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Gift Card Grants Are Available to Consumers Facing Financial Problems

Financial Assistance Network has a gift card grant program to help consumers who need to stretch their gift giving budgets. The gift cards can be used to purchase cameras, audio systems, luggage, office and desktop electronics and more from internet and catalog merchants.

To qualify, individuals must have income of less than \$32,121. Families will also qualify to receive a \$150 gift card package if they have over \$7,500 in credit card balances and the balance is not getting paid off due to high interest rates. Seniors and the disabled can qualify for up to \$250 in gift cards. Volunteers can also qualify to receive a \$250 gift card package if they promise to give the gifts they receive to at least two people in need.

"Financial Assistance Network has hundreds of thousands of gift cards that will be distributed to consumers before the end of the year," says Gary Compton, a volunteer at the non-profit agency. "We are very excited about the gift card giveaway program because several generous individuals and companies are also buying gift cards at national retailers for us to distribute to needy individuals and families. In addition to the catalog and internet merchant gift cards, we will also be distributing gift cards from many national retailers including Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, Blockbuster Video, Borders Books, Circuit City, Eckerd, Gap, GNC, Hollywood Video, Home Depot, JC Penny, K-Mart, Olive Garden, Payless Shoe Source, Radio Shack, Red Lobster, Sears, Staples, Target, Toys-R-Us, Wal-Mart and many more."

Individuals that qualify can receive the gift card giveaway package by sending 5 first class stamps to: Financial Assistance Network, Gift Card Giveaway Package GCG-02E, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. Consumers can also get information by calling 202-882-6000 or by visiting Financial Assistance Network's Internet web site: www.GiftCardGiveaway.org.

NOTICE

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the deadline for information to be included in the December 26th and January 1st issue will be Monday, December 16th at 5 p.m. This is also the deadline for information to be included in the December 19th issue.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434 or CathyRSmit@aol.com. Information may also be faxed to (806) 659-3368.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be CLOSED December 23rd-January 3rd.



Twenty-two Spearman citizens recently enrolled in a Rural Leadership Program sponsored by the Spearman Economic Development Corporation and Xcel Energy. They participated in a challenge course at Ceta Canyon last month.

Spearman Rural Leadership Program

Twenty-two citizens of Spearman have enrolled in a leadership training program to be held over the next several months. The foundation for the leadership training is based on the curriculum developed by the Texas Rural Leadership Program, Inc. The purpose of the training is to create and deliver an exciting, effective leadership development program for rural Texas. The program is committed to providing small communities in Texas with the working tools for community revitalization with the

ultimate goal of developing strategic plans for economic development.

The leadership training will be held the 2nd Thursday each month from January through June at the O'Loughlin Center. Topics covered will include communications, motivation, team building, effective meetings, conflict management, strategic planning and more.

The group participated in a challenge course at Ceta Canyon last month. Several challenging obstacles were mastered by the creative-

ness and survivor skills the group possessed. No casualties were reported and everyone came back with a willingness to work together on whatever challenges may come their way.

The Spearman Economic Development Corporation and Xcel Energy are sponsoring this endeavor with support from the High Plains Resource Conservation & Development Council.

Temple Turns Himself In

Hansford County law enforcement officials reported that Joe Wesley Temple, 30, turned himself in on Tuesday, December 10th, after escaping on Sunday, December 1, 2002, when he walked off a work detail about 6:30 p.m.

Temple, had worked as a trustee at the Hansford County Jail since November, according to Sheriff R.L. McFarlin. The sheriff said Temple was replacing some lights at the courthouse when he decided to escape. "I'd have never thought he would have done a thing like that," McFarlin said.

McFarlin said Temple was awaiting transfer to a state facility for a two-year burglary conviction. However, McFarlin said Temple will now face an escape charge.

Pheasant Season Opens

The 2002 pheasant season will open Saturday, December 14, and will run until December 30.

Hunters are urged to remember that the bag limit is three roosters per day. Hunters must have both a hunting license and permission of the land owner. Even with permission, hunters must not cut fences and should fasten all gates they have opened. For safety, hunters should wear orange caps, vests, or coats, to increase their visibility.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is considering extending the 2003 pheasant season to 30 days rather than 16 and lowering the limit of birds to two per day rather than three. Buying hunting and fishing license online by both in-state and out of state residents is another proposal. For individuals wishing to make any comments on the pending proposals, they should contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

SISD Band Christmas Concert

Christmas is coming and with it all the beautiful music Christmas has to offer. On December 15th, the Spearman ISD Bands invite you to join them for lunch at the High School Cafeteria, followed by a *Festival of Christmas Music*. This concert will be presented by the 6th grade, Junior High and High School Bands.

Lunch will be served from 11:30-1:30. Meal tickets may be purchased at the door, and are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 6.

The concert will begin at 2 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Each band will be featured with their own presentations. The concert will end with all the bands in a Grand Finale that features "Silent Night."

The band wants to thank the community for the support it has shown to this organization this year, and hopes to express this appreciation in this presentation to the community.

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

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

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Nikol To Speak At FBC



Dr. Margaret Nikol

Dr. Margaret Nikol, well known Bulgarian violinist, will be playing and speaking during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 15th at First Baptist Church in Spearman. Dr. Nikol is no stranger to the Panhandle area, having presented concerts and given her testimony in area churches numerous times since 1991.

Born into a pastor's family in communist Bulgaria, Dr. Nikol learned firsthand about anti-Christian religious persecution at a young age. Her father was jailed because he preached the Gospel, and her family suffered greatly during those difficult times.

In spite of the persecution endured by the family, God placed Margaret Nikol in some of the best music schools behind the Iron Curtain. After studying in Bulgaria, she enrolled at the University of Moscow, where she earned her Doctor of Musicology degree and studied violin with David Oistrach.

After winning a European violin competition, Dr. Nikol was officially assigned to work in East Germany as a concert violinist. Because of her determination to stay faithful to her Christian commitment, Dr. Nikol was forced in 1982 to make her dramatic escape to the West. Since then she has lived in the United States.

Dr. Nikol is the only surviving member of her entire family. Both her parents and her brother, all pastors in Bulgaria, gave their lives

for the Lord. Today Margaret Nikol devotes her life to serving the Lord as she ministers to churches and Christian organizations with her outstanding music and powerful testimony of faith.

Sunday's service will feature her concert of Christmas music as she shares her words of testimony about how God is moving in Bulgaria now that the Iron Curtain has finally come down. She continues to facilitate the printing and distribution of Bibles in the Bulgarian language, and her

International Impact, Inc. organization is instrumental in hosting study conferences for Bulgarian pastors who have no other access to seminary training.

The public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Nikol and to join the First Baptist family in this special celebration of the Christmas season. The church is located at 123 S. Bernice in Spearman. Dr. Nikol will also be featured in concert at the Oslo Lutheran Church located west of Gruver at 4 p.m. in the afternoon on December 15th.

Auxiliary Heads 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.

The following have made donations:

Merry Christmas

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Your donations can be mailed to Operation Christmas Greeting, 906 Bernice, Spearman, Texas 79081.

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

A friend of mine sent me an e-mail listing items needed by our Troops in Afghanistan. I would like to provide that list so that anyone wishing to may send them. Packages and letters should be mailed to: Steve Bergey; CJCMOTY-K/OMC-A; APO AE 09365. Please label the packages so they will know where to distribute them.

Items Needed

- American Flags
- Playing cards
- Board games - chess, checkers, cribbage, scrabble, trivial pursuit
- Dominoes, Uno cards
- VHS/DVD movies-can be used
- Video games-can be used
- CD's-can be used in good condition
- Batteries-AA, C and D mostly
- Wet-wipes, Baby wipes-to remove sand/dirt from faces
- Stationery or paper for letter writing
- Boxed Christmas cards
- Paperback books-can be used
- Magazines, (remember this is a Muslim Country)
- Disposable storage containers for snacks/toiletries

Food Items

- Tuna in foil packages
- Homemade baked goods - especially cookies and brownies (please send in tins or disposable containers to keep sand out)
- Snack crackers - individually packaged

School Supplies

- Items are also being collected for soldiers who are trying to help Afghan children between the ages of 5-17 rebuild their school which was destroyed by the Taliban.
- School supplies needed are glue, paint, markers, colored pencils, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, chalk, notebook paper, rulers, calculators, protractors, spiral notebooks, etc.

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 :)

Sleep Studies Offered At Hansford Hospital

There is a staggering number of Americans, estimated at 20,000,000, who suffer from various sleep disorders, such as chronic insomnia, sleep apnea, disorders due to shift work or chronic work-related interruptions in sleep, and narcolepsy. If these disorders are left undiagnosed and untreated, they can have a profound effect on a person's daytime functioning, quality of life, and subsequent impact on the productivity and safety of our workforce. Common symptoms of sleep apnea or disorders include excessive daytime sleepiness, which has been known to be the cause of automobile accidents and work-related injuries.

Impaired cognition (thinking), can interfere in thought processes resulting in poor judgment, delayed or inappropriate decision-making, and diminished production at work or home. Chronic insomnia can result in mood disorders, depression, morning headache, feeling tired and un-rested, and can wreck havoc on family and loving relationships. On a more serious note, untreated severe sleep apnea or disorders usually result in hypoxia, or low blood oxygen. Over time, when the cardiovascular system and other body organs are constantly

being deprived of oxygen, a negative consequence will prevail. Other disease processes will come into play including Congestive Heart Failure, Hypertension, and Stroke, which may result in cardiac arrhythmias, heart attack, and even death. Other conditions such as severe depression and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome can produce unexplained pain and exhaustion to the point of being bed-ridden.

One of the reasons patients go undiagnosed is the un-availability of the test. Most sleep labs across the country, including Amarillo, are too small to accommodate all of the people that need to be tested. Many times patients will have to wait 3 - 6 months to get an available appointment for their test.

Hansford County Hospital District now offers the testing required to diagnose sleep disorders and HCHD DME can supply the equipment needed for treatment. An independent sleep lab travels to the facility and can perform the appropriate test, as ordered by your physician. The test, called a Polysomnogram, measures bodily functions while asleep, such as brain waves, heart rhythm, eye movements, muscle tension, leg movements, air flow of breathing, chest and abdominal

effort of breathing, and blood oxygen levels.

If your test is positive for sleep apnea, the technician may apply a device called CPAP or Continuous Positive Airway Pressure. This device assists breathing by the application of a small mask, usually applied to the nose and connected to the CPAP machine by a hose. It applies continuous pressure to breathing which "splints" the air passages open and allows air to freely pass in and out of the lungs while you sleep. Bi-PAP or Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure, will be reserved for more severe breathing disorders, which applies a preset airway pressure both during inhalation and exhalation, and if necessary, can assist your rate of breathing.

If you are experiencing any of the symptoms described, you should mention them to your physician. If a Polysomnogram is ordered for you, it will be arranged by a staff member of the Respiratory Care Department. The test is interpreted by a physician that has specialized in treating sleep disorders, and then sent to your physician for treatment recommendations, if needed. Most sleep studies are scheduled within a 2 - 3 week time frame after the test is ordered.

This allows time for the patient to complete some forms about their daily sleep activities and other information needed by the technologist. Typically, the patient will arrive at the hospital at 9 p.m., and stay until the next morning.

Most major medical insurance policies, including Medicare and Medicaid, will cover all or part of the cost of the test and/or treatment. However, each person should check with their own insurance company to be sure of the percentage of coverage. Should you have questions or concerns regarding sleep studies or your symptoms, you should contact your physician or the Respiratory Care Department at Hansford County Hospital District.

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Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.
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Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 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.
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg: 8 p.m.
Pastor - Patrick Six

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.
Bible Study Wed: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.
Minister - Leonard Harper

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901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
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Pastor - Ken Cole

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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 Serv.: 7:30 Wed.
Pastor - Gene Foster

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502 E. 7th • 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
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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: 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2960
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30 Sunday
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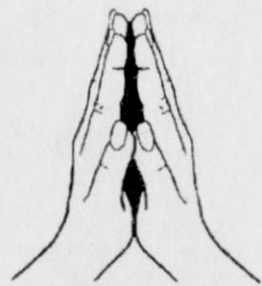
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Pastor - Paul Fiske

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - Jerry Moore

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Happy Birthday!

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

December 12
Birthdays - Gene Fletcher, Kaisi Foster, Claudia Barton, Pete Fisher, Olga Cantu, Mary Ann Martin, Jana (Pittman) Ivey, Babara Ring, Daniel Ochoa, Don Reed, Chance Johnson, Ivin Boyd, Christine Brandvik, Omar Favela, Guadalupe Trejo, Blanche Greene, Freddy Walton, Marvin Wilkerson, Justin Boyd, Brandon Sauz

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. John Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Jon King, Mr. & Mrs. John Lopez, Charles & Melanie Elliott

December 13
Birthdays - Betty Burk, James Burk Jr., Holly McCloy, Barbara Schnell, Muriel Boyd, Linda Butt, Bobby Smith, Jack Reed, Georgena Hart, Dan Roach, Dana Wattier, Robert Zamora, Marilyn Cline, Blythe Finley, Leah Smith

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Bynum

December 14
Birthdays - Bradley Clawson, Ray Etter, Todd Parker, Penny Ralston, Barbara Stavio, Elaine Odegaard, Ron Schmehr, Bradley Sanders, Lynn Cook, Sandra Grover, Eddie Herrington, Cale Curry, Amy Gift, Betty Redwine

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don Maize, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Stork

December 15
Birthdays - Dallas Henson, Harvey Proffitt, Hal Shufeldt, April Davis, Carolyn Davidson, Bob Pearson, Abbe Steger, Clarence Eller, Rosa Pierce, Stephanie Crossland, Donny Davis, Maria Ortiz, Jennie Jones, Jose Vargas, Jim Norton, Joey Bynum, Randall Sauer, LeAnn Shields, Eric Vasquez, April DeLaRosa

December 16
Birthdays - Carl Archer, Dave Hand, Linda Lackey, Clint Patterson, Marty Bennett, Melanie Clausen, Jennifer Hughes

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Byron Kenney, Mr. & Mrs. George P. Odom, Mr. & Mrs. John Purvines

December 17
Birthdays - Patsy Beville, Sergio Favela, Charles Kruse, Stephanie TeBeest, Brandy Urban, Lupe Guero, Francis Floyd, Viola Hutton, Russell Shaver, Lorene Raiz, Bobby Novak, Charles Layton, Sandi Rich, Michael Park, Pam

Cassady, Jimmy Traylor, Stephanie Tyler, Art Maestas
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Park, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Finley

December 18
Birthdays - Jimmy Faren, Ronnie Schaefer, Cassie Butt, Malory Martin, Ben Gruver, Monalisa Garcia, Juanita Vera
Anniversary - Tom & Rita Reed, Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Hart, Mr. & Mrs. Dave Karlin

December 19
Birthdays - Steve Beville, Jim Norton, Steve Watkins, Fausto Ruiz, Betty Vernon, Georgia Gaitner, Nan Nicholson, Irene Reed, Sara Dossett, Pat Dear, Mrs. Roscoe Nelson, Gwen McLain, Ford McIntyre, Zachary Brelans, Billy Jo Miesner, Delphine Etling, Cindy Walton

Anniversary - Frank & Carol Lemons, Earl & June Spencer, Reagan & Beckee Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Ethredge, Mr. & Mrs. True Leatherman, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz, Kyle & Jennifer Nollner

December 20
Birthdays - Harletta Carthel, Doug Garrett, Esmeralda Renteria, Bill Turner, Peggy Papay, Charles West, Quentin Hayes, Brittini Beedy Sanders, Alicia Nikolas, Lexie Woodward, Bill Whitford, Mary Webster, Quentin Harper, Paul Henry Renteria, Brock Schroeder, Megan Evans, Bill Whitford

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. William Porter, Sam & Brenda Pierson, Gary and Cathy Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Myatt, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Jones

December 21
Birthdays - Lidwine Carpiaux, Cammie Steele, Anita Ruiz, Linda Garnett, Dallasene Reynolds, Eddy Rojas, Thomas Rodriguez, Johnny Kenny, Terry Womble, Chunky Blackburn, Betty Clifford, Nick Dettmann, Clyde Conley, Michael James Renteria, Robert Dahl, Cheryl Evans

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cummings, Doris & Danny Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Tolleson, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Slough, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Kauffman, Toby & Sally Thomas

December 22
Birthdays - Ted Evans, Richie Fletcher, Molly Blackman, Danna Kay Willis, Tammy Jackson, Andy Watley, Mary Moore, Steve Womble, Temp Shepard, Deanna Kenney, Diane DeLaCruz, Shirley Molden, Solomon Tarenjo, Becky Beedy, Frank Dominquez

Anniversary - R.L. & Kay McFarlin, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Tindell

Our Deepest Sympathy

GARY RAY WYSONG

SPEARMAN - Gary Ray Wysong, 52, died Thursday, December 5, 2002. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, December 9, 2002 in the First Methodist Church with the John Scott officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Wysong was a commercial freight truck driver. He was a member of the Methodist Church in Spearman. He graduated from Spearman High in 1969 and worked for Plains Transportation.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sam Wysong, in 1992; and his grandparents, Jesse and Dorothy Davis.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma; two step-daughters, Cheryl Varnam of Denver and Joyce Hawkins of Weatherford; two stepsons, Chris Kollmar of Duncan, Ariz., and Larry Daly of White Deer; his mother, Mary Lou Wysong of Spearman; three sisters, Pam Eckroat of Azle, Kay Cavin of Austin and Jan Williamson of Clinton, Okla.; three grandchildren; and seven nieces and nephews.

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



ROBERT C. "PETE" FISHER

SPEARMAN - Robert C. "Pete" Fisher, 83, died Saturday, December 7, 2002.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 10, 2002 in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Patrick Six officiating. Burial was at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Cache Cemetery of Cache, Okla., by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Fisher was born in Comanche County, Okla., to Berry and Dale Fisher on December 12, 1918. He had lived in Spearman for 52 years moving from Dumas. He married Alta Sexton on Jan. 30, 1940, in Comanche County.

Beginning in 1948 he owned and operated a grocery store in Spearman retiring in 1988. He was president of Tri-State Baking Co., Bakers of Tendercrust Bread. He was a veteran of World War II serving as a radio operator on a B17 in the Army Air Corps. He was a charter member of Spearman Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was honored by his friends and neighbors of Spearman as citizen over the years in 1988. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Tim Fisher of Austin; four sister, Lois Vance and Doris Bernard, both of Stinnett, Joy Ridner of Amarillo and Louise Sullivan of Marlow, Okla.; a granddaughter, Dawn Fisher of Amarillo; a great-granddaughter, Destiny Fisher of Spearman; and a great-grandson, Christian Fisher of Spearman.

The family suggests memorials be to First Baptist Church, Elevator Fund, P.O. Box 399, Spearman, TX 79081; or Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081.

OSCAR EMMETT DRAKE

WAKA - Oscar Emmitt Drake passed away at his home in Waka, TX on December 9, 2002. The body will be cremated, his ashes spread over the Rocky Mountains and there will be no services, as requested. A private family memorial will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton, TX.

Mr. Drake was born April 21, 1922 in Bushland, TX. He attended schools in Waka, Perryton and Yamhill, OR. During his teens, he moved with his step-father and mother to Oregon. After serving in the US Navy during World War II, he worked as a logger, lumberjack and a truck driver in the redwood forests of northern California. He later moved to Grand Junction, CO where he prospected for uranium in New Mexico and Arizona with two friends, Walt Verner and Dane Broadfoot.

In 1958, he moved to Waka and helped his step-father and mother, J.P. and Eula Berry operate Berry Grain Co. He later bought the business from them in 1965 and continued to own and manage it until 1994 when he sold it to Robinson Grain Co.

He supported the Ochiltree and Hansford 4-H Stock shows during the time he was in business and in his retirement. In 1994, the Ochiltree County show was dedicated to him.

He married Sandra Stump Ladd on August 30, 1975 in Raton, NM.

He served on the Waka School Board in the late 1950's and early 1960's during which time the school built a new auditorium and gymnasium; was a charter member of the Waka Water Supply serving on the board from the inception, and as a volunteer fireman for the Waka community. He was a Life Member of the NRA. He was a charter member of the Waka Lions Club, served as president and was awarded the Marvin Jones Fellow and Jack Welsh Fellow for his work in the club. He and his wife were caretakers of the Waka Cemetery.

In his retirement years, he began collecting anvils. He became very knowledgeable in that field and was well known for his collection.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Steven Drake and his wife, Bev, of Porterville, CA; a step-son, Jim Ladd and his wife, Mary, of Erie, CO; two grandchildren, Ford Ladd and Grace Ladd; his half-brother, Jesse Berry and wife, Merry, of Carlton, OR; a niece and nephew.

Memorials may be made to the Lions Eye Bank of District 2T1, 1501 S. Coulter St., Amarillo, TX 79106 or to one's favorite charity.

RETA CHISUM GROSS

GRUVER - Reta Chisum Gross, 75, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2002, in Spearman.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Friday in Leib Cemetery with the Rev. Scott Curry and Gaylord Cook officiating. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Gross was a member of Gruver Church of Christ. She graduated from West Texas State University with a bachelor's and master's degree in education. She raised her family while completing her college education. Reta taught for 27 years at Morse, Pringle and Gruver schools, touching many lives.

She married Keith Gross June 4, 1976, in Gruver. She was known for her kindness, generosity and card ministry to all. She will be remembered by all those whose lives she touched and her steadfast faith in the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Mamie Caddel; her husband in 1998; and a daughter, Jan Huffman in 2002.

Survivors include three daughters, Deborah Chisum of Gruver, and Teresa Chisum and Kim Mauzy, both of Aledo; a sister, Ina Terrell of Ralls; two grandsons, Jason Bratcher of Pennsylvania and Jeremy Bratcher and wife, Darla, of Arlington; a great-grandson, Ashton James Bratcher of Arlington; three nieces, Carolyn Moses of Ralls, Donna Williams of Gruver and Sandra Mize of Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials be to Lubbock Children's Home, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408-9973.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Holiday Hours for Hansford County Library

The Hansford County Library will be closed Thursday, November 26th, through Sunday, December 1st for the Thanksgiving Holidays. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. only on Monday, December 23rd and Friday, December 27th, and will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Thursday, December 26th. The library will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, December 30th, and will close at noon on Tuesday, December 31st, and will remain closed on Wednesday, January 1st. The library will resume regular business hours on Thursday, January 2, 2003.

Celebration of Christmas

The Full Gospel Community Worship Center of Perryton will present "Merry Christmas With Love" on Sunday, December 15th at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and on Monday, December 16th at 7 p.m. in the Perryton High School auditorium. "Merry Christmas With Love" is a musical filled with a variety of songs of the season. Come experience the joy, hope, and fun of the Christmas season as we perform the familiar as well as the not so familiar carols of Christmas. "Merry Christmas With Love" will have music that appeals to all ages, so bring your family and friends. Each performance is free of charge. For more information, contact the church office at (806) 435-2506.

Register Tapes for Education

The Spearman 7th and 8th Grade Gifted & Talented class will be accepting register tapes from Lowe's Marketplace until March 31, 2002. These tapes will be turned into valuable and important educational equipment, free of charge, for the Spearman Junior High campus. Tapes may be given to any Spearman Junior High student, or may be taken to the Spearman Junior High office.

Campbell's Soup Donation

Campbell's Soup is donating a can of soup (up to 5 million) to area food banks just by clicking on a football helmet at their website. It's quick, easy and can be done once a day. http://www.chunky.com/click_for_cans.asp

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 7-8 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

FUMC Chancel Choir to present "Come Let Us Worship The King"

The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir would like to invite you to attend our 11:00 AM service on December 15th to worship with us in music and slides. The Chancel Choir will be presenting "Come Let Us Worship The King" arranged & orchestrated by Russell Mauldin and created by Sue C. Smith & Russell Mauldin. Christmas is a season to celebrate, an occasion to rejoice, and a time to give. But more than anything, Christmas is a reason to worship. So in the middle of all our holiday preparations, let's take time to prepare our hearts to bow down in honor Jesus the King. "Come Let Us Worship The King" reminds us that long ago a King made His journey from heaven to earth. Almighty God himself had prepared the way for the Savior's arrival to earth. At the moment of His birth, Jesus began to fulfill every prophecy ever made about His coming. Mary and Joseph knew that this Baby was going to be the special, but who would imagine a King? Please join us for this special presentation on Sunday, December 15th. You will be blessed!!

Annual Community Health Fair

Hansford County Hospital District and the Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center will Co-Sponsor the Annual Community Health Fair at the O'Loughlin Center on Saturday, January 18, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There will be various health-related services represented in addition to a blood drive and lab tests at reduced prices. The theme of this year's health fair is "New Year's Resolutions for Health Life Style Choices."

Lynx Band Selling Discount Cards

Are you having trouble finding stocking stuffers this year? Well, your worries are about over. The Spearman Lynx Band is selling discount cards at the price of \$10 each. These cards provide discounts to places like Simple Simon's, Pizza Hut, Prairie Garden Flowers, and many other locally participating businesses. So, find a Spearman High School band member and ask them about the Band Discount Card. By the way, they are good for a whole year!

Medical Fund Established for Holly Tercero

A medical fund has been established for Holly Tercero at First State Bank. Holly was injured in an automobile accident in Hansford County on November 30, 2002, and is still in the hospital in Amarillo.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Meets At Higgins

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet at the First United Methodist Church in Higgins, TX on Saturday, December 14, 2002 at 6 p.m. It is a tradition of the Rushing Wind community to meet in the home church of the outgoing Community Lay Director in December. The meeting will start with a potluck Christmas meal, followed by a Praise and Worship service. New board members and a new Community Lay Director will be elected at this meeting. Families and guests are welcome to attend and celebrate God's gift of His Son. The Board of Directors will meet at 4 p.m. A sponsor's training will be conducted immediately following the worship service. A nursery will be provided. Additional information may be found at 222.rushingwindemmaus.org.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 S. Roland, in Spearman on December 23, 2002. 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. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. 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 toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--December 9, 2002--30.20 feet

The rain and snow that fell last week kept the lake level from falling. A gain of one hundredth of an inch was made.

Jim said there was very little activity at the Lake. The very few fishermen weren't having any luck. The Panhandle Bird Club were out Saturday morning, but Jim was out looking for fields for the Rotary Pheasant Hunt, and I was unable to go with them, but we will get a report of what they found later.

One of the dark cloudy days, the Deringtons had their three leafless cottonwood trees full of mountain blue birds. The birds show up prettier in the cedars when the sun is on them.

So far two bald eagles at a time are all that Jim and Ramon have sighted. Daughter Jean Harris and her two youngest, Anna and Angela, got to see a bald eagle standing in a field three miles south of Gruver on Sunday morning.

Christine Brandvik, who lives west of Gruver, called to give Jim the recipe for a solution to deskunk his dog Scooter. The Brandviks had used it successfully on their son's dog.

One morning Jim saw one of the Park bobcats resting on the bridge over the Palo Duro.

Each year the Panhandle-Plains Historical Review puts out a yearbook. Saturday the 2001 arrived. It had four major articles--all four interesting. One by Susan G. Denney.

"It Was No Place for Women: Women on the Panhandle Frontier, 1876-1900" made several references to Atarah Peacock Wright, two mentions of Clara Cator, and one of Bena Baumann Jones.

Although Marion Anderson Walstad did not live in Hansford County, several of her descendants do. Since we had her daughter Sena's bear story last week, I was interested in that Mrs. Walstad was a midwife. Mrs. Ben Jackson said she was as good as any doctor, when Mrs. Walstad delivered the last Jackson baby.

Much of Susan Denney's material came from the W.P.A. files in the Research Center of the Museum. It took me years to find out about this treasure trove of Panhandle history. I have copies of some of the Hansford County ones, but I did not have time to get articles from other counties. This oral history was gathered by interviewers in the Depression days. Margaret Locke Kirk had written up Atarah Wright, Clara Cator, and Bena Jones. There was a second one footnoted for Mrs. Wright by Winnie Davis Hale.

Thank You

The Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church would like to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to the community for your tremendous support of our Thanksgiving Dinner.

This could not be a success without your participation and support of our fund raiser. We do appreciate your efforts in supporting us and wish for you many blessings and a wonderful Holiday Season!!!

Spearman Jr. High Involved in Lowe's Receipt Project

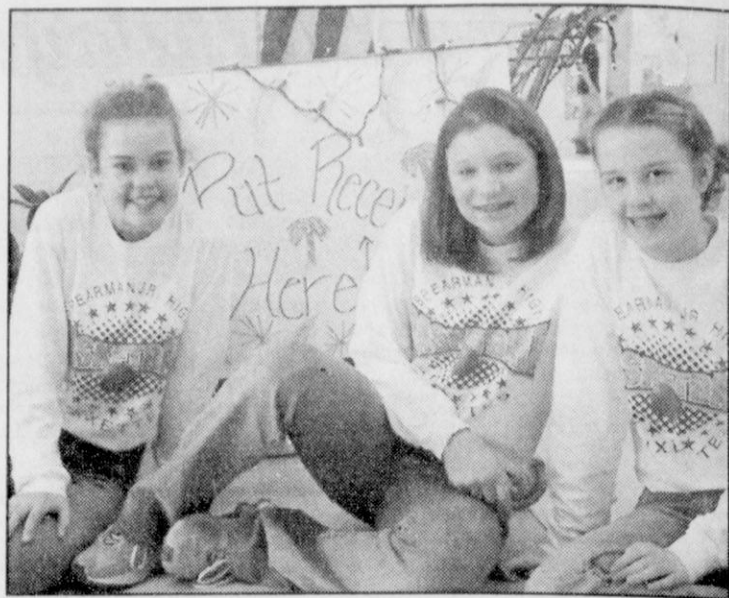
When it comes to receipts, Spearman Jr. High is #1. I guess you could say collecting receipts is their middle name. Mardell Strawn's Gifted and Talented class has taken on a new project and created their own business, the Elite Receipt Collectors. The project involves collecting receipts from any Lowe's grocery store and turning them into valuable products for their school. SJH is hoping to earn a digital camera, color printer and Karaoke machine.

They are asking for the communities help with this project. You can help out by saving and donating your receipts. You can give your receipts to any SJH student, drop them by the school, or put them in the boxes placed throughout the town (First State Bank, First National Bank, Video Hut,

Allsup's, Celebrate and Speartex). If you would like to have a box set up at your business, please call the school (659-2563).

The Elite Receipt Collectors have come up with several contests to encourage school participation with this project. They had a competition between homerooms for the 2nd 6th weeks with the winner being Mrs. Pierson's homeroom. Everyone in the winning class received a coke and candy bar. If the school can raise \$35,000 by the end of the 3rd 6 weeks (Dec. 19th), Mr. Wiggins will dress in an ape suit and serve banana splits to the entire student body on the last day of school.

Please save your receipts and make this possible. This project is over March 31, 2003.



Amy Boyd, Callie Cazares and Brittney Bradley would like to encourage everyone to donate their Lowe's receipts to the Spearman Junior High.

Chandler Named National Seagoing Marine Chaplain

At its annual Fleet Review in Branson, MO recently, the United States Seagoing Marine Association elected Rev. John R. Chandler as its National Chaplain. Chandler, a retired Lutheran minister, is a resident of Amarillo. Since coming to the Texas Panhandle in 1983, Chandler has served as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Darrrouzett, Oslo Lutheran Church northwest of Gruver, and Trinity Lutheran Church of Providence/Lockney, east of Plainview.

Chandler served in the U.S. Marines from 1953 to 1956, aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown. His duties included security guard, Executive Officer's Orderly, brig guard and machine gunner in the Marine Detachment.

The USSMA consists of Marine veterans who have served on ships of the U.S. Navy from 1775 until 1998. The national membership of USSMA is over 900, in 42 states. It is one of the newer veterans' organizations, founded only three years ago. For further information, their website is www.seagoingmarines.com.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Dorothy and Walter Woolley and his brother Paul and wife Joyce of Dumas met another brother and wife of Springdale, AR in Branson, MO where they spent three days. They attended one show and enjoyed other places of interest there.

They enjoyed the scenic drives around there and to Carthage and Springfield, MO also.

Sammy Al Imaly and three-year-old daughter, Sarah, flew in last week from Daharan, Saudi Arabia to spend a month in this country. He is the son-in-law of David and Reta Knox of Hart, TX. His wife, Cindi, is a teacher at the U.S. Consulate there, and was unable to accompany them.

He is an employee of ARAM Co., an American oil company.

Don and Gloria Knox spent several days visiting there during Thanksgiving week.

The main entertainment was watching and being with the pretty great-granddaughter.

Brice McLaughlin has an additional reason for remembering Pearl Harbor Day (December 7th), it's his own birthday! His second birthday was observed with a party which included proud grandparents Delinda and Danny McLaughlin and D'Anda Widener, great-grandmother Jo McLaughlin, and out-of-town guests Monty, Annessa and Samantha Herrington. Brice is the son of Brian and Leslie McLaughlin.

Phillip and Molly Turner's son-in-law, Jeff Shields, was called

back in the Army Reserve National Guard this week. He, his wife Dana and son live in Liberal. He reported at Lawton, OK.

Russ and Vickie Gibbs of Plainview visited here during the weekend. They were guests of Buford and Mary Baker and attended services at the First Baptist Church, as he was a former pastor here.

He is continuing his ministry as head of a department with Wayland College in Plainview, as well as serving as a supply minister.

Condolences are extended to Mary Lou Wysong and the sisters of Gary Wysong, 52, on his untimely passing on December 5th. Interment was at Hansford Cemetery.

It was a feeling of disbelief when word of the unexpected death of Pete Fisher was received. He had been an integral part of Spearman activities for so many years - church, civic, school and business. He stayed active after his business retirement until his health failed, leaving a legacy of honesty, ability and consideration.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Altha and other family members.

Congratulations to Tim and Heather Woolley of Amarillo on the birth of their daughter, Jaedyn Allyssa, born on Monday, December 9th at 4:42 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Paul and

Joyce Woolley of Dumas. She was also welcomed by proud Aunt Tina, Uncle George and cousin Kelcee Rex of Spearman.

Hospital Notes:

James Cunningham indicates that he is ready to return to "tripping the light fantastic" after his knee replacement surgery. He underwent surgery on Monday and was able to return home on Friday.

It was performed at the Covenant Hospital in Lubbock in less than an hour, his surgeon had performed 5000 such operations, including those for both brothers of Mr. Cunningham. He remembers that he walked two-hundred yards the day after surgery, and 900 yards in Spearman on Sunday. He attributes his nearly complete recovery to obeying his doctors instructions (which he claims he couldn't get his students to do).

Kenneth Evans is recovering from angio-plasti surgery last Tuesday at Baptist St. Anthony's. He is already home and recovering rapidly under the strict supervision of Margarete.

Sheri Benton underwent surgery last Wednesday at Baptist St. Anthony's. She is recovering very well but cannot return to her duties as Librarian for two weeks (and then only half-days).

Sheri states that the library is in the very capable hands of Cecilia Foster and Margaret Ruttman.

Her husband, Steve, makes sure she follows the doctor's orders.

Sheri expresses appreciation to her neighbors and friends for their care and concern.

Troy James underwent shoulder rotary cuff replacement on Thursday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He was able

to return home on Friday and is pleased with his recovery.

He was able to resume his place in the Baptist Cantata here on Sunday morning and alter at Perryton.

Latest report from Alice Rex Miller is that it is hoped she will be back home by the time this is published. She has been hospitalized since November 22nd in Baptist St. Anthony's with severe diabetes. One toe had to be removed.

Bill, her husband, has been in attendance and looking forward to her return.

Weather the week of December 2nd through 7 a.m. on December 9th shows the high to be on the 2nd at 62; the low was on the 5th at 16; five inches of snow was received on Tuesday, December 3rd.

Health Fair Slated

Hansford County Hospital District and Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center are excited to announce the annual Health Fair. This year, the Fair has been moved from November to January, to take advantage of the tendency of folks to make New Year's resolutions.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 18, 2003, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman.

The Health Fair is all about resolutions - the kind which involve making lifestyle choices that impact our current health, minimizing or managing chronic conditions, and improving our quality of life in general. On hand will be all kinds of booths and information to help people make health choices.

A Blood Drive will be held at the same time, by Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

HCHD has a number of lab tests available again this year at a very low cost. These tests were chosen to help people with early diagnosis and treatment of conditions which might become more serious. Tests offered will be:

- T4/TSH (thyroid profile), \$15.00
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- PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen), \$12.00
- Comprehensive Metabolic Profile, \$15.00
- CBC, \$5.00

Burke Selected All-Star Cast

Borger Middle School student Joshua Burke competed in the UIL One-Act Play competition held on November 16th at River Road High School. They presented "The Mystery of the Peanut Butter Spacemen" by Phil Gilbreath.

Joshua, an 8th grader at Borger Middle School, was selected for the All-Star Cast. He is also a member of the cast in a play to be presented at the Borger High School Christmas program in December. The play will be presented by the Borger High School Drama Class, with Middle School students participating.

Joshua is the son of Ronnie and Linda Burke of Borger, and the grandson of Bob and Wanda Burke of Spearman.



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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Lady Hounds Take Tourney Honors

A talent laden Lady Hound basketball team captured first place in the Lake Meredith Classic Saturday night with a 72-55 win over the Perryton Rangerettes. Seniors Amy Watley and Lisa Johnson were named to the all tournament team.

Area Blanketed by Snow

Cold rain greeted the Gruver community on Tuesday morning, December 3, changing over to snow in late morning. A total of seven inches of snow was recorded at Gruver City Hall with 1.06 inches of moisture reported from the winter storm.

GHS basketball games for Tuesday evening were canceled due to icy road conditions.

Lynch to be Honored

Interim superintendent Joel Lynch will be honored with an Appreciation Reception Wednesday, December 18, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the high school library.

The community is invited to attend the event and express their appreciation for Mr. Lynch's service to the Gruver School District.

School Board Hears Presentation

In a special meeting of the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees, representatives of the Great Plains Windpower, LLC presented an informative session at the El Vaquero for the Gruver School Board and other taxing entities affected by the wind turbine proposal.

Sympathy Extended

The condolences of the community are with the friends and family of Reta Gross. Reta was an outstanding educator

in the Gruver school system for many years.

In recent years, when beset with health difficulties which restricted her outings, Reta began a care ministry of greeting cards which greatly impacted the community. She was an anchor of the church of Christ's prayer chain, making countless calls for prayers immediately upon learning of an illness, accident, or death.

Reta and her ministry to our community will be greatly missed.

Chapman Competes in National Cross Country Race

Michael Chapman, the son of David and Kathy Chapman of Plano and the grandson of Corky and Lou Chapman of Gruver, competed in the national college cross country race held in Kenosha Wisconsin.

Chapman, a senior at Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama, placed fourth in conference competition and fourth in regional competition to advance to the national event.

Placing 177th in the field of 260 elite runners, Chapman recorded a time of 28.17 minutes on the five mile course.

Both Lou and Corky Chapman were in Wisconsin to watch their grandson in his second national cross country race.

Get Well Wishes

Beverly Dorman Bennett received encouraging news and will not need to report for another evaluation for six weeks.

Please remember Don Evans as he continues chemo treatments.

Dave Karlin was scheduled to return home Monday, December 9, after undergoing bypass surgery last week.

Peggy Dillow is recovering from a bout with pneumonia and cataract surgery.

Eva Dozier is in hospice in Amarillo.

Christmas Events Slated

The United Methodist Church will present their annual Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 15th, at 6:00 p.m.

Gruver Elementary will present the play "Bob Humberg" Wednesday, December 18.

Gruver School's Christmas Dinner complete with turkey, dressing, and the fixin's will be Wednesday, December 18.

The annual Christmas Band Program for grades 5-12, the crowning of band royalty, and a play by the GHS Drama Class will be presented in the school auditorium, Friday, December 20.

Deadline for both the Christmas and New Years' editions of the Reporter Statesman is Monday, December 16, at 5:00 p.m.

Student Council Adorns GHS

According to Shell Haynes, GHS Student Council sponsor, the organization is currently busy adorning evergreens in front of the high school with Christmas lights and entwining a large GHS with lights to be placed in front of the high school building.

Hansford County Has Impact on McDonald's Franchise?

A recent 99 Cents column urged Hansford County residents to avoid eating at McDonald's in response to the chain's use of Australian beef in their burgers.

Since that time, news reports have stated that the McDonald's fast food restaurants are in financial trouble.

Good job, readers! I had no idea Hansford County ate so many hamburgers!

Former Gruver Resident Hopes to Rope In Title

Trevor Brazile, former Gruver resident, is in contention for the all around title at the National Finals Rodeo which began December 6 and will continue for ten days.

Brazile, 26, now a resident of Anson, Texas, qualified for the all around competition by winning a minimum of \$3,000 in at least two events. Competing in calf roping, team roping, and steer roping, Brazile is considered one of the top three candidates for the title. Other top competitors are Cash Myers of Athens, Texas, and Jesse Ball of Camp Crook, South Dakota. Ball is a slight favorite since he qualified to compete in two events - bronc riding and bull riding, at the Finals while Brazile will only compete in calf roping.

"Tweeter," the PRCA Calf Roping Horse of the Year owned by Brazile may help the young Texan to leap into first place over Ball who will be "sorely" tested by the physical aspects of riding rough stock over a ten-day period.

Ty Murray, 2001 all around cowboy won a record \$297,896 for his rodeo season last year.

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VARSIITY LYNXETTES
SPEARMAN VS GRUVER - NOVEMBER 25, 2002

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Lynxettes	13	20	11	13	57
Wellington	8	4	11	7	30

Player	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Vaquera	1	7	0	1	2	3	4
Goodheart	1	5	0	1	0	0	2
Smith	2	6	0	1	0	0	4
Flowers	5	9	1	3	0	0	11
Cazares	2	8	0	0	2	4	6
Edwards	4	9	0	0	0	0	8
Gillaspie	8	16	0	0	2	4	18
Whitefield	2	5	0	1	0	0	4
Vargas	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spearman	25	67	1	7	6	11	57
Wellington	12	34	1	8	5	8	30

Coach's Comments: We had a really well played 2nd quarter, it was our best 8 minutes of the year. Got a little sloppy in the second half, but felt good about the win.

VARSIITY LYNXETTES
SPEARMAN VS GRUVER - NOVEMBER 26, 2002

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Lynxettes	13	15	6	18	52
White Deer	16	7	13	14	50

Player	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Short, L	2	3	0	0	0	0	5
Goodheart	3	7	2	5	0	1	8
Smith	0	1	0	0	1	2	1
Flowers	2	5	2	5	1	2	7
Cazares	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Edwards	3	7	0	0	2	2	8
Gillaspie	7	13	0	0	9	19	23
Whitefield	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Spearman	17	41	5	11	13	26	52
White Deer	21	47	4	10	4	5	50

Coach's Comments: We did a good job of controlling the game from the inside. We could not convert free throws early. Stayed away from turnovers until the 3rd quarter and the last few possessions of the game. Good road win.

VARSIITY LYNX
SPEARMAN VS GRUVER - NOVEMBER 25, 2002

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4OT/OT	Final
Lynx	20	14	11	15/11/13	84
Wellington	12	12	16	20/11/9	80

Player	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Beedy	7	9	1	2	2	3	19
Cherry	2	5	0	1	3	5	7
Baker	2	7	1	2	3	4	10
Vera	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Martin	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Sheets	5	11	0	0	6	8	16
Griffin	6	12	0	0	9	20	21
Miller							
Spearman	24	57	4	11	24	42	84
Wellington	26	58	6	15	10	14	80

Coach's Comments: What an exciting game. Double Overtime!! Kids played very hard.

VARSIITY LYNX
SPEARMAN VS GRUVER - NOVEMBER 26, 2002

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Lynx	17	10	21	7	55
White Deer	7	10	6	16	39

Player	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Beedy	1	5	0	0	0	0	2
Cherry	2	5	0	2	0	0	4
Baker	1	2	0	1	0	0	2
Vera	1	3	5	2	0	0	17
Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheets	1	3	0	0	2	2	4
Griffin	1	1	0	0	1	2	3
Miller	3	7	0	0	2	3	8
Sauer	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hernandez	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Spearman	10	26	10	19	5	10	55
Wellington	13	34	1	4	10	14	39

Coach's Comments: Kids are improving every day. They are playing very hard. We are looking forward to our tournament schedule.

JV LYNXETTES
SPEARMAN VS PAMPA - NOVEMBER 25, 2002

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Lynxettes	14	12	10	7	43
Wellington	14	7	4	4	19

Player	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Cherry	2	8	1	3	0	0	5
Harbour	1	5	0	1	0	0	2
Short, J	4	8	0	1	2	4	10
Sheilds	0	6	0	0	0	2	0
Hernandez	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Vanderburg	4	8	0	1	0	0	8
Paul, Miranda	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hart	1	10	0	0	2	4	4
Winegarner	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Spearman	13	49	1	3	4	10	31
Pampa	7	-	0	-	3	6	17

Coach's Comments: We got off to a slow start but finished strong. Once again we got some work against a zone defense. Good Effort.

JV LYNXETTES
SPEARMAN VS PAMPA - NOVEMBER 26, 2002

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Lynxettes	3	9	11	8	31
White Deer	5	7	2	3	17

Player	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Short, L	1	7	0	0	2	4	4
Cherry	3	6	0	1	0	0	7
Harbour	3	7	0	1	1	2	7
Short, J	3	5	0	0	2	4	8
Sheilds	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hernandez	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Vanderburg	1	4	0	1	2	2	4
Paul, Miranda	3	5	0	0	0	0	6
Hart	4	8	0	0	0	0	8
Winegarner	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spearman	18	47	0	3	7	12	43
Pampa	9	-	1	-	20	0	19

Coach's Comments: Our girls played well against another young JV team. We also got to play against a zone more than usual.

JV LYNX
SPEARMAN VS GRUVER - NOVEMBER 25, 2002

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Lynxettes	4	7	15	15	41
Wellington	9	13	5	6	33

Player	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Brock	5	0	0	2	5	12	12
Kern	1	1	0	3	4	8	8
Gillaspie	2	1	0	1	4	8	5
Moreno	1	0	0	3	4	5	5
Thomas	2	0	0	0	0	4	4
Parker	2	0	0	0	0	4	4

JV LYNX
SPEARMAN VS GRUVER - NOVEMBER 26, 2002

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Final
Lynxettes	6	13	5	6	30
White Deer	13	10	11	10	44

Player	FGM	FGA	3PM	3PA	FTM	FTA	PTS
Brock	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kern	0	1	0	2	1	2	1
Gillaspie	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Moreno	3	0	0	0	0	0	6
Thomas	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Parker	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jones	5	5	1	1	1	1	11

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GHS Basketball

Lady Hounds Take Tourney Championship

After two nail-biter games in the first and second rounds of play, The Lady Hounds breezed to a 74-52 victory over the Perryton Rangerettes to claim the Lake Meredith Tourney title. Amy Watley and Lisa Johnson were named to the all tourney team.

Lake Meredith Classic

Lady Hounds 44, Canadian 43
Teal Armes 10, Christi Clift 2, Amy Watley 10, Laina Grotegut 11, Brandi Griffin 1, Blythe Finley 2, Cassie Myatt 6, Lisa Johnson 2.

Lake Meredith Classic

Lady Hounds 47, Borger 45
Teal Armes 4, Christi Clift 6, Amy Watley 5, Laina Grotegut 2, Brandi Griffin 5, Lisa Johnson 20, Cassie Myatt 5.

Championship Game

Lady Hounds 74, Perryton 52
With a 20-6 first quarter lead, the Lady Hounds took command of the game early. In a game of numerous fouls calls, Lisa Johnson was beset with foul problems and had to set out much of the second quarter and later left the game with 3:30 remaining on her fifth foul call. Teammate Christi Clift picked up her fifth foul moments later.
The Lady Hounds holding over a ten point lead used the depth of

their lineup to boost their margin of victory.

Teal Armes 4, Amy Watley 18, Laina Grotegut 3, Brandi Griffin 13, Blythe Finley 6, Lisa Johnson 15, Ashleigh Sherrill 3, Cassie Myatt 12.

Hounds Compete in Lake Meredith Classic

The Hounds found the going tough in the Lake Meredith Classic as they fell to Panhandle and Canadian in early rounds of play.

In the final game of the tournament, the Hounds held the Stratford Elks to three points in the third quarter and took a nine point lead. In the fatal fourth quarter, the Hounds shooting turned cold with Cass Cooper's two three pointers being the only field goals made in the period.

Stratford's Jason Ashley, who only had a lone basket in the first three quarters, poured in seven field goals and three free shots in the Elks winning effort.

Lake Meredith Classic

Gruver 54, Stratford 63
Brock Irwin 3, Cass Cooper 19, Lance Williams 5, Hutch Reed 3, Cody Mac Been 12, Carlos Borunda 1, David Puebla 5, Ryan Winger 4.

Lake Meredith Classic

Hounds 27, Panhandle 49

Brock Irwin 2, Aaron Boyd 2, Cass Cooper 3, Lance Williams 3, Hutch Reed 2, Cody Mac Been 4, Carlos Borunda 10, David Puebla 2, Ryan Winger 2.

Lake Meredith Tourney
Hounds 45, Canadian 54
Hunter Bevill 2, Brock Irwin 2, Wade Stewart 3, Salvador Luciano 2, Aaron Boyd 6, Lance Williams 6, Cody Mac Been 10, Carlos Borunda 5, David Puebla 3, Ryan Winger 6.

Gruver JV Tournament

JV Lady Hounds 39, Fritch 18
Lindsey Clift 5, Samantha Myatt 6, Callie Hargis 4, Sarah Mireles 6, Laci Fitzgerald 2, Katie Jones 6, Rachelle Holt 2, Liz Lopez 6, Timber Barkley 2.

JV Lady Hounds 41, Spearman 19

Lindsey Clift 7, Allison Reid 4, Laura Vela 2, Callie Hargis 3, Samantha Myatt 2, Sarah Mireles 3, Laci Fitzgerald 6, Katie Jones 10, Liz Lopez 2.

Gruver Junior Varsity Girls Championship Game

JV Lady Hounds 34, Canadian 41
Lindsey Clift 10, Samantha Myatt 4, Callie Hargis 4, Lanie Graves 9, Liz Lopez 4.

Gruver, Pringle Morse Students Earn Regional Band Honors

by Harletta Carthel

Eight Pringle-Morse and four Gruver Junior High students were selected for the all region band with two more Gruver bandmen chosen alternates in recent competition on the campus of West Texas A&M University.

Named to the all region band were Chase Parks, trombone; Trudy Hart, tenor saxophone; Austin Zimmer, trumpet/cornet; Pedro Bonilla,

trumpet/cornet; Maria Mendoza, clarinet; Genesis Hernandez, clarinet; Sara Barnes, clarinet; and Jimmie McCloy, clarinet; all of Pringle-Morse. The director of the Pringle-Morse band is Conrad Flusche.

Making the honor band from Gruver were Justin Thompson, trumpet/cornet; Christopher Salazar, French horn; Seth Thompson, trombone; and Sorrelle Blevins, baritone. Chesen as alter-

nates were Gruver students Victoria Vela, trombone, and Whitney Moffett, percussion 1. Gruver band director is Todd Parker.

The Spearman Junior High did not compete in regional band competition due to poor road conditions.

The all region band will be presented in concert on January 21, 2003 at the Amarillo Civic Center.

High School Students Have Chance to Identify Stars in Shuttle Contest

Many people will soon be thanking their lucky stars. Literally.

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The StarNav Contest will post to the Internet the same pictures the star tracker takes for the astronauts. Contestants can access these pictures and determine which group of stars the star tracker captured. The first contestant who accurately identifies the group of stars pictured within the given time frame will be awarded prizes, including money or a patch taken on the mission.

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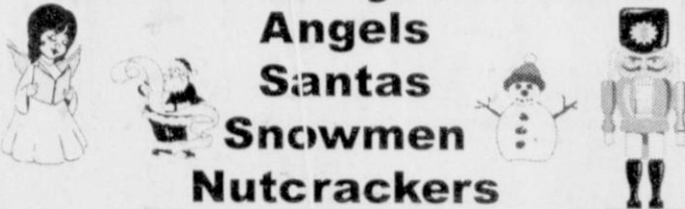


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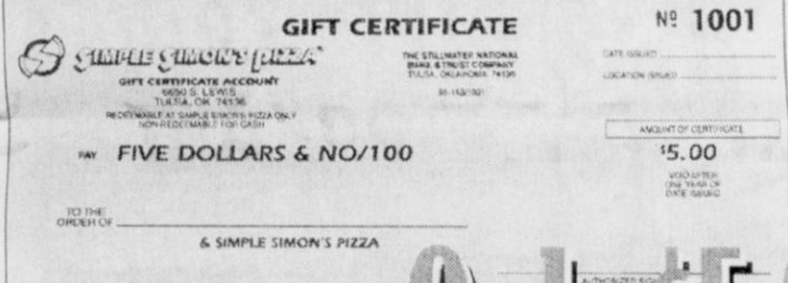


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dents or rescue calls have accounted for over 50% of the total calls SVFD responded to. This figure remains consistent with previous years statistics. Serious injury or

loss of life is a very real possibility in a motor vehicle accident (MVA). MVA's have always been a high priority at SVFD. Fire Chief John

Kunselman and the rest of his firefighters have focused their efforts to streamline the MVA rescue operations. New Standard Operating Procedures have been developed and implemented as well as training.

The City of Spearman also recognized this need and replaced a 25-year-old "Jaws of Life" set with a new more powerful and lighter set.

New stabilization jacks and high-pressure air lift bags were also added to the equipment. Unit 55, a very tired 1982 GMC suburban is part of the initial response to an MVA, carrying additional equipment and personnel.

Firefighter Slade Floyd, also an employee of Valor Telecom, recognized the need for an updated personnel carrier and spoke with his

company about the possibility of acquiring a retired service van. Valor Telecom was gracious enough to donate a 1991 Dodge 3/4 ton van to meet SVFD's needs. James Wakefield with Valor Telecom presented SVFD with the new personnel carrier on Monday, November 18, 2002 Ask and you shall receive!



James Wakefield (Left) with Valor Telecom presented the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department with a van on Monday, November 18, 2002. The van will be used as a new personnel carrier, to help carry equipment in response to motor vehicle accidents.

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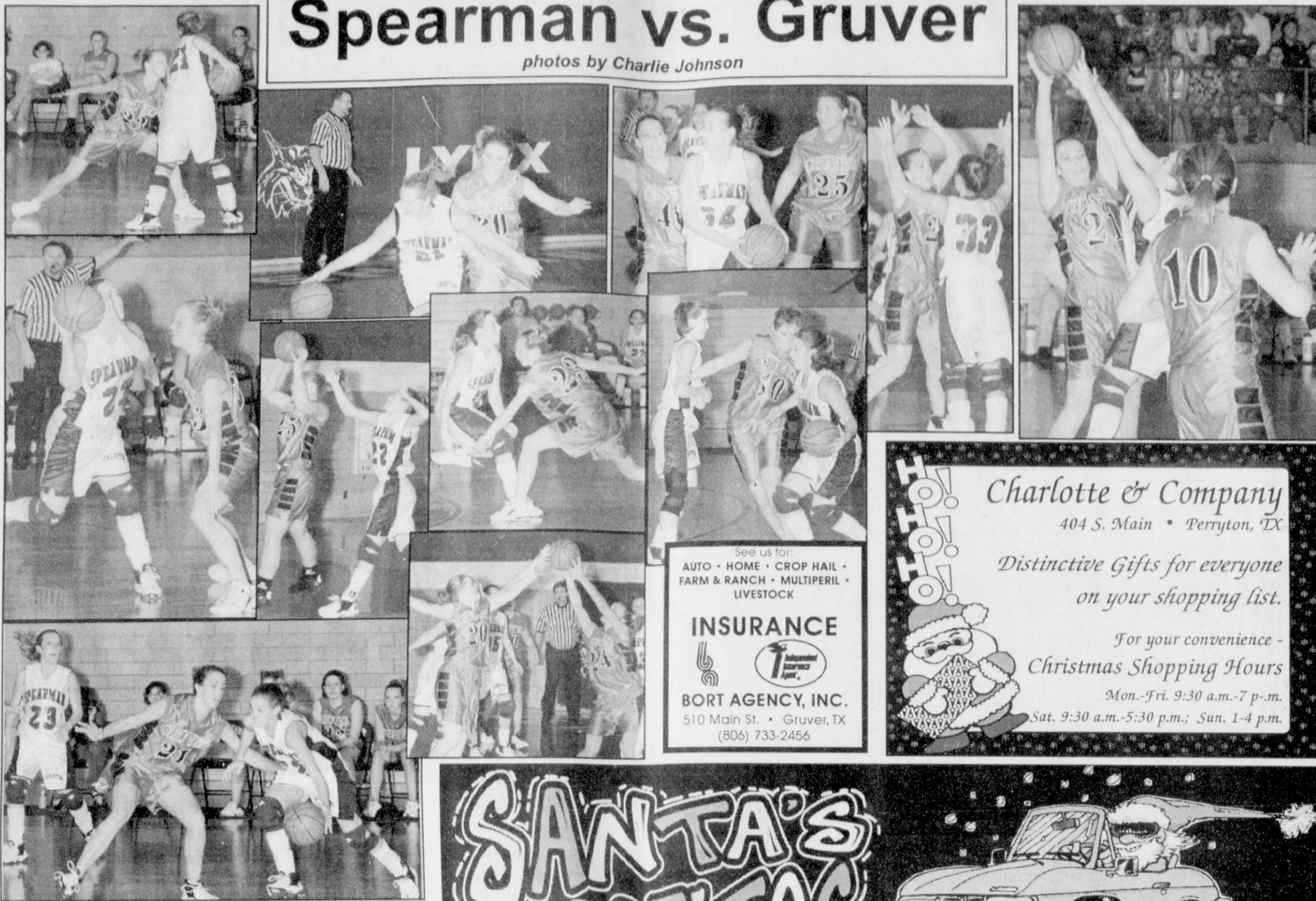
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All persons having claims against the Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 10th day of December, 2002.

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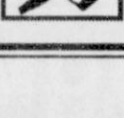









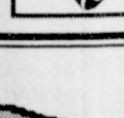
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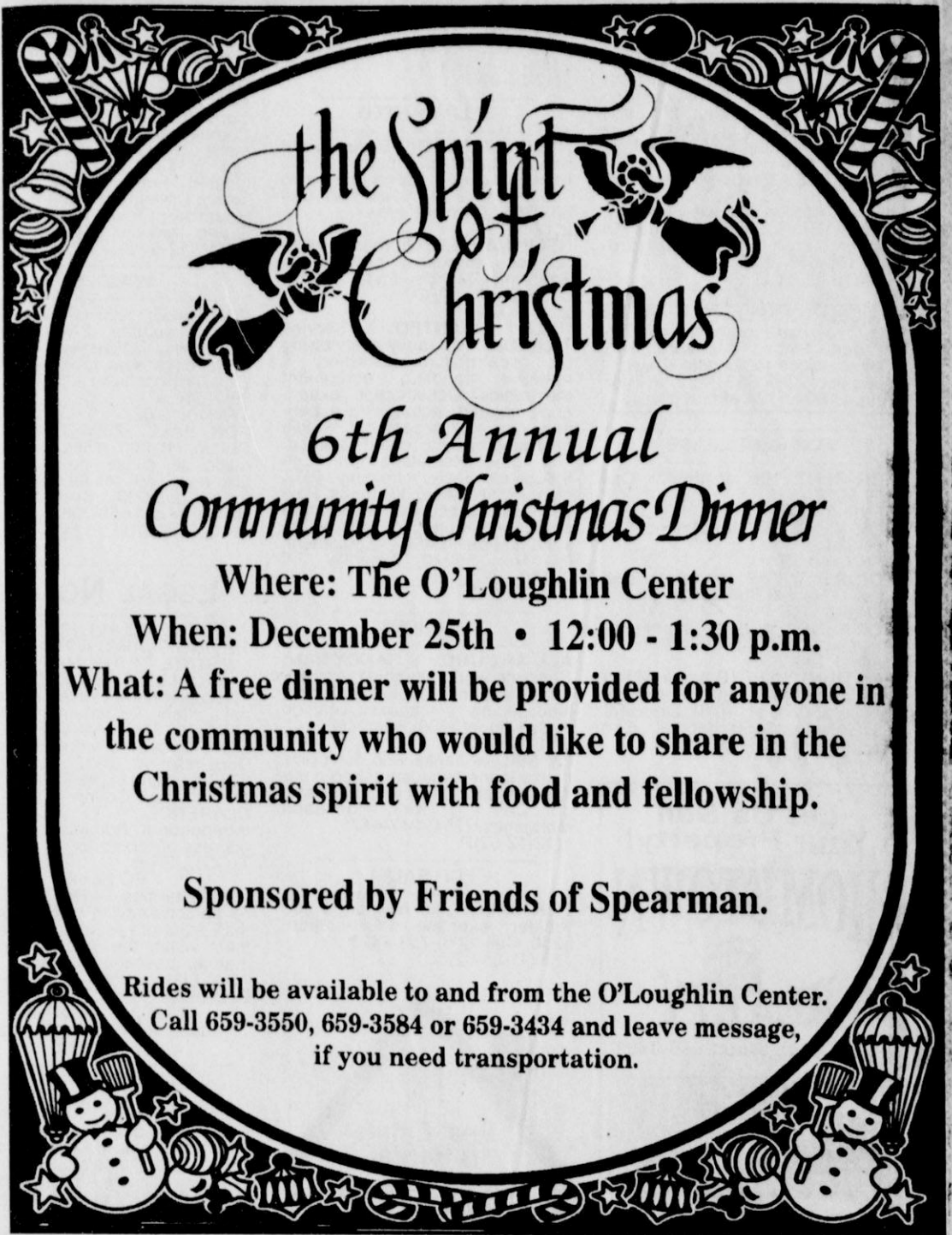
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        	<p>December 12 Financial Aid Night, SHS HS Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. SHS Choir Concert, Auditorium, 8 p.m. SISD 2nd Grade Christmas Musical, Elem., 8:30 a.m. & Noon Pringle-Morse Staff & Board Christmas Party, 7 p.m.</p> <p>December 13 SISD 2nd Grade Christmas Musical, Elem., 8:30 a.m. & Noon Pringle-Morse Field Trip - "Nutcracker" Ballet</p> <p>December 14 Five States Band Clinic/Concert, Guymon, OK HS Auditorium, 7 p.m.</p> <p>December 12-14 Sunray Basketball Tourney (Varsity Lynx & Varsity Hounds) Hugoton Basketball Tourney (Varsity Lady Hounds) Borger Basketball Tourney (9th, JV Lynx)</p> <p>December 14 State FFA Convention, Huntsville</p> <p>December 15 SISD Christmas Band Dinner, HS Cafeteria, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. SISD Christmas Band Concert, Auditorium, 2 p.m. SHS NHS Family Christmas Party, HS Library, 3-5 p.m.</p> <p>December 16 Pringle-Morse CISD Board Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>December 19 Pringle-Morse CISD Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.</p> <p>December 20 Last Day of First Semester Spearman Junior High Awards Assembly, 11:30 a.m. SISD Two-hour Early Dismissal, 1 p.m. GUSD Early Dismissal, 12:20 p.m. GUSD Basketball @ Borger, 4 p.m. Pringle-Morse Jr. High Skating Party</p> <p>December 21 GUSD Teacher 1/2-Day Workday</p> <p>December 23-Jan 3 Christmas Vacation for Students - No School</p> <p>December 26-28 Caprock Basketball Tournament (Lynxettes), Lubbock Post Basketball Tournament (Lynx)</p> <p>December 27-28 Slaton Basketball Tourney (Varsity Lady Hounds) Canadian Basketball Tourney (Varsity Hounds)</p> <p>January 3 SISD Staff Development Day (Compensatory Day)</p> <p>January 6 First Day of Second Semester (students report back to school)</p>	         
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The Spirit of Christmas

6th Annual Community Christmas Dinner

Where: The O'Loughlin Center
 When: December 25th • 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
 What: A free dinner will be provided for anyone in the community who would like to share in the Christmas spirit with food and fellowship.

Sponsored by Friends of Spearman.

Rides will be available to and from the O'Loughlin Center.
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