

# IN THE NEWS

### Bush Considers Mack, Breaux for Tax Panel

Former Senators Connie Mack and John Breaux are being considered to lead President Bush's commission on overhauling the tax code, U.S. officials said on Wednesday.

### What The Rule Reversal On Capitol Hill Means For DeLay

Move by GOP to rescind a rule allowing indicted leaders to retain their posts adds to majority leader's vulnerability.

### As Troops Return Home, A Changing Of The Guard

This graduating class of Iraq veterans - thousands of whom are returning to North Carolina and New York this week - reveals the resolve that has helped erstwhile "weekend warriors" fulfill difficult and vital missions in Iraq. But for many, a sense of duty coexists with disillusionment over long and hazardous deployments.

### U.S. Marine in Mysterious Case Declared Deserter

U.S. Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, charged a month ago with desertion in a mysterious case in which he left his unit in Iraq only to turn up in Lebanon, has failed to return to his base in North Carolina, the Marine Corps said on Wednesday.

### Attorney General Pick Vows to Honor Torture Pact

Alberto Gonzales, the White House counsel criticized for calling parts of the Geneva Conventions on prisoner treatment "obsolete," will promise to live by anti-torture treaties if he is confirmed as attorney general, according to a statement obtained on Wednesday.

### U.S. Investigates Guantanamo Abuse Allegations

The U.S. military's regional command in Miami launched an investigation on Wednesday into FBI agents' allegations that interrogators tortured prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

### U.S. Death Toll in Tsunami Jumps to 36

The number of Americans known to have been killed in last month's tsunami in Asia has more than doubled to at least 36, a State Department official said on Wednesday.

### USDA Nominee Testifies Thursday, Clear Path Seen

Mike Johanns, nominated for U.S. agriculture secretary, is viewed as a shoo-in so his Senate confirmation hearing on Thursday is likely to focus on mad cow disease and farm spending rather than his qualifications, say lobbyists and congressional staff workers.

### World Leaders Hold Summit on Tsunami Aid

World leaders meeting on Thursday to discuss aid efforts for Asia's tsunami-hit countries were warned the death toll could double to about 300,000 unless action was taken this week to prevent disease. The World Health Organization (WHO) said on Wednesday it had sent emergency treatment to the region for diarrheal diseases such as cholera and dysentery but while the aid was reaching many places, access to safe drinking water remained inadequate.

### U.N. Warns Tsunami Death Toll Could Double

The United Nations warned on Wednesday Asia's tsunami death toll could double to about 300,000 unless survivors received clean water and other basic services by the end of the week to prevent disease.

### USGS: Minor Aftershocks Won't Stir New Tsunami

Aftershocks beneath the Indian Ocean continued to rattle Indonesia but none have been strong enough to stir powerful waves, let alone spawn another tsunami, the U.S. Geological Survey said on Wednesday.

### Suicide Bombers Kill 21 in Iraq

Suicide bombers killed 21 people in attacks on an Iraqi police academy and a checkpoint on Wednesday, part of a campaign to derail Jan. 30 elections which Iraq's prime minister vowed will go ahead.

### Bush Seen Unlikely to Back Any Delay in Iraq Vote

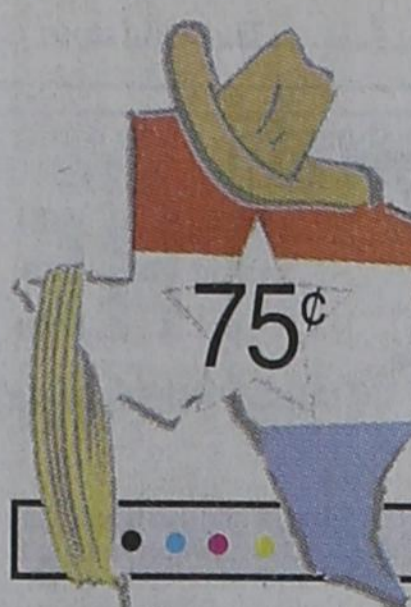
President Bush is unlikely to back any delay in Iraq's Jan. 30 election, despite fears that the current timetable could risk an outbreak of civil war, analysts and other experts say.

### U.S. Mulls New Syrian Sanctions Over Iraq Funds

Stepping up pressure on Syria, U.S. officials said on Wednesday they were considering new economic and other sanctions to push the Syrian government to stop suspected financial flows to Iraqi insurgents.

### Tsunami More Horrifying Than War, Powell Says

Secretary of State Colin Powell flew over the worst scenes of devastation from Asia's tsunami Wednesday and said it was more horrifying than wars he had witnessed during decades as a soldier.



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## Progress being made in dairy relocation

by Harletta Carthel

After a December 7-10 visit to the home of dairy farmer Jon Klemme in Fort Plain, New York, Keith Hight of the Spearman Economic Development Corporation reports progress is being made on the relocation of the Klemme Dairy to a site south of Spearman.

Hight was able to familiarize himself with the Klemme Dairy during his visit. He was also able to discuss plans for the dairy's move to Texas, which is slated for Spring 2005.

"It is a very expensive process for dairy farmers in New York to expand," Hight said. "Taxes in New York are high, and the weather makes it necessary that all cows are housed in free-stall barns, which are very expensive to build."

Hight reported that not only is the Klemme family moving ahead with plans to relocate their dairy this spring, but there is also the possibility of a second dairy coming to the area.

Evans Barrett, the son-in-law of Jon Klemme is currently looking for additional land in the area in hopes of starting another dairy.

Klemme's dairy manager, Harold Dettmeir, will be arriving in Spearman later this month to look for housing for his family.

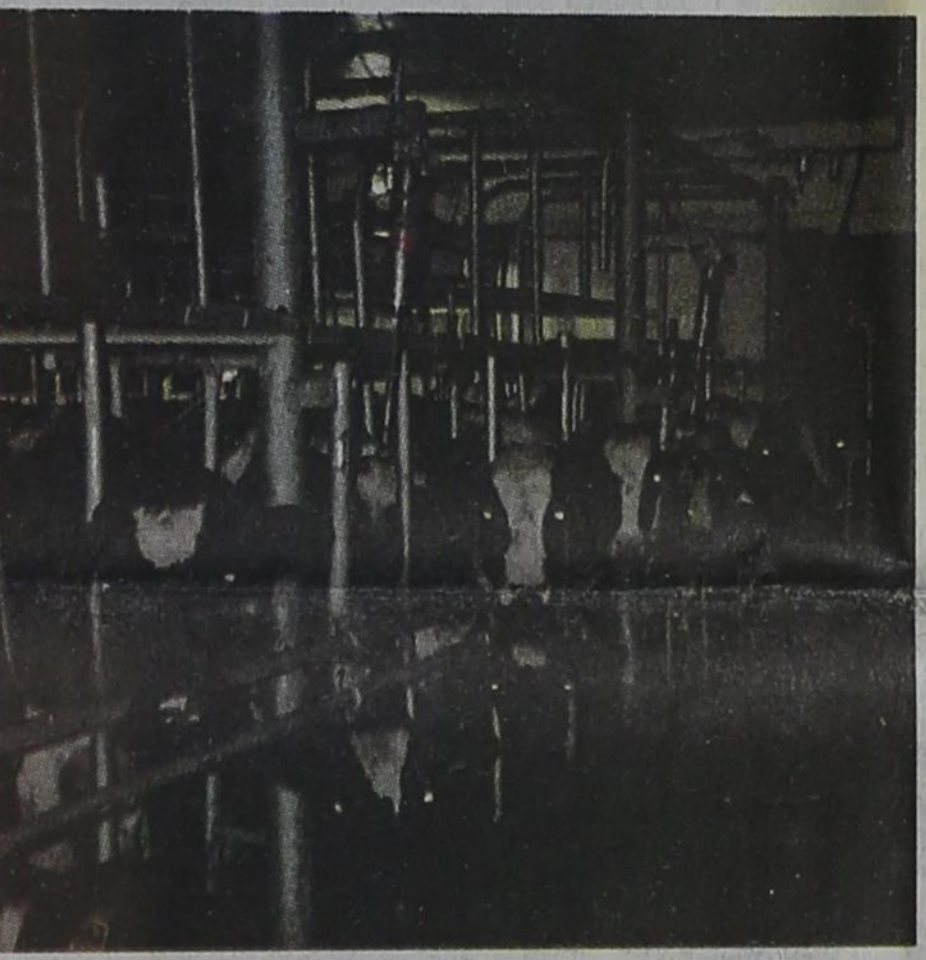
"I think we will end up with a couple of more families coming here," Hight said. "Jon (Klemme) has one son that is a carpenter, and his wife is from Texas. His son-in-law is very interested in finding land here for a dairy. I think they are all tired of the cold and taxes."

Work on the proposed dairy farm will begin shortly after a dairy permit is issued by the State of Texas, which Hight believes will be forthcoming in March.

While in the Fort Plain area, Hight also contacted other dairy farmers in the region about the advantages of the Spearman area.



MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR - Jon Klemme, who will be relocating his dairy south of Spearman, stands in front of his home in Fort Plain, New York.



'We're moo-ving?' the dairy cows of Jon Klemme seem excited at the thought of a warmer climate.

## City of Gruver turns 75th

The City of Gruver will be celebrating its 75th birthday in 2005. To commemorate the occasion, the Reporter-Statesman is asking for your help. We are seeking interesting pictures of Gruver from 1930 forward, as well as ideas for stories from Gruver's past and names of people who may be able to provide historical accounts to share with readers. Please direct any information by mail or in person to The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081, or by phone to (806) 659-3434 or toll-free (806) 338-0222.

## Public radio station to return to airwaves

Fans of High Plains Public Radio, which services the northern Texas Panhandle, may soon have their favorite radio station back on the air. The KTOT antenna was damaged by lightning this summer, forcing HPPR to operate the 89.5 FM frequency at a lower power for several months. Eventually even the lower power signal failed.

Rick Hicks, Executive Director of HPPR said that repairs to the antenna are underway. "Repair operators required new parts and a specially trained crew to climb the 1000-foot tower," Hicks said. "The required parts are now in hand, and the crew is in the area working to complete the repairs needed to return KTOT to full power."

Hicks is estimating the station's return to the airwaves by early January, but reminds listeners that crews are able to work only when weather conditions are favorable.

High Plains Public Radio continues to stream on-line at www.hppr.org. "We hope our listeners will take advantage of our on-line service as much as possible while the repairs are being made," said Deb Stout, HPPR Director of Promotions.

"We've heard from so many of our listener-members in the KTOT area who miss the service," said Stacy Yates, Texas Coordinator. "We want to assure those members of the HPPR family that we are doing everything possible to restore our signal to the KTOT listening area."

High Plains Public Radio is a non-profit radio station broadcasting in Western Kansas, Southeastern Colorado, and the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

**THURSDAY** - Partly cloudy. Warmer. Highs in the mid to upper 30s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Wind chill readings 5 below to 10 below zero in the morning.  
**THURSDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Warmer. Lows in the lower 20s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
**FRIDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. West winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the north 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.  
**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.  
**SATURDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.  
**SATURDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.  
**SUNDAY** - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.  
**SUNDAY NIGHT** - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

## Give, but give wisely, to Tsunami relief efforts

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) today encouraged the general public to contribute to tsunami relief efforts, but urged donors to use caution when giving to avoid potential scams.

"After this unprecedented tragedy, donations of money and supplies are greatly needed," said AFP President and CEO Paulette V. Maehara, CFRE, CAE. "Americans are a very generous people and always respond positively to these types of crises, but they should also be vigilant and informed in their giving."

Maehara stressed that potential donors should know two things before they give to any organization:

1. Is the organization they're supporting legitimate; and,
  2. Will the funds they're giving be used in an appropriate way, consistent with their intent?
- Regarding the latter point, some organizations might be concentrating on relief efforts only in certain countries, or emphasizing certain aspects of the relief efforts. In some cases, charities may have already received enough funding for their relief projects and may encourage giving to a general fund, where the money might be used for future disaster relief.

"There's nothing wrong with that as long as the charity tells you upfront how your money will be used," said Maehara. "If you want your money to go to a certain country or particular effort, make sure you know exactly what the organization is doing and who or how it is helping."

But first, donors should determine whether or not the charity they're supporting is legitimate. Many national and international charities are household names. However, the Internet has allowed individuals and smaller groups to organize local efforts that are equally worthy, but not as well-known.

"Ninety-nine percent of the organizations who are working on tsunami relief efforts, even those you haven't heard of, are legitimate," said Maehara. "But as we saw with the 9/11 relief efforts,

there are always a few unscrupulous scam artists who would seek to take advantage of American generosity and make a quick buck at the expense of others."

To avoid fraudulent organizations and ensure contributions will be sent to a legitimate organization, Maehara recommended the following tips:

\* When giving at a website, make sure the site is secure and that your personal information cannot be seen or stolen by others. Make sure the website itself is legitimate; sometimes scam artists use similar but slightly different names or domain names.

\* When giving via the phone, obtain a phone number for the charity and call the number to ensure the number is legitimate.

\* Be aware of organizations with similar sounding names. 'United Wayfarers' for example, sounds similar to 'United Way' but it may be a completely different charity or simply a fraudulent organization.

\* Be suspicious of callers and organizations that talk about having 'tax i.d. numbers' or other official-sounding information. Lots of organizations have 'tax i.d. numbers' but that doesn't mean they are charities.

\* Do not give to an organization that promises to have a driver come immediately to your home or office and pick up a check. That's usually a sure sign of fraud.

\* Report suspicious activity to your local police and/or state Attorney General's office.

Maehara also suggests asking if the fundraiser is a member of AFP and follows AFP's Code of Ethical Principles and Standards of Professional Practice, or a similar code, and if they abide by the Donor Bill of Rights. "The vast majority of the fundraising profession practices ethical fundraising," stated Maehara. "If donors know that they're working with one of these fundraisers, then they'll know that they are giving to a legitimate organization."

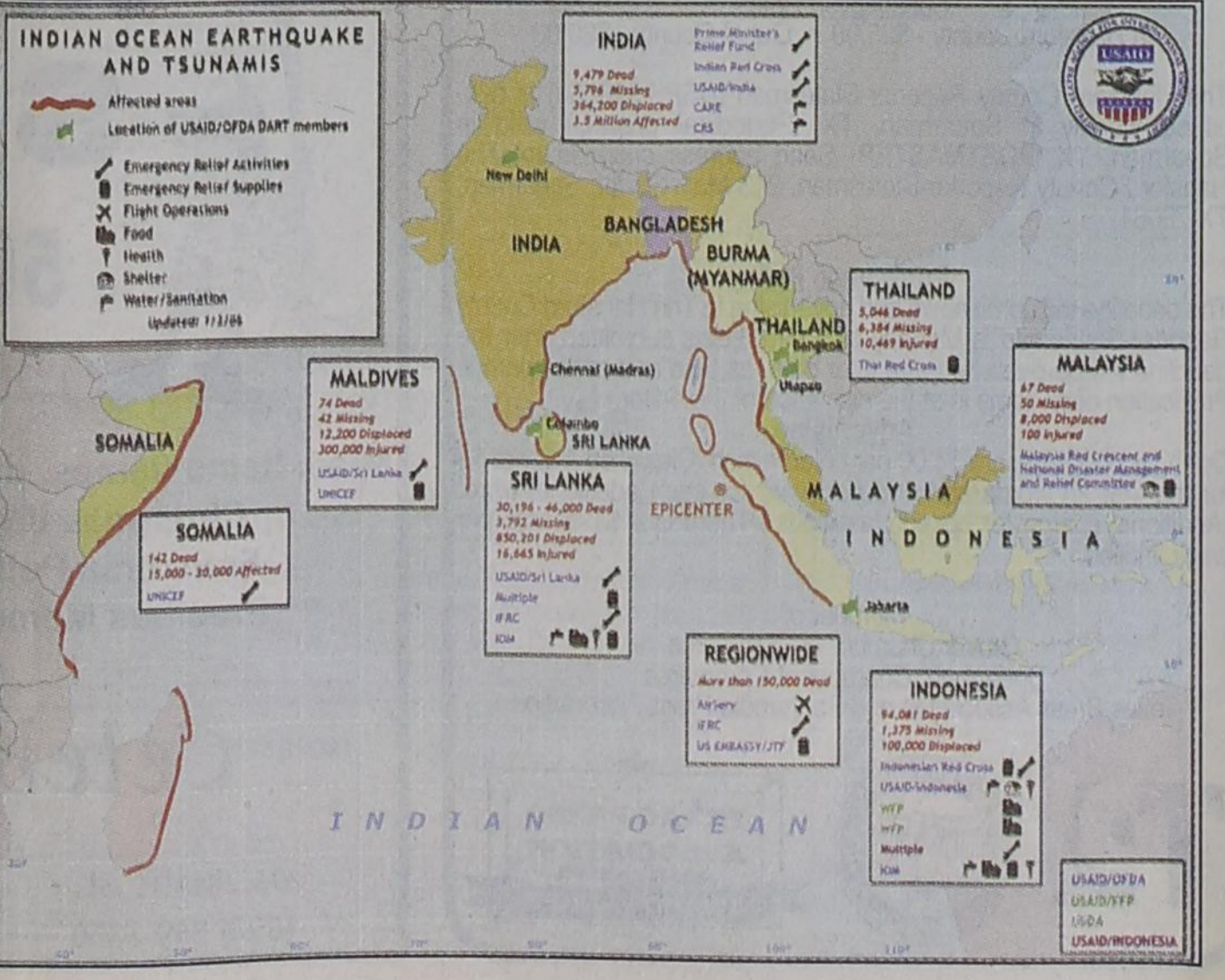
More information on charitable giving and evaluating a charity can be found on the AFP website under

### National Philanthropy Day - About Giving.

"The tips above are applicable to all giving, whether one is giving to disaster relief, education, research, or any other cause," continued Maehara. "Most people will not encounter a fraudulent solicitor or organization, but we feel it's important to remind the public that it pays to be careful. Give freely, but give wisely."

### How to give charitably & safely

- Give only to legitimate charities recognized by the appropriate governmental bodies in their countries.
  - Ask questions of the charity, and check www.guidestar.org for information provided by certain charities to the IRS. Find out how the charity plans to use your money.
  - Make sure the charity site uses encryption. The letters https://, rather than http://, should precede the page's URL, and/or an unbroken key or padlock symbol should be in the corner of the Web browser.
  - Try to give directly to the charity. If the charity has no online giving opportunities, consider contributing to www.networkforgood.org, which provides all registered charities in the United States with the capability to receive online donations.
  - Check for a privacy policy concerning the use of your name, e-mail address or other personal information. Don't disclose personal information unless you know who is collecting the information and how it will be used.
  - Print a copy of the final confirmation page that appears on your computer screen when you have made your gift, and keep a copy of any e-mail confirming the gift for your records.
  - Look for contact information, which reputable charities will provide.
  - Request regular information from the charity on its Web site or in e-mail updates.
- Source: ePhilanthropy Code of Ethical Online Philanthropic Practices



Live, Laugh & Love



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I would like to extend these "Wishes for the New Year" to each of you with my thanks for the support you have shown in the past.

Wishes for the New Year

- May your hair, your teeth, your face-lift, your abs, and your stocks not fall; and may your blood pressure, your triglycerides, your cholesterol, your white blood count and your mortgage interest not rise.
May you get a clean bill of health from your dentist, your cardiologist, your gastroenterologist, your urologist, your proctologist, your podiatrist, your psychiatrist, your plumber, and the IRS.
May you find a way to travel from anywhere to anywhere during rush hour in less than an hour, and when you get there may you find a parking space.
May what you see in the mirror delight you, and what others see in you delight them.
May the telemarketers wait to make their sales calls until you finish dinner, may your checkbook and your budget balance, and may they include generous amounts for your church and charities.
May you remember to say "I love you" at least once a day to your spouse, your child, and your parent(s). You can say it to your secretary, your nurse, your butcher, your photographer, your masseuse, your seamstress, your hairdresser or your tennis instructor, but not with a "twinkle" in your eye.
May we live as intended, in a world at peace with the awareness of the beauty in every sunset, every flower's unfolding petals, every baby's smile and every wonderful, astonishing, miraculous beat of our heart.
Bless you with every happiness, great health, peace, and much love, during the next year and all those that follow.
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 :)

PRYI 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 December 27, 2004 and on January 24, 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.

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.

Cooperative Extension offers Marketing Short Courses
The Texas Cooperative Extension will offer four marketing short courses in Amarillo this year as a part of the Advanced Topic Series. You can get help in developing a marketing plan for the upcoming feedgrains or cotton crop, learn more about marketing tools you can use to improve your bottom line and reduce your risk about marketing tools you can use to discipline in your marketing. These courses and instructors have been highly rated by past participants who have reported substantial gains in receipts based on what they have learned. Classes will be: Developing This Year's Marketing Plan - Feedgrains, Jan. 12 & 13; Pulling the Marketing Trigger, Feb. 15; Developing This Year's Marketing Plan - Cotton, Mar. 15. For more information, call the Hansford County office at 659-4130, or Steve Amosson at the district office, 677-5600.

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.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering
Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering on Saturday, January 8th at the United Methodist Church (412 Eastern) in Booker. The Potluck meal will begin at 6 with Sponsor Training at 6:30. Praise and Worship will follow at 7. Plan to start the year off with this fellowship in the Emmaus Community. Nursery will be provided. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Hansford County Commissioners Court meets the second and fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse.
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 Council 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.

THE NEWS

Ailing Chief Justice Rehnquist Returns to the Court
Ailing U.S. Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who has been undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer, has returned to work part-time at the Supreme Court, a spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

Once-Hated Gray Wolf Thrives in the U.S. Rockies
As the gray wolf hovered on the brink of extinction a decade ago, U.S. officials embarked on a controversial plan to open the vast refuge of Yellowstone National Park to the pack-based predators in the hopes of rebuilding the species.

Iraqi Says U.S. Troops Laughed as Relative Drowned
An Iraqi civilian testified on Wednesday that U.S. soldiers forced him and his cousin at gunpoint off a bridge into the Tigris River and laughed as his relative drowned.

Appeal by Pretty Woman Star Perplexes Palestinians
He's been a prostitute's rich beau, an officer, a gentleman and a gigolo, but Palestinians can't fathom Richard Gere's latest incarnation as a cheerleader for their elections this weekend.

Two men die, boy survives after snowmobile falls through ice in Quebec
Provincial police divers recovered the bodies of two men whose snowmobile plunged into an ice-covered lake on Wednesday. The men, aged 50 and 46, had been missing for much of the day after their snowmobile broke through a thin spot of ice on Lake Champlain, 50 kilometres south of Montreal. A seven-year-old boy, the son of one of the victims, managed to escape from the frigid waters.

Vet: Dog Survives Snatch by Eagle, Cold
A dog survived a flight in an eagle's claws then endured a week of sometimes subfreezing weather before finding its way home, a veterinarian said Wednesday. "He was chilled, but he seemed to be able to walk," John McIlhattan said, referring to Freddie, a 13-year-old Pekingese mix. "He seemed remarkably chipper for what he'd gone through." Earlier in the day, Freddie showed up at home weighing about 3 pounds less than he did when he was last seen in a neighbor's driveway on Dec. 29.

Amid Tensions, Iraqi Leader Affirms Jan. 30 Vote Plan
Resisting pressure from insurgents and rivals in his own government, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi of Iraq on Wednesday reaffirmed his commitment to holding nationwide elections here on Jan. 30, while President Bush tried to quash any momentum toward delaying the election by calling Iraq's interim president. The Iraqi president, Ghazi al-Yawar, had expressed his own misgivings about the elections on Tuesday, characterizing the decision to hold them on time as a "tough call."

F.B.I. Warns of Internet Scams That Capitalize on Tsunami
The F.B.I. issued a warning on Wednesday about online frauds that try to capitalize on the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster. The schemes, which have been reported to the bureau's Internet Crime Complaint Center over the past week, have included unsolicited e-mail messages seeking money and a phony tsunami relief Web site capable of depositing a virus on the computers of people who visit it. In other instances, families who have posted messages and e-mail addresses on the Web as part of their search for missing relatives have been contacted by rogue brokers offering to help them - for a fee. The bureau said it would aggressively pursue "those who would attempt to victimize philanthropic individuals." Some of the solicitations bear a striking resemblance to variations on a widely circulated e-mail swindle often associated with Nigeria.

Governor Calls for Reforms, Spending Cap
California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday called for a special session of the legislature to consider controversial reform proposals, including a law that would trigger across-the-board spending cuts to close a widening budget gap. Speaking in his second "State of the State" speech, Schwarzenegger called on the Democratic-controlled legislature to pass reforms on education and pensions opposed by state teachers and powerful unions.

G.O.P. Divided as Bush Views Social Security
As he begins deciding on details of his plan to add personal investment accounts to Social Security, President Bush is confronting a deep split within his own party over how to proceed. Two Republican camps are pitted against each other over how big the accounts should be and whether the president should embrace cuts in benefits. Mr. Bush intends to step up his involvement in the issue in coming days. He is meeting with Republican leaders at the White House on Thursday and giving a speech next week.

Solid Progress Reported in Relief Effort for Devastated Indonesian Area
Ten days after the earthquake and tsunami flattened this western edge of Indonesia, relief officials described real progress on Wednesday in turning what started as a limited airlift for isolated regions into a vast truck-based network to supply relief to hundreds of thousands of injured and homeless people. The progress comes after what relief officials agree was a frustrating first week - plagued by shortages, bottlenecks and damaged infrastructure - and as the outpouring of international assistance topped \$3 billion for the dozen nations hit by waves that killed more than 150,000 people. Australia committed \$765 million to Indonesia on Wednesday, and a total of \$1 billion over five years, making it the largest donor yet. Germany officially put up some \$663 million for the region-wide relief and rebuilding effort, and Britain raised its contribution to \$100 million.

Last Mission for Powell, Bush Team's Benign Face
Secretary of State Colin Powell, pressed into service in his final days in office to console victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami, is the Bush administration's benign face to a skeptical world. His designated successor Condoleezza Rice, whose demeanor is more cool and formal than the charming Powell, faces a tough challenge in filling his shoes, especially in such sensitive tasks as showing American compassion in the face of tragedy.

Commerce Nominee Vows Trade, Regulation Action
Commerce Secretary nominee Carlos Gutierrez sailed through his Senate confirmation hearing on Wednesday as lawmakers praised his climb from refugee to chief executive of Kellogg Co. At the hearing's close, several Democratic and Republican members of the Senate Commerce Committee indicated they would back the Cuban-born businessman. The panel could vote as early as Thursday, setting the stage for a full Senate vote later this month.

Bush Nominee Plans to Stand Firm on War-Captive Memo
Alberto R. Gonzales, who goes before the Senate on Thursday as President Bush's pick for attorney general, plans to offer an unapologetic defense of a draft memorandum he wrote in 2002 describing parts of the Geneva Conventions as "quaint" and "obsolete," administration officials said on Wednesday. Critics of the Bush administration, who stepped up their attacks Wednesday on Mr. Gonzales, the White House counsel, have called on him to repudiate the memorandum, which held that the Geneva Conventions did not apply to prisoners taken in the war in Afghanistan. But a senior administration official who is involved in preparing Mr. Gonzales for what could prove a contentious hearing said that he would not back down from the legal rationale he had laid out in the memorandum.

E-Mail Advises Bush on Social Security
The success of President Bush's push to remake Social Security depends on convincing the public that the system is "heading for an iceberg," according to a White House strategy e-mail that makes the case for cutting benefits promised for the future. Calling the effort "one of the most important conservative undertakings of modern times," Karl Rove deputy Peter Wehner says in the e-mail that "the Social Security battle is one we can win."

U.S. Wants N.Korea Reply on Nuke Talks by Feb. -Paper
The United States is setting a deadline of early February for a reply from North Korea on whether the communist state will return to six-party talks on its nuclear arms program, a Japanese newspaper said on Thursday. If Pyongyang does not reply positively by the time President Bush gives his State of the Union address, the United States will prepare to bring the matter to the U.N. Security Council, the conservative Sankei Shimbun said, quoting an unidentified diplomatic source familiar with the talks.

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

Thank you, Catherine

**January 6**  
**Birthday** - Benny McCullough, Debbie Knight, Julie Logsdon, Valerie Hull, Joyce Sparks, Sam Boone, Teresa Pope, Alicia Davis, Ron Antalek, Kenny Kentron, Lesa Moffett  
**Anniversary** - M/M Arnold Stork

**January 7**  
**Birthday** - Brad Holt, Marsha Lowe, Lucy Pittman, Judy Virden, Mrs. Perry Hawkins, Michael Rodriguez, Pam Porter, Buddy Parker, Christina Bayless, Dorothy Nollner, Kimberly Irwin  
**Anniversary** - M/M Howard Nash

**January 8**  
**Birthday** - Cody Barkley, Haley Shields, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Amanda Schneider  
**January 9**  
**Birthday** - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Britt Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blam, Bill Etling, Desiree Harris  
**Anniversary** - M/M Manuel Gomez, M/M Sonny Kell, M/M Bill Logsdon

**January 10**  
**Birthday** - Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensing, Barbara Rojas, Justin Johnson, Alex Logsdon, Devin Sibley, Andrea Woolley  
**January 11**  
**Birthday** - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Gloria Knox, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta Prather  
**Anniversary** - M/M Melvin Bradley

**January 12**  
**Birthday** - Imogene Williams, Helen Fisher, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stejda, Bryant Layton, Steve Ellis, Downing Salazar, Bradley Carlisle, Tara Davis, Brandlee James, Griffin Novak  
**Anniversary** - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, M/M Billy Miller, M/M Cliff Lang, M/M Jerry Overbey

**January 13**  
**Birthday** - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgearld, T.J. Johnson, Molly McCloy, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell  
**January 14**  
**Birthday** - Debbie Coates, Ellen Reynolds, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey  
**Anniversary** - Greg & Shonda Odegaard

**January 15**  
**Birthday** - Tucker Henson, Christopher Clawson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Sparks, Jennifer Poer, Remington Smith, Gary Faries  
**Anniversary** - Billy & Martina Miller  
**January 16**  
**Birthday** - Jason Babitzke, Viva Renner Pierson, Ynese Williams, Shirley Burton, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Kelly Sue Gates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda, Viviana Huerta  
**January 17**  
**Birthday** - Derik Grotegut, Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Justin Gifford

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,  
We would like to "thank" whoever was responsible for rearranging our Christmas yard decorations into an obscene fashion, and for the damage to our property.  
It is so upsetting when people lack respect for other people's property. We try to spread the Christmas spirit by investing our hard earned money in these yard decorations not only for our enjoyment, but for others as well. It is disgusting and upsetting that these people have nothing better to do than to show such disrespect, damage, and sometimes even destroy these decorations.  
It is really sad when things like this happen at such a holy time of year. We feel that these people have not been brought up to know the meaning of the Christmas holiday. Perhaps they are full of Christmas spirit, just not the correct kind. Apparently these people have not been taught the meaning of respect.  
We would really like to catch these people in the act. Perhaps a hot wire might get their attention, next year.  
Dave and Jeannie Hand  
Glen Ray and Laura Mackie  
Randy and Linda Coombs

## Card of Thanks

### Thank You

I would like to thank my family first for making my 90th birthday so special.  
To the many friends who came by and for all the beautiful cards and gifts, I am so grateful. I do so much appreciate the wonder of it all.  
Happy New Year!  
Sara Dossett

## Editors Note...

Freedom of speech is one of the guarantees of the First Amendment of our Constitution, so we encourage readers to express themselves, even if we don't agree with what is said. However, freedom involves responsibility. Therefore, the only letters we will consider publishing are from individuals who are willing for their names to appear with the letter. Letters must contain the telephone number, address and a personal signature of the writer. We will not knowingly publish any letter containing libelous statements.  
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The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

## Our Sympathy

### ALICE OPAL HIBBS ROPER

**SPEARMAN** - Alice Opal Hibbs Roper, 99, died Saturday, January 1, 2005.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2004 in the Church of Christ with Leonard Harper officiating. Burial was in Pioneer Cemetery in Beaver, Okla., by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Roper was born July 19, 1905, 7 miles northeast of Eureka, Kansas. She lived in the Balko community for more than 30 years.

She married Ralph Hibbs on August 25, 1923, in Liberal, Kansas, and he died in 1950. She married Otto Roper in 1953 in Clayton, N.M., and he died in 1985.

She was a homemaker and a member of Mennonite Brethren Church of Balko, Okla. She made her home at Hansford County Manor for the last couple of years, leaving a host of friends and loving staff.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Emma Day. Survivors include a son, Edward Hibbs and wife, Vernetta, of Spearman; a daughter, Louise Bartel of Washington, Mo.; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or a favorite charity.

### LEE R. HUDSON

**SARCOXIE, MO** - Lee R. Hudson, 87, died at 9:06 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2004 at his home following a long illness.

Services were held on Sunday, December 26, 2004 at Housh Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Sarcoxie Cemetery.

Mr. Hudson was born January 12, 1917, in Sarcoxie. He attended school in Sarcoxie, but he graduated from high school in Gruver, Texas. He went to work for Shell Pipe Line for three months and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942. He was a Tech Sergeant, serving in the 128th Infantry, primarily in the South Pacific Theater for over three years. He was awarded four bronze stars and a purple heart for campaigns in Papua, New Guinea.

After his discharge in 1945, he returned to Shell Pipe Line, retiring in 1969. He thoroughly enjoyed 35 years of retirement in Sarcoxie. He was a domino player and a bridge player being a master point player. He was a very honorable man. He had many long relationships with several friends in Sarcoxie.

He married Jimi Brown in 1946. She passed away in 1960. He then married Mary Lou Allgood on June 28, 1968, and she survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Donna McGinty and husband, Norman of Joplin, Mo. and Karen Buehler and husband, Wilburn of Mount Vernon; grandchildren Kirstie Wilson and David Buehler; great-grandchildren, Madison Wilson and Devon Buehler; and one brother, Don Hudson of Gruver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Hattie Hudson, and two brothers, Max and Turk Hudson.

## MONUMENTS

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Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test, but have met all other graduation requirements, may retake the necessary sections.

The TAAS and TAKS test will be given on February 22nd (TAAS writing; ELA TAKS), February 23rd (math), February 24th (TAKS social studies) and February 25th (TAKS science).

A student can register for the TAAS test online by accessing the website at <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/ooos> or by completing a registration form. Registration forms may be picked up at the high school counselor's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Registration packets are due in Austin no later than 5 p.m. on January 21, 2005. Please contact Krista Baird at 659-2584 if you have any questions.

Los individuos que ya no estan matriculados en la escuela y que todavia no han cumplido con los requisitos minimos en todas las secciones del examen del TAKS, pero han cumplido todos los otros requisitos necesarios para graduarse, pueden tomar los exámenes necesarios del TAKS.

Damos el examen de TAAS el 22 de febrero (escritura TAAS), tambien el (ELA TAKS), el 23 de febrero (matematicas), y el 24 de febrero (estudios sociales TAKS), 25 de Febrero (el TAKS de ciencia).

Un alumno puede registrar para el examen po computadora en el sitio <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/ooos> o pueden cumplir una forma de registracion. Pueden recoger esta forma en la oficina de la consejera de high school entre las horas de 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Los papeles de registracion tienen que estar en Austin antes de las 5 p.m. el 21 de enero, 2005. Favor de comunicar con Krista Baird, 659-2584, si tienen preguntas.

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Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Roland Haney

**First Assembly of God**  
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Youth: 7  
Pastor - Bob Elder

**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Minister - Gary Smith

**First Baptist Church**  
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.  
Children's Choir - Wed., 6 p.m.  
Adult Choir - Wed., 7 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Jim Medley

**Church of Christ**  
121 S. Haney • 659-3244  
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
KRDF Radio Program  
Living W/Christ: 7:30 a.m.  
Minister - Leonard Harper

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
901 Roland • 659-2792  
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English  
(aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)  
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish  
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo  
Renditor Mass - Spanish  
Rev. Guillermo Morales

**First United Methodist**  
407 S. Haney • 659-5503  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
High School: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor - Derrel Evins

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
(Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)  
1101 Bernice • 659-2033  
Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
1101 Bernice • 659-2252  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
(Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)  
Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Union Church**  
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.  
Pastor - Bill Sparks

**Fellowship Baptist**  
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed.  
Pastor - Gene Foster

**Primera Mision Bautista**  
502 E. 7th • 659-3991  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.  
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.  
Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

**El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.**  
1105 S. Roland  
Domingos: Escuela-Domical - 10 a.m.  
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.  
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.  
Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.  
Pastor - AG Martell  
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### Gruver

**First Baptist Church**  
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Pastor - Scott Curry

**Church of Christ**  
209 King • 733-2760  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.  
Minister - Gaylord Cook

**First Christian Church**  
510 King • 733-2960  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Youth: 7:30, Sunday  
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.  
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Gary Gumfory

### Gruver United Methodist

Broadway & Garrett  
733-2651  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
Pastor - George Price

**Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**  
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.  
Friday Evening Mass  
Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

### Oslo

**Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
6 Miles West & 12 Miles  
North of Gruver  
339-7709  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Pastor - Paul Fiske

### Waka

**Waka Church of the Brethren**  
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### Morse

**Morse Baptist Church**  
733-2757  
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# Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Baptist Church of Spearman for bringing services to the Manor on the 26th. We appreciate each and every one of you that gives of your time to meet this need.

If you read this column weekly you can see the wonderful participation of the churches of this community that honors our elders in such a meaningful way.

Monday morning we had a fun Newscurrents program. I found out that some of the best beaches in the world are in Uruguay! A lot of the program was dedicated to the woman who wrote Peter Pan.

After lunch we traveled around the world for Travelocity via the movie Peter Pan. We felt it only right to travel with Peter Pan since so much of the Newscurrents program was dedicated to the author.

Thank you to the United Methodist Women for hosting bingo for the Residents that night. They love bingo!

Tuesday morning was filled with fun exercises, music and trivia. It was very pleasant and a little bit of something for everyone.

The afternoon was spent in the activity room in Resident Council. Much business was discussed including voting for the CNA of the month and the Resident of the Month for January. Beth Phelps was elected as Resident of the Month and Roberta Bridwell was elected as the CNA of the month.

After the meeting, we had cold drinks and played games. Wednesday morning was spent eating donuts, visiting, and Bible study. Thank you to Anne Whitaker for stepping up to the mark to bless the Residents. Her faithfulness has been a real blessing.

Elene Green led a Bible study her for years. Her faithfulness was outstanding too. When she could no longer do it we had quite a spell waiting for that hole to be filled and we appreciate greatly the ones that have stepped up to the mark.

That afternoon we began a new craft project. We are making heart shaped sacks that we plan to fill with goodies to send to soldiers that are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Thank you to Ron Gibson and Lowe's for furnishing the sacks to make the hearts out of. We appreciate it. We hope to have them all finished, filled and shipped so that the soldiers will receive them for Valentine's Day.

Thursday morning the halls were rockin' to the music of musercise! What fun that is for everyone!

Thank you to the faithful auxiliary for hosting bingo for the Residents after lunch.

Although Friday was an official holiday, we decided to surprise the Residents. We tried a new exercise program that morning called Tai Chi. Studies have shown that it improves balance and helps reduce the risk of falls so we will be doing these exercises on a regular basis for a period of time.

In the afternoon we had a New Year's Party! We had champagne glasses-made toasts to each other and then wrote down New Year Resolutions to place in a time capsule & take out to read next year. Rarely do I mention the things that fill in the rest of the hours of the day but there are in room visits, walking with Residents, reading to some, singing with some, sometimes just talking, maybe sewing on buttons, or helping them iron a blouse. We truly are a little community within our own communities. All things work together for the good of all !!

Thank you for the donations to Hansford Manor and to the Empty Stocking Fund. The funds are used in various ways. Someone may need warmer pajamas, outgrown their old clothes, need a radio or other types of personal items. Other times it is used for the improvement of the surroundings of the Residents as a whole. We appreciate everyone's generosity and thoughtfulness.

I would also like to say thank you to Prairie Gardens for donating new calendars for all of the Residents as well as the corsages for the birthday parties all through the year.

(Hi Helen- I know that you are reading this)

# ET CETERA

## Hansford County

**County teams to compete**  
Both Spearman and Gruver teams will compete in Spearman's annual junior high tourney slated for Thursday, January 13 and Saturday, January 15.

## Gruver

**Football team cited for honor**  
The 2004 Gruver Greyhound football team with its 7-3 season record and its third-place district finish was cited as the most improved 1A team in the Panhandle.

The honor was announced in conjunction with the Amarillo Globe News' Super Team in Class A.

**Brandon Slay presents abstinence-based programs**  
Olympic gold medalist Brandon Slay presented a week-long abstinence-based education program for Gruver High School students and Gruver Junior High students in grades 6-12.

The programs were presented November 29- December 3, during tutorial period.

The "Choosing the Best" program is a true abstinence sex education curriculum that effectively teaches students and engages them in several key areas of instruction, including the physical and emotional risks of sexual behavior, the benefits of abstinence, and the relationship and refusal skills.

Slay is a trained presenter of the program and is currently presenting the program to schools in the Dallas Independent School District. No stranger to Gruver, Slay, a gold medalist in the 2000 summer Olympics, was the adopted Olympian of Gruver Elementary.

Slay fulfilled a promise to the school with a personal visit upon his return to the United States. Following a parade held in his honor, Slay presented a program for the Gruver Schools.

Slay has also returned to Gruver as a motivational speaker for several Gruver pep rallies as well as several faith-based programs.

## Gruver resident moves to Merkel

Long-time Gruver resident Sue Smith has moved to Merkel. Her daughter Barbara and family also reside in Merkel, and Smith's two other children Cissy and Clay reside nearby.

## Gruver artist moves to Dallas

Gruver artist Tom Beasley moved to Dallas Tuesday to assist his daughter Audrey in her real estate business.

Beasley, who graduated from Gruver and has lived in Gruver most of his life, will also continue his career in painting.

## Lions Club to host guests

Bailey Reid and Lucy Trejo, both GHS seniors, will be the January 5th Lions Club guests.

Report cards to be issued  
Report cards for the third six weeks will be issued Thursday, January 6.

## Spearman

**FUMC Christmas eve services**  
The 9th grade and JV Lynx will participate in the Perryton Basketball Tournament January 6th-8th.

## Blan, Sweat to compete

Jessica Blan and Aleisha Sweat will compete in the All-State Band auditions on Saturday, January 8th at Lubbock Cooper High School.

## SISD board meets

The Spearman ISD Board of Directors will meet for regular session on Monday, January 10th at 7 p.m. in the high school library.

**Basketball Homecoming postponed**  
The Spearman High School Basketball Homecoming Pep Rally will be held in the varsity gym at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11th. It was postponed on Tuesday, January 4th due to weather.

## 4th, 5th grade attend symphony

The 4th and 5th grade classes from Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman will attend the Children's Symphony in Amarillo on January 12th.

## District Education Improvement Committee meets

The Spearman ISD District Education Improvement Committee will meet on January 12th at 4 p.m. in the high school library.

## Citizen's Facility Committee to meet

The Spearman ISD Citizen's Facility Committee will meet on January 17th at 6 p.m. in the high school library.

## 9th grade Lynx basketball

The 9th grade Lynx will participate in the Fritch Basketball Tournament January 20th-22nd.

## Choir participates in contest

The junior high choir solo and ensemble contest will be held January 22nd at Tascosa High School in Amarillo. The high school choir solo and ensemble contest will be held January 29th at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

## Chamber banquet nears

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held on January 22nd at 6 p.m. at The O'Loughlin Center.

## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

January 6 is known as Epiphany. Epiphany means "to show, to make known." In western churches it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. It is also known as the Three Kings Day. Epiphany is the climax of the Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Want to celebrate Epiphany? Then bake a King's Cake (a cake with prizes in it).

January 2, 1788: Georgia ratifies the Constitution and becomes the fourth state of the union.

January 2, 1800: The free black community of Philadelphia petitions Congress to abolish slavery. Representative John Rutledge, Jr. of South Carolina denounces the petition as a result of the "the new-fangled French philosophy of liberty and equality," and the measure is put aside to expire in committee.

January 3, 1870: Ground is broken for the Brooklyn Bridge.

January 3, 1959: Alaska is admitted to the Union as the forty-ninth state.

January 4, 1821: Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born U.S. Roman Catholic saint dies.

January 4, 1896: Utah is admitted to the Union as the fourth-fifth state.

January 5, 1836: Congressman and frontier hero Davy Crockett arrives in Texas after losing an election in Tennessee.

January 5, 1925: Nellie Taylor Ross is inaugurated as governor of Wyoming, the first woman to hold the office. Miriam (Ma) Ferguson was elected governor of Texas in the same election but was not inaugurated until January 20.

January 6, 1912: New Mexico is admitted to the Union as the fourth-seventh state.

January 6, 1941: President Franklin D. Roosevelt's State of Union message, dwelling on "four freedoms" imperiled by fascism, strongly declares U.S. interest in the war in Europe. A 1 cent stamp was issued for the four freedoms.

January 7, 1800: Millard Fillmore, thirteenth president of the US is born in Locke, New York.

January 7, 1896: Fannie Farmer publishes the first edition of her Boston Cooking School Cook Book.

January 8, 1918: President Woodrow Wilson presents his Fourteen Points speech. Outlining an equitable resolution to World War I, it became a pillar of Allied propaganda, and later served as the basis for Wilson's position at the Paris Peace Conference.


## Outstanding Leadership Speaker to be in Perryton

One of the most sought after leadership speakers in America will be in Perryton on Thursday, January 6th. The Leadership Perryton Alumni and Perryton-Ochiltree Chamber of Commerce will host Steve Gilliland of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania as he presents an entertaining, thought provoking, and motivating session called "What to say when you talk to yourself."

The seminar will be held at the Expo Center of Perryton. Registration will be from 5:30-6 p.m. and the seminar will be from 6-8 p.m. Cost for the session is \$20 for an individual or first person from a business and \$10 for each additional person from that business. Billing can be done for businesses.

This is a great way to start out 2005 with a positive outlook and motivational to look for the best in your personal life, in your workplace and in the community. For more information, contact Cynthia Shattles at 435-3831, Dana Donahue at 435-6575 or Sheryl Hardy at 435-4014.

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**Baby Shower**  
honoring  
**Brook Skaggs**  
on Saturday, January 8th  
from 10 - 11:30 a.m.  
First Christian Church  
29 S. Bernice Spearman, TX

Tiny fingers, tiny toes, little itty-bitty clothes.  
Dresses, dolls, hair & curls. Guess what, it's a girl!  
You're invited to attend a  
**Diaper & Gift Shower**  
honoring  
**Kiki Connelly**  
on Saturday, January 15th  
from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
in the home of Shelby Truby  
12920 Co. Rd. 5, Spearman  
(RSVP and call for directions at 659-2984)

**Our father, William F.D. Etling will celebrate his 90th Birthday on Jan. 9, 2005.**  
We are having an open-house birthday celebration in his honor on Saturday, January 8, 2005 from 2-5 p.m. at the Activity Building of First Baptist Church, 402 E. Broadway, Gruver.  
We hope you can join us for this special celebration.  
No gifts please. Just honor us with your presence.  
Janice Etling Adams  
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**Bridal Registry**  
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Jennifer Revercomb & Will Evans  
Jennifer Carter & Sammy Renteria  
Anna Leigh Mareno & Tom Kirk  
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Brandea Hicks & Mark Allen  
Jennifer Carter & Sammy Renteria  
Jennifer Revercomb & Will Evans  
Anna Leigh Mareno & Tom Kirk  
Lacey Miesner & Stephen Salgado  
Laura (Camacho) & Ricardo Davila  
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### Spearman Chamber Accepting Business of the Year & Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5 p.m. on Monday, January 10, 2005. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2005.

#### Business of the Year

This award recognizes a Spearman business for achievement and leadership in business. Eligibility requirements include membership in the Spearman Chamber of Commerce; a business that has been in business for at least two years; a record of involvement in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic endeavors; and a business that promotes Spearman and the residents it serves.

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, discuss in detail those achievements which, in your judgment, make this business uniquely qualified for the award indicated above.

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If necessary, please attach additional pages.

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### Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level—January 3, 2005—32.36 feet—down about 7 inches from 2 weeks ago.

Jim said a lady called from Austin to say the Texas Eagle Count would be this coming weekend. She said many of the small lakes seem to have more eagles than usual. However we still just have the one pair of bald eagles. Jim lamented the fact that we usually have many more at this time of year.

He was also called by a man from the Texas Parks and Wildlife to be alert to their people counting the waterfowl this week. They count as they fly low over the Lake.

Some of the Panhandle Bird Club members have been excited over word that Bohemian Waxwings had been seen in late November in Dalhart, Perryton, Spearman, Gruver, and Sisseton. Sometimes these birds are found with cedar waxwings and other times they are in their own flocks, but it is rare for them to move out of their territory and fly this far south. Both Bohemian and Cedar Waxwings are sleek little crested birds with black eye stripes. If you see a waxwing with a reddish head and red under its tail, you can count on it being a Bohemian Waxwing.

The squirrels, plentiful in the Park, are busy trying to get all the walnuts gathered and hidden. This is a good time to observe their nests. I have never had a squirrel nest pointed out to me, but I understand they are bigger than most bird nests.

#### RABBIT DRIVES

Archie and Marguerite Nelson brought over two Rabbit Drive pictures that had been given to Archie by Jim Eddleman. They were labeled Oslo Rabbit Drive,

January, 1957.

The drive pictured is said by some to be on the Bob Alexander ranch, and the crowd of club bearers were driving the jack rabbits into a hastily set up u-shaped pen of chicken wire. Many of the rabbits escaped under the wire. Leona Stavlo talked to Dwayne TeBeest about the drive. He said there were several drives during the fifties. He said the biggest drive he attended

was in Kansas. The dead rabbits were gathered up and given to mink farmers.

One wonders if the sport of coyote hunting with greyhounds that was so popular in our area in the thirties and forties is what made the rabbit population get out of hand. Now that scabies has decimated the coyote population again, the number of jack rabbits has surely grown.



Oslo Rabbit Drive

## Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

What wonderful way to start the new year. Nice rain.

The museum is working on our new exhibit. We will be setting up a new exhibit from the Exhibit USA and Texas HELP organizations - Keep'em Flying: Everyday Life in a World War II Fighter Squadron. This is our third year of participation with this group. We will be hosting a regional meeting in February. Stay tuned for a press release and updates in the column.

Update on our windmill. The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association has finished the tower and is working on the mill. This

organization of volunteers does a wonderful job restoring the history of windmills to us. They are located in Spearman. We are planning a big ceremony sometime this spring.

2005 promises to be a productive and exciting year. We have a lot of new artists and exhibits planned. We hope each of you will come and see us this year.

#### LIPSCOMB HISTORY

The first death and burial that occurred in our county (as reported by the Panhandle Interstate) was January 3, 1888. It was a child named Earl Wade, age 7.

The article in the newspaper is heartbreaking: "There is no church

yard or public burying ground in the neighborhood, and when the neighbors came to dig the grave, the father, upon whose heart had fallen his first great sorrow, led them to the top of a rise of ground a hundred yards back of the house. When the spade cut the ground it was to him like they were cutting into his own heart...."

The poem recited at the service was as follows:

"Like the dew on the mountain,  
 Like the foam on the river-

Like the bubble on the fountain,  
 He is gone, and forever."

Another poem appeared on a moss-covered tombstone and reported in the Follett Times on Dec. 23, 1948:

"Here lies my wife, Samantha Proctor;  
 Who ketch a cold and wouldnt doctor;  
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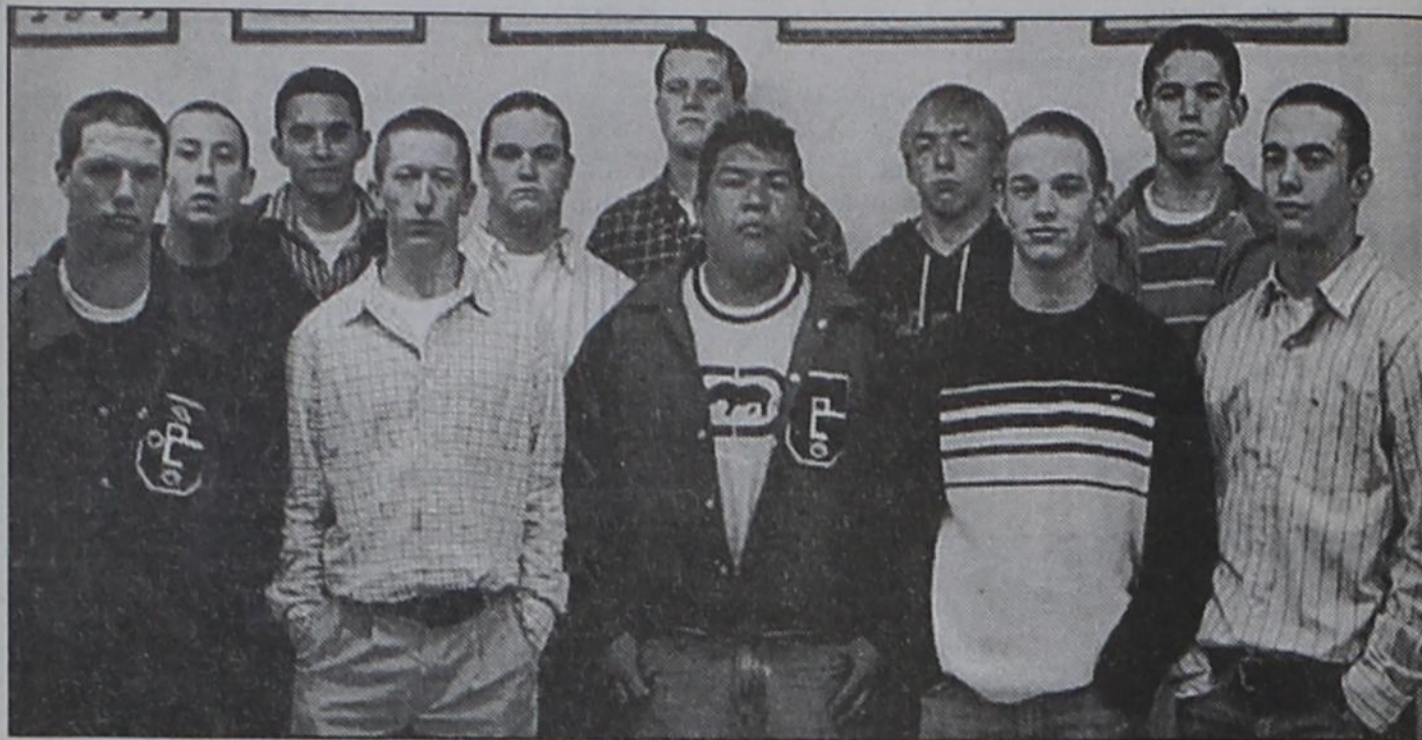
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2004 Greyhound Football All-District Team Members: (Front row, L-R) Ryan Winger, Tyler Lane, Sergio Cruz, Brock Irwin, Matt Messer; (Back Row, L-R) Cody Mac Been, Stephen Salazar, Tanner Irwin, Reid Winger, Sheldon Atwood, Lance Williams

## Brock commits to SMU



Jeff Brock poses with SMU Coach and Recruiting Coordinator Eric Roark during Roark's recent visit to Spearman to confirm Brock's commitment.

by Mike Lee, [mike.lee@amarillo.com](mailto:mike.lee@amarillo.com)

Spearman tight end Jeff Brock upheld a family tradition, orally committing to play college football at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Older sister Janna earned a swimming scholarship to Nebraska while 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.

Brock, who is 6-foot-6 and 235 pounds, caught 21 passes for 255 yards and four touchdowns while helping Spearman 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 drawn more than casual interest from North Texas, Texas Tech, Air Force and Abilene Christian.

"I found the right place the first time," said Brock, who visited SMU last weekend and committed Monday night. "I went to their football camp last summer, and they had been in constant contact with me since then. They offered me about a month ago."

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

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.

## All-District team named

Eleven members of the Gruver Greyhound varsity football team were named to the 1-A All-District Team for their performance during the 2004 season.

**OFFENSE:** Reid Winger, 1st team offensive line (unanimous selection); Brock Irwin, 2nd team running back; Ryan Winger, 2nd team running back; Cody Mac Been, 2nd team receiver; Lance Williams, 2nd team tight end;

Sergio Cruz, 2nd team offensive line; Matt Messer, honorable mention quarterback; Tyler Lane, honorable mention running back; Stephen Salazar, honorable mention offensive line

**DEFENSE:** Ryan Winger, 1st team linebacker (unanimous selection); Brock Irwin, 1st team secondary; Reid Winger, 2nd team defensive line; Cody Mac Been, 2nd team secondary; Tyler Lane,

2nd team secondary; Lance Williams, honorable mention defensive end; Tanner Irwin, honorable mention defensive end; Sheldon Atwood, honorable mention linebacker, Crispin Borunda, honorable mention linebacker; Matt Messer, honorable mention secondary

**SPECIAL TEAMS:** Cody Mac Been, 1st team kicker; Ivan Briones, honorable mention punter

## SISD Academic UIL results

Winners in the UIL Academic Contest held November 16 and 18 have been announced by Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Junior High School.

Teams and individuals placing included:

### 2nd Grade

**Creative Writing:** Madison Price - 5th; **Storytelling:** Zane Hughes - 6th

### 3rd Grade

**Ready Writing:** Katie Miesner - 3rd, Connor Willmon - 5th; **Storytelling:** Gena Hargrove - 6th; **Spelling:** Alison Smith - 6th; **Music Memory:** team of Sydney McDonald, Gena Hargrove, James Sowder, and Vanessa Briseno - 3rd

### 4th Grade

**Ready Writing:** Erynn Saenz - 2nd; **Spelling:** Crystal Cantu - 1st, Jake Willimon - 2nd; **Oral Reading:** Cynthia Mendoza - 2nd, Kyla Walker - 4th; **Number Sense:** Arik Mires - 2nd, Mabry Sutterfield; **Music Memory:** team of Kyla Walker, Katy Miser, and Paige Pierson - 2nd

### 5th Grade

**Dictionary Skills:** Anna Sowder - 5th; **Ready Writing:** Tylo Farrar - 2nd, Lexi Batton - 6th; **Number Sense:** Mallory Martin - 5th; **Listening:** Blaine Pack - 3rd; **Maps, Graphs, and Charts:** Lex

Batton - 5th; **Art:** team of Ivette Briseno, Cristina Vargas, and Jozlynn Hagerman - 3rd; **Music Memory:** team of Lexi Batton, Malory Martin, Gately Garnett, Josue Briseno, and Morgan Ashmore - 4th

### 6th Grade

**Calculator:** Laura Hernandez - 3rd, Yesenia Romero 4th; **Ready Writing:** Tori Sheets - 1st; **Mathematics:** Edgar Castillo - 5th; **Music Memory:** team of Tori Sheets, Joselyn Terrazas, Nikki Boyd and Jessica Pinon - 2nd

### 7th Grade

**Impromptu Speaking:** Whitney Maestas - 2nd, Leanna Espinosa - tied for 4th; **Calculator:** Jose Ibarra - 1st, Nicolas Garcia - 6th; **Ready Writing:** Zach Hughes - 4th, Tate Batton - 6th

### 8th Grade

**Impromptu Speaking:** Courtney Chambers - 5th, Chastity Thomas - 6th; **Calculator:** Brenda Ortiz - 2nd, Gabriel Moreno - 4th, Fabian Frayre - 6th; **Ready Writing:** Ashley Close - 1st; **Science:** Kegan Garnett - 5th; **Mathematics:** Cha'tae Avila - 2nd

## Houndball picks up second tourney win, district games on tap

With their 47-41 win over Stratford in the Canadian Tourney over the holidays, the Gruver Greyhounds grabbed their second tourney championship of the season. The Hounds also won the Lake Meredith tourney in November.

In addition to their win over Stratford, the Hounds narrowly defeated Sunray, another district rival.

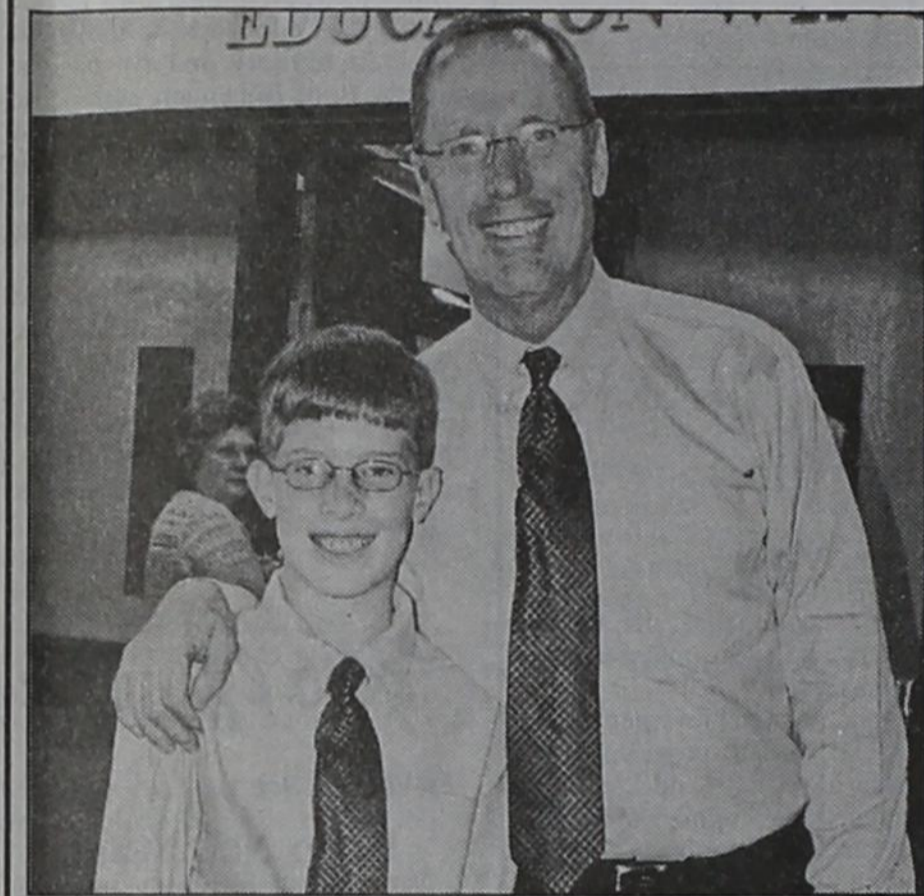
The Lady Hounds narrowly missed taking third place at the Canadian Tourney with a 52-50 loss to Fort Elliott.

Both Laci Fitzgearld with 17 points and Lauren Urban with 16 points turned in their personal best scoring efforts of the season.

Both the Hounds and Lady Hounds will begin district play Friday night, January 7th, when they travel to Vega.

Other district teams include Booker, Stratford, Sunray, and White Deer. The teams will play each other twice.

## Grandparents Brag Corner:



### Meet Lukas Tidwell

Lukas Tidwell (left), who plays preacher Jack Lacudeaux, poses with Max Lucado.

Lukas was part of a Kids' Praise Musical at the Oak Hills Church of Christ in San Antonio that performed the musical "Levite Genes."

The story line follows a children's choir as they mistakenly line up to receive their Levite jeans. Instead they learn about Levite genes, and how the levites were the first worship leaders.

Preacher Jack Lacudeaux and his wife Romadean are featured along with Mr. and Mrs. Starr (who know that their child should be the featured singer and speaker in every scene.)

Lukas is the grandson of Claudine Clark of Spearman

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## 4-H Shooting sports instructor training slated in Lubbock

Texas Cooperative Extension will offer a 4-H shooting sports leader and coaches workshop Feb. 25-27 at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension at Lubbock. The center is located 1/2 mile east of Interstate Highway 27 on FM 1294.

"4-H members gain the opportunity to test their shooting, hunting and sportsmanship skills by participating in our shooting sports program," said Brad Davis, Extension 4-H and youth specialist based at the Lubbock center. "They can participate in county, regional, state and national competitions, and some even advance to Olympic shooting sports competition." Local 4-H shooting sports clubs are open to all youths aged 8 and in the 3rd grade to 18. 4-H teaches shooting sports to more than 300,000

youngsters nationwide each year. Volunteer leaders help county Extension agents coordinate local 4-H clubs. Volunteers who are interested in shooting sports can become involved in existing county clubs, or work with Extension agents to help establish a shooting sports club.

"All volunteers who attend our shooting sports instructor workshops are trained by state instructors certified to teach these courses," Davis said. "Volunteers who complete shooting sports instructor workshops and demonstrate experience with a local club can qualify to serve as instructors and coordinators with state and national 4-H shooting sports teams. The workshop we are offering at Lubbock in February, 2005, is a perfect opportunity for volunteers to get started with the 4-H shooting sports program."

The February workshop will cover archery, pistol, rifle, shotgun, black powder shooting and instruction specifically geared for coordinating a local shooting sports club or program. Instructors will cover teaching and coaching techniques, the fundamentals of safety and firearms nomenclature, and strategies for success in youth program leadership. In addition to these general session topics, participants can choose one extra study track in archery, program coordination, pistol, rifle or shotgun, Davis said.

"We will also offer hand loading and reloading classes, if there is sufficient interest. Reloading classes will require a minimum of four participants, but we would prefer at least 10," he said.

"The workshop offers volunteers hands-on instruction in all sessions, dedicated to teaching the marksmanship in each shooting sports discipline."

Volunteers who complete the training also qualify to become National Rifle Association certified smokeless and black powder firearm instructors in the discipline they take. Those who complete the archery training can qualify for instructor certification with the National Archery Association and National Field Archery Association.

The deadline to register for the shooting sports instructors workshop in Lubbock is Jan. 28, Davis said. Registration forms and other information is available at county Extension offices, or by calling Davis at (806) 746-6101.

## USDA Rural Development accepting applications for fiscal year 2005 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2005 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program will have competitive grant funds to provide access to education, training and health care resources for people in rural America.

"Texas communities can benefit from the opportunities provided by the distance learning and telemedicine program. This grant will help ensure that rural Texans have the access to modern technology and telemedicine services," said Daniel.

Distance learning and telemedicine grants are specifically designed to provide access to education, training and health care resources for people in rural America. Funds may be used to provide distance learning or telemedicine services to residents or entities in rural areas.

Incorporated organizations, federally recognized Indian tribes, state, or local governments are eligible to apply in rural areas with populations of 20,000 or less.

The maximum award per grant is \$500,000. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than February 1, 2005, and will be scored and awarded on a competitive basis. For more information on the distance learning and telemedicine program for 2005, please contact Francisco Valentin, Jr., Community Programs Director, (254) 742-9789 or visit the website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus/telcom>.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to help enhance the quality of life and increase economic opportunities for the nation's rural residents. For more

information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, contact our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/> or visit any USDA Service Center or visit

### Operation Christmas Greeting

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

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### NPGWCD to conduct public hearing

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will conduct a public hearing concerning the District's intent to repeal its existing rules and its intent to adopt proposed rules.

The purpose of the public hearing is to provide interested members of the public the opportunity to appear and provide oral or written comments to the District related to the repeal of the Current Rules and the adoption of the District's Proposed Rules.

The hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 at 10:00 AM at the Moore County Community Center, 16th & Maddox Streets in Dumas, Texas.

Copies of the Proposed Rules may be obtained from the District by visiting the District's website at [www.npwd.org](http://www.npwd.org), by e-mailing a request to the District at [arho@npwd.org](mailto:arho@npwd.org), by telephoning the District office at 806-935-6401, or by visiting the offices of the District at 603 East First Street in Dumas, Texas.

## Grandparents Brag Corner:

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Bree and Maddee Schrader recently competed at the Footlocker South Regional Cross Country meet in Charlotte, North Carolina and the AAU National Cross Country meet in Kingsport, Tenn.

Bree placed first in her age group at the Footlocker meet, running the 3K in 11:32, and 40th at the NAational meet with a time of 12:10.

Maddee placed 15th in her age group in Charlotte with a time of 12:07 and placed 79th at Nationals, running her 4K in 16:40.

Maddee, age 13, and Bree, age 11, are the daughters of Chris and Lea (Gibner)Schrader of Amarillo and the granddaughter of Mary Alice Gibner of Spearman.

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