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At A Glance

Green Thumb, Inc. Seeking Applicants

Green Thumb, Inc. is looking for applicants in Hansford County.

Green Thumb, Inc. is one of ten national organizations that, along with the governors of each state, operate the Senior Community Service Employment Program with funding from the Older American's Act through the U.S. Department of Labor.

Participants must be at least 55 years old, eligible to work in the United States and meet income guidelines.

Senior participants receive community service work experience, supervision, and training from their assignments to local non-profit organizations, such as senior centers, municipalities, libraries, museums, schools and day care centers.

Participants work an average of twenty hours per week at minimum wage. Wages and fringe benefits are paid by Green Thumb, Inc. Participants are provided work experience, training, skill assessment, counseling and supportive services to help them in obtaining permanent employment.

Green Thumb, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen families, communities, and our nation by providing disadvantaged and older individuals with opportunities to learn, work and serve others. Green Thumb, Inc. operates the Senior Community Service Employment Program with funding from Title V of the Older Americans Act through the U.S. Department of Labor.

For more information call Kathy Bryant 659-3030.

Ag Commissioner Reminds Producers About Linked Deposit Program

Farmers and ranchers who suffered agricultural losses from the December ice storms may be able to get help from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Linked Deposit Program, says Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs.

To be eligible for the Linked Deposit Program, producers must have suffered an agricultural loss in a county that has received a Presidential or Secretarial Disaster Declaration due to a natural disaster. Those eligible must also have a loan approved by an eligible lender who then will submit the completed application to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority for approval. If approved the rate on the bank's loan would be reduced to an interest rate that is established at the time of closing. The maximum loan amount financed for disaster relief under the Linked Deposit Program is \$250,000.

The Linked Deposit Program can also assist producers with water conservation projects such as brush control or for the purchase of water conservation equipment.

For more information on the Linked Deposit Program, contact the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority at the Texas Department of Agriculture at (512) 475-1614.

Cost-Share Signup Deadline Nearing

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has set the signup deadline for the 2001 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The application deadline for the 2001 program year is March 30, 2001. Applications from individual landowners interested in participating in the EQIP during the 2001 program year received before March 30 will be ranked for program eligibility during the month of April. This will be the last cost-share funds available until approximately this same time next year.

To learn more about EQIP or to submit an EQIP contract application, contact the NRCS at 909 West 9th in Spearman, or call 659-2330.



Jenn Schnell



Randy Duffy

Pringle-Morse Student Takes Senior Spelling Bee

Fifteen junior high students competed against each other in the annual Hansford County Spelling Bee Senior Division on Tuesday, March 6, 2001.

Brett Spalding, the eighth-grade son of Amy Spalding, correctly spelled "effervescent" to win the 2001 Hansford County Spelling Bee. He received \$100 in Hansford Bucks for his accomplishment.

Brett is active in band and choir at Pringle-Morse and lives in Stinnett. He also enjoys reading, writing, computers and singing.

Sheldon Atwood, son of Scott Atwood and Francis Atwood, was runner-up.

Representing Spearman were Tabatha Shields and Maribel Moreno.

From Gruver came Justin Thompson, Earl Griffin, Sheldon Atwood and Colby Griffin.

Pringle-Morse brought Timber Thomas, Jimmilee McCloy, Beatrice Ortiz, Jessica Schmidt, Elizabeth Martin, Trucey Hart, Brett Spalding, Melissa Quillan and Tanya Hart.

Spalding will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee on April 7, 2001 at Mary Moody Concert Hall on the campus of WTAMU in Canyon.

Pronouncer was Martha Jones, elementary librarian.

Sandra Blankenship, Morse sponsor and teacher and Cindy Blackman, bee director served as judges.

Ann Moore, Gruver Junior High principal, Robin Hargis and Mardell Strawn, Spearman Junior High teachers were sponsors. Sandra Blankenship, a Pringle-Morse teacher, sponsored the nine from her school.



Sheldon Atwood looks in as Brett Spalding wins the Hansford County Spelling Bee with the word "effervescent."

"Allergy," "Librarian" Earn Spearman Student Junior Spelling Champion

For correctly spelling "allergy" and "librarian", Cha'tae Avila, a 4th grader at Spearman Elementary won junior champion in the 2001 Hansford County Spelling Bee. She received \$100 in Hansford Bucks for her accomplishment.

Cha'tae, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Avila, is involved in Gifted and Talented, basketball, soccer, softball and dance. She is also on the All-A honor roll, takes piano lessons and enjoys reading.

Courtney Baca was runner-up. Linda Wilkerson served as the pronouncer for the contest, and Cindy Blackman as judge.



Cha'tae Avila

SHS One-Act Play Advances

For their role in *Crimes of the Heart*, Angela Pipkin, Christy Alverado, Richard Varnon, Tashi Schumann and Erin Boxwell all won awards in the One-Act Play Zone competition on Tuesday, March 20th in Canyon. They will advance to District Competition on Tuesday, March 27th at the Branding Iron Theatre at West

Texas A&M University in Canyon. Erin was named Best Actress in the Zone competition and Angela and Christy were named to the All-Star Cast. Richard and Tashi Schumann were Honorable Mentions.

Cast members include: Erin Boxwell as Babe Borell, Christy Alverado as Meg McGrath, Angela Pipkin as Lenny McGrath, Tashi

Schumann as Chick, Richard Varnon as Barnette Lloyd, and Randy Duffy as Doc Porter.

Crew members include: Nicole Ramon, Brianne Burkhammer, Michel Huffaker, and Melissa Banks.

Alternates are Amber Elliott, Tiffany Hendricks and Amanda Adams.

Schnell, Duffy To Play In All-Star Game

Jenn Schnell and Randy Duffy have been chosen to play in the Annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Game in Amarillo on April 4-6 at the Cal Farley Civic Center Coliseum.

Players are selected from the leading senior basketball players in the area. The purpose of the games are to recognize the players for their outstanding high school careers, to provide an opportunity to showcase talents before college coaches, to provide basketball scholarship funds to community colleges, colleges and universities that give scholarships to area player and to generally promote basketball in the Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico area. Many of the players go on to become outstanding college players, while others are able to obtain college basketball scholarships due to their participation and performance in these games. College coaches from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, Colorado and Kansas will attend these games.

Jenn Schnell, daughter of James and Karen Schnell, has been a varsity player for Spearman High School for four years and is coached by Kyle Short.

Randy Duffy is the son of Randy and Kathy Duffy and has been a varsity Lynx for the past three years. He is coached by Wendell Neff.

Rural Economic Development, Finance Workshop Planned

A finance and small business development workshop in Canadian is designed to provide information on financing and marketing opportunities available through the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, manufacturers, bankers, small business owners and the community are encouraged to attend this free meeting. The workshop will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the River Valley Pioneer Museum, 1218 S. 2nd St. in Canadian. A meal will be provided. Those planning to attend must pre-register by March 30 by calling Sheila Martin at (806) 799-8555 or Remelle Farrar at (806) 323-6234.

The workshop will feature specialists in rural economic development and finance, who will present the latest ideas in business planning, nature tourism development, marketing and financing programs for rural Texas.

The Texas Department of Agriculture along with the Texas Prairie Rivers Regional Association, Canadian-Hemphill County Community Development and the Texas Rural Development Council are sponsoring the event.

Proclamation

Whereas, the week of March 19 to 24, 2001 is National Agriculture Week in Texas, as proclaimed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs and,

Whereas, throughout our history, people have confirmed the vast resources of our land, and

Whereas, Sam Houston reported to the President of the United States, "I have traveled near 500 miles across Texas, and am now enabled to judge pretty near correctly of the soil, and the resources of the Country, and I have no hesitancy in pronouncing it the finest country to its extent upon the globe," and

Whereas, T.R. Fehrenbach wrote, "Our ancestors came to Texas in search of land. And land became the basis of the Texas dream," and

Whereas, Davy Crockett said, "I must say as to what I have seen of Texas, it is the garden spot of the world, the best land and the best prospects for health I ever saw, and I do believe it is a fortune to any man to come here," and

Whereas, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the houses in which we live, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in industry - Agriculture, and

Whereas, Texas' farmers and ranchers have made agriculture the second-largest industry, generating \$80 billion for the state's economy, and

Whereas, The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, with almost 80 percent of the land involved in some form of agricultural production - including livestock, crops, agriculture, horticulture and forestry, and

Whereas, Texas farmers and ranchers exemplify a rich tradition of producing food and fiber to meet growing global demands, Now Therefore

Be it resolved, that the Commissioners' Court of Hansford County declares March 19-24, 2001 as National Agriculture Week in Hansford County, and

Be it further resolved, that the Commissioners' Court urges everyone in our area to learn more about the role of agriculture here, share that knowledge with the young people in our area, and recognize the farmers, ranchers and their families who contribute so much to this county, this state, this nation and the world.

Laugh and Live

by Catherine R. Smith
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I received the following story in an e-mail a while back. I just ran across it again, and, since Easter is fast approaching, I thought I would share it with you. I hope you enjoy it.

The Painting of the Last Supper

The story behind the painting of the Last Supper is extremely interesting and instructive. Two incidents connected with this painting afford a most convincing lesson on the effects of thought in the life of a boy or girl, or of a man or woman. The Last Supper was painted by Leonardo Da Vinci, a noted Italian artist.

The time engaged for its completion was seven years. The figures representing the twelve apostles and Christ himself were painted from living persons. The live model for the painting of the figure of Jesus was chosen first. When it was decided that Da Vinci would paint this great picture, hundreds and hundreds of young men were carefully viewed in an endeavor to find a face and personality completely devoid of dissipation caused by sin. Finally, after weeks of laborious searching a young man, nineteen years of age, was selected as the model for the portrayal of Christ. For six months Da Vinci worked on the production of this leading character of the famous painting. During the next six years Da Vinci continued his labors on his sublime work of art. One by one, fitting persons were chosen to represent each of the eleven apostles, space being left for the painting of the figure representing Judas Iscariot as the final task of this masterpiece. This was the apostle, you remember, who betrayed his Lord for thirty pieces of silver. For weeks Da Vinci searched for a man with a hard callous face, with a countenance marked by scars of avarice, deceit, who would betray his best friend.

After many discouraging experiences in searching for the type of person required to represent Judas, word came to Da Vinci that a man whose appearance fully met the requirements had been found. He was in a dungeon in Rome, sentenced to die for a life of crime and murder. Da Vinci made the trip to Rome at once, and this man was brought out from his imprisonment in the dungeon and led out into the light of the sun.

There Da Vinci saw before him a dark, swarthy man, his long shaggy and unkempt hair sprawled over his face. A face which portrayed a character of viciousness and complete ruin. At last the painter had found the person he wanted to represent the character of Judas in his painting. By special permission from the king, this prisoner was carried to Milan where the fresco was being painted.

For six months the prisoner sat before Da Vinci, at appointed hours each day, as the gifted artist diligently continued his task of transmitting to his painting this base character in the picture representing the traitor and betrayer of the Savior.

As he finished his last stroke, he turned to the guards and said, "I have finished, you may take the prisoner away. He suddenly broke loose from their control and rushed up to Da Vinci, crying as he did so; "Oh, Da Vinci, look at me! Do you not know who I am?"

Da Vinci, with the trained eyes of a great character student, carefully scrutinized the man upon whose face he had constantly gazed for six months and replied;

"No, I have never seen you in my life until you were brought before me out of the dungeon in Rome." Then lifting his eyes toward heaven, the prisoner said, "O God, have I fallen so low?" Then turning his face to the painter he cried, "Leonardo Da Vinci, look at me again, for I am the same man you painted just seven years ago as the figure of Christ!"

This is the true story of the painting of the Last Supper that teaches so strongly the lesson of the effects of right and wrong thinking of an individual.

He was a young man whose character was so pure and unspoiled by the sins of the world, that he represented a countenance and innocence and beauty fit to be used for the painting of a representation of Christ. But during the seven years, following a life of sin and crime, he was changed into a perfect picture of the most notorious character ever known in the history of the world. May the grace of our Lord be with you always.

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 :)

Booknotes

by Sheri Benton, Hansford County Library Director

As always, there are changes in the wind around Hansford County Library. We are in the process of leasing a new copier for public use. Our "old" one still works, but it is getting difficult to get parts for it and the cost of the service contract has made leasing a new one more attractive as well as more cost efficient. We will be taking bids to sell our existing copier so if you are interested, please stop by the library for details.

Due to the lease of the new copier and the ever-increasing costs of supplies, we find it necessary to adjust the amount that we charge for copies. For the past seven years, we have charged only \$.10 per copy for letter or legal size and \$.25 per copy for ledger size. Effective March 14, 2001, our new prices are \$.15 per copy for letter or legal and \$.25 per copy for ledger. This also affects the price of copies printed when using our computers and printers. The first five black and white copies are free, but additional black and white copies will be \$.15 each. Color copies are \$.20 each - none are free. As with most things in our library, we are not trying to make a profit on these items, we are mere-

ly trying to do cost recovery. We do our best to provide as many services as possible at no cost to our patrons, but some require at least cost-recovery for us to stay afloat. The prices listed above for copies are self-serve. If you expect our staff to make copies for you, we must charge for staff time as well. Copies made by staff are \$.25 each for letter and legal and \$.50 each for ledger.

Due to some problems with inappropriate use of library computers, we now have a card listing our policies that each patron must sign before he or she can "check out" a computer. There is no charge to use one of our computers unless you choose to print off materials. You must have a library card and be current (no fines) to use our computers unless you are not a resident of Hansford County. Non-residents who are just visiting may use a "guest card." All of the computers that we have received through grants are very beneficial to our patrons and our community, but they have brought about a whole new set of issues and situations for our staff and board to deal with accordingly. These rules are not made to inconvenience our patrons, but to make things as fair as possible for all users.

Inappropriate use usually means down time while staff or technicians remove offensive materials, reset defaults, etc.

This punishes all users causing fewer computers to be available and thereby more waiting time to use one. Disregarding our policies will result in loss of privileges. Public access computers are just

that - for public use - they are not like a personal computer that you might have at home. There must be rules and each patron will be expected to abide by those rules. If everyone will cooperate and be considerate of others who may be using the same computer, it will be better for everyone.

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Happy Birthdays!

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

March 23
Birthdays - Tanner Irwin, Mercedes Perez, Dwayne TeBeest, Annie Houghton, Jamie Sterling, Beth Ann Flowers, Angela Craig, Teresa Russell, Marvin G. Wilson, Christopher Turner, Ramon Garcia Jr., Bernice Flores, Jason Evans
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cazares

March 24
Birthdays - Dillion Payne, Marie Bell, Mike Floyd, Charles Haight, Frank Sursa, Lesa Deakin, Karie Coates, Patricia Pool, Lera Deakin, Jeri Diane Sterling, Chandra Lee, Carla James, Rebecca Garza, Cory Haight, Ruth Bryan, Beth Phelps
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Babbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Breland, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Traham

March 25
Birthdays - Rosalie Grotegut, Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albrecht, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogdo, Tom Latta, Jean Schaffer, Michael Covington, Joe Baca, Amy Bridges, Inez Holland, Chad Howe, Mario Soto
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Josh Reed

March 26
Birthdays - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tanda Taylor, James Brown, J.D. Faulkner, Judy Irlbeck, Greg Holladay, Ruth Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu, Mozelle Sparks, Joanna Myers
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Morley

March 27
Birthdays - Tommy Boone, Diana Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Joe Villalobos Jr.,

Clark Dunaway, Gary Urban, Debbie Herrington, Michael McCarney, J.D. Schick

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

March 28
Birthdays - Ryan Renteria, Roma Tomlinson, Janet Cudd, Mandi Lair, Ray Hawkins, Jarrett Hendricks, Ross Jarvis, Byrniece Callaway, Rick Riggins, Carlos Castillo, Janet Scarborough, Mickey Schoenhals, Mark Hodges, Verna Strawn, Colten King, Tyrell King
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clawson, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hefley, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Tipps, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carter

March 29
Birthdays - Lacy Barkley, Dixie Karlin, Joshua Kirby, Jessica Stork, Josephine Salgado, Scott Beedy, Melissa Taylor, Wanda Burke, Tiki Farrar, Chad Guthrie, Dallan Scroggs, David West, Marg Cook, Janis Maupin, Josh Harris, Jeann Thompson, Scot Martin, Ruth Shields, Ramon Garcia Jr., Greyson Karlin
Anniversary - Bernie & Steve Ryan

March 30
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March 31
Birthdays - Reaetta Gammon, Crystal Gruver, Ken Jones, Comfort Winders, Kay Patterson, Nellie Buchanan, Dionne Pencille, Santiago Tercero Jr., Johnny Vernon, Cheryl Linde, Jolinda Wilson, David Flowers, Cortney Valdez, Teresa Carter, Weston Castillo, Kenton Johnson
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Sparkman, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Miser, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bass, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Carthel, Mr. & Mrs. Allan Beasley, Mr. & Mrs. David Miser

Our Deepest Sympathy

Maria Mendez

Maria Mendez, infant, died Monday, March 20, 2001. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, 2001 at Hansford Cemetery, with Father Scott Raef officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors in Spearman.

Maria was born in Perryton on March 19, 2001. Survivors include her parents, Andres and Remedios Mendez of Spearman; two brothers, Andres Mendez Jr. and Francisco Mendez; and one sister, Perla P. Mendez, all of the home.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Marketing Workshop Set for March 29
 Say the word "marketing" and most business owners and organizational leaders think "selling and advertising." While selling and advertising are an important part of marketing, there are more important elements you must understand to be successful. In a seminar, Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ, Don Taylor will share proven marketing principles that business owners can use to grow their sales and profits and leaders of community organizations can use to increase awareness and build respect. Topics covered will include "The primary goals of good marketing", "The seven marketing principals that never fail", "The Marketing Power Pyramid and how to use it", "Why most marketing efforts fail far short", and "The differences between marketing "tangibles" and "invisibles." This free seminar is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Call Peggy Winegarner or Burt Williams, County Extension Agents at 659-4130 or 733-2901 for more information.

Walk Across Texas To Begin
 Walk Across Texas is a fun and flexible way to exercise. It provides people with the necessary support to not only start walking, but also find a group that can keep them walking even when they feel like quitting. Teams are made up of eight people who want to keep track of the amount they walk for eight weeks. Walking, running, biking, aerobics, swimming, all count in the total mileage. Exercise can be done individually or with team members. About 6,000 Texans participated in the program last year with 164 of those being from Hansford County. Walk Across Texas starts April 1 and will end on May 26. To find out how you can Walk Across Texas, call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

Waka Christian Center Workday
 The Prayer Chapel at the Waka Christian Center will be painted on Saturday, March 24, starting at 9:00 a.m. Bring your paint brushes, roller pans, rollers, etc. - we have the paint! We welcome your participation.

Emmaus Reunion To Gather
 The Spearman Emmaus Reunion Group will meet in the home of John and JoLinda Hutchison on Tuesday night, March 27, 2001 at 7 p.m.

Class Offered to Health Care Professionals
 "Hospital Documentation Update" is the title of a continuing education program to be presented from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2001 at Seward County Community College, Student Union Upstairs Classroom #214, 1801 North Kansas Avenue, Liberal, KS. The program is co-sponsored by Southwest Kansas Area Health Education Center and Seward County Community College. The speaker will be Terry Siek, RN, BSN, Hospital Education Director. This program will provide a maximum of four(4) contact hours and is designed for RNs, LPNs and Healthcare Professionals. For more information please contact The University of Kansas Medical Center/ Southwest Kansas Area Health Education Center, 1501 Fulton Terrace, Suite 1, Garden City KD, 67846 or (316) 275-0259.

Gruver PTA To Hold Potato Supper
 Gruver PTA will sponsor a Potato Supper on Tuesday, April 10 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Gruver Methodist. Tickets may be purchased from PTA members or at the door for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 11 and under. The supper will precede the 7 p.m. elementary musical.

Spearman Swim Team To Prepare for Season
 Spearman Swim Team 2001 will begin soon. They will be trying on suits for sizing purposes on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ fellowship hall at 121 S. Haney. All old members need to attend and any interested new swimmers. If you cannot attend please call Kitty Edwards at 659-3773 or Jan Howard at 659-2875. We will be placing only one order so any late orders will have to be by the individual. A deposit will also be required to order the suit. Spearman swim meet will be held on July 14. Each swim team member is required to swim at least two meets. For more information about costs and meets, call Kitty or Jan.

Methodist Church to Host Praise and Worship
 A contemporary Praise and Worship service will be held at 7 p.m. March 25, 2001 at the First United Methodist Church, 407 S. Haney. The community is invited to attend this time of pure worship through music and reflection. A praise team and a praise band will be leading music. The service will be brief, but an opportunity for believers to lift voices together and a time for seekers to observe what Christianity is about. Please join us.

Sign Up Now for Little League
 Little League sign-up forms are now available at Cates Men and Boys Wear. The sign-up period will end on April 9th. This year's fee is \$20 per player. Spearman Little League is open to players from ages 6 to 16. Sign up today and let's PLAY BALL.

All Star Kids To Present Pageant
 On Saturday, April 7th, All Star Kids will offer a pageant for boys and girls from baby to 18 years old in Spearman. Judges will select winners based on beauty, facial features and talent. Winners may advance to national competition in Dallas. For more information, call Linda Lackey at 659-2672 or All Star Kids headquarters at (877)616-7827.

Genealogy Society Seeks Yearbook
 The Hansford Genealogy Society is looking for a Spearman High School yearbook for 1925, 1926, 1927, or 1928. If you have one, or know where to locate one, please contact Nita Bynum at 659-2842 or 659-2722. If no answer, please leave message.

Stir-Fry Theme for Lunch & Learn
 "The Art of Stir-Fry Cooking" will be the topic for Lunch & Learn on Thursday, March 29 from 12 - 1 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Jackie Pearson will present the program and lunch will be served. Donations for lunch are accepted. The program is sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service. For more information, call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

Genealogy Society
 The Hansford County Genealogy Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Hansford County Library.

Auxiliary Sets Spring Luncheon
 The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary Spring Luncheon will be held on April 2, 2001 at the First Christian Church at 11:30 a.m. Please come and bring a salad.

Gruver Elementary Title I Program
 An Elementary and Jr. High Title I School-Parent Compact meeting will be held on Monday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All parents are encouraged to attend. A Spanish interpreter will be present. The meeting will give parents input into the planning, design, and implementation of the school-wide Title I program in Gruver Elementary and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The citizens of Hansford County are fortunate to relax in the sense of security prevalent in homes and businesses. Efficient law enforcement is largely responsible.

The following figures for the period from February 13 to March 15 are taken from the files of the Hansford County sheriff's office, Spearman and Gruver police departments:

As of 3-15, three inmates are being held. Thirty-one arrests were made.

Complaints filed with County or District Attorneys and charges pending and awaiting trial dates and final depositions from court systems:

Six: Public Intoxication; Two: Theft by Check; One: Failure to Stop and Render Aid after an accident; One: Sexual Assault; One: Forgery; One: Violation of Protective Order; Two: Resisting Arrest; One: Delivery of Marijuana; Six: Possession of Marijuana; Three: Felony Driving While Intoxicated; One: Felony Possession of Control Substance; One: Felony Possession of Marijuana; One: Driving While Intoxicated; One: Making Alcohol Available to Minors; One: Criminal Trespass; Terroristic Threat; One: Disorderly Conduct; One: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. One: Inmate transported to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The Hansford County Sheriff's office holds 64 outstanding fugitive warrants. The Sheriff's Office Staff also served 63 civil papers during this time period.

Jose and Dolores Moreno with Junior, Maribel, Jesse and Gabriel, enjoyed a weekend at Red River during Spring Break. Joining them in the enjoyment were Ciria and Venessa Vela and Natalie Pipkin.

Junior, Maribel and Jesse had a great time snowboarding. The others in the group relaxed while sightseeing and shopping.

The descendants of the late George and Clara Buzzard held their annual family reunion on Sunday, March 12, in the fellowship hall of the Church of Christ.

Those attending, all of Spearman were: Dorothy Buzzard, Terry and Patti Butt, Mat Taylor, Linda Cummings, Andrew Cummings and Denise Paschel, Marcia Shieldknight, Debbie

Stopper, Fred and Brenda Shieldknight with Quentin and Clara, Devin and Rhonda Holt with Kalee, Brad, Rachele, Pat Holt, all of Gruver.

Others Charles and Sanya Shieldknight, Macy Shieldknight, Dick and Leann Gillaspie with Laura, Mindee, Caleb and Collin; Joel and Haley Shields with Brantly and Reece; Caleb Patterson, Jimmy and Lois Shieldknight, Kristi Holt. From Perryton came Pam and Dwayne McWhorter with Jennifer and Brandy; Frank and Judy Buzzard.

Mackenzie Browning and her little dog, Lexi, came with her mother, Sherie to spend part of her spring break with Sherie's parents, Pastor Ken and Roberta Cole.

They came on Monday from their home at Plainview and stayed until Thursday. Mackenzie, long an admirer of her grandfather's ability and hobby in training dogs had considered leaving Lexi here for training but decided to wait to awhile.

Mrs. Stella Cummings enjoyed spring break - not because she was out of school that week, but because her grandson, Chris, spent it with her. He and his mother, Joyce Pierce came from Memphis. They are former residents of Spearman. Chris is a junior in high school there.

Chalmers Porter, not to be outdone by friends reported in this column last, had a stint implanted in an artery on Friday morning at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. He had the necessary CAT scan on Monday at the clinic of the Heart Group. He is back at home now, feeling fine.

LaDelle Scroggs and daughter Julie spent the weekend in Paducah, visiting LaDelle's mother. Julie does the driving as LaDelle is still recovering from rotator cuff surgery on her left shoulder. The operation was on February 13 and she is hopeful the brace can be removed next week.

Julie is on spring break from OSU in Stillwater.

Bruce Howell, son of Danny Howell, was accepted for enrollment at Northeastern University School of Optometry at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. There were

90 applicants for the enrollment and only 24 accepted. Bruce will graduate this spring from Southwestern University in Stillwater.

Weather records for the week of 3-12 through 7 a.m. on 3-19 shows the highest temp was on 3-13 at 70; the lowest was on 3-16 at 24 degrees. Moisture for the week was a total of .26 and includes 1.5 inches of snow; for the year, 3.08".

Last week this column made reference to the many laws that will be enacted during the current session of the legislature and which

will not be enforced. Attorney-sleuth Hutchison refers to the law which states the five requirements to legally leave a vehicle unattended - one of which is to remove the key. He listed many other laws regarding the vehicles, mostly unknown but violated by the public.

An interesting example - when approaching a curve that obstructs the view of the highway for 200 feet, give warning with the horn. The point is that the most law abiding person is constantly and unknowingly violating laws - and there will be 1004 introduced this session.



Lake Depth--March 19, 2001--45.39 feet

The third of an inch of moisture made the drop only .04 this week.

Jim had five reservations for the weekend cancelled because of the forecast for the record breaker snow that did not arrive.

Fishing has remained poor, although a few more fishermen are trying it on the pretty days.

The pair of eagles were still here on Sunday.

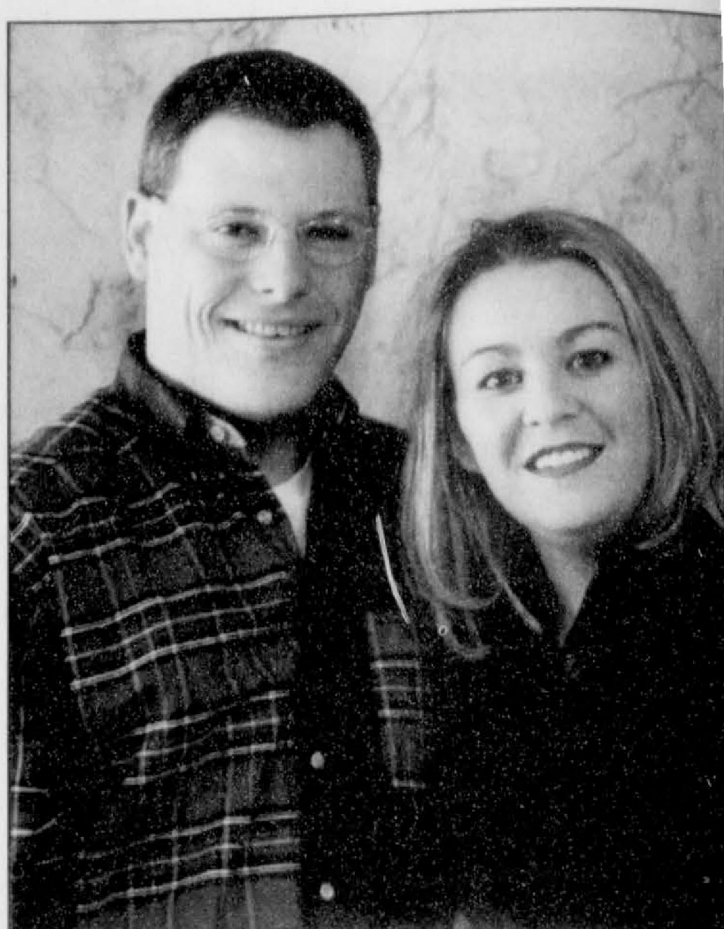
Jim and I were visiting about the April edition of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine. He had enjoyed the page of web sites for Texas birding. He said the Panhandle Bird Club <geocities.com/Yosemite/2965> was good, but they did not mention Lake Palo Duro. My eye was caught by a slate-blue mockingbird that has just been added to the list of Texas birds, bringing the list to 620.

Chickens Killed Betsy Ward has told me a story that brought back memories of when one of the spring rituals was ordering the baby chicks from the catalogue. Someone at the post office would try to notify you when they came in, as the incessant cheeps of the chicks got on their nerves. At our house we started them out on buttermilk and cornbread.

Betsy dates her story as in the

early 1930's at her home in Oslo. They had an old brooder house with a dirt floor. Her mother had the chicks well started, maybe even half grown when tragedy struck. Mrs. Dahl went out to feed them one morning and found 88 dead chickens. They had not been eaten, but the necks had telltale marks where the blood had been sucked. There were still some chickens left, so her father, expecting the killer to return, dressed in his oldest clothes and stood guard that night, armed with a shotgun. Around one or two o'clock, a skunk appeared, and Mr. Dahl blasted him. The skunk had the last word, as Mrs. Dahl wound up burying the old clothes he was wearing.

Horn Flies In the last few days I've read twice of a method to get rid of horn flies on cattle. It sounds so simple, I'm having trouble believing it would work. In the March issue of Progressive Farmer, page 58, a man from Ohio was quoted as saying in his eight pasture rotational grazing system, he would move his cows to new pasture just at dusk, leaving the pesky flies behind. He had noticed the flies dropped off the cattle just before dark. By morning the cattle are so far away, the flies can't locate them.



Engagement Announcement

Charles Shieldknight and Hazel Scott proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Macy to Jason Holton, son of Jerry and Cindy Holton. The couple will be married in the Church of Christ in Spearman on June 8, 2000.

Macy graduated from Spearman High School and has been working and attending school in College Station. She is currently living in Spearman and is self-employed.

Jason graduated from Spearman High School and worked and went to school in Lubbock. He is currently living in Spearman and is employed by H&H Water Well.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carhel

Weather Takes Spotlight

The Gruver area was hit by two fast-moving cold fronts last week. On Wednesday, March 14, wind in excess of 70 mph was reported just after 8:30 p.m. Wind continued through Thursday with gusts 48 mph and above.

A second cold front brought freezing precipitation that canceled the finals of the Gruver Track Meet on Saturday and kept the Gruver tennis doubles teams from competing in the Plainview Tennis Meet.

The City of Gruver reported .13 inch of precipitation in the week-end storm.

UIL Competition Slated

GHS students competed in UIL one-act play and academic competition this week.

"No Fading Star," the one-act play under the direction of Gwen Parker was presented for zone competition on Tuesday, March 20, at Vega High School.

Cast members include Holly Hart, Miranda Thoreson, Chase Lamb, Greg Ehrenberg, Clint Swink, James Crow, Carley Bryson, Ashleigh Sherrill, Rachel Abernathy, Britt Morris Beth Yanke, and Brandon Casdorff.

Crew members are Suguey Flores, Kasey Cazares, Lori Swink, and Jenny Hart.

UIL academic competitions were held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21 and 22 at Amarillo College.

Results of all contests will be in next week's Reporter-Statesman.

Green Celebrates 98th Birthday

Vivian Green celebrated her 98th birthday on February 27, with a party in the hospitality room of Hansford Manor.

Attending were John and Virginia Alley, Adeline Wheeler and her daughter Kay, Weldon and Elene Green Glenda and B.J. Renner, I.W. and Maelynn Ayres, and Pauline Winger.

Kopy Kat Casualty

Little did I know that when I copied an article from a church bulletin last week, the bulletin and I would be making the same mistake.

Lane Allan Kyle McNett is the new-born son of Kevin and Lindsey McNett. In both publications, the names Kyle and Kevin were juxtaposed.

Kevin is the proud father while Kyle is the happy uncle of the new arrival. C-c-congratulations to all.

GHS Seniors Invited

The United Methodist Church of Gruver will honor the senior class of 2001 with a chuck wagon supper followed by an evening of square dancing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17.

Students' Posters Advance

The posters of five Gruver Elementary students were selected to advance to district competition in the PTA's Environmental Poster Contest.

Students whose posters were selected were Gerardo Monroy, kindergarten; Landrie Burnam, 1st grade; Jennifer Hernandez, 4th grade; Mollie Burnam; 5th grade, and Neslie Hernandez, 6th grade.

Get Well Wishes

J. C. Harris was hospitalized recently with back complications. He has returned home and is progressing.

Little Ella Speck, the daughter of Tom and Paige Speck, will have extensive testing in Houston. Ella is the Hansford County Heart Association's poster child.

Rachel Cook will have a surgical procedure in Amarillo on Tuesday, March 27.

PTA To Host Potato Supper

Gruver PTA has slated a potato supper for Tuesday, April 10, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church. The meal will proceed the elementary musical which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for the supper will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 11 and under. They may be purchased from any PTA member or at the door.

For more information, call Julie (Tim) Stedje or Shawn Thompson.

School Board Deadline Nears

Two more applicants have filed to be on the ballot in the upcoming school board election. New applicants include David Bergin and Davin Winger.

Those filing earlier included Paul Stavlo, David Grotegut and Brent Stedje.

Three places on the school board

will be decided in the election. The deadline for filing is Tuesday, April 21, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. in the business office in the high school building.

City Council Meets

The Gruver City Council met in regular session on March 14 with mayor Mark K. Irwin, city manager Linda Weller, commissioner Johnnie Williams, and commissioner Chad Logsdon. Also present was Cary Epley of Dawson Geophysical Company.

After the motions to approve the minutes and pay bills was approved. The motion passed to order a general election to be held on May 5, 2001.

Johnnie Williams then made the motion to approve the renewal of a transportation agreement with Panhandle Eastern Pipeline. Motion carried.

Also approved was an interlocal agreement to continue combined dispatching duties between Hansford County and the City of Gruver.

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many countries of Africa, the United States has always been the land of good and plenty.

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Our farmers compete with government subsidized farmers throughout the world. They are forced to comply with costly governmental rules and regulations not imposed on farmers in other areas of the world. They are the only producers who do not set the price of the goods they produce but must accept what is offered.

Even rodents and minnows are given more priority than agriculturalists. Farmers in California cannot cultivate land where an endangered Kangaroo Rat has been seen, and the agricultural use of the Ogalala Aquifer is threatened by the tiny River Shiner minnow.

With no remedy insight for the ever-decreasing number of farmers, maybe it would be a wiser idea to declare them an endangered species. Otherwise, we may be telling our grandchildren stories about the real farmer we knew once upon a time.

Minutes & Meetings

SWPWA

Board of Directors Meets

On Monday, March 12, 2001, the SWPWA Board of Directors met at noon at the Panhandle Diner and Deli.

Members present: Joel Lee Lackey, Britt Jarvis, Steve Benton, Orville Latham, Irene Snider, Dwayne Mitchell, Roger Buchanan, and Gina Gillispie.

President Roger Buchanan called the meeting to order.

After some discussion on the purchase of a Fairbanks Morse Vaneless Mille, Britt Jarvis mentioned to purchase this mill for the collection.

After some discussion on the brick project, Britt Jarvis made a motion to create a bank account specifically for the proceeds from the bricks. This money will be used for the commemorative brick fence that will be built at the Windmill Park.

Gina reminded everyone of the planning meeting to be held on Thursday, March 15, at noon at IV's Hungry Cowboy. This meeting will be the first related to community participation in the International Windmill Trade Fair, June 2002.

Gina will send out ballots to reappoint off going directors, Steve Benton and Joel Lee Lackey. Both have agreed to remain on the board and the ballot will include write-in candidates along with both above-mentioned names.

Flower Club Meets

The Gladiola Flower Club had their Spring Luncheon on Thursday, March 15 in the home of Dickie Allen.

Hostesses served a delicious meal and the tables were decorated with pretty artificial flower arrangements, assorted flower rings with candled in the center.

Vice Chairman, Verna Brown called the meeting to order. The minutes, correspondence and treasure report were given. Dorothy Buzzard gave out the new year books. Eloise Renner passed the calendar for members to sign for Meals on Wheels for the month of April.

The winners for Flowers in 2000 was given by June Jackson:

Home grown was won by June Jackson.

Pam Schnell won the borrowed flower award.


Norma Jean Mackie won the specimens award and Lorene Kunselman won the potted plant honor.

Present were: Pam Schnell, Lorene Kunselman, Dorothy Buzzard, Estelle Jackson, Dickie Allen, Eloise Renner, Norma Jean Mackie, Virginia Head, Gwen Smith, June Jackson, Vern Brown, Virginia Trindle and Betty Davis.

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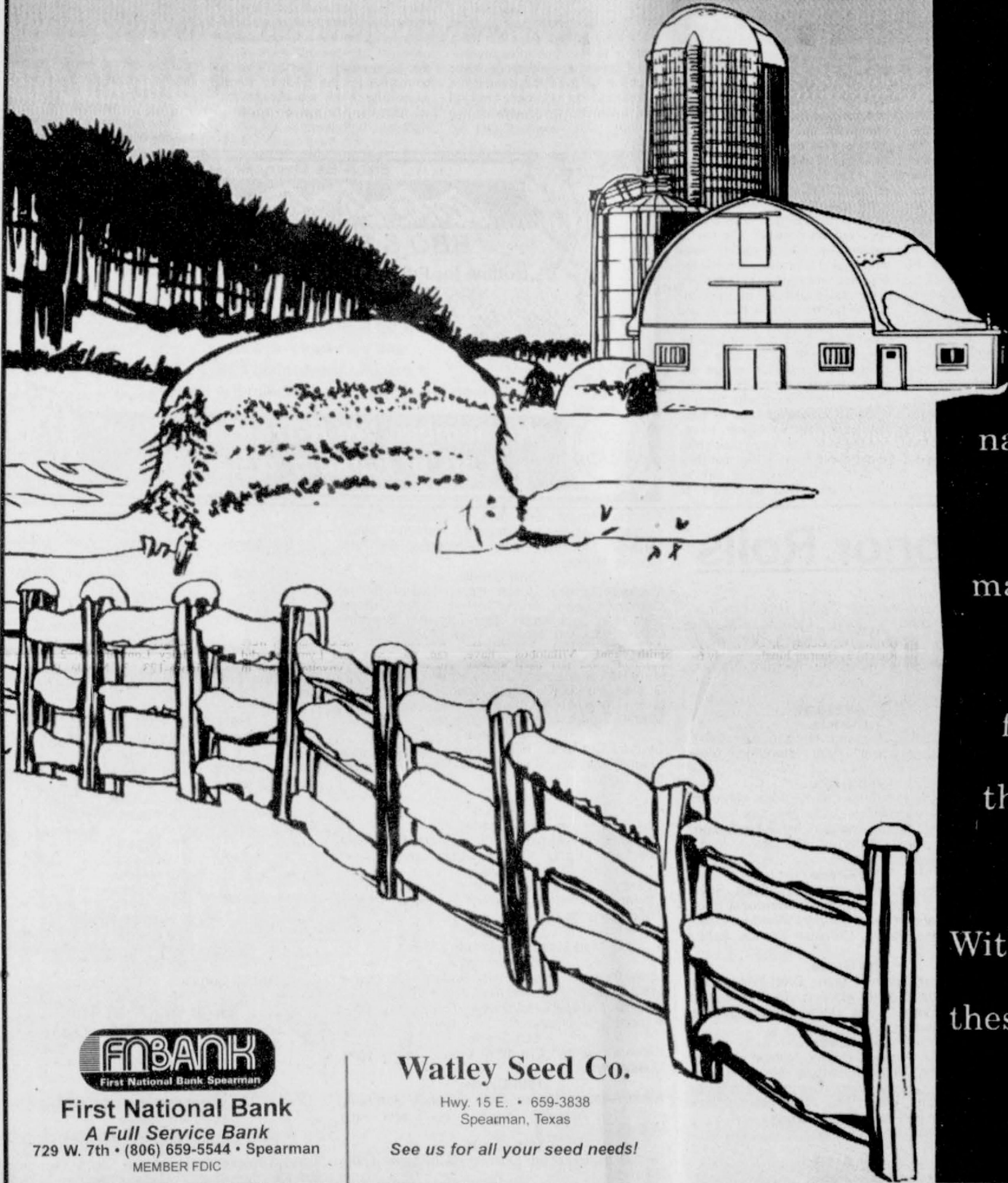
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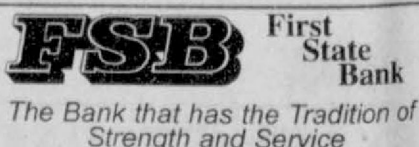
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HOMES/LAND FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 3BR, 2B, 2000 sq. ft. brick home, 2 car garage, storm cellar, 2 living areas, ash kitchen cabinets, fireplace. 1009 Barkley. Call Action Realty Group at (806) 467-9000 or Karl Russell at (806) 655-9709 or 670-6761. TFN(8-3-00)B

FOR SALE: 3BR, 2B, double car garage, covered patio on 1 1/4 acres. Newly remodeled from top to bottom. New septic system. 1 mile west of Gruver. Call 733-5443 after 5:00 p.m. TFN(8-10-00)B

FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCED! Brick home for sale Nice quiet neighborhood, 3 BR, 1-1/2 baths, single car garage, central heat and air, utility room, new stove and overhead, microwave, new carpet and ceramic tile, ceiling fans, den with fireplace, covered patio, mission-style arbor, waterfall feature, cobblestone walkway, backyard lighting, 2 vacant lots out back. 101 E. 12th - \$39,000. Call 659-5404. TFN(11-2-00)B

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3BR, 1 3/4B, 2 car garage, basement, new carpet, approx. 1683 sq. ft. Located at 701 Lee Ave. Call (940) 552-5247. 4(3-15-01)P

FOR SALE: Brick home in Gruver - 3BR, 2B, office, basement, large living area, 2500 sq. ft., sprinkler system. Etling Addition - 208 VanKurt. Call 733-5457. TFN(1-18-01)B

FOR SALE: 3BR, 1 1/2B, 1 car garage, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, washer, dryer, and hot tub included. Located at 703 E. 2nd in Spearman. Call 659-2090, days, or 659-2096 after 5:00 p.m. Asking \$35,000. 4(3-8-01)B

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Nice 3BR, 2B, central H/A, lg. carport, lg. patio, lg. workshop in back. Woodstove/fireplace in living room and workshop. Call 733-5119 after 5 for apt. to see at 906 Richardson St. in Gruver. \$45,200. 6(3-15-01)B

FOR RENT/LEASE

FOR RENT: One bedroom apartment. Call 659-5519. TFN(1-21-99)B

FOR RENT: 2BR, 1B house, located at 323 Drensen. Call 659-3341. TFN(11-2-00)B

FOR RENT: 1BR apartment; 2 BR apartment. Call 659-3260. TFN(10-19-00)B

FOR RENT: 3BR apartment. Call 659-9971. TFN(11-16-00)B

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Do you need a second job? Part-time help needed to do valve jobs. Call Hal at 659-3821. 4(3-8-01)B

HELP WANTED: Spearman ISD has an immediate need for a Substitute Custodian. The pay is \$6 per hour and work hours may vary. The position is for the elementary and junior high campuses. Physical requirements include frequent walking and heavy lifting and carrying. For more information, contact Ronnie Cogdill at 659-5141, or you can get an application by going by the Superintendent's office at 403 East 11th Street. Spearman ISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer. TFN(2-22-01)B

HELP WANTED: Hansford Manor has openings for RN's and Certified Nurse Aides. Competitive wage w/excellent benefits. Applications available at Hansford Hospital, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081, or call Kim Blevins, RN, Director of Manor Nursing Services at 806-659-5535. EOE 2(3-22-01)B

HELP WANTED: Hansford Hospital has an immediate opening for a full-time Chief Financial Officer. CPA preferred but not mandatory. Skills in Accounting, AP & AR as well as computer knowledge required. Experience in medical field preferred. Excellent benefits, salary commensurate with experience and education. Come be a part of our team and live in a quiet rural community with excellent school systems, a low to

moderate cost of living with very active churches. Contact the Human Resources Director, Lisa Unruh or Allen Alberty CEO. Apply at 707 Roland, Spearman TX or call 806-659-2535. HCHD is an EOE. 1(3-22-01)B

SERVICES

MARY KAY COSMETICS: Blanca Arenivar - 806-435-9142 - www.mymk.com/barenivar - Free gift with \$30 purchase. 1(3-22-01)P

JOBS NEEDED! Need help with spring cleaning, or just a regular housekeeper? Call Rene Griffin at 659-2372. 2(3-22-01)P

HOUSE SETTLING? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling, 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, TX. 5(2-8-01)B

FARM/RANCH FOR SALE

FOR SALE: '92 Case 1188 Combine - 3385 hours, specialty rotor, new engine in 1999 - \$131,000. 922B Cat Loader - \$6000. Call 659-5588 or 733-2123. 4(3-8-01)P

AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE: 1984 Ford Bronco II - \$1895. 1987 Pontiac Fiero GT - \$4795. View at 1120 Linn Dr., or call 659-3661 after 5 p.m., or leave message. 2(3-15-01)P

LOST, FOUND, FREE


LOST: Billfold w/cards, etc. Brown leather. Lost between 3/5 and 3/6 around Gordon's, Spearman Auto, or Palo Duro Cafe. If found, please call 659-2292 or mail to: Box 993, Spearman. 2(3-15-01)

FREE: Puppies - 6 medium-sized 1/2 grown bird dog/shepherd cross. Call 733-2888. 2(3-15-01)

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Real Estate & Rental
Spearman Property
15 S. Brandt - 3BR, 1B, 2 Car Gar w/shop
210 Lonita Dr - 2BR, 1B, 2 Car Garage
713 Cotter Dr - 4BR, 2 1/2B, 2 Car Garage
19 N. Hoskins - 2BR, 2B, Carports
1108 Linn - 3BR, 1 3/4B, Garage - For Rent
For Rent - Livestock Pens @ Crawford Edit.
404 S. Hazelwood - 2BR, 1B, 1 Car Garage, Basement, New Remodeled
Gruver Property
105 N. Cooper - 2BR, 1B, 1 Car Garage
308 Richardson - 3BR, 2B, Fenced
514 Cluck - 2BR, 1 3/4B, Carport
512 Cluck - 1BR, 1B (sells w/514 Cluck)
301 King - 3BR, 2B, 1 Car Garage
307 King - 3BR, 1 3/4B
905 King - 1-2B, 1, New Wire/Plumb
906 King - 4BR, 1B, fruit trees
118 N. Cooper - 4BR, 3 1/2B, 2CG, 2-Story
Rural Property
12 mi E of 759, 1 mi S on City Rd 5 - 4BR, 2 3/4B, shop & barn, 80 acres
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LEGAL NOTICE
Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2001 on A3, A4, B3 & B4 gravel. Bids should be submitted to the Hansford County Judge's office, Box 367, Spearman, TX 79081. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 26, 2001 during the Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. Hansford County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Jim D. Brown
Hansford County Judge
3(3-8-01)B

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District of the discontinuation of Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) services under the Medicare program at Hansford Manor, effective April 1, 2001. These services have been replaced by the Swing Bed Program at Hansford Hospital, which affords continuing access for Medicare patients to identical Medicare-certified post-acute skilled nursing and rehabilitation services. This notice is given pursuant to 42 CFR, Section 489.52, which requires that 15 days prior public notice be provided for discontinuation of Medicare skilled nursing facility services. Anyone having questions about this change is encouraged to contact Mr. Allen R. Alberty, CEO, Hansford County Hospital District, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081. (806) 659-2535. 3(3-8-01)B

by and through the Governing Board, will accept sealed bids for the purchase of:
One Large Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV)
Sealed bids will be received in the District Administration Office at the following location until April 3, 2001 at 2:00 p.m., at which time, said bids will be opened, tabulated, and presented for approval at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting. Bid specifications are available at Pringle-Morse CISD, Business Office, 100 Fifth Street, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062 or by calling 806-733-2507. Envelopes should be clearly marked "Sealed Bid: Large SUV." Bids received after said deadline will be disqualified and returned unopened. Each bid must conform and be responsive to the conditions and specifications. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process, and to be the sole judge of the merit and qualifications of products or services offered. Furthermore, the District may accept whatever bid is deemed to be in the best interest of the District. 2(3-15-01)B

LEGAL NOTICE
Bid proposals for the 2000-2001 audit will be received by Gruver ISD. All bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., April 10, 2001. The bid will be awarded at the regular Board Meeting, April 12, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. Please mail or deliver all bids to: Gruver ISD business office, Attn: Randy Reid, PO Box 650, Gruver, TX 79040. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to be the sole judge of quality and equality. 2(3-15-01)B

NOTICE TO BIDDERS CALL FOR BIDS
Notice is hereby given that the Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District acting

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THE "Public Auto Wholesaleathon" Hits Guymon, OK
Now, the Public can "Buy Like The Dealers Do"
Michelle Cannon, Automotive Writer
Guymon, OK - When a dealer needs to sell over 400 vehicles in just one day, how does he go about doing this? He puts everyone of them on the block with bids as low as \$99. It's called "The Public Auto Wholesaleathon," the most exciting one-day sell-off in the history of Irwin Auto Co. of Guymon. It takes place this Saturday for one day only. This is how the "Public Auto Wholesaleathon" operates. Starting Friday afternoon, all vehicles will be displayed in a fenced area of the lot for everyone to look them over. This will be the only opportunity to get inside the fence and get an up-close look at all of the vehicles before the bidding starts. Buyers will have the change to view each and every vehicle and decide which ones to bid on the following morning. Pre-registration forms and buyers bid cards are also issued on Friday. On Saturday morning, the gates open at 8 am, for last minute registration and final issuance of buyers bid cards. Buyers should plan to arrive as early as possible. At 10 a.m., the bidding begins. Buyers pick out the car or truck they want and stand next to it with their bid card in hand. Program vehicles as low as, Ten Thousand Dollars. Used cars will be as low as Four Thousand Dollars. Some bids accepted on vehicles as low as \$99. Yes, that's right, \$99. Why wholesale every vehicle to the public? General Manager Rick Tippett says, "We're a dealership that would like to give something back to the people who have been so good to us. The "Public Auto Wholesaleathon" is the event where we all win. In November and December, our one owner used car trade ins and low mileage lease returns have been accumulating to the verge of having to rent a secondary storage lot. The "Public Auto Wholesaleathon" allows us to sell off our inventory and the public saves hundreds or even thousands of dollars. Buyers can expect to find vehicles priced at, or in many cases below public auction values without any of the added auction fees or red tape. We're wholesaling used cars as low as \$99 because our lot simply has way too much inventory on it. I'm sure you could imagine the huge cost of having to go out and rent a storage lot for our excess inventory. Add to that the expense of having to secure that lot, and the hassle of having vehicles in an extra location. It's just not worth it to us. We would rather wholesale them off directly to the public as opposed to selling them to other dealers or having to load all of them on a transport truck and haul them to the auction. Instead of incurring the expenses involved in an additional lot or taking them to auction, we're just going to wholesale them to the public to show our thanks." No matter what type vehicle you are in the market for, you will likely find it here for this huge one-day sell-off. We've got an absolutely incredible selection of:
• Late model trucks from compact all the way up to 1 ton pickup, gas or diesel
• Sport Utility Vehicles of all sizes
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• Compact cars, both two and four door
• First cars and trucks for 16-year olds
We have a great selection of used cars from 1988 models all the way up to nearly new 2001 models with just a few thousand miles on them for incredible savings to the buyer. You name it, we've most likely got it in stock, and this one day sale is a chance to save hundreds, even thousands on program and used vehicles, and it allows everybody to get a deal, that before now, was only available to dealers. People in the market for a top quality car or truck will be able to buy more vehicle for less money than at any other time. With vehicles starting at just \$99, there will be something for everyone, regardless of their credit situation. Nationwide lenders as well as independent appraisers will be on site to help virtually anyone, in any situation, regardless of your credit standing or what you owe on your trade-in. The "Public Auto Wholesaleathon" is being held this Saturday only. Get here early for best selection at Irwin Auto Co. of Guymon. For further details call the "Public Auto Wholesaleathon" hotline at 1-800-858-2863.
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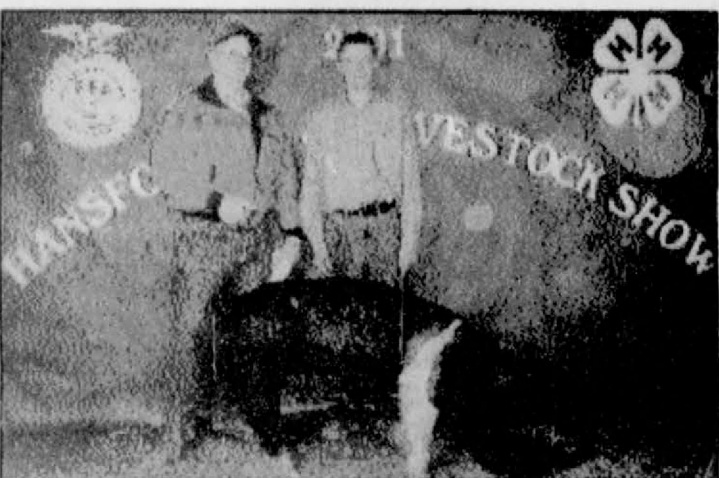
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Grand Champion Lamb - Teal Armes
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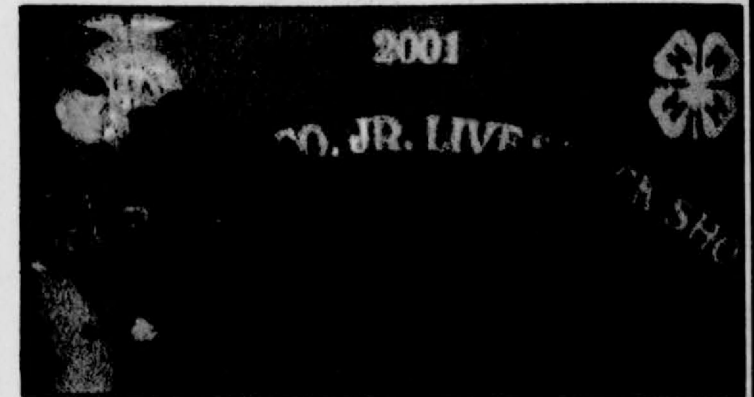
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