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## At A Glance

### Biggs in School Orientation

Biggs in Schools, the school-based mentoring program of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle, will soon begin its second year in Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman. The program takes the BBBS mission of placing caring adults in the lives of children to the schools.

Volunteer mentors from the community will meet once a week with children on the school campus for about 30-40 minutes. During this time the child and his/her Big Brother or Sister will talk, play games, read or do crafts and projects. "The important thing is building a relationship," explained Kimberley Lopez, local BBBS case manager. "The activities they do are fun and lead to good communication. This is not a tutoring program. Nationwide we're seeing remarkable results from caring adults spending one-on-one time with a child at school."

In fact, a 1999 study showed that children in BBBS's school-based mentoring programs develop more positive attitudes toward school, achieve higher grades, improve relationships with peers and adults, express their feelings better, develop higher levels of self-confidence and trust their teachers more.

"The children who are recommended for this program do not necessarily have academic problems, or any problem at all for that matter," explained Lopez. "They are simply students who will benefit from individual support and encouragement that helps them feel more positive about themselves, their abilities and school."

Biggs in School was piloted in Spearman Elementary last year. "We matched six children with mentors. It was a great success. Every teacher, parent, volunteer and child who participated is eager to be involved again," Lopez said. "We are looking forward to achieving the same positive results this year."

"We can help more students if we have more volunteers," she added. "We especially need Big Brothers."

Volunteers can range from high school students to senior citizens. Each must attend an orientation, and successfully complete a background investigation and an interview. "Biggs in Schools offers people who have evening or weekend commitments, or their own children at home, a chance to be a Big Brother or Sister because the relationship is restricted to the same time one day a week during the school year only. There is no contact between the child and volunteer outside of school at all."

An orientation session for those interested in learning more about the Biggs in School program will be held August 29th at 6:30 pm in the First State Bank Hospitality Room.

Those interested in more information about this innovative program are encouraged to contact Kimberley Lopez toll free at 1-877-716-3424, or Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

### Hounds, Lynx Scrimmage

The Hounds and Lynx will square off in their annual scrimmage classic to mark the beginning of the 2002-2003 football season Saturday evening, August 17, at 6 p.m. at Lynx Stadium.

## Hansford County Schools Welcome New Administrators



Matt Branstine  
Gruver Junior High Principal

New Gruver Junior High Principal Matt Branstine is no stranger to the Gruver School system where he did his student teaching in 1990.

A graduate of Liberal High School, Branstine attended Seward County Community College before completing his undergraduate degree at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. He obtained his Masters Degree from Sul Ross University in August of 2001.

During his student teaching at Gruver High School, Branstine worked with Lloyd Loooper and James Dorman. He has over eleven years of teaching experience in junior high science and high school chemistry and geology. He served as Bovina Junior High Principal last year.

Branstine and his wife Wendy who is the new Gruver Schools counselor have a two-and-a-half year old son, Nickolus.

Branstine enjoys hunting when time allows him to do so. The Branstines are Lutheran.

"I am honored that I have been able to become a part of the wonderful Gruver school system. The community and school staff have extended my family and me such a warm reception that we already feel like natives. We are looking forward to becoming more involved in our new home," Branstine said.



Kent Hargis  
Pringle-Morse Superintendent

Although not a newcomer to Hansford County Kent Hargis will pursue a new role as superintendent of Pringle-Morse School.

A 1977 graduate of Spearman High School, Hargis received his undergraduate degree from West Texas State University in 1982 and his Masters Degree from Sul Ross University. His obtained his Mid-Management degree from West Texas A&M University.

Hargis served as principal of Spearman Elementary from 1994-2002. He was named the District 16 elementary principal of the year by the Texas Elementary Principal and Supervisors' Association in December of 2000.

He and his wife Robin, who now reside at Morse, have two daughters, Callie who will be a freshman at Gruver High School, and Mary Beth who will be a fifth grader at Morse. The family attends the First Baptist Church and enjoys church activities, and Hargis also enjoys fishing.

In speaking of his role at Pringle-Morse, Hargis states, "Pringle-Morse has a long tradition of excellence in education, and I am looking forward to being part of that continuing tradition. My family and I have been warmly welcomed, and we look forward to being a part of the community."



Susan Kelly  
Spearman Elementary Principal

Susan Kelly returns to her Panhandle roots as the new principal at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman.

A graduate of Perryton High School, Kelly received her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University and her Masters Degree from West Texas A&M University.

She holds certificates in mid-management, educational diagnostician, language learning disabled, early childhood-handicapped, kindergarten and elementary education.

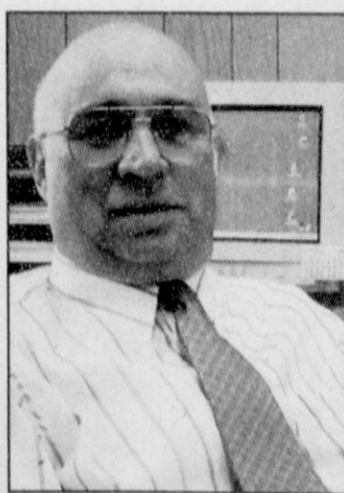
Kelly has over 23 years of educational experience which also includes serving as a diagnostician in the Lorenzo, Carroll, and Birdville ISDs.

She and her husband Kenny, who is a farmer and an attorney, have two grown children, Robert who works in insurance and agriculture in Perryton and Lauren who is a nursing student at North Central Texas in Denton.

Kelly enjoys playing the piano, singing in the choir, gardening, and attending children's sports. The Kellys are First Christian (Disciples of Christ).

"I am looking forward to being a part of the excellent team at Gus Birdwell Elementary. Our motto of 'Expecting the Best' will certainly continue, and we hope to move toward even more success at maximizing each child's potential," Kelly said.

## Lynch Serving As GISD Interim Superintendent



Joel Lynch  
Gruver ISD Interim Superintendent

Joel Lynch is no stranger to the interim superintendent's position, having served in that capacity at Sanford-Fritch, Sunday, and Spearman.

Retiring from the PSP (Plemmons/Stinnett/Phillips) School district in 1994 following seven years of service, Lynch began his career in education in the Shamrock School System.

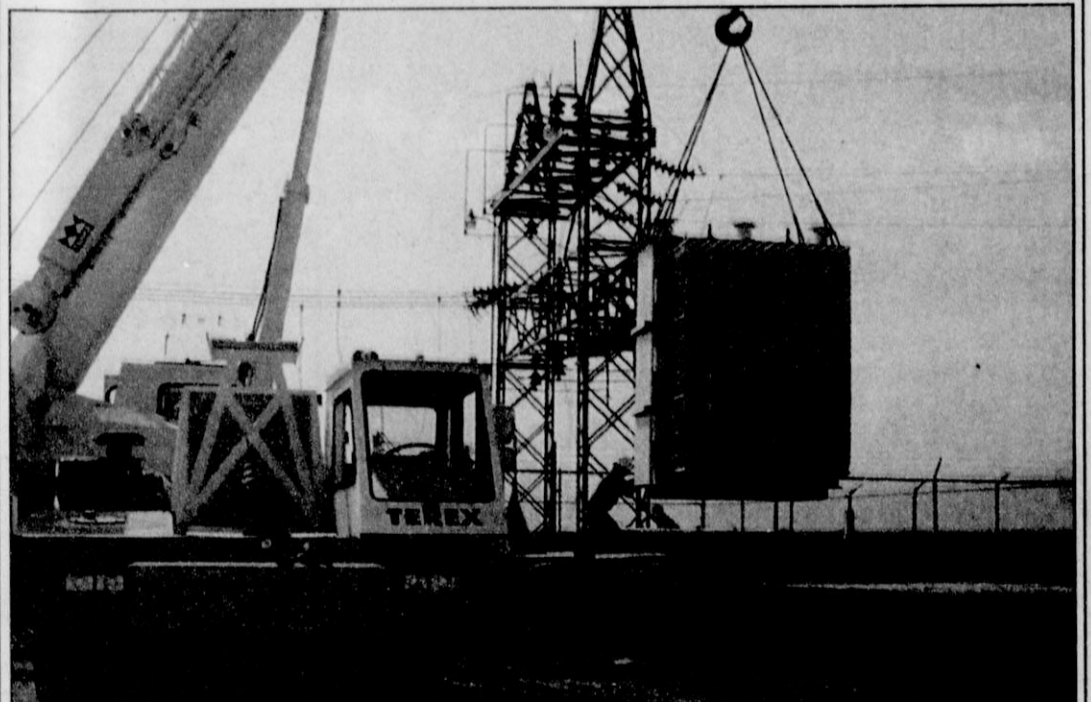
Lynch then served 27 years with the Phillips School District before his seven years tenure in the PSP School District.

Lynch and his wife Leona have three children Darla Jameson, who teaches math at Sanford Fritch, Kyle Lynch who is a middle school principal at Canadian, and Cory Lynch who teaches and coaches at Wheeler. The couple also has four grandchildren.

In addition to reading, Lynch and his wife belong to an RV club and enjoy traveling. They are members of the Church of Christ.

Lynch sees his role as interim superintendent as staying the course. "My role is to try to maintain the excellence that has been established at Gruver ISD and to try to keep the ship together until the new superintendent is chosen," Lynch said.

## Gun Toting Vandals Cause Major Outage



Employees of North Plains Electric Cooperative work to replace the Waka Power Substation after it was damaged by vandals. Numerous gun shots were fired into a large transformer eventually causing an early morning outage that effected parts of Hansford and Ochiltree Counties.

Sometime on the evening of August 7 or the early morning of August 8, numerous gun shots were fired into the Waka Substation on County Road 5 between Waka and Farnsworth. At least seven shots were fired at electrical equipment within the station. Several other shots were also fired at a neighboring business's facilities.

One of the bullets struck a large 36,000-pound transformer that eventually failed at 5:28 a.m. on Thursday morning. The failure caused an outage that affected 1146 meters in Ochiltree and Hansford Counties. About 60% of the meters in the central part of Ochiltree were restored by 7:45 a.m.

Meters served by the Waka Substation in the Western portion of Ochiltree and Hansford Counties went longer without power as they are served by the transformer that subsequently overheated into failure. Power for these meters was routed from other substations within the NPEC service territory and restored later in the morning. The damaged transformer made matters extremely difficult for NPEC because the one large distribution transformer that is kept in inventory for emergencies was placed in service two weeks earlier when lightning damaged the transformer in the Briscoe Substation in southern Hemphill County. Luckily, Tri-County Electric Cooperative in Hooker, Oklahoma allowed NPEC to use their emergency back up.

A seventy-five ton crane and special truck were required to move and exchange the large transformers. NPEC crews worked until 7:30 PM installing the borrowed transformer and restoring the substation to normal operating conditions.

NPEC is a cooperative distributing electricity in Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Wheeler counties. Formed in 1944, it serves 5154 meters and maintains 3443 miles of electrical line. It is owned and controlled by the members it serves.

## Inside This Week

- August School Activity Schedule
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## NOTICE

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be closed August 19-23. We will re-open on Monday, August 26th at 9 a.m. The August 22nd issue of the Reporter-Statesman will be distributed as usual.





## Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Those noticing that self-important expression on the faces of Steve and Sheri Benton will learn that the Bentons have joined the ranks of grandparents for the first time.

Their daughter, Kelli and husband Travis Francis, of Montgomery (near Houston) are announcing the arrival of their first born, Little Miss Lauren Avery arrived on July 10, 2002 - five weeks early. She had to remain in the hospital for two weeks, but is doing well.

Lauren Avery's other grandparents are Peggy Francis of the Houston area and Eddie Francis of Montgomery.

Great-grandparents are Nell and Buddy Benton and Dolly and Jack McWhorter, all of Spearman, and Ray Cannefax of Abilene.

Orville Latham flew to San Jose, California on August 2nd, where he was met by relatives who took him to Monterey where they live. On Saturday they all attended the Latham family reunion.

On Monday and Tuesday he was taken for interesting side trips. The scenery was spectacular, and he was impressed by the Pacific Ocean - even larger than Palo Duro Lake!

Orville enjoyed the trip and especially getting acquainted with relatives.

Don and Gloria Knox returned early in the week from several days in Hart at the home of their son David and his family.

Their granddaughter, Cindi Al Rimaly of Saudi Arabia, was there with her daughter. Her husband was unable to come.

They live in the English-American compound where Cindi teaches, and he is with an oil company based at Da Haran.

While here the little miss celebrated her 3rd birthday.

Anyone doubting that she is the smartest and prettiest three-year-old should just ask Don.

Helen and Nolan Holt are back home again after alternating between Santa Fe and here most of

the summer. The weather was pleasant, but the chores relating to their condo were not. Namely leaky roof and plumbing problems, among other things.

Chalmers and Betty Porter have enjoyed the summer by visitin with their sons and families.

The last was Doug and Pan They live in Bourbonnais, Illinois and were here last week. He coaches girls basketball at Olivett Nazarene College, and she teaches kindergarten.

James Cunningham returned Friday from a fishing trip in British Columbia. He was there August 4th-9th.

He joined his brother from Lubbock and his sister and her husband from Lake Tanglewood. Others in the group were of friends from Ft. Collins and Waco. Their destination was the northern part of British Columbia. It was a four-and-a-half hour flight from Seattle by sea plane.

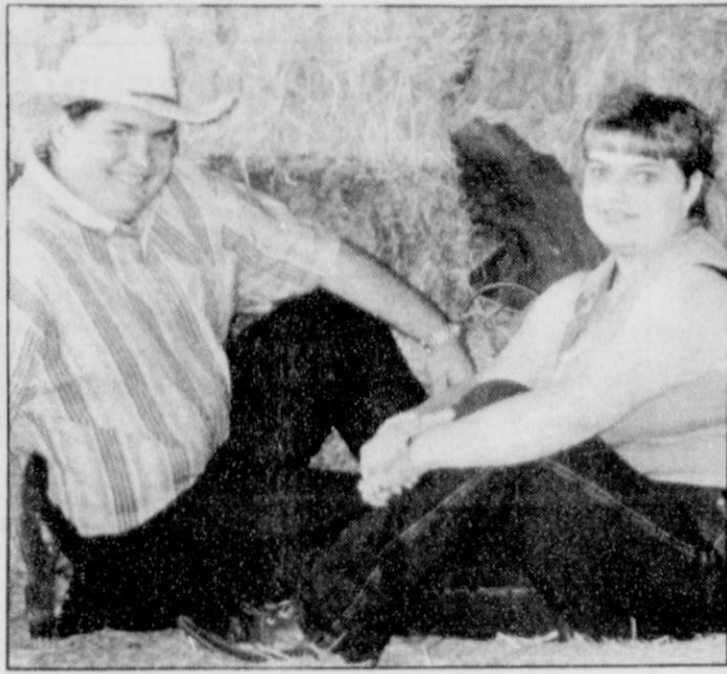
James describes the area as being the most fabulous, beautiful scenery imaginable. There are thousands of islands. In fact, the cabins where they stayed were floating on huge logs, but the main lodge was on land. The water was so clear that visibility was 20-25 feet.

They fished for salmon, however one lady in the group caught a 55 pound halibut. The eight in the group caught and brought back 400 pounds of fish. This saved James from being one of those fishermen who didn't catch anything until he got home.

His ex-students probably wonder why he didn't show as much patience with them as he did while fishing!

For those having local news to report, please call 659-3468 or bring it to 616 S. Townsend (south door).

Weather report for August 5th through 7 a.m. on the 12th: The high was on August 9th at 101; the low was on August 6th and 7th at 64; moisture - 1.13 inches.



### Engagement Announcement

Mike and Sue Schick of Morse would like to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Eva Michelle Schick to Wayne Dean McCubbin. Parents of the groom are Ray and Donna McCubbin of Spearman.

The couple plan to be married on Friday, September 13, 2002 at the bride's childhood home, 201 N. 2nd Street in Morse.

Michelle is employed by First National Bank of Spearman. Wayne is employed by B&B Sales Company of Spearman.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Spearman.



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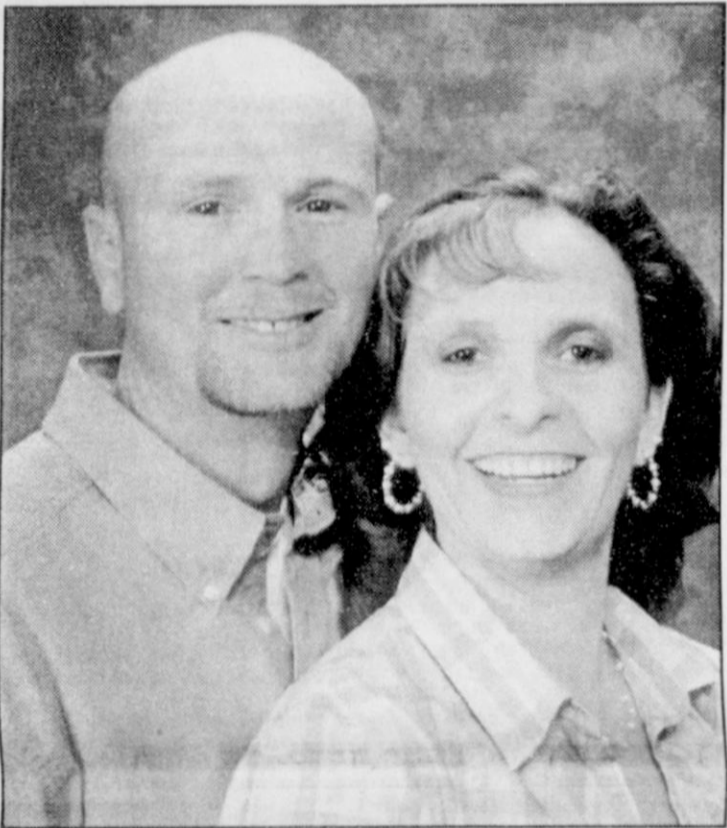
Willis and Sherry Boyd wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Krista Nanette Dement to Christian Matthias Mericle. Christian is the son of Curtis and Dena Mericle of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

The couple plan a September 7, 2002 wedding at the Body of Christ at Amarillo South Church in Amarillo.

Krista is a 1999 graduate of Spearman High School. She is currently attending West Texas A&M University, where she is majoring in Business Administration for Computer Information Systems. She is employed by Dr. Jerry Kirkland of Family Medical Associates of Amarillo.

Christian is a 1993 graduate of American School. He is employed by Eastern Plains Head Start.

A reception will be held at the Body of Christ at Amarillo South immediately following the ceremony.



### Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Clois L. Baker of Spearman are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cassie Lynn Baker to Joe Dean Brown. Joe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Garner of Poteau, Oklahoma.

A September 27, 2002 wedding has been set at Country Home Weddings of in Canyon.

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Kate and Ryan Davis of Spearman wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Margaret. Maggie was born at 4:17 p.m. on August 1, 2002 in Amarillo. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Liz Hohertz Metcalf and Tom Metcalf of Ft. Collins, Colorado and the late Mike Davis of Panhandle, Texas. Maternal grandparents are Mary John and Bill Phinizy of Gail, Texas. Great-grandparents are Marva and Bob Hohertz and Betty Jean and Irvin Davis of Spearman.

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# Roberts, Tausch Wed



Mrs. David Tausch

Autumn Lea Roberts of Gruver and David Mark Tausch of Borger were united in marriage on June 8, 2002 at 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Gruver. Pastor Scott Curry officiated the wedding ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberts of Gruver. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Spradling of Hollis, OK and Vivian Roberts and the late Earl Roberts of Blair, OK. Special guest of the bride was her great aunt, Fanny May Durham of Hollis, OK.

The groom is the son of Ms. Billye C. Alexander of Adkins, TX and Milton Tausch Jr. of LaVernia, TX. He is the grandson of Earline Alexander and the late Billie Bob Alexander and Mrs. Erna Tausch and the late Milton Tausch Sr.

Guests were registered by Kelli VandeVanter and Jennifer Zimmerman, sisters of the groom. Sydney Clawson, friend of the bride, passed out programs, bubbles and birdseed.

The church was decorated with white candelabras with greenery and bows and an arch covered with white tulle and twinkling lights. On each side of the arch was a pedestal with a basket of white and pink silk flowers and greenery. Behind the arch was a unity candle adorned with greenery and a white bow. Each window was decorated

with a crystal candle, greenery and two pink roses. White tulle bows with greenery and a pink rose marked the pews.

Pianist for the ceremony was Carolyn Fletcher and organist was Ann Dorman, friends of the bride.

Before being seated, the mothers of the bride and groom lit two candles which the couple later used to light the unity candle.

The bride was given in marriage by her father as Rodney Clawson, friend of the bride, sang "How Beautiful." Rodney sang "If You Could See What I See" as the bride placed a pink rose in a vase of greenery and baby's breath in memory of her grandparents, Billy and Sherman Spradling, Earl Roberts, and her cousin, Jonathan Sherman Spradling, and David placed a pink rose in the vase in memory of his grandfathers, Billie Bob Alexander and Milton Tausch Sr. During the lighting of the unity candle, Rodney sang "Love Will Be Our Home."

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her twin sister, Amber Roberts. Her bridesmaids were Brooke Mayfield and Marci Roberts, sisters of the bride, and Brandea Hicks, life-long friend of the bride. Junior bridesmaid was Sky Mayfield, niece of the bride.

Serving the groom as best man was Steven Zigmund, life-long friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Edward Mayfield, brother-in-law of the bride, Don VandeVanter and Pat Zimmerman, brothers-in-law of the groom. Junior groomsmen were Colton Mayfield, nephew of the bride.

Flowergirl was Saylea Mayfield, niece of the bride. Flowergirl escort was Kyle Zimmerman, nephew of the groom. Ringbearers were Courtney Zimmerman, niece of the groom and Caleb VandeVanter, nephew of the groom. Candlelighters were Erin VandeVanter, niece of the groom, and Jacob VandeVanter, nephew of the groom.

For her wedding, the bride wore a long-sleeve wedding gown with a Queen Ann style neckline. The sleeves were satin with sheer lace insets, covered with pearls and iridescent sequins. The fitted bodice was covered with pearls and iridescent sequins. The skirt and chapel-length train of white satin had sheer lace, pearls and iridescent sequins cascading down the front

and back. Her long veil, decorated with lace and pearls, extended from a pearl tiara.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of pink silk roses with white baby's breath and small white roses, accented with pearls and satin ribbon. The wedding flowers were arranged by Judy Virden, friend of the bride's family.

A penny was given to the bride to wear in her shoe for good luck, something old was her wedding dress, worn by her sister, Brooke; something new was her tiara and veil; something borrowed were her shoes, belonging to her sister, Marci; and something blue was her garter.

The bridal attendants wore different shades of full-length dresses with a pink lace bodice and a skirt of pink satin and chiffon. They carried bouquets made of pink roses accented with pearls and white satin ribbon streamers.

The bride's mother wore a pale blue one-piece dress with a long-sleeve matching jacket. The groom's mother wore a champagne full-length skirt and matching blouse. They wore corsages of white silk roses accented with pearls and iridescent ribbon.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the activity center of the First Baptist Church. As guests entered the activity center, they walked under a canopy that was decorated with greenery and white icicle twinkling lights. The room was decorated with white lattice and had white tulle and white twinkling icicle lights draped across the top. There were park

lights and ficus trees with white lights decorating the room.

The bride's table was covered with a white lace tablecloth over a pink cloth. She had a three-tier cake with a fountain of pink water surrounded by greenery and pink flowers. On either side of the cake were stairs, decorated with bridesmaids and groomsmen, leading down to two two-tier cakes. The cake was decorated with pink and yellow icing flowers cascading down the front. The top layer was adorned with a miniature Precious Moments bride and groom figurine. Strawberry punch was served with homemade mints and nuts. The bride's bouquet decorated the table. Servers for the bride's table were Heather Hughes and Bonnie Frick, friends of the bride.

The groom's table was covered with an ecru crocheted tablecloth. The groom's cake was a chocolate two-tiered cake decorated with basketweave on the side. A golfer sat on the top. In the center of the table was a three-tiered silver and gold tray covered with chocolate-covered strawberries. There were homemade mints, nuts and chocolate, white- and strawberry-covered Pocky from Japan brought by the bride's sister, Marci. Servers for the groom were Kelli VandeVanter and Jennifer Zimmerman, sisters of the groom, and Becky Zibmond, friend of the bride and groom.

The guest tables were decorated with pink floating candles in a silver candleholder centered on mir-

rored tiles.

Served buffet-style to the guests were brisket, rolls, potato salad, beans, Mexican rice and various fruits in a carved watermelon basket. The table was decorated with a pair of beautiful sterling silver candelabras belonging to Mrs. Ralph Bort, a very special friend of the bride.

Following a honeymoon trip to the Poconos in Pennsylvania, the couple reside in Amarillo.

The bride graduated from Gruver High School in 1998, and now

attends West Texas A&M University where she will receive a Business Finance degree in August, 2002. She is currently employed with Bank of America.

The groom graduated from Jourdan High School in Jourdan, TX and attended Frank Phillips Junior College. He is currently employed with H.B. Zachry Co. in Borger.

The rehearsal dinner, given by the groom's mother, was held at El Vaquera in Gruver.

## Spearman Chamber of Commerce

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at noon at Tong's Chinese Restaurant on Thursday, August 8th.

Members present were: Sharon Cook, Robert Patrick, Lenny Pecha, Mark Murray, Rosi Martinez, Cindy Scribner and Gina Gillispie. Absent were: Rosalee Bueno, Tindle Ramon, Sergio Vargas, Cindy Blackman, Rod Sumner, Frosty Hickerson, Missie Bates, Kevin McDonald and Justin Boyd.

President Sharon Cook called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

The golf tournament was the first agenda item. Sharon reported that there were currently 13 teams signed up. Tee times will be 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Course rent will be \$150 per day. Entry fee will be \$45 per person with the majority of proceeds for payback in Hansford Bucks to the flight winners. Cindy Scribner had the food in order for the Calcutta, with plans to feed the golfers and their spouses, which is included in the entry fee. Gina will get door prizes to be drawn for during the Calcutta. Hole-in-One prizes will be 4 four-wheelers from Five Star Equipment.

Robert reported that he and Gina had a meeting with a company to produce some brochures for the chamber. They will meet with Gene and bring back a sample for board approval.

Mark will contact the Junior Class to discuss the possibility of a fundraising effort with them.

Discussion on the Business/Citizen of the Year was tabled. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Rattlesnake swallowing a Grackle

Lake Depth--August 12, 2002--32.01 feet

Since the column of July 8 the Lake level had stayed in the 33 foot range, but today it fell into the 32 foot range, despite some good rains over the very dry watershed.

Max Taylor had an unusual happening as he fished last Thursday on the north side of the Lake. He wasn't doing any good, so he moved and rigged the shad he was using for bait with 2 hooks. Then he did get a hit and was able to land two 4# blue catfish on his one little shad. Jim said people frequently catch 2 crappie at once on a crappie rig, but this was a first at the Lake for someone fishing for catfish.

Four campers used the north side hookups on Saturday night, and the Union Church had the shelter Sunday evening.

The annual Brandvik family reunion was held on Saturday. Of the four brothers, Jay, Ray, Guy, and Gay, only one could not make it. Jay was in Alaska visiting a daughter. They reserved the shelter for Saturday, August 10, 2003.

One of the fun things about Out At The Lake is that I never know what kind of stories will surface. This week I was given snake stories from four different people. As Kristen Evans took pictures with

hers, I will use it first.

Two weeks ago while Kristen was home for part of the summer, she looked out a window of the country home of her parents, Nelle and Gary Evans, and saw a 2.5 foot long rattlesnake in the process of swallowing a grackle. She alerted her parents, grabbed her camera, and began taking pictures. The grackle was dead, so Gary took a .22 rifle and dispatched the snake. Despite the snake's proven ability as a grackle getter, Gary didn't want a pet rattlesnake.

Nelle Evans' twin sister Irene said she had been told that a snake will lie very still until an unwary bird, out of curiosity, checks it out. Too late the bird finds its mistake. I have heard a snake can hypnotize a bird but have rather doubted that one.

### Thank You

A sincere thank you is extended to all the wonderful friends who helped to make Autumn and David Tausch's wedding so special. It would not have been possible without all of you.

## The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

### Hounds, Lynx, To Collide

The Hounds and Lynx will square off in their annual scrimmage classic to mark the beginning of the 2002-2003 football season Saturday evening, August 17, at Lynx Stadium.

Coach Bruce Bryant reported 43 Hounds in daily workouts that began on August 5. Of that number are 11 returning letterman including seven returning offensive starters and six returning defensive starters - a good start for the Hounds who returned only one defensive and offensive starter last year.

Returning offensive starters include Hunter Bevill, David Hernandez, Aaron Boyd, Hutch Reid, Jose Rodriguez, Salvador Luciano, and David Puebla.

Returning defensive starters include Hutch Reid, David Puebla, Hunter Bevill, Salvador Luciano, Jose Rodriguez, and Aaron Boyd.

Of the 43 Hounds reporting to preschool workouts, there were 14 freshmen, 9 sophomores, 12 juniors, and 8 seniors.

### School Bells to Ring

Gruver schools will begin the 2002-2003 school year Monday, August 19.

The school district will have two new administrators, Joel Lynch who is serving as intern superintendent and Matt Branstine, principal of Gruver Junior High.

Others new to the district are high school Spanish teacher Carmelo Acevedo; high school math teacher Julie Babbs; high school world history and economics teacher and junior high and high school athletic coach Bruce Bryant; high school webmastering, introduction to business, desktop publishing, and tech prep teacher Kimberly Irwin; and district counselor Wendy Branstine.

New aides will include Sandra Gaspar as migrant aide, Cristina Sanchez as resource aide, Crystal Thomas as elementary library aide, and Shawn Thompson who is moving from the elementary to the junior high as library aide.

Candelaria Tarrango will be a new cook in the school cafeteria.

### New Students Register

Early registration yielded a large number of new students. Gruver elementary tallied 14, with the junior high adding 7 and the high school listing 7.

Six of the new high school students will be freshman coming

from the Pringle-Morse School District.

The number of new students is expected to increase during the first week of school, August 19-23.

### Get Well Wishes

Holly Key is expected home in a week following her surgery in Denver to remove a diseased portion of her lung.

Nick Holt, the father of Holly Key, will undergo quadruple heart bypass surgery this week.

Slim Osborne spent several days last week in Hansford Hospital. He is now recuperating at home.

George Paul and Margaret Odom were involved in a car accident in South Fork. Early reports indicate

that George Paul was doing well, but Margaret may have suffered two broken legs.

### Rainfall Reported

The City of Gruver reported 1.47 of such needed rain in showers that fell August 9 and 10.

Virtually all areas of the county reported some rainfall of varying amounts with the Buck Tidwells receiving .8 inch of rain, and the Joe T. Vennemans .5 inch.

### Summer's Last Splash

The Gruver City Pool's last full season day will be Sunday, August 18.

The pool will be open on a trial basis from 4-6 p.m. each afternoon with an adult swim from 7-8 through August 30, if attendance continues.

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# Spearman ISD Policy For Free & 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 eligibility 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. Eligibility for a foster child is based on the child's income.

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. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified by the school officials at any time during the school year.

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." The applica-

tion must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provision of the free and reduced price meal policy, the Food Service Director or Junior High Cashier 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: Rodney Sumner, Superintendent, 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. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes he/she has been discriminated against, he/she should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

The Spearman School offers a choice of a healthy meal each day. Children may buy lunch for \$1.55 - high school, \$1.45 - junior high, or \$1.35 - 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. Tickets may be purchased in the Jr. High/Elementary Dining Room or the High School Kitchen or Lunch Room Office. Please purchase lunch tickets instead of sending money.

## Gruver I.S.D. Free/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 - \$1.25, 5th-8th grade - \$1.50, 9th-12th grade - \$1.75, and breakfast for \$1.00. Children who qualify under U.S. Dept. of Agriculture guidelines may get meals free or at a reduced-price of 40¢ for lunch, and 30¢ for breakfast. All meals served must meet nutritional standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If a child has a disability, as determined by a doctor, and the disability prevents the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. Please note, however, that the school is not required to make a substitution for a food allergy, unless it meets the definition of disability. Please call the school for further information; telephone number 733-2032.

Your children can get free school meals if you get food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Depending on your income, your children may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

**How do I get free or reduced-price school meals for my children?** You must complete the Application for Free and Reduced-

Price Meals Form and return it to the school.

- Households getting food stamps or TANF.** You only have to include your children's names and case numbers, and an adult household member must sign the form.
- Households that do not get food stamps or TANF.** If you do not have a case number, you must include the names of all household members, the amount of income each person received last month and where the income came from. An adult household member must sign the form and include his or her social security number, or indicate that he or she has no social security number.
- Households with foster children.** You must include the children's names and the amount of "personal use" income the children received last month, and an adult must sign the form.

**Will the form be verified?** Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send written evidence that shows that your children should get free or reduced-price school meals.

**Can I appeal the school's decision?** You can talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your form. You also may ask for a fair hearing by calling or writing to: Joel Lynch, Box 650, Gruver, TX 79040; (806) 733-2001.

**Must I report changes?** If your children get free or reduced-price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases, or if your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your children get meals because your household gets food stamps or TANF, you must tell the school when you no longer get these benefits.

**Will information on my form be kept confidential?** We will use the information on your form to decide if your children should get free or reduced-price meals. We may inform officials with other child nutrition, health and education programs of the information on your form to determine benefits for those programs or for funding and/or evaluation purposes.

**Can I apply for free and reduced-price meals later?** You may apply for free and reduced-price meals at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or get food stamps or TANF for your children, complete another form then.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Sincerely,  
Tammy Mitchell

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FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE	FREE	REDUCED PRICE
1	\$11,518	\$16,391	\$960	\$1,366	\$222	\$316
2	15,522	22,089	1,294	1,841	299	425
3	19,526	27,787	1,628	2,316	376	535
4	23,530	33,485	1,961	2,791	453	644
5	27,534	39,183	2,295	3,266	530	754
6	31,538	44,881	2,629	3,741	607	864
7	35,542	50,579	2,962	4,215	684	973
8	39,546	56,277	3,296	4,690	761	1,083
9	43,550	61,975	3,630	5,165	838	1,193
10	47,554	67,673	3,964	5,640	915	1,303
11	51,558	73,371	4,298	6,115	992	1,413
12	55,562	79,069	4,632	6,590	1,069	1,523
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Please complete the Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals Form using the instructions below. Sign the form and return it to \_\_\_\_\_ If you need help, call: Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

- CHILD INFORMATION:** Print the names of your children. If you are applying for school meals, include the children's grades and name of school.
- FOSTER CHILD:** Complete this part and sign the form in # 5.
  - Write the foster child's monthly "personal use" income. Write "0" if the foster child does not get "personal use" income.
  - A foster parent or other official representing the child must sign the form in # 5. You do not have to list a social security number.
  - Complete a separate form for each foster child.
- OTHER BENEFITS:** Complete this Part and sign the form in # 5.
  - If you are applying for school meals, list your current food stamp or TANF case number for your child.
  - Sign the form in # 5. An adult household member must sign. You do not have to list a social security number.
- ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS:** Complete this Part and sign the form in # 5.
  - Write the names of everyone in your household even if they do not have an income. Include yourself, your spouse, the child you are applying for and all other household members.
  - Write the amount of income each person received last month before taxes or anything else was taken out and where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions, and other income (see example below for types of income to report). Each income amount should be entered in the appropriate column on the form. If any amount last month was more or less than usual, write that person's usual monthly income.
  - If anyone is self-employed, write the amount of income the person earns from self-employment; for example, income from operating a farm. Please call the number at the top of the form if you need help.
  - Sign the form and indicate your social security number in # 5. If you do not have a social security number, write "none".
- SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:**
  - The form must have the signature of an adult household member.
  - The adult household member who signs the statement must include his/her social security number. If he/she does not have a social security number, write "none". A social security number is not needed if you listed a food stamp or TANF case number on the form.

INCOME TO REPORT		
Earnings from Work Wages/salaries/tips Strike benefits Unemployment compensator Worker's compensation Net income from self-owned business, day care business or farm	Pensions/Retirement/Social Security Pensions Supplemental Security Income Retirement income Veteran's payments Social security	Other Monthly Income/Self-employment Disability benefits Cash withdrawn from savings Interest/dividends Income from estates/trusts/investments Regular contributions from persons not living in the household Net royalties/annuities/net rental income Military allowance for off-base housing Any other income

Privacy Act Statement: Unless you list the child's food stamp or TANF case number or are applying for a foster child, Section 9 of the National School Lunch Act requires that you include the social security number of the household member signing the form or indicate that the household member signing the form does not have a social security number. You do not have to list a social security number, but if a social security number is not listed or an indication is not made that the adult household member signing the form does not have a social security number, we cannot approve the form. The social security number may be used to identify the household member in verifying the correctness of the information stated on the form. This may include program reviews, audits, and investigations and may include contacting employers to determine income, contacting a food stamp or TANF office to determine current certification for food stamps or TANF benefits, contacting the State employment security office to determine the amount of benefits received and checking the documentation produced by the household member to prove the amount of income received. These efforts may result in a loss or reduction of benefits, administrative claims, or legal actions if incorrect information is reported. The social security number may also be disclosed to programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act, the Comptroller General of the United States, and law enforcement officials for the purpose of investigating violations of certain Federal, State and local education, health and nutrition programs.

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### School District/Charter School APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS (Multi-Child) SCHOOL YEAR 2002-03

Complete, sign and return the form to \_\_\_\_\_ Please read the instructions. If you need help completing this form, call: \_\_\_\_\_

- CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)
- CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)
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 Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)
- CHILD'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Or Site Number \_\_\_\_\_ SS#/Student ID \_\_\_\_\_ (Optional)

- Is this a FOSTER CHILD? (See the instructions). If this is a foster child, check here [ ] and write the child's monthly personal use income here: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Go to section # 5.
- Are you getting FOOD STAMPS or TANF benefits for your child? List the CASE number. DO NOT complete section #4. Go to section # 5. Food stamp case number: \_\_\_\_\_ TANF case number: \_\_\_\_\_
- ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS:** (Complete this part only if you did not complete sections #2 or #3). List all household members, including the children listed above. List all income. Go to section #5.

Names	Current Monthly Income			
	Monthly Earnings from Work (Before Deductions) Job 1	Monthly Welfare, Child Support, Alimony	Monthly Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	Monthly Earnings from Job 2 or Any Other Monthly Income
1	\$	\$	\$	\$
2	\$	\$	\$	\$
3	\$	\$	\$	\$
4	\$	\$	\$	\$
5	\$	\$	\$	\$
6	\$	\$	\$	\$
7	\$	\$	\$	\$
8	\$	\$	\$	\$
9	\$	\$	\$	\$
10	\$	\$	\$	\$

- SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: PENALTIES FOR MISREPRESENTATION:** I certify that all of the above information is true and correct and that the food stamp or TANF case number is current, correct or that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of Federal funds; that institution officials may verify the information on the Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meals and that the deliberate misrepresentation of the information may subject me to prosecution under applicable State and Federal laws.

Signature of Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For Official Use Only: MONTHLY INCOME CONVERSION: WEEKLY X 4.33, EVERY 2 WEEKS X 2.15, TWICE A MONTH X 2  
 Food Stamp/TANF household categorically eligible free: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Total monthly income: \_\_\_\_\_ Household Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_ NOT Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Withdrawn: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eligibility Classification: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Reduced-Price \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary: Free \_\_\_\_\_ Time Period: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Determining Official: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Back To School

## Ten Tips to Get in the Swing of Studying

- Before homework and tests overwhelm you, put these study tips into practice:
- Get enough sleep! A rested mind is a sharper mind. Eight to 10 hours of sleep a night will aid both attention span and concentration.
- Schedule study/homework sessions for the same time each day. A consistent schedule makes it easier to establish study time as a daily habit.
- Choose a quiet, comfortable place to study where basic supplies, such as paper, sharpened pencils, erasers, scissors, dictionary, etc., are handy. Again, consistency is helpful. Turn off the television and any loud music.
- Use a calendar or planner to keep track of daily assignments.
- Don't procrastinate! Begin working on assignments the same day they are given, even if it's just to break the assignment into steps and set deadline dates for each task.
- If you get bored, switch to another subject/task for a while.
- Take short breaks every 30 to 60 minutes (the older the student, the longer he/she can go between breaks).
- Read every day; elementary students should begin with a minimum of 15 minutes.
- Whenever appropriate, encourage children to do their homework independently. - Eat healthy meals and snacks. Just as with adequate sleep, nutrition can influence performance.

## Back-to-School Shower for Kids Korner

A Back-to-School Shower has been planned to replenish supplies for the new year at Kids Korner. Tables have been set up at Alco and Lowe's with a list of needed supplies. Items may be purchased and left at each of the two stores, or brought to the Shower given on Sunday, August 18th from 2:30-3:30 at Kids Korner, 14 S. Haney.

Supplies needed include: Washable Markers (broad tip), Watercolor Paints, #2 Lead Pencils, Crayons (8 count), Lined Writing Paper, Blunt Metal Blade Scissors, Clear Contact Paper, Construction Paper, Glue Sticks, Bottles of Glue, Pink Erasers, Shaving Cream, Sharpies, Kleenex and Poster Board.

Kids Korner, Inc. is a non-profit Child Care center that provides a much needed service to the community. It is a state licensed facility and is the only child care facility in Spearman that provides state assistance for child care fees to qualified parents.

Spearman has been very generous in the past to help, but we are asking for additional support to begin this new year.

## Have A SAFE YEAR

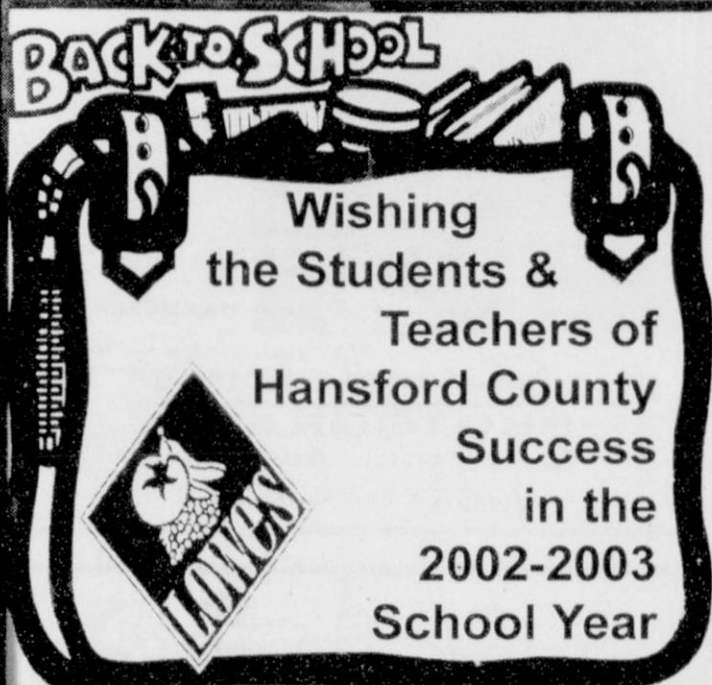


As the year begins, don't forget these simple bus-safety tips!

1. Stay quiet, so the bus driver can hear traffic.
2. Always keep your hands inside the bus.
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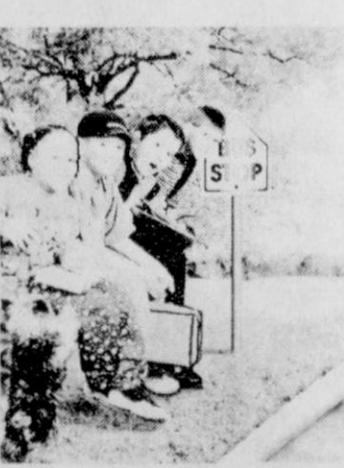
# WARNING!

## BE ON THE LOOK OUT . . .

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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**Fun science.** Make science fun with facts about animals, growing your own mold and other great ideas.  
www.sci.mus.mn.us/sln/tf/nav/thinkingfountain.html

**Homework help.** Librarians answers questions or give help at this site. It also has a list of favorite sites for you to see and lots of FAQs.  
www.ala.org/ICONN/AskKC.html

**Ever wonder...** From animals to presidents to holidays, get answers to all kinds of questions or ask your own at this site. This site links you to the Internet site that has the answers. www.peak.org/~bonwritr/wonder1.htm

**Odyssey.** Get details on "Odyssey of the Mind." Information includes this year's programs and links to the state Odyssey programs. www.odyssey.org

**Newspapers.** Link to more than 10,000 media sites and 300 topics from this site. Search by city or state for newspapers, TV stations, maps and more.  
www.News365.com

**News for kids.** This site includes editions for third, fourth and fifth and sixth graders. Each includes stories, cool Web sites and a chance to vote on an up-to-the-minute topic. http://scholastic.com/scholasticnews/

**Virtual classroom.** Let this sixth-grade teacher take you through subjects he has taught. Travel through World War I and II, Southeast Asia or the conflicts in the Middle East. Links to many sites help with homework.  
www.mrdowling.com/

**Geography.** Choose a region, then choose a country for maps, information, facts and history about the country. www.lonelyplanet.com/dest/



**Got a question? Any question?** This site includes a "Kid's Almanac" with subjects and a homework center. Find answers to questions that have already been asked or ask your own question. www.infoplease.com:80/index.html

**TV to learn from.** The Discovery Channel's Internet site takes you on all kinds of excursions. Check out the "Animal Cam" to see a minute-by-minute video in the life of an animal. http://discovery.com/

Please note: This list only applies to the sites listed, not to any sites that may be linked. Web sites change constantly. At the time this article was written, these Web addresses worked. Some of the sites may call for software you do not have. You can still look at much of the information on the site, you may need the software for movies. If you do need software, be sure to have your parent(s) read any software agreement before you download it.

### Hounds, Lynx To Collide

The Hounds and Lynx will square off in their annual scrimmage classic to mark the beginning of the 2002-2003 football season Saturday evening, August 17, at 6 p.m. at Lynx Stadium.


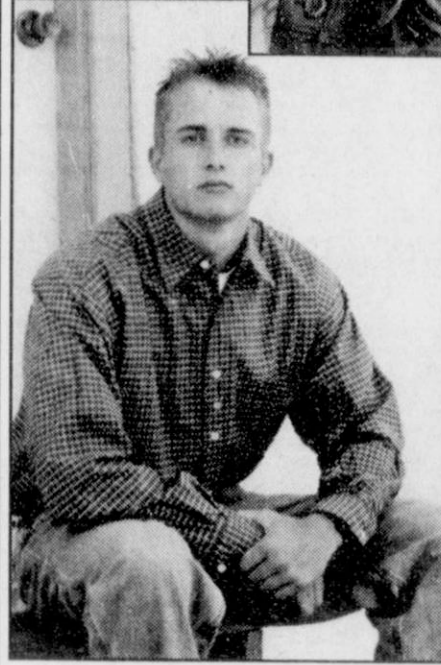

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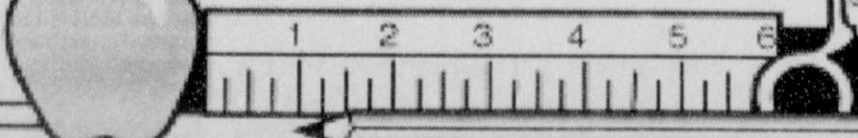
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Care Package Ideas

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

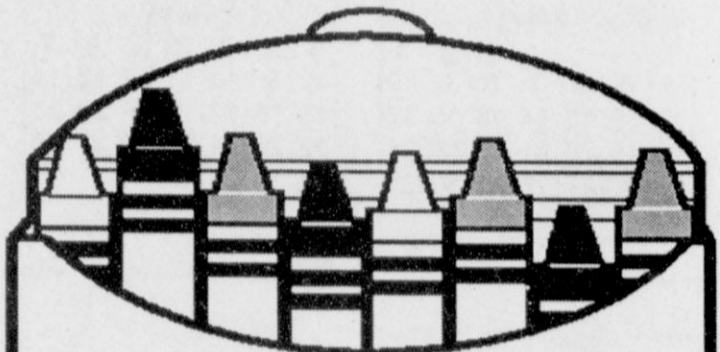
**Exam Survival:** instant coffee, index cards, aspirin, antacids, eye drops, Post-it notes, gum, energy bars, microwave popcorn, stress ball

**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

**First Day Back (For Younger Grandchildren):** notebooks, pens, colored chalk, colored pencils, crayons, watercolors, glue, colored folders, report covers, scissors, pencil sharpener

- apples
- backpacks
- bag lunch
- binders
- black board
- chalk
- crossing guards
- erasers
- grades
- home room
- homework
- lessons
- lunch box
- lunch room
- notebooks
- pencils
- pop quiz
- recess
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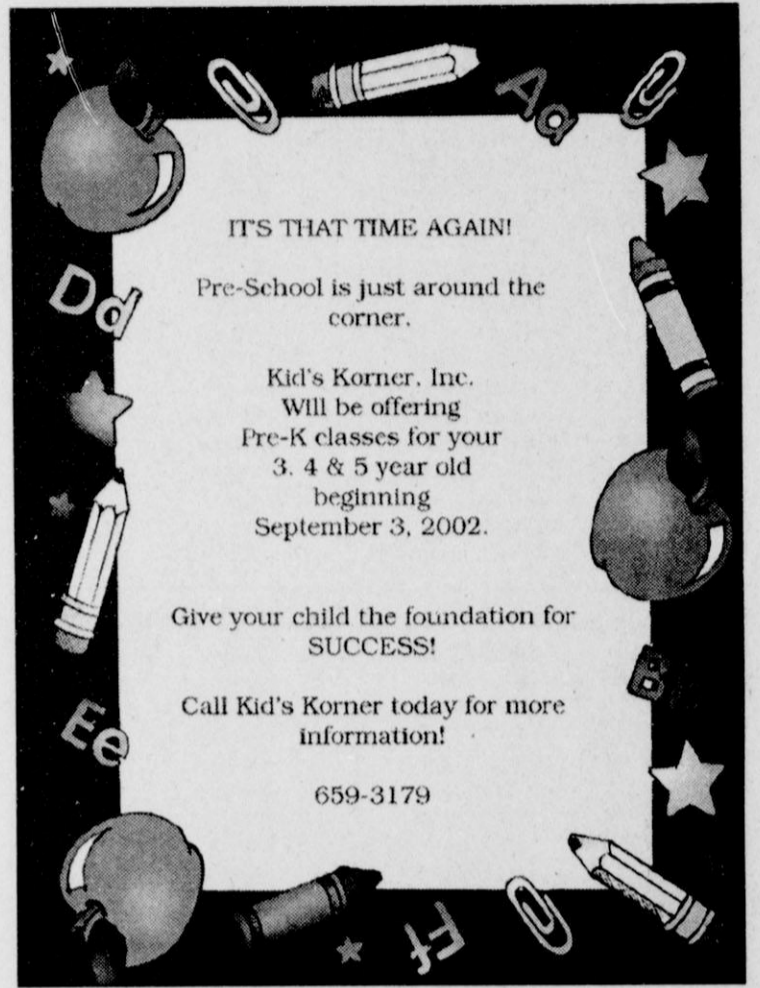
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**BACK-TO-SCHOOL Safety.**

**Safety On & Off The School Bus**

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**Going to the bus stop...**

- Whenever possible, walk with others from your school.
- Try not to walk in the street. If you have to walk in the street, walk as close to the curb as possible.
- Be alert and avoid any signs of danger.
- Obey traffic lights and signals.
- When you are crossing the street, cross only at the corner and use crosswalks where possible. Look both ways before crossing.

**While you wait for the bus...**

- Dress right for the weather.
- Arrive at the bus stop on time.
- Stay away from the street while you are waiting for the bus.

**Boarding the school bus...**

- Do not approach the bus until it stops completely, then wait for the driver's signal.
- Drawstrings, ties, straps and backpacks can get caught in bus doors, railings or aisles, so be extra careful when getting on or off the bus.
- Enter the bus in single file. Do not push.
- Use the handrail.
- Take a seat quickly and sit facing forward.

**Riding the bus...**

- Always obey school bus rules.
- Remain seated throughout the ride.
- Keep your arms, hands and head inside the bus.
- Help keep the bus neat and clean.

**Leaving the bus...**

- Do not stand up until the bus comes to a complete stop.
- Use the handrail when leaving the bus.
- Never walk behind the school bus.
- If you cannot see the bus driver, the driver probably cannot see you. Take five giant steps away from the bus, and you should be able to see the driver, and the driver should be able to see you.
- Never crawl under a bus. Do not bend down near or under the bus.
- If you need to cross the street, wait for the driver to signal, then cross the street in front of the bus.
- Look both ways before crossing the street.
- Never run back to the bus, even if you have forgotten something.

With kids heading back to school, it's a good time to think about their safety to and from school on the bus and at home. With the help of our sponsors, we have collected information to help you and your kids take steps to have a safer school year.

**Safety To & From School**

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.

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.

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# Spearman Lynx

## 2002 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 17	Gruver (Scrim.)	Home	6:00
Aug. 23	Wellington (Scrim.)	Away	6:00
Aug. 30	Sunray	Away	7:30
Sept. 6	White Deer	Home	7:30
Sept. 13	Stratford	Away	7:30
Sept. 20	*Texhoma, OK	Home	7:30
Sept. 27	-Panhandle	Home	7:30
Oct. 4	-Canadian	Away	7:30
Oct. 11	-West Texas	Home	7:30
Oct. 18	-Highland Park	Away	7:30
Oct. 25	-Boys Ranch	Home	7:30
Nov. 1	-Fritch	Away	7:30
Nov. 8	Open		

\* Homecoming - District

## 2002 Junior Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 5	Canadian	Away	6:00
Sept. 12	Boys Ranch	Home	8:00
Sept. 19	Highland Park	Away	8:00
Sept. 26	Panhandle	Away	8:00
Oct. 3	Canadian	Home	8:00
Oct. 10	West Texas	Away	8:00
Oct. 17	Highland Park	Home	8:00
Oct. 24	Boys Ranch	Away	8:00
Oct. 31	Fritch	Home	8:00
Nov. 7	Fritch (Fresh)	Home	5:00

## 2002 Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 12	Boys Ranch	Home	5:00
Sept. 19	Highland Park	Away	5:00
Sept. 26	Panhandle	Away	5:00
Oct. 3	Canadian	Home	5:00
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Oct. 31	Fritch	Home	5:00
Nov. 7	Open		

## Spearman Lynx & Lynxette 2002 Cross Country Schedule

Date	Opponent
Aug. 31	Borger
Sept. 7	Perryton
Sept. 14	TBA
Sept. 21	Amarillo
Sept. 28	Lubbock
Oct. 5	Canadian
Oct. 12	West Texas A&M
Oct. 21	District - Canadian
Nov. 2	Regional - Lubbock, Mae Simmons Park
Nov. 9	State - Round Rock, Old Settlers Park

# Gruver Greyhounds

## 2002 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 17	Spearman (Scrim.)	Away	6:00
Aug. 23	Wheeler (Scrim.)	Home	6:00
Aug. 30	Boys Ranch	Away	7:30
Sept. 6	Texhoma	Away	7:30
Sept. 13	Panhandle	Home	7:30
Sept. 20	*Highland Park	Home	7:30
Sept. 27	Claude	Away	7:30
Oct. 4	Open		
Oct. 11	-Stratford	Home	7:30
Oct. 18	-Booker	Away	7:30
Oct. 25	-Vega	Home	7:30
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**Legend:**  
 ■ Teacher Workday    □ Comp Day    □ Staff Development    ● 1/2 Day Dismissal/Staff Development    ☁ Bad Weather Day  
 ▶ Begin six weeks    ◀ End six weeks    ● Holiday/NO School    — TAKS Test    \* 2-hour Early Release for Holidays

**Legend:**  
 ■ Holiday    □ Non day    ☁ 1/2 school day    ☁ 12:20 dismissal    ♥ Comp. Staff Development 2 days max    ♥ Staff Development at teachers report    ☁ Weather Day    [ ] Begin Six Weeks    [ ] End Six Weeks    [ ] TAKS Testing

# 2002-2003

# Pringle-Morse CISD Calendar

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**Legend:**  
 □ Staff Prep/Student Holiday    ☁ Bad Weather Day    □ Graduation Day    ☁ Snow Day/Staff Preparation Day    □ Early Out for Everyone