

Lynxettes Roll Past Quanah

The Spearman Lynxettes easily defeated Quanah in a Class 2A Bi-District game at Palo Duro Activity Center in Amarillo on Tuesday night.

The Lynxettes, which improved their record to 23-6, led 12-5 after the first quarter, and by a 23-13 margin at halftime. They led by 21 points after the third quarter.

Jenn Schnell scored 17 points to lead four double-figure scorers. Camille Smith had 12 points, while Brooke Lesly and Halee Beasley each scored 10.

The Lynxettes will play Eula on Friday in Plainview at Wayland Baptist College. The game will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Kara Receives Award



Kara (Townsen) Bentley

by Harletta Carthel

Kara (Townsen) Bentley was named the winner of the Dee Henry Memorial Award in ceremonies at the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame's annual induction.

The award is given to an athlete who exhibits outstanding dedication to a sport by overcoming physical obstacles. Bentley had an outstanding basketball career at Spearman High School, graduating in 1996. She later played basketball for West Texas A&M University until she was injured in her second season during a pregame warmup. Following a year of rehabilitation and back surgery, Bentley returned to play only to experience excruciating pain after

only a few minutes on the court. When a teammate was sidelined with injuries, Bentley helped her team by playing as long as she could tolerate the intense back pain, usually 15 minutes per game. She then iced her back on the bench in order to play future games.

For her courage, determination, and willingness to play with pain to help her team, Bentley was chosen for the Dee Henry award. She was honored in ceremonies on Sunday, February 6, 2000. The Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame is cosponsored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee and the Amarillo YMCA.

O'Neal Named Executive Vice President



Larry O'Neal, Executive Vice President of First National Bank

The First National Bank of Spearman has announced the naming of Larry O'Neal as executive vice president.

Mr. O'Neal comes to Spearman from Weatherford, OK, where he was associated with First National Bank for 16 years. He was president of the bank for the past 9 years. O'Neal previously worked at the Bank of the Wichitas in Snyder, OK, and ISC Financial Corporation in Weatherford, OK.

He attended Midwestern University and Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University. He will be chiefly involved in lending functions at First National Bank.

O'Neal and his wife Josien have four children, Jason of Oklahoma City; Julie Fulton of Edmund, Oklahoma; Jennifer who is a student at Oklahoma University in Norman; and Jessica who is a high school sophomore.

Mr. O'Neal has been involved in Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, Public School Foundation and many worthwhile community activities in the Weatherford community.

He looks forward to being meeting the people of this area and helping them with their banking needs.

Valentine King/Queen



Tex Tomlinson, Mr. Hansford Manor and Ruth Cox, Miss Hansford Manor

Hansford Manor held their Mr. and Miss Hansford Manor contest on Monday, February 14, 2000.

Tex Tomlinson was named Mr. Hansford Manor. Willis Alford "Tex" Tomlinson was born on January 15, 1912 to parents

George and Maude Tomlinson in Tullia, Texas. He grew up in West Texas where he lived on a ranch. He married "his darling" Neil Critenden and had two children. He has a daughter, Barbara Davenport, who lives in Stinnett,

and a son, the Reverend Jim Tomlinson. Tex served in the army as Military Police in Canada, Mexico and the Islands. He came to Hansford Manor in July of 1999. He enjoys playing dominoes and visiting. His big smile brightens everyone's day, and he is a friend to all here at Hansford Manor.

Ruth was named Miss Hansford Manor. Ruth Cox was born on November 19, 1910 to parents Henry and Mary Hodges in Crawford county, Arkansas. She grew up on a farm in Crawford County. She married Robert H. Cox in 1932. Ruth has one daughter, Betty Ruth McLain of Borger, Texas, and one son, Robert L. Cox of Albuquerque, New Mexico. She has 2 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and is anxiously awaiting the birth of another great-grandson this month. Ruth enjoys gardening, sewing and reading, and has been a member of home extension club for over 50 years. Ruth came to Hansford Manor in September, 1999. Her big smile and sweet ways have endeared her to everyone.

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Kid's Korner Receives Computer

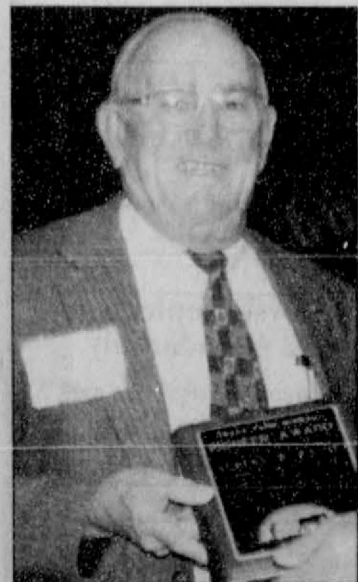


Rick Harrell (right), Natural Resource Conservation Service, presents a computer to Don Schroeder (left), member of the Board of Directors for Kid's Korner Day Care Center. Matt Correll and Britani Vasquez hold a "Thank You" sign from the Day Care Center.

The High Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council presented the Kid's Korner Day Care Center with a computer. The computer will be used to assist in their efforts to serve the community.

The High Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council presented several computers, which were used by an organization called Hassle Free Communities, a national partnership for reinventing government. "These computers were donated to non-profit organizations," stated Thomas Reed, acting coordinator. "The Resource Conservation and Development program, administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, is the delivery system used to find homes for the computers."

Rasor Honored



Aubrey Rasor

For more than 40 years, Aubrey Rasor of Gruver has served Hansford County and Texas Farm Bureau in a wide variety of capacities - including state director for the district. For his impressive tenure, he was honored recently with the 1999 District 1 Farm Bureau Pioneer Award. The 72-year old Rasor accepted the award at TFB's annual convention.

Rasor began his membership with Hansford County Farm Bureau in 1959. He has been an active member of the county board since 1960. He served three terms as county president, two terms as vice president and several years as secretary and treasurer.

The Panhandle farmer not only devoted years of his time to the county effort, but he also funneled his energies into numerous state activities. Mr. Rasor has been a member of Texas Farm Bureau's State Resolutions Committee and the search committee for a new

TFB chief executive officer. He has given of his time on the policy development, membership, and rural health committees.

In 1987, Rasor was elected to the Texas Farm Bureau State Board of Directors, where he served for six years. He has attended many American Farm Bureau Federation conventions and worked on the AFBF wheat committee for two years.

Rasor has worked through the years with local youth in preparation for the organization's Citizenship Seminar and Free Enterprise Speech Contest. He also spent 15 years as a 4-H counselor and sat on the regional 4-H council.

He still farms and currently works with his grandson.

Texas Farm Bureau's annual Pioneer Awards are presented to those members who have helped build the organization during their lifetime.

Gus Birdwell 5th Grade Science Fair

Thursday, February 17th • 8:30-10:30 a.m. • Gym



The Panhandle Deli and Diner had a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, February 5, 2000 in conjunction with their Grand Opening. The days celebration included free coffee and donuts from 7-9 a.m., a lunch special, a special on "Biti Pies," an evening special, and karaoke. The Panhandle Deli and Diner is located at 217 Main Street in Spearman.

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.

February 17
 Birthday - Katie Jones, Manuel Ruiz Jr., Mark Guthrie, Lee Ann Schrader, Charles Hall, T.H. Rodriguez, Ernest Wayne Jr., Ric Smith
 Anniversary - Oscar & Janice Noble, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Castillo

February 18
 Birthday - Vickie Bullard, Carla Jo Riggins, Luke Stroud, Beau Roberts, Buck Sell, Edith Breland, Blan Rutherford, J.D. Poer
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richie Fletcher

February 19
 Birthday - Melissa Quillin, Delphine Etling, Bob Womble, Bessie Mitts, Stephanie Hays, Bennie Brogdon, David Kellum, Sylvia Rosaes, Niki Taylor, Robert Dean Meire, Chuck Ball
 Anniversary - Charles & Carol Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Dorsey Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Lupe Moreno, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Troser

February 20
 Birthday - Brant Armes, Ed Mayfield, Greg Stork, Tessa Yanke, Kathy Brown, John Antalek, Terry Morris, Melissa Holt, Brenda Moyer, Steve Shields, Clayton Hergert, Bill Volden, Cody Brandvick, Rosemary McKee, Jeannie Folwen, Pauline McGee, Richey Thompson
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Bruning, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Jon Hart

February 21
 Birthday - Sandra Proffitt, Walter McDade, C.J. Renner, Lisa Meisner, Raul Ortega, Ann Thomas, Chandler Adkins, Tom Speck
 Anniversary - Ken & JoAnn Schneider

February 22
 Birthday - Russell Dahl, Rhonda Hicks, Betty Mathews, Ryan Mathews, Sherri Hall, Tim Cook, Bobby Jo Grayson, Seth Ralston, Paul Reimer, Sonny Kell, DeAnn Sparkman, Derryla Stedje, Connie Davis, Linda Coombs, Jack Sparks, Brenda Winegarner, Kreisun Vasquez
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Farren, Mr. & Mrs. Jason Bass, Mr. & Mrs. Freddy Walton

February 23
 Birthday - Hailey Lamb, Randy Reid, Dave Clement, Janyth Smith, Cynthia Miller, Phil Larson, Aaron Hager, Kacey Smith, Elizabeth Pipkin, Jim McMahan, Maxine Cline,

Jason Bartimos, Edollina Garcia, Tommy Reger, Daryl Noble, Mollie Burnam, Alan Jones, Karen Boynton
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Rasor, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rodriguez, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Boone

February 24
 Birthday - Lori Messer, Melanie Zimmer, Linda Scroggs, Adam Holladay, Mani Noble, Tiffany Goodrich, Chuck Morgan, Lori Fletcher, Sherry Boyd, Fernando Saldana, Glenda Close, Barbara Townsen
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Tom Cathey Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Quentin Hart

February 25
 Birthday - Hazel George, Marian Tomlison, Omar Cotter, Elsie Mathews, Lynna Renner, Don Schmer, Mike Brown, Leslie Paul, Crystal Carson, Loree Viola, Tabetha Thoms
 Anniversary - Bob & Jackie Pearson

February 26
 Birthday - Debbie Davis, Bruce Knight, Suzie Womble, Burl Buchanan, Pam Edwards, Margie Schubert, Billy Boatright, Lynn Pierce, Marinell Webster, Deziree Hughes, Carol Poole, LaQuita Evans, Bob Meier, Kip Francis, Denise Paschel, Tony Holquin, Nicholas Avila, Kay Ann Miller
 Anniversary - Britt & Linda Jarvis

February 27
 Birthday - Roy Diaz, Vivan Greene, Francis Houghton, Colby Weldon, Sharon Sulton, Cindy Jenkins, Adrian Barrera, Rebecca Westerfield, Rosie Jackson, Melinda Hall, Sharon Saltzman, Winnie Vernon, Clint Goodman, Lamoyne Cator, Lance Wood

February 28
 Birthday - Robert Blount, Max Davis, Karen Sparks, Freeman Barkley, Shannon Bowling, Rae Butler, Debbie Carter, James Lair, Sammy Don Jones, Edna Anderson, Willie Shields, Hal Bennett, Davis Nash, Charles Little, Parker Grotegut, Emma Lopez
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Preston Graham, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Salgado

February 29
 Birthday - Clifton Harden, Michael Holt

March 1
 Birthday - Lori Swink, Woody Gibner, Justin Ooley, David Stafford, Michael Rosaes, Eddie Goodrich, Gary Cates, Skipper Beal, Ruby Mitchell, Mary Saldavar, Nora Baca, John Duncan, Peggy Robinson, Caleb Miller
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Robbie Dewberry, Mr. & Mrs. Harold King, Norlan & Linda Winegarner

College News

Texas A&M University

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,500 Texas A&M University graduates during fall commencement ceremonies.

Among those receiving degrees were: Tommi Kay Latta of Spearman, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies; and Ronda Rae Renner of Spearman, Bachelor of Science in Health.

University Honors signifies that a student has completed 36 hours of Honors course credit within specific areas of the university's Honors Program.

Texas A&M University

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1999 fall semester, recognizing several thousand students for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ration (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 12 hours.

Among those recognized were: Roxane Holt of Gruver, a senior majoring in Biology, was a distinguished student.

South Plains College

Pete Ochoa from Spearman has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1999 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 GPA of full-time college-level work with no failing grades.

Trinity University

Trevor D. Shipley of Oklahoma City received his Masters of Science Degree in Healthcare Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX on December 19, 1999.

Attending the ceremony with Trevor were Dina Gift of Oklahoma City, his parents, Janis Maupin of Spearman and Rose and Bill Shipley of Stinnett. He is currently working as administrator of an outpatient clinic in Oklahoma City with Integris Health Systems.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University

Eighty-six Oklahoma Panhandle State University students were recently named to the President's Honor Roll for the 1999 Fall semester.

The President's Honor Roll contains the names of the students who have earned a 4.0 grade point average. To qualify a student must carry at least 12 credit hours of university courses and have no incompletes for the semester.

Those listed include: Sherry Boyd of Spearman, Elementary Education; Allen Burcham of Morse, Agronomy; Kelly Hart of Gruver, English; and Michael Hitchcock of Spearman, Psychology.

Oklahoma Panhandle State University

The List of 1999 Fall Semester Graduates from Oklahoma Panhandle State University was posted on December 22, 1999. Among the graduates is Mika Gumfory of Spearman. Mika, an accounting major with a minor in computer information systems, is the daughter of Vernon and the late Marsha Pipkin of Spearman, and the wife of Garrett Gumfory, also of Spearman.

Southwest Texas State University

Southwest Texas State University recently announced that Holly McCloy of Morse earned Dean's List recognition for excellent academic performance for the Fall semester. SWT students must complete 12 semester hours and earn a minimal GPA of 3.5 to be recognized for the Dean's List.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Edna Bayless

Edna Bayless, 97, died on Wednesday, February 9, 2000. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, February 12, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the United Methodist Church of Gruver with the Rev. Jerry Miller. Interment was in Gruver Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Edna was born in Decatur, AR on December 7, 1902. She had lived in the area since 1926, moving from Decatur, AR.

She married Devasco Valentine "Pete" Bayless on October 18, 1924 in Bentonville, AR. He preceded her in death in 1985.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the United Methodist Church of Gruver, TX.

Survivors include two sons, Eldon Bayless of Pryor, OK and Arnold Bayless of San Angelo; a daughter-in-law, Allene Bayless of Amarillo; one brother, Dave Box of Neosho, MO; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Isabelle Box, her husband, D.V. "Pete" Bayless, and a son, Theodore Bayless, in 1994.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice or Gruver United Methodist Church.

Thank You

The family of Edna Bayless wishes to thank the Hansford Hospice staff and volunteers for taking such good care of Edna. Thank you also for the hospitality and food provided for us.

Many thanks to the medical staff, the nursing staff, and many others who provided care and love for the 14 years she lived at the Manor.

Thanks to the Gruver Methodist Ladies who served a delicious meal at the church.

We love you all.
 God bless you,
 Allene Bayless & Family;
 Arnold & Barbara Bayless & Family; Eldon Bayless & Family

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Divorce Recovery Seminar

Paramount Terrace Christian Church announced today that they will sponsor and host a divorce recovery seminar to help persons cope with the experience of separation and divorce. The seminar will be held March 3 & 4 and is available to anyone, regardless of religious affiliation.

"What we try to do", explained Mike Sanford, president of Fresh Start, "is to help the participants understand how divorce affects them and how they might achieve personal growth from the experience, rather than just endure it."

The seminar, which will be Friday evening and all day Saturday, includes both formal presentations and small group discussions. Topics to be presented consist of: "The Stages of Divorce and Recovery;" "Beginning Again;" "Working Through Bitterness and Learning to Forgive" electives.

In addition to these subjects, participants also may choose to attend the following: "Re-Entry Into the Single Life;" "Separation/Reconciliation;" "Single Sexuality;" and "Kids in the Middle" (Panel discussion).

The Fresh Start speaker for the evening will be Jay Graham. The fee of \$35.00 (before 2/25, \$40.00 after 2/25) covers all printed material, snacks on Friday and lunch on Saturday. More information and brochures may be obtained by calling (806)353-6615 or writing to: Paramount Terrace Christian Church, 4000 Mays, Amarillo, TX 79109.

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 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Worship/Children's Church: 11 a.m.
 Sun. Eve./Youth: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7 p.m.
 Wed. Children's Choir: 7 p.m.
 Pastor - Edward Owens

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

First Christian Church
 (Disciples of Christ)
 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.
 Minister -

First Baptist Church
 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
 Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.
 Pastor - Rick Patrick
 Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster

Church of Christ
 121 S. Haney • 659-3244
 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
 KRDF Radio Program
 Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.
 Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 901 Roland • 659-2792
 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English (aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)
 Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christ
 Rector Mass - Spanish
 Rev. Scott Raef

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

First Presbyterian Church

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

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 1101 Bernice • 659-2252
 (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
 Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
 Pastor - Ken Cole

Union Church
 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
 Pastor - Bill Sparks

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

Primera Mision Bautista
 502 E. 7th • 659-3991
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
 Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.

Maranta Elin, Iglesia de Cristo
 303 N. Bernice
 Worship: Thursday - 7:30 p.m.
 For questions, call Raymond Godinez at (316) 624-1057

El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.
 1105 S. Roland Domingos
 Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m.
 Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.
 Eves. Oracion - 8 p.m.
 Mier. Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m.
 Pastor - A.G. Martell (806) 659-2153

Gruver

First Baptist Church
 402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.
 Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
 Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
 Pastor - Scott Curry

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

First Christian Church
 510 King • 733-2960
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
 Youth: 7:30, Sunday
 Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
 Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
 Pastor - Gary Gumfory

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

Gruver United Methodist
 Broadway & Garrett
 733-2651
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
 Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
 Pastor - Jerry Moore

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

Morse

Morse Baptist Church
 733-2757
 Pastor - Mike Martin

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by Catherine R. Smith
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Several people I know said they had a "typical Monday" this week. I thought they might could use a little cheering up, so I am printing these bits of wisdom for them.

Dilbert's Words of Wisdom

I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow is not looking good either.

I love deadlines. I especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by.

Tell me what you need, and I'll tell you how to get along without it.

Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days the statue.

Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn't there the first time, chances are you won't be needing him again.

I don't have an attitude problem, you have a perception problem.

Last night I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and I thought to myself, where the heck is the ceiling?

I don't suffer from stress. I am a carrier.

Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons, because you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.

Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level, then beat you with experience.

If it wasn't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

When you don't know what to do, walk fast and look worried.

Following the rules will not get the job done.

Getting the job done is no excuse for not following the rules.

When confronted by a difficult problem you can solve it more easily by reducing it to the question, "How would the Lone Ranger handle this?"

May God Bless Each of You,
Catherine :)



Engagement Announcement

Kevin and Terry Hart of Gruver, Texas, Clift Horton of Colorado Springs, CO, Brenda Moser and Nelson and Linda Moser, all of Johnson, KS, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Trena Horton and Jeremy Moser. The couple will exchange vows on March 5, 2000 in Guymon, OK.

Bridal Registry

Jennifer Phillips & Monte Beck - March 4th

Abby Johnson & Cody Pipkin - March 18th

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Barnes Medical Fund Established
A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for Doug and Shannon Barnes. *****

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

Fund Established for George Young
A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for George Young. *****

Conversational Spanish
A conversational Spanish class will begin on Thursday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. at Spearman High School. Classes will be held on February 17th, 24th, March 9th and 16th. The cost of the class is \$25.00, and is due the first night of class. The instructor will be Mary Ontiveros. To register, call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233. (If you have already talked to Cindy about the class, there is no need to register.) *****

AARP Offers Free Tax Help
AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is: a free quality service; a confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from February 1st through April 15th; services available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older; 31,000+ dedicated and proud IRS-trained and certified volunteers; a charitable non-profit program; an AARP Foundation program and part of the National Community Service Programs Group. It is administered through the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, call 1-888-AARP NOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit their web-site at www.aarp.org/taxaide/ *****

Financial Aid Seminar
Spearman High School will host a financial aid seminar on Monday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Dave Corley of Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority; Linda Tinsley from West Texas A&M University; and a representative from Opportunity Plan, Inc. Topics that will be discussed include: 1) Types of financial aid; 2) Which type of financial aid is best; 3) Applying for financial aid; and 4) What is the FAFSA? Following the presentations, there will be a question and answer period. Students who attend will be able to register for a \$100 scholarship from the Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority. If you have a high school student who plans to attend college, this seminar will be very beneficial. College costs continue to rise and the necessity for further education continues to increase. Take this opportunity to learn some options for financing a college education. For additional information, contact Mrs. Guthrie at Spearman High School (659-2584). *****

Hansford County Promise Keepers
All men in our community are invited to attend the weekly Promise Keepers meeting on Thursdays at noon in the Panhandle Diner and Deli at 217 Main Street in Spearman. This interdenominational meeting will provide food, fellowship and an opportunity for studying some of the great men in the Bible. Come join us as we grow in becoming more like Christ. *****

Holt Club Scholarship
The Holt Club will provide a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from Spearman High School. Interested students should contact Glenda Guthrie. Deadline for application is April 28, 2000. *****

Emmaus Reunion Scheduled
A Reunion Group meeting will be held on Monday, February 21st at 8:00 p.m. in the home of John and Jolinda Hutchison. Anyone who has been on a Walk to Emmaus is invited to attend. *****

Girls AAU Tryouts
An Amarillo-Panhandle area-wide 11-year-old AAU girl's All-Star basketball team is looking for a few talented players interested in competing on an AAU team which qualified for the national AAU tournament in 1999. Players must be born in 1988. Coached by Jackie Mercer, the West Texas Heat will be holding tryouts between 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2000 at Carter Gym on the campus of Amarillo College. For information, call John Teters at (806) 364-7057. *****

2000 Stock Shows
Listed below are the Stock Shows scheduled for the year 2000. They are: San Antonio Livestock Exposition - San Antonio - Steers show February 15-18, Swine show Feb. 13-18, Gilts show Feb. 8-11; Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo - Houston - Steers show Feb. 28 - March 3, Lambs go to Rosenberg for sifting Feb. 27; make sift go to Houston show March 1&2, Swine go to Brenham for sifting Feb. 24-27; make sift go to Houston show Feb. 29-March 2; San Angelo Livestock Show - San Angelo - March 9-11 *****

Pierce-Wilbanks Family Reunion
A Pierce-Wilbanks Family Reunion has been scheduled for June 25, 2000 in Cleburne, TX, in conjunction with the Goatneck Old Timer Reunion. For more information, contact LD Pierce, 805 Sante Fe, Gage, OK 73483, call 1-800-398-5127, or visit the web-site at: <http://members.xoom.com/lpierce/reunion.html> *****

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Brandon Phythian of Amarillo is a new student in Spearman Elementary School. He entered the third grade here last Wednesday and is busy getting acquainted.

He is ten years old and joins five other children at Spearman Children's Home. Brandon's hobbies are bike riding and Nintendo.

House parents Trace and Melody Worley are pleased to have him and enjoy his company.

A warm welcome is extended to Brandon, and it is hoped he will enjoy living in Spearman.

Guests of Shonda and Greg Odegaard enjoyed guests over the weekend.

Coming from Sherman were her parents, Bob and Ann Dorley; her sisters, Stephanie Swan of Vernon and Shanna Byrnes, with two sons, of North Richland Hills.

They came for the Stock Show and were proud of the pig shown by Colby Odegaard and its placement in the show.

According to the Amarillo Daily News, Dean Weese, now of Levelland, won National Girls Coach of the Year on Friday. The award was announced by the National Federation of State High School Association.

Weese, who has won more than 1,000 games and ten state championships, was a former coach at Spearman. The Spearman girls were state champions during his tenure.

The awards will be presented April 29th in Indianapolis.

Congratulations to Karen Goodman on winning the "Sweetheart of the Year" drawing. The entry was submitted by Keith Goodman.

Now, who would have considered that rugged fire chief of being so romantic? Well, considering the object of his romantic inclination - of course!

Idella Randall, at long last, is free of bandages and braces, and has freedom of movement - first time since September 17th.

At that time she underwent spinal surgery at Baptist St. Anthony's. In a very complicated operation that lasted more than six hours, an incision was made in her collar bone area through her body to the spine. When the spinal column was reached, the 4th and 5th vertebrae were linked by screws, then the 6th, 7th, and 8th were fused and all were placed in a protective shield.

Her activities have been almost completely curtailed until Tuesday of the past week. Idella is in excellent spirits and looking forward to resuming some activities.

Ruth Lacky of Lubbock, a long time resident of this community, is reported to be in hospice at the assisted living residence.

The report on Sunday is that her condition is very grave.

Dale Randall was airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo late Friday night with a near fatal heart attack.

Relatives report that he had had three attacks previously, and had additional attacks in the hospital before the arrival of the helicopter. Earlier his attacks had been in the left heart area, but these were in the right side area. He had some arterial blockage, and a stint was placed.

It was hoped that he could be dismissed early this coming week.

Private 1st Class Nathan Segar visited four days with his grandparents, John and Virginia Trindle last week.

Nathan, formerly of Spearman, enlisted in the Army just after he finished high school. He is in communications, and has been stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. He is being transferred to Boston.

Weather report from Dwayne for week of February 7th-14th - shows the highest temperature to be 81 degrees on February 9th; the lowest to be 19 on February 12th; no precipitation.

News media have given considerable space lately to the prescription mistakes by the nation's pharmacists - citing increased stress from a growing workload as the cause.

Spearman can boast of having two flawless "Gems" that is Jims. Thanks are due Jim Evans and Jim Miller.



Happy Birthday, Bessie!

Longtime Gruver basketball supporter, Bessie Mitts, was honored at the last home game of the year by the Hounds and Lady Hounds. Bessie, who is pictured with her son Calvin, a member of the Gruver state champion basketball team in the '50's; was presented with roses and a plaque honoring her dedication to the Gruver basketball program. She was also given a hug by each Hound and Lady Hound. Bessie, who sits on the second row courtside during all GHS home games, will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 19th.



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth -- February 14, 2000 -- 50.71 feet

Jim left today to go to Wichita Falls for an early meeting tomorrow on Water Planning. He hoped to learn more about why our Lake has been listed as having a possible problem with low dissolved oxygen.

Joan reported another quiet week. Some people are catching fish, but Jim didn't have any details. Boats are appearing on the Lake again. On Thursday Jim counted 50 wild turkeys in the park area north of the dam. He has been seeing American Kestrels among the usual variety of birds.

Since I have joined the Panhandle Bird Club, I get the monthly newsletter called the "Prairie Horned Lark." Rosemary Scott writes an interesting column called Gardening for Birds. This month she wrote that many people do not consider a hackberry tree as a suitable yard tree, but that birders know when they see a grove of hackberries in the wild, they will usually find birds. She adds that hackberries, so sweet they are often called sugarberries, are native trees and require little care. Of the many birds that feast on the seeds, wild turkeys, bob whites, and blue quail were the ones that surprised me.

On Christmas Day on a hike with some grandchildren and daughters, I learned that the hackberries vary in sweetness from tree to tree. The grandchildren that live on the creek knew the best trees. A few weeks later on another hike while hunting an old foundation, I saw a well-shaped, medium size tree that from a distance looked

red. I asked what kind of a tree it was and was told it was a hackberry tree so loaded with the red hackberries as to have a reddish cast.

Now I think it might be fun to have a hackberry tree in our back yard.

Last week as a volunteer for the Hansford Genealogy Network, a query came asking who the town of Spearman was named for and for what railroad was he with. That was easy. Reba Hunter at the Stationmaster Museum said the full name was Thomas Clark Spearman with the Santa Fe line. They have a notebook at the Museum with Spearman family information and some pictures. In just a few days Reba had a call at the Museum from a man in El Paso wanting to know who Morse was named for. She fielded that one to me, and I found Robert J. Morse, an engineer for Rock Island in one spot and an official with the Railroad in another spot.

In last week's column in the sentence, "On the 1880 Census Jim [Cator] said he was For[e]man firm," meaning he was second in command.

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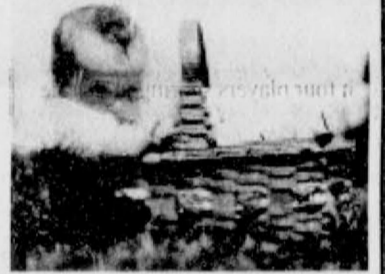
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there is no need to register.)

Spearman Basketball

Lynxettes Play Quannah

The Spearman Lynxettes played Quannah Tuesday night in Amarillo. The game was played at Palo Duro High School at 6:30 p.m. It was the bi-district game of the high school playoffs and the winner will advance to the area game on Friday.

Stratford and Clarendon girls played their bi-district game after our game at 8:30.

The Lynxettes played Fritch in a practice game on Friday and defeated the Lady Eagles 54-45.

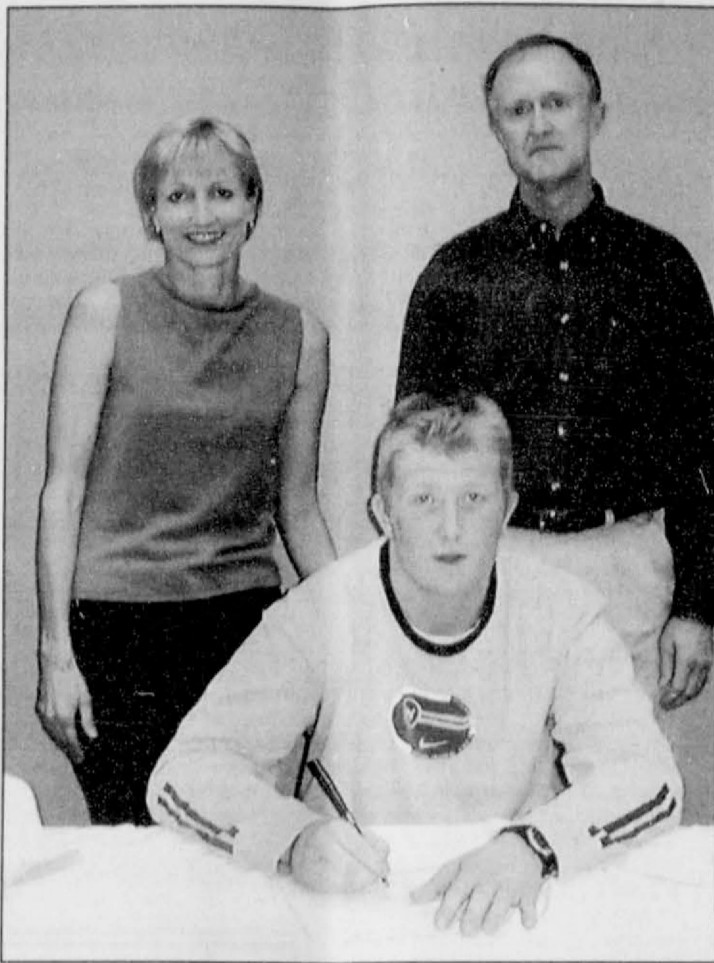
Lynxettes					
Date: 2-8-2000	Place: Stratford			Record: 21-6 (5-3)	
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynxettes	4	8	19	16	47
Stratford	16	15	12	7	50

Coach's Comments: To win games in this district you have to rebound, play real good defense, and take good shots and hit your free throw. The 2nd half of this game we did that, but we had to overcome a 19 point deficit at half. We did that and the girls played their hearts out, but we just came up a little short.

Lynx					
Date: 2-8-2000	Place: Stratford			Record: 9-17	
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynx	16	23	15	17	71
Stratford	13	18	24	19	74

JV Lynx					
Date: 2-8-2000	Place: Stratford			Record: 16-5	
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynx	12	19	10	14	55
Stratford	6	4	4	7	21

JV Lynxettes					
Date: 2-8-2000	Place: Stratford			Record: 19-9	
Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Lynxettes JV	9	4	1	5	20
Stratford JV	8	4	5	8	25



Brock Signs With ACU

by Jeff Beedy

Spearman senior Jordan Brock signed a letter of intent to play football for Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. Jordan is very excited about playing college football. He will be playing under Gary Gaines who is the head football coach at ACU.

Abilene Christian has an enrollment of over 4500 students and is a very good school. Jordan will be playing either defensive end or offensive end, but he doesn't really care as long as he gets to play.

The Spearman Booster Club had a signing party in Jordan's honor Wednesday evening at the O'Loughlin Center. High school head football Coach Ric Smith said, "Jordan was one of the most enjoyable young men he has ever coached and I wish him the best."

Jordan has done a great job at Spearman during his high school career and he is a fine young man.

Brock said, "I really like ACU and the campus, but I also like it because their colors are purple and white. There is just something about those colors." Brock also said, "I don't think that two-a-days are going to be as hard at ACU as they were under Coach Smith." And he is probably right!

Jordan is the son of Kim and Stephanie Brock and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brock and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Warren of Borger.

Jordan, you have been a fine example while at Spearman and everybody in Spearman wishes you the best of luck and hope everything goes well at college next year.

Oh yeah, one more thing, remember that you are going down there to get an education!

Bereavement Support Group

Hansford Hospice is hosting a Bereavement Support Group. It will meet every-other-week, beginning February 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor of the First United Methodist Church in Spearman. The facilitator is Ken Cole, Pastor.

One of the tragedies in our society today is that many bereaved family members and friends experience their grief alone. They may hide their true feelings of grief as it manifests itself in individual ways. Yet together they may realize they are not alone in these feelings and may help someone else just as they are being helped through their grief.

It may help to become involved with a group of persons having similar experiences; sharing eases loneliness and promotes the expression of grief in an atmos-

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Sealed bids will not be accepted until February 23, 2000, and the deadline for submitting bids is 2:30 p.m. on February 25, 2000. Sealed bids can be submitted to: Maintenance Department, Hansford County Hospital, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Texas 79081, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., noting on the outside of envelope "Hospital Fire Alarm Wiring Bid - Do Not Open Except by Administration." Bids will be opened and considered by Administration at 707 S. Roland in the Administrator's office on February 25, 2000 at 3:30 p.m. Hansford County Hospital District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in part or as a whole.

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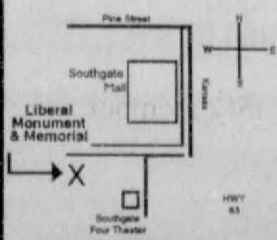
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A letter from John L. Hutchison

Dear Hansford County Citizens:

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve as your County Attorney. If I am reelected, I will continue to work hard to serve this County in a diligent, fair, and responsible manner. I would appreciate your vote for reelection as Hansford County Attorney on Tuesday, March 14th, in the Republican Primary. Absentee voting will be February 28 - March 10.

My main responsibilities as County Attorney are:

- Advising the Commissioners Court and the County Offices on legal matters
- Aggressively prosecuting misdemeanors and juvenile offenders.
- Filing Protective Orders to protect family members in domestic violence situations
- Working with Child Protective Services on cases involving abused and neglected children
- Filing Mental Commitments
- Being alert to possible situations where Hansford County may incur liability and planning to avoid these situations.

During the past 20 years as County Attorney, I have attended many hours of continuing legal education in these areas. This training and the valuable experience I have gained in office have prepared me to serve you another term. I would like to continue to serve as your County Attorney and would appreciate your vote on March 14th.

Thank You
John L. Hutchison

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For more information on this meeting, please contact (806) 355-3539.

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Superintendent's Corner

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman ISD Superintendent

Next week across the state of Texas 10th grade students will be taking the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) Exit test. This test has some major significance for both the students taking the test and the school district. But what do you really know about the TAAS test?

In the 1980's the state legislature mandated an accountability system based on student performance and measured by a standardized testing program. The development at the state level of a test called the Texas Assessment of Basic Skills (TABS) was the first attempt to establish certain standards expected for all Texas children. TABS were replaced in 1985 by a more difficult test called the Texas Educational Assessment of Minimum Skills (TEAMS).

For the first time high school students were required to pass an Exit test in order to graduate from high school. Other grade levels were also tested. These first tests were only designed to assess minimal skills; however, there was some resistance basically because of a lack of curriculum standards. To address this problem a standardized state curriculum called the Essential Elements was developed.

School accountability was not necessarily tied into these early test, and a major overhaul of the system was ordered by the Texas legislature in 1990. Besides raising the standards and redesigning the test, now called the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), a state wide accountability system was created to report to the public the schools performance. A set of indicators was created to report the quality of learning on a campus. These indicators (which varied at different grade levels) included: performance on the TAAS test (disaggregated by ethnicity, sex and socioeconomic status); dropout rate; student attendance rates; results on SAT and ACT; and other indicators adopted

by the State Board of Education. With these indicators came a rating system to determine the effectiveness and accreditation of a campus and school district. Performance was reported as either exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable, and academically unacceptable.

In 1997 a new state curriculum was adopted to replace the Essential Elements. The new curriculum called Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) is a more rigorous curriculum designed to support a redesign of the current TAAS test. According to Commissioner of Education Jim Nelson, "We need to keep raising the bar." He stated that these changes are needed in order for the children of Texas to be well-educated and prepared for the 21st century. In the past legislative session other changes were mandated. Starting with this year's 7th grade students, the TAAS Exit test will be moved to the 11th grade and will see the biggest overhaul in the past twenty years. This new test for those students (7th grade) graduating in 2005 or later will now be required to pass tests in English language arts, mathematics, social studies and science in order to graduate.

The current TAAS Exit only tested writing, reading and mathematics. The new test will cover much more curriculum than the current test, and in my opinion, will be a better determining factor of what a student is expected to know. Twenty years ago only a small percentage of students at the high school level completed algebra and geometry. The new standards expect ALL students to take algebra and geometry. This is just one example of the rigor of the new test.

This week's article only highlighted the history and some of the changes at the high school level. Other changes are in store for other grade levels. Testing of our student's performance has not decreased in the past twenty years, it has increased. I foresee more

testing and more pressure on campuses and students to demonstrate what they know. Of course these tests are only one indicator of what is going on at school and are only one test on one day in the life of a child.

No matter what you think about testing it is not going away! One positive is that it has made us closely look at the delivery of our curriculum. Some may say that all we are doing is teaching to the test. To a point I think that is true. Why wouldn't you teach what they are testing you over? It is not different for any math teacher. All week they drill and practice over problems and at the end of the week, they tell the kids there will be a test on Friday over the material that was covered the past week. The same concept applies with the TAAS test. Ask any teacher, and they can tell you there is a great deal of pressure to do well on the test. This is true! When we are compared to other campuses and districts, we want to show how well we are doing. Each year as the standards or bar is raised, we are forced to look at what works and what doesn't work and make changes. All of this in my opinion directly benefits the kids. What all these tests have provided us is mounds of data. From this data we can look at strengths and weakness and base curriculum decisions on improving student achievement and providing our students with a good educational foundation.

Next week, I encourage those 10th grade students taking the Exit test to take their time (the test are untimed) and do their best! The high school campus which was exemplary last year has worked extremely hard to prepare their students for a repeat performance. The best way to be successful on the test is to be well prepared. We have done our jobs, now it is time for our students to perform. I encourage any parent with questions or concerns over the TAAS test or any other test administered to talk their child's teacher, one of the counselors or to your child's

principal. If you want to know more about the TAAS Exit, you can take a practice test over the internet by contacting the Texas Education Agency web site at www.tea.state.tx.us/student/assessment/ and click on "What's New Released TAAS test online."

I hope this week's article has provided you with a basic understanding of the TAAS Exit test and other testing and accountability requirements. Texas leads the nation in ensuring all students are provided with a curriculum foundation and districts and campus are accountable for results. It is becoming more evident that many other states are looking to Texas as a leader in school reform. Texas students are outscoring most of the nation on standardized test. While others are worrying about a nation at risk, Texas has done something about making the system better and providing all the children of Texas with a hope for a better tomorrow!

Rainbow Kid's Klub

by Pauline McGee

We Methodists want to share a part of our children's ministry that we are proud of - Rainbow Kid's Klub Ministry.

This ministry has been a part of our church for eight years. It was organized and is supervised by faithful workers, who volunteer their time. The children meet each Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. They are picked up at the elementary school and are returned home at 5:00 p.m.

During this time at church, they sing, learn Bible verses, and acquire and share knowledge of the Bible. They are served refreshments and enjoy the fellowship of their peers.

Being in this group situation, each child has the opportunity to express himself and learn from others.

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Valentine King/Queen

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The 1st Runner Up for Mr. Hansford Manor was Bob Hand. Bob was born on May 27, 1920 to parents John and Mattie Hand in Tuskumbia, Alabama. He grew up in Haskell and Skellytown, Texas. He went to school in Armstrong County. He served in the military for 11 years, serving in France, Germany, and Korea. After leaving the service he moved to Arkansas where he married Freda. Bob enjoys playing dominoes and watching T.V. He came to Hansford Manor in August, 1999. Bob always has time to give a big smile and a kind word. He has many friends here at Hansford Manor.

The 1st Runner Up for Miss Hansford Manor was Bernice Gibbs. Bernice was born on February 18, 1918 to parents Roland and Elizabeth McLendon in Mississippi. She grew up in Hazelhersch, Mississippi, where she graduated from High School. Bernice married Willie Gibbs in 1951. Her husband served in the military, and they lived in quite a few states during this time. Bernice has one daughter, Dorothy Nollner, of Spearman, Texas. She has 6 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Bernice came to Hansford Manor in November 1999. Her fun sense of humor delights everyone around her. She always has a smile and is loved by all her friends here at Hansford Manor.

The top 10 Mr. Hansford Manor Runners Up were: Pete Lieb, Billy Morrison, Ernest Archer, Bill Martin, Paul Allison, Bill Swan, Allen Beasley, Bill Whifford, J. T. Pond, and Howard Bowman.

The top 10 Miss Hansford Manor Runners Up were: Gladys Russell, Opal Bradford, Marilyn Parrish, Louise Archer, Ruth Baker, Thelma Cogburn, Buelah Bort, Ollie Jarvis, Leona Harris, and Daisy Rhea.

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