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### USDA To Hold Briefing On Available Programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will hold an informational briefing January 15, 2003, in Victoria, Texas, to acquaint farmers, ranchers and other constituents with a wide array of agency services and to highlight changes and new provisions in the 2002 Farm Bill.

"This session is an important part of our ongoing implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill and commitment to reach as many people as possible about USDA programs," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman. "Stakeholders will have the opportunity to hear from USDA experts on the many programs available to them."

The briefing will be held January 15th at the Holiday Inn in Victoria, Texas from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The session, organized by USDA Rural Development and the USDA Office of Outreach, will feature presentations on a broad array of topics including conservation programs, insurance and drought relief programs, food and nutrition programs and rural utilities, rural business and rural housing programs. Other meetings are being considered and will be announced when details are available.

"We are committed to reaching out to the full spectrum of USDA customers, including underserved customers, minorities and women, to ensure they benefit from USDA programs and services," said Assistant Secretary for Administration Lou Gallegos.

For information about the briefing, please visit USDA's Farm Bill website at [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov) or call 202-720-6350 or toll free 1-800-880-4183.

### Rotary Club Pheasant Hunt Deemed Successful

The fifteenth annual Spearman Rotary Club pheasant hunt was held on December 14 and 15. Despite muddy fields and a supposedly low pheasant population, hunters were successful. Saturday was the most productive day. The thirty-three guests were fed six meals, the favorite being beef tenderloin, on Saturday night. A good time was enjoyed by all, with the exception of one black Labrador Retriever, cut by a barbed-wire fence.

Thanks to all who helped through contributions of food, drink, merchandise, money, services, and hard work. A special thanks to the landowners and farmers, who allowed us to hunt dryland and irrigated milo stalks and CRP grass.

The proceeds from this annual hunt allow us to support a number of projects in our community. These out of town dollars relieve some of the pressure on the local folks, who generously support so many worthwhile programs already. Some of the projects supported by the Spearman Rotary Club are: Spearman Scholarship Foundation, students to the World Affairs Seminar, Miss Hansford Pageant, Rotary Youth Leadership Camp (boys and girls), Boy Scouts, Project Graduation, Christmas in Action, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Students of the Month, Hansford Library, Employee of the Year, Christmas Welfare, Kids Korner, Youth Exchange, and Girls State.

## Teal Takes Helm of Gruver Schools



David Teal - Gruver ISD Superintendent

Gruver Schools began a new semester with a new superintendent at its helm.

David Teal, who served as a middle school principal at Johnson City, Texas, has begun his tenure as Superintendent of Gruver Schools.

Teal, a West Texas native, received his higher education from East Texas State University. He and his wife Annelle, have been in education for over 16 years.

The Teals have four daughters, Veronica, 11, Meghan, 8, and twins Rachel and Madison, 6.

"I would like to thank the town of Gruver for the warm welcome we have received. The people of the Texas Panhandle have a reputation of being friendly, and I agree," Teal said.

"I am excited to be here and plan to foster an environment where employee, community members, students, and parents will have ownership in Gruver ISD."

## Federal Rule Published Allowing Texas Feeder Cattle To Move Without Restrictions (For Now)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has published its interim rule allowing Texas feeder cattle to continue to move out of state without additional restrictions, at least until September 30, 2003. Texas ranchers, feedlot operators and private practitioners have waited since June 6, 2002, to learn if, in 2003, they would have to apply USDA ear tags to their 1.5 million steers, feeder bull calves, and feeder heifers destined for out-of-state grazing or feedlots each year. The restrictions also would have required Texas feeder bull calves and feeder heifers to be tested for cattle tuberculosis (TB) prior

to movement. "In a meeting November 27, USDA representatives provided verbal notification regarding the continued free movement of Texas feeder cattle, despite our loss of cattle tuberculosis 'free' status on June 6, 2002. Also, the USDA staff is considering regulation changes that would keep Texas feeder animals moving freely after September," said Dr. James Lenarduzzi, acting executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "In the meantime, the USDA's interim rule makes the temporary delay official,

so the Texas cattle industry can continue business as usual."

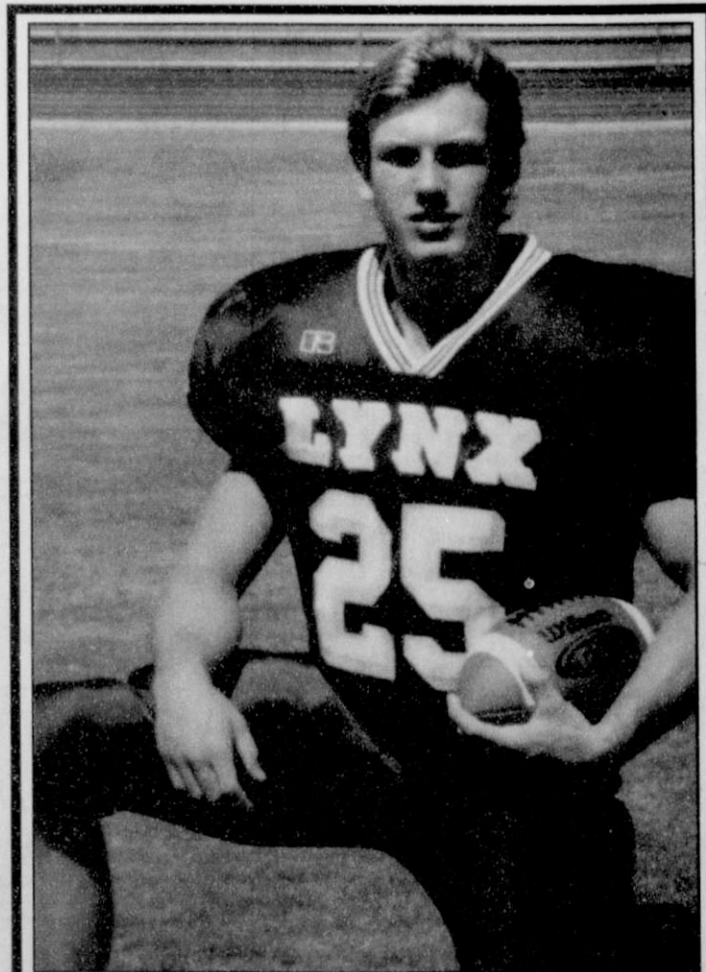
Dr. Lenarduzzi explained that the now-delayed movement restrictions on feeder cattle stemmed from the USDA's downgrade of Texas' cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication status from accredited-free, to modified accredited advanced, after two TB-infected cattle herds were detected in Texas in 2001. Dr. Lenarduzzi said the infected herds were depopulated, and more than 9,300 cattle in 115 other herds have been tested to ensure the disease had not spread.

"As a modified accredited advanced state, Texas breeding cattle must be identified with an official USDA ear tag and have a negative skin test for cattle TB before being moved out of state," Dr. Lenarduzzi reminded ranchers. "This includes young, weaned calves destined for breeding purposes. About 150,000 breeding animals are moved from the state each year, and because these animals have a long life within a herd, it's essential to ensure that they are disease-free prior to movement."

Dr. Lenarduzzi pointed out that strict requirements for identifying, testing and permitting cattle movement will continue in a designated high-risk area that encompasses about 100 herds in Texas' far west El Paso County and a portion of Hudspeth County. "The USDA approved a special movement restriction zone (MRZ) in the two counties in November 2000 because of recurring, low levels of infection in nine dairies comprising the 'El Paso Milk Shed' along the Rio Grande. We work with producers in the MRZ to ensure movement requirements are met, so commerce can continue."

Furthermore, the USDA is finalizing the purchase and depopulation of the dairies in the MRZ, where under Texas law, no new dairies will be permitted."

"The Texas cattle industry has been exceptional in working with us through the regulatory process to keep our cattle moving," said Dr. Lenarduzzi. "Texas ranchers should be proud of their leaders in the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, Independent Cattlemen's Association, Texas Cattle Feeders, Livestock Marketing Association, Texas Veterinary Medical Association and Texas Farm Bureau."



Colton Miller, a senior at Spearman High School, was recently chosen as an All-State Honorable Mention Linebacker on the 2002 Associated Press Sports Editor's Class 2-A All-State Team. He was also selected as a member of the Globe-News Golden Spread 2-A Super Team as a linebacker. He has been a starter for the Spearman Lynx for three years and was a team captain this year. Colton is the son of Jim and Marlene Miller.



## Rasors Attend Farm Bureau Convention

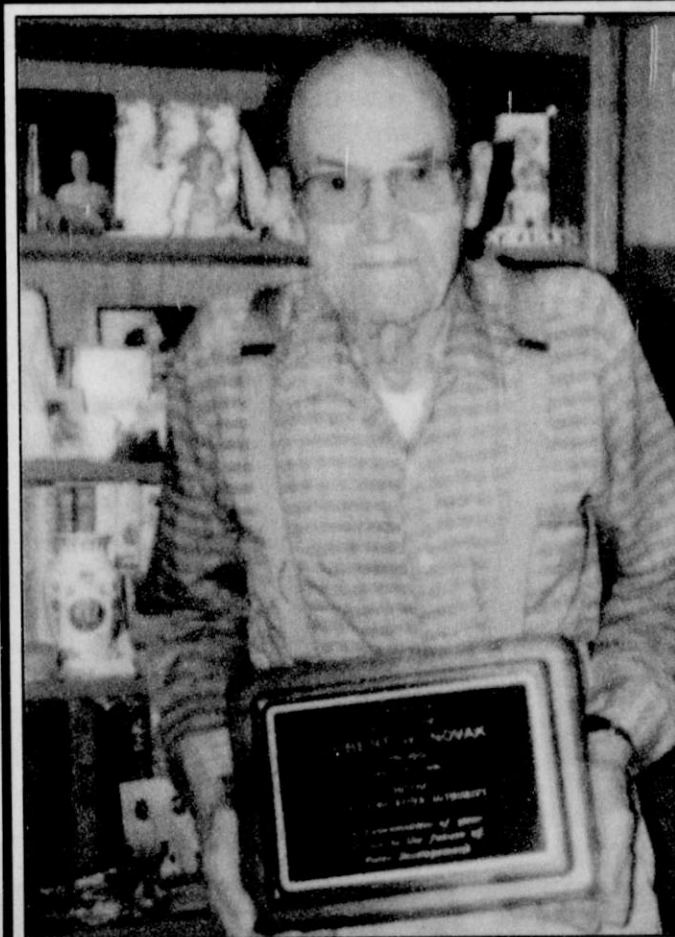
Aubrey and Melba Rasor participated in the 69th Annual Texas Farm Bureau Convention December 8-11, 2002 in Corpus Christi. They served as voting delegates from Hansford County.

Policies directing the state's largest farm organization were adopted by more than 1,200 delegates from 207 organized Farm Bureaus. Approved recommendations on national policies will advance to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to be held in January in Tampa, Florida.

Addressing the delegates were Donald Patman of Waxahachie, TFB president; Dale Jeske of Alamo, Secretary; and Vernie Glasson, TFB executive director.

The business session covered the final two days of the meeting. The last order of business was the election of the president, Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo.

Melba was also honored during the convention as winner of the Pioneer Award for District 1.



Robert Novak is pictured above with a plaque he received from the Palo Duro River Authority for his twenty-seven years of service. Robert became president of the PDRA in late 1976, and held that position through 1994.

## Sweethearts Sought

The Hansford County Reporter Statesman is seeking to honor Hansford County couples who have been married 50 years or more in the February 13 edition.

To recognize a couple who has celebrated 50 years or more of marriage, submit their names and the number of years they have been married by mail to the Hansford County Reporter Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, Texas 79081, by e-mail [cas@statesman.com](mailto:cas@statesman.com), or by dropping the information by the newspaper office (a window drop-in slot is available for the newspaper office).

Deadline for submissions is Friday, January 6, 2003. Names submitted after this date will not be included in this year's list.



Laugh  
and  
Live

by Catherine R. Smith  
CathyRSmit@aol.com



My friend Cindy Walton sent me the following story. I don't know who wrote it, but I found it very thought provoking. I pass it on to you now.

I want you to close your eyes and picture in your mind the soldier at Valley Forge, as he holds his musket in his bloody hands.

He stands barefoot in the snow, starved from lack of food, wounded from months of battle and emotionally scarred from the eternity away from his family, surrounded by nothing but death and carnage of war.

He stands tough, with fire in his eyes and victory on his breath. He looks at us now in anger and disgust and tells us this...

"I gave you a birthright of freedom born in the Constitution and now your children graduate too illiterate to read it.

I fought in the snow barefoot to give you the freedom to vote and you stay at home because it rains. I left my family destitute to give you the freedom of speech and you remain silent on critical issues, because it might be bad for business.

I orphaned my children to give you a government to serve you and it has stolen democracy from the people."

It's the soldier, not the reporter, who gives you the freedom of the press.

It's the soldier, not the poet, who gives you the freedom of speech.

It's the soldier, not the campus organizer, who allows you to demonstrate.

It's the soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag.

I would like to ask you to now take a moment to say a prayer for the military troops facing deployment.

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

I would also like to ask you to keep our military leaders in your prayers, asking the Lord to guide them in their decisions.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)



Shyloh Sparks (front) takes a hot dog from Karen Thompson on November 26th during a celebration held in honor of Gus Birdwell Elementary being named a TAAS Exemplary Campus. Students were served hot dogs, cokes and cake.



Pictured above are the members of the Spearman Lynx Football Team who were named to All-District. (Back, L-R) Lance Baker - 1st Team Linebacker, Honorable Mention Runningback, 2nd Team Punter; Jeff Swan - 2nd Team Offensive Lineman, Honorable Defensive Lineman; Paul Bynum - 2nd Team Tight End; Colton Miller - 1st Team Linebacker, 2nd Team Runningback; (Front, L-R) Fernando Flores - Honorable Mention Offensive Lineman; Jeremy Vera - 2nd Team Wide Receiver, Honorable Mention Secondary; Dustin Mackie - 2nd Team Defensive Lineman, Honorable Mention Center; Kevin Beedy - 1st Team Quarterback, 1st Team Secondary;

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Pastor - Ken Cole

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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

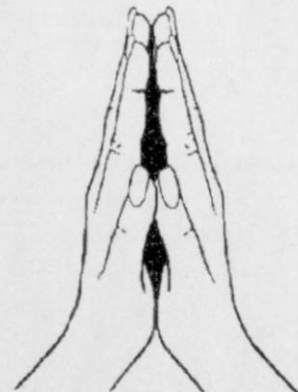
**Church of Christ**  
209 King • 733-2760  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

**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 Gumfory

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

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

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*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*

**January 9**  
**Birthdays** - Bob Bort, Miles Messer, Louise Vanderberg, Kirby Taylor, Eric Brown, Britt Jarvis, Connie Holmes, Jim Bass, Edna Marie Walker, Kiley Coombs, Helen Blain, Bill Etling  
**Anniversaries** - Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Gomez, Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Kell, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Logsdon

**January 10**  
**Birthdays** - Mary Schuman, Jerry Pat Davis, Willie Salgado, Larry Kelly, Kyle McLaughlin, Barbara Rojas Chrissy Bensing, Justin Johnson, Alex Logsdon, Devin Sibley, Melissa Vasquez, Andrea Woolley  
**Anniversaries** - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Frantz

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

**January 12**  
**Birthdays** - 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  
**Anniversaries** - Alton & Peggy Ellsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Lang, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Overbey

**January 13**  
**Birthdays** - Nancy Babbs, Debbie Knight, Justin Carthel, Trisha Fitzgerald, T.J. Johnson, Molly McCloy, Regina Biggers, Don Ed Watson, Laura Mackie, Susan Sheets Noel, Jana Buchanan, Sherry Allen, Nancy Wilson, Kim Vera, Jimmie Vernon, Diane Boyd, Tiffany Brown, June Mitchell  
**Anniversaries** - Mr. & Mrs. Greg & Shonda Odegaard

**January 14**  
**Birthdays** - Denise Ware, Debbie Coates, Ellen Reynolds, Cliff Barkley, Karsten Irwin, Charlene Spivey  
**Anniversaries** - Greg & Shonda Odegaard  
**January 15**  
**Birthdays** - Christopher Clawson, Tucker Henson, Nancy Boyles, Loyall Turner, Shannon Scroggs, Kim Jenkins, Brenda McLain, Jay McCormick, Kristi Wall, Carl Urban, Dustin Beck, Dorothy Sparks, Jennifer Poer, Remington Smith, Gary Faries

**Anniversary** - Billy & Martina Miller

**January 16**  
**Birthdays** - Viva Renner Pierson, 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, Viviana Huerta

**January 17**  
**Birthdays** - 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, Justin Gifford

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

**January 19**  
**Birthdays** - Paula Kizziar, 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  
**Anniversaries** - Mr. & Mrs. Roy Diaz

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

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

**January 22**  
**Birthdays** - James Lemons, Cynthia DeArmond, Alicia Ochoa, Lisa Love, Tommy Saltzman, Mandi Porter, Stacey Mayfield, John Kunselman, Brandon Jones, Angelica Avila  
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## Our Deepest Sympathy

### DANIEL "PINKY" SHEETS



SPEARMAN - Daniel "Pinky" Sheets, 91, died Monday, December 30, 2002.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 2, 2003 in Church of Christ with Leonard Harper and Flavil Ayres officiating. Burial was in Holt Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Sheets was born at Jeffery, in the Holt Community on June 11, 1911. He was the second of 13 children born to Claud and Nannie Archer Sheets. In 1938, he married May Jean Jagers of Mount Vernon in Amarillo.

He was a man of many talents. At various times in his life he was a teacher, postmaster, farmer, rancher, business owner, county commissioner, school board member, bank director, horse trader, fisherman, prospector, oil wildcatter and inventor. During World War II, he oversaw the ration program for war necessary businesses in Hutchinson County.

During his youth, he was well known for his roping and bronc riding abilities. Many of his friends thought he could talk to animals. Actually, his understanding was so great that they just seemed to do what he wanted. He enjoyed telling his grandchildren of the old days and they loved listening to his stories.

His farming and ranching activities ranged from Quanah to Sofia, N.M. He was happiest when working at the Turkey Track Ranch, where he was in partnership with cousins and worked in different companies for 60 years. At one time Adobe Walls Cattle Co. ran cattle on 90,000 acres of land.

He was known for his honesty and integrity. During his life he conducted most of his business deals with a handshake and an oral agreement. This was as sacred to him as a written contract. He was a visionary who was instrumental in the development and use of several time-saving work devices we now take for granted. This included the use of grain augers, wire rollers, hay loading machines and portable dipping vats. He and his cousins were probably some of the first to use the helicopter to check remote water, cattle and fences. He was involved in many other innovations in the Panhandle.

After retirement from the Adobe Walls Cattle Co., he and Jean traveled extensively and spent 23 winters in South Texas. He had many friends in this travel circle and some of them traveled together. He visited every state in the United States and on a trip to Alaska, flew north of the Arctic Circle. Their 50th wedding anniversary was spent in the Yucatan where a jungle party was thrown in their honor. He still receives Christmas cards from all over the North America area.

Even though his health had deteriorated, he amazed family and friends in his last few years with his stamina and his continued interest in new adventures. He was blessed with an active mind and common sense. One of his latest projects was a test plot of a special grass never established this far north in Texas to see if it would adapt to Panhandle weather.

His last invention took place in the nursing home. Because nobody would bring him baling wire, he used plastic bags to tie a walker to his wheelchair so he had a machine that allowed him to walk, sit or ride. He was preceded in death by his wife in August 2000.

Survivors include two sons, Jerry of Spearman and Perry of San Antonio; five grandchildren, Tommy, Jeri Ann, Carolyne, Lee and Jeff; eight great-grandchildren, Joshua, Hannah, Mike, Sandy, Jackie, Kim, David and Julie; two sisters, Grace Harmon of Wharton and Francis Cudd of Spearman; and four brothers, Branch, S.B. and Claude, all of Spearman, and Willis of Round Rock.

### RONALD McCAMMOND

LUBBOCK - Services for Ronald Lee McCammond, 46, of Lubbock were at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2003 at Sanders Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Marvin James officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home in Lubbock.

He died Wednesday, January 1, 2003. He was born October 9, 1956, in Perryton. He married Janet Dunlap on Oct. 3, 1993, in Lubbock. He worked for Wilson Surveying for 12 years and Jack Cooper Transport for the last 10 years. He was a member of the Bethany Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Justin and Jeremy Dickenson, Jeff Fenton and Jason LoCascio, all of Lubbock, and Shane McCammond of Bryan; his mother, Shirley McCammond of Amarillo; paternal grandmother, Yvette McCammond of Spearman; a brother, Max of Houston; a sister, Kim Flippin of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

### GORDON GROSS

AMARILLO - Gordon Gross, 74, of Amarillo died Saturday, January 4, 2003.

Services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, January 7, 2003 in First Baptist Church of Gruver with the Rev. David Fletcher, a nephew, and the Rev. Coy Wylie, pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Spearman.

Mr. Gross was born October 27, 1928, in Liberal, Kan. He married his wife of 53 years, "Sis," on Oct. 27, 1949. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He lived much of his life in Gruver.

He retired in Amarillo. He was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Survivors include his wife; a sister, Margaret Ormon of Arlington; a daughter, Nancy Andrews of Elkhart, Kan.; two sons, Phil Gross and Scott Gross, both of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

### J.B. BUCHANAN

SPEARMAN - J.B. Buchanan, 96, died Monday, January 6, 2003.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 8, 2003 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Cole officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Buchanan was a member of First United Methodist Church of Spearman. He was a member of Hansford Lodge No. 1040 AF&AM, serving as a past worshipful master, and was a 50-year Mason.

He was a farmer and a lover and collector of windmills. He donated two windmills to the Smithsonian Institution and the rest of his collection to the community of Spearman. He was Spearman Citizen of the Year in 1999.



Survivors include his wife, Ila Mae; a son, Burl Buchanan of Spearman; four sisters, Louise Vaught, Edna Bassel and Virginia Cates, all of Amarillo, and Helen Fisher of Spearman; a granddaughter, Jana Buchanan of Amarillo; a grandson, Roger Buchanan of Spearman; and a great-great-nephew, Bryce Jarvis of Spearman.

The family suggests memorials be to Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association, P.O. Box 805, Spearman, TX 79081.

### MURIEL MITCHELL STUMPF

SPEARMAN - Muriel Mitchell Stumpf, 72, died Wednesday, January 1, 2003.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2003 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stumpf was born March 7, 1930. She married Dean Stumpf in 1948 at Spearman.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Wilkerson of Flint; a sister, Lois Davis of Katy; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford County Library.

### JERRELL RAY HARRIS

OLATHE, CO - Jerrell Ray Harris, 75, of Olathe, died of respiratory failure Friday afternoon, December 20, 2002, at the Delta County Memorial Hospital in Delta.

Jerrell Ray Harris was born at Panhandle, Texas, on February 10, 1927, the son of Irvin Lenzie and Berthal (Mason) Harris. He spent his childhood years at Dumas, Texas, and graduated from high school at Gruver, Texas. Jerrell continued to further his education at McMurry College in Abilene, Texas, for two and a half years.

During World War II, Jerrell was proud to serve his country in the United States Army Signal Corps from May 2, 1945 to Dec. 7, 1946.

On Aug. 2, 1947, Jerrell was united in marriage to Anita B. Close at Spearman, Texas. Jerrell and Anita had the joy and privilege of sharing their 55th wedding anniversary this year in August.

He lived in Borger, Spearman and Gruver, Texas, before establishing his home in Olathe where he remained until the time of his death.

Prior to his retirement, Jerrell was employed as foreman at the Olathe Potato Growers & Farmers.

He was a member of the Methodist faith, a Boy Scout leader, and a First Aid instructor.

Jerrell greatly enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, and Cajun music. He loved riding horses and his Harley Davidson with his son. He also loved his dogs and helping others. Jerrell held a special place in this world that no one else could fill. His life was a precious gift and all who knew and loved him knew how fortunate they were to share his life. Jerrell will be greatly missed.

Surviving family members who were honored to share Jerrell's life include his beloved wife, Anita B. Harris, of Olathe, Colo.; two sons: Johnie Ray Harris, of Nucla, Colo.; Larry Roy Harris, of Olathe, Colo.; two daughters: Susan R. Clements, of Olathe, Colo.; Mary M. Petersen, of Loma, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Other family survivors include his mother, Leona Harris, of Spearman, Texas; four brothers: I.L. Harris Jr., of Parkerville, Colo.; Bill Harris, of Guyton, Okla.; Jim Harris, of Nevada; Curtis Harris, of California; and two sisters: Marie Harris, of Amarillo, Texas; and Alice Harris, of Las Vegas, Nev.

Jerrell was preceded in death by a brother, Carol Harris; his father, I.L. Harris Sr.; his mother, Berthal Mason; and a grandson, Johnie Harris Jr.

A funeral service in celebration of Jerrell's life was officiated by Paul Nystrom Saturday, December 28, at 10 a.m. at the Crippin Funeral Home Chapel in Montrose. Interment followed in the Olathe Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory of Montrose, (970) 249-2121.

### BILLY D. LACKEY

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - Billy D. Lackey, 66, a longtime resident of Albuquerque, passed away Thursday, December 19, 2002, after an inspiring, long fought battle with leukemia.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; his children, Ann Chao and husband, Leslie, Scott Lackey, and Kay O'Neill and husband Joseph; his grandchildren, Alexander and Garrett Chao, and Joseph O'Neill; his sisters, Bobbie Jean Wilson of Lubbock, TX and Kay Orrell and husband, Jim of Arroyo Grande, CA; his brothers, Wesley Lackey and wife, Janie of Anson, TX and Douglas Lackey and wife, Debbie of Austin, TX; and many nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

Billy was born in Borger, Texas on April 20, 1936, to Major and Ruth Lackey. He graduated from Spearman Texas High School and North Texas State University, and then served in the Navy.

Bill moved to Albuquerque and worked as an accountant. He started his career with a firm then known as Peat, Marwick and Mitchell, and later became the controller at Public Service Company of New Mexico. Bill chose to volunteer as the Treasurer for numerous non-profit organizations, including Central United Methodist Church and its Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, El Buen Samaritano Day Care Center, and the Girl Scouts of America. He was an active member of Central United Methodist Church (including the Partnership Class) and the Sandia Kiwanis Club.

Bill was an avid sports fan who enjoyed Lobo football and basketball, the Boston Red Sox and the Dallas Cowboys. He will be remembered as a tremendously loyal husband, father, friend and fan, who generously shared with others his talents and time, and as a man who led his life with the utmost integrity.

A Memorial Service was held Monday, December 23rd, 11 a.m., at Central United Methodist Church, 1615 Copper. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that contributions be made to the Greater Albuquerque Habitat for Humanity (GAHH), Attn: Gavin Gourley, 4520 Montgomery NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109, or to the Central United Methodist Church Foundation, 1615 Copper NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. Arrangements were by French Mortuary, 1111 University Blvd. NE.

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Please allow me to use your paper to clarify an issue. Recently you ran an obituary for my Uncle Pinky, Jesse Daniel Sheets. It stated that he invented a wire-roller. This has caused some confusion.

My dad, Claude Sheets, Jr., invented, patented and has for many years manufactured the E-Z Roll Wire-Roller as well as several other products. My parents took a financial risk and have spent their lifetimes building a successful business based on his inventions. Their hard work fed and clothed our family and sent me to college.

Uncle Pinky was a wonderful man and had many accomplishments during his lifetime. He may have in fact invented a wire-roller, but it was not the E-Z Roll Wire-Roller, which is associated with the Sheets name.

Most of the people close to my family know the facts, but for those of you who wondered, I hope this sets the record straight.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Sheets Lewis  
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Editor,

There seems to be a conflict between the United States, the "Policeman of the World", and a small Middle Eastern country who comes out practicing our Christian values in a greater way than we do. The keyword is humility.

With all we have in this country, the Big Sky of Montana, the wheat fields of Kansas, the Golden Gate of San Francisco, the Cowboys of Texas, and the World Trade Center, the twin towers of New York City; knock the chip off our shoulder, and we will reduce you too to dust. We have so much more responsibility because of the greatness of our country, a responsibility that does not include President Bush appearing in combat jacket with the soldiers of Fort Hood, getting all ready for war.

We should be proclaiming the greatness of God, "One Nation Under God", which means a nation of religious people, not a nation with one religion, and a nation that believes in the Ten Commandments, "Thou Shalt Not Kill", as a greater truth than "knock the chip off our shoulder and we will reduce you to dust."

We should instead be showing Iraq that our God is not a vicious God, he is a kind and humble God. Born in a manger, not in a king's mansion, our God died for our sins, and for all the poor people of the world, with all the wealth we have in this country, sometimes we forget that people in the thousands starve to death elsewhere in the world every day.

Not everyone puts politics above the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit, and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Should not George Bush be showing Iraq the Holy Spirit, and not a picture of our "might" as he did on television with the soldiers at Fort Hood? Why doesn't he send a care package of food to Saddam Hussein?

Why threaten Iraq, when Saddam Hussein is quite able to tell his people that we are the "Great Satan", and then we turn around and play the part? With our vices: television, Hollywood, free sex, abortion, capital murder, violence rewarded by a Hollywood movie, etc., maybe we should take care of our own sins before we go out and try to change the world. (That is a quote from Mother Angelica to me, EWTN to me, by the way...) Perhaps I am "holier than thou", without taking care of my own sins first.

But I simply wish we had a greater understanding of the wealth we have in this country, and to be humble, walk softly and don't carry such a big "stick". Instead carry the Faith, Hope and Love of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians.

Name Withheld by Request  
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### Thank You

A hearty Hansford Thank You!

Great thanks to the Hospital Auxiliary, friends, families and staff who went above and beyond the call of duty to make the Christmas season so joyous for the residents of Hansford Manor. The Christmas party was such a success!

### Thank You

Words are inadequate to express our thanks for the beautiful expressions of love and comfort we have received during our loss of Pete Fisher. The flowers, food, donations in his name, but most of all, your presence and friendship, are deeply appreciated.

The Pete Fisher Family  
Alta, Destiny & Christian

### Thank You

To the members of the First Christian Church of Spearman, our friends and neighbors,

Thank all of you for the gifts, cards, thoughts and prayers during this Christmas season. The love and compassion you share with our family is overwhelming.

May God bless all of you,  
Catherine, Clayton & Gary Smith

## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

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

### Register Tapes for Education

The Spearman 7th and 8th Grade Gifted & Talented class began accepting register tapes from Lowe's Marketplace on September 1, 2002 and will continue until March 31, 2003. These tapes will be turned into valuable and important educational equipment, free of charge, for the Spearman Junior High campus. Tapes may be given to any Spearman Junior High student, or may be taken to the Spearman Junior High office.

### Campbell's Soup Donation

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

### Adult English Classes

Adult English Classes will continue on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. through May 15th in the Gruver Jr. High 600 Garrett St. We would like to help you with your English language acquisition. You may contact Alan Tarango (733-2239) or Cathy Potts (733-2329).

### Annual Community Health Fair

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

### Medical Fund Established for Holly Tercero

A medical fund has been established for Holly Tercero at First National Bank. Holly was injured in an automobile accident in Hansford County on November 30, 2002.

### Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet at the Gruver First United Methodist Church on Saturday, January 11, 2003. It will begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck meal, followed by a Praise and Worship service. A Board of Directors meeting will begin at 3 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Gruver. A sponsors training will be held following the Praise and Worship service. This helps sponsors learn how to fulfill their responsibilities in sponsoring a pilgrim. Families and guests are invited to attend. If anyone is interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus, they are also invited to attend the community gathering. The Rushing Wind Emmaus website is up and running - [www.rushingwindemmaus.org](http://www.rushingwindemmaus.org). Check the web page to read the January Newsletter, which should be on the web site very soon.

### Call For Religious Poems

A \$1000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to anyone who has ever written a poem. There are 50 prizes in all totaling almost \$5000.00. The deadline for entering is February 15, 2003. To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., PMB 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter on-line [www.rainbowpoets.com](http://www.rainbowpoets.com).

### Amarillo College Seeks Nominations for Distinguished Alumni

Applications are now being accepted at Amarillo College Student Activities Office for the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award. The College is seeking nominations for former students who have made outstanding contributions to their field and/or community. The recipient will be recognized at the Amarillo College Honors Convocation to be held April 27, 2003. This will be the tenth year someone has been chosen for this honor. Applications can be mailed to nominators by calling Rhonda Stephenson in the AC Student Activities office at (806) 371-5322 or by e-mail at [stephenson-ri@actx.edu](mailto:stephenson-ri@actx.edu). The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2003.

### Hansford Gun Club

The Hansford Gun Club will meet on January 13, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the Spearman City Hall Council Room, located at the south entrance. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Larry Hornsby at 659-3259 after 5 p.m.

### Hansford County Library Memorial Fund Established

A Memorial Fund has been set up at the Hansford County Library for the purpose of purchasing a microfilm reader/printer for student & genealogy research at the library. If you would like to donate to this fund please contact Sheri Benton at 659-2231.

### Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) now has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. Jamie Casdorph, Outreach Caseworker, is scheduled to be at that location each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and Children's Advocate, Marsha Neely, will continue to be in Spearman each weekday. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information.

### Area Agency on Aging Seeks Volunteers

The Nursing Home Ombudsman program of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is actively seeking individuals to serve as advocates for residents of area nursing homes. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the Panhandle. Ombudsmen promote resident rights, quality of life and quality of care by identifying and resolving complaints by or on behalf of residents. To learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Jeff Price or Tanya Mock of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at (800) 642-6008.

## Golden Wedding Anniversary



Harold "Swede" and Moray Larson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 15, 2003. They were married by Rev. Charles H. Cole at the St. John's Methodist Church in Waco on January 15, 1953.

Harold and Moray Fagan met while in elementary school at the Waco State Home, a children's home for dependent and neglected children. Both left the love, security and everlasting stability of the home at age 16, and learned early in life how to survive without parents and guidance and support. Harold furnished high school at

Spearman, Texas and entered Baylor University at age 17. He later joined the Air Force to take advantage of the G.I. Bill.

After returning to Baylor, he was instrumental in organizing the Waco State Home Ex-Student's Association, which led to reuniting with Moray during December, 1952. Harold finished work on his Bachelor's degree in February, 1953 while working at the Waco YMCA, and with the encouragement and support of Moray, began work on his Master's degree.

Harold accepted an opportunity to begin teaching and coaching at Coolidge in September, 1953, and at the same time continued his post graduate work, which he completed in August, 1955. He accepted employment as teacher and coach at Frost in September, 1955. He was later employed as Base Historian at James Connally Air Force Base; teacher and coach at China Spring, before accepting employment as a Federal Probation and Parole Officer at San Antonio and later at Waco. He retired in August, 1983.

Through these 50 years, they have been blessed with friends who were responsible for the many employment opportunities, including Vic Newman, John T. Moody, Victor Fagan, Wilson Lucas, Henry V. Griffin, George H. Gilpan and W.S. District Judge Ben H. Rice, Jr.

The highlight of their fraternal activities was Moray's selection as Queen of Nekoda Temple, Daughters of the Nile in San Antonio during 1972.

"We are very grateful for the kind and thoughtful co-workers, friends and neighbors who have meant so much to us during these years," commented Harold.

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## Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Phyllis Owens returned early in the week from spending the holidays down state. Her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Bill Elliott of Amarillo took her (and her little poodle, Bo) down to the Dallas area to be with her grandsons and their families. Her great-grandson and great-granddaughter kept them all entertained (all except Bo, who spent the entire time in Phyllis' lap).

Joe Copeland's guests left early this week after ten days with her, which included Christmas. Joe Lynn and Bob Leland of Las Vegas enjoyed the weather as Joe Lynn, a native of this area, was not surprised at the snow cover. Their daughter, Lori and Dave Mathews of Dallas were also here a couple of days.

Selma Reneau was in Amarillo in the home of her son, Gene. Her entire family was all there, including her other sons Willie of Midland (with his mother-in-law), John of Wichita Falls, and daughter Lynda Short of White Deer. The newest member is the seven-month-old grandson. A total of 14 made up the family gathering.

Burl and Nellie Buchanan returned after the New Year early this week, having spent a delayed Christmas at their lodge near Eagles Nest. They enjoyed a gift exchange, skiing, snow mobiling, fellowship and relaxing. Their daughter, Jana of Amarillo, with her friend, Heather Brown, Roger, Brice Jarvis, Kelli Cator and her four sons, made up the group.

Holidays are often lonely for those who live in a nursing home, but not for the residents of Hansford Manor. December was full of activities and pleasure.

The van takes those who want to attend the Methodist Church on Sundays. In addition to other usual activities, the residents enjoyed many seasonal events and activities.

One evening's entertainment was provided by Dr. Garnett and his family. Their antics caused much amusement and their music was very touching.

On December 20th, the local kindergarten classes sang carols. They were treated to a video, cookies and punch.

Also on the 20th, residents and their families enjoyed the annual Christmas party, including a welcome for Santa (Mark Sheets). Many of the Manor and Hospital staff sang carols. The Hospital Auxiliary brought cookies and punch. (It was reported to be the

best ever!)

On December 23rd, Joel Lee Lackey and Janie Kunselman entertained with Christmas melodies.

On Christmas Eve, staff members from the Hospital and Manor caroled.

On December 27th, Ken Harris and his multi-talented family performed. They were especially happy to see Amy Harris, who worked at the Manor for several years as an aide. She is now attending college.

The monthly council meeting was also held on the 27th, at which time some new activities were approved. Louise Flowers was elected to be the resident of the month. Calendars are available at the Manor, which include each month's planned activities.

Verlin and Brenda Winegarner, with son Brett, flew to Boston on December 23rd and returned on January 4th. Brenda's entire family was there, including two sisters, her parents, and one aunt. Brenda had not seen one sister and her

husband for five years. There were some snow storms, one of which caused the electricity to go off for a night. The day after they left Boston, 12 inches of snow fell.

Weather for the week of December 30th, through 7 a.m. on January 6th: the high was on the 3rd at 67; the low was on the 2nd at 26. One-half inch of snow fell, with no measurable moisture.

Activities for the Sheriff's Department and Police Department from December 1-31, 2002, are as follows: Nine arrests were made on the following charges: Reckless Driving - 1, Theft by Check - 1, Injury to a Child - 1, Disorderly Conduct - 1, Theft by Appropriation - 1, DWI - 1, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle - 2, Public Intoxication - 1. The Sheriff's Office received 13 criminal warrants, serving 6. There were 24 outstanding civil citations, of which 12 were served. As of January 1, 2003, there were a total of two inmates in the Hansford County Jail.

Just after this column was finished, came the sad word of the death of my beloved brother, J.B. Buchanan.

He was the last of the four

Buchanan sons. I don't recall ever hearing a critical word against him, even during his school years. In our childhood, when our mother

had to be away, he served as a "sitter" for the nine younger siblings. He had a keen sense of humor and many are the remembered pranks.

His priorities were his church, his family, his farm and his windmills. The void of his passing can never be filled!

## Baldwin, Hutchison Wed



Mrs. Jeff Hutchison

Loveland, Colorado. The groom is the son of John and Jo Linda Hutchison of Spearman, Texas, and the grandson of Robert and Ken Danner of Ralls, Texas.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Leonard Baldwin, wore an ivory dress with pearl accents on the bodice and carried mauve calla lilies. Tracey Trevino of Houston, Texas, served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Alice Zingone, Christa Lynch, Miranda Rich, and Toni Williams, all of Houston, Texas. The bridesmaids were dressed in navy blue satin and chiffon dresses and carried mauve roses.

The Best Man was Alan Hutchison, brother of the groom, from Des Moines, Iowa. Groomsmen were Kyle Queal of Dallas, Greg Canter of Austin, Rev. Jeremy Weart of Fort Worth and Trevor Baldwin, brother of the bride, from Houston, Texas.

Ushers were Tony Capps of Katy, Texas, and Patrick

McCastin, cousin of the bride, from Manor, TX. Music was provided by the church organist, Kathleen Wilkins, and the wedding soloist was Monica Svopa, friend of the bride and groom, from Houston, TX.

A wedding reception followed the wedding ceremony.

Tribly is a 1997 graduate of Texas A & M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Maritime Systems Engineering. She is a consultant for CenterPoint Energy in Houston. Jeff is a 1995 graduate of the University of Texas and a 1998 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree. He is the Teaching Pastor at Good Country Fellowship Baptist Church in Katy, Texas.

Special guests of the groom from out of town were Ross Jarvis from Bryan, Texas, and Tony Pacheco from Austin, Texas, former high school classmates of the Groom.



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Tribly Leanne Baldwin and Jeffrey Wayne Hutchison were united in marriage in a double ring ceremony at River Oaks Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, on Saturday, January 4, 2003. Rev. Chad McMillan officiated at the ceremony.

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In addition to the laboratory tests, this year's health fair will feature opportunities to talk with Dr. Garnett, Dr. Wonnacott, and Dennis Wier, PA-C, in addition to several providers of health-related services in the area. There will be a blood drive, and a booth to assist in interpreting Medicare Explanation of Benefits (EOB), and the Medicare Remittance Advice (RA).

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

As required by the Texas Education Code §39.053, the Gruver Independent School District will conduct a hearing, open to the public, to discuss the district's educational performance for the 2001-2002 school year. The purpose of this hearing is to review and discuss the district's performance on the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS); campus performance objectives; a report of violent or criminal incidents; and, information received under Texas Education Code §51.403(e) from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

Parents and taxpayers are invited to attend this meeting, ask questions and provide comments regarding student performance issues. The meeting will be held on January 16, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

In addition, the following items are made available free to the public upon request: (1) the performance and profile sections of the AEIS Report for every school as well as the district; (2) the Comparable Improvement Report (campus-level only); and (3) the AEIS Glossary in either English or Spanish versions. Feel free to call the Superintendent's Office at (806) 733-2001 to request a copy of this material. Additional copies of this report will also be made available at each campus.

#### EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE REPORT PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: January 16, 2003

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: High School Library



# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## Sympathy Extended

The Gruver community was shocked and saddened to learn of the death of T.J. (Doc) Bergin on December 29.

Doc was a Gruver graduate and long-time Gruver farmer and rancher. He and his wife Charlotte were active in many beneficial entities in Gruver, Hansford County, and the area. He will be greatly missed.

## Adult English Classes Scheduled

A class to teach adults the English language began January 7 and will continue through May 15. The classes are held in the Gruver Junior High each Tuesday and Thursday from 7-10 p.m.

For those who are interested in learning to speak English or improve their English language skills, contact Alan Tarango (733-2239) or Cathy Potts (733-2329).

## Yearbook Personalities, Favorites Named

Hunter Bevell and Christi Clift were selected Mr. and Miss GHS for the 2002-2003 yearbook.

Other selections were Most Beautiful and Most Handsome - Kristina Christian and Chris Perez. Most Likely to Succeed - Amy Watley and Hunter Bevell. Most Athletic - Brandi Griffin and Hunter Bevell. Friendliest - Christi Clift and Chris Perez.

Runners up were Chris Perez and Amy Watley for Mr. and Miss GHS, Christi Clift and Hunter Bevell for Most Beautiful and Most Handsome, Ashleigh Sherrill and Aaron Boyd for Most Likely to Succeed, Amy Watley and David Hernandez for Most Athletic, and Lisa Johnson and Wade Stewart for Friendliest.

Chosen by their classmates as favorites were seniors Lisa Johnson and Chris Perez, juniors Jenny Hart and Jose Rodriguez, sophomores Laina Grotegut and Cody Mac Been, and freshmen Callie Hargis and Brad Clawson.

## School Board Meets

The Gruver ISD Board of Trustees approved a number of measures by unanimous vote in their regular board meeting of December 17, 2002.

Present for the meeting were board members Jody Irwin, Terry Sherrill, Paul Stavlo, Davin Winger, Benny Wilson, Buddy Lowe, Jr. Mike Yanke, and Interim Superintendent Joel Lynch.

Visitors present were Lance Swan, Bruce Bryant, Matt Branstine, Randy Reid, and Mike King. Measures approved by a unanimous vote included a \$686 one-time donation for a drug dog for the Hansford County Sheriff's Department, the high school campus improvement plan, the junior high campus improvement plan, the district improvement plan, the engagement of Hammerbeck, Kile, and Company to conduct agreed upon procedures for the required dropout leave and state compensatory education procedures, and the substitute teacher list.

Also approved by the same 7-0 vote were the business office policy procedures, an update of legal policies and local policies and ESEA Performance Goals.

Members also approved the policy that special revenue budgets will not be approved by the Board of Trustees but will be presented as information only to the board.

Discussion items included the 2001-2002 football game receipts, the history and projected enrollment of Gruver ISD, transportation responsibilities, grounds

responsibilities, the enrollment report, the migrant budget, a power lifting program, the School First Rating, the financial report, and a revenue and expenditures report.

## City Commission Meets

In their regular monthly meeting December 11, Gruver City Commissioners Chad Logsdon and Johnnie Williams with Mayor Mark Irwin and City Manager Linda Weller met with visitors Monty Blackman of Brown, Graham, and Company, Coy Winders, Barbara Cluck, Lance Swan of the Hansford County Sheriff's Department, Chris Morris, Robert Blount, and Kyle Ingham with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC).

Motions passed at the meeting were the Fiscal Year 2001-2002 Annual Audit and the application for the Texas Plains Trail Designation.

Action was tabled on entering into an agreement with the Texas Municipal Gas Corporation, pending a legal opinion. No action was taken on entering into an agreement with Hansford County for the purchase of a drug dog.

Discussion was held on the accepting of property for a new city street with no action taken until legal documentation could be drawn up and signed.

Kyle Ingham of PRPC presented the City of Gruver with a trophy for its recent recycling award.

In a special meeting of the Gruver City Council December 19, 2002, John Chambers was unanimously chosen as the Chief of Police for the City of Gruver to replace Nick Jordan who resigned in August to take a position with the Dumas Police Department.

## Get Well Wishes

Odis Bount is recovering from a recent stroke.

## January Community Calendar

January 9 - 11 - Boys and girls junior high tournament at Spearman

January 10 - Junior varsity and varsity basketball at White Deer

January 12 - Gruver Stock Show 2 p.m. Gruver County Barn

January 13 - Junior high basketball with Highland Park - boys there, girls, here

January 14 - Junior varsity and varsity basketball at Stratford; ASVAB test for all juniors

January 15 - Lions Club

January 17 - Junior varsity and varsity basketball at Sunray

January 20 - Junior high basketball with Stratford, boys there, girls, here

January 21 - Junior varsity and varsity basketball at Booker

January 22 - TAKS TEST; 10 and 11th grade - language arts, 9th - reading, 4th and 7th - writing

January 23 - 25 - Gruver junior high basketball tourney

January 24 - Junior varsity and varsity basketball hosts Vega

January 27 - Fort Worth Stock Show begins

January 28 - Junior varsity and varsity basketball hosts Stratford

January 29 - Memory Mate Pictures for grades Pre K - eighth

January 30 - Junior high basketball with White Deer, boys here, girls, there; Financial aid workshop for senior students and parents, 6:30 p.m.

January 31 - Junior Varsity and varsity basketball hosts White Deer

## Adopted Trees Honor Loved Ones

Nineteen evergreens in Gruver city Park were adorned in memory of loved ones for the holiday season.

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce would like to thank those who adopted a tree in the park and helped to make a beautiful holiday season for all to enjoy.

Those memorialized in the tree lighting were:

Karen Dee "Shorty" McCloy by the Marty and Molly McCloy Family

Polly Jones by the Gene Reynolds Family

Henry Grotegut by the Grotegut Families

Don Morley by Pat Morley and Family

Marla Herrera by Sylvia Herrera

Blanche Taber by T.J. and Charlotte Bergin

Cecil Ralston by Leon Bagwell

Wes Maupin by Gruver FFA

Doug Frick by the Gruver Athletes

Richard DeSantiago by Ruben and Lydia DeSantiago

Tom Jones by the Gene Reynolds Family

Reta Gross by Perry and Loni Lamb

Jack Christian by the Christian Family

Pablo Perez Jr. III by the Perez Family

Jake and Ethel Keim and Curt and Ruby Lowe by Randy Lowe

Paul and Jim Farren by Pat and Jace Dawson

Maria by the Dorsey Perez Family

Those lighting trees in honor of the Gruver community were Delphine Etling and Gruver Cablevision

## GJHS Students Cited for Citizenship Awards

Student of the second six weeks have been announced at Gruver Junior High.

Chosen for their exemplary qualities of being good citizens and students were Luis Lora in fifth grade, Robert Mendoza in sixth grade, Chelsey Knight in seventh grade, and Edna Pastrana in eighth grade.

## 2002 Business Community

Two Gruver businesses closed their doors in 2002 while four new businesses opened. Those closing were Charmaine's Creative Cuts and My Mother's Garden.

New businesses opening their doors in 2002 were the El Vaquero's Breakfast Barn, The Petal Patch, the United Methodist Church's Clothes Closet, 3J Beef and The Hitchin' Nail.

## Gruver Good Guys of the Year

A total of eleven individuals were nominated by their fellow citizens last year for their contributions to the Gruver community.

Those special individuals were Dave and Dixie Karlin, Bob Cluck (posthumously), Ashley, Carson, Shelby, and Madison Williams, J. C. Harris, Val and Marlene Winger, Joel Lynch.

Who will be the Gruver Good Guys of 2003? If you know an individual who makes a special contribution to our community, someone who gives of their time or effort to make Gruver a great place to live, you may nominate them for a Gruver Good Guy certificate by calling or writing 806-659-3434 or 664-5141, or Gruver Good Guy, % Hansford County Reporter Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, Texas 79081.

## Investigation Continues in Robberies

by Harletta Carthel

The Hansford County Sheriff's Department is continuing in its investigation of two December robberies in Gruver.

The first robbery occurred December 8, between the hours of 10:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Gruver United Methodist Church.

Three purses were stolen in the daylight robbery, with two purses taken from the choir room and one from a vehicle parked near the church.

The value of the purses and their contents was estimated to be between \$250-\$350 each.

On December 10, a purse was found discarded 5-5 1/2 miles west of Gruver on Highway 15 with the drivers license in the purse identifying it as one stolen December 8. Another purse found five miles west of Gruver near Highway 15 by a second individual was identified by a checkbook as being a purse taken in the Gruver robbery.

According to Deputy Gary Evans, Hansford County Sheriff's officers were dispatched to comb the area where the purses had been found and were able to locate the third purse.

Only cash had been taken from the three purses before they were discarded.

The second robbery occurred during the daylight hours of December 16, when the Gruver United Methodist Church parsonage, the home of Jerry and Tish Moore, was burglarized.

Taken in the robbery were personal belongs of the Moore family and unwrapped Christmas gifts still in store bags. A dollar estimate of the stolen property has not been released.

Anyone having any information concerning the two robberies, should contact the Hansford County Sheriff's Department or the Gruver Police Department.

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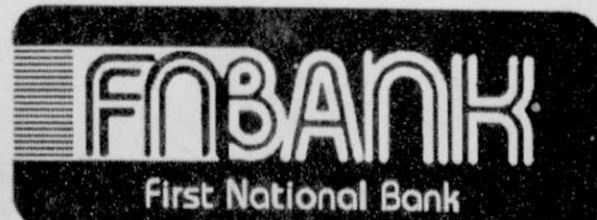
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