

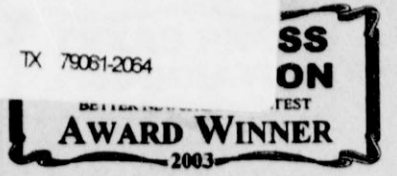
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Grant Received For Purchase Of Bulletproof Vests

Hansford County law enforcement officers will be safer in the line of duty courtesy of a US Department of Justice (DOJ) grant under the Bulletproof Vest partnership Program.

Spearman received \$1,779.00 to help purchase four vests while Hansford County received \$1,377.00 toward the purchase of four vests.

The legislation authorizing the grants mandates that priority in awarding grants to be given to population under 100,000.

"These brave men and women risk their lives every day to defend our homes and families." US Senator John Cornyn said,

"Providing these grants to help defend them is the right thing to do, and a small way of showing our appreciation for all they do."

More than 6,500 applications for vest grants were submitted nationwide to the Bureau of Justice Assistance this year, and more than 5,700 applications will be funded. Federal payment can provide up to 50 percent of each jurisdiction's cost, including costs associated with purchasing and shipping the vests.

The Gruver Police Department received a DOJ grant last year that paid 100% of the purchase of two bulletproof vests.



Mänsel Phillips (back left) looks on as Todd Hicks, a representative of Lason, Inc. in Amarillo shows Margaret Ruttman the in's and out's of the new Microfilm Reader/Printer at Hansford County Library. The equipment was installed on Friday, June 27th, and is available to the public.

Library Purchases Microfilm Reader/Printer

Hansford County Library has a new microfilm reader/prINTER, thanks to the Mary Alice Stinson Gibner Endowment fund and donations from several local genealogy club members.

The new microfilm reader/prINTER was purchased from Lason, Inc. in Amarillo. A technician from Lason showed the library staff and several interested board members and genealogy club members how to operate the new equipment.

The Library has had a microfilm reader for many years, but it did not have printing capabilities. All of the old local newspapers up through 1974 are currently on microfilm, and a grant has been written and submitted to get the rest of the local newspapers put on microfilm. Now that the library has the ability to print out copies of articles from these newspapers, it will be much easier to provide the information that our patrons need from back issues.

"Rawhide" Symposium To Address Ranching Viability

by Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamU.edu

A symposium on "Ranching Aimed at Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Diversification of Enterprises," otherwise known as RAWHIDE, is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and will be held in two West Texas locations in August.

One program will be at the Abilene Civic Center August 4-5; the other will be August 7-8 in the University Center at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Registration starts at noon in both locations. Ten Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered for pesticide applicator license re-certification.

Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife associate at San Angelo and symposium coordinator, said the interest in wildlife and wildlife habitat enhancement in the ranching enterprise mix continues to boom across the state.

Cearley said the symposium is

directed at ranchers, landowners, land managers, and others interested in good land stewardship.

"We're directing the program at those who want to improve wildlife habitat so they can diversify into additional wildlife-related enterprises," said Cearley. "The meeting's purpose is to help give a renewed sense of hope to ranchers."

"We're trying to convey the idea that ranchers can maintain their operations' long-term viability by making a few well-thought-out wildlife/livestock concessions related to the stocking rate, grazing systems, and type and class of livestock utilized. The bottom line will likely be a more economically stable ranching business and healthier rangelands."

"We're conducting these twin programs, offering the same format at two locations, to expose more folks to this information. The two host sites are quite different geographically, but the problems and solutions are fairly universal no matter where you are in West

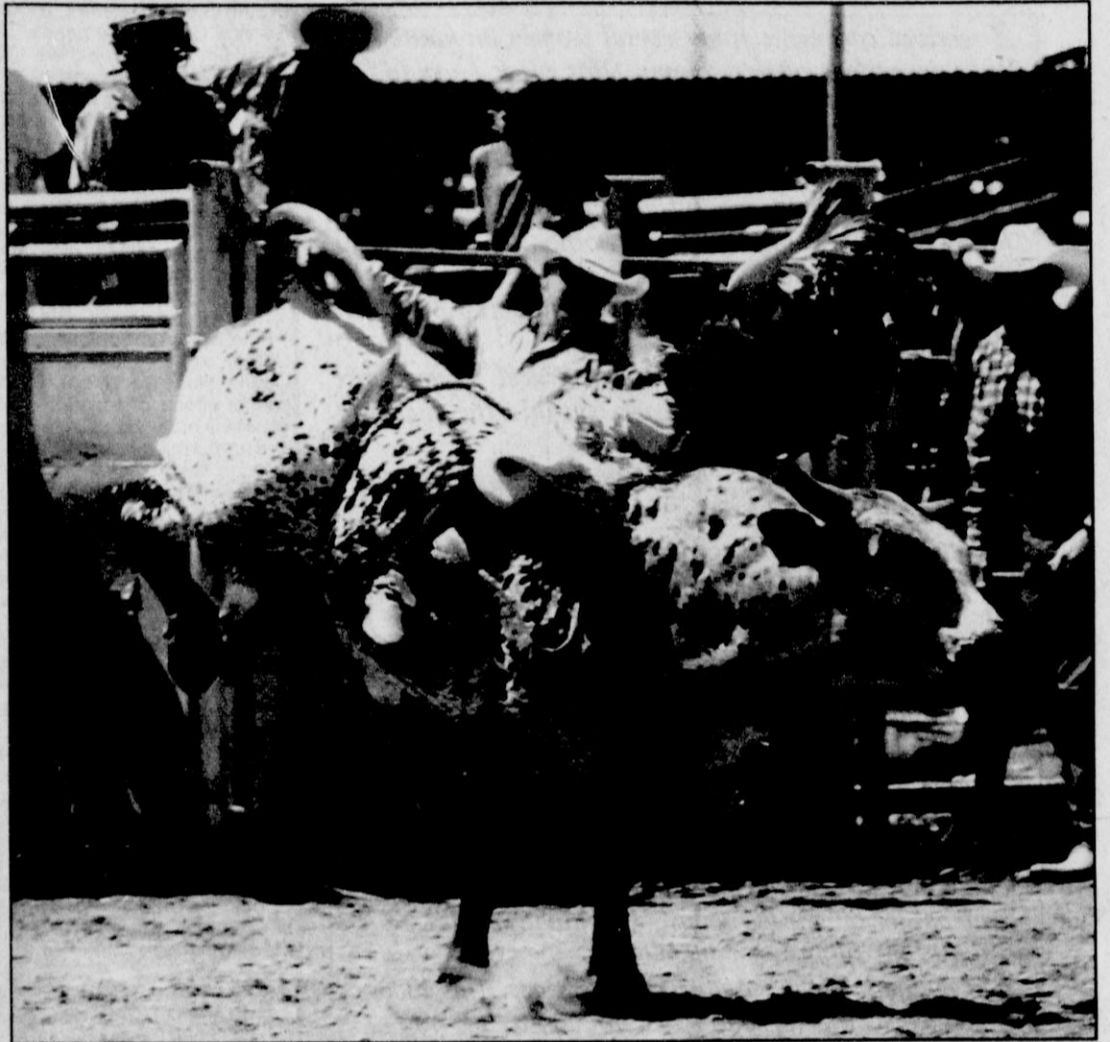
Texas."

Topics addressed will include gauging rangeland health, using innovative tools for ranch planning, and understanding economic considerations related to the wildlife/ranching enterprise. Others session will address the habitat needs of wildlife and livestock, and such tools for habitat management as brush sculpting, rangeland water conservation, grazing management, and prescribed fire.

The symposium concludes with a presentation of case studies based on situations found in the Abilene and Alpine areas.

Pre-registration is \$75 per person through July 23. Registration after July 23 and at the door is \$100 per person. To register online, visit <http://www.pware.com/1542>. For registration by mail or fax, call (979)845-7692.

For further information visit <http://texnat.tamu.edu> or contact Ken Cearley at (325) 653-4576.



Riding his way to victory, Dan Harbour won first place in the junior bull riding at Clinton, Ok over the weekend. It was the second time for the Junior Rodeo Cowboy's Association member to place in the event. He is the son of Roy and Denise Harbour of Spearman.

Local City Managers Complete Training, Serve On City Management Association

Linda Weller, City Manager of Gruver, and Robert Patrick, City Manager of Spearman both graduated as Certified Public Managers in Austin June 9th, 2003 at the Capital building. Weller received a scholarship from the Texas Center for Public Service for 1/2 of tuition costs. Patrick was able to attend these classes as recipient of the Barney Knight Scholarship from the Texas City Management association, which paid all tuition cost. Hansford County is well represented on the Texas City Management Association, since Patrick currently serves as President of the Region 1 chapter, and Linda Weller serves as Vice President.

The CPM Program is a nationally accredited, comprehensive management development program specifically designed for public-sector managers. It is administered by the Center for Public Service at Texas

Tech University. Upon successful completion of the CPM program, participants are entitled to use the nationally recognized Certified Public Manager designation "CPM" in recognition of their achievement; graduates also are eligible to become Fellows of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers.

Among the topics studied by all CPM candidates are personnel administration; leadership; organizational communication; finance and budgeting; information systems and E-government; and policy analysis. The program features a broad range of speakers of both local and national renown. The strength of the program, however, resides within the class itself—the networking capabilities and teamwork potential that such a program allows.

Tomlinson Cited For Military Honors

Captain Christopher L Tomlinson enlisted into the United States Army in October of 1986, and completed Infantry Basic Training and AIT at Fort Benning, GA.

Upon graduation his first assignment was 4th BN 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment where he served as a ASAW gunner and as a battalion reconnaissance scout.

In 1990, SGT. Tomlinson completed his enlistment and returned

home to attend college at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

While at Texas Tech he began the ROTC program and was commissioned a 2LT in the Infantry from Texas Tech University. Upon promotion to Captain he completed his branch detail to the Infantry and reported to Fort Huachuca for the Military Intelligence Transition Course and Advanced Course.

His assignments include 1st BN 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment where he served as a rifle platoon leader, support platoon leader, assistant S3, S3 Air, and Rifle Company Executive Officer, HHB 1st Armored Division DIVARTY, where he served as the BDE S2; HHOC, 501st Military Intelligence Battalion, 1st Armored Division.

Captain Tomlinson's military education includes: Primary Leadership and Development Course, Infantry Officers Basic Course, Military Intelligence Transition Course, Military Intelligence Officers Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School (CAS3), Tactical Signals Intelligence Course, and the Commanders Course.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (3), Army Achievement medal (4), The National Defense Service Ribbon, The Overseas Service Medal, and The Multinational Forces and Observers Ribbon. Other awards include the Expert Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutists Wings, British Jump Wings, and the Ranger Tab.

He is the son of David and Marian Tomlinson of Gruver.



David and Mariann Tomlinson of Gruver congratulate their son, Captain Christopher Tomlinson, for awards he received during military training.

Laugh and Live

by Catherine R. Smith
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I received comments from several women on how much they enjoyed last week's column. This week I would like to share something sent to me from my friend Kay Hamilton about things "my mother taught me."

My mother taught me - To Appreciate A Job Well Done. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me - Religion. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about - Time Travel. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me - Logic. "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me - More Logic. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

My mother taught me - Foresight. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me - Irony. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

My mother taught me about the science of - Osmosis. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

My mother taught me about - Contortionist. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck?"

My mother taught me about - Stamina. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me about - Weather. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

My mother taught me about - Hypocrisy. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me - The Circle of Life. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."

My mother taught me about - Behavior Modification. "Stop acting like your father!"

My mother taught me about - Envy. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

My mother taught me about - Anticipation. "Just wait until we get home."

My mother taught me about - Receiving. "You are going to get it when you get home!"

My mother taught me - Medical Science. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."

My mother taught me - ESP. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

My mother taught me - Humor. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

My mother taught me - How to Become An Adult. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

My mother taught me - Genetics. "You're just like your father."

My mother taught me about - My Roots. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

My mother taught me - Wisdom. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

And my favorite: my mother taught me about - Justice. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

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.

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Catherine :)

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles
The Hansford Golf Club began the Tuesday Night Scrambles on April 29th. Tee-off is at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Contact Ross Donahue, Curtis Covington or Sheri Benton for more information.

Lynxette Cheerleading Camp
The date for the Lynxette Cheerleading Camp has changed to July 22, 23 and 24, 2003. Camp will be held at Spearman High School from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. Registration will be the first day of camp.

Spearman Lynx HS Band Discount Cards
The Spearman Lynx High School Band has some Discount Cards left from their fundraiser earlier this year. The cards originally sold for \$10 each, but are now being sold for only \$5 each. They offer discounts from the following businesses: Simple Simon's Pizza, Smoke House Restaurant, Sonic, Tang's Chinese Food, Amigos Cafe, Pizza Hut, Prairie Garden Flowers, Dreamer's Salon, Dairy Queen, Celebrate, J&M Service Center, Panhandle Diner, Jeanette's Sweet Creations and the Mutt Hut. If you would like to purchase a card, please leave a message for Anna Marie Holland at the Jr. High (659-2563) or the High School (659-2584). We would also like to thank the businesses who supported us by offering these discounts.

Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Radio Auction Donation
The Golden Spread Senior Citizens are seeking donations for their annual Radio Auction, to be held July 17th & 18th on KRDF-FM. We are seeking items such as furniture, crafts, household goods, tools, vehicles in running condition, etc. (Sorry, we cannot accept used clothing.) For more information, call Kathy Bryant at 659-3030.

Breast Cancer Screening
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 July 28, 2003. 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. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community
The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet at the First United Methodist Church in Perryton on Saturday, July 12, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone interested is encouraged to bring their families and guests. If you, or someone you know, are interested in attending a Walk to Emmaus, please attend this community meeting. Sponsor's training will be offered. This helps you as a sponsor to fulfill your responsibilities in sponsoring a pilgrim. The RW Board Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. at the church.

Ranch Estate Planning Seminar
A Ranch Estate Planning Seminar, sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension, will be held August 6-7, 2003 at the College Station Conference Center, 1300 George Bush Drive, in College Station. The seminar is offered to provide participants enough information on tax and estate planning matters to help them make difficult estate planning decisions. A thorough analysis of relevant income and estate tax rules as they affect families and agricultural businesses will be given by Dr. Hayenga. Registration information may be obtained by calling Sharon at (979) 845-2226. Registration cost is \$100.00 per person.

Little League Announces Winners

Spearman Little League is proud to announce the winner of the \$250 Spearman Shopping Spree is Debbie Abston. Kegan Garnett sold the winning ticket and received a boom box. Vikki Temple sold the most tickets and also received a boom box. Spearman Little League would like to thank all the players and coaches for selling tickets. A big thanks to everyone who bought a ticket to help support the Little League.

Little League All-Stars Announced

Major Boys (11-12): Cody Benton, Jorge Briseno, Dakota Cator, Kegan Garnett, Trent Goodheart, Joshua Hernandez, Caleb Odegaard, Tyler Schnell, Blayne Schroeder, Skyler Sumner, Andrew Vela, and coaches Kent Benton and Trace Worley.
Major Girls (11-12): Cha'tae Avila, Courtney Chambers, Dee Dee DeLaRosa, LeAnna Espinosa, Destiny Fisher, Jessie Manry, Elizabeth Mendoza, Bond Pittman, Crystal Thomas, Krystal Vela, Lynn Vela, Leigh Ann Winger, and coaches Julie Pittman and Cindy Avila.
Minor Boys (9-10): Michael Avila, Alberto Camacho, Kyler Cator, Stefan Cook, Christian Fisher, Derrick Hamby, Bryce Jarvis, Matthew Jarvis, Jesus Lucero, Seth Salgado, Jace Lang/Swan, and Coaches Roger Buchanan and Alfred Avila

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PANHANDLE PLANNER

Amarillo's 3-on-3 Streetball Challenge
Amarillo's original 3-on-3 street ball event returns, for the 12th consecutive year. Tip-off for the 2003 Street ball Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 and Sunday July 13. Held in the downtown area for the eighth year in a row, the 2003 Street ball Challenge will be played on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th blocks of Polk and Tyler streets. The tournament is open to male and female players. Divisions begin at the 10 and Under age group, and progress through the adult Supreme Court division. Teams will be grouped into divisions with teams of similar age and playing ability. Entry fees are \$96 per team with an entry deadline of Wednesday, July 9, at 5 p.m. Entry forms are to be turned into Kids, Inc. located at 27th and Osage. Each player will receive an official event t-shirt, and each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each division. All proceeds from the 2003 Street ball Challenge will support the athletic programs offered by Kid's, Inc. For more information, call Kid's Inc. at (806) 376-5936.

Midsummer Tropical Night Area Singles Fellowship
The Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo will sponsor an area singles fellowship on Friday, July 25, 2003. This will be an alcohol-free and smoke-free environment for all area singles to fellowship together and will be held at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church bus barn located at 2827 Mays (look for the pink flamingos!). Paramount Terrace Christian Church is sponsoring this event to reach out to singles all over the panhandle regardless of religious affiliation. The fellowship will include a cook-out dinner and games beginning at 7 p.m. A dance and games will be held from 9-11 p.m. We will have a Hawaiian shirt contest, beach ball volleyball and door prizes. The cost is \$8 per person. Tickets must be bought through the Paramount Terrace Christian Church office by July 21st. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (806) 353-6615.

Youth Art Festival
A Youth Art Festival will be held on Saturday, July 26th, from 10:00 to 3:00 in Pampa and Miami. All area youth age 18 and under are invited to participate. \$1,000 in cash prizes will be given away in four categories. Kids or their parents may register online at www.pampapartite.org, or by phone at 806-868-2094. If it's visual art, it can be displayed: graphic designs, photography, sculpture, 3-D art, painting, drawing, ceramics...

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Hansford County Hospital District is proud to announce that Liz Hartsell, LVN, Hansford Manor, has been named the Employee of the Month for June 2003.

Anne Snow nominated Hartsell, indicating that Liz had left HCHD after working here many years and then came back when we needed her at the Manor. "Liz has gained a great deal of trust from medical staff."

She is almost always laughing, has a 'can do' enthusiastic attitude, and has high expectations of personal performance for herself and others.

With Liz, the Manor Residents always come first. She interacts with them as individuals and does favors for them on her own time. She loves the Residents, and the doctors always rely on her to give them accurate information on the Residents. Liz is a great advocate for Manor.

Residents and District employees. She will go the extra mile to solve problems and get answers. As chair of the H&M Employee Fund Board, she promotes HCHD in numerous ways."

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EDWARD "ED" H. PAPAY SR.

MORSE - Edward "Ed" H. Papay Sr., 81, died Wednesday, July 2, 2003.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday, July 7, 2003 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Mike Martin, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Lieb Cemetery by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Papay was born March 14, 1922, on a farm near Optima, OK, to Jim and Lucy Papay. He grew up around Optima, attended school there and high school in Guymon, Okla. He moved with his family to a farm near Elkhart, KS, in 1938.

He helped on the farm and attended one year of school in Elkhart. He entered the Navy on September 18, 1942, and was a World War II veteran. He served in the Navy Air Corps as an aviation machinist mate third class.

He served three years and three months, spending 22 months in the South Pacific as a mechanic on the PBV airplanes. Mr. Papay returned to Norman, OK, as an instructor until he was discharged on December 17, 1945.

He was very athletic and participated in all sports in school and continued to play basketball and baseball after serving in World War II. He was extremely proud of being in the Navy and enjoyed talking about his life in the Navy as well as showing his pictures.

Mr. Papay married Margaret "Marge" Lucille Hensley in Elkhart, Kan., on December 29, 1946. Returning to Elkhart, he was produce manager at Ideal Food Store. In 1948, he was store manager of the Ideal Food Store in Texhoma, Okla., for six months, and he returned to Elkhart as a manager of the Coop Grocery Store.

In 1951, he moved to Hitchland, Texas, to work as a farmer and rancher having worked for several farmers in and around Morse. Moving to Morse in 1969, he and Marge owned and operated the Morse Grocery Store in the 1970s. He and his sons started custom farming and he retired from farming in May 2002.

Mr. Papay was a member of First Baptist Church in Morse, past member of the American Legion in Elkhart and life member of the Morse Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Tommie Fern; six brothers, Jamie Papay, Emit Papay, Guy Papay, Kenneth Papay, Gerald Papay and Neil Archer; and a son, Eddie in 2002.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years; a daughter, Milana Reiswig, and her husband, Travis, of Morse; a son Tony of Morse; a son, Gary and wife, Vicky, of Amarillo; two brothers, Ray Papay and his wife, Mary Ida, of Elkhart, and Larry Papay and his wife, Dale, of Greenfield, Okla.; three sisters, Elizabeth Kern of Elkhart, Joy Foreman, and her husband, Johnie, of Guymon and Ann Papay of Ulysses, KS; two sisters-in-law, Lillian Papay of Great Bend, KS, and Evelyn Papay of Guthrie, OK; 10 grandchildren, Cassandra Lauderdale and her husband, Paul, of Weatherford, Valerie Kohoutek and her husband, James, of Kansas City, MO, Leslie Barnhart and her husband, Barney, of Lewisville, Roxanne Davis and her husband, Jay, of Hart, Mark Papay and his wife, Francesca, of Tucson, AZ, John Papay of Amarillo, Shelby Reiswig and Rösio, of Dumas, Katherine Papay and Frank of Levelland, Mikala Reiswig of Morse and Elizabeth Papay of Amarillo; 11 great-grandchildren, Sarah, Bryan and Megan Lauderdale, Trenton Barnhart, Hunter Papay, Xavier and Rocky Reiswig, Zoe Kohoutek, John Luke Papay, Hayden Davis, Matthew Papay; a step-great-granddaughter, Gabriella Castillo, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family suggests memorials be to Lieb Cemetery, 11547 County Road 13, Stinnett, TX 79083; Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081; or Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, in care of Maureen McCormick, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

JEWELL PEARLENE CROW ROBASON



FRIONA - Memorial services for Jewell Pearlene Crow Robason of Friona will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 10, 2003 in the First Baptist Church in Friona. Private family graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday under the direction of Blackwell Funeral Home in Friona.

Mrs. Robason was born January 19, 1907 in Blanket, Tx. and died Monday, July 7, 2003 in Friona.

She is survived by two daughters, Lila Wall of San Angelo and Wanda Jones of Spearman. Two sons, Jim Robason of Siloam Springs, Ark and D.O. Robason, Jr. of Grandview also survive. Other survivors include two sisters, Dophene Betzen and Sue Inmon both of Hereford and 14 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Dudley Ogden Robason, daughter Patsy Ruth Talley, her parents L.M. and Annie Crow, sisters Myrl Buske, Lillian Jones, Hazel Johnson, and Elmina Carlton; brothers Wilmont Crow, Clifford Crow and L.M. Crow, Jr.; special daughter-in-law Carole Robason, and special son-in-law Calvin Talley.

She married Dudley Robason in 1926 and farmed in Parmer County for 25 years. In 1953 they moved to Siloam Springs, Ark returning to Friona in 1980 after the death of her husband. She was a member and teacher at the First Baptist Church in Friona.

The family suggests memorials to Prairie Acres in Friona, Tx.

ROBERT O. COCHRAN

SPEARMAN - Robert O. Cochran, 73, died Thursday, July 3, 2003. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 6, 2003 in the Church of Christ with Leonard Harper and Lance Mays officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Cochran was born in Kenton, OK, on December 30, 1929, and lived in Spearman for 45 years. He married Nordeen Davis on October 31, 1954, in Boise City, OK. He was a field technician for Northern Natural Gas Co., for 35 years and retired in 1993.

Mr. Cochran was a member of the Church of Christ and was a house parent at Spearman Children's Home for six years. He was a member of Spearman Volunteer Fire Department for several years.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Bob Cochran, of Amarillo; two daughters, Sheila Chappell of Perryton, and Tina Mays of Heber Springs, AR; a foster daughter, Linda Liss of Los Angeles; four brothers, William Cochran of Livingston, Calvin Cochran of Booker, John Cochran of Perryton, Tommy Cochran of Keyes, OK; two sisters, Winnie Collins and Elsie Sellers both of Boise City, OK; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Spearman Children's Home, Box 475, Spearman, TX, 79081, or Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX, 79081.

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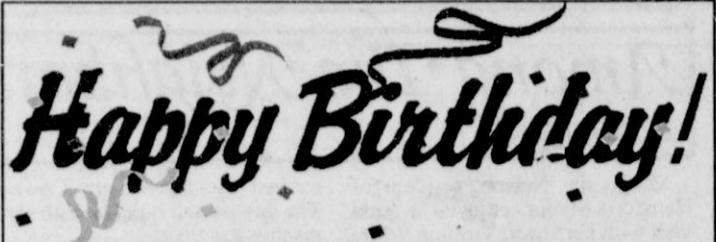
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July 3

Birthday - Julie Gumfory, Randy Lowe, Todd Williams, Charlie Lopez, Audene Beck, Lynn Sheets, Trudie Gordon, Meredith Benton, Ronda Gibson, Gene Reynolds, Trevor Shipley, Debra Gallimore, Verlin Behne, Bill Porter, Cheryl Salgado, Henrietta Andrews
Anniversary - Bill & Verna Strawn

July 4

Birthday - Barry Barkley, Donna Been, Gene Duncan, Mary Weldon, Farene Williams, Faye Cunningham, James Umphress, Ofelia Vela, June Patterson, Melvyn Bradley, Kim Swink
Anniversary - Mike & Kathy Peck, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Postoak, Mr. & Mrs. Jerald Ray Scribner

July 5

Birthday - Sydney Clawson, Kent Benton, Mrs. George Rook, Mack McLain, Linda Walker, Jamie Davis, Tom Dortch, Dawn Bridges, Connie Gibson Dixon, Blayne Schrader, Alfonso Martinez, Melanie Elliott
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Been, Mike & Kathy Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Wilkerson, Burton & Wanda Schubert

July 6

Birthday - Scott Attwood, Monte Beck, Rickey Shields, Gene Dennis, June Day, Kimberly Ann Vasquez, Cody Benton, Lometa Sparks, Alan Biggers

July 7

Birthday - Pat O'Connell, Steve Benton, Brenda Sue Bowling, Greg Meisner, Steve Lesly, Virginia Reyes, Magda Rivera, Brian Sparks, Justin Bowman, Daniel Ward, Karen Pierce, Mattie Davis, B.J. Hughes, Reid Swan
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Bratton, Kelly & Johnie Fuller

July 8

Birthday - Buddy Benton, Janna Nickles, Aaron Hart, Craig Morris, Gay Pipkin, Luis Martinez, Jody Fowler, Samantha Prouty, Loree Espinosa, Kathy Lindsey
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Clawson, Leo & Phyllis Cummings, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Fulce, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Miesner

July 9

Birthday - Edith Smith, Donna Farris, Johnny Jo Roach, Sally Swan, Kyle Kirk, Sean Travers Baker, Donna Custard, Sharolyn Finley, Darlene Hoel
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Booth, Mr. & Mrs. Deway Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Finley, Joanna (Moore) & Wayne Pierson, Kevin & Ann Rook, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bagwell

July 10

Birthday - Steven Greever, Donna Sheets, Lorene Kunsleman, Carolyn Shields, Cathy Gafford, Mitch Gillian, Belinda Francis, Felex Lopez, Jolynda Vasquez, Justin Bass, Jerrill Key, James Sursa
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Randy Kirk

July 11

Birthday - Louis Schnell, Marvin Jones, Danny Pope, Juanita Paul, Sharon Archer, Scott Russell, Kenneth Schaeffer, Debbie George, Zeke Henson

July 12

Birthday - Carolyn Fletcher, Larry Hicks, Justin Horton, Jenie Kirkland, J.W. Jenkins, Cheryl Long, Glenda Guthrie, Olga Gafford, Lucas Biggs, Stan Josephson, Dustin Irbeck, Charlie Spencer, Madison Schad, Colton Meek
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Davidson, Harold & Joyce Crooks

July 13

Birthday - Mary Schroeder, Terri Ann Porter, Ron Clark, Gary Burke, Rounder Jackson, Clay Schnell, Claude (Junior) Crossland
Anniversary - Allen & Margie Alfred

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1101 Bernice • 659-2252
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
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Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Marguerite Nelson, resident of Hansford Manor, enjoyed a good visit with her sister, Virginia White from Green Ridge, Missouri last week. Pam Doane, daughter of Mrs. White, also of Green Ridge and her two sons, Hadley and Haden accompanied her. Terri Lynn Bacon, another daughter, also came from Litchfield, Illinois. Terri's husband was attending a church meeting in Tampa, Florida and the torrential rains delayed him in St. Louis.

These guests were unusual in that they prepared delicious meals in Marguerite's home.

Other guests were Cayla and Dan Schroeder and sons, Blayne and Brock, Joanne and Charles Eaton, Verna Brown and Wanda Reed were guests.

Helen Holt has been spending some time at her condo in Santa Fe during this wheat harvest.

During her stay she took a most interesting tour that lasted two weeks.

Some of the places on the tour were Gallup, Flagstaff, Phoenix and Bluff, Utah where the Navaho tribe still have a trading post and basket weaving.

From the east side of Santa Fe the flames of the forest fires could be seen. In Albuquerque Helen visited James and Anne Whitson Nagle. Anne was a former resident here. She is the daughter of the late Vi Whitson.

The family of the late Claude Jackson had mini family reunions over and over lately.

Pat and Charlotte Jackson have been spending most of their time at their condo in Hot Springs, Ark. but are here now.

Danny and Bess Jackson now of Huntsville, Ark are visiting his family.

Danny was a 1961 graduate of Spearman High.

Carrie Tidwell with children, Emily and Luke from San Antonio attended as she is here with her mother, Claudine Clark for a visit.

Tommie White of Terrell, Tx. and friend, Jean have been here greeting family and old friends. He is now retired from his highly technical work.

The John F. Lackey family originally from Hutchinson County held a family reunion at the O'Loughlin Center on July 5th. The dinner was

catered by the Hungry Cowboy. The day passed quickly with reminiscing and visiting.

Those in attendance were: Harlan and Veta Terry, Paris, TX; Bobbie Wilson and her sons, Todd and Jace Wilson, from Lubbock; Brent Wilson, Dallas; Wesley and Janie Lackey with Sherry, Anson; Leona Lackey, Altus, OK; K.D. Lackey, Oklahoma City; Jim and Frances Jackson with Dawn, Amarillo; Dave and Ann Burch, Aurora, CO; Jason and Jenne Schaeffer and boys, Aurora, CO.

From Spearman were: Estelle Jackson, Velma Sanders, Dan and Penny Ralston, Tisha Ralston, Donna Sheets, and Mary Fern Terry.

Congratulations to Harletta Carthel for her citation from the Texas Better Newspaper Award.

She should also receive an award for raising two honor college students (with help from Dad) Kade and Kiki Carthel, as was their older brother Justin.

Buddy, Becky and girls, Janie and Lorena Dossett are visiting with their mother, Sara Dossett. They park their trailer at Palo Duro Lake as they visit. This year they spent the first week in Amarillo as Janie and Lorena went to camp south of Amarillo.

Bernard and Theresa Dossett came to Spearman for one day. A few days later Diana Carter, her daughter and granddaughter, Tif and Desiree came from Lubbock to spend a few days. One day was spent at Lake Fryer south of Perryton and also going to Pampa several times. The final day they went to see Lone Star Rising. (Sara has seen it 5 times!) If all goes well they plan to go again next year.

Their time spent in Spearman was almost 3 weeks all in all. They had a wonderful time!

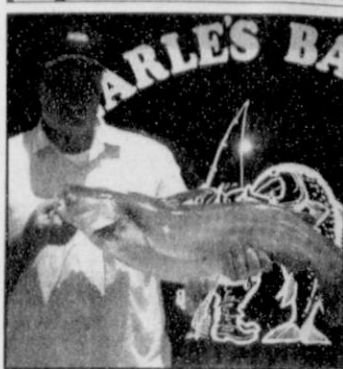
Dillon Miller, son of Jim and Marlene Miller of Spearman, recently assisted in his first surgery, an emergency appendectomy, with Dr. Red Duke.

Dillon, a student at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, began his internship June 30.

Dillon is married to the former Jocelyn Edwards. She is the daughter of Frank and Kitty Edwards of Spearman.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Kevin Earle holds a 15-pound blue catfish caught at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Level--July 7, 2003--32.57 feet (-.41)

Jim reported an active 4th of July weekend with 12 or so campers behind the dam, 8 on the office side, and a nice mix of tent and day campers.

The fishing was slow, but he said he did not have a report on the late night and early morning fishermen. The hot summer days are not a good time to fish usually.

The reddish look of the summer coats of the deer show up well against the green grass and makes a lovely sight.

Last week while mowing access spots for fisherman on Horse Creek, Jim got a glance at a big cat which might have been a bobcat or a cougar. As it moved from weeds into an area he had moved and then quickly was in weeds again.

he was left wondering if he had seen a two-thirds grown mountain lion. He couldn't see the ears or tail, but he noted that the animal seemed gangly and awkward, unlike the usually stealthy bobcat he often saw in the area.

Last week daughter Jackie and I had a visit with Elmon Jacobs to see the purple martins fly back into his yard full of bird houses after they had spent the day out catching insects. They start coming in about 8:30 in the evening and are a lot of fun to watch. Most of the young have fledged and it won't be long until they gather in big flocks and start their annual migration to South America.

The Amarillo News-Globe had a piece last week about a rabies threat in the Panhandle. Rabies seems to be a year round problem where there is a large skunk population. Carson County had a reportedly rabid coyote that attacked a man while he was horseback. The article quoted that statewide rabies cases were showing a steady increase and said 14 cats, 10 cows, 16 dogs, 4 goats, and 5 horses had been afflicted with rabies this year.

"In January and February, a 10-year old child in Hansford County became infected when bitten by a dog. Another 10-year old child in the same county became infected when bitten by a cat."

The health officials are asking pet owners to get their animals vaccinated.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Weather Station Destroyed
Gruver City Hall's weather monitoring station was rendered inoperable due to damage by lightning in a recent thunderstorm.

Until new equipment is received, Gruver City Hall will not be able to have give an official report of the high and low temperature of the day and the amount of rainfall.

Three of four computers damaged in the storm are now operating.

Community Care Concerns

V.B. Morris has received a liver transplant. He is doing well but is expected to be in Dallas for the next few months as he recuperates.

His address is 2732 Gaston Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75226.

Former Resident Update
Dr. Jarrel Whitehead and his wife Raquel are now making their home in Perryton where he practices chiropractic medicine.

Raquel is the daughter of Royce and Betty Mathews of Gruver.

City Receives Grant

The City of Gruver has been notified that a grant of \$28,453 has been awarded to the city for the "jurisdictional ability to respond to potential terrorists and the use of mass destruction" under the State Homeland Security Act.

City Manager Linda Weller expects the grant to arrive in August.

City officials are currently considering the best use for the funds, which must follow strict guidelines.

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Gladiola Flower Club

The Gladiola Flower Club met at the home of Judy Yarbrough. The meeting was held in the beautiful setting of her front yard.

President Margarette Evans opened the meeting with roll call of "My Favorite Bird."

The minutes and treasurer's report were given.

Paul Bynum was chosen as the 2003 scholarship recipient. A memorial was made in honor of Kenneth Evans to the First Christian Church.

A fun program was given by Judy Yarbrough on a Broken Pot Planting and Pop Bottle Butterflies. Specimen was won by Kathleen Sutton, and the arrangement was won by Dorothy Buzzard. The potted plant was won by Judy Yarbrough.

Those present were Verna Brown, Muriel Boyd, Wanda Brown, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, and Judy Yarbrough.

The next meeting will be in the home of Patty Butt with Dorothy Buzzard as hostess.

Gladiola Flower Club

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the beautiful country home of Patty Butt with Dorothy Buzzard as hostess.

President Margarette Evans opened the meeting with roll call to "Favorite Flower." The minutes were read and approved.

We were so happy to have Charlsie Baker attend one more meeting before moving. The club presented her with a going away gift of a Seraphim Angel. She will surely be missed.

June Jackson won the arrangement.

The club toured the lovely home of Patty Butt, seeing many beautiful things and refreshing ideas.

The group then moved outside to her country fresh yard and whimsical garden.

Those attending were Charlsie Baker, Muriel Body, Verna Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Marguerite Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Pam Schnell, Gwen Smith, Virginia Trindle, Judy Yarbrough, and guests were Judy's mother Ozella Bradley of Beaver, OK and Judy's niece Andrea Hendricks of Fairfax, VA.

Gladiola Flower Club

The Gladiola Flower Club met in the home of Estelle Jackson July 3rd.

President Margarette Evans opened the meeting Roll call was bringing an antique and telling the history of it.

The minutes and treasurer's report were given. Thank you notes were received from Paul Bynum, the First Christian Church,

and the family of Kenneth Evans.

Everyone signed up for bingo at the Manor for the month of August.

Margarette Evans won best arrangement. June Jackson gave a fun program on pleated lamp shades from wallpaper borders and a cute windsock planter.

Those present were: Muriel Boyd, Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Norma Jean Mackie, Eloise Renner, Gwen Smith, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, and Judy Yarbrough.

The next meeting will be in the home of Verna Brown at 3:00 p.m. July 17th.

Hansford Hospice

Hansford Hospice Volunteers met on Monday, June 9, 2003, at the First State Bank Community Room, in Spearman, Texas.

Steve Hartgraves, the hospital administrator, presented an informative program on the mission and vision objectives for the hospital district.

President Verna Lee Shirley presided over the meeting.

It was reported that Hospice will make approximately \$2,000 from the Pokey the Clown event at the rodeo.

Rev. Leonard Harper reported on a possible Bereavement seminar to be held in Stinnett beginning on June 17th, from 7-8:30 p.m., at the First Methodist Church in Stinnett.

Carolyn Hicks moved that the Hospice Picnic be held September 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Palo Duro Lake. Leonard Harper will call and reserve the Pavilion at the lake.

Rosetta Barrera reported on the surveyors that have been at the hospital reviewing the records.

Following all business, the meeting was adjourned.

Spearman ISD

The Spearman Independent School District's Board of Trustees met in regular session June 9, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

After announcing a quorum was present, President Mark Allen

called the meeting to order.

With no patrons of staff members coming before the board, the board held a public hearing with those in attendance able to make comments regarding the application for federal funding.

Recognitions

Several recognitions were made including that of Ruby Burger as the May Employee of the Month at Spearman School.

Superintendent Sumner presented a plaque to Burger as a retiring employee of Spearman Schools having worked 26 years for the district.

Also recognized was Dagoberto Sanchez-Estrada who is working in the migrant summer school through the Binational Teacher Exchange Program.

Introduced by Elodia Bravo, Sanchez-Estrada spoke to the board about his work in Mexico and his observations about the educational system in Mexico and the United States.

Action Items

The board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2003, and the Called Meeting of June 2, 2003, and the paying of bills in the amount of \$191,224.49.

Also approved was the awarding of the gas and diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of July 2003, budget amendment #12, Cornell and Company, P.C. as the auditor for the 2002-2003 school year, the approval paying for the replacement of tires slashed of Mr. Sumner and Mr. Belger with any restitution received to be paid to Spearman ISD, and the setting of a called meeting on June 18, a regular meeting on July 21, and a budget workshop on July 28.

Discussion Items

Alice Peddy of the Hansford County Appraisal District and Terry Symons gave a review of the preliminary values for 2003 and the drop in values for the gas and oil production due to low prices and lack of production. Peddy indicated that we could see a 35% decrease in oil and gas revenues.

Mr. Sumner reviewed the preliminary TAKS results for the spring of 2003. He indicated this was the first year for the new more rigorous test, and the district results were generally what were expected. In addition, he compared the district scores to the state aver-

age. He said that it is now the responsibility of the campus site-based committee to evaluate the scores and make a plan of action to address the priority improvement areas.

The administrative cost ratio for 2001-2002 was reviewed, Spearman ISD's administrative cost ratio of 0.1137 for the 2001-2002 school year is below the established standard of 0.1561.

Reviewed the letter from TEA accepting the State Compensatory Education Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2002 as reviewed by the School Financial Audits Division of the Texas Education Agency.

Mr. Sumner reviewed the Program Analysis System (PAS) and the Special Education Data Analysis System (DAS) The information in the summary report is intended to assist school districts to more effectively assess and improve the operation of the special program areas. The PAS/DAS will also be used by TEA to evaluate the overall processes and performance levels of each school district in serving special populations.

Reviewed the Athletic Activity Accounts and fundraisers and the processes used regarding these. The board suggested that in the future that supplies for concession stands be paid for out of the activity accounts and the parents not be asked to donate items to be sold. In addition, the board expressed concern that the activity account not be used to fund items that should be included in the general athletic budget.

Mr. Sumner, Mr. Belger, and Myrna Biggers gave an update on the Genlynx program including the guidelines, student successes and budget considerations. Consideration was given whether or not to close the Genlynx program and use the Top-of-Texas campus of AEP placement.

The Carpenter bus structural problems were brought to the attention of the district through a letter from the Texas Department of Public Safety suggesting that

these buses be inspected for a defective weld. The board asked the administration for options for purchasing a new activity bus.

Closed Meeting - Personnel Matters

Personnel Matters - Resignations, Hiring of Professional Employees and Change to Length of FB/Ad's

Reconvene Into Open Meeting

Approved employment of Krista Baird as a counselor on a one-year (200 day) probationary contract for the 2003-2004 school year.

Approved employment of Jess Anne Fernandes, Sandi Pearson, and Karen Price, subject to assignment on one-year probationary contracts for the 2003-2004 school year.

No action taken on change/modifications to the Athletic Director's contract/ salary.

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 a.m.

Gruver ISD

The oath of office was administered to Dwayne Thompson and Brent Stedje by Randy Reid in the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees regular session Thursday, May 15.

Members present were Terry Sherrill, Paul Stavlo, Jody Irwin, Davin Winger, Brent Stedje, Buddy Lowe, Jr., and Dwayne Thompson.

Visitors present were Matt Branstine, Rod Been, Randy Reid, Benny Wilson, and Mike Yanke.

In secret balloting, Terry Sherrill was voted president of the board. Paul Stavlo was voted vice president. Jody Irwin was selected secretary.

Motions approved included the transfer students for the 2003-2004 school year, the Jones Energy pipeline for a pipeline on the school farm, and the awarding of a roofing contract to Construction Services of Amarillo.

Also approved were the specification for the school ag pickup.

The Early Childhood Professions I and II were approved.

A motion to approve Harletta Carthel to the media Honor Roll passed.

Davin Winger was appointed by President Sherrill to the Wind Power Committee while Buddy Lowe was appointed to the weight room project.

Items of discussion included the superintendent's report, attendance and enrollment, roof updating, wind power updating, weight room progress, legislative updating, the 2003-2004 budget, and the holding of the June monthly board meeting on June 10, 2003.

Also discussed were the local sick days, board training at the Canyon spring workshop, a financial report and a revenue and expenditures report.

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SEDCorp

The Spearman Economic Development Corporation (SEDCorp) met for a Special Meeting on May 16, 2003.

Members Present were: Brian Gillispie, Roger Buchanan, Charles Shieldknight, Charles Elliott, Clay Schnell, Laquita Evans and Robert Patrick.

Visitors Present were: Cheryl Gibson-Salgado.

President Gillispie declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Public Hearing to receive Sandi Johnson was present in place of husband David, comments for a funding request to request funding to purchase Gordon's Drug and Photo by David Johnson from Jim and Laquita Evans. The Johnson's requested a total of \$75,000, \$50,000 to purchase the photo equipment and \$25,000 to purchase equipment to implement drug compounding to the pharmacy. The Johnson's loan officer Clay Schnell was present to answer questions about the financials and Monty Blackman and Anne Marie Pearson were present to present the projections.

Action on the above requests. After much discussion, motion was made by Elliott to offer \$50,000 in grant funds and an unsecured loan of \$25,000, interest free payable in five (5) years and to present an annual financial statement for loan review. Second by Buchanan. Motion unanimously carried. President Gillispie stated this would be considered by the City Council on May 20, 2003.

A special meeting was scheduled for May 21, 2003.

Motion to adjourn was made by Elliott. Second by Shieldknight. President Gillispie adjourned the meeting at 11:18 p.m.

City of Spearman

The City of Spearman met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of City Hall on April 15, 2003 with Mayor Steve Benton presiding.

Aldermen present were: Ron Antalek, Brian Gillispie, Donald Reed and Charles Elliott. Alderman Scot Martin was absent.

Staff present were: City Manager Robert Patrick and City Secretary Cheryl Gibson-Salgado. No visitors were present.

Call to Order

At 7:32 p.m. Mayor Benton declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE. Mayor Benton gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Consent Agenda

Consideration of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 18, 2003.

Consideration of the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax and water/wastewater reports for March and the natural gas report for February.

Consideration of the monthly bills payable for March and the current cash position.

Consideration of the revenue and expense report for March.

Consideration of a contract with the Hansford County Appraisal District for the assessment and collection of the City's taxes for the year 2003.

Consideration of Ordinance #735, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Spearman, canceling the May 3, 2003 regular election and declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office;

providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. Motion was made by Gillispie to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on March 18, 2003;

AND

Approve the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax, and water/wastewater reports for March and the natural gas report for February;

AND

Approve the bills payable for March in the amount of \$174,384.75 and the current cash position;

AND

Approve the Revenue and Expense report for March;

AND

Authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Hansford CAD to assess and collect the City's taxes for 2003;

AND

Adopt Ordinance #735 canceling the May 3, 2003 election and declaring each unopposed candidate elected to office.

Second by Elliott. Motion unanimously carried.

Regular Agenda

Consideration of awarding the sale of city property addressed as 311 and 313 Main Street.

Sealed bids were opened and read aloud on April 8, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. for the sale of 311 and 313 Main Street. The sole bid was received from Victor Rios in the amount of \$4,000. Motion was made by Elliott to award the sale of the buildings to Mr. Rios. Second by Antalek. Motion unanimously carried.

Consideration of Ordinance #736, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Spearman, providing that a 0.146 acre tract of

alley be vacated, abandoned and closed; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing for an effective date.

Robert Patrick stated that the City Council closed this alley in November 2002, however, Attorney John Hutchison now says that it needs to be done by ordinance instead of the release agreement which he presented then. Motion was made by Elliott to adopt Ordinance #736. Second by Reed. Motion unanimously carried.

Other

No action was taken.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Gillispie to adjourn and second by Elliott. Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

City of Spearman

The City of Spearman, Texas met in regular session in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 30 NE Court, on June 17, 2003 with Mayor Steve Benton presiding. Aldermen present: Ron Antalek, Brian Gillispie, Donald Reed, Charles Elliott and Alfred Avila. Staff present: City Manager Robert Patrick and City Secretary Cheryl Gibson-Salgado. No visitors present.

Call to Order

At 7:30 p.m. Mayor Benton declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Benton gave the invoca-

tion and also led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Consent Agenda

Consideration of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held May 20, 2003.

Consideration of the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax and water/wastewater reports for May and the natural gas report for April.

Consideration of the monthly bills payable for May and the current cash position.

Consideration of the revenue and expense report for May.

Motion was made by Reed to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on May 20, 2003;

AND

Approve the monthly fire, ambulance, police, animal control, municipal court, solid waste, sales tax, and water/wastewater reports for May and the natural gas report for April;

AND

Approve the bills payable for May in the amount of \$214,127.16 and the current cash position;

AND

Approve the Revenue and Expense report for May. Second by Antalek. Motion unanimously carried.

Regular Agenda

Consideration of Ordinance #737, an ordinance amending Chapter 11, Article 6, of the Spearman City Code, regulating junk and abandoned vehicles and items; making findings of fact;

providing definitions; providing for notice and impoundment; providing for the City's use of abandoned motor vehicles; providing for the disposition of vehicles and proceeds; declaring junked vehicles a public nuisance; providing procedures for abatement of public nuisance; providing for fines; providing for disposal of junked vehicles; providing for severability; and providing an effective date and open meeting clauses.

After lengthy discussion was held, motion was made by Antalek to adopt Ordinance #737 with the following amendments:

1) Effective Date - change the grace period for commercial areas from nine (9) months to six (6) months;

2) Exception to Junk Vehicles - add an exclusion for junk vehicles located in a I-L, Light Industrial, zoned areas.

Motion unanimously carried.

Consideration of approving the 2003-2004 proposed budget of the Hansford County Appraisal District.

Motion was made by Gillispie to approve Hansford County Appraisal District's 2003-04 proposed budget. Motion carried, Avila abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Other

No action taken.

Adjourn

Motion was made by Gillispie to adjourn and second was made by Reed. Mayor Benton declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Case in point #1: After our son had his billfold stolen in Dallas, the Aunt Bee in me thought I could avoid a possible identity theft by informing the Drivers License Bureau of the loss.

After all, in our high tech world, it would be so easy to mark the license stolen on the state computer base. Then, if the license was used, the police or highway patrol who call for a background check as standard procedure when stopping a motorist, would be alerted, and presto, a thief would be caught!

Wrong Aunt Bee, the law says you can't embarrass a thief like that. You can't do that to that to the little boy who stole a cookie from the cookie jar. Even gullible Floyd the Barber would have been amazed by the credit card company's response.

After reporting the theft, I asked if the company could list the card stolen on their computers. Hence, when the card was used again, the information would display on the stores's computer, instantly nailing the criminal.

"No we cannot do that. It's against the law. We're only allowed to cancel the account. We can't earmark it as stolen," the condescending voice at the credit card office said. (From the condescending tone of her voice, the company rep must have thought she was talking to Opie.)

Case in point #2: Sitting behind a semi-truck at a stoplight, my vehicle was smacked by the truck when the big rig took a notion to back up. I blared my horn and attempted to put the car in reverse, but when you are sandwiched between two semis- you're chopped liver.

"Would you prefer the accident to be written up or do you want to exchange 'information' with the car crusher?" the officer asked.

What the policeman said next would have driven Odie to drink.

"If I fill out a report, the accident will go on your record, and your insurance rate will go up, or if you exchange information, the truck driver can just say you ran into him," the man in blue said.

I decided to exchange information. Learning the driver's name was Genius (no kidding) I asked Mr. Genius why he had backed up.

"I can't tell you that," he said.

His insurance company was a little more sympathetic. After telling the company representative the story, she replied, "The same thing happened to me. A driver ran into me, and made my insurance rate go up. It made me so mad."

"Shazam!" Things were starting to look up - there was hope in the black tunnel of senselessness. I had a fellow companion who had also been a victim of illogical law. We would be comrades in the battle for justice.

The insurance company never called back.

All this leaves one to wonder: Has Ernest T. Bass been put in charge of the legal system? What ever happened to truth, fairness, and the American way of life. Our laws need a little backbone to punish criminals not victims. We need laws which will look evil in the eye and not blink.

Barney Fife, where are you?

Gruver Welcomes New Methodist Minister

The United Methodist Church of Gruver has announced George Price as new minister.

Price and his wife Karen have come to Gruver from the United Methodist Church of Littlefield, Texas.

The Prices have three sons - Jeremy and his wife Jennifer and their son Joshua of New Haven, CT, Zachary and his wife Anneke of Zambia, Africa and Caleb, a student at Blinn Junior College in Bryan, Texas.

Jeremy works with YWAM, Youth with a Mission, while Zachary works with FCA, Foundation for Cross Cultural Education.

"Several people had told us 'you'll like it in Gruver,' and we have. Everyone has been so gracious," George Price said.

The couple enjoys reading while George lists singing and working with stained glass as his interests, and Karen, cooking.

Karen will be employed as a second grade teacher at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman this fall.



The Gruver community welcomes United Methodist Church Minister George Price and his wife Karen.

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