

Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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Friends Brent and Natalie Thornton sent me the following article entitled "The Trouble Tree." It is a great story worth sharing; I hope you enjoy it.

The Trouble Tree

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them.

Then in the morning I pick them up again." "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

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 :)

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

We have been blessed throughout our lives with meeting some extraordinary people. We had an experience at the Stavlo Ranch this past weekend that would certainly qualify as an experience that has enriched our lives.

It was a benefit BBQ and community get together that was so very special. We met, cooked, and played with some very wonderful folks. From the moment we arrived until our departure we were treated as old friends and with an acceptance and a willingness to share that was very heart warming. (We would like to call some names of the great people that we met but would be so sad if we somehow missed someone.)

Your community should be very proud that it showcased its people in such a fine way. In fact, they were all special people with special attitudes. We hope that this note will serve as a "thank you" from us for a good and wonderful experience that we will not soon forget.

Mack & Sharon Fry

P.S. To the winners of the rib cookoff we say "Congratulations." We hope that you are basking in your victory. Just remember that there are some folks down south (Lubbock) that are already anticipating a spirited competition next year, and we intend to take our best shot at you again.

Card of Thanks

THANK YOU

I just wanted to let everyone who participated in the "Rib Cook-Off" know how much Phil and I appreciated their efforts. Thank you to all who organized the event in any way, shape or form. Thanks to Bezner Beef, Seaboard and Texas Farm for donating all the meat for the event. Thanks to Barbara and Paul Stavlo for a beautiful setting for a wonderful night. Thanks to all the cooking teams who did a great job and provided us all with a great meal.

And a BIG thank you to the community and all the people of Hansford County. Having the pleasure and privilege of living and working among such wonderful people is beyond words. What a blessing to be surrounded by such kind and generous people. Everyone's prayers and concern have made a big difference in our lives. Thank you again for your participation in an evening that won't soon be forgotten.

Phil & Toni Atwood

THANK YOU

Thank you for making my 90th birthday such a wonderful celebration. The beautiful cards, special messages and personal visits allow me to celebrate and enjoy our friendship every day. Each of you have a special place in my heart. I think of you often and wish you much happiness and many blessings. Truly, Spearman has a great tie that binds!

Much love,
Ruth Mary Whitson

Hansford County Circle of Friends Party Nears

The Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in support of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

The event, featuring a steak dinner, will be held pool-side at the home of Jackie and Benny Wilson, 104 Cliff Ave., 1 1/4 mile west of Gruver on Highway 15.

Funds raised through the membership party will go to support the patient care programs of Harrington Cancer Center.

Several items will be auctioned, including: a table and chair set that was hand-painted and decorated by Linda Coombs, a mirror that was hand-painted and decorated by Gemini Designs, and a chair that was recovered by Tracy Venneman.

Anyone interested in attending is welcome, but a ticket is required. (Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.)

For more information, contact Pat Irwin in Gruver at 733-2285. Membership cards and invitations are also available at Gruver State Bank, and First State Bank and First National Bank in Spearman.

The Circle of Friends is a non-profit organization founded to support the philosophy and goals of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. The Cancer Center, established in

1981, was opened because of the generous support of the people throughout the High Plains.

The Circle of Friends provides support that is still vital today to continue programs in cancer treatment, research and education. It is also a means to ensure that those founding communities continue to benefit from and are aware of the Center's services.

Financial support is made available for cancer patients receiving treatment in the Harrington Cancer Center's service area. The Circle of Friends assists with services not covered by insurance or available through other agencies. Limited funds are available for out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, lodging, prescribed nutritional supplements and other special needs.

The purpose of Circle of Friends is to provide financial assistance to cancer patients and their families in times of crisis and to support education and research programs directed toward improving the patient's quality of life.

The Circle of Friends raises support funds through: membership, membership functions, special events and luncheons.

If you would like to give time or financial support, please contact: The Development Department, The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, at 1-800-274-HOPE (4673).

FWYI

Fall Judging Contest and Stock Shows

Texas Cooperative Extension Agent Burt Williams announces the fall judging contests and stock shows. The Judging Contests are as follows: August 14th, 9 a.m. - Seward County Fair in Liberal, KS; August 21st, noon - Texas County Fair in Guymon, OK; September 18th, 9 a.m. - Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. Stock Shows include: August 21-22 - Texas County Fair in Guymon, OK, 2-day show with weigh enter in Friday, can show one or both days; September 4 - Labor Day Steer Show in Amarillo; September 18-25 - Tri State Fair Show in Amarillo (entries due August 15th) Barrow Show - Sept. 18th at 4 p.m., Lamb Show - Sept 19th at noon, Steer Show - Sept. 25th at 9 a.m.; September 26th - South Plains Fair in Lubbock (hogs only - entries due August 16th). For information, contact Burt Williams at 659-4130.

Library Forgoes Fines

Due to recent circulation system computer problems at Hansford County Library and throughout the Harrington Library Consortium computer network, all items (books, videos and audio books), turned in between now and the end of August will be fine exempt. This does not apply to lost items, only overdue items. If you have lost an item, you will still be expected to pay for that item. Due to these same computer problems, past due notices cannot currently be generated. Consequently, even though you may not have received a notice, you may be overdue, so please check your library items today! Get them back to the library before the end of the month, and you won't owe any fines. Hopefully all of the circulation problems will be resolved shortly, but all of the staff at the library will appreciate your patience and understanding until things are back to normal.

OPSU Cheerleaders Host Golf Tourney

The Oklahoma Panhandle State Cheerleading Squad will host a golf tournament August 13, 2004 at the Sunset hills Golf Course in Guymon. Money raised at the event will be used to help purchase uniforms and allow travel to some out-of-town games. Entry fees is are \$140 per team. Only one player per team may have a handicap under 10, and all handicaps on a team must equal at least 40. Mulligans are available for \$2 each and are limited to one per player on the front nine and one per player on the back nine. Half of the entry fees will be used for cash prizes with the winning team taking 25%, the second place team taking 15%, and the third place team taking 10%. For more information phone Amber Hill at 580-349-1368 or by email at aholis@opsu.edu.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering on Saturday, August 14th at the Waka Christian Center. A pot luck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. A communion and worship service will follow at 7 p.m. Sponsors training will be held after that. Nursery will be provided. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center Golf Tournament

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament Monday, August 23, at La Paloma Golf Club. Cost is \$280 per foursome and includes dinner catered by La Paloma. The tournament begins with a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Player registration deadline is August 16. For more information on the upcoming tournament, contact Judy Neill at 358-4563.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on August 23, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home Fund Raiser

The Coldwater Manor Nursing Home will host a fund raiser dance Friday, August 27, 2004, from 8 - 11 p.m. at the Sherman County Barn, 510 S. Chestnut Street in Stratford. Admission is \$5.00 per person. For more information, contact JoAnn Cobos or Janice Vaughn at 806-396-5568.

NWS Amarillo to Host Spotter & Cooperative Observer Appreciation Picnic

The Amarillo National Weather Service will hold its 4th annual Spotter and Cooperative Observer Appreciation Picnic on Saturday, August 21st. Last year, a total of 89 people attended the event, which included spotters, observers, emergency managers, other valued customers as well as several Amarillo Globe-News staff members and their families. The appreciation picnic is just one way the NWS in Amarillo seeks to recognize and show their gratitude for all its volunteers, partners and valued customers. It is also a great way for the spotters and cooperative observers to learn more about NWS operations, meet the NWS staff, and get to know each other. The picnic will include a fried chicken meal with all the trimmings, a raffle of several door prizes, outdoor games, and tours of the NWS Forecast Office.

The Hansford County Circle of Friends Invites You to a Steak Dinner by the Pool
At the Home of Jackie & Benny Wilson
104 Cliff Avenue
1 1/4 Miles West of Gruver on Hwy. 15
Thursday, August 19, 2004
7:30 p.m.

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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

August 12
Birthday - Hix Spivey, Norma Swink, Verna Gail Keim, Angela Gaither, Judy Nelson, Randy Hargis, Julian Rodriguez Sr., Wade Nobles, Devonna Boyd, Janice Bannister, J.C. Harris
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Saldavar

August 13
Birthday - Brendy Brown Kirkland, Mike Coomer, Denise Karlin, Charles Phillips, Blake Trantham, Wanda Jones, Max Baggerly, Anne Foster, Adrian Robertson, Lorrie Bowen, Oliver Barnes, Joe Dean Clement, Ethel Ellsworth, Jim Miller, Crystal Boyd
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gary Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald TeBeest

August 14
Birthday - Leslie Latta, Jimmy Nicholson, Mike Pack
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Monty Lusby

August 15
Birthday - Kelly Armes, Mary Jane Henson, Ryan Winger, Buddy Gaither, Cole Umphress, Sara Butt, Ruby Burger, Vanessa Ortega, Dub Womble, John Booth
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Billy Baker, Mr. & Mrs. David Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Murrell, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Logsdon Jr., Mr. & Mrs. James Nicholson

August 16
Birthday - Corky Chapman, Ed Fry, Ronny Womble, Wayne Burchard, Ben Dunaway, Sondra Younger, Felix Sandaval, Tyce Hergert, Teresa Cook, Sharon Ross, Jason Villines, Lillie Love, Kathy Love, Nicholas Vinson, Ruben Gomez, Donetta Greene, Carlos Hernandez, Alexander Davis
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Sparks

August 17
Birthday - Christy Brown, Guy Paul Hindergart, Allison Reid, Dean Sparks, Dodie Beedy, Delinda McLaughlin, Halee Rice, Bo Bensinger, Kimberly Boyd

Anniversary - Betty & Dub Womble, Mr. & Mrs. Danny Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Don Allen, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Ware, Kitty & Frank Edwards, David & Kim Swink
August 18
Birthday - Brenda Dahl, Carla Johnson, Heather Murrell, Jack Weldon, Tina Wilmeth, Jerry Beth Prachar, Tammy Welch, Kenneth Burke, Bob Cook, Robbin Keetch, Pat Miller, Jeanie Bennett, Glen Ward, Andrew Correll, Janet Mayo
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. David Link, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Deakin

August 19
Birthday - Diana Bradshaw, Buddy Murrell, Kenton Odum, Linda Tidwell, Carey Bridges, Perry Dixon, Mary Lou Mathews, Chris Trout, Lisa Collins, Teddy Lynn Whitefield, Melissa Harvey, Joshua Miller, Jordan Fisher
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kelly Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hicks, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bartimus

August 20
Birthday - David Bergin, Joyce Messer, Joyce Lackey, Irene Snider, Tony Hart, Shelley Edenborough, Joe Olivarez, Derek Irlbeck, Kathy Lewis, Jodi Hight
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Russell, Mr. & Mrs. Don Heddins, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Grotgut, Mr. & Mrs. Les Barkley, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Babbs

August 21
Birthday - Lou Garrett, Lauren Hoel, Reg Robertson, Michael Lane Whitefield, Linda Lawson, Carolyn Mauldin, Brandon Babitzke, Joshua Bynum, Rick Harvey, Coy H. Kelly Jr, Shane Hill
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Dwayne Marrs

August 22
Birthday - Amber Roberts, Autumn Roberts, Tony Hester, Michelle Davis, Tuesday Reed, Jonell Sheets, Roger Brown, Marge Papay, John Michael Sterling, Phil Garza, Kathrine Tope, Janie Perez, Garrett Griffin, Brian Robinson, Brett Winegamer, Janie Reza
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Silva, Kenneth & Lisa Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Archer, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Jackson

Our Deepest Sympathy

H.B. (HACK) JOHNSON

GRUVER - H.B. (Hack) Johnson, 88, died on Tuesday, August 10, 2004.

Funeral services will be at the First Baptist Church of Gruver on Friday, August 13, 2004 at 10 a.m. with Ralph Mirales and Andy Burleson officiating. Interment will be in Gruver Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Hack was born in Flomot, TX on May 2, 1916. He married Opal Miller on October 7, 1944 in Frederick, OK.

He was a farmer and rancher and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gruver.

Survivors include his wife, Opal, of the home; two daughters, Patsy Flaniken of Portland, TX and Brenda Gonzalez of Plainview; one son, Don Johnson of El Reno, OK; a sister, May Dell Landsdown of Vineta, OK; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

JULIAN A. VILLARREAL

SPEARMAN - Julian A. Villarreal, 50, died Friday, August 6, 2004.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 10, 2004 in Primera Mission Bautista with the Rev. Joe Garcia officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Villarreal was born on Jan. 9, 1954, in Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico. He has lived in this area since 1981. He married Rosa Ortiz on October 18, 1974. He was a farmer and a member of Primera Mission Bautista.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Anna Villegas of Gruver and Jessica Villarreal of Spearman; a son, Julian Villarreal Jr. of Lufkin; his parents, Eloy and Francisca Villarreal of Llano; five sisters, Bertha Montoya, Griselda Villarreal and Francis Napolez, all of Llano, Maria Escobar of Round Mountain and Consuelo Montelongo of Belleville; four brothers, Reyes Villarreal of Marble Falls, Eloy Villarreal Jr. of Llano, Marcos Villarreal of Granite Shoals and Hector Villarreal of Brenham; and two grandchildren.

ROSE CASSADY

GRUVER - Rose Cassidy, 69, died on Tuesday, August 10, 2004.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2004 at 2 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Gruver with the Rev. Gary Gumfory officiating. Services are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Ms. Cassidy was born in Lariat, TX on March 13, 1935. She had lived in the area since 1962, moving from Bovina. She married Phil Cassidy on August 29, 1953 in Fort Sumner, NM.

She was a bookkeeper and a member of the First Christian Church in Gruver.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil and Myrtle Atchley, and her husband, Phil, in 1989.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Belinda and Glenn Hamilton of Texhoma, TX; one son and daughter-in-law, Monty and Pam Cassidy of Fairview, OK; three sisters, Cora Steward of Perryton, Shirley Calaway of Baxter Springs, KS and Wilma Mooneyham of Miami, OK; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First Christian Church of Gruver.

E.J. WADE

SPEARMAN - E.J. Wade, 84, died Monday, August 9, 2004.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 12, 2004 in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Walter Greaser and the Rev. Bob Elder officiating. Burial will be in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Wade was born in Thalia, TX on January 11, 1920. He married Ann Holt on March 20, 1970, in Chickasha, OK.

He was a farm laborer and a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his guardians, Audra and Gary Thomas of Spearman; three brothers, Alonzo Wade of Elmore City, OK, Kenneth Wade of Wellston, OK, and Delmar Wade of Amber, OK; three sisters, Evelyn Norris of San Rafael, CA, Bonnie Blow of Ardmore, OK, and Mildred Farrington of Fresno, CA; and a sister-in-law, Carolyn Fitzpatrick.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

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Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
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Pastor - Patrick Six</p> <p>Church of Christ
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Hansford County

Young Poet Takes Gold

Garlin Guthrie likes to write, and his new gold medal, is proof that he is good at it.

Garlin, the 11 year-old son of Mark and Carrie Guthrie, was the first-place winner in the Panhandle Plains Writers' Frontiers in Writing Contest.

Although most entries in the contest were students' work submitted by teachers, Garlin's entry, a poem entitled "Peace" was sent in by his mother.

The young poet received his gold medal at ceremonies at the Ambassador Hotel.

He is the great grandson of Rosa Lee Butt of Spearman.

Morse

Get Well Wishes

Mildred Lewis is experiencing some health problems and is awaiting results of tests taken last week.

Spearman

Resident Celebrates 96th Birthday

Best wishes to Ray Gibson who recently celebrated his 96th birthday.

Pool Closes

The Spearman swimming pool closed for the 2004 season Sunday, August 1.

DeLaRosa Travels from Coast to Coast

DeeDee DeLaRosa flew to California on June 29th to visit family.

On July 1st, she flew to New York City with her Aunt Angie, her boss, his daughter, and two of her friends. While in New York, they stayed in Times Square at the New York Westin Hotel. They toured the Empire State Building, took a helicopter tour which flew over Yankee Stadium, the Statue of Liberty, the Manhattan Bridge and the construction site of the World Trade Center.

They flew back to California on July 5th, where DeeDee stayed with her Aunt Angie until July 23rd.

DeeDee said that she would like to extend a big thank you to her Aunt Angie for making her time with her so much fun!

KRDF Bids Goodbye, Welcome

Last week Adam Taylor resigned from KRDF to attend a music recording school in Orlando, FL. KRDF would like to thank Adam for everything he has done, and to wish him well in his endeavors.

Adam's replacement is Aaron Langston. Aaron is the husband of KRDF Account Manager Jennifer Langston. Aaron and Jennifer will share on-air and account management duties.

Family Crusade Set

The First Assembly of God Church would like to invite everyone to a Family Crusade.

Brian, Vicki and Rene Cockerham will be back again

this year to share God's love through puppets, music and preaching. Services start Sunday night, August 22nd, at 6 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, located at 401 North Bernice. Weeknight services will be held Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested is invited to share in this special time of ministry and fellowship. Prizes will be given for the most visitors brought, and each night the girls and women will challenge the boys and men to give the most offering.

We hope that everyone will find time to come and share the Holy Spirit's presence with us as people surrender to God and His purpose for their lives.

Gruver

Gruver Residents to Teach 'Abroad'

Several Gruver residents will be teaching in area towns during the 2004-2005 school year.

Lexy (Spivey) Glass, who resides in Gruver, will be teaching ESL at Stratford High School.

Cara Hathaway has moved to Clarendon where she has been employed as a teacher and assistant girls basketball coach at Clarendon High School.

Paula Kelly and her daughter Cheryka have moved to Dumas where Paula will be teaching at Dumas Junior High.

Community Care Concerns

Joyce Duncan has not been feeling well. She had tests in Amarillo this week.

Pool to Close

The Gruver swimming pool will close at the end of the swim day, Sunday, August 15.

Former Resident Welcomes Twins

Courtney and Andrew Burgoon are the proud parents of twin girls born July 16, 2004.

Kyler Ann weighed four pounds and nine ounces and was 18 inches long while twin Kylie Mae weighed three pounds and nine ounces and was 16 inches long.

Grandparents are Cindy and Don Carthel of Amarillo and former Gruver residents Bob and Connie Burgoon, now of Canyon.

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Engagement Announcement

Kevin and Lana McLain of Plainview announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli, to Sean Baker, son of Dennis and Rose Baker of Spearman.

Miss McLain is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene McLain of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Reese of Jayton and Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Tucker of Memphis. She is a graduate of Lockney High School and Lubbock Dental Assistant School. She is employed by Petsmart in Amarillo.

Baker is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baker of Amarillo. He is a graduate of Spearman High School and is a student at Amarillo College.

The couple will be married on August 20, 2004 in a garden ceremony at the bride's parents' home.

White, Overbey Wed



Mrs. Matthew Overbey

Cheryl Lynn White and Matthew Ray Overbey, both of Dallas, were united in marriage on Saturday, July 31, 2004 at the First Baptist Church in Stamford. Pastor Chad Selph of Allen, TX officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Denise White of Stamford, and the granddaughter of J.D. and Billie Hargrove of Anson and Lynn and Nancy White of Stamford.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Pat Overbey of Gruver, and the grandson of Jewette Hayes of Shamrock.

The maid of honor was the sister of the bride, Kristi White of Canyon. Bridesmaids were Rachel Strickland of Lubbock, Emily White of Rowlette, Rinnell Tiechelman of Lubbock, Rebecca Taylor of

Lubbock, and the groom's sister, Angela Gibson of Dumas. Cousins of the bride, Kara Keneaster of Houston and Amanda Foster of Levelland were candlelighters.

Best man was Jay Tucker of Dallas. Groomsman were Dave Sills of Dallas, Jeremy George of Midland, Jace Baker of Austin, Frank Perez of Lubbock, and Rob Stokes of Lubbock. Ushers were Jim Mitzel of Lewisville, Michael Tate of Dallas and Ryan Bellew of Houston.

Pianist and soloist was the cousin of the bride, Mandi Whittlesey of Cleburne. Steve Livengood of Stamford served as organist.

The house party included Ginger Langdon of Angelton, Blaire Thackker of Lubbock, cousin of the groom, and Sue and Sarah Larkin of Houston, cousins of the bride.

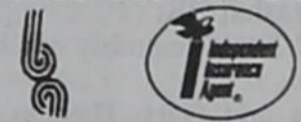
Cheryl is a 1999 graduate of Stamford High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Accounting. She is currently employed by Pricewaterhouse Coopers in Dallas.

Matt is a 1997 graduate of Gruver High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a Bachelors Degree in Marketing and a minor in Spanish. He is employed by Enterprise in Dallas.

Following a honeymoon trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple will reside in Dallas.

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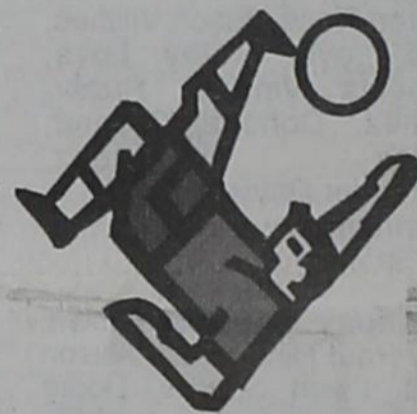
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is now forming for the fall & spring season. Forms available at Gruver & Spearman Dairy Queens and Gruver & Spearman Elementary school offices.

Sign-ups will be Thursday, August 12th through Monday, August 23rd.

Return forms to elementary school offices or to Jennifer Harper, Box 1127, Gruver, TX 79040.

Cost is \$35 per child; children must be 4 (by September 1st) and no older than 12.



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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

The First Christian Church of Gruver brought services to the Manor on Sunday. Thank you to each and every one of you!

Monday morning was begun with the usual chores of feeding the animals and fish, and watering the plants. One of the best things is greeting the residents after being off for the week-end. They are always so happy to see us.

Mid-morning we met in the living room for the current news events. There were many good pictures of a museum in Appleton, Wisconsin. They are now revealing many mysterious escape secrets there that Harry Houndini used.

After lunch we met in the Activity Room for Trivia on the states. A blank picture of the United States was passed out and then we all attempted to label the states. We all did pretty good until we got the north-eastern states. (Then we got out our cheat sheet). One of our residents named every state except one! She has traveled extensively and knew most of the northern states. It was fun and educational as we talked about different states that ones had visited.

The Gladiola Flower Club hosted Bingo for the residents on Monday night. Thank you for your help and for the desserts that you served afterwards!

Tuesday morning we had a good ole down home corn shucking. Landon Miller brought us a pile of corn Monday evening, so Tuesday morning the residents shucked and cleaned it. It was then cooked and served to the residents with their lunch. Yum-yum!

Fresh corn on the cob & butter is hard to beat in the summer. It brought back many memories of times past for the residents and we enjoyed visiting about their gardens, canning, and how they were self-sufficient families during their youth. Most families raised all of their meat and vegetables.

The afternoon was filled with music and Name That Tune. Janie played the piano and I noticed was pretty tricky. She played some numbers that were all so familiar but I just could not call the name. The residents

are sharp about music, though and could identify most of them. Afterwards we watched a video of Shelene Jine's family's wedding. Shelene sang in the wedding. Shelene - you were great! Thank you for sharing with us.

Ann Whitaker was faithfully on hand to lead the Bible study on Wednesday morning. Thank you, Ann. That is such an important mission and we really do appreciate your faithfulness. The residents are coming to know her better and love her.

The afternoon was filled with paints and ceramics. We have fired some of the items that have been completed and they are beautiful. The residents continue working on other pieces now. We really appreciated Jessica

Villareal and Timberly Thomas for coming to help.

Many students from the Spearman school have been participating in the Hansford Hero program this summer under the leadership of Timberly Thomas. They have been a great blessing for us. They are so much fun, fresh, and helpful. They have made our summer much richer for their participation and we appreciate each and every one of them.

Thursday morning was busy with exercise in the living room. There was fun, fun country music, stories read, and laughter as we exercised our bodies and brains.

The ever faithful Auxiliary was on hand to host Bingo after lunch. Thank you for your help with Bingo and for serving ice cream afterward.

Friday morning was filled

with a friendly game of kick-ball. We had a large group in the living room and enjoyed the games, fellowship, and laughter.

Friday afternoon brought a special treat. We had a dog show that was so much fun. Every dog was different and we had a great level of participation from the community.

Laura Gillaspie showed her cocker spaniel, Abby; Dorothy Sparks brought Tiny, her great dane that weighs over 200 lbs.; Callie Yarborough had Sassy (we decided that she was a Shih Tzoodle); Tammy Herndon took time out of her wedding day to bring Leonard, her Boston terrier; Jennifer Langston of KRDF fame had Kippy, a loveable cowdog; Klara Keim showed Pete, a rat terrier; Ashley Keim brought Catie, a jack russell that did tricks for treats; Don Reed brought Catie who showed Spot, a rat terrier-American

Eskimo cross that did several tricks; and Christy Swan showed Pudge, a frisky, cute year old Yorkie.

The dogs were all friendly and enjoyed all of the attention that the residents showered on them. Several of them were very talented and all of them were very well mannered. Thank you to everyone that came!!! It was a great success.

Awards were presented to the dogs and lemonade was served as the residents spent time petting and loving on the dogs. What a variety we had!! THANKS!!!

Many thanks are also due to Elaine Odegaard and Judy Yarborough. They were most valuable help throughout the dog show and then to top it off I was looking for Judy and she was in the back courtyard weeding the flower beds!! Thank you guys-you did a great job!

Saturday afternoon we had a friendly game of Crazy Bunko. There is almost always one prize that is special and everyone seems to like the best. This time I watched a white, floppy eared stuffed rabbit change hands 9 times!! It is so funny to watch the action!



Callie Yarborough poses with her dog, Sassy.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--August 2, 2004--36.29 feet (down 5 inches this week)

Rue Sanders and Billy Miller, bearing gifts of corn for the ducks and squirrels, visited the Park this week. The four white ducks come running at the possibility of food, but the other two, who hang together, are more shy.

In the foursome, three of them are new ducks. Jim says the squirrels are all over the Park, but he rarely sees more than one or two at a time. They are enjoying the big crop of black walnuts. Billy said his walnut crop in Spearman froze out.

Fishermen have been catching some crappie and bass from boats, water wagons, and tubes. Charley Laxton has given Jim a fishing calendar. Starting with last Saturday, there are five continuous days that are marked as excellent for fishing.

A new Scout Troop from Texhoma camped out in Johnnie's Park this weekend. There were 8 or 10 boys with 3 leaders. One of the skills taught the boys was how to rig a shower using a big jug of water heated by the sun.

Saturday night there were 5 campers back of the dam and

several on the office side. There were tent campers, too.

This year the most regular campers have been Burl and Sammie Still from Tyrone, OK. This retired couple drive their motor home to the Park every two or three weeks and then stay three to five days. They do not fish, but they do bring bicycles and use them around the Park.

One of the campers who likes to get up early and hike the Nature Trail was delighted to see a whitetail doe with triplets last week.

In an article in the Livestock Weekly on July 22, Coyotes Still Worst Predator in N.M. Despite Wolf Program, I learned that chocolate and tea are known to be highly toxic to dogs, so the Wildlife Services of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture are studying ways to control coyotes with chocolate and tea. The chemical is theobromine which is similar to caffeine.

As you can guess, if you have bought a Hershey bar lately, this method of killing coyotes, although more humane than other toxins, is too expensive. The biologists are studying the by-products of the cocoa manufacturing process to see what they can come up with.

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Richard Varnon, a member of the First Christian Church of Spearman, was part of a mission trip to China. The trip was hosted by the First Baptist Church of Borger. They traveled to the Yunnan province in southern China June 4th-19th. Richard will give a presentation and recap of his trip at the First Christian Church in Spearman at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 15th. The public is invited to attend.

USDA Farm Service Agency Announces General CRP Sign-up

In an effort to sustain the environmental benefits of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced a General CRP Sign-up 29 to begin August 30, 2004.

Rick Hargrove, County Executive Director for Hansford County FSA explains that CRP Sign-up 29 is offered for those acres currently enrolled in CRP and set to expire September 30, 2004 or September 30, 2005. According to Hargrove, eligible cropland never before enrolled in CRP will also be considered for enrollment under General CRP Sign-up 29.

"As further expansion to the CRP program, a couple of new initiatives including a Bobwhite quail initiative and an expanded wetland program designed to enhance wetlands and playa lake areas," said Hargrove. "Provisions and eligibility guidelines for these and other new CRP components will be forthcoming as USDA works through the development process."

In light of the projected 16 million acres of CRP set to expire in 2007 and an additional six million acres to expire in 2008, President Bush addressed his vision for the future of the CRP program - the nation's largest, voluntary conservation program offered for private lands. In a continued effort to "restore, enhance and protect" environmentally sensitive land, build on producer stewardship and enhance wetland and wildlife acres, the President expressed his commitment to re-enrolling as many CRP acres as possible up to a maximum of 39.2 million acres nationwide.

"Producers and landowners need to understand that CRP Sign-up 29 is completely separate from potential 're-enrollment' of acres expiring in 2007 and 2008," said Hargrove. "No provisions for these acres will be made until the 120-day public comment period has ended."

Individuals interested in making public comment pertaining to managing the large number of acres set to expire in 3-4 years, managing future CRP sign-ups, evaluating the program's environmental effectiveness or other related topics of concern can weigh-in on FSA's website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Texas Crop, Weather Report

by Stephanie Jeter

Texas pumpkins' price and acreage have producers looking forward to harvest, which will start much sooner than expected, Texas Cooperative Extension reports.

Over the next couple of months consumers should start finding pumpkins in grocery stores. "There's a real good chance that it was grown in Pumpkin Capital USA, Floyd County America," he said.

Dr. Dudley Smith of College Station, Texas A&M University department of soil and crop sciences professor, said Texas is in the top 10 pumpkin producing states, harvesting around 4,500 acres to 6,500 acres of pumpkins annually. Most of those acres are produced in and around Floyd County, he said.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: soil moisture short to adequate. Most parts of the area received some rain, ranging from 7 inch to 2 inches. Corn is rated mostly fair to excellent. Corn borer moth activity has declined. Sorghum is rated fair to good and continues to set heads. Peanuts and soybeans are in good condition; no pest problems have been reported. Cattle are in good condition; horn flies and mosquitoes continue to be a problem.

Texas' Only Farm & Ranch Show Returns To Dumas, Aug. 24-26

Texas' only outdoor farm and ranch show, High Plains Ag Expo returns to Dumas for its second year, Aug. 24-26. The outdoor agriculture exposition offers 'hands-on' demonstrations at a 100-plus acre site just east of Dumas at Moore Farms. More than 250 exhibitors are scheduled to participate.

Farm and ranch equipment on display will include such uses as livestock handling and transport, precision agriculture, tillage, alfalfa cutting, and hay baling and handling, to veterinarian services and more. Each day opens with an educational conference coordinated by Texas Cooperative Extension.

To kick off the event, a free chuck wagon breakfast will be hosted by these associations along with Dairy Max at 7:45 a.m. on Aug. 24. Seating will be limited. To register call (866) 279-7755 or go online at www.highplainsexpo.com.

Continuing education credits will be offered for pesticide applicator license holders and certified crop advisers in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico.

On the first day of the expo, updates from the National Cotton Council, Plains Cotton Growers and Cotton Incorporated will be presented. Specialists with Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service

will give talks on managing cotton production, insects, weeds, irrigation, harvest and ginning.

The second day's workshop will cover corn. Scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Ag Division of West Texas A&M University, along with Extension specialists, will speak on integrated pest management issues and weed management and strategies for minimizing herbicide drift.

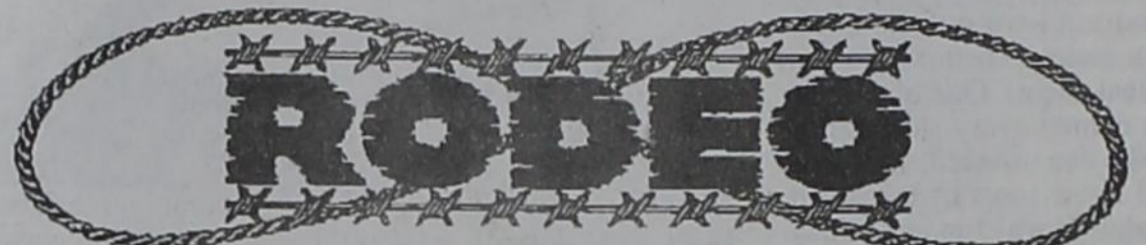
The beef workshop on Aug. 26 will feature discussions on animal identification issues and country-of-origin labeling laws. Speakers will cover pasture renovation after drought, weed and brush control issues, and animal behavior and handling demonstrations. A dairy workshop will be presented.

Also featured will be Texas Department of Agriculture 'Texas Yes!' program which educates the public about all that rural Texas has to offer and encourages communities to share and promote successful ideas.

First-day extended show hours from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. will offer the entire family a chance to attend. Concessions are available all three days.

Country Classic will entertain from 3-7 p.m. Aug. 25. On Aug. 26, the Expo will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 26. For additional information, visit www.highplainsagexpo.com or call (866) 279-7755.

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Spearman High School Dress and Grooming Code

Traditionally, in appearance and in behavior, Spearman students have represented their school with pride. To ensure continuance of this tradition, the following dress code has been established. The dress code is designed to teach hygiene, instill discipline, prevent disruption, avoid safety hazards, and teach respect for authority.

General Guidelines

Clothing should be designed, constructed and worn in a manner that is not suggestive or indecent, and that will promote proper decorum in school.

Cleanliness of body and clothing is to be maintained at all times.

Mesh, see-through, and underwear-type or tank type, sleeveless, shirts shall not be worn as outside clothing.

Clothing, with vulgar, suggestive, indecent, or inappropriate slogans or pictures will not be permitted.

Appropriate footwear shall be worn at all times. Visible body piercing is prohibited. This includes tongue studs and rings.

Visible tattoos are prohibited. Work overalls, cutoffs and ragged cuff pants/athletic style shorts will not be permitted. No hats shall be worn in the school building.

Hair colors that are consid-

ered extreme or distracting are prohibited.

Sleep and/or lounge wear will not be permitted.

A new rule for this school year is clothing with a name and/or emblem that identifies the wearer as law enforcement or security personnel will not be permitted.

A new rule for boys states sagging pants will not be worn. The waistline of pants must be worn above the hip bone, underwear must not be visible when the student is sitting or when performing other normal school activities.

No set of guidelines can take into account every possibility. The cooperation of parents and students is requested. Judgement concerning compliance with dress code will be made by the school administration. The teacher or principal will first counsel with the student concerning inappropriate grooming. The student shall be given the opportunity to correct the problem at school if possible and practical. If not corrected, the principal shall notify the student's parent and request that the parent make the necessary correction immediately. Repeated offenses will result in more serious disciplinary action.

Gruver High School Dress and Grooming Code

The Gruver High School dress code was established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, providing that they comply with the following:

The district prohibits clothing or grooming that in the principal's judgement may reasonably be expected to cause disruption of or interference with normal school operations. The District prohibits baggy pants, crop tops, or midriffs, pictures, emblems, or writings that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy FNCF(L).

Students will be expected to meet the following guidelines for dress:

Students may not wear, as outer clothing any clothing that is designed to be worn as an undergarment.

At no time should undergarments be visible.

Students may not wear muscle shirts, tank tops, half shirts, fish net type mesh shirts, halter tops, or sheer type shirts or blouses. All shirts and blouses must be of sufficient length as not to expose the midriff and should be appropriately buttoned. All boy's shirts must be tucked in.

Walking shorts or split skirts may be worn. The shorts (girl's dresses and skirts) should be at least one inch longer than fingertip length. No biker shorts, wind pants, or sweat pants, gym

shorts, cutoffs will be allowed.

Students may not wear excessively tight or body-form fitting clothes.

Appropriate footwear must be worn.

Students may not wear clothing that contains pictures or writing that is lewd, offensive, vulgar, obscene, satanic, or tobacco/alcohol/drug advertisements.

Students may not wear clothing that has holes in it or is torn to expose the body or undergarments.

Boys may not wear earrings or facial hair and must keep their hair cut above the collar.

Students cannot wear nose rings, belly button rings, or rings in any other body part.

Students should avoid extremes in hair styles that attract too much attention that they interfere with the classroom learning environment. Examples include: Mohawks, unusually dyed or colored hair, and shaved designs in the hair. Hair shall be kept clean and reasonably groomed.

Tattoos are to be kept covered at all times while at school or participating in school-related activities.

Loose-fitting pants that hang onto the buttocks are not acceptable school attire.

It is impossible to list all of the acceptable and unacceptable types of dress and grooming and therefore, a judgement decision must be made at certain times.

If the principal, or his designee, determines that a student's grooming violates the dress code, the student shall be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned in-school suspension for the remainder of the day or until the problem is corrected.

Spearman Lynx & Lynxette 2004 Cross Country Schedule

Date	Opponent
Sept. 4	Borger
Sept. 11	Perryton
Sept. 18	Stratford
Sept. 25	Amarillo
Oct. 2	Lubbock
Oct. 9	Canadian
Oct. 16	West Texas A&M
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- Have set times to call your parent(s) to make sure everything is OK.
- Organize at-home activities to keep from getting bored.
- If someone calls, never tell them you are home alone. Take a number so your parent(s) can return the call.
- Never open the door to a stranger if you are nervous about the stranger, call a neighbor or nearby adult.
- Don't use appliances or sharp knives without permission.
- Do not enter the house if the door is open or a window is broken. Go to a neighbor's house and call the police or your parent(s).
- If there is a fire or you smell smoke, leave the house immediately. Go to a neighbor's house and call the fire department.

Most importantly, talk to your parent(s) about what you should do in certain situations. That way, if the power goes off or your pet gets hurt, you'll know what to do.

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School's back in session and in the excitement of the new school year, many school-age children, especially the young ones, may forget to look both ways when crossing the street or exiting the school bus.

That leaves it up to you as a driver, to be extra careful around school-yards, neighborhood play areas, and departing school buses.


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It's best if children are accompanied by adults or a group of friends when heading to or from school or the school bus. But that's not always possible, so children need to take these precautions:

- Never talk to strangers.
- Never accept anything from a stranger.
- Do not agree to anything suggested by a stranger.
- Walk away if a person makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Do not accept a ride from or go with a stranger.
- Know your telephone number and the number of a close friend or relative.
- Avoid areas where drugs are sold.
- Do not touch or pick up drugs, alcohol or weapons for any reason.



If you are approached by a stranger or a stranger touches you... Shout "NO!" and get away quickly. Find an adult you trust, such as your parent or a teacher. If you cannot find an adult, call 9-1-1. Do not hang up until the person on the phone says you can, and follow all his/her instructions.

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It's important that you remember what the person looks like, what he/she was wearing and what kind of car he/she was driving. Even if you are afraid about what happened, it is not your fault, and it is very important that you tell your parent(s).

Try to arrange to walk to and from school or the bus with a friend or group of friends. Stay alert to what's going on and who might be around you.

Hansford County Circle of Friends Party Nears

The Hansford County Circle of Friends will host a membership party in support of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 7:30 p.m.

The event, featuring a steak dinner, will be held pool-side at the home of Jackie and Benny Wilson, 104 Cliff Ave., 1 1/4 mile west of Gruver on Highway 15.

Funds raised through the membership party will go to support the patient care programs of Harrington Cancer Center.

Several items will be auctioned, including: a table and chair set that was hand-painted and decorated by Linda Coombs, a mirror that was hand-painted and decorated by Gemini Designs, and a chair that was recovered by Tracy Veneman.

Anyone interested in attending is welcome, but a ticket is required. (Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple.)

For more information, contact Pat Irwin in Gruver at 733-2285. Membership cards and invitations are also available at Gruver State Bank, and First State Bank and First National Bank in Spearman.

The Circle of Friends is a non-profit organization founded to support the philosophy and goals of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. The Cancer Center, established in 1981, was opened because of the generous support of the people throughout the High Plains.

The Circle of Friends provides support that is still vital today to continue programs in cancer treatment, research and education. It is also a means to ensure that those founding communities continue to benefit from and are aware of the Center's services.

Financial support is made available for cancer patients receiving treatment in the Harrington Cancer Center's service area. The Circle of Friends assists with services not

covered by insurance or available through other agencies. Limited funds are available for out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, lodging, prescribed nutritional supplements and other special needs.

The purpose of Circle of Friends is to provide financial assistance to cancer patients and their families in times of crisis and to support education and research programs directed toward improving the patient's quality of life.

The Circle of Friends raises support funds through: membership, membership functions, special events and luncheons.

If you would like to give time or financial support, please contact: The Development Department, The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, at 1-800-274-HOPE (4673).

Care Package Ideas

If you have a child, or know of one, who is going away to college or boarding school, then you know that the greatest thing to find in the mail is a surprise "care package." Students often live on a tight budget, with little extra cash to spend on luxuries.

Here are few ideas for things you can pack up and send as a surprise for a child away at school. Use one of these themed lists, or mix and match to create your own combination.

Dorm Room Sports: foam football, bubble gum, foam ping-pong set, frisbee, sport deodorant, hacky sack, playing cards, yo-yo

The Laundry Bag: powder laundry soap, fabric softener, stain remover, spray starch, mesh bags for small items, pocket sewing kit, chocolate bar, gum, roll of quarters

The Big Game: foam football,

frisbee, potato chips, pretzels, canned dip, nacho chips, peanuts, disposable camera, plastic megaphone

Exam Survival: instant coffee, index cards, aspirin, antacids, eye drops, Post-it notes, gum, energy bars, microwave popcorn, stress ball

Dorm Food Survival: potato chips, pretzels, homemade cookies, Rice Krispies treats, Kool-Aid, peanuts, microwave popcorn, ramen noodles, assorted candy, energy bars, Pop-Tarts

Collegiate Woman: picture frame, playing cards, disposable camera, gum, candles (if allowed), aromatherapy oils, body lotion, herbal tea, phone card, natural soaps, whistle for campus safety

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School Begins Soon!

Remember that children will be walking and riding their bikes to and from school.

The speed limit for Spearman School Zones is 15 mph and is in effect from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on days that school is in session.

Remember to obey the directions of the crossing guard on duty.

Please watch out for children around the schools and at crosswalks. Sometimes they forget!

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Hey, Kids!

It's time to head back to school. But before you do, check out these safety tips from a variety of sponsors. They are sure to help you and your parents have a great school year!

A Avoid Empty Places Don't cut through empty lots on your way to school.	B Be Alert! Watch what's going on around you.	C Crossing Streets Look both ways before crossing the street.	D Doors Don't answer the door when you're home alone.
E Exit Plan Get off the bus calmly and in single file.	F Find A Good Backpack Choose a backpack that fits close to your body.	G Guard Belongings Take care of your books, lunch and other items.	H Hands & Arms Keep hands, arms and head inside vehicles.
I If You Get Lost... Find a policeman or go to a store nearby.	J Just Say NO! Stay away from drugs and cigarettes.	K Keep Away From Buses Don't play near buses.	L Loose-Hanging Clothing Be careful with drawstrings, belts or clothes that drag the ground.
M Memorize Learn your phone number and address before you start school.	N Never Cross Don't cross the street between parked cars.	O Obey Teachers & Parents Listen to what these adults say for your safety.	P Plan A Route With your parents, plan the safest and quickest route to school.
Q Quiet Time When on the bus, talk quietly with friends.	R Riding To/From School Listen to your car or bus driver.	S Strangers Don't talk to strangers.	T 10 Steps Take 10 steps away from the front of a stopped bus before crossing.
U Understand Traffic Signals Know what traffic signs, lights and signals mean.	V Valuable Friends Walking to school is safer and more fun with friends.	W Walk Away If someone tries to start a fight, walk away.	X X Marks The Spot Stand in the right place when waiting for the bus.
Y Yell Out! If a stranger bothers you, yell for help!	Z Zero In On Safety Follow these tips to a safer school year!	<p>Celebrate Spearman, TX • 659-3350</p> <p>Dreamer's Salon Spearman, TX • 659-9907</p> <p>Grammy's Spearman, TX • 659-5087</p> <p>Dairy Queen Spearman, TX • 659-3324</p>	

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Spearman ISD Policy For Free and Reduced-Priced Meals

Spearman Independent School District announces its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Each school and/or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligi-

bility for free and reduced price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare

agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the Principal's office in each school.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name, food stamp or TANF case number and an adult household member must sign the application.

Households who do not list food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of income received by each household member and the social security number of the

adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE."

Under the provision of the free and reduced price meal policy, the Food Service Director or Jr. High Cashier I will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to: Superintendent Rodney Sumner, 403 E. 11th, Spearman, TX 79081, telephone (806) 659-3233.

Households that list food stamps or TANF case number must report when the household no longer received these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size.

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To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 202/720-5964 (voice and TDD).

The Spearman School offers a choice of a healthy meal each day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.75 - high school, \$1.60 - junior high, or \$1.50 - elementary. Breakfast for all grades is 75¢.

Children who qualify under the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or at a reduced price of 40¢ for lunch, and 30¢ for breakfast. Parents, the best time to purchase lunch and breakfast tickets is between 7:30 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

Gruver I.S.D. Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program

The Gruver school offers a choice of healthy meals each school day. Children may buy lunch for Pre-kindergarten-4th grade - \$1.50, 5th-12th grade - \$2.00, and breakfast for \$1.00.

You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: David Teal at 405 Garrett, Gruver, TX 79040, or call 733-2031.

If you have other questions or need help, call Tammy Mitchell at 733-2032.

Instructions for Applying

Use a separate application for each foster child. List other children together.

If you are applying for a Foster Child, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List the child's name, school and grade.
Part 2: List the child's personal use monthly income, if any.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Sign the form.

If your household receives Food Stamps or TANF, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List the child's name, school and grade.
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Skip this part.
Part 4: Sign the form.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS, follow these instructions:

- Part 1: List each child's name, school and grade.
Part 2: Skip this part.
Part 3: Follow these instructions to report total household income from last month.
Column 1 - Names: List the last, first and middle name of each person living in your household...
Column 2 - Last month's income and how often it was received...
Employment Income: List the gross income each person earned last month.

earned before taxes and deductions. It should be listed on your pay stub or your boss can tell you.

Other Income: List the total amount each person received last month from all other sources. Include welfare, child support, alimony, pensions, retirement, Social Security, Worker's Compensation, unemployment, strike benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veteran's benefits (VA benefits), disability benefits, regular contributions from people who don't live in your household...

Column 3 - Check if no income: If the person does not have any income, check the box.

Part 4: An adult household member must sign the form and list his or her Social Security Number or mark the box if he or she doesn't have one.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT: This explains how we will use the information you give us. The National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application.

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Advertisement for 'Keep in Touch' featuring a young woman and the text 'Even Though You're Away... We'll deliver the paper every week to your dorm, fraternity, sorority or apartment - for just \$20 for nine months'.

Table titled '2004-2005 Income Eligibility Guidelines' showing income thresholds for families of various sizes under different payment plans: Annually, Monthly, Twice Per Month, Every Two Weeks, and Weekly. Columns include 'FREE' and 'REDUCED' income levels.

"You're Under Arrest"

Police, Deputies Being Equipped with Defibrillators

You've seen the chaotic hospital scenes in TV shows and movies when a frantic doctor shouts "Clear!" before zapping the patient's chest with two large paddles. This device, called a defibrillator, resets the heart's electrical system, hopefully restoring a normal rhythm.

Don't be surprised to find a Spearman police officer or Hansford County deputy operating a similar device, an automated external defibrillator, sometime soon. Because the police and sheriff's department are often the first to arrive at the scene of a heart failure, their vehicles are being outfitted with the devices.

Carl Archer, owner and operator of Speartex Grain, has been instrumental in getting the eight automated external defibrillator, or AED, devices needed to equip each law enforcement officer.

Mr. Archer began talking to the police and sheriff's departments about acquiring the AEDs a little over three years ago.

"We have three defibrillators - one at the office, one in my car and one at home," said Archer. "In 2001 we trained 16 people at Speartex to use them, and we now have 26 employees who are certified in CPR and AED usage."

When a person goes into cardiac arrest, it is critical to administer defibrillation as soon as possible, in addition to performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Sometimes, by the time medical personnel get to a patient, it's too late.

Each year, about 350,000 Americans go into cardiac arrest, but only two to five percent survive because most victims are not defibrillated fast enough.

According to the American Heart Association, widespread availability of automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, improves the survival rates by up to 60% if applied within 4-6 minutes of cardiac arrest.

Ideally, the shock to the chest should be given within three minutes of the victim's collapse and is unlikely to work after ten minutes. Each minute of delay drops the odds of survival by 7 percent to 10 percent. Defibrillation is the only effective treatment of ventricular fibrillation.

Despite rapid response systems, emergency medical personnel don't always get to a victim soon enough.

The Spearman Fire Department and H&S EMS have been equipped with defibrillators for several years. However, because law enforcement officers are constantly on the street, they usually arrive at a medical emergency before other personnel. "We have a great Emergency Medical Service, but it takes time for them to respond," said Archer. "That's why I felt it was important to equip each law enforcement officer's vehicle with a defibrillator."

The main unit is about the size of a small pizza, and resembles a children's toy with its bright colors and illustrations of rescue procedures.

The defibrillator is con-

necting to electrode pads that stick to the victim's chest. It analyzes the patient's heart rhythms and verbally instructs the user on whether to administer an electric shock, which can be done at the push of a button.

Portable defibrillators, sometimes described as "idiot-proof," will not deliver a shock for any condition other than ventricular fibrillation, because shocking a healthy person or someone with another type of heart problem could be dangerous or even fatal. The machine will not fire if a patient's heart has no electrical activity, because a shock will not restart such a heart.

Mr. Archer solicited donations from local business owners in the amount of \$300 each to help purchase the defibrillators. A total of \$4,200 was collected for the Sheriff's Department and \$4,500 was collected for the Spearman Police Department.

"I am very proud of the people who donated," commented Archer. "I had a lot more friends who would have donated, but I quit calling when we reached the amount needed."

"Mike Cudd, owner and operator of Hansford Implement Co., not only donated towards the purchases, but also ordered an AED for his business," said Archer.

When asked what caused him to become so involved in the project, Archer replied, "We have enough people leaving Spearman voluntarily, and we can't really do anything about that. Those who leave involuntarily, through death, is something we might can change."

One big concern individuals who operate AEDs have is liability. Can they be sued if the device is not administered properly?

Under Texas HB 580 - Legislative Session: 76(R), as long you receive proper training with a registered device and a licensed physician is involved in the training program, you cannot be held liable.

Business making donations to the defibrillator fund for Hansford County were: Bill and Ginger Pittman, B&B Sales Co., Brown, Graham & Co., Billy Britt Jarvis, Speartex Grain Co., H&H Water Well Service, Hansford Implement Co., Gigot Agra Products, Inc., Bob & Jackie Pearson, AGCO of Spearman, Golden Spread Sales Co., First State Bank of Spearman, North Plains Insurance Agency, Inc., and Hi-Plains Auto Supply.

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Peggy and Carl Archer present an automated external defibrillator to Hansford County Deputy Gary Evans. Each Hansford County Deputy and Spearman Police Officer will receive a defibrillator to place in their vehicle. The defibrillators are used to help people suffering from cardiac arrest.

Cardiac Arrest

The American Heart Association urges the public to be prepared for cardiac emergencies.

- Cardiac arrest strikes immediately and without warning.
- During cardiac arrest a victim loses consciousness, stops normal breathing and loses pulse and blood pressure.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately to access the emergency medical system if you see any cardiac

arrest warning signs.

- Give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to help keep the cardiac arrest victim alive until emergency help arrives. CPR keeps blood and oxygen flowing to the heart and brain until defibrillation can be administered.
- If an automated external defibrillator (AED) is available and someone trained to use it is nearby, involve them.

Automated External Defibrillator

AEDs are user-friendly devices that are intuitive in their operation. Everyone from high-school students and security guards to elderly relatives of heart disease patients has been successfully trained in the use of these devices.

AED training takes approximately 3 to 4 hours. This allows enough time for a full CPR course and ample hands-on practice with different rescue scenarios.

Properly performed CPR is an integral part in the chain of survival for the sudden cardiac arrest victim. Assessment and treatment skills, such as determining unresponsiveness, checking for breathing and a pulse, protecting the airway, and dialing 911 (or other local emergency numbers) are all actions that rescuers must perform proficiently in order to give the patient the best chance of survival. These skills must be covered in all responsible AED training.

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2004-2005 Spearman ISD Calendar

Revised by Board of Trustees - July 12, 2004

85 First Semester	85 Second Semester	180 Instructional Days
August	September	October
November	December	January
February	March	April
May	June	July

Legend:

- Orange: Preparation/Staff Development Day
- Red: Bad Weather Day
- Green: Comp Day
- Yellow: In-Graduation May 29th
- Blue: In-Graduation May 27th
- White: Regularly-scheduled
- Grey: Extra-regularly-scheduled
- Purple: Holiday
- Light Blue: 2-hour early release
- Dark Blue: In-Graduation May 27th

GRUVER ISD

2004-2005 Calendar

Legend:

- Orange: Camp Staff Development Day
- Red: Bad Weather
- Green: Staff Development
- Blue: Holiday
- Yellow: Regularly-scheduled
- White: Extra-regularly-scheduled
- Purple: School Holiday
- Light Blue: Report Cards Out
- Dark Blue: Early Out for Camp

August 2004	September 2004	October 2004	November 2004
December 2004	January 2005	February 2005	March 2005
April 2005	May 2005	June 2005	July 2005
Calendar grid	Calendar grid	Calendar grid	Calendar grid

2004-2005 Pringle-Morse CISD Calendar

Approved 4-15-04

85 First Semester	85 Second Semester	180 Instructional Days
August	September	October
November	December	January
February	March	April
May	June	July

Legend:

- Orange: Staff Prep/Student Holiday
- Red: Bad Weather/Staff Prep
- Green: New Staff Inservice
- Blue: Staff Inservice/Student Holiday
- Yellow: Regularly-scheduled
- White: Extra-regularly-scheduled
- Purple: School Holiday
- Light Blue: Report Cards Out
- Dark Blue: Early Out for Camp