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At A Glance

Spearman High School Registration

Spearman High School students may come by the high school in order to register and pick up schedules for the 2001-2002 school year at the following times: August 15th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. - Seniors pick up schedules; August 15th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Juniors pick up schedules; August 16th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. - Sophomores pick up schedules; August 16th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Freshmen pick up schedules; August 17th, 9:30-11:30 a.m. - New student registration; August 17th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. - Students who were unable to pick up their schedules at assigned time and remaining new student registration

XIT Arts & Crafts Bazaar

The eleventh Annual "XIT Arts and Crafts Bazaar" will be held Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4, 2001 during the 66th Annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion Celebration in Dalhart, Texas. The Bazaar is sponsored by the Dallam County 4-H Parent Leader Association. It will be held in the Dalhart Elementary School which is on the main route to the rodeo grounds. The hours will be 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and 11:30 a.m. (after the XIT Parade) until 6 p.m. on Saturday.

This year we will have forty-six spaces. Exhibitors are encouraged to get their booths reserved as soon as possible. Registration deadline is Friday, July 27th.

Anyone interested in exhibiting should write the XIT Arts and Crafts Bazaar c/o Dallam County 4-H Parent Leader Association, Box 9376, Dalhart TX 79022 for an entry form or call (806)-244-4434.

Mobile Mammography Clinic to be in Spearman

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center mobile mammography clinic is scheduled to be in Spearman August 27, 2001 at the Empty Office Building of 712 S. Roland. There is a minimum of fifteen women to register in order for the mobile mammography clinics to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Space is limited, so call 356-1905 or (800) 377-4673 for more information or to register.

Beginnings is a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. This informal group will meet from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room on the second floor, 1500 Wallace Blvd. Facilitators are Dr. Dawn LaGrone and Sharon Mallory, RN. For more information, contact Sharon Mallory at 806-359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

3-on-3 Streetball

Christ the King Catholic Church will be sponsoring a 3-on-3 Streetball Tournament on Saturday, August 4, 2001 at the Sunray High School parking lot. Age divisions will be: 12-14, 15-18, and 19 and over. The entry fee is \$80 per team (4 players to a team). The deadline to enter is Wednesday, August 1st. For more information, call 948-4337 or 948-5340. Free visors will be given to all players, and medals will be given to the winners in each age division.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Girl Scouts of Yucca Council's 2001 Cookie Sale is nearing an end! All remaining cookies on sale for \$1.50 per box (half price)! Call the Yucca Girl Scout Council at either 580-338-6414 or 800-546-2478 in Guymon, Ok.

Garnett Establishes Medical Practice In Hansford County



Dr. Mark Garnett (right) examines Jacob Lieb, son of James and Sharon Lieb.

by Harletta Carthel

Fourteen years ago Mark Garnett was graduating with the class of 1987 from Spearman High School; this week Dr. Mark Garnett will open his family practice in his hometown.

A graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, Dr. Garnett received his medical training at the University of Health Science College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Garnett just completed his three-year residency at the University of Wyoming Family Practice in Caspar, Wyoming last month where

he served as chief resident his final year

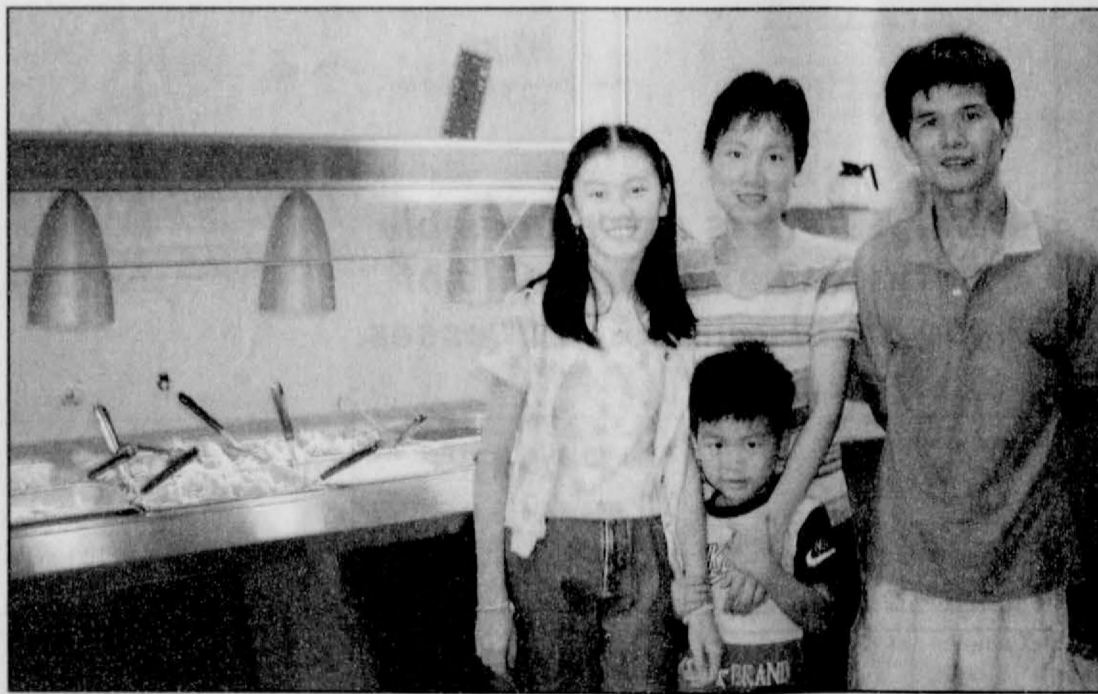
Dr. Garnett's office at 712 Roland (the former office used by Dr. Earl Novak and now known as Clinic 3) will open Monday, August 6, 2001.

"I am looking forward to establishing a varied practice in Hansford County with a close doctor-patient relationship," Dr. Garnett said. "We also look forward to being an active part of the community."

Dr. Garnett and his wife Karen (KC) have three children Peyton 4, Cade 2 1/2, and Maren 1.

Dr. Garnett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Garnett of Spearman.

Spearman Welcomes Tong's Chinese Restaurant



Pictured above are (clockwise from left) Joanne, Qian Jun, Hui Zhu, and Jerry Tang. They are the owners of Tong's Chinese Restaurant, located in Plains Shopping Center.

Spearman welcomed Tong's Chinese Restaurant, located in Plains Shopping Center (beside Lowe's) as its newest business Monday, July 30, 2001.

Owned by Qian Jun and Hui Zhu Tang, former owners of Tang's Restaurant of Perryton, the new business features a daily noon buffet of over ten items and a salad bar. Each day will feature a different fare of specialties. Over 100 Chinese and American menu items, including steaks, are also offered.

The daily lunch buffet will be served from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Sunday with an evening buffet offered on Friday and Saturday.

Three family combination dinners are featured on the menu as well as one combination dinner for single orders.

The restaurant offers carry out on all items on the menu and also has a special room for banquets.

The Tang's have a daughter, Joanne, 13, who will be in eighth grade at Spearman Junior High, and a son, Jerry, 5, who will be in kindergarten at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

The family is happy to be a part of the community and invite Hansford County residents to sample over twenty years of cooking experience at Tong's.

Get Your Shopping List Ready

Comptroller Rylander Announces Third Annual Sales Tax Holiday

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, many clothes and shoes can be purchased tax-free August 3-5, during Texas' third annual Sales Tax Holiday, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced today.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Rylander said. "The Sales Tax Holiday provides much-needed tax relief for hard-working Texas families and lets them stretch their budgets a little farther as they shop for school clothes for the kids and work clothes for mom and dad."

This year, the Sales Tax Holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes. Cities have the option to not waive local sales tax during the tax holiday, but no community has opted out of the event this year.

The rules for the 2001 Sales Tax Holiday are the same as in previous years. They include: Most children's and adults' clothing and footwear priced under \$100 are exempt from sales taxes. Customers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish.

Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective wear, such as golf cleats or football pads are not tax exempt. However, tennis shoes, baseball caps, jogging suits and other athletic clothes that are commonly worn on the street are eligible for the tax exemption.

Accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, wallets and briefcases are not tax-exempt.

Items previously placed on layaway may be redeemed tax-free during the Sales Tax Holiday, and items placed on layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday may be redeemed tax-free later.

School supplies and backpacks are not tax exempt.

"Earlier this year, I asked the Legislature to expand the list of tax-exempt items to include backpacks, school supplies, sewing supplies and safety gear such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats," Comptroller Rylander said. "I also proposed expanding the tax holiday to five days to avoid the three-day traffic jam."

"However, the Legislature did not make the Sales Tax Holiday a priority, and the proposal died. Next session, I will again urge the Legislature to make Texas families and the Sales Tax Holiday expansion a top priority," Comptroller Rylander said.

During the first two Sales Tax Holidays in 1999 and 2000, Texans saved an estimated \$69.6 million, including \$54.8 million in state sales tax and \$14.8 million in local sales taxes.

Sales Tax Holiday Tax-Free Items

Baby clothes, Bathing suits, Belts with attached buckles, Boots (cowboy, hiking), Caps/hats (baseball, fishing, golf, knitted), Choir robes, Coats and wraps, Costumes, Diapers (adult and baby), Dresses, Gloves (generally), Gym suits and uniforms, Hooded shirts and hooded sweat-shirts, Hosiery, Jackets, Jeans, Jerseys (baseball and football), Jogging apparel (bras, suits, shorts), Neckwear and ties, Pajamas, Pants and trousers, Raincoats and ponchos, Robes, Shirts, Shoes (sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking), Socks (including athletic), Shorts, Suits, Slacks, Jackets, Sweatshirts, Sweat suits, Sweaters, Swim suits and trunks, Underwear, Work clothes and uniforms

Sales Tax Holiday Taxable Items

Accessories (generally - barrettes, elastic pony tail holders, wallets, watches), Backpacks, Baseball cleats and pants, Belt buckles (without belt), Boots (climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders), Buttons and zippers, Cloth and lace, knitting yarns and other fabrics, Dry cleaning services, Football pants, Golf gloves, Handbags and purses, Handkerchiefs, Hard hats, Helmets (bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports), Ice skates, Jewelry, Laundering services, Leather goods - except belts and wearing apparel, Pads-football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder, Personal flotation devices, Rented clothing-uniforms, formal wear, costumes, Roller blades and skates, Safety clothing, glasses, Shoes (bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf), Wallets, Watches

For more information about the Sales Tax Holiday, see the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us> or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

ATTENTION JURORS

All potential jurors who were summoned to appear for jury service on August 6, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Courtroom, should now report to The O'Loughlin Center at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, please contact Carley Wells, 84th District Court, at (806) 659-4160, (806) 733-2901, or (806) 878-4022.

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

My dear friend Sally sent me the following story about aging and I thought I would share it with you. I would like to dedicate it to my mother, Sandra Ritchie, who will celebrate her birthday on August 5th.

Happy Birthday, Mom. I love you!

Happy Aging!

The only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we are kids.

If you're less than ten years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four-and-a-half."

You're never 36-and-a-half . . . but you're four-and-a-half... going on 5!

You get into your teens. Now, they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16." You could be 12, but you're gonna be 16. Eventually.

Then, the great day of your life . . . you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. You BECOME 21 . . . YES!!!!

Then, you TURN 30. What happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk that needs to be thrown out. He "TURN(ED)" 30? What's wrong? What changed? You BECOME 21..... You TURN 30.....

Then, you're PUSHING 40. You REACH 50 and, then, you MAKE IT to 60.

By then, you've built up so much speed, you HIT 70. After that, it's a day-by-day thing. You HIT Wednesday. You HIT lunch, you HIT 4:30. My Grandmother won't even buy green bananas. "Well, it's an investment, you know, and maybe a bad one."

You then get into your 80's.

And it doesn't end there... Into the 90's, you start going backwards! "I was JUST 92."

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little Kid again! "I'm 100-and-a-half."

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 :)

Blowin' In The Wind

by Dwayne Mitchell

There has been a break in the action this summer for the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association but activity has picked up the last couple of weeks with the raising of one mill and the preparation nearly finished to raise a second mill.

Perhaps you've noticed this column took off the first two months of the summer. This break coincided with the lull in activity with SPWA. If you hadn't noticed its absence, let it be your secret.

On the occasion of J. B. Buchanan's 95th birthday, Wednesday, July 25, members of the SPWA raised a six-foot Samson mill at his farm, half mile or so west of the caution light on the Stinnett highway.

The Samson mill has been in the Buchanan family for years and was brought from Oklahoma to be a part of the original collection. The mill was brought to the SPWA barn and restored. A tower was built, and the mill went back to the farm and erected on the original site of Mr. Buchanan's collection.

Mr. Buchanan had a ten-foot Samson mill in his barn that had been restored but never been raised on a tower. This June it was

brought to the SPWA's barn and some additional restoration was done on the wheel. A tower, built by J. D. Wilbanks, has been painted, had the stub tower mounted and the ten-foot Samson will be the next mill to be raised. It possibly will be up by the time this column appears.

The Samson is an interesting mill with its two large gears that raise and lower a rocking arm pitman that activates the pumping mechanism of the mill. The Samson mill is built by the Stover Manufacturing Company of Freeport, Illinois.

On Saturday, the 28th of July, SPWA took down one of the Currie mills in the park to rebuild the tower and do some restoration work on the mill so if you are by the park and miss the mill, it's in a better place and will be back in the park shortly.

In related items, Larry and Jan Sheets have put a very attractive Aermotor mill north of their home at 1120 S. Dressen. Also, if you have plans to buy a commemorative brick or tile, they are on sale.

Remember, the International Windmillers' Trade Fair will be here June 5-8, 2002. There is much to do and not much time.

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Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Minister - Gary Smith

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Worship: 11 a.m.
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Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDP Radio Program
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901 Roland • 659-2792
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Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
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Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Ken Cole

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Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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 Gurfory

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Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - Paul Fiske

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Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - Jerry Moore

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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

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Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Carlie Knight, Mr. & Mrs. H.M. Frazier, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Jacobs

August 8
Birthday - Faye Cluck, Billy Pat Underwood, Ed Berner, Junior Vela, Hosa Casas, George Young, Frankie Dominguez, Elsie Lamb, Kathy Boyd, Jenna Abernathy, Ryan Schnell

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Garrard

August 9
Birthday - Dody Banks, Christopher Layton, Reba Miser, Inell Trahan, Roy Dunaway, Karla Latta, Anita Garrard, Bob Rylant, Holly Pipkin, Aurora Vela
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Dossett, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Bevil

August 10
Birthday - Clint Bell, Kyle Deeds, Monica Garcia, Ralph Mireles, Bob Tolleson, Jamie Gomez, David Hagar, Ronnie Burke, Tim Woodington, Chris Strawn, Karen Moyer, Danna Irlbeck, Abbey Edwards, Christopher Vela, Smokey Huse, Art Salazar
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August 12
Birthday - Hix Spivey, Norma Swink, Verna Gail Keim, Angela Gaither, Judy Nelson, Randy Hargis, Julian Rodriguez Sr., Wade Nobles, Devonna Boyd, Janice Bannister
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Saldavar, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Tucker

August 13
Birthday - Brendy Brown Kirkland, Mike Coomer, Denise Karlin, Charles Phillips, Blake Trantham, Wanda Jones, Max Baggerly, Anne Foster, Adrian Robertson, Lorrie Bowen, Oliver Barnes, Joe Dean Clement, Jim Miller, Crystal Boyd
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gary Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald TeBeest

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Birthday - Chase Reagan, Beth Ann Holt, Tina Adams, Billy Miller, Shirley Stafford, Erin Boxwell, Stephen Poole, Emidia Borunda, Heath Gaines, Paul Winn, Maria A. Parra, Susan Renick, Rodney Sumner
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. J. Garnett, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Lackey, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Sanchez, Danny & Debby Herrington, Rich & Helen Melton

August 6
Birthday - Paul Winn, Scott Pipkin, Ladd Gafford, Carolyn Hahn, Ray Phelps, Helen Prachar, Raymie Porter, Hoyt Biles, Kathy White, Sharon Swan, Eoldia Bravo, Monica Lara, Susan Rason, Heather Gallimore, Debra McNeely
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August 7
Birthday - Brandon Casdorff, Scott Duncan, Roy Don Gammon, Elwyn Young,



Thomas Family Celebrates Five Generations

Five generations of the Thomas family were together recently celebrating the birth of their newest member of the family. Family members gathered on July 24, 2001 at the Palo Duro Care Center in Amarillo where Jewell Thomas Renner of Spearman, TX., currently resides. Joining Ms. Renner were her son F.W. Thomas of Spearman, her granddaughter Debbie Connelly Carter of Topeka, KS., her great-grandson James Allen Connelly of Spearman, and her great-great-granddaughter Avery Jewell Connelly of Spearman, who was named after her great-great grandmother. Avery Jewell was born June 20, 2001, and this was her first visit to see her great-great grandmother. Ms. Renner moved to the Spearman area in the early 1900's. Mr. Thomas and grandson James continue to farm in the Spearman area.

Gladiola Flower Club News

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Dickie Allen, July 19, 2001. The meeting was called to order by President Ann Flowers. The roll call was answered by "What you enjoy reading." Project Chairman, Eloise Renner passed a sign up sheet for Bingo at the Manor in August. The picnic was changed from August 16th to August 23rd. Kathleen Sutton gave a very interesting program on her trip to China. She showed pictures and items she brought from there. She had made arrangements for us to tour the yard of Velma Sanders, which was a large back yard of pretty flowers. Virginia Trindle won specimen, a gladiola. Rose Cummings won home grown arrangement, phlox. Dickie won the potted plant award. Members present: Dickie Allen, Rose Cummings, Virginia Head, Lorene Kunsleman, Margarette Evans, Eloise Renner, Kathleen Sutton, Gwen Smith, Estelle Jackson, Pam Schnell, Virginia Trindle, Norma Jean Mackie, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Charlsie Baker. Special Guest was Kay Wade.

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America's Sweethearts

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For an awkward, self-conscious girl like Kiki, being the personal assistant to a beautiful mega-star like Gwen isn't easy. But when she dutifully accepts the task of helping Gwen and her estranged mega-star husband Eddie make it through one last public appearance masterminded by legendary press agent Lee Phillips, forever devoted Kiki finds that her job is about to get even harder. At first it seems her challenge is to keep the peace between Gwen and Eddie and their public image intact, but soon Kiki is faced with a more personal concern as her longtime friendship with Eddie begins to take a romantic turn.

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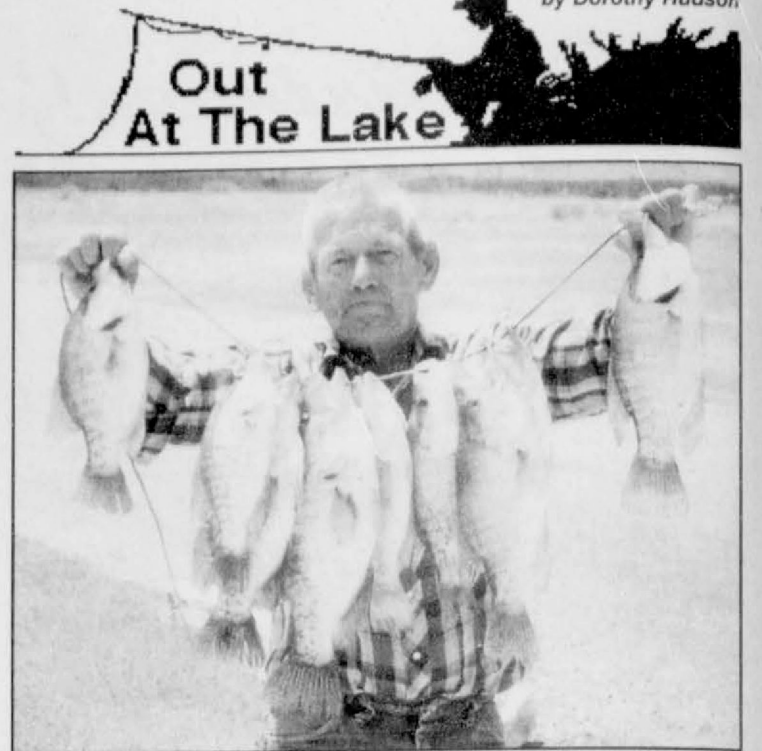
"Are you ready for snow (cones)?" Leigh Ann Winger (center) asks Alicia Barkley of Perryton and Blythe Finley of Gruver. The coolest new business in Gruver is the Sugar Shack snow cone stand on Main Street owned by Stephanie Smith and Crystal Thomas.

Crisis Center in Need of School Supplies

Once again this year, the Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) is collecting school supplies for some of their child clients in our area. This service is meant to help defray the high cost of starting the school year for their clients who need the help. Some of the items needed are backpacks, washable markers (preferably Crayola), 1" ring binders (hardback), 24 count crayons, washable glue in bottles (Elmer's, for example), watercolors, scissors in various sizes, and pocket folders with brads in various colors. One item that is always needed is facial tissue, such as Kleenex brand, as most students are usually required to furnish one or two boxes at the beginning of the school year. This is certainly not a complete list, but as no school supply list was available at the time this request was made, these are the items that are known to be needed. Lists for each grade should be in local stores soon. Marsha Neely, Children's Advocate, states that time is always a factor in getting these supplies collected and disbursed before school begins. "It seems that we are always very rushed right before school starts, so the sooner we can start getting supplies together, the better. We certainly always appreciate the amazing generosity of the communities in Hansford County."

People who wish to contribute to this program may drop their donations in designated areas at the following locations in Spearman: Dollar General, ALCO, First Christian Church, and the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. If you have any questions, you may contact Marsha Neely or Jamie Casdorph by calling the First Christian Church at 659-2036 or 659-5124 between the hours of 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. You may also leave messages for Marsha at 1-800-753-5308.

Panhandle Crisis Center provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Individual counseling, support groups, legal advocacy, shelter, emergency transportation, and other services are offered free of charge to victims and their children. If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse, please call our 24-hour hotline at 1-800-753-5308. Although our office is located in Perryton (317 S. Main), PCC serves Hansford County in addition to Ochiltree and Lipscomb Counties.



Bob Hood of Booker with 9 crappie caught on July 27th.

Lake Depth--July 30, 2001--40.42

The .35 inch shower last Friday was an offset against our extreme heat. This heat has caused a number of the regular fishermen to fish at night. While fishing all night last Monday, Robert Eaton caught 5 nice crappie and 8 channel catfish with the largest catfish weighing 7 pounds.

Bob Hood of Booker comes over weekends driving a pickup and pulling a fifth wheel trailer. His foam water wagon fits nicely under the fifth wheel in the back of the pickup. The wagon has a little gasoline motor that powers the rig, but at times he uses pedal power with fins on his feet. Bob has come the last 5 weeks and has never failed to get a nice mess of crappie. He seems to know where the crappie are in the trees and bushes and how to get to them.

Jim said we are still having new comers visit the Lake, and almost always they say "People just don't know about this place."

There were 2 RVs on each side this weekend. The painted bunting is still visiting the Derington bird feeder and still challenging Mandy and Jim to get a good picture of it. The bunting prefers the shady side of the feeder, but it needs direct sunlight to show its brilliant colors.

Ted Evans had a puzzle for me as we walked this morning. He had two birds visit his back yard while he had the sprinkler going. Clue one was that one bird dominated the other, and when it wanted to fly up on the higher branch by the boss bird, he would get driven down to a lower branch. The birds were near the size of doves. The head was somewhat dark; the throat was gray running into a speckled breast; and the wings and tail were blue.

I looked through several bird books and the best I could do was decide it was a Western scrub jay. The jay family are aggressive birds. Part of them have a crest and part of them have a smooth head. I have never seen these birds, but they are in and out of our area and are on Kenneth Seyffert's list for the Park.

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FSA Announces New Crop Loss Coverage for Noninsurable Crops

The Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) offers new and improved crop loss coverage opportunities beginning with crop year 2001.

"Unlike the old NAP, and other disaster programs that take time to implement, the new NAP program will provide immediate relief to farmers," said FSA's Hansford County Executive Director Steven Orr. "Appraisers will inspect the damaged crops, the County Committee will review the claim and payments will be issued once the loss threshold is reached." NAP covers 50% of the producer's expected production at a payment rate equal to 55% of the crop's average market price. Benefits are limited to \$100,000 per crop year for each participant.

Since the 1995 crop year, FSA has offered NAP assistance for noninsurable crops each time a widespread catastrophic loss occurred due to damaging weather.

Beginning with crop year 2001, availability of NAP benefits will be based on producers' individual crop losses, rather than on losses occurring in a large area. These guaranteed benefits, subject to a minimal administrative fee, will provide risk protection during the time when crops are most vulnerable and will be individualized based on the farmer's ability to produce the crop.

NAP covers all noninsurable, commercially grown crops produced for food and fiber, including honey, forage and grazing crops, turfgrass sod, Christmas trees, seed crops and aquaculture. Crops in Hansford County that would be eligible for NAP include haygrazers, alfalfa, small grains pastures and native and improved grasses.

To be eligible for assistance, applicants must pay a nonrefundable administrative fee of \$100 per crop, per county. Fees are capped at \$300 per county not to exceed \$900 for farmers with interests in

multiple counties.

Applicants are encouraged to provide prior years' production data to FSA to establish a documented yield history for loss calculations and payments. To be eligible for NAP, a farmer must have risk in producing the crop and must comply with a conservation plan. The applicant's gross income cannot exceed \$2 million.

FSA is currently accepting applications for NAP coverage for 2001 crops. Farmers who sustained weather-related crop damage to a 2001 NAP crop and timely reported acreage and losses may be eligible for coverage. The application period for 2001 crops will end 30 days after the Federal Regulations are published.

Producers with noninsurable crops should contact the Hansford County FSA office at (806) 659-3036 for more information.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Marvin Jones, community resident, was quoted by Mary Kate Tripp, columnist in the book section of the Amarillo Globe-News. The quote was in connection with her recent articles of early day Panhandle church revivals. Marvin took her some family records from his great-grandfather, a circuit-riding Methodist preacher of long ago in Tennessee. Ms. Tripp is to pass it on to Pauline Robertson, another writer of early Panhandle events.

Marvin and Ruth Ann have written several very interesting books which are valued highly here.

It is a well-known fact that golfers will pay for someone to mow their lawns so they can pay to play golf for exercise (must be the competitive edge). But what motivates men, mostly retired, to labor for hours, in hot, steamy, above 100-degree weather, when teamwork, not competition, is involved?

Such was the case last Wednesday, July 25th, when the "windmills" gathered at the farm of J.B. Buchanan and raised a special windmill on his 95th birthday. All of the windmills in his collection had been taken down and he missed the sound of them "blowing" in the wind.

This was a special old mill moved from a farm in Oklahoma that had belonged to a great-aunt of Ila Mae's.

All the spectators are indeed indebted to Wanda and Don Reed for providing shade for them with their well-placed motor home and canopy.

Ice cream and birthday cake was served by Nellie and Jana Beth Buchanan. Virginia Cates and Edna Bassell brought a windmill decorated birthday cake for the occasion.

Gina and Brian Gillispie, with Mattie and friend Kyla Reed returned late Wednesday from a short vacation in Mexico. They

flew to Puerto Villarta on the Pacific coast. The weather was pleasant and they enjoyed the beach and sight-seeing

Ladd and LeeAnn Sheets with Alexis and Maddie have been visiting in the home of Bill and Verna Strawn the past week. The Sheets are former residents of Spearman and also visited friends and other relatives while here. They have been living in Kilgore, but are moving to near Denton. He is changing employment, though he will still be in the engineering field.

Julie and Scott Martin have had some guests following the funeral of Julie's aunt, Dorothy Fischer of Darrouzett, last week.

Her sister, Jacquie Brewer, of Newport News, VA, was here for several days. The sisters had not seen each other in four years. It was her first trip to Texas and she was not favorably impressed with the weather.

Julie's parents, John and Juanita Japp, are here also. They are from Caspar, WY, and have been here many times. With them was their granddaughter, Nicole Brewer, who has been visiting them for the past six months. During that time she had not seen her mother until now. She is also from Newport News.

All are planning to go to Red River this week. Julie, with Stuart and Mallory, will return to Wyoming with them for a short visit.

Thank You

We would like to thank Babe Pendergraft for her contribution and gift of the beautiful bedroom ensemble that made our 50th anniversary special.

Much love,
Rich & Betty Gaines

Bob Pearson, a recent veteran of "The Battle of Wounded Knee," could be seen running his usual rigorous routine last Saturday despite having had orthopedic knee surgery the day before. He had undergone the surgery on Friday at Baptist St. Anthony's with Dr. Barnhill.

Some years back he had surgery for a similar condition in the other knee, and was laid up for days. He attributes his rapid recovery this time to his daily exercise routine before and after the surgery.

Bob, never one whose only exercise was jumping to conclusions, does give part of the credit to improved techniques.

Nowadays, "dancin' and prancin'" needn't be curtailed because of orthopedic knee surgery.

A nice article about the Harris family appeared in the July issue of *Accent West*.

The article was about the musical talent of the children of Ken and Jean Harris, and specifically Caleb Harris. Caleb was chosen as one of six vocal pianists chosen from worldwide auditions to be accepted to Tanglewood Music Center (summer home of the Boston Symphony, located in Lenox, MA).

Dwayne's weather report for the week of July 23rd through 7 a.m. on July 30th shows the highest temp was on July 23rd at 107; the lowest was on July 26th at 69. Rainfall - wishful thinking.

One wishes that the juke boxes would quit playing "Blue Skies" and turn to "Stormy Weather."

Thank You

Words cannot express our thanks for your concern for us while L.A. was in the hospital, and after his return home. We appreciate so much your cards, visits, calls prayers, food and the support and kindness you have shown.

Farene and L.A. Williams

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harietta Carthel

Summer's End Nears
High school two-a-day football drills, the first evidence of summer's end, will begin at 8:00 a.m. Monday, August 6, according to head football coach Doug Frick.

Frick is estimating 35-45 boys in grades 9-12 to turn out for the season.

With nineteen seniors graduating from the team last May, the Hounds will have a rebuilding year with only one defensive and one offensive starter returning.

Assisting coach Frick who will coach the defensive and offensive line coach will be John Duncan - running backs, Jim Davis - offensive linemen and line backers, Robert Schmucker - defensive ends, and junior varsity coach, and Troy Seagler - receivers and junior high.

Should the extremely hot weather continue, Coach Frick says that having back-to-back practices with an hour's break between may be an option rather than the traditional morning and evening sessions.

Teaching Assignments made
Several Gruver teachers will be taking on new roles in the school system.

Debby Mayhew will become the elementary music teacher and will also teach fourth grade English. Betty Roberts will be teaching social studies and science while Traci King will take Mrs. Roberts' place in second grade.

Fifteen and Counting
Monday, July 30, was the fifteenth day of 100 degree or plus high temperature for the month of July.

With triple digit highs forecast for the remainder of the week, July could end with sixteen days of hitting the century mark or above.

Only traces of moisture were recorded last week by the City of Gruver. They included .02 on July 26, .01 on July 28, and .01 on July 29.

Yards to Enjoy

A quick tour of Gruver Monday yielded the following feast for the eyes: a copious display of large red caladiums in the yard of Doc and Charlotte Bergin, a refreshing scene of a vintage wagon and bicycle laden with annuals beneath shade trees in the yard of Toni and Phil Atwood, and the finely-sculpted yard of Lou and Corky Chapman.

The morning glories at 608 Cluck are also a lovely sight in the early morning.

If there is a yard you have enjoyed, please let us share it with others by nominating it for yard of the week.

Painting Completed

Sherry Johnson and her crew of high school employees have completed the repainting of the interior of the folds and the visitors stadium.

Teacher Attends convention

Weston Born, Gruver's new agricultural science teacher, is in Corpus Christi this week attending the state agricultural science

teachers convention.

Condolences Expressed
Sympathy is expressed to Rhonda Ward and her family in the recent death of her step-father, Oscar Donnell.

Bonnie Benson, a long-time Gruver resident who had moved to Amarillo, died on Friday, July 20, 2001. Her memorial service was held in Gruver Monday, July 23.

She was the mother of the late Kathy Stedje of the Oslo community and Cindy Holton of Spearman.

Sympathy is extended to her husband Cap, the Holton family, and Scott and Shelley Stedje.

Youth Rally Slated
A back to school youth rally has been scheduled by the First Baptist church of Gruver for two nights - Sunday, August 5 and Monday, August 6. All high school and college-age students are invited to hear Brandon Slay speak at 6 p.m. on August 5, and Landon Dowden (Centrifuge Glorietta Pastor) at 7:30 p.m. on August 6.

Fellowship time will follow both speaking sessions.

For more information, contact Ralph Mireles, 733-5180.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

TEXAS' TAX-FREE HOLIDAY

The Sales Tax Holiday is expected to save Texans \$31.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.4 million in local sales taxes this year. Shoppers can take advantage of the savings Aug. 3 - Aug. 5.

No state and local sales taxes will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 including the following items:

- Dresses
- Baby clothes
- Underwear, socks
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- Shoes-sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking

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Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course Set for August 6-8

The 47th annual Beef Cattle Short Course is scheduled for August 6-8 at Texas A&M University in College Station and is expected to attract more than 2,000 cattlemen across Texas and the United States.

This year's short course will include expert speakers and discussion on foreign animal diseases, such as foot-and-mouth and Mad Cow disease, according to Dr. Larry L. Boleman, conference coordinator and a beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We're going to bring in speakers from across the state and talk about the kind of (foreign animal disease) program we have in place and what we would do if we had to go into some plan of action," Boleman said. "I've assembled people who have been to Europe and have done case studies on how the Europeans have responded to these outbreaks. We're going to spend a good part of our general session looking at those diseases. Later, Dr. Linda Logan with the Texas Animal Health Commission will put all of what we've talked about together."

The beef short course is recognized as the state's focal point for beef cattle information and education. The two and one-half day long beef educational program includes a cattlemen's college as well as symposiums, workshops and live cattle demonstrations.

The educational training will be taught by more than 40 different cattle experts. On Monday, seminars and mini-symposiums will be taught covering a wide variety of topics, including basic ranch management, carcass trait evaluation, grazing management, and management for specialized marketing programs for preconditioned or backgrounded calves. A pesticide applicator training special session is also scheduled the first day of the short course.

Concurrent mini-symposiums and seminars will also be offered the first day. That afternoon at 3 p.m., the opening general session will be held, followed by the Tuesday morning general session. Tuesday afternoon's general session will include beef quality assurance training for producers who have not previously received Level 1 training from across the state.

A specialized in-depth training program for producers who have already completed Level 1 Beef Quality Assurance has been developed by the Texas A&M University Beef Quality Faculty Committee and will include National Beef Carcass Quality, breed type, nonfed cattle and Ranch to Rail evaluation.

Cattlemen's College will resume Wednesday morning with mini-symposiums and workshops that will offer producers a more hands-on learning environment. Mini-symposiums will cover replacement heifer selection, development and beef cattle health management. Live cattle workshops will include a beef cattle management working demonstration, training in beef cattle performance and financial record management.

"Attendees may choose between the seminars and workshops based on their specialized needs in training and actually design their own personalized curriculum," Boleman said. "The seminars and mini-symposiums are in-depth management training with the latest technology, and the workshops are more hands-on, visual demonstrations with live cattle and the most current cutting-edge information."

Dr. Rick Machen, Extension livestock specialist, has developed a comprehensive Basic Ranch Management program. The workshop will serve as a training session for new or novice beef producers, with discussions on Producing a Calf Everybody Wants, Beef Marketing 101-The Basics, a nutrition program based on producer's experiences, and an interactive discussion of grazing pressures and forage resources.

Dr. Joe Paschal, Extension specialist, will coordinate the Expected Progeny Difference (EPD) and Carcass Trait Seminar with a discussion, including a question and answer session, about herd performance, EPDs and carcass evaluation to enhance production and use in selection programs. The mini-symposium will also cover actual ultrasonic and genomic carcass merit evaluation, with the "how to's" of collection, interpretation and use of data.

Dr. David Bade, Extension agronomist, will coordinate the Grazing Management Seminar, with instructors discussing year-round grazing systems, fertilizer prices and use on pastures, utilization of legumes and rangeland grazing management.

Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension specialist, will coordinate a seminar covering total management concepts for preconditioned calves intended for specialized marketing programs. This seminar will include a discussion about preconditioned programs, source verified, backgrounded calves, VAC-45, nutrition of weaned calves, marketing and understanding seasonal price trends and potential influ-

ence on economics of preconditioning.

Three beef production workshops will be offered in Wednesday morning's Cattlemen's College. Dr. Todd Thrift, Extension specialist, will coordinate a live beef cattle management working demonstration. The workshop will focus on hands-on management practices for the beef quality assurance programs, vaccination procedures, bull fertility testing and cow herd vaccination and health management practices.

Dr. Chris Skaggs, associate professor and coordinator of the Texas A&M University livestock judging program, will provide a demonstration on live herd sire selection, ultrasound demonstration, and USDA feeder and slaughter grading training, including visual appraisal and performance data evaluation.

Dr. Larry Falconer, Extension economist, will coordinate the beef cattle performance and financial record management workshop. Producers will be provided with

information on beef management record-keeping and financial-keeping software, and there will be demonstrations of the various types by academic and industry professionals.

Wednesday morning's Cattlemen's College program will also offer two beef production mini-symposiums. Dr. Buddy Faries, Extension veterinarian, and the Texas A&M University veterinarians, will train producers in a total herd health management program. John's disease will also be discussed.

Early course registration will continue until July 27 at \$100 per person. Late registration and on-site registration is \$120. For further information or a registration form, go to the Beef Cattle Short Course Web site at <http://animal-science-extension.tamu.edu/beef/short-course.html> or contact Carrie Adams, Hollie Gambino, Loretta Morse at (979) 845-3579 or (979) 845-6931.



Engagement Announcement

Mike and Deana Gardiner of Canadian and Robert and Claudine Hardy of Spearman are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacia Diane Gardiner to Eric Cardon Hunzeker of Sammamish, WA.

Grandparents of Stacia are Fay and the late Hagen Gardiner of Beaver, OK, and Ralph and Marjorie McCune of Logan, OK. Eric's grandparents are the late Gordon and Velma Hunzeker of Denver, CO, and the late Carl and Helen Zietz of Denver, CO.

Stacia and Eric are both graduates of Texas Tech University. Stacia is employed with Alert Staffing in Austin, TX, as Branch Manager. Eric is a Field Engineer with J.D. Abrams in Austin, TX.

Following the wedding on October 20, 2001 in Gruene, TX., the couple will reside in Austin, TX.

Ranch Estate Planning Seminar Set August 8-9

Estate taxes are a major problem for ranch owners and their heirs. Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an Attorney with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will hold a Ranch Estate Planning Seminar on August 8 and 9, 2001, in conjunction with the Annual Beef Cattle Short Course. The Seminar will start at 1:30 p.m. on August 8, and conclude at 4:30 p.m. on August 9, 2001. It will be held at the College Station Conference Center.

Topics covered will include the basic tools of estate planning: Wills, Living Trusts, and Powers of Attorney. But most of the time will be spent on income and estate tax saving plans for ranch families. Irrevocable trusts, generation skipping trusts, bypass trusts, property ownership, community/separate property, special use valuation for ranches, partnerships and corporations will be discussed in the context of the gift and estate tax rules.

Dr. Hayenga is an excellent communicator. He delivers a top notch educational program emphasizing key points with an entertaining style illustrating estate and income tax law provisions with practical examples that make learning a pleasure. His teaching makes full use of his broad background and practical experience as a farmer, banker, and lawyer.

Registration fee is \$100.00 per person. It includes seminar materials, snacks on Sunday evening and lunch on Thursday, as well as refreshment breaks. For more information, call Sharon at (979)-845-2226. Fax: (979)-847-9374 or e-mail: w-hayenga@tamu.edu, or s-wehring@tamu.edu. Registration forms are available at the Hansford County Extension Office.

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ASSETS:	
Cash and Due from Banks	2,825,133.57
Certificate of Deposits Purchased	6,718,000.00
U.S. Agency or Sponsored Agency Securities	13,443,868.53
Municipal Bonds	7,315,249.38
Other Securities	2,370.67
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	27,479,488.58
Federal Funds Sold	200,000.00
Loans	84,696,866.99
Less: Unearned Income and Reserves	(399,791.87)
LOANS NET OF RESERVES & UNEARNED INCOME	34,297,095.12
Federal Reserve Stock	60,000.00
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	164,800.00
Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corp. Stock	2,000.00
Premises and Fixtures	1,586,383.60
Accrued Revenues Receivable	991,738.76
Other Assets	1,134,203.25
TOTAL RESOURCES	69,240,842.88

LIABILITIES:	
Public Funds Deposits	7,596,503.87
All Other Deposits	53,752,216.50
TOTAL DEPOSITS	61,348,720.37
Federal Funds Purchased	0.00
Other Borrowed Funds	1,100,000.00
Other Liabilities	456,249.03
Capital Stock	1,000,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00
FASB 115 Unrealized Capital Adjustment*	252,810.02
Retained Earnings	4,083,063.46
TOTAL CAPITAL & SURPLUS	6,335,873.48
TOTAL LIABILITIES	69,240,842.88


* Realized only if all "Available for Sale Securities" were sold on statement date.

Signed and Attested this 30 day of July-2001

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Archie Nelson is pictured above with one of his creations.

Metal of Honor

Nelson Creates the Extraordinary from the Ordinary

by Harletta Carthel

Archie Nelson sees things. Things that others cannot see.

He envisions Don Quixote in a roll of baling wire, a crowing rooster in an old rake head, and a marching band in a bucket of nuts and bolts.

Nelson's images might have remained just that had it not been for a trip to the west coast. "While browsing in art galleries in Sosoleta, California in 1965, I saw a piece of art work made of random pieces of 'junk.' I thought to myself, 'I could make that.'"

The result was a 10 by 24 inch metal fabrication of a five-piece marching band.

"All the parts (for the creation) were from my spare parts repository," Nelson said.

Nails in various shapes and sizes represent a fat tuba player. Ball-bearing heads, spark plug and washer bodies, and pipe cap and screw marching hats with tassels depict a lanky trombonist, a sassy trumpet player, and a buxom baton twirler.

Nelson expanded his sculpting talent in 1970, when he began work in a new medium - baling wire - which seemed a natural choice for a farmer and rancher.

"It (baling wire) is an excellent material to work with. It is easily fashioned in any shape or form," Nelson said.

Using an acetylene torch to soften the wire, Nelson sculpted his visions into reality by meticulously forming the wire and welding the thin strands into place. The premiere piece that resulted was a cowboy with rope seated on a fence, which was given to the late Dayton Barkley, a Hansford County cattleman.

Through the years, Nelson has refined his tech-

nique and now uses a jeweler's torch, which is a smaller version of the standard acetylene torch, to produce sculptures of a Western jack rabbit, a prairie grandmother feeding chickens, a ram's head, a roadrunner with fish, a large-mouth Bass, a frontier sheriff, and his latest creation, Don Quixote.

Although Nelson has sold a few of his creations, the vast majority of his works grace the family's home, the homes of his friends, and the homes of his daughters Lisa Ellis of El Paso, Cheryl Nelson of Llano, and Kathy Dumbold of Phoenix, Arizona.

Not confining his talents to sculpture, Nelson has produced several paintings. Working in acrylics, he has captured scenes of the early Panhandle in "Old Hansford Windmill," "Cowboy with Herefords," and "Lonesome Prairie Home."

"I really like to paint clouds. You will see them in most of my paintings," Nelson said.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 1989, Nelson has discovered increased value in his artistic endeavors. "It has just been a life saver for me," said Nelson, who had to end his farming and ranching vocation in 1990.

Like the old adage that states "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade," Nelson chooses to view the opportunities the illness brings rather than the disadvantages.

"My illness has freed me to do my creating at any and all times, although it can limit how long I can work without becoming shaky," Nelson said.

"Creating is so enjoyable to me. I never time the making of a piece. I don't think of it as time; it is pure enjoyment," Nelson said.

"My next piece of sculpture will be Sancho Panza, Don Quixote's friend. I know exactly how he will look," Nelson said. "I can see him in my mind already."

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Success at His Fingertips

Pianist Selected in Worldwide Competition

by Harletta Carthel

If you've got the talent, the rest is just details.

Obscurity and youth were not hindrances to talented Oklahoma Baptist University junior Caleb Harris of Gruver.

Although he was the youngest to be selected and hailed from a virtually unknown university, Harris' piano skills propelled his selection to one of the most prestigious musical organizations in the United States.

"I had a good idea that the audition had gone well," Harris said. "The judges spoke as if they really wanted me and were interested in me, but the main thing I was concerned about was being the youngest person. I didn't know if it would be a factor in their decision."

"The judges were impressed that there was a university they had not heard of, but here were musicians that they respected," Harris said.

Harris was encouraged to audition for the Tanglewood Music Center, a "musical think-tank" that includes 150 of the top students and faculty members from the world, by fellow college student Randy Umstead, a senior from Olathe, Kansas. Umstead was auditioning for one of the 17 singing roles in the opera.

Traveling November 29, 2000, to Rice University in Houston, one of the seven worldwide audition sites, Harris performed for a committee of judges. Harris then received a call in early December congratulating him on his acceptance to the program. A few weeks later, Umstead's name was released as a lead vocalist.

"The chances of both Harris and Umstead being selected are so small," said Dr. Paul Hammond, dean of OBU's College of Fine Arts. "It's a real feather in our cap. I was very excited for them, first of all, and for OBU. It puts a feather



Caleb Harris (left) and Oklahoma Baptist University college friend Randy Umstead were selected to the prestigious Tanglewood Music Center in Lenox Massachusetts following worldwide auditions.

in our cap."

Harris will accompany on piano one fully staged opera of Ravel's "L'Heure Espanol" conducted by Seiji Ozawana of Boston Symphony fame. The program also includes a performance of "Lenfant et les Sortileges," conducted by Robert Spano, music director of the Brooklyn Philharmonic.

Harris grew up knowing the reputation of Tanglewood and listening to musicians who had attended or worked there.

"The thing that is exciting to me is that I'll be playing with my peers, and the fact that I'll be accompanying people I've listened to for years. It's exciting, too, just because of the name that Tanglewood has in the world," Harris said.

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