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Mike Schnell, president of First State Bank, presents Terry Hart with the plaque naming her as Employee of the Year for 1998. Terry was selected by her fellow employees for her service with courtesy, patience, and a big smile. For this honor, Terry will receive a week's vacation and a Caribbean cruise. Terry has been employed by First State Bank since 1989 and is their manager of data processing. She, her husband Kevin, and children live in Gruver. Please congratulate Terry when you see her.

Hansford County Farm Service Agency

Carol L. Laney, County Executive Director of the Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA), recently announced the agency's local activities for the past fiscal year which ended on September 30th.

"We are the most vital link in USDA's delivery system of the price support, credit, conservation and emergency programs so essential to our production agriculture sector," said Ms. Laney. "And in light of the ongoing financial challenges facing our state's farmers and ranchers, our local FSA offices have been extremely busy this past year."

From October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998, the Hansford County FSA office delivered: \$6,539,752 in Production Flexibility payments; \$2,082,179 in Loan Deficiency payments (LDPs); \$2,987,651 in Marketing Loss Assistance payments; \$1,779,495 in Marketing Assistance Commodity Loans;

\$2,394,822 in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) payments; \$163,136 in CRP Cost Share payments; \$20,140 in Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) payments; \$1,151,470 in Guaranteed Operating Loans.

A key factor in program delivery this year was Secretary Glickman's initiative to broaden eligibility for some programs. A good example is the inclusion of grain harvested as silage, and/or grain containing natural contaminants such as aflatoxin, and/or other commodities eligible for LDP's. The agency is also planning to streamline its lending policies for the coming year.

Ms. Laney went on to explain that over the next several weeks FSA offices will also be delivering advanced 1999 Production Flexibility Contract payments, administering another CRP signup, and preparing for next year's lending demand as well as

administering new relief provisions recently signed into law by President Clinton.

"We are here to serve the farmers and ranchers of Ochiltree County," announced Ms. Laney, "and encourage them to contact us if they have questions about our programs." The Hansford County FSA office is located at 711 W. 7th Street in Spearman, Texas. The telephone number is (806) 659-3036.

FPC Honor Rolls

Frank Phillips College recently announced its President's and Dean's Lists for the 1998 fall semester.

Making the Dean's List (GPA between 3.0-3.5) from Morse is Eva Schick.

Making the President's List (GPA above 3.5) from Morse is Allen Burcham.

Nobles Family Honored

by Harletta Carthel

A nostalgic moment captured on film of a father and his sons has become symbolic of the Dust Bowl era in American history.

But for Melinda McCullough of Gruver and Jim Nobles of Spearman, the photographic treasure is also their family history.

When Gruver Postmaster Mike Floyd informed McCullough that a picture taken in 1936 of her grandfather and two uncles, would be featured on the cover of a new collector's series of stamps known as "Celebrate the Century," McCullough was surprised but not shocked. The original picture, taken by Arthur Rothstein working for the Farmer's Security Administration during the 1930's, has appeared in many national publications.

The photograph depicts Arthur Coble and his two sons, Milton and Darrell, making their way to feed livestock in a barn on their farm near Felt, Oklahoma. The barn and fence posts in the picture are both partially obscured by blowing dust. The classic representation of the Dust Bowl era is in the Library of Congress, a 1963 issue of Look magazine, a 1979 issue of National Geographic, and numerous history books. Many local residents may also have a copy of the picture in the World Book Encyclopedia under the title "United States, a history of, 1930-1959."

In an open house held in the Gruver Post Office on Friday, McCullough presented a print from an oil painting she had made of the



Jim Nobles and Melinda McCullough are pictured above with a print of the painting by Melinda of an original picture of the classic photo that will be featured on the cover of a new collector's series of stamps known as "Celebrate the Century."

classic photo to be displayed at the facility beside the new stamp cover of the 1930's decade showing the photo.

McCullough and Nobles state that a representative of a magazine in which the picture had once been featured returned to the Felt, Oklahoma area in 1979 to do a follow-up story of the lives of the three individuals in the photograph. Although there are 12 surviving grandchildren of Arthur Coble, Coble, himself, died at age 55.

Milton, the older of the two boys pictured, was a windmill operator who lived in Dalhart while the younger lad, Darrell, remained on the family farm. Both of the men died in their early 40's. The barn itself has even succumbed to time. All that now remains is the picture, a moment of another time, which serves not only as a testament of a rugged farm family, but also a tribute to the struggle and dedication of many pioneers.



The 1998-99 Spearman Basketball Homecoming was celebrated on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 with the crowning of the Basketball Homecoming King and Queen. Doran Schoenhals was selected as the 1998-99 Basketball Homecoming King and Kristin Beedy was selected as the 1998-99 Basketball Homecoming Queen.

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 7
Birthday - Brad Holt, Marsha Lowe, Lucy Pittman, Judy Virden, Mrs. Perry Hawkins, Michael Rodriguez, Pam Porter, Buddy Parker, Christina Bayless, Baylee Garland, Dorothy Nollner, Kimberly Irwin
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Howard Nash, Mr. & Mrs. Crockett Tidwell

January 8
Birthday - Cody Barkley, Haley Shields, Tina Brogdon, Doris Hendricks, Fontella McKee, Ross Womble, Lisa Brown, Lera Langston, Amanda Schneider
January 9
Birthday - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Britt Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blain
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Kell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Logsdon

January 10
Birthday - Melinda Robertson, Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Chrissy Bensinger, Barbara Rojas, Justin Johnson, Lex Logsdon
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Frantz

January 11
Birthday - Norma Edens, Marcy Hendrick, Gloria Knox, Chad Riggins, Karen Kirk, Bill Pittman, Louise Kizzar, Shayla Jo Barber, Leeta Prather
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Bradley

January 12
Birthday - Fay Blount, Imogene Williams, Helen Fisher, Georgia McLeod, Francis Biles, Toni Archer, Dori Anderson, Britt Savage, Cory Anderson, Earl Wattier, Steve Stedje, Bryant Layton, Steve Ellis,

Downing Salazar, Bradley Carlisle, Tara Davis, Brandlee James
Anniversary - Alton & Peggy Elsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Lang, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Overbey

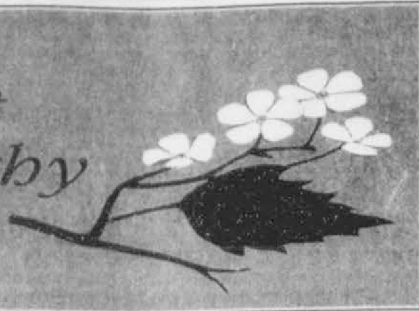
January 13
Birthday - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzzegerald, T.J. Johnson, Molly McLain, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jack McKee, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell
January 14
Birthday - Marlene Davis, Emma Lou Collins, Denise Ware, Willis Boyd, Randall Mitchell, April TeBeest, Harold Crooks, Martina Miller, Debbie Coates, Ellen Reynolds
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Baker, Mr. & Mrs. George De Santiago

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

January 16
Birthday - Viva Renner Devine, Ynese Williams, Howard Goodrich, Steve Reed, Irvin Davis, Juanita Cook, Jodi Larson, 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, Bob Short, Dana Booth, Sheri Benton, Frank Miller, Nancy Groves, Wayne Bayless, Tera Red, Jason Ridge, Ben Upchurch, Justin Gifford

With Deepest Sympathy



Gladys L. Riddle

Gladys L. Riddle, 84, died on Thursday, December 31, 1998 at Bivins Memorial Home in Amarillo.

Services were held on Tuesday, January 5, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Spearman with the Rev. Rick Patrick, pastor, officiating. Burial followed at Hansford Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Gladys was born in Bosque County, TX in 1914. She had lived in the area for 21 years, moving from Sunray.

She married Ernest S. Riddle in 1932 at Hollis, OK. He preceded her in death in 1982.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Spearman.

Survivors include a daughter, Maralene Stevens of Valley Falls, KS; two sons, Kenneth Riddle of Indianapolis, IN and Wayne Riddle of Amarillo; 14 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Alzheimer's Association, or First Baptist Church of Spearman.



Hugo A. Riemer, Jr.

Hugo A. Riemer, Jr., 75, died on Saturday, December 26, 1998 at St. Anthony Hospice in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 29, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Stinnett, TX with Rev. Wyatt Carpenter, Rev. Bob Green, Rev. Elvis Peck, and Rev. Jerry Phillips officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Stinnett, under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Hugo was born in Spearman, TX and had been a resident of Stinnett since 1946. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army, and was a rancher. He was a member of the Stinnett Christian Center, received a B.A. Degree from West Texas, was active in the Gideons and prison ministry.

He married Beatrice Wetsel on August 15, 1942 in Allen Reed, TX. She preceded him in death on July 2, 1994.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Riemer and Jimmy Riemer, both of Stinnett and Billy Riemer of Sacramento, CA; one sister, Mrs. Irene Williams of Stinnett; 6 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the Memorial Bible Fund of Gideons, P.O. Box 5800, Borger, TX 79007.

Albert E. Clark

Albert E. Clark, 65, died on Saturday, December 26, 1998 in Spearman.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, December 29, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. at the Spearman Church of Christ with Leonard Harper, minister, officiating. A private family graveside service and burial were in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Albert was born in Newcastle, TX in 1933. He had lived in the area for 34 years, moving from Lazbuddie, TX. He married Claudine Jackson in 1956 at her parents home near Spearman.

Albert was a farmer/rancher. He was a member and elder for many years at the Spearman Church of Christ, and was elected Precinct 2 Hansford County Commissioner in November 1998.

Survivors include his wife, Claudine Clark of Spearman; one daughter, Carrie Tidwell of Honolulu, Hawaii; one son, Roney Clark of Gruver; one brother, Wayne Clark of Lazbuddie, TX; and one half-brother, George Clark of Newcastle, TX; and 3 grandchildren.

Donald Lee Allison

Donald Lee Allison, 64, of Vassar, KS died Sunday, December 27, 1998 at an Amarillo hospital.

He was born on March 29, 1924 at Estancia Valley, NM, the son of R.P. and Lois Bowling Allison.

Mr. Allison was a maintenance mechanic for Essex Wire at Topica, KS for the past 17 years. He married Nada Marie Hutton, November 4, 1952. She survives at the home. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, James Richard Allison, who died in 1977.

Other survivors include a daughter, Janet Michaels of DesMoines, WA; two sons, Gary Allison of Phoenix, AZ and Donnie Allison of Carbondale, KS; a sister, Suzanne McDaniel of Jamul, CA; a brother, Richard Paul Allison of Spearman; 8 grandchildren, Shiela Allison, Heather Hastings, Shannon Allison, Toni Barney, Holly Watkins, Cory Barney, Richard Allison and Jessica Michaels; and 5 great-grandchildren.

My Grandpa

Written by Holly Allison Watkins to Grandpa Don Allison

My Grandpa was an incredible man;
A die hard fisher and Cowboys fan.

He loved God's children each and every one;
He taught them to ski and how to have fun.

He loved his family above all else;
He brought them up to be like himself.

He showed his children how to play and win;
If they didn't listen he showed them again and again.

My Grandpa was one of a kind;
No friendlier man could you find.

He was a champion above all others;
He was a fighter of friends, enemies and others.

My Grandpa was in each and every way;
The kind of person I want to be some day.

Let us replenish the seed of faith through... DAILY BIBLE READING, PRAYER & REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The Jesus Video

The Hansford County Jesus Video Project steering committee organized believing God would have us to move closer to fulfilling the great commission found in Matthew 28 by distributing the movie Jesus to every home in our county and school districts.

After prayer, the date for handing out these videos was set for January 24, 1999. That meant that the training had to come on January 17, 1999. However, we had no funds with which to purchase the videos and other needed supplies in order to be effective. We then issued a plea for money. Trusting God to provide these funds by the proper date, so that we could proceed with the current plans, we laid our request for donations before you, the people of Hansford County. We knew that if, in fact, we were within God's timing, He would provide the contributions. If the contributions were to fail, we would accept that we were not within God's timing, commit the dates to prayer once again, and follow a new leading from God.

Well, God's people responded!! You have given of your money, for which we are truly grateful! Thanks to you, we are very close to reaching our minimum goal of \$12,000.00 Please remember us as you are making your Christmas memorials and honorariums, and year end contributions!

And so that brings us to a new aspect of our project. You have given of your money, now would you give of yourself and your time? We need volunteers who are willing to attend training and participate in a prayer walk on the 17th of January, distribute videos on the 24th, and follow up 3-4 weeks later. We are trusting God for a minimum of 100-150 volunteers participate with us. The more volunteers we have, the smaller the area you will have to cover, and follow-up will be accomplished more completely.

Each steering committee member has a sheet. Please contact one of us to put your name on the list quickly so that the committee can get an accurate count of volunteers and begin dividing up the county and school districts accordingly. We needed your money--you continue to give. We now need you--please volunteer!

*Tax deductible donations are currently being accepted. Please make checks payable to: Jesus Video Project of Hansford County. Mail to: Dan Carter, 621 S. Endicott, Spearman, TX, 79081

**Volunteers are welcomed. Contact any steering committee member. Jim Deakin, Carla Conley, Dan Carter, Lois Shieldknight, Rev. Beverly Cook, Virginia Trindle, Danny Hendricks, Alton Ellsworth, Sonny Kell, Mary Brock, Nona Schell, Leann Gillaspie, or Mike Martin.

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Apostolic Faith Church
822 S. Drexler • 659-2870
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship & Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening/Youth Service: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Children's Choir: 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - James Brown

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 - Johnny Taylor

First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kids Church: 10:35 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

First Presbyterian Church
(Worships with Faith Lutheran Church)
1021 Cotter • 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Buildings)
Pastor - Beverly Cook

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.
Senior Minister - Joseph Weeks

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
(Worships 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
Rainbow Kids Club: 3:00 Wednesday
Pastor - Ken Cole

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. Dismissal Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Meeting: 8 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Rick Patrick
Min. of Youth/Education - Brian Foster

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 & Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Bill Sparks
Parsonage - 659-5073

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 With Christ: 7:50 a.m. M-F
Minister - Willie Tolison

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. - English
(9:00 a.m. Service on KRDF 98.3 FM)
Sunday Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo
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Primera Mision Bautista
502 E. 7th • 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Thurs. Vistation: 7 p.m.

In 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. Evening 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
Young Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sunday
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gumbry

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

Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Garrett • 733-2651
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship & UMW: 6 p.m.
Pastor - Jany Moore

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.
Friday Evening Mass
Summer - 8:00 p.m.
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Laugh and Live



by Gary C. Smith
gcs@ren.net

My cousin Lewis always wanted to be on one of those television game shows. He finally had his chance, and he was not doing too bad.

Lewis was only 300 points behind the leader and about to answer the final question - worth 500 points!

Burt Lang, the show's host said, "Lewis, to be today's champion, name two of Santa's reindeer."

Lewis grinned a huge grin and gave a sigh of relief, happy that he had been asked such an easy question.

"Rudolph!" he said with confidence, "and, ... Olive!"

The studio audience started to applaud (like the little sing above their heads said to do), but the clapping quickly faded into mumbling, and the confused host replied, "I'm sorry, Lewis, we'll accept Rudolph, but could you please explain ... 'Olive'?!?"

"You know," Lewis shouted, and then he began to sing, "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer - had a very shiny nose. And if you ever saw it, you would even say it glowed. 'Olive,' The other reindeer..."

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James Keith Gross

James Keith Gross, 75, died on December 31, 1998 in Gruver. Graveside services were held on Saturday, January 2, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in Lieb Cemetery with James Kinnaird, minister of the Gruver Church of Christ officiating. Services were under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman.

James was born in Liberal, KS in 1923. He had lived in the area all of his life. He married Reta Chisum in 1976 in Gruver.

James retired in 1982 from the grocery business. He was a World War II Air Force Veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Reta Gross of Gruver; one son, Curtis Gross of Borger; six daughters, Marcy Hency of Belle Vista, AR, Debbie Chisum of Gruver, Jan Huffman, Teresa Chisum, and Kim Mauzy, all of Arlington, TX, and Stacy Gross of San Francisco, CA; two sisters, Margaret Orman of Flagstaff, AZ and Jo Fletcher of Gruver; one brother, Gordon Gross of Amarillo; 7 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy O'Nesky Standerfer

Dorothy O'Nesky Standerfer, 70, died on Thursday, December 24, 1998 in McAlester Regional Health Center in Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held at Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church in Haileyville, OK at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 26, 1998. Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery with the Rev. Father Joseph A. Nelson officiating.

Dorothy was born on December 25, 1927 in Haileyville, OK to Mitch and Rosie Wansick O'Nesky. She married Buddy Standerfer on December 27, 1947. They moved to Spearman, TX in 1954, and after retirement in 1986, moved back to Haileyville, OK.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Buddy Standerfer; her parents; and one sister, Betty Walls.

Survivors include two daughters, Debbie and Larry Brown of Ft. Collins, CO and Denise Grady of Amarillo; one son, James and Debbie Standerfer of Pampa; one brother, Bill O'Nesky of Haileyville, OK; one sister, Helen Stevens of Angelton, TX; 8 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

You are invited to attend a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Jessica Woolley
(bride elect of Clayton Black)
on Saturday, January 16, 1999
from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
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*Date of Shower

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My First Christmas In Heaven

Editor's Note: The following poem was given to Bill and Terry Porter, and they would like to share it with others who may have lost loved ones during the past year. It was written by a 13-year-old boy named Ben, who died of a brain tumor that he had battled for years. He died on December 14, 1997.

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
But I am not so far away; we really aren't apart.
So be happy for me, dear ones. You know I hold you dear,
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above.
I sent you each a memory of my undying love.
After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do.
For I can't count the blessing or love He has for each of you.
So, have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

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JTPA Funds Available For Texas Panhandle Residents
Need training to get a job? You may qualify for Job Training Partnership Act which includes free college or on-the-job training. Contact Pat Rinehart at the Texas Workforce Commission, 103 W. 4th Street in Borger, or call (806) 274-3242 for an appointment. JTPA programs in the Panhandle of Texas are made available by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission as administrator for the Panhandle Workforce Development Partnership.

Bethesda Outreach
Bethesda Outreach has now been in operation for one year and we are having good results from the program. We are endeavoring to expand our ministry. If you are having a hard time with your finances, are out of work and need temporary help with food, this distribution is at present being held at the Trinity Fellowship church on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. You must be there by this time to receive groceries. We as a community are here to help you and especially through this holiday season. Bethesda is now receiving coats for all ages to help others during the winter months. If you would like to be a part of this community outreach with your personal help or your finances, whether with a one time gift or a monthly pledge you may contact us at Bethesda 659-2671. We also have a prayer line that you may call at either of the following numbers: 659-2671 or 659-1743.

Genealogy Class
If you would like to learn more about your roots, come learn the basics on how to begin tracing your family history. You will gain an overview of methods used, research techniques and recording of information. If you are in the process of tracing your history and have come to a block, this class will be useful to you. Members of the Spearman Genealogy Club and the Community Resource Program will sponsor the class. The class will be held on Monday, January 11, 1999 from 7-9 p.m. at Spearman High School. The cost for the class will be \$10.00. For more information, call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 or Nita Bynum at 659-2842.

GED Preparation Classes
If you need help in preparing for your GED test, GED preparation classes will be held beginning January 18th to assist you. For those participating in the class, the GED test will be given on Monday, March 15th (GED testing may be rescheduled due to student scheduling conflicts). Class will be offered on Monday nights for 8 weeks from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Practice tests will be given to help with your study plan. These classes will be a Partner In Education project with Brown, Graham & Co. in Spearman. Students needing more information should call Cindy Blackman, 659-3233, Glenda Guthrie, 659-2584, or Myrna Biggers, 659-1766. There is no fee for the Partners In Education GED class.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering
The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet on Saturday, January 9, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 407 S. Haney, in Spearman. An agape meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m., followed by a praise and worship service in the sanctuary. The board of directors will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Family, friends, and members of all the area wide churches are invited to attend. Applications are being received for three women's walks and two men's walks scheduled during 1999. Anyone interested may contact your local church, someone who has attended an Emmaus walk, or a board member.

Weigh Down Workshop
There will be an orientation meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 11th at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Spearman for a Weigh Down Workshop. The first meeting will be on Monday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Spearman. To register, or for more information, contact Rhonda Covington at 659-5185.

Sunflower Cropping Seminar
A cropping seminar featuring information on sunflower production will be held at the Smokehouse restaurant in Perryton on Thursday, January 13th at 12:00 noon. It is being sponsored by Triumph Seed and Monsanto. The Texas Department of Agriculture is offering 3 CEU's to those who attend. The featured speaker for the seminar is Ken Birndt of Agron Northern Sun, a major buyer of sunflower oils. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, or your local Extension Agent.

Office hours for The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman are Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1-5 p.m. The deadline to submit items to be published is Monday at 5:00 p.m. for that week's publication.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
I am writing in response to Wanda Stewart's letter concerning a recent incident involving the Spearman EMS. I felt that some of her comments shed an unflattering light on this service, and being a member of the EMS service, I feel compelled to offer another point of view.

First of all, Spearman has a shortage of EMS volunteers who are able to respond to emergency calls during the daytime hours. This is not only a local problem, but one that stretches nation-wide, and this is not new news. As members of this service, we have all been URGENTLY concerned about this matter for several months. Back in August, we approached the supporting entities, at which time a committee was formed to explore different avenues to improve our situation. To my knowledge, no definitive solution has been agreed upon yet, despite their efforts. During this time, all members of our service have bent over backward to provide continuing emergency service to the residents of Spearman. Our service director, Paul Moore, has put in a tremendous amount of time and energy in trying to cope with this problem. He is currently teaching a class to train new EMTs, as he has done for the past

several years. He has arranged for Terry Bavousett, Director of the Regional TDH, to meet with the newly formed committee, to discuss our situation, and he works on a daily basis tending to the "nuts and bolts" of our organization. Many people would have buckled under the pressure, and in my opinion, he has handled the job beautifully.

I will join Ms. Stewart in thanking Gruver EMS. We have asked for their help, and have received it. We appreciate them, and would (and have) done the same for them. The fact is that we are not unwilling to provide emergency care around the clock, but at this point, are unable to, due to job demands. Each of us are employed, and our call volume has increased to the point that it has become impossible for us to be away from our jobs as much as we are needed.

Ms. Stewart, I sincerely regret that you are unhappy with this situation, and so am I, but I do not join you in criticizing our personnel. I am very proud to be working alongside the volunteers we have on our service at this time. These folks are extremely good at what they do, and I wouldn't want to barge into some of the situations we are called into without crews of their caliber. We all became volunteer EMTs for different

reasons, but we are still here, sticking together through tough times, for the same reason--WE CARE ABOUT PEOPLE!!

Because I love being an EMT, I can handle the sleepless nights, foiled plans, and nervous situations, but the thing I am

having the hardest time accepting is the handful of people who seem to make a sport of criticizing the efforts of very good volunteers. We need your help, not public tongue-lashings.

Cindy Scribner, EMT-Paramedic

Gladiola Flower Club News

by Verna Brown

The Gladiola Flower Club met Thursday, December 17th in the home of June Jackson for our annual Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed the evening with a delicious meal followed by visiting and having a gift exchange.

President Virginia Trindle had a short meeting and installation of officers. She also presented pins to Dickie Allen, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Estelle Jackson, Jo Larson, and Gwen Smith for 50 years of membership.

The new officers for 1999 are: President - Jo Larson, Vice-President - Estelle Jackson, Secretary - Denise Carter, Treasurer - Gwen Smith, Flower Chairman - Betty Davis, Historian - Margarette Evans, Project Chairman - Virginia Head, Yearbook Chairman - Judy

Martin, Virginia Trindle and June Jackson, Program Chairman - Verna Brown, Rose Cummings and Kathleen Sutton.

Flower winners for the year were: Home Grown - Virginia Trindle, Specimen - Virginia Trindle, Borrowed - Margarette Evans, Potted Plant - Rose Cummings.

Members present were: Dickie Allen, Charlise Baker, Myra Berner, Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Denise Carter, Rose Cummings, Betty Davis, Margarette Evans, Virginia Head, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Jo Larson, Judy Martin, Eloise Renner, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton and Virginia Trindle.

The next meeting will be March 18th.

It's A Boy & A Girl!

Jeff and Kris Spencer are proud to announce the arrival of their twins Hollie Michelle, 3 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, 16 inches long, and Austin Michael, 3 pounds 15 ounces, 17 inches long. The twins were born in Austin, TX on January 2, 1999.

When released from the hospital they will be welcomed home by big brother Kyle.

Proud grandparents are Earl and June Spencer of Spearman and Roger and Hal Leifheit of Frankston, TX. Great-grandmother is Idella Randall of Spearman.

It's A Boy!

Buster and Krista (Stedje) Davis wish to announce the birth of their son, Blaise Nicholas Davis.

Blaise was born on Tuesday, December 22, 1998 at 8:40 a.m. at Memorial Hospital of Texas County in Guyton, OK. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

He was welcomed home by his two-year-old big sister, Michaela Davis.

Proud grandparents are Lynn and Jan Stedje of the Oslo Community and C.A. and Gerry Davis of Gruver. Great-grandparents are James and Ada Joyce Stedje of the Oslo Community and Roy and Ruth Roper of Flower Mound, TX. Great-great-grandmother is Jessie Spivey of Spearman.

Thank You

We would like to thank the person or persons who put the special gift on Becky's grave. It meant a lot to us when we saw it Christmas Day.

Thanks again for remembering her and us.
Love in Christ,
Bill & Terry

Thank You

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Operation Christmas Card Fund. This money will be used at the hospital and Manor for needed items.

A special thanks to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman and KRDF-FM Radio Station for their support.

Hansford Hospital Auxiliary

Thank You

We do not have the right words to express our gratitude to this community for the prayers, food, hugs, kind words and deeds showered on our family throughout Martha's long struggle and passing. A special thank you goes out to the staff of Hansford Hospital, the hospice volunteers and our church family.

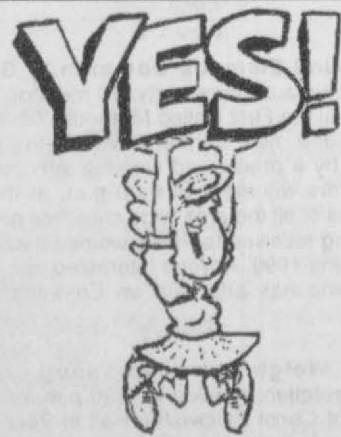
May God bless each and all of you,
The Martha Latham Family

Thank You

Friends of Spearman would like to thank all who participated in the 2nd Annual Spirit of Christmas Dinner at the O'Loughlin Center. We thank all who helped with the food, made a donation, washed dishes, or made a contribution in any way. Approximately 120 people attended and enjoyed a delicious meal.

A roaster that belongs to Hansford Implement was been misplaced during the dinner. If you have information of its whereabouts, please contact Linda Latta or Lyn Woolley.

Thank you one and all!



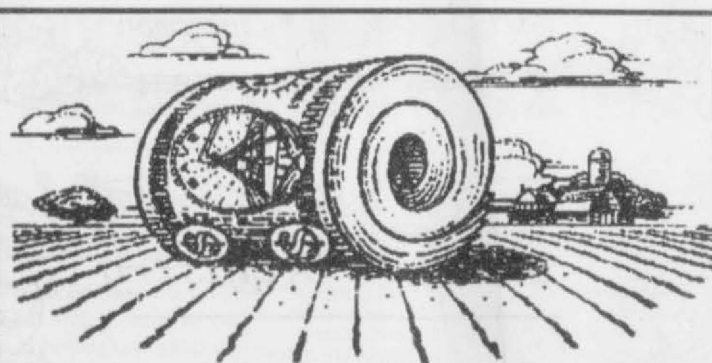
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Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Wagner of Gruver are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Rae to Aaron Thomas Sage. Aaron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Sage of Dalhart.

Kimberly graduated from Gruver High School in 1995. She graduated from Texas A&M University in December of 1998 with a marketing degree.

Aaron graduated from Texline High School in 1993. He received his B.S. degree in Agriculture Economics from Texas A&M University in August of 1997. Aaron is currently employed as a grain and feed ingredient purchaser with Cargill Nutrena Feeds in Fort Worth, TX.

The couple is planning a March 20, 1999 wedding in Dalhart.

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Hansford County Community Calendar January 7-17

Thursday, January 7
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch
Spearman Junior High Basketball Tournament
7:00 p.m. - Musical Jamboree at the Golden Spread Center, Spearman

Friday, January 8
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
Spearman Junior High Basketball Tournament

Saturday, January 9
Spearman Junior High Basketball Tournament
7:00 p.m. - Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering - Spearman First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 10
11:00 a.m. - Dr. Margaret Nikol to speak and perform violin at Oslo Lutheran Church
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Spearman First Christian Church

Monday, January 11
8:30 a.m. - Moms In Touch - Gruver Methodist Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioners Court Meets
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
2:00 p.m. - Ft. Zulu Museum Board Meets, Ft. Zulu Museum
7:00 p.m. - Genealogy Club Meets - Spearman High School, Room 116
7:30 p.m. - Weigh Down Workshop Organizational Meeting - Spearman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 12
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
2:00-4:00 p.m. - Hearing Aid Checkup at Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center
2:00 p.m. - Palo Duro River Authority Board Meets
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
6:30 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Dinner & Games

Wednesday, January 13
6:30 a.m. - Mug 'n' Muffin Women's Fellowship - First Christian Church, Spearman
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
9:45 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Center Food Service
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber of Commerce Women's Division Board Meets
12:00 p.m. - Sunflower Cropping Seminar - Smokehouse Restaurant, Perryton
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - "42"
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
5:00 p.m. - Gruver City Council Meets

Thursday, January 14
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board Meets

Friday, January 15
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise

Saturday, January 16
Gruver FFA/4-H Stock Show
9:30 a.m. - Easy Breeze - Girl's Day Out - O'Loughlin Center

Sunday, January 17
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Gruver United Methodist Church

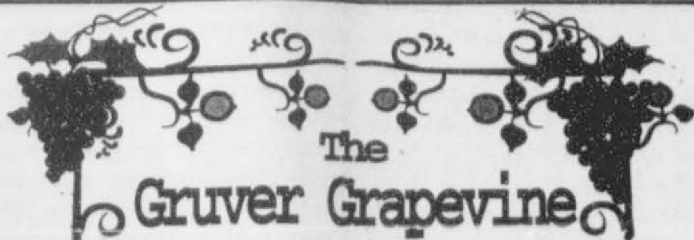
Miss Texas Farm Bureau



Steffany Simon

Steffany Simon of Hansford County was recently chosen Miss Texas Farm Bureau at the group's 65th Annual Convention held November 28th-19th in Lubbock. Thirteen young women from across Texas competed for scholarships, prizes and the opportunity to represent the Texas Farm Bureau in 1999. Steffany is a freshman at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, where

she is majoring in Mass Communications. She is a 1998 honor graduate of Gruver High School. She will travel on January 9, 1999 to Albuquerque, New Mexico to help promote the Texas Farm Bureau at the National Convention. Her parents are Joyce Simon and Russell Simon. Her grandparents are Beth Wood and Gene Wood and Red and Louise Simon.



by Harletta Carthel
New Students

While the elementary and junior high reported no new students enrolling for the semester, the high school listed freshman Josh Ramos from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Cody Bolton from Dalhart. New junior students include Justin Thomson of Washington, D.C. and Ishmael Pessoa of Brazil. With the exception of Thomson, all the new students had attended Gruver Schools at previous times.

Get Well Wishes

J.C. Harris had a pacemaker implanted recently and is scheduled to be home this week.

Sophomore Brooke Salmans, daughter of Lane and Lisa Salmans, suffered a torn ACL ligament during the Stratford basketball tournament last week. The season-ending injury is the second such injury for young Salmans who was sidelined much of the basketball season last year with an ACL tear in her other knee.

Oslo Lutheran Slates Special Service

Dr. Margaret Nikol, concert violinist formerly of the East German nation of Bulgaria, will speak and perform on Sunday, January 10, at 11:00 a.m. in the Oslo Lutheran Church. The morning service will be followed by a pot luck noon meal and fellowship.

Nikol's family suffered anti-Christian persecution in her homeland, and she is the only surviving member of her family, which were all pastors, to survive by escaping to the United States in 1982.

The public is cordially invited to the service and the meal.

Sympathy Extended

The sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Keith Gross. Mr. Gross was an active part of the Gruver commerce community for thirty years as owner of G&G Foodliner. The business, purchased in 1952 from J.C. Harris, was operated by Gross

until his retirement in June of 1982. Through his business, Mr. Gross knew virtually every resident of the community at that time and was able to watch a generation of children grow-up and raise children of their own.

Sympathy is extended to the members of the Albert Clark family. Mr. Clark was the brother-in-law of June Barkley and had numerous relatives in the Gruver community.

Watlington's Wisdom

In a thoughtful article in Generation Y of the Amarillo Globe/News, GHS senior Matt Watlington used I Corinthians 10:31 to urge athletes to "do all for the glory of God." Gruver is fortunate to have Matt and his teammates representing our school.

Gruver Stock Show Slated

The Gruver FFA and 4-H sock show is slated for Saturday, January 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gruver County Barn. This local show precedes the Hansford County Stock Show which is scheduled for

February 12 and 13 in the Spearman County Barn.

Minor Fire Reported by Business

Little Tiffanies' owner Rita Williams reported a small fire in her store on Tuesday, December 29. Williams heard an explosion from a light fixture in her store and then detected a fire. The Gruver Volunteer Fire Department extinguished the fire which did minimal damage to the store. The store will have new carpet and new wiring following the incident.

Voice Your Choice

With impeachment proceedings to begin in Washington on January 7, local residents are urged to make their voice heard. Due to the lateness of the date, contacting Senator Gramm or Hutchinson by mail is probably not advantageous, phone or fax options are still open.

Senators and their numbers are Sen. Phil Gramm, Phone : (202) 224 - 2934 or fax: (202) 228 - 2856. Senator Hutchinson Phone: (202) 224 - 5922, Fax: (202) 224 - 0776.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Christmas Items:

Lynda and Keith Meddock have never experienced a Christmas with such mixed emotions - sadness in the passing of loved ones, but pleasure in the company of family, and thankful for the blessings of the season.

Keith's father, Bert Meddock, passed away on December 21st. He was living in Liberal, but was formerly of Spearman. His services were at Liberal on the 24th and burial was at Ft. Scott, Kansas.

Lynda's uncle, Walter Jay Rogers, died on Christmas eve. He lived in the Waka community, but died in a Dumas nursing home. His services were held the following Tuesday at Ochiltree cemetery.

The Meddock's Christmas guests were Lynda's sons - Roger with Diane, Brian and Ashley Close of Spearman. Danny with Danielle and Colton Close from Dumas.

Others were Keith's mother, Lois Meddock; his sister Elaine Meddock and nephew David Tietz, all of Liberal.

Peggy and Alton Ellsworth spent a first of its kind Christmas and hope never to have another exactly like it. On the night of the 21st, Alton was assisting her in turning the king-sized mattress and somehow it slipped, striking her and throwing her to the floor in such a manner that she suffered a broken bone below the left knee.

She was taken by ambulance to an Amarillo hospital, after being treated at Hansford Hospital. She was dismissed Christmas Eve and is recovering at home. In spite of having to be in a wheelchair, she enjoyed Christmas and the family gathering. She will probably be incapacitated for three months.

Peggy is discovering heretofore unknown abilities in Alton - capable nursing, pretty fair housekeeper, but now as to a talent for cooking - - - maybe in time!

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Connelly were Sarah and Clinton Martin with Madison and Ethan, Hardesty; John and Lauri Ethridge, Amarillo; James and Kiki Connelly, Spearman. All but one grandchild was able to be present.

Ted and Barbara Scroggs felt their Christmas to be complete with the coming of daughter, Tamera Shedd with Sheila and Samuel, Amarillo; daughter, Lisa and Joe Cook, with Breanna, Mark and Dillon, Ardmore, Oklahoma; son Norman and Linda with Charity and Garrett, College Station.

Betty and James Pugh returned December 28th from a four day trip to Las Vegas. Their flight was pleasant both ways as the weather was good, as it was during their stay there. The mornings were a mite nippy but warm through the day.

They lodged at the Valleys hotel. James and Betty are both avid readers of the Russian revolution so especially enjoyed the fabulous Russian Art Exhibit now at the Rio Hotel. The Casino Hotel was also featuring an art exhibit which caught their interest - that of a personal exhibit of a modern painter.

This info comes from James and he side-steps any reference to any other entertainment that caught their interest. In Las Vegas, at Christmas, with the dazzling displays, lights, celebrity shows, games of chance, he may have found time for some other activity. His bills to his customers next month may shed a clue!

Scarlett and Punk Jackson were delighted to have their son, Tal, and Chiemi with son Clay here for Christmas week. They are from Yuma, Arizona. Another guest was Mrs. A. L. Smith of Lubbock, Scarlett's mother.

Tal is a Harrier pilot in the Marine Corps. He flew his family back to Yuma then returned here for the funeral of Albert Clark and Hugo Reimer of Stinnett.

June and John Paterson drove to Houston on the 22nd to be with her mother who was hospitalized, expecting to undergo heart surgery. Fortunately it was determined that she can be treated with medication and was returned to her home in Rosenbaum.

John and June drove from Houston in extreme icy road conditions. For 150 miles in central Texas, the highway had a thick coating of solid ice. About 18 hours was required for the drive home.

Christmas guests of Helen and Ray Gibson were their entire family - four generations, only one grandson couldn't come. Karen Cargill, with Jenifer, came from Denver City; George and Rhonda Jennings with two daughters, Amarillo; and from Spearman were Connie and Scott Ermis and two children; Cheryl and Frank Delgado, and Ron Gibson.

Helen spent New Year's weekend in Vernon, visiting her sisters. She accompanied Joan and Jeff Hawkins as far as Vernon as they were going to Graham for the weekend.

Phyllis Owens returned after spending Christmas in Amarillo with her daughter, Judy and Bill Elliot. Her grandson, Darrin Elliot and family of Dallas joined them.

Phyllis had been away from home the week previous while attending the wedding of her other grandson, Trent Elliott, in Houston. It was an elaborate affair with more than 500 guests, after all the connected social events, so Phyllis welcomes the peace and

quiet of Spearman.

Lynn Gibner of Portland, Oregon brought ultimate cheer to his mother, Lois, by being here with her at Christmas. Lois has been staying in Hansford Manor, but during his visit here, they were in her home.

On Tuesday before Christmas Wanda and John Brown picked up their granddaughter, Kyla Brown, in Amarillo and drove to El Paso. They spent the time until Saturday with their son Bobby in his apartment.

Bobby is employed at an automobile company there and plans to make El Paso his home.

On the return trip home, the Browns had to do considerable maneuvering to avoid all the ice on highways in south and west Texas which made for a long days drive home.

Margaret Gibner sends greetings to her old friends in Spearman and would be happy to hear from them. Her address is Sunrise West Mesa Care Center, 9150 McMahon N W, Albuquerque, N M, 87114.

Dr. Tom and Linda Latta spent Christmas in Edmond with her mother. Their daughter Tommie, on holiday from the university, accompanied them. Back in Spearman their entire family joined them on Sunday for a family Christmas.

The Lattas were able to thoroughly enjoy the holidays after being relieved to learn that the

Newcomb House Bed and Breakfast was not flooded by a water leak as had been reported. Not only the Lattas, but many in the community who admire the Bed and Breakfast had heard that it was almost ruined with a flooded basement.

The leak was on the outside and did leak about a foot of water in the basement after some hunters had left. A new line was installed, and the house was ready for new lodgers in a few days.

As of this writing the report on Billy Haden is that he is making rapid recovery from his second brain surgery in recent weeks. This was caused by unexpected development. Last Tuesday he was taken by ambulance to Stinnett where he was picked up by Medvac helicopter. He was flown to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital. Two days after the surgery, he was moved to a private room. Wife Martha and their son Billy Ray of Amarillo have been in attendance.

It is expected that he will be back at home by the time this is published.

State wide news media report that Mike Garnett of Spearman joined the Farm Credit Bank of Texas board of directors last week for a three year term. As a board member, he will help direct policy for a \$4.7 billion agricultural lending network serving nearly 53,000 people in southern states.

Mike is currently serving as chairman of the Panhandle-Plains Federal Land Bank Association. Congratulations, Mike, and a

wise appointment, indeed.

Dwayne Smith reports for the week of December 28th to January 4th by 7 a.m. that the highest temperature was 66 degrees on December 30th. The lowest was 11 degrees on both January 3rd and 4th. Twice there was 1/2 inch of snow for a total of .53. The total moisture for the entire year was 24.18.

An old comment has an addition - Architects cover their mistakes with ivy; doctors cover their mistakes with sod, and weather forecasters cover theirs with a layer of encores.

A BLANK LOOK: To see one respond to the drivel from those who say "an official's private life is his own affair" or "an official shouldn't be forced out of office because of his private conduct." Just ask, "Do you really feel the jails should be opened for all those now serving time for the felony of perjury?" Then comes that blank stare.

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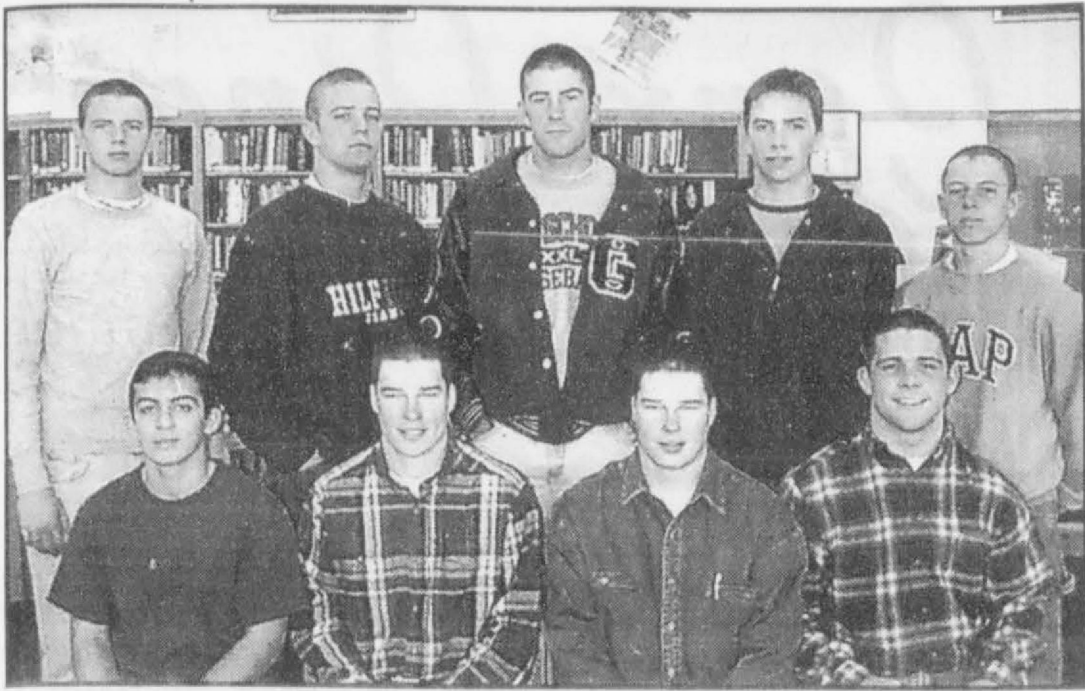
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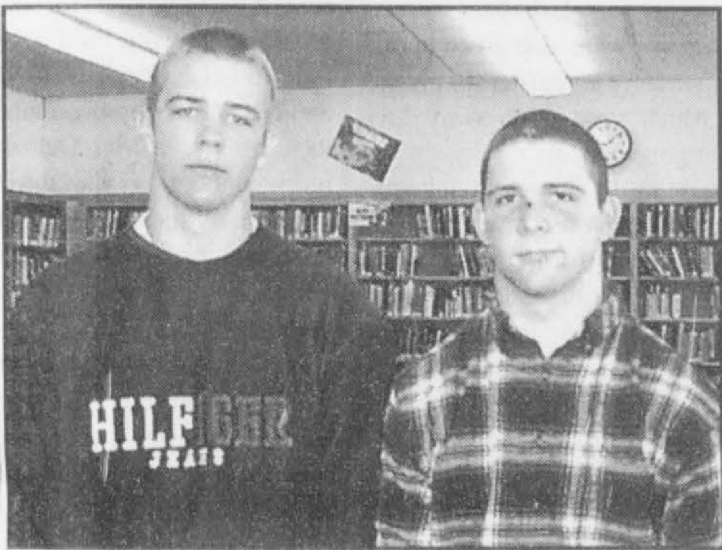
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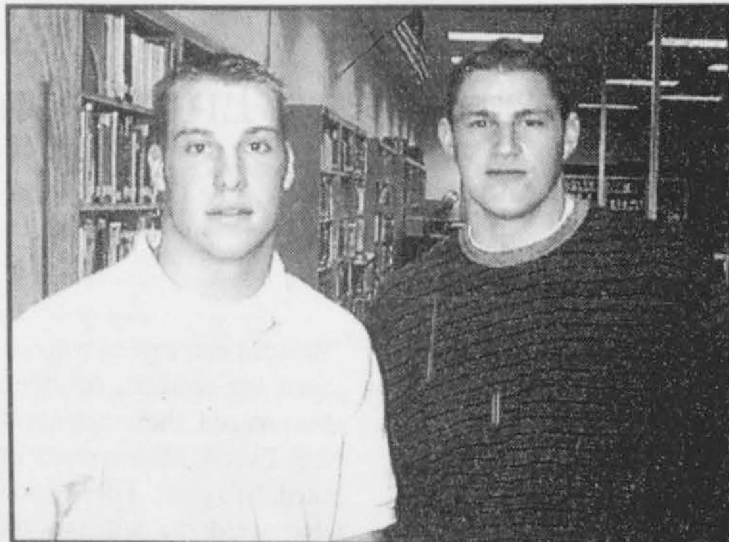
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Ten members of the 1998 Gruver High School Hound football team were recently tabbed for all-district honors. Team members and their awards are (Back Row, L-R) Jason Pool, senior, first team running back; Bray Armes, junior, first team defensive linebacker, first team kicker, second team running back; Jim Potts, senior, first team quarterback and honorable mention defense; Kyler Barkley, junior, second team center, second team defensive end, and academic all-district; and Garrett Pool, sophomore, first team running back. (Front Row, L-R) Daniel Hernandez, honorable mention, offense; Jeff McClure, senior, first team offensive lineman and second team defensive linebacker; T.J. McClure, senior, honorable mention offense and defense; and Lucas Johnson, senior, first team offensive lineman, second team defensive lineman, and academic all-district. Not pictured is Derick Grotgut, junior, second team defensive secondary.



Outstanding Hounds Bray Armes (left), junior, and Lucas Johnson, senior, were selected to the Texas 1-A All State Football Team honorable mention list. Both young men, which helped lead Gruver to an area football title, were chosen for their defensive efforts.



Senior Lynx Michael Lusby (left) and Clancy Vanderburg were selected to the Texas 2A All State Football Team following stellar performances during the 1998 football season. Lusby was named honorable mention safety, and honorable mention kicker. Vanderburg was named to the first team offensive line and the second team defensive line.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth—January 4, 1999—43 ft. 3.5 in., down 9 in. in 2 weeks.

Jim took a couple of pictures of some mountain bluebirds, but unfortunately they will not print very well in the newspaper. (Bluebirds just don't look the same in black and white.) The pictures are still at the newspaper office if anyone is interested in looking at them.

New Year's Day the ice on the Lake opened up, and Red Byrd caught 4 nice channel cats. Only a few hardy locals are fishing now.

Since the cold weather and ice, more eagles and geese have come. Jim counted 18 bald eagles the Sunday after Christmas, but he has not seen that many since then. Canada geese are the most plentiful with snow geese second. He found that white geese with brown feathers on the back were immature snow geese. With the use of his two bird books, he has also identified the greater white-fronted geese. They get this name from a small white area just above their

bills. The pintail ducks stay more with the geese.

On the kids' pond he has identified mallards, green-winged teal, redheads, northern shovellers, all in the duck family, and American Coots. The ducks are skittish, and it is hard to sneak up where you can see them closely, but it is worth an effort, as some are really unusual birds. Jim says he is trying to photograph them without much luck.

Two females are all that are left of the ducks the Deringtons raised. Jim thinks the drake may have flown off with the wild ducks. His ducks did not have their wings clipped, but they did not seem to know they could fly.

Last week while I was reading a

novel about early day life in Kansas (South Wind by Dan Coldsmith), I came across a journal of an early day buffalo hunter, W. A. Wilson, who had hunted from Dodge City down to the Palo Duro and beyond. His outfit had 14 men and 7 teams. On Friday, November 17, 1876, they camped on the Beaver River. November 18, they camped on the Palo Duro, but were not yet in Texas. On November 19, they stopped for lunch in the "pan dora" pass for lunch. He mentions they passed the rifle pits that forenoon and that it was a place thrown up for protection against the Indians. He wrote that on the top of the hills are beautiful cedars growing on each side of the pass, making a beautiful spot, and that the pass is a nice little valley with hills and mountains on each side. Sounds like the dam and Dedication Park area to me.

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rescue helicopter to the ground when police couldn't get away from the scene of the accident.

Corey says his wife teases him because he doesn't go anywhere without his cellular phone. But there's one young man out there who's awfully glad he doesn't.

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November Students of the Month Announced

BY KATHYRN MURPHY

November's students of the month are...Brandi Willis and Dan Kunselman!!! Dan Kunselman is the eighteen year old son of Carl and Janie Kunselman. A very active student in Spearman High School, Dan has been in FFA for four years and is currently the FFA president. In band, Dan plays the trumpet and was voted 1997 Band Beau after participating in band for four years. Athletically Dan has played football for six years and been on varsity for two years. All four years of high school Dan has been in GT and a member of the First Christian Church's youth group. After he graduates, Dan plans to attend OPSU and major in an agricultural field, or go to McPherson University and get a degree in auto restoration. When asked who his most influential teacher is, Dan answered Mr. Mitchel.

(I guess he hasn't turned in his critical yet...)

Brandi Willis, the other student of the month, is a very busy girl. The daughter of Randy and Jackie Willis, Brandi was inducted into NHS her sophomore year and was chosen as secretary this year. She has also been a student council representative for two years. Brandi actively competes in UIL poetry and One Act and was the Lynx mascot her sophomore year. Well liked by her peers, Brandi was not only chosen server for the prom, but also a graduation escort. Academically, Brandi shines, too. She has received awards in English I, Band I, Public Speaking, Band II, World History, English III, and Biology II. This summer while everyone else was resting, Brandi attended Texas Girls State Camp. After graduating from Spearman, Brandi plans to attend Abaline Christian University and major in nursing. By the looks of Brandi's accomplishments, she will succeed in whatever she tries.



A "Hairy" Predicament

By MIA BURRELL and BRANDI WILLIS

On Friday, November 6th, Ronnie Cogdill got himself into a "hairy situation." By making a bet with football players Clancy Vanderburg, Kelsey Henton, Teddie Whitefield, and Doran Schoenhals, Ronnie ultimately got his head shaved. The bet consisted of Cogdill's doubt of the Spearman Lynx

beating the Canadian Wildcats. To Ronnie's dismay, the score ending up being 10-Spearman, 0-Canadian. So needless to say, the following Friday at the high school pep rally, the football players skinned Ronnie like they skinned the Wildcats. I guess it is safe to say that Ronnie won't be making anymore bets against the Lynx this year. Go Lynx!

SHS Students Give the Gift of Life

By HOLLY PIPKIN

Spearman Student Council sponsored their annual blood drive October 27, 1998.

The Student Council has been sponsoring the Blood Drive for over ten years now. Coffee Memorial Blood Bank is the organization that actually held the blood drive, which took place in the high school auditorium.

The blood bank's goal of fifty was exceeded by four due to the great participation of the community as well as some of our high school students.

However, to give blood, one must be at least seventeen years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. Also, when you leave out football players, who were not allowed to give blood, there were not many high school students left. Approximately twenty-five high school kids participated in the blood drive, and they are to be commended for their effort. What a blessing to be able to give the gift of life!

SHS Band Hosts Annual Winter Concert

By BRANDI WILLIS

On Sunday, December 13th, the SHS and junior high bands performed their annual *Winter Concert*. This concert, which is a time students can show their musical talents to the town, was preceded by a Sunday luncheon and hosted in the high school auditorium.

The Sunday luncheon was a buffet-style meal and could not have occurred without the help of many junior high and high school parents. Parents prepared many dishes, from meats to salads to desserts. People were also given to opportunity to register for prizes, which were given away during the concert.

After the luncheon, the students from 6th grade to high school performed their concert. The 6th grade beginning band played "Parade of the Bells," "Jing-a-Ling Bells," and "Centurion." The 7th grade band performed "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Good King Wenceslas," "Sunset on the Sahara," and "March of the Magical Toys." Fol-

lowing the 7th grade, the 8th grade band played "A Holly Jolly Christmas," "Christmas Overture," and "Holiday Concert." Finally, the SHS Lynx Band performed "A Christmas Tribute," "It's Snowtime," "Feliz Navidad," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "We Wish You a Jazzy Christmas." Between performances various junior high students performed solo or ensemble pieces. In the transition between the high school numbers, SHS band members showed their gratitude to Mrs. Candi Delozier and Mr. Willis by presenting them with gifts. Mrs. Delozier received a holiday knit throw, and Mr. Willis received a gift certificate for tools from Sears, which we continue to hear about at home.

The Bands continue to say thanks to everyone who made this luncheon and concert possible, and especially to all those who attended the concert. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Band Members Entertain Manor Residents

By BRANDI WILLIS

On December 16th, the Spearman High School Band held a small Christmas concert for the residents of Hansford Manor. Selections included "Feliz Navidad," "Jingle Bell Rock," "We Wish You a Jazzy Christmas," and "It's Snowtime." The Band went over to the Manor during their band class period and performed in the Manor dining room.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the performance. Cindy Sasser, Manor employee, said, "It was very nice for the band members to come. The

Besides employees who enjoyed the concert, residents also voiced their approval. Nina Evans, Manor resident, stated, "It's great. I don't know what we'd do without the churches and people like that coming in to entertain us. We look forward to it. We love it."

After the performance, band members mingled and talked with the residents.

band played very well, and the residents seemed to enjoy it. The band members are also VERY well behaved!"



Freshman Class Favorites

By KRISTI CARBAJAL

John Brock and Cheryl Gibson were chosen as the Freshman Class Favorites. Each year students vote for a girl and a boy in their grade to be their Class Favorites. The two receiving the highest amount of votes are then chosen for those positions for the school year.

John is the son of Kim and Stephanie Brock. While at SHS, he participates in football, basketball, and track.

Cheryl is the daughter of Greg and Gwen Gibson. She is involved in student council, basketball, cross-country, track, and FCA.

Christmas in Ireland

By MIA BURRELL

While Ireland is not known for its wealth of Christmas traditions, this small country has contributed several Christmas customs which are popular today. St. Patrick brought Christmas to Ireland late in the fifth century. As in the past, it continues to be observed with deep religious overtones. The manger scene has its place in homes and churches, and the Christmas tree is obviously a feature of recent introduction. The glossy-leaved holly wreath with its showy clusters of red berries, popular as a door decoration in North America, can be traced to the early settlers from the south of Ireland who came to the United States at the time of the potato famine.

A lighted candle placed in the window on Christmas Eve is another custom observed by the Irish. The candle has long served as a symbol of welcome to Mary and Joseph who sought shelter in vain on that first Christmas Eve. The story of the abiding faith to which this nation has clung so tenaciously for countless years

is reflected in the symbolism of the lighted candle in the window, which in large measure spells out the simple beauty of the Christmas story. This flickering symbol also served as a signal in times past to any priest seeking shelter and protection that he was welcome to come to the house to say Mass. In a more poetic vein, it was said that the candles were "kindled to guide the Angels who on Christmas night direct the New Born from the heavens."

Also, for centuries it has been a practice in many Irish villages to set the kitchen table after the evening meal on Christmas Eve. On it is placed a loaf of bread filled with caraway seeds and raisins, a pitcher of milk, and a large lighted candle. The door is left unlatched. Thus, hospitality is extended to the Holy Family or to any traveler who might be on the road.

The Irish Christmas tradition is unlike any other country's. Through their festive traditions, they have made themselves one of the most unique countries.

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Chamber Accepting Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year Nominations

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year. Nominations must be submitted to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 1999. The awards will be awarded at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Thursday, January 21, 1999. This year's theme will be "Windmills and Beyond."

Business of the Year Nomination

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

Name of Business: _____

Address: _____

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

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Citizen of the Year Nomination Form

This is the 36th year to confer this award. This award recognizes an individual for exceptional service that has contributed to the development of Spearman. The award may recognize contributions that have enhanced Spearman's quality of life, or its economic development. It may encompass exceptional achievements related to government leadership, the arts, social welfare programs, civic services, or other appropriated avenues that have enhanced life for all Spearman citizens. While the award is intended to recognize an individual for specific achievements that have occurred during the year immediately preceding the presentation, it may, however recognize an individual for distinct lifetime achievement in the area of community service. Nominations may be made by any resident of Spearman or by any Spearman social service or organization.

Nominee: _____

Name of Business (if appropriate): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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

If necessary, please attach additional pages.

Signed by: _____

Phone: _____

Nominations must be returned to the Chamber office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 1999.

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The Commission will consider the application of Sonat Exploration Company-MCR for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.37 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37) and a density exception permit under the provisions of 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.38 (Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38) to drill Well No. 2, Hart Lease, 703.15 Acres, Logan A Stroud Survey, A-330, Hansford (Douglas), Lipps, West (Cleveland), Hansford (Morrow, Upper), Hansford (Morrow, Lower), Hansford (Mississippian) and Wildcat Fields, Hansford County,

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IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify, including placement of the proposed well at a different location from that requested by applicant, and the establishment of the amount of acreage on the applicant's tract that can reasonably be considered to be productive of hydrocarbons for the purpose of assigning an allowable.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing

must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

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0040	Administrative Support Services	311,377	-	-	-	311,377	311,891	311,377	-	-	-	311,377	311,891
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	676,917	-	-	-	676,917	529,278	676,917	-	-	-	676,917	529,278
0060	Ancillary Services	-	31,623	-	-	31,623	29,701	-	31,623	-	-	31,623	29,701
0070	Debt Service	67,796	-	228,485	-	296,281	271,925	67,796	-	228,485	-	296,281	271,925
0080	Capital Outlay	159,584	-	-	-	159,584	-	159,584	-	-	-	159,584	-
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	56,540	-	-	-	56,540	44,042	56,540	-	-	-	56,540	44,042
6030	Total Expenditures	5,158,046	589,736	228,485	-	5,976,267	4,907,600	5,158,046	589,736	228,485	-	5,976,267	4,907,600
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	183,219	(44,128)	21,624	179,481	340,196	878,704	183,219	(44,128)	21,624	179,481	340,196	878,704
7020	Other Resources	120,776	50,471	-	-	171,247	165,726	120,776	50,471	-	-	171,247	165,726
8030	Other (Uses)	(50,471)	-	-	-	(50,471)	(50,726)	(50,471)	-	-	-	(50,471)	(50,726)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	253,524	6,343	21,624	179,481	460,972	993,704	253,524	6,343	21,624	179,481	460,972	993,704
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,010,393	5,212	108,564	996,796	3,120,965	2,127,261	2,010,393	5,212	108,564	996,796	3,120,965	2,127,261
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,263,917	\$ 11,555	\$ 130,188	\$ 1,176,277	\$ 3,581,937	\$ 3,120,965	\$ 2,263,917	\$ 11,555	\$ 130,188	\$ 1,176,277	\$ 3,581,937	\$ 3,120,965

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Sealed proposals for the 1999 Sealcoating of approximately 60 blocks of street will be received by the City of Spearman, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081, until January 8, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. at which time will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Plans and specifications may be examined without charge in the offices of the City of Spearman, 30 S.W. Court and procured from Brandt Engineers, Inc., 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110-2217, (806) 353-7233 in the following manner:

Cost \$50.00 per set, NONREFUNDABLE.

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Performance and Payment bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the City of Spearman reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

charge in the offices of the City of Gruver, 108 E. Broadway, Gruver, Texas, telephone (806) 733-2424, and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone (806) 353-7233. Contract documents, including plans and specifications may be procured from Brandt Engineers, Inc., at the above address as follows:

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Bids shall be addressed to:
Ms. Linda Barnhart,
Superintendent
Pringle-Morse Cons.
Independent School District
P.O. Box 109
Morse, Texas 79062-0109

Each bid shall be marked on the lower left hand corner with the words "PROPOSAL ENCLOSED - ADMINISTRATION/LIBRARY ADDITION - PRINGLE-MORSE CONS. I.S.D."

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to A.J. Ratliff, City Manager, City of Gruver, will be received at his office in the City Hall until 3:30 p.m., January 8, 1999 for the construction of approximately 38 blocks of street sealcoating entitled:

SEALCOATING - 1999

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file and may be examined without

City of Gruver
A.J. Ratliff, City Manager

INVITATION TO PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals for the Administration/Library Additions for Pringle-Morse Cons. Independent School District, will be received in the Administration Offices, P.O. Box 109, Morse, TX 79062-0109, on or before 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 21, 1999. Proposals will not be publicly opened. Mailed proposals shall be addressed to Ms. Linda Barnhart, Superintendent, Pringle-Morse Cons. ISD, P.O. Box 109, Morse, TX 79062-0109. Proposals received late will be returned unopened to the proposing company. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. A pre-proposal walk-through will be held on Thursday, January 14, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. at the site, beginning in the school



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