

The third piece is by David Murrah, graduate of Gruver High, with a long title "Graham, Texas' Famous oak Tree: Barkin gup the Wrong Tree: The Founding of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association."

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Brock signs with SMU

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"Jeff's numbers might not jump out at you, because we're pretty much a ground team," Spearman Lynx Coach Ric Smith said. "But it's not that he doesn't have the ability to catch the ball. It's just that we run the ball for about 380 yards a game. He really has good hands and good speed. When you look at our offense, you know we ask him to block a lot, and he's an excellent blocker. Considering the number of catching opportunities he had, he was very successful. He has great endurance and stamina, and he's a very tough player. At a small, 2A school like ours, he's one of those guys who plays offense, defense and special-teams. I'd send him out there for the opening kickoff and never see him again (on the sideline) for the rest of the game."

"I've learned not to underestimate what Jeff can do," continued Coach Smith. "He's an outstanding player and an outstanding young man -- he's also No. 1 (academically) in his class. He's been great for us. And I think he'll fit in great at SMU. The coaches really stress high moral character, being good on and off the field, high academics He'll be a guy the school can be proud of and a guy the fans can be proud of."

"We signed two tight ends in this class," said Phil Bennett, SMU head coach. "Mario Walker is a guy from Marshall, Texas, who was first-team all-state. He's a great receiving tight end -- he's got great hands. He's not as big as some 'bruising' tight ends, but he's a better-than-average blocker. He's not that big, but he gets in your way real well."

"Jeff Brock is from Spearman, in west Texas. He's a big guy who's going to keep growing. He's got a chance to grow a lot, maybe grow into a guy like (current SMU tight end) Ryan Kennedy (who's 6'5" and 265). Jeff is a good athlete who also played defensive end for his school -- a lot of guys at small schools play both ways -- but we like him at tight end. He has very soft hands. His team only completed 30 passes, but he caught 19 of them, and took five of them in for touchdowns."

"I don't know exactly what will happen next year," Brock said. "But if they redshirt me, sometimes it's a good thing to get a year to get stronger and faster, and to get used to the changing speed of the game. But I'm going to work hard, and I'll be ready if they decide to use me."

The Mustangs finished 3-8 last season, 3-5 in the Western Athletic Conference. They will move to Conference USA beginning with the 2005-06 school year.

Jeff is the son of Kim and Stephanie Brock of Spearman and the grandson of Mary and J.L. Brock of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Warren of Dallas.

He was named 7-AA All-District first team offensive tight end and first team defensive end. He was also named to the 2A Region I first team Academic All-State team. (The criteria to be nominated are: (1) 92 GPA for grades 9-11 and 1st six weeks of Grade 12. (2) Member of team in good standing. (3) Must be a senior (4) Must be of good moral character. Once they meet criteria, THSCA uses GPA, class rank and SAT/ACT scores for team placement.)

Jeff is the youngest of four, and the fourth to receive a college scholarship in athletics. His sister, Janna, earned a swimming scholarship to Nebraska and Jeff's older brothers Jordan and John each played college football - Jordan at Abilene Christian and John at Rice before transferring to Abilene Christian prior to the 2004 season.

Basketball Hoopla

by Harletta Carthel and Catherine Smith

Lady Hounds

Lady Hounds' race takes turns

Fruit basket turnover might describe the week of girls basketball action in District 1-1A.

After losses to Stratford and Sunray in the first round of district play, the Lady Hounds' playoff chances took a blow until Vega's win over Stratford and a Booker's win over Sunray last week put the district outcome in a new light.

Lady Hounds bonk Booker

A third quarter scoring spree gave the Lady Hounds a 43-33 win over the Booker Lady Kiowas January 25.

After a defensive first half which found the Lady Hounds down 12-10, a 17 point performance in the third quarter sparked the Lady Hounds to a decisive win.

Leading scorers, each with eight points, were Lindsey Clift, Lauren Urban, Laci Fitzgearld, and Laina Grotgut.

Lady Hounds boot Lady Horns

In a low-scoring defensive game, the Lady Hounds took a narrow 29-26 win over the Vega Lady Horns.

With the score 3-1, Vega at the end of the first quarter, and 11-10 Vega at half, the Hounds did four points better than the Horns in the third quarter and three better in the fourth to secure the close win.

Rachelle led her teammates with nine pints while Liz Lopez and Laina Grotgut each racked up 6.

Hounds

Hounds face challenge

With leading contenders Stratford, Gruver, and Sunray all picking up two wins last week, the stakes are set for the Hounds as they face Stratford and White Deer this week and end regular season with Sunray February 8.

Hounds scalp Kiowas

After jumping out to an early lead of 27-11 at the end of the first quarter, the Hounds coasted to a 77-50 win over the Booker Kiowas.

Seniors Cass Cooper with 20 points and lance Williams with 17 were leaders of the pack.

Hounds escape Horns

The Hounds escaped a third-quarter ambush by the Vega Longhorns, to take a 50-45 win Friday night.

With the Hounds leading the first quarter by six and the half by three, Vega took a 38-37 third quarter lead to put the heat on the Hounds in the fourth quarter.

Matt Messer with 16 and Cody Mac Been with 10 led the Hound scoring attack.

Lynxettes

Lynxettes run circles around Boys Ranch

The Lynxettes easily defeated Boys Ranch on Friday, January 28th, with a final score of 67-31.

The Lynxettes, who went into half-time with a 31-16 lead, outscored Boys Ranch by 22 points during the third quarter. They went into the fourth quarter with a 57-20 lead, and ended the game with the 67-31 win.

Scoring for the Lynxettes were Tonya Hart 12, Saylee Flowers 11, Kendall Schneider 11, Lindsey Short 10, Britta Vanderburg 10, Kelcee Rex 8, Tabatha Shields 3, and Jordanna Lozano 2.

Coach's Comments: "We got an important district win on the road. We had lots of assists and shot better in the second half. Defensive hustle was good."

Lynxettes receive Sportsmanship Trophy

The Spearman Lynxettes were selected to receive the Kenneth Cleveland Sportsmanship Trophy this year at the Caprock Holiday Basketball Tournament in the Girl's Division.

Great job, girls - you make Spearman proud!

Lynx

Lynx undefeated in first half of district play

The Spearman Lynx added another win to their record of 6-0 with the defeat of the Boys Ranch Roughriders on Friday, January 28th.

The Lynx dominated the first half of the Boys Ranch game offensively and defensively. The Lynx ended the first half 20 points ahead of Boys Ranch, with a score of 36-16. The Roughriders didn't give up, though and were able to keep up with the Lynx in the second half. Their efforts weren't enough for a win, however, with the Lynx claiming the victory, 67-46.

Leading scorers were Jeff Brock and Lance Huddleston, each with 14.

JV Lynxettes

The JV Lynxettes lost a good fight against the San Jacinto varsity

girls on January 25th. The JV Lynxettes went into half-time with a 10-point deficit, but outscored the varsity team by seven in the third quarter. Going into the final quarter, the Lynxettes were behind by only three points, 16-19, but San Jacinto managed to pull away with the win with a final score of 25-31.

Scoring for the JV Lynxettes were: Clara Kern 6, Christy Lang 5, Callie Cazares 5, Trudy Hart 3, Tara Shields 2, Kyla Reed 2 and Brittney Bradley 2.

Coach's Comments: "This was good experience against a varsity team."

Coming off of a hard-fought game with the San Jacinto varsity girls, the JV Lynxettes easily defeated Boys Ranch, 53-14, on Friday, January 28th.

The Lynxettes went into the half with 19, only allowing Boys Ranch 5 points. The Lynxettes came out even stronger in the second half, scoring 34 and allowing only 9.

Scoring for the JV Lynxettes were: Tara Shields 13, Christy Lang 12, Brittney Bradley 7, Tara Hart 7, Clara Kern 6, Kyla Reed 6, Amy Brown 2 and Callie Cazares 2.

Coach's Comments: "In the last two games, the JV girls are 19 for 27 from the free-throw line. That is 70%. Good job, girls!"

7th Grade Lynx

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112 Wanda: \$41,000 - Nice kitchen, 3BR, 1B, deck, sits on corner lot
107 Wanda: \$32,500 - PRICE REDUCED - 3BR, 1 1/2B, C H/A, corner lot and has storage bldg in back

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211 Womble - 3BR, 1 1/2B, carport
306 Womble - 2-3BR, 1B, 2CG
618 Front Street - 1BR, 1B, cellar, lg shed
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9520 Hwy. 15 - 30+ acres, 2 houses, close to Gruver
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Rotary Club Employee of the Year

Butch Baker was recognized as the Spearman Rotary Club's 2005 Employee of the Year during the annual Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet held January 22nd. Butch is employed at First State Bank, where is in charge of maintenance and groundskeeping.



Spearman Volunteer Firefighters Dwayne Comp, left, was named the 2004 Fireman of the Year, and Buck Hughes received the Workhorse of the Year award during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce banquet held January 22, 2005.

ANNUAL MEETING

of
SOUTHWEST PIONEER WINDMILL ASSOCIATION

at
Hungry Cowboy
12:00 noon

Wed., Feb. 9, 2005

Lunch is Dutch treat, and is optional.
Dues for 2005 are \$10 and may be mailed to Orville Latham, 903 S. Bernice, Spearman or Nellie Buchanan, 1112 Linn Dr., Spearman.

Membership open to individuals, families, businesses and organizations.
For more information, call 659-2791.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY - Mostly sunny. Patchy fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.
THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows around 30. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.
FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.
SATURDAY - Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Chance of rain in the evening - then chance of rain and snow after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.
SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and snow in the morning - then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs around 50.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.



Julie Etchison was recognized as the Member of the Year for the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce on January 22nd.

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Dinner for Two \$36.95

Sweetheart Special

- 5 oz. Filet
- Baked Potato
- Dinner Salad
- Bread
- Cheesecake w/ choice of Cherry or Strawberry topping
- Iced Tea or Coffee



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Spearman's place for steak lovers!
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MONTHLY RATE	\$74.99
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PLAN INCLUDES:

- 3-way Calling
- Airtime charges apply to both calls. Roaming and/or long distance charges may apply.
- Call Waiting
- Airtime charges apply to both calls. Roaming and/or long distance charges may apply.
- Call Forwarding
- Up to 400 minutes per month. Additional time charged at 15¢ per minute. Roaming and/or long distance charges may apply.
- Caller ID
- Voice Mail Basic
- Store up to five messages for five days.
- Text Messaging
- Receive up to 50 messages per month at no charge from any computer or enabled wireless phone (additional messages 5¢ each). Send or reply to messages for 15¢ per message.
- Mexico & Canada Roaming
- Mexico & Canada roaming at 99¢ per minute.

ADD UP TO 3 ADDITIONAL LINES WITH UNLIMITED MINUTES

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- Fri., 2/4 - 1/2 lb. Hamburger with Fries or Salad - \$6.95
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- Sun., 2/6 - Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Cream Gravy, Green Beans, Salad, Bread - \$9.95
- Mon., 2/7 - Closed
- Tues., 2/8 - Grilled Chicken Burger with French Fries or Salad - \$6.95
- Wed., 2/9 - Reuben Sandwich with Fries or Salad - \$7.95
- Thurs., 2/10 - Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich with Fries or Salad - \$6.95
- Valentine's Dinner for 2, 2/11 & 2/12, 5-10 p.m. - 5 oz. Filet, Baked Potato, Dinner Salad, Bread, Cheesecake w/choice of Cherry or strawberry topping, Iced Tea or Coffee - \$36.95

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