

## School Board Recognition Month



Pictured above are the Spearman ISD School Board members along with seven Gus Birdwell Elementary 4th graders. The students wrote letters of appreciation and presented them to the school board during Monday nights regular meeting. They are: (Top Row, L-R) Mark Sheets, Bob Boxwell, Mark Allen; (Middle Row, L-R) Callie Cazares, Alexan Reynolds, Mariela Ortega, Amy Boyd, Colby Odegaard, Clara Kern, Jesse Moreno; (Front Row, L-R) Carol Dunnihoo, Sheri Benton and Stephanie Crossland; not pictured is Will Jarvis.

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed January 2000 as School Board Recognition Month and districts across the state will use this opportunity to bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

"Texas leads the nation when it comes to improving public education. Texas stays on the leading edge of education reform and academic excellence by giving local school districts the freedom to innovate and the power to design programs to meet their communities' needs. Although the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency provide leadership and guidelines, the ultimate responsibility for fulfilling the public trust lies with more than 1,000 local school districts in Texas. More than 7,000 publicly elected school board members make decisions that affect the education of almost four million young Texans," Bush said.

"These men and women, the largest group of publicly elected officials in Texas, define policy, prepare budgets and oversee local schools in accordance with the will of the people. School boards provide local control over education where it counts at a point closest to the parent and the child. They work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators. They also confront challenges and problems that would have been unimaginable a generation ago: staying abreast of changing technology, addressing growing concerns over school safety, and ensuring that schools produce measurable results in academic achievement. Board members are there to listen to parents, teachers, and residents, and to ensure that all children are given the chance to achieve their highest potential. In Texas, school board members deserve special recognition, for they receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of ren-

dering an indispensable public service," he said.

"The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), created in 1949, has designated January 2000 as School Board Recognition Month to increase public awareness of the vital role these boards play. I urge all Texans young and old to recognize and honor the dedication and diligence of school board members. I also encourage local residents to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Texas Education Code to participate in the dialogue that is the foundation of local control over our schools," Bush said.

"School board members serve as advocates for our children first and foremost, protecting each child's opportunity to maximize his or her potential. Trustees offer vision, knowledge, leadership, and dedication, and work purely for the common good. It is important to recognize the many contributions made by our locally elected school board members and support them

as they tackle the demanding and rewarding task of educating our youth," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"Local trustees work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts. They help us to set high standards in the education system and encourage us to strive to reach those goals. The results of this cooperative effort are reflected in a generation of Texas children who are more prepared to be our nation's leaders," he said.

"Today's schools face great challenges and great opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow said.

### Proclamation

#### School Board Recognition Month January 2000

Whereas, the mission of the public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

Whereas, the local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

Whereas, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

Whereas, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district;

Now, therefore, I, Rodney Sumner, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the Spearman ISD School Board and proclaim the month of January 2000, as

**School Board Recognition Month in Spearman.** I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an educational system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 10th day of January, 2000.

Rodney Sumner,  
Superintendent of Schools

## CRP Sign-Up Begins

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is a voluntary program that offers annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term resource-conserving covers on eligible land. Sign-up 20 of the CRP will begin on January 18th and continue through February 11, 2000.

Eligible land must be:

1. Cropland that has been planted or considered planted (in a prior CRP program) to an agricultural commodity 2 of the 5 crop years from 1995 to 1999 that is also physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity; or
2. Be considered a croppped wetland;
3. Be subject to scour erosion;
4. Be located in a national or State CRP conservation priority area; (Hansford County is included in the Water Quality Area); or
5. Be cropland associated with non-cropped wetlands.

Producer eligibility requirements are that the producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to close of the sign-up period, unless:

- The new owner acquired the land as a result of death of the previous owner;
- The only ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where

the owner exercised a timely right or redemption in accordance with State law; or

• The circumstances of the acquisition provide adequate assurance to the Farm Service Agency that the new owner did not acquire the land for the purpose of placing it in the CRP.

Under sign-up 20, all eligible offers will continue to be evaluated and ranked using an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) based on the environmental benefits expected to accrue if the land is enrolled in the CRP.

The maximum CRP payment rate for each offer is calculated in advance of enrollment. Producers may offer land at the rate or may offer a lower rental rate to increase the likelihood that their offer will be acceptable.

The demand to enroll land in the CRP is much greater than the amount that can be accepted. To be more competitive, consider only offering the most environmentally sensitive land, enhancing covers for the benefit of wildlife, and accepting a lower payment rate than the maximum amount FSA is willing to offer.

For more information, contact the NRCS or FSA offices at 90 W. 9th Street in Spearman, or call 659-2330.

## School Dismisses At Noon On Friday

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent

The District Education Improvement Committee has applied to the Texas Education Agency for several early release days in the spring for staff-development purposes.

This first request is for January 14, 2000. On this date, school will be dismissed at 12 noon. Buses will run immediately after school is dismissed.

I apologize for the inconvenience that this might bring; however time is needed to allow our staff the opportunity to receive professional development opportunities.

Again, school will be dismissed at 12 noon on Friday, January 14, 2000.

## College Information Hotline 2000

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACA-CA), the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFA) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation will co-sponsor a toll-free hotline. 1-800-347-3475 will be available on January 15 and 16, 2000, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to all Texans who desire to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options.

Students and their parents will be able to call questions about college selection, admission, testing, and financial aid. The phones will be answered by professional college admission counselors, high school and college counselors, and financial aid personnel. Spanish-speaking counselors will also be available to answer questions.

Please take advantage of this free opportunity to explore higher educational opportunities.

## John Hutchison Seeks Reelection

John Hutchison has announced his candidacy for reelection as Hansford County Attorney subject to the March 14, 2000, Republican primary. Hutchison was appointed by the Hansford County Commissioners Court in July, 1979, to complete an unexpired term. He then ran for office in 1980, and he has served as County Attorney since that time. He graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law in 1971.

John and his wife, Jo Linda, live near Spearman. They have two sons, Jeff, a pastor at Mineral Springs Baptist Church, and Alan, a systems analyst for Principal Financial Group, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Hutchison states that he has appreciated the opportunity to serve as County Attorney and if reelected, he will continue to serve this County in a diligent, fair and responsible manner.



Mike and Skeeter Huffaker, owners of the Panhandle Diner and Deli, check out one of their menus. This new full-service restaurant opened to the public on Wednesday, January 5th to a booming business.

The Panhandle Diner and Deli will be opened on Monday-Thursday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., on Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will feature daily lunch specials and evening specials on Friday and Saturday night.

Check out this new restaurant and welcome them to the Spearman business community!

The Panhandle Diner and Deli will be closed from Friday-Monday, January 14-17 due to family illness.



# 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 Smith.

**January 13**  
 Birthday - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgaurd, T.J. Johnson, Molly McLain, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jack McKee, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell

**January 14**  
 Birthday - Marlene Davis, Emma Lou Collins, Denise Ware, Willis Boyd, Randall Mitchell, April TeBeest, Harold Crooks, Martina Miller, Debbie Coates, Ellen Reynolds, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey  
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Baker, Mr. & Mrs. George De Santiago, Greg & Shonda Odegaard

**January 15**  
 Birthday - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Shari Jones, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Sparks, Jennifer Poer, Remington Smith  
 Anniversary - Billy & Martina Miller

**January 16**  
 Birthday - Viva Renner, Ynese Williams, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Jodi Wilson, Jason Babitzke, Kelly Sue Cates, Norman Brack, Felix Sandavol, Clifton Morrison, Josh Schumann, Carlene Kirkpatrick, Eva Espinosa, Shirley Burton, Mike Babbs, Crispin Borunda  
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hazelwood

**January 17**  
 Birthday - Derik Grotegut, Justin Johnson, Karen Kelly, Terry Sherrill, Butch Schaefer, Jeffrey Spencer, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Ben Upchurch, Justin Gifford

**January 18**  
 Birthday - Daniel Boyd, Ervin Wright, Doyle Jackson, Curtis Davis, Candy Golden, Bradley Bell, Larry Evans, Schane Schneider, Bett Brown, Ole Dahl, Pat Randall, Jessica Blan, Robert Gilmore

**January 19**  
 Birthday - Paula Kizzar, Elvia Perez, Walter Murrell, Calvin Bodey, Nella Beth McCloy, Carlton Nelson, Melissa Sutterfield, Curtis Ray Hays, Barbara Collier, Donna Murray, Rosa Linda Reger, Justin Harris, Billy Hays, Jose Favela Jr., Stacy DeLaCruz, Jeremy Vera, Bradi Brown, Shyanne Acker  
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz

**January 20**  
 Birthday - Johnny Jarvis, Lena Mae Ford, Kyle Nollner, Carol Lemons, Virginia Head, Staci Swan, Lupe Espinosa, Terry Schneider, Louis Rodriguez, Kris Kelp, Mike Pack, Shawn Bratton, Brieanne Jordan, Fabian Gaspar  
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kermit McKee, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Blankenship

**January 21**  
 Birthday - Roy Mayhew, Dewey Taylor, Julie Moore, Tim Harper, Gary Papay, Wanda Archer, Steve Moore, Timothy Bynum, Sandra Mills, Bonnie Wilkerson, Marcus Vasquez  
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Beedy, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Kent Rimmel, Mr. & Mrs. David Schultz

**January 22**  
 Birthday - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Porter, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunseiman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila  
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. James Scroggs, Mr. & Mrs. Walter McDade, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gross, Mr. & Mrs. John Armes

**January 23**  
 Birthday - Pat Morley, Marci Roberts, Kay McFarlin, Michael Barnes, Brandon Sutton, Jimmy Kenney, Johnnie Fuller, Louise Archer, Ann Zamora, Mac Blankenship, Willie Vasquez  
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Duncan

**January 24**  
 Birthday - Quentin Hart, Kenneth Irwin, Luis Salazar, Dearl Shelton, Ronnie Goodman, Alan Leach, Jean Prouty, Charla Roberts  
 Anniversary - Larry & Gayle Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Archie Smith

**January 25**  
 Birthday - Kevin Babbs, Elizabeth Benton, Mabel Jameson, R.L. McFarlin, Travis Davis, Mike Dodd, Deloris Sloan, Kurt Carson, Joanna Jarvis, Oralisa Ochoa, Jackie Sparks, Van Baumgardner, Crystal D. Cantu, Braquel Reed, Amy Watley, Mason McLain, Kyla Reid, Damon Sibley  
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Sparks

**January 26**  
 Birthday - Chase Reid, Joe Cage, Gary Woolley, Matt Archer, Patsy Hunt, Jon King, Tiffany Hendricks, Lori Ann Perez, Patsy Brown, Kellie Kjos, Mark Thomas, Debbie Hagerman, Rodolfo Garcia  
 Anniversary - Bill & Jody Hamish

**January 27**  
 Birthday - Jack Gillispie, Jerry Womble, Wanda Brown, Lyncette Williams, Nickie Lozano, Jerry Hart, Twana Trout, Allen Leach, Andrew Boyd, Amber Ramon, Berry Kirk Patrick, Francis Hathaway  
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gus Vargas

## Our Deepest Sympathy

### W.E. "Bus" Boxford

W.E. "Bus" Boxford, 87, died on Thursday, January 6, 2000. A memorial services was held at Hansford Cemetery on January 11, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. Cremation was by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman, TX.

Bus was born in Woodward, OK in 1912. He had lived in the area for 66 years, moving from Woodward.

He married Opal Sparks in 1938 in Spearman. She died in 1948. He was a plumber.

Survivors include two sons, Don Boxford of Wenatchee, WA and Chad Boxford of Arlington, TX; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his second wife, Juanita, in 1990, a stepdaughter, Barbara James, and a stepson, James Maxwell. The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081, or your favorite charity.

### Thank You

My family and I would like to thank the communities of Spearman and Gruver for all their prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food and contributions. A special thanks to the Church of Christ of Spearman, the Lynx and Lynxette Basketball teams, the Booster Club, and the Gruver Greyhounds and Lady Hounds for the signed basketballs and contributions. Also, a heartfelt thank you to the doctors and staff of Hansford Hospital. The benefits of a small community have more than blessed our family.

Thanks to all of you,  
 George & Virginia Young  
 Justin and Amanda Bowman  
 Alfred, Cindy, Cha'tae & Michael Avila

### Thank You

Hansford Hospice Volunteers would like to thank everyone who donated to the Lights of Love. Your generosity and support allows us to offer a Hospice program locally that meets the needs of patients and their families during very trying times.

Thank you for this support.

### Thank You

Bill and I would like to thank the person or persons who put the angel on Becky's grave. It touched us more than we could ever say with the high wind, our little angel tried to fly away, so we brought her home and will put her back in place next Christmas. Also thank you for the special letters, cards and flowers that you gave and sent us in August, October and at Christmas. May God's blessing be on each and every one of you.

Love in Christ,  
 Bill and Terry Ann Porter

We will be closed on Monday,  
 January 17th in observance of



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## Harrington Cancer Center's Community Calendar

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center recently released the January Community Calendar.

### Dialogue

Thursdays, Noon-1:30 p.m.

Dialogue is a patient/family education support group sponsored by Harrington Cancer Center and American Cancer Society.

January 13th - "The Natural Way of Prayer" - Video presentation on steps to express what you feel. Will be held in the Harrington Cancer Center Boardroom

January 20th - "Getting Back on the Road of Life" - Turning problems into challenges - not reasons to give up Stan McKeever, LMSW-ACP

January 27th - "Advanced Care Planning" - How advance directives can help you, your family and your doctor, Martha Martinez, LSW.

### Freshstart

Mondays & Wednesdays, January 10th-19th, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Freshstart is a two-week smoking cessation support series. Freshstart is a joint program of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and American Cancer Society. It is presented free of charge.

January 17th - "Mastering Obstacles"

January 19th - "Staying Quit Forever & Enjoying It"

### Women In Touch

January 17th, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Women in Touch is a monthly support group for women with breast cancer presented by the Harrington Cancer Center Women's Center. Meets the 3rd Monday of the month in the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., 2nd Floor, Amphitheater in Amarillo.

For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141, or by calling 1-800-274-4673.

The Women's Center Breast Screening will be at Hansford County Hospital, 712 S. Roland, Spearman on January 24th.

A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for mobile mammography clinics to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Space is limited, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information, or to register.

## Palo Duro Supper Club

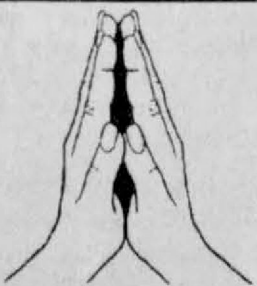
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## World Help Presents Mission

World Help presents *Mission*, a group of young adults who are seasoned ministers and vocalists. They will be appearing in concert on Sunday, January 23, 2000, at 10:45 a.m., Perryton Full Gospel Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th Avenue, Perryton, Texas.

This inspiring international ministry will be presenting, "To The Ends Of The Earth," a challenging concert utilizing a unique video presentation featuring recent World Help evangelistic campaigns to India.

World Help was born out of a sincere desire to help those in need . . . not only spiritually, but also physically. Unprecedented opportunities for effective evangelism worldwide are occurring.

Over 6 million New Testaments and Bibles have been printed and placed overseas, in the hands of individuals who have never before heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. Over 1,200 orphans have received sponsorship through World Help's "Help the Children" orphan sponsorship program and over 570 churches have been planted in India within the last three years.

Through World Help and *Mission*, the gospel is being preached in Russia, Cuba, China, Brazil, India, and many other countries.

For more information regarding this free concert, please call (806) 435-2506.

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**Apostolic Faith Church**  
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 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Worship & Children's Church: 11 a.m.

Sun. Eve./Youth: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.  
 Wed. Children's Choir: 7 p.m.  
 Pastor - Edward Owens

**First Assembly of God**  
 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:35 a.m.

Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
 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.

Evening Bible Study  
 Worship: 6:30 p.m. Sun.  
 Minister -

**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 - Rick Patrick

Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster

**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

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
 901 Roland • 659-2792  
 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English  
 (aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)

Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish  
 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo  
 Rector: Rev. Scott Raef

**Trinity Fellowship Church**  
 717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.  
 Pastor -

**First Presbyterian Church (Worship with Lutheran)**  
 1021 Cotter • 659-2033  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church

Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.)  
 Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
 1101 Bernice • 659-2252  
 (Worship with First Presbyterian Church)

**First United Methodist**  
 407 S. Haney • 659-5503  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
 High School: 6 p.m. Sunday  
 Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.  
 Pastor - Ken Cole

**Union Church**  
 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:45 a.m.

Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.  
 Pastor - Bill Sparks

**Fellowship Baptist**  
 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.

Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Youth/Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed.  
 Pastor - Gene Foster

**Primera Mision Bautista**  
 502 E. 7th • 659-3991  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.  
 Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.

**Maranta Elm. Iglesia de Cristo**  
 303 N. Bernice  
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### Gruver

**First Baptist Church**  
 402 E. Broadway • 733-2411  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.

Disciple Training: 6 p.m.  
 Sunday  
 Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
 Pastor - Scott Curry

**Church of Christ**  
 209 King • 733-2760  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:20 a.m.

Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
 510 King • 733-2960  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Youth: 7:30 Sunday  
 Adult Bible Study: 7:30 Sun.  
 Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
 Pastor - Gary G. mfony

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

**Gruver United Methodist**  
 Broadway & Garrett  
 733-2851  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
 Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
 Pastor - Jerry Moore

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

### Morse

**Morse Baptist Church**  
 733-2757  
 Pastor - Mike Martin

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# Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith  
CathyRSmit@aol.com

I made it through my first week without too many bloopers (I think!), but I didn't manage to by-pass the flu. Therefore, I am guaranteeing nothing in this week's paper!

My good friend Jamie Casdorff sent me the following little story and it made me think of my many friends, of which many are here in Spearman. I hope you enjoy it.

## My Special List ...

I have a list of folks I know ... all written in a book,  
And every now and then...I go and take a look.

That is when I realize these names... they are a part,  
Not of the book they're written in...but taken from the heart.

For each name stands for someone...who has crossed my path some time,  
And in that meeting they have become the reason and the rhyme.

Although it sounds fantastic...for me to make this claim,  
I really am composed...of each remembered name.

Although you're not aware...of any special link,  
Just knowing you, has shaped my life...more than you could think.

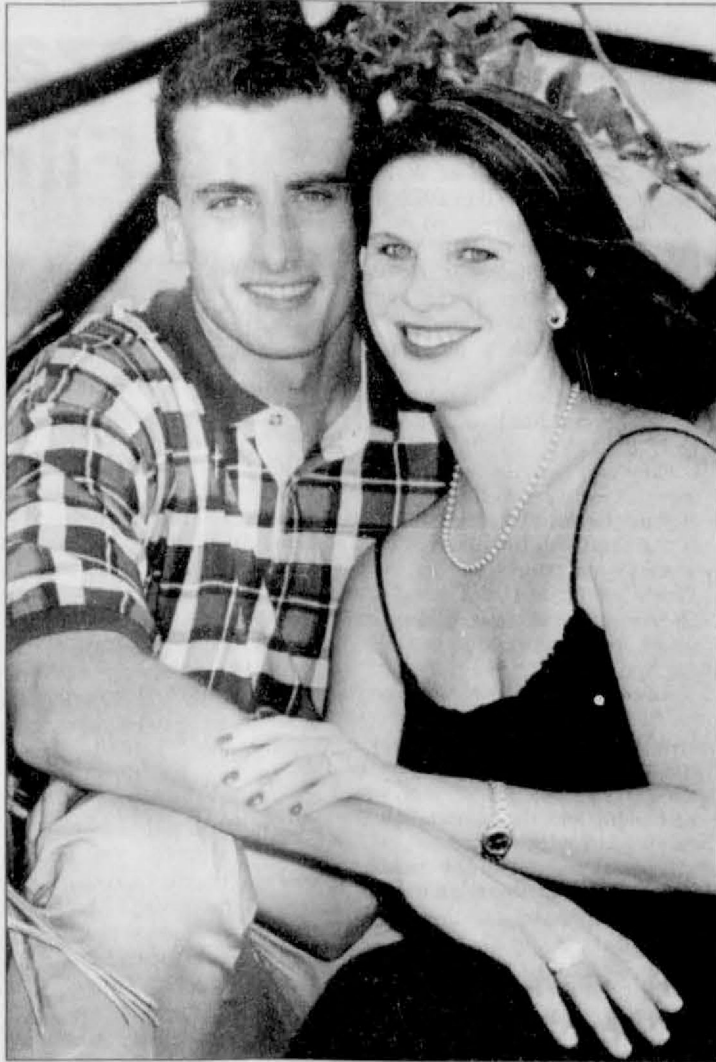
So please don't think my greeting...as just a mere routine  
Your name was not...forgotten in between.

For when I send a greeting...that is addressed to you,  
It is because you're on the list...of folks I'm indebted to.

So whether I have known you...for many days or few,  
In some ways you have a part...in shaping things I do.

I am but a total...of many folks I've met,  
You are a friend I would prefer...never to forget.

May God Bless Each of You,  
Catherine :)



### Engagement Announcement

David and Sally Johnson of Wichita Falls, Texas, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Abigail Leigh Johnson to Cody Scott Pipkin son of Vernon and Ann Pipkin and the late Marsha Pipkin of Spearman, Texas.

Abigail (Abby) will be graduating from Texas A&M University in May 2000 with a bachelor of science in Education. Cody has a bachelor of science in Chemical Engineering from Texas A&M University. He is currently employed by Reynolds Metals Company in Corpus Christi, Texas. They will be married June 3, 2000 at the First Presbyterian Church in Wichita Falls.

The couple plan to reside in Ingleside, Texas.

## Bridal Registry

Maria Ochoa & Luis Carbajal - Jan. 15th

Gina Kunselman & Cody Coleman

Gina & Matt Jones - Jan. 22nd

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## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

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### Farrar Medical Fund Established

A medical fund has been established by First Baptist Church at First State Bank for Shawn Farrar. \*\*\*\*\*

### Davis Medical Fund Established

A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for the family of Chad and Tara Davis. \*\*\*\*\*

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### Weigh Down Workshop

A 12-week Bible-based weight loss seminar will be offered beginning Monday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Spearman. The cost will be \$103.00. Men as well as women are encouraged to attend. To register or to request more information, call Rhonda Covington at 659-3309. \*\*\*\*\*

### CRP Sign-Up Dates Announced

The 20th Sign-Up Period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will be held January 18-February 11, 2000 at the local offices of the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). The Sign-up 20 Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) is very similar to the EBI for Sign-up 18, except that the Federal or state-listed threatened and endangered species subfactor of the wildlife habitat component has been strengthened and clarified. The 5-point category was eliminated. In some states water quality area designations have been modified, and a few additional state conservation priority areas may have been approved. For more information, call the Hansford FSA Office at 659-3036. \*\*\*\*\*

### Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp

Applications are now being evaluated by the Ten Star All-Star Basketball Camp. Boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Antwan Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langdon. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Riverside, CA, Bobson Park, FL, Atlanta, GA, Champaign, IL, Fort Wayne, IN, Atchison, KS, Georgetown, KY, Northfield, MN, Raleigh, NC, Boiling Springs, NC, Rochester, NY, North Canton, OH, and Farmville, VA. College basketball scholarships are possible for the most advanced players. For an evaluation form, call (704) 372-8610 anytime. \*\*\*\*\*

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 South Roland, in Spearman on January 24, 2000. 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. \*\*\*\*\*

### Coffee Memorial Blood Drive

A Coffee Memorial Blood Drive will be held on Monday, January 17, 2000 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Spearman in the Fellowship Hall. \*\*\*\*\*

### Emmaus Reunion Scheduled

A Reunion Group meeting will be held on Monday, January 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the home of Eschol and Eulalia Blankenship, 1116 S. Bernice, in Spearman. Anyone who has been on a Walk to Emmaus is invited to attend. \*\*\*\*\*

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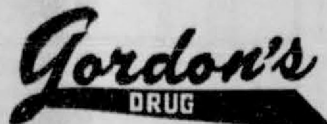
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## Among The Neighbors

I.W. Ayres, practically a Hansford County landmark, has written his auto-biography. It has been published and is now available. A biography of I.W. would parallel the history of the western part of Hansford County as he has lived here since he was 10 - for 73 years.

The edition includes the first churches in Gruver, especially the First Baptist; the beginning of the mountain retreat for the Baptists at Glorieta; his other church connections through the years as well as his 51 years in the Gideon organization.

Further descriptions are of the extreme weather conditions - the blizzards, deep snows, dust storms, droughts. There are personal notes also.

The autobiography will be of interest to the older people of the community for the events and people known to them; also it will be of interest to younger people for the dramatic contrasts with living conditions in the past and present.

Those wanting a copy can contact I.W. Ayres here in Spearman.

Friends of a former pastor, Luther Berry, of the First Baptist Church received word of his passing this week. Memorial services were held in Oklahoma City on Saturday, January 8th.

He was the pastor here during the middle 1960s. Survivors include his wife and daughter who still keeps in touch with friends here.

Helen Etter returned this week from several days in Albuquerque with friends, Anna Carol and James Naegel. Anna Carol, formerly of Spearman, was the daughter of the late Vi Whitson of Spearman.

During the week they drove to Santa Fe to check on some property of Helen's. Helen was slowed by an ice storm on her return drive to Spearman.

Willard Davis is enjoying the sunshine here since his return on Tuesday from two weeks in Centralia, Washington. All but two days of his 11 day stay were foggy, cloudy, damp, rainy, dismal.

He spent the holidays with his

daughter, Mickey and Doug Gribble. Their son, Jeffrey and daughter, Tanya, and their families were also there.

Still savoring the pleasure of a happy Christmas observance are Sylvia and Ray Robertson. Guests for the holidays were Danny and Donna Robertson, with Stephen and Duncan Robertson of Midland. Brenda and Claude Annen with Sage came from Midland. For Christmas Day Billy and Sybil Miller joined them.

Bodil Bradley of near Hereford visited her mother, Ora Lee Blackburn, during the weekend. She had just returned from Albuquerque where her daughter, Susan Hutchison Ownbey is staying with grandchildren.

The four year old boy and six year old girl have recovered from the dreadful car accident that was fatal to their mother some months ago. Their father, Dr. Tim Ownbey, is still hospitalized and will have extensive surgery for numerous injuries.

Sheila Munday of Trinidad, CO has been in Spearman the last three weeks with her mother, Mozelle Sparks.

Mozelle has been quite ill with a variety of problems, but is improving now. Sheila's plans are to leave on Wednesday as husband Lester has notified her that he is on the verge of having to wear clothes from the soiled clothes hamper and his diet is better unmentioned!

The name of Joel Lee Lackey has been synonymous with music since he was a school boy. The members of the local United Methodist Church, also the listeners of KRDF on Sunday morning were treated to hearing him play.

The opinion has been that it was his choice only that has kept him from a music career that would have his name in lights all over the U.S.

Congratulations to Quentin Hart on his being honored with the Award for Excellence in Agricultural Statistic Service, as described in last week's issue. It was an excellent picture of him-

and who would be a better judge of than than his grandmother - Mrs. Aileen Lowder of Spearman!

The obituary for W.E. "Bus" Boxford is elsewhere in this issue. Bus, 87, was a veteran of WW II. He entered the service in 1943. He was in the navy and served on the PH I, U.S. Tryon until 1945 when he received his discharge. He was active in the organization and activities of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for a number of years here.

LaQuita and Jim Evans, together with daughter, Lynda and Jeff Lackey and two year old Morgan spent a few days over New Years at their place at Red River. It was a restful time with Jim planning (and needing) to work on his New Year's resolutions, but no doubt his concentration was broken by delight in watching Morgan.

Ann Sanders underwent surgery for a brain tumor on Saturday morning at Baptist St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo. The report on Sunday was that the surgery was successful and the expectation is very encouraging.

It was expected that she could be moved from the observant room to a private room by Tuesday of this week.

Rue and Ann's sister, Dr. Mary Burnett, of Denver are with her. Ann and Rue had just returned from Denver where they spent Christmas holidays with Dr. Barnett. Ann's two other sisters, and her brother, Elmo McClellan of Gruver, with their families all were there for a family reunion.

Ann was hospitalized there for a while, and immediately on their return, she was taken to Amarillo.

Dwayne's weather records for the week of January 3 to January 10 show the highest was on the 5th at 57; the lowest on 4th at 14; on the 4th 1/2 inch of snow with .01 moisture.

## Cazares Participates In Filming Of Bush Ad

Cody J. Cazares, Gruver native and Assistant to the Director of Scheduling at the presidential campaign headquarters of Governor George W. Bush recently assisted in the filming of a Bush for President campaign ad in Austin, Texas.

The filming took place in downtown Austin where all of Bush's campaign staff was asked to assist in a crowd scene. The scene, which included the Governor and his wife, Laura Bush, was shot by Maverick Media, Inc. near Bush's campaign headquarters. Maverick Media Owner and Bush's Media Adviser, Mark McKinnon, is the mastermind behind Bush's advertising.

Cazares is very impressed with McKinnon's techniques. "Mark has an incredible way of being able to relay the Governor's message to the public in a way that the viewer knows exactly what the Governor stands for in just 30 seconds," said Cazares. "He has an amazing eye."

McKinnon, a Democrat, helped run the campaign of former Governor Anne Richards and is a close friend of Clinton adviser James Carville. Once McKinnon met George W. Bush, he decided to change gears. He told Talk Magazine, "When I met him, I was like a married guy who sees an attractive woman at a party. I didn't want to like him. But I couldn't help it."

The Bush ads took the airwaves in New Hampshire and Iowa last week. The ads convey the Governor's message of improving schools and cutting taxes, highlight his strong record of achievement as Governor of Texas and focus on his effort to run a new style of campaign that offers America "a fresh start" after a season of cynicism.

The campaign also launched its Hispanic media campaign on radio in Iowa with a Spanish language ad echoing the fresh start theme with the phrase, "Es un nuevo dia." No other presidential candi-

date, Republican or Democrat, has ever run Hispanic media in Iowa. The radio buy highlights Governor Bush's effort to reach out to all voters.

Cazares is very optimistic about the way the campaign is being run and how successful it has been so far. "All of us on the Governor's staff are very happy about the

Governor's success, and we are all working very hard to make sure we do well in the upcoming primaries. Mark is doing a great job putting the Governor's message on the airwaves in those early primary states. We're gonna win'em!"

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**William F.D. Etling**  
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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## GJH Cites Students

Principal Larry Bartee has announced students of the six weeks for the third six weeks. Bonnie Frick was chosen in fifth grade with Jessica Vela in sixth grade, Laina Grotegut in seventh grade, and Edgar Villa in eighth grade.

The students were nominated by their teachers as students who best exemplify the qualities necessary to be a good student.

## Niece of Gruver Woman Is Killed

Natalie Lunn, the great-niece of Rita Williams, was critically injured in a car accident in Fort Worth. Miss Lunn, 19, a freshman at Texas Tech, later died of her injuries. She was the eldest granddaughter of Valene (Henderson) Lunn of Wichita Falls. Her funeral was held on Wednesday in Wichita Falls.

## Get Well Wishes

Sam Gruver is now at home after spending several days in the Guymon Hospital with pneumonia.

Aubrey Rasor was unable to have a scheduled heart stint procedure on Friday in Amarillo. He is in Amarillo as doctors evaluate his condition.

The flu bug has hit Gruver. Many residents have battled the bug in the past week. Hardest hit of the schools on Monday was the high school with 14 absentees reported.

## New Lights Installed

A tier of lights has been installed on the high school parking lot. The lights will be most useful to persons attending basketball games.

## Grandson of Residents Officiates

Kale Steed, the son of Glenda Steed of Canadian and the grandson of Hugh and Maralee Bell, recently completed all requirements to become a basketball referee. He has called several games and was most busy this past weekend as he officiated at the Spearman Junior High Tourney

where four Gruver teams competed.

**Additional Games Scheduled**  
Six additional games have been scheduled for the junior varsity (Red) team with Spearman. The new schedule includes January 13 - at Spearman at time to be announced, January 15th - Spearman at Gruver at 10 a.m., January 20 - Spearman at time to be announced, January 22 - Spearman at Gruver at 10 a.m., January 29 - at Spearman at a time to be announced, and January 29 - at Spearman at a time to be announced.

**School Board to Attend Training**  
Members of the Gruver Independent School board will participate in a board training meeting on January 20 from 3 - 6 p.m. in the high school library. Roy Harris and Denny Rogers, representatives of Region XVI will conduct the Level II, Part II of Board Team Building.

## School Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, January 17. The day will be used as a staff development day for teachers.

School will resume at the usual time on Tuesday, January 18.

## Former Resident Hired by Dumas Hospital

Trent Seagler has been employed by Dumas Memorial Hospital as a physical therapist. Having completed physical therapy school at Hardin Simmons in Abilene, Trent and his wife Amy (Gumfory), are in the process of moving to Dumas. Trent is the son of Stan and Sharon Seagler, and Amy is the daughter of Gary and Sandra Gumfory.

## Basketball Scoreboard

**GHS Hounds**  
Stratford Tourney - Second Place (Dec 28 - 30)

**First Game - Gruver 49, Stratford 41**

Henson 4, Villalobos 2, Shoulders 6, Cone 7, Odom 15, Barkley 2, Armes 10, Hart 3.

**Stratford Tourney - Gruver 46, Dumas 43**

Henson 9, Shoulders 5, Cone 5, Odom 10, Barkley 8, Armes 8.

**Stratford Tourney - Gruver 49, Vega 27**

Henson 3, Villalobos 5, Grotegut 2, Shoulders 9, Cone 6, Odom 12, Armes 8.

Stratford                      Tourney

## Championship Game

Gruver 39, Stratford 50  
(Having beaten Stratford earlier in the tourney, the Hounds are nipped in the championship game)  
Henson 3, Villalobos 3, Shoulders 7, Cone 5, Odom 11, Barkley 5, Armes 5.

**Gruver 52, Spearman 43 (Jan.4)**  
Henson 9, Shoulders 10, Cone 9, Odom 12, Barkley 8, Armes 4.

**Gruver 67, Goodwell 52**  
Hunt 5, Henson 3, Villalobos 2, Shoulders 6, Cone 10, Armes 6, Odom 15, Barkley 7, Hart 12, Johnson 1.

**Junior Varsity Hounds (Black)**  
Gruver 41, Spearman 40  
(a great game from start to finish)

Harris 6, Carthel 12, Weller 7, Hernandez 12, Swink 1, Ehrenberg 2

**Gruver 46, Goodwell 25**  
Swink 13, Howe 3, Hernandez 20, Weller 2, Harris 6, Carthel 4, Reid 1.

**Junior Varsity Hounds (Red)**  
Jan. 3

Gruver 22, Perryton 42  
Boyd 2, Cordero 2, Casdorff 2, Perez 2, Duggan 5, Howe 9.

**Eighth Grade Hounds (Book unavailable)**

**Seventh Grade Hounds**  
Gruver 9, Perryton 43 (Jan. 3)  
Irwin 2, L. Williams 2, Cooper 5.

**Spearman Tourney -took third place**

Gruver 34, Dalhart 32  
(No individual scoring available)

**Gruver 24, Spearman 20**  
Irwin 10, L. Williams 3, Winger 7, Cooper 4.

**Gruver 17, Perryton 65**  
Rennick 2, Irwin 5, Cooper 8, TeBeest 2

**GHS Lady Hounds**  
Gruver 35, Goodwell 29  
Boyd 1, Watley 5, Griffin 6, Yanke 9, Johnson 12, Mayhew 2.

**Eighth Grade Lady Hounds**  
Gruver 42, Perryton 20 (Jan. 3)  
Hart 2, Armes 9, Myatt 9, Goad 18, Bryson 4.

**Spearman Tourney - Took First Place**

Gruver 31, Spearman 17  
Hart 2, Armes 15, Myatt 4, Goad 6, Bryson 4.

**Gruver 39, Perryton 18**  
Armes 5, Myatt 8, Goad 21, Bryson 1, Gift 4.

**Championship Game**

Gruver 44, Canadian 27  
(Great team effort, with starting guard Hart ill every player scores to gain championship title)  
Armes 5, Myatt 19, Bechtold 2, Goad 11, Bryson 3, Gift 4.

**Residents Grandchildren Lead Goodwell**

Perennial Hound and Lady Hound supporters, Georgia and Fred Davidson, wore purple and cheered for Goodwell in the Gruver/ Goodwell games on Friday night. The reason: a granddaughter Courtney Moore who plays for the Lady Eagles and a grandson David Moore who plays for the Eagles. Both the Moore children were high point for their respective teams in the night's

competition. The children parents are Gordon and Misha (Davidson) Moore.

**District Play to Begin**  
The Hounds and Lady Hounds both open district play on Friday as they travel to Wheeler.

## Family Moves

Kristy and Caitlyn Harris have moved to Bryan, Texas. The mother and daughter were scheduled to leave on Saturday, January 8. Kristy is the daughter of Fern and Ronnie Harris.

## Church to Host Event

The first Baptist Church of Gruver will hosts "True Love Waits" for all students in grades 7-12 on January 28th.

## Baby Brother Arrives

Carson Blake Gross arrived on December 21, 1999 in Amarillo to the delight of older brother, Austin. Weighing 7 3/4 pounds, Carson was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Ina and Crystal Gross of Amarillo. The lad's grandparents are Steve and Charmaine Gross and his great-grandmother is Cleo Gross.



## by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth-January 10, 2000-52.12 feet

Jim's Report There was very little activity at the Lake this week. A few fishermen tried, but not many fish were caught. Bobby Mosier and Ramon Cantu were both sick with the flu.

Jim was working at an annual report for the Texas Parks and Wildlife on the status of the bald eagles at the Park. The TPWD began checking the eagles in 1984 at 5 locations. By 1993 they had 22 standardized locations of which Palo Duro was one. The other Lakes in the Panhandle are Lake Meredith and Buffalo Lake. Up from 8 last year, Jim returned 10 this year-6 mature and 4 immature. They had arrived on December 14.

The best time to observe them is either daylight or dusk. They don't stay in the big trees in the Lake below the office where the cormorants and herons nest as they used to do. This week Jim did see one eating a fish in one of those trees. He has never seen an eagle swoop down and gather up a fish with its talons or catch a duck or goose. He has seen eagles fighting over a dead goose on the ice.

The mountain bluebirds are around the office during the day, but yet you never know when you will see one.

Another clue to the location of

Charley Newell's stockade has come from Cleon Roberts. O.S. Clark wrote, "We had a well and a pump with a handle and a spout and the water would splash on the ground from the spout just like it would on the prairies of Indiana. It's true enough the water was so alkalis that one's stomach would double up so that you would expect your belly band to split any time of the day or night."

This immediately brought to mind the water at the Turkey Track ranch house on highway 136. The time was in the 1930's, and I was visiting the May family. At a later date, I think they went to a different strata and had good water. Were there any other spots in the area that had alkalis water? Our county is noted for its good water, and I've yet to hear of other bad tasting water.

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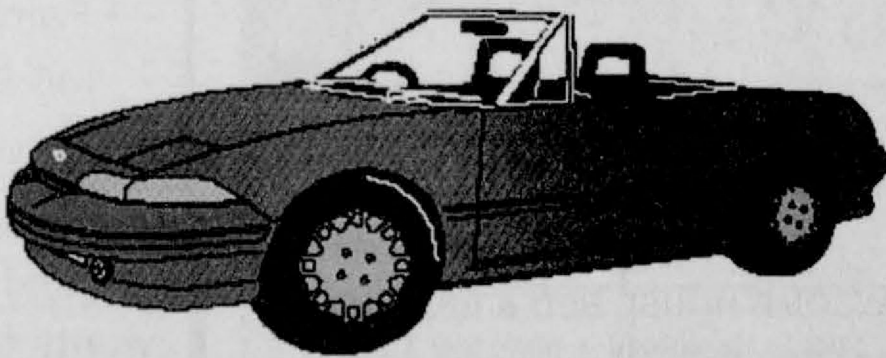


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# Spearman Basketball

## 8th Grade Does Well in Tourney

The 8th grade Lynx and Lynettes did a great job in the Spearman Junior High Tournament this week-end.

The 8th grade Lynx won 3rd place as they beat Canadian on Saturday.

The 8th grade Lynettes won consolation as they beat Stratford in the consolation bracket. Perryton's 7th grade girls won the tournament as they defeated Stratford in the finals.

The Perryton 7th grade boys also won their division, but I don't know who they played in the finals. Gruver's 8th grade girls beat Canadian in the finals to win first place in their division and Guymon's 8th grade boys won first in their division.

The Spearman 7th grade teams lost their first two games, but got some good experience and did a great job.

We are proud of all the Spearman teams as you represented our town very well and showed good sportsmanship! Congratulations and keep up the good work!

### Lynettes Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 14	West Texas*	6:30
Jan 18	@Canadian*	6:30
Jan 21	Stratford*	6:30
Jan 25	Sunray*	6:30
Feb 1	@West Texas*	6:30
Feb 4	Canadian*	6:30
Feb 8	@Stratford*	6:30

\* - District Games

Date:	Place:	Spearman	Record:	1-4-2000
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Lynettes	13	14	12	11
Gruver	7	11	6	6

Coach's Comments: We were happy to win the homecoming game against Gruver. They played us well and they executed a great man offense and made us work hard for shots. I thought we made progress on the offensive boards and mixing our defenses. We are excited about getting district started next Tuesday.

### Lynx Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 14	West Texas*	8:00
Jan 18	@Canadian*	8:00
Jan 21	Stratford*	8:00
Jan 25	@Boys Ranch*	8:00
Jan 28	Sunray*	8:00
Feb 1	@West Texas*	8:00
Feb 4	Canadian*	8:00
Feb 8	@Stratford*	8:00

\* District Games

Date:	Place:	Clarendon Tourn.	Record:	1-1-2000
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Lynx	24	9	11	19
Hedley	11	7	19	13

Date:	Place:	Spearman	Record:	1-4-2000
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Lynx	16	7	7	13
Gruver	10	16	9	17

### Lynx JV Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 14	West Texas*	5:00
Jan 18	@Canadian*	5:00
Jan 21	Stratford*	5:00
Jan 25	@Boys Ranch*	5:00
Jan 28	Sunray*	5:00
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\* District Games



1999-2000 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team  
Russell Sheets, Justin Eslick, Marcus Vasquez, Garrett Martin, Chris Cudd, Ryan Gifford, Taylor Simpson, Wade Evans and Ricky Garcia

Date:	Place:	Spearman	Record:	1-4-2000
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Lynx	10	16	7	8
Gruver	7	18	14	3

Date:	Place:	Spearman	Record:	1-7-2000
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Lynx	19	18	18	15
Boys Ranch	8	5	9	6

### Lynettes JV Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 14	West Texas*	5:00
Jan 18	@Canadian*	5:00
Jan 21	Stratford*	5:00
Jan 25	@Boys Ranch*	5:00
Jan 28	Sunray*	5:00
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\* District Games

Date:	Place:	Spearman	Record:	1-4-2000
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Lynettes JV	14	13	17	13
Gruver JV	5	8	6	14

Coach's Comments: We were pleased with this effort after a long lay-off. We played hard on defense and got good shots on offense. We are trying to improve our defense running the floor and our fundamental ball handling. We had good balanced scoring and rebounding.

### Freshmen Lynx

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 17	Sunray	5:00
Jan 24	@West Texas	7:30
Jan 31	Canadian	5:00
Feb 3-5	West Texas Tourney	TBA
Feb 7	@Stratford	7:30

### Freshmen Lynettes

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan 17	@Sunray	7:30
Jan 24	West Texas	5:00
Jan 31	@Canadian	7:30
Feb 7	Stratford	5:00



1999-2000 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team  
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On that snowy morning, the newlyweds started on their honeymoon, having to return to put chains on their tires because of a snowstorm. They traveled on to Oklahoma City and then to San Antonio, TX.

Howard and Mickey both grew up in Guymon, living in the same neighborhood. After their marriage they lived many years in a house several blocks from each of their childhood homes.

Howard was in business with his brothers for many years known as "Nash Brothers," and in 1969 they moved to their family farm south of Gruver, Texas.

In the summer of 1998 they moved back to Guymon where they currently reside.

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**HELP WANTED:** Gruver ISD is taking applications for Business Manager. Please send resume to: Laura Blasingame, Superintendent, Box 650, Gruver, TX 79040. 3(1-13-00)B

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court offers for sale by sealed bid, certain items of office equipment and a used generator. Items will be displayed and a list will be available at Courthouse January 14 through January 21, 2000. Bids should be turned in to the County Judge's office by 4:00 p.m. on January 21, 2000.

Bids will be opened and awarded on Monday, January 24, 2000 during the regular Commissioners' Court meeting, which starts at 10:00 a.m.

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3(1-6-00)B

### LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Hospital District is accepting sealed bids on the wiring project for a new fire alarm system in the Hospital at Spearman, Texas. For specifications, contact John Kunselman or Leon Beck at 707 S. Roland or telephone 806-659-2535. Bidders performing the work are required to be electricians certified by the State, bonded, and have proof of commercial liability insurance coverage.

Sealed bids will not be accepted until January 20, 2000, and the deadline for submitting bids is 3:00

p.m. on February 3, 2000. Sealed bids can be submitted to: Maintenance Department, Hansford County Hospital, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Texas 79081, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., noting on the outside of envelope "Hospital Fire Alarm Wiring Bid - Do Not Open Except by Administration." Bids will be opened and considered by Administration at 707 S. Roland in the Administrator's office on February 4, 2000 at 3:00 p.m. Hansford County Hospital District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in part or as a whole. 2(1-13-00)B

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the purchase of a one-half ton, long wheel base pickup truck with standard cab and wide bed will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, up until 11:00 a.m., February 4, 2000, and then publicly opened and read.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the closing hour will be returned unopened.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope of the type of bid being submitted.

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### INSURANCE PROPOSALS

Gruver ISD invites interested parties to make proposals for providing Property, Automobile and General Liability Insurance beginning March 5, 2000. Proposals must be received by 3:00 p.m. on January 31, 2000. Proposals must be received in a sealed envelope clearly marked INSURANCE PROPOSAL. Proposals should be addressed to: Business Manager, Gruver ISD, 601 Garrett Street, P.O. Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040. The proposal for insurance will be awarded at the school board meeting to be held on February 7, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. 2(1-13-00)B

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## Local Family Celebrates Millennium By Burying Time Capsule

by Harletta Carthel

Panhandle folk have their own unique style and their own ideas how things should be done. That uniqueness was most evident in the millennium celebration of the Linda and Joe T. Venneman family of northern Hansford County.

Beginning with the simple idea of honoring their past and present family members by making a time capsule, the Venneman gathering quickly escalated into celebrating a century of the family's history. With family members ranging in age from 15 months to 92 years of age, Fanny Sparks Venneman, Mary Venneman, Clementine Venneman Renner, Joe T., Linda and Kim Venneman, Clint, Traci, Morgan and Kennedy Venneman of Canyon, Holly and Justin Gifford of Amarillo, Hattie Venneman Davis, Kaley Davis and Mark and Tiffany Davis, all of Hooker, Oklahoma and guests Clint Cooper of Austin, Greg Barnes of Hooker and Richard and Wanda Wagner of Hitchland took the event to heart and began to contribute their ideas and labor.

Preparations turned to reality on News Year's Eve as family and guests began to arrive at the Venneman Ranch dressed in vintage clothing from their favorite era. Hattie wore a prom dress belonging to her daughter while Clementine wore a dress patterned from covered wagon days that she made in the 50's to wear to the Hansford County Roundup. Joe T.'s mother, Fanny, chose a favorite coat of the 50 and 60's era. A 70's formal left in a dry cleaners which had closed in Hooker was selected by Tiffany Davis. Linda donned a semi-for-

mal she wore in college in 1967 while Joe T. was attired in a chef's coat and hat which had been gifts to him.

A display of cherished pictures of family members held the group's attention until Joe T.'s specialty of mesquite-grilled beef tenderloin and ribeyes was served along with favorite recipes of the century prepared by family members.

As the remainder of the last evening of 1999 drew to a close, the group shared treasured times and tokens which were to be put into the time capsule. A timeline scroll of the Venneman's history from 1900-2000 was first placed into the capsule with the 1905 date of the family's arrival in Hansford County, marriages, births, deaths, graduations, wars, and depressions remembered. The last copy of the Hansford County Reporter/Statesman and the last issue of the Amarillo Daily News were also added.

Hattie's contribution was Polaroid pictures of the family taken on the night of the celebration while Clementine and Fanny wrote histories of their families. Holly Gifford's donation was a description of each family member using Bible scriptures.

As the clock chimed midnight, a toast was made to the new year before the group donned warm clothing to travel time capsule's planting site - a special creek on the Venneman Ranch.

Marking the location near the creek was a cabin-style tent furnished with a primitive table, mirror, tea kettle, rope, and large cooper boiler. Within the tent's confines, the family filled the cap-

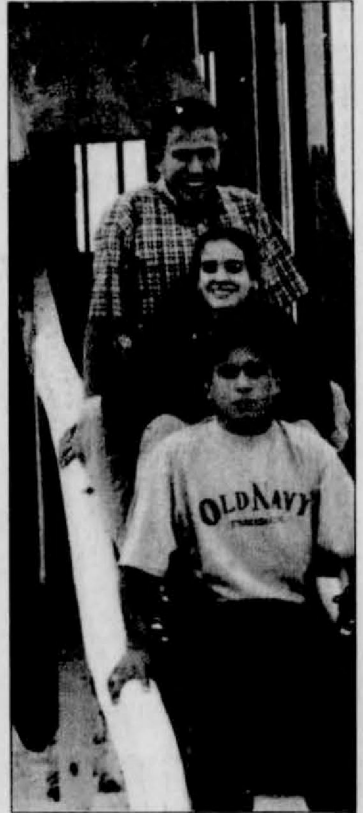
sule with their chosen items and then buried their gift for posterity, closing with a prayer for the new millennium.

Aided by campfire coffee and a highlight video made of old family movies and pictures, many family members also lingered to watch the first sunrise of 2000.

Now laying deep in Hansford County soil, the time capsule does not have an established date to be opened. Whether the time is ten, fifteen, or twenty-five years away is irrelevant. What is important though is that when the past is brought to light again, the six Venneman grandchildren and their families will find that the same legacy of love and family pride, which was packed inside the 2000 time capsule, still remain within their hearts.



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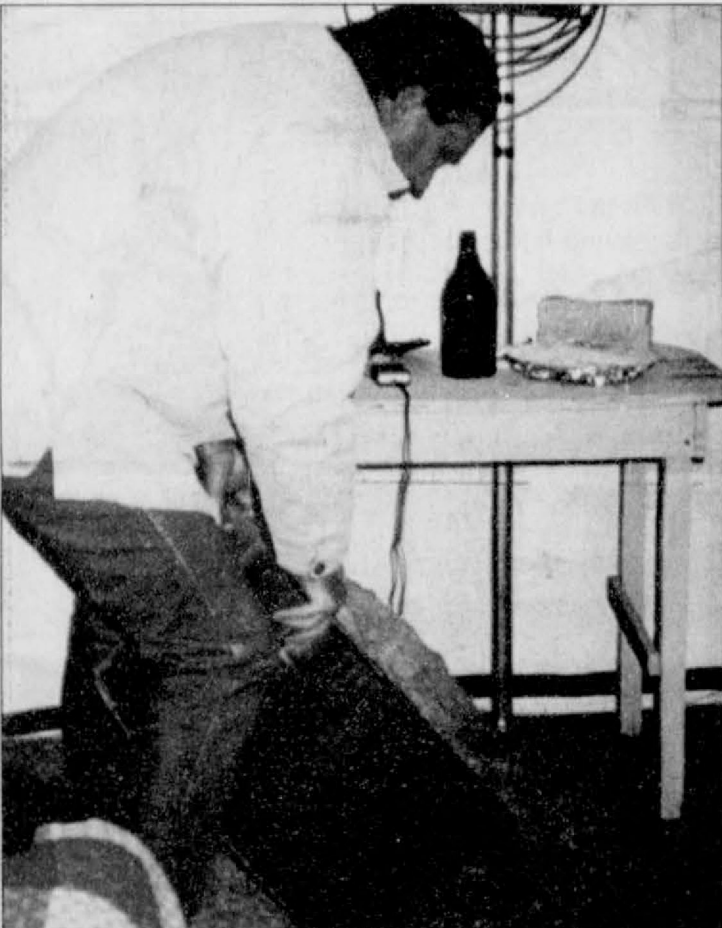
(Top-Bottom) Josh Schumann - Vice-President, Halee Beasley - President, and Julian Villarreal - Secretary/Treasurer, were chosen SHS Senior Class Officers.



The SHS Sophomore Class selected (L-R) Matt Dunnihoo - Vice-President, John Brock - President, and Marty Miesner - Secretary/Treasurer as their class officers.



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Joe T. Venneman buries a family time capsule during the Millennium celebration.

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