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## Spearman Native Injured In Iraq

by Harletta Carthel

Specialist Andrew Cummings, the son of Douglas and Linda Cummings, was injured while on duty in Mosul, Iraq October 20, 2003.

Spc. Cummings was one of four soldiers injured while on duty en route or returning from repairing or checking a bridge

when their vehicle came in contact with a possible land mine or other explosive device.

The Cummings learned of their son's injuries about 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 20, when an Army official told them to call their daughter-in-law.

His wife Denise (Paschel) was able to talk to Andrew on

Tuesday October 21, and Monday, October 27, but we have not been able to talk to him yet," Linda Cummings said. "I only know what Denise has told us about his injuries. She was not given many details of the incident, and she has yet to receive the medical report. He did tell Denise on the 27th that he was feeling better."

The Cummings do not know that Andrew was rendered unconscious with a large knot near tennis ball size on the side of his head following the incident.

"We know that his outer ear was damaged, but we do not know to what extent," Cummings said. "His eardrum was also damaged, and that may result in permanent partial hearing loss."

One of the four other injured soldiers sustained a knee injury and all were injured by flying shrapnel. None of their conditions is believed to be life-threatening.

The Cummings are estimating that their son's accident could have occurred after 9:00 a.m. October 19 until early afternoon Monday, October 20.

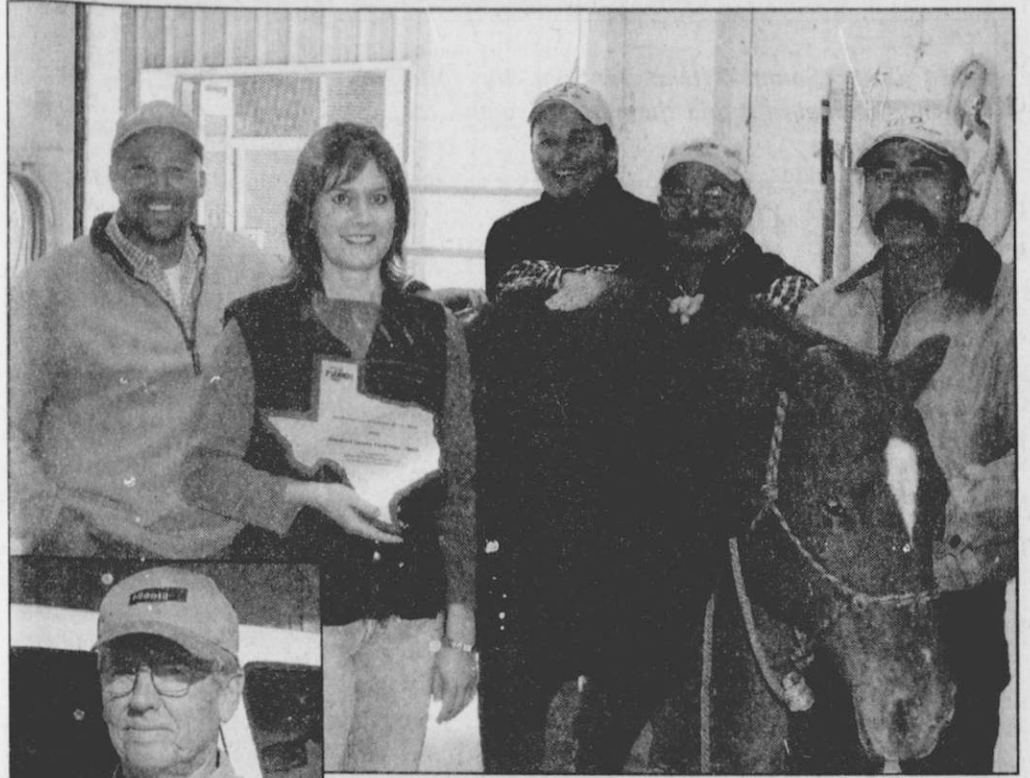
"Our daughter-in-law was able to have a video telephone conversation with Andrew between 8 and 9 a.m. Sunday, the 19th, at which time he was fine," Cummings said.

Andrew Cummings joined the Army in July 2001. He left April 2, 2003 for Iraq and is scheduled to remain there until March 31, 2004.

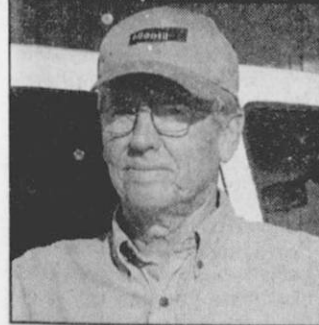
For those wishing to send notes or cards of encouragement, his mailing address is: SPC Cummings, Andrew; Operation Iraqi Freedom; Unit #96186; A Co/ 37th EN BN; APO AE 09325-6186.



2001 Spearman graduate, SPC Andrew Cummings sustained injuries last week in a possible land mine incident in Iraq.



(L-R) Dr. Lee Bob Harper, Dr. Jerilyn Wright, Dr. Scot Martin, Dr. Clint Irwin and Large Animal Technician Eduardo Flores. Pictured at left (inset) is Dr. Tom Latta



## Hansford County Vet Hospital Wins State Award

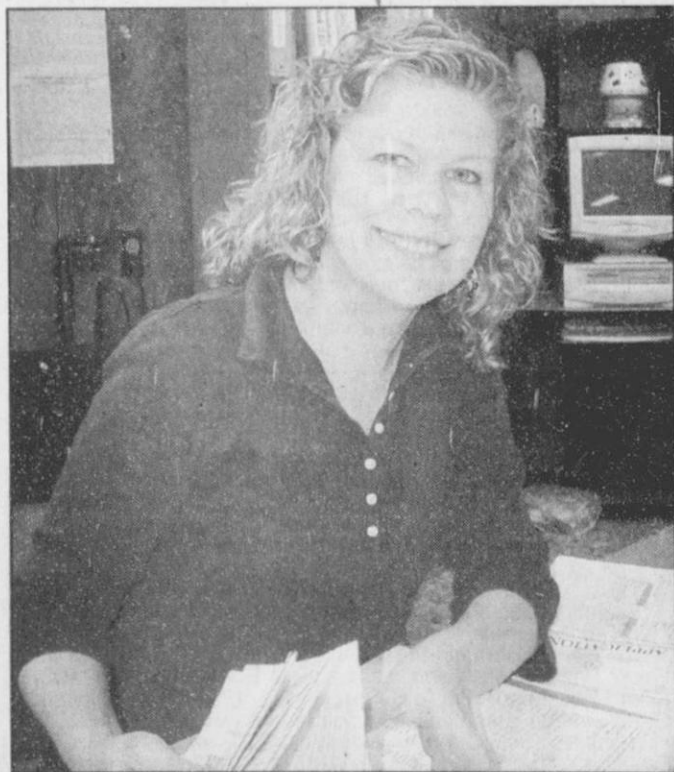
Hansford County Veterinary Hospital (HCVH) has been honored with the Diagnostician of the Year award by the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory of the Texas A&M University System.

The annual award was presented October 4 to Dr. Jerilyn Wright representing HCVH.

The annual award is presented to an individual or a clinic who exhibits outstanding diagnostic ability, above and beyond the normal clinic.

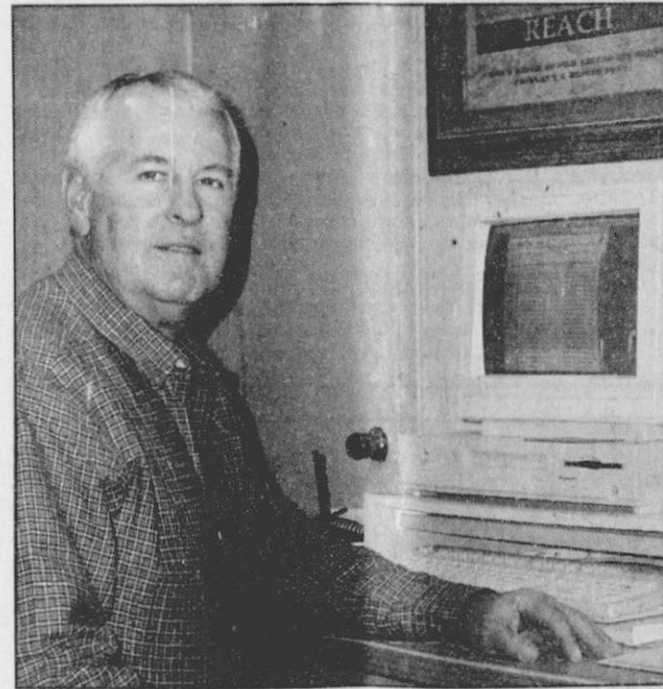
"The Hansford County Veterinary Clinic does an outstanding job in the area of diagnostics," Dr. Robert Sprowls, Resident Director of the Texas A&M Veterinary Medicine Diagnostic Lab of the Texas A&M University System said, "It is an award well deserved."

HCVH is serviced by Drs. Tom Latta, Scot Martin, Jerilyn Wright, Clint Irwin, and Lee Bob Harper.



Candy Boxwell has been named part time Outreach Worker in the Spearman office. Boxwell will be peer counseling with adults and child clients on a one-to-one basis.

The office in Hansford County, located in the Shieldknight Building at 511 SW 11th., Suite 105, is a branch of the Panhandle Crisis Center in Perryton.

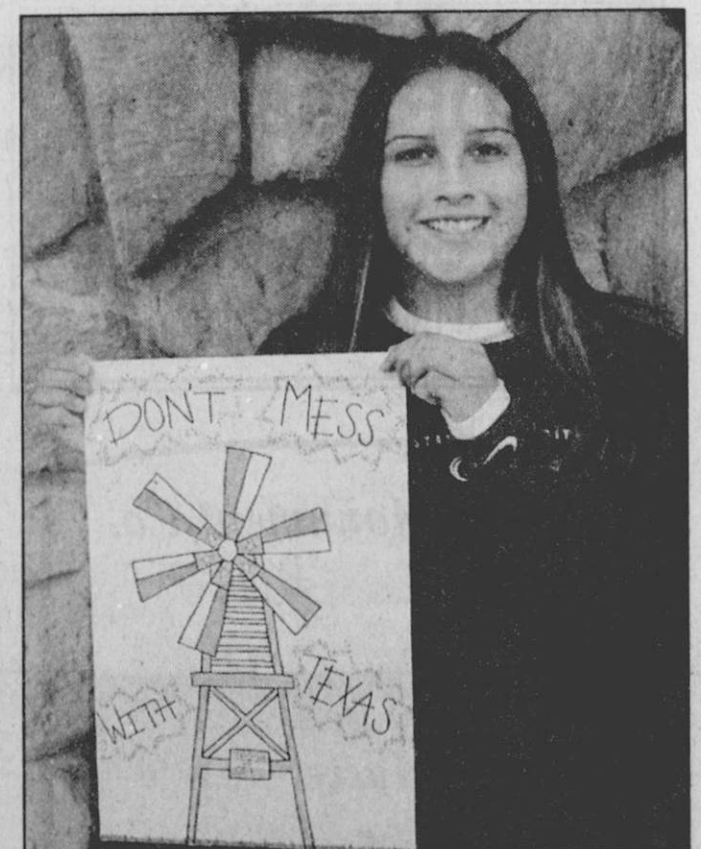


Benny Wilson of Gruver was selected by the Hansford County Commissioners Court to fill the unexpired term of County Judge. The term will expire December 31, 2004. Wilson will replace Judge Jim D. Brown who will retire December 31, 2003.

Others vying for the position were Richie Fletcher, Daven Winger, John Woodward Sr., Gary Ellsworth and Cody Cazares. Those wishing to run for the office have until January 2, 2004 to file for a place on the ballot. Primary elections will be held in March with the general election in November, 2004.



New Gruver Police Officer Terry Webster (left) is welcomed to the Gruver Police Force by Dee Mayfield who was recently named Gruver Police Chief. Webster is a graduate of West Texas High and an August 2003 graduate of Amarillo College Police Academy.



Jordanna Lozano, Spearman High School freshman, was announced as the winner in the SHS Ad Company Contest held by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce. The ad drawn by Lozano will be included in the Keep Texas Beautiful Grant application.

The contest is one of the necessary steps in applying for a possible \$65,000 Landscape Grant to be announced in April. The portion of the grant criteria the ad contest addresses is the topic of Litter Prevention and Cleanup.

Jordanna won \$25 in Hansford Bucks. She is a student of SHS art teacher Gerald Scovel.

### Reporter-Statesman Seeking Names of Military Personnel, Veterans

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is seeking to update our list of veterans and active military personnel and reservists from Hansford County.

Please call the newspaper office at (806) 659-3434, fax to (806) 659-3368, e-mail information to CathyRSmit@aol.com, or mail to 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081.

Military personnel will only be printed if we have the persons name, rank, address, branch of service, and the names of relatives living in Hansford County.

Names must be submitted by November 3, 2003.



Michael Lozano displays his graphite art work which was judged best of the recent Miami student art show. Lozano is a four-year Spearman High School art student.

### Veterans Day Tributes Slated

A Veterans Day program has been set for the Spearman community, Tuesday, November 11, at 10:00 p.m. in the varsity gym.

The Gruver Veterans Day program, sponsored by the GHS Student Council, will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the school auditorium, Tuesday, November 11.



# Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith  
CathyRSmit@aol.com



My Uncle Sonny Ritchie sent me the following "Memo." I enjoyed it and thought you might, too.

## MEMO

To: YOU  
Date: TODAY  
From: GOD - The Boss!  
Subject: YOURSELF  
Reference: LIFE  
Text: This is God. Today I will be handling ALL of your problems for you. I Do NOT need your help. So, have a nice day.  
I love you.  
GOD

P.S. And, remember...  
If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you can not handle, do Not attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. I will get to it in MY TIME. All situations will be resolved, but in My time, not yours.

P.P.S. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now. If you find yourself stuck in traffic; Don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work; Think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad; Think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend; Think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance; Think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror; Think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; Remember, things could be worse. You could be one of them!

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  
is countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
Numbers 6:24-26  
Catherine :)

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## MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

Gruver Church of Christ started our week out right by leading church services last Sunday afternoon. Thank You!

Monday morning we decided to start the week with a little good ole domestic work. We washed, peeled, sliced and soaked apples. The residents worked most of the morning on that project and did such a good job that we had a social that afternoon and ate carmel apples. That evening the residents had a great time playing bingo. The 4-H club hosted and they had a great number of helpers, so almost every resident had a special friend to visit with as they enjoyed bingo.

We had our Musercise on Tuesday morning to get the staff and everyone woken up. That sure gets the blood to pumping - besides just being fun!

That afternoon we played Wheel of Fortune and then for supper The First Assembly of God Church brought in tons and tons of food of all kinds for Christian Buffet. It was a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. The people from the church stayed and ate with the residents and lingered around for good visits. That is so enjoyable because our residents are so special and a pleasure to just sit and visit with.

Tuesday was especially busy because we had also a booth at the Health Fair. Janie Kunselman and Joel Lee Lackey were kind enough to play music throughout the day for everyone's entertainment as they got flu shots and had blood work done. Thank you Janie and Joel Lee!

There were several other booths filled with information and the residents who attended the fair filled their bags with give away promotional items.

Wednesday morning Anne Whitaker was a blessing to us with her Bible study and visit. The residents enjoyed the study and the donuts from Kountry Donuts.

In the afternoon everyone

available gathered in the activity room and I saw glue, scissors, paper, fabric, and all kinds of other supplies just a flying 'in there.

I was in the closet looking for a piece of ribbon when I said "Aha" after spotting it. One of the residents replied "Aha she cried! She shook her wooden leg and filled the air with splinters." I had never heard that saying before.

Thank you to Bob Farr at Jo's This 'N That for furnishing the stitch witchery for us and for cutting it into quilt block sizes. We appreciate that.

Thursday morning we had a rowdy game of kickball and volleyball. (I guess it was pretty rowdy - they started out playing volleyball and busted the ball so they came back and took the kickball down to play with!)

That afternoon we played bingo. The auxiliary was ever faithful with their service once again, assisting and serving. Thank you to the auxiliary!

Friday morning we had an informative news program and then in the afternoon we celebrated the October birthdays with a party. Thank you to Prairie Garden Flowers for furnishing corsages and boutonniere for the birthday residents!

The auxiliary brought delicious pies and served them and Steve Mathews entertained on the piano.

I got to dance with "Willie". He was a pretty good boy this time, except he kept jumping into other women's arms. He was dancing with a resident when she told me "I never could dance, but I sure do like to hold onto the man while he does."

We had several visitors and one man from Amarillo was intrigued with Steve's piano. The longer he watched Steve and visited, he decided that he would just join in the party and started singing with Steve. He was very good. I hope that he comes back again. Thank you Steve and the auxiliary for making it such a wonderful afternoon!

**THANK YOU!**  
Once again the kindness of Spearman shined brightly. We cannot thank everyone enough for everything you did for this years Fall Carnival. The booths were amazing and the enthusiasm was fantastic. Everyone enjoyed the games, young and old alike.  
Thanks to KRDF-FM for the remote broadcast. That was a new addition and greatly appreciated!  
We would also like to thank all the businesses for their generous contributions of door prizes: Celebrate, Kid's Stuff, Gordon's Drug, Simple Simon's Pizza, Dollar General, ALCO, Jeanette's Sweet Creations, Anetta McIver, MurMurs, Lyric Theatre, Corner Service Station, Dreamer's Salon, Linda Coombs, Grammie's Gifts & Goodies - Melanie Elliott, Delinda McLaughlin - Creative Memories and the Panhandle Deli & Diner.  
Finally, thanks to everyone who came to the carnival. Thank you, Spearman, for all you do!  
Kathy Bryant, Kim Patrick and Liz Miser  
Carnival Planning Committee

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For Mild Language, & Thematic Elements  
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## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

**Hansford County District Clerk To Change Office Hours**  
The Hansford County District Clerk's Office will change office hours beginning January 1, 2004. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. In case of emergency between 4 and 5 p.m., call (806) 659-4110.

**Register Tapes for Education**  
The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

**Senior Citizen's Book Exchange**  
For those who are 55 or older and are tired of reading the same old book, come to the Golden Spread Center and exchange your book for something more exciting. Don't have a book to exchange? That's okay, come and get one any way. We have mysteries, biographies, romance, Christian books, you name it, we've got it! 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Golden Spread Center, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, 659-3030 Donations appreciated.

**Storytime at Hansford County Library**  
Hansford County Library is hosting a storytime for children who are three years old up to five years old, but not attending kindergarten. This storytime will be held in the library each Thursday morning from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through Thursday, November 20th. There is no charge for this service and no prior sign-up is necessary. If you have any questions about our storytime, please call the library at 659-2231 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays.

**Adult English Classes Offered in Gruver**  
Adult English Classes will continue Thursday nights from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. in the Gruver Junior High, 600 Garrett St.

**Festival of Fall Foods and Feather Decorating**  
A Festival of Fall Foods and Feather Decorating will be held Thursday, November 6 from 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Cheryl Brewer, former Extension Agent from Amarillo, Holly McLain, Kelly Harper, and Brenda Shieldknight will present the program and foods and feather decorating including wreaths, lamps, arrangements, and handbags. The program is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension Service. Donations for lunch will be accepted. For more information, call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent at 659-4131 or 733-2901.

**Christmas in November**  
The Annual Christmas in November, sponsored by the Ochiltree County Extension Education Clubs, will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at the Expo Center in Perryton. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The program will feature demonstrations for gifts, decorations and foods. The clubs will offer a salad lunch for \$4 at noon. Working women may come for lunch and browse the tables of gifts and decorating ideas brought by members. For more information, contact the Ochiltree County Extension office of the Texas Cooperative Extension at (806) 435-3831.

**Angels Have Wheels**  
All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare. For information on Medicare eligibility, contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

## PANHANDLE PLANNER

**Skin Cancer Clinic**  
Most Americans still don't know about the warning signs of one of the most common types of skin cancer. Caused by cumulative sun exposure, actinic keratosis (AK) is very common - affecting as many as 10 million Americans - more than all skin cancers combined. That's why faculty members and residents from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will conduct a free skin cancer screening (on exposed parts of the body only) on November 8 and 15 at the Southwest Cancer Center (602 Indiana Ave., Lubbock). Visitors will also be given free educational information about AKs and skin cancer. More details are attached.

**2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival**  
The 2nd Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival of Arts and Crafts will be held Saturday, November 1st from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, November 2nd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will be held at the Texas County Activity Center in Guymon, OK. Over 100 exhibitor booths will feature a variety of arts and crafts which include floral, clothing, ceramics, candles, wood, stained glass, jewelry and more. There is no admission fee.

**"Let the Good Times Roll" Phase II**  
Beginning October 3, 2003, The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon opened the second phase of *Let the Good Times Roll*, celebrating the 100th anniversary of Buick. *Let the Good Times Roll* will showcase a 1911 Buick Runabout, 1927 Seven-Passenger Buick Sedan and a 1953 Buick Skylark. Other vintage automobiles in the exhibit will include a 1910 Hupmobile, 1942 Chrysler Woody, 1930 Bantam, 1953 Olds Fiesta and a 1955 Cadillac DeVille. The 100th anniversary of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle, will be highlighted with motorcycles dating from 1936-1963. This phase of the exhibit will close April 18, 2004.

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**Our Deepest Sympathy**

**MATTIE LOU POWELL**

BORGER - Mattie Lou Powell, 65, of Fritch died Thursday, October 23, 2003, at her home.  
 Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 25 at Brown's Chapel of the Fountains in Borger with Rev. Don Rice, pastor of Faith Baptist Church of Fritch. Burial was in Stinnett Cemetery.  
 A housewife and beautician, she was a native of Laverne, Okla., and a Fritch resident for 34 years.  
 Mrs. Powell was raised in Buffalo, Oklahoma, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Buffalo.  
 She married William E. "Bill" Powell on May 16, 1961 in Perryton. She graduated from beauty school in 1968.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, on October 18, 1994, by two sisters, Irene and Wanda, and one brother, Leonard.  
 She is survived by three daughters, Teresa Hogue and husband Carl; Judy Moran and husband, Roy; Billie Sue Parker and husband Kim, all of Fritch; four sisters, Lilly Love of Spearman, Virginia Lincoln of Sudan, KS, Joy Campbell of Woodward, OK, and Nancy Calhoun of Buffalo, OK; by five brothers, Jimmy Miller of Fayetteville, NC, Pete Miller of Higgins, TX, Wayne Miller of Elgin, KS, Leslie Miller of Langley, KS, and Aaron Miller of Shattuck, OK; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.  
 Memorials may be made to the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

**JUANITA JACKSON**

SPEARMAN - Juanita Jackson, 85, of Spearman died Sunday, October 26, 2003.  
 Graveside services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 29, 2003 in Holt Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Interment was under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.  
 Juanita was born on December 27, 1917 in Dumas. She married Clyde R. "Bud" Jackson on March 19, 1938.  
 She was a homemaker.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband in 1991, and her parents, Jake and Blanche (McSpadden) Lamb.  
 She is survived by three daughters, Betty Hogue of Norman, OK, Barbara Sampson of Mooreland, OK and Robbie Rogers of Cynthiaanna, KY; two brothers, Irvin Lamb of Tucumcari, NM and Bob Lamb of Raton, NM; a sister, Ruby Collingsworth of Perryton; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to Holt Cemetery Association, c/o Mary Fern Terry, 906 S. Bernice, Spearman, TX 79081 or Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

**Happy Birthday!**

*Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.*

**October 30**  
**Birthday** - Amy Babbs, Eva Dawn Spivey, Kandace Boyd, Jace Dawson, Carey Kauffman, Kelly McCloy, Marguerite Nelson, Donna Williams, Nordeen Cochran, Doris Jean Pipkin, Orfalinda Vela, Clayton Scribner, Herb Hager, Kyle Pearson, Richard Booth, Mrs. DeLuna, Mason Tindell, Taylor Simpson, Albert Graves

**October 31**  
**Birthday** - Chris Kaufmann, Nicholas Slough, Teague Winger, Rick Randall, Dan Kunselman, Peggy Ferguson, Gregg Phillips, Eddie Clemmons, Hector Flores, Gregg Roach, Rita Lesly, Natasha Burch, Rebecca Browning, Betty Pugh, Dale Hodge, Bonnie Gross  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cochran

**November 1**  
**Birthday** - Rhonda Holt, Mary Wright, Keith Kelp, Joseph Hart, Santos Rivera Jr., Jennifer Duggan, Juan Lara, Ernie Sandavol, Stephen Burke, Brad Guthrie, Rusty Tindell, Don Lane Whitefield, Kristi Heddins, Chris Newman, Maria Garcia, Juan Lara  
**Anniversary** - Dale & Pat Randall

**November 2**  
**Birthday** - Christy Cooper, Debby Mayhew, Kyle Beedy, Stella Cummings, Beverly Jenkins, Kim Vanderburg, Raymond Barns, Carolyn Savage, Tamra Wright, Julia Williams, Jared Brown, Amanda Adams, Jordan Brock, Jim Shirley  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. John Sutterfield

**November 3**  
**Birthday** - Elva Cooper, Lisa Kaufmann, Dean Green, Burton Schubert, Denny Brown, Joe Bob Wrinkle, Colton Robinson, Sylvia Lopez, Steve Morales  
**November 4**  
**Birthday** - Justin Armes, Peggy Dillow, Clayton Henson, Todd Winders, Lee Wilhelm, Julie Jones, Matthew Stewart, Tony Herndon, George Rex, Carlos Mendoza Sr., Rhett Link, Leona Stavlo, Julie Stedje, Matt Dunnihoo  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Soapes, Mr. & Mrs. John Cass

**November 5**  
**Birthday** - Fred Davidson, James Dorman, Vireta Knight, Fabian Salazar, Jerry Holton, Dixie Smith, Lisa Price, Christopher Salazar, Ora Lee Blackburn, Richard Mackie, Nicole Fox, Debbie Trejo, Karen Paschel, Lola Mendoza, Lydia DeSantiago, Roz Duncan, Beverly Mireles, Eric Cudd  
**Anniversary** - David & Mary K. Harbour, Mr. & Mrs. Butch Noble, Mr. & Mrs. Bryant Layton

**November 6**  
**Birthday** - Paige Speck, Zachary Johnson, Ross Renner, Jill Watson, Don Kjos, Santiago Tercero, Rosa Lee Butt, Calvin Bodey, Virginia Martin, Joan Hawkins, Rosa Alvarez Flores, Kiersan Lopez, Beth Dortch, Jill Lusby, Cindy Holton, Doug Connelly, Linda Wilkerson, Tonya Mahaney, Tony Edwards, Tom Kirk, Stuart Martin, Raquel Arjona, Stacey Williams French, Dakota Lopez, Blake Burgess  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. David Collins, Fred & Brenda Shieldknight

**November 7**  
**Birthday** - Dr. Earl Novak, Gerald McBride, Gary McCalman, Cleo Cotter, Kurt Bynum, Megan Woolley, Lee Roy Mitchell, Jerry Tope, Haley Lombard, Pam Largent Ortega, Matthew Jarvis  
**Anniversary** - Victor & Debbie Schumann, Ruben & Veronica Gomez  
**November 8**  
**Birthday** - Donnie Davis, Tara Gardiner, Sharon Reed, Santiago DeLaCruz, Kaylee Wheeler, Nathan Hanson, Linda Burke, Megan Stedje, Kristi Medford, Manda Simmons, D.A. Cator, Corey Fletcher, Amanda Wells  
**Anniversary** - Danny & Delinda McLaughlin

**November 9**  
**Birthday** - Mark Deakin, Tracey Chisum, Gloria Alicia Alvarez, Charolette Ford, Jasmine Bravo, Samuel Hanson, Shanna Dillard, Jessica Nicole Vela, Eloise Renner, Joe Mayo, Alfredo Mendoza, Shonna Gammon, Irasemo Soto, Pat Cudd  
**November 10**  
**Birthday** - Jess Rudolph, Rick Yanke, Buddy Hopper, Bernard Dosselt, Carly Garza, Cynthia Arnold, Marilyn Wilson, Candace Sharpe, Guadalupe Trejo, Catherine Smith, Gatlin Guthrie, Sam Gruver, Sylvia Borunda, Bobbi Kay Christian, Jessica Gallegos, Kolby Sumner  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Gary Papay

**V.B. MORRIS**

GRUVER - V.B. Morris, 54, died Wednesday, October 22, 2003, in Dallas.  
 Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, October 27th in Sunray Church of Christ. Burial was in Lane Memorial Cemetery in Sunray by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.  
 Mr. Morris was born June 20, 1949, in Dumas. He farmed and ranched southwest of Gruver his entire life. He worked diligently to help the American farmer by being an active charter member of The American Agriculture Movement, serving as national secretary until his death. He married Vera Reaves on April 8, 1966, in Dalhart.  
 He was preceded in death by his grandparents, J.R. Morris, MaryBelle Wisinger, Ada Blevins and R.L. Montgomery.  
 Survivors include his wife; three children, Melanie and Jack Rodman of Crane, Chris and Lynelle Morris and Joseph "Andy" Morris, all of Sunray; two granddaughters; his parents, Vance and Ruth Morris of the farm; two brothers, Len and Rhonda Morris of Dayton and Joe and Nancy Morris of the farm; two sisters, Sherry Morris of Sunray and Renee and Billy Boyd of Amarillo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Resolution "Municipal Courts Week" November 3-7, 2003**

WHEREAS, Municipal courts provide citizens of the Lone Star State a local forum where questions of law and fact can be resolved with respect to alleged violations of state law and transgressions against municipal ordinances; and  
 WHEREAS, Because municipal courts are the courts most routinely experienced by Texans, both adults and juveniles, they could be said to constitute the arm of government that is closest to the greatest number of people; and  
 WHEREAS, Judges of the municipal courts function also as magistrates for the State of Texas, and in doing so perform functions including conducting inquests, issuing search and arrest warrants, giving magistrate warnings, and setting bail for offenses ranging from petty theft to capital murder; and  
 WHEREAS, Pledging to be impartial and conform to the standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, the estimated 5,000 municipal court judges and court support personnel work diligently to ensure the fair administration of justice while upholding the rigorous standards of professionalism; and  
 WHEREAS, Municipal judges, clerks, court administrators, bailiffs, and warrant officers continually strive to improve the administration of justice through participation in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state and local professional organizations; and  
 WHEREAS, It is most appropriate to recognize the accomplishments of the 870 municipal courts in Texas and salute their critical role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life in Texas communities, and deterring future criminal behavior; now, therefore, be it  
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## Reimer, Simmons Wed



Rett and Jennifer Simmons with J.T. and Logan Simmons

Jennifer Ann Reimer and Jimmy "Rett" Simmons, both of Perryton, were wed September 27, 2003, at 7 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Perryton.

Officiating at the ceremony was Justice of the Peace Braden Karber, cousin of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Karen Reimer and the late Mick Reimer. She is the granddaughter of Frieda Unruh of Reedley, CA and the late Clarence and Kathleen Lewis and Ernest Unruh.

The groom is the son of Jimmy Sr. and Debra Simmons of Burns Flat, OK and the grandson of James and Rena Gagneaux of Cortez, CO and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Simmons of Odessa.

For the candlelight service, the altar was decorated with two bouquets of yellow rose, mum

carnations, and alstroemeira, flanking altar candelabras with matching flowers. A unity candle was placed on the altar.

The pew bouquets, made by the mother of the bride, included yellow satin roses made by the brides' late grandmother Kathleen Lewis, for the bride's parents wedding 36 years ago.

Organist Gay Morris, aunt of the bride, played "Now That I Found You" by Terri Clark preceding the ceremony and "Me and You" by Kenny Chesney during the lighting of the unity candle. The bride was escorted to the altar by her bother, Greg Reimer.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Melissa Donahue of Spearman, and bridal attendant was Traysha Newson of Quanah.

Serving the groom as best

man was his father, Jimmy Simmons, Sr. Groomsman was Shawn Adams of Floss, OK.

Ring bearers were the groom's sons J.T. and Logan Simmons, and candle lighters were Bailey and Tori Terhune, cousins of the bride.

Ushers for the ceremony were Terry Wright of Lubbock and Craig Wright of Perryton.

Registering guests were the brides' nieces, Kelsey and Karissa Reimer, and her nephew Dakota Reimer, all of Amarillo.

For her wedding, the bride chose a Michelangelo A-line dress of white satin, the hand-beaded bodice was accented with seed pearls and sequins, and the pleated train was adorned with lace flowers with hand-sewn pearls and sequins.

She carried a trailing bouquet of white roses and mini-carnations. Tucked in the bouquet was a yellow boutonniere in memory of the bride's late father, Mick Reimer.

For something old and blue, she wore the garter worn by her mother at her wedding; something new were pearl and diamond drop earrings and necklace, given to her by her mother, and something borrowed was her late grandmother Kathleen Lewis' wedding ring.

The bridal attendants wore navy beaded halter top, full-length dresses, and carried three long-stemmed yellow roses. The young ladies in the wedding wore matching yellow tea length dresses, accented with satin yellow roses.

The brides' mother wore a full-length gray suit with a hand-beaded jacket, and the groom's mother was attired in a

full-length tailored navy suit.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at The Perryton Club.

The bride's table held a silver bowl containing yellow roses and navy candles. The three-tiered wedding cake was placed on two round cakes with yellow clusters. The cake was topped with a dancing bride and groom figure in a gazebo. Lemonade was also served.

The groom's table held a German chocolate cake, a fish centerpiece and pictures of the bride and groom as children.

Table servers were Natalie Gonzales, Nerissa Rigdon, Carrie Kirton, and Sarah Simmons. Also assisting with the reception were Jeanne Allen and Eleanor Wright.

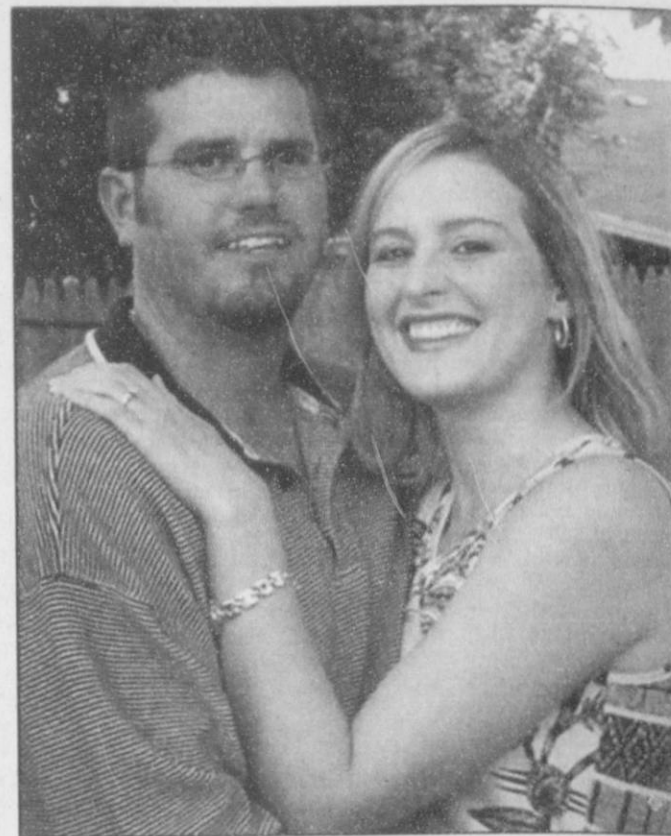
After a wedding trip to the Tamaya Resort and Spa and Santa Ana Pueblo in Taos, NM, the couple is at home in Perryton.

The bride is a graduate of Spearman High School and attended West Texas A&M University and Metro Business Academy in Amarillo. She is office manager for Dr. Rex Mann.

The groom graduated from Burns Flat High School. He is vice president of the Perryton Jaycees and is manager for Stringer Well Service.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner in the home of Roger and Eleanor Wright. Barbecue and all the trimmings were served.

A shower was held August 9th in the home of Eleanor Wright, and a personal shower was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.



## Engagement Announcement

Stephen and Susan Poole of Spearman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Shauna Lei Poole, to George China of Amarillo. George is the son of George R. and Lavene China of Amarillo.

The couple plans to wed on December 20, 2003 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

Shauna is the granddaughter of Betty and Charles Riley of Amarillo, C.J. and Lottie Parker and Eddie Poole of Borger and the late Morris M. Poole. She is the great-granddaughter of Juanita Parker of Pampa.

She is a 1997 graduate of Spearman High School. She graduated from West Texas A&M University with a BS degree in Elementary Education with a minor in math. She teaches first grade at Coronado Elementary in Amarillo.

George is a 1988 graduate of Amarillo High School. He is a new and used car salesman for Westgate Chevrolet in Amarillo.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held at The Wedding Chapel.

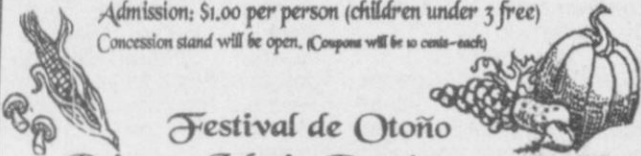
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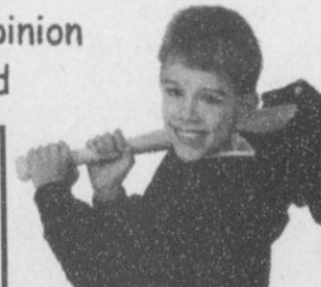
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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

**Join the Pack**  
Chief of Police Dee Mayfield is currently coordinating a course of training for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) volunteers.

The volunteers from the community will be a civilian force which could be used to respond to a community emergency or natural disaster such as a tornado.

The volunteers will be trained to seek and rescue fellow community members in the time of need such as a natural disaster. They will help with minor CPR and to aid others in getting to a safe location, for example: helping to evacuate a building damaged by a tornado. "The Rescue Pack will also be able to help when local EMT personal are tied up in one location while help is needed in another location," Chief Mayfield said.

Mayfield hopes to have enough volunteers to man a team on the northern portion of the city and the southern portion.

Becoming a member of the Rescue Pack will require eight steps Mayfield is currently putting a team together to train volunteers. The training will not include CPR training, only minor basic medical help.

All individuals completing the training will be issued a Rescue Pack.

To receive the basic training and become a good Samaritan for the community, interested persons should call Chief Mayfield at City Hall, 733-2424 or leave their name at Gruver City Hall.

The only requirement for the volunteer job is that the individual be age 18 or over.

Chief Mayfield was in Amarillo October 21-24 at the Emergency Communication Center to obtain training and information on the CERT program.

**Johnson Takes Rodeo Title**  
GHS freshman, Brian Johnson, took the all around

boys title at the Canadian High School Rodeo over the weekend.

**First Freeze Recorded**  
The first freeze of Autumn 2003 was recorded in the early morning hours of Sunday, October 26.

The temperature dipped to 26 degrees following the passage of a cold front.

No moisture was reported with the cold front. No measurable rain has fallen in Gruver since October 9 when .71 inch was reported.

**Veterans To Be Honored**  
The fourth annual Veterans Day Program will be presented by the GHS Student Council, Tuesday, November 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the school auditorium.

The speaker for the event will be Paul Fiske with special music presented by the third and fourth grade choirs, the high school choir, and George Price. Special art work for the assembly will be by the first grade classes.

Shell Haynes, GHS National Honor Society sponsor, asks that all veterans be seated together at the left front of the auditorium.

**Gruver Welcomes Business**

The grand opening of Gruver Parts and Supply will be held Saturday, November 1, 2003 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon at 210 Main Street. Owners Lane and Lisa Salmans, their daughters

and their families will all be on hand. Everyone is invited to stop by for coffee and tour the facility.

**Community Care Concerns**  
Cleta Casdorff is now home and doing well after her recent hospitalization for pneumonia.

Veta Allaway is in Dallas for treatment.

C.C. Heath was taken to Baptist St. Anthony's Monday with possible kidney stones. He was expected to be released at press time.

Former resident Nancy Barber had gall bladder surgery Monday at Northwest Texas Hospital.

She encountered some difficulties that may require a heart stent placement.

She was returned to surgery Tuesday for bleeding.

Josephine Ayers spent some time last week in the hospital with pneumonia.

**Community Condolences**  
Memorial services were held Monday in Sunray for V.B. Morris. V.B. had undergone a liver transplant in Dallas early in the summer.

He was a farmer and rancher and had been active and an office holder in the American Ag Movement.

The sympathy of the community is with his family.

A 12-year old cousin of Dixie Karlin was recently killed in a three-wheeler accident in Kim, Colorado.

## College Corner

West Texas A&M University

Senior education major Annie Mayhew and junior education Brooke Bevill were inducted into Alpha Chi Honor Society in ceremonies held Sunday, October 26.

Attending the ceremony were Mayhew's parents Roy and Debby Mayhew and Bevill's parents Steve and Tracey Bevill, all of Gruver. Both young ladies are the granddaughters of Mack and Patsy Bevill, also of Gruver.

Abilene Christian University

Kade Carthel, sophomore Biology pre-med major, was inducted into Phi Eta Sigma honor society in ceremonies held Tuesday, October 28, 2003.

He is the son of Dan and Harletta Carthel of Gruver.



Lake Level--October 27, 2003--28.70 feet (-0.21 feet)

The Lake was down 2.5 inches this week, the same amount it lost last week. Last spring before we got some rain the level was 27 feet. Jim reminded me that on one Halloween we got rain that brought a ten foot rise.

Ken Scoggins' nice catch of crappie show us there are some big crappie swimming around in the Lake. Then Friday, Victor White of Spearman caught a long, thin walleye, the first one to be caught in some time. As the temperature of the water was 56 degrees this morning, it should help the fishing.

Jim has been hearing sandhill cranes at the Lake, but they come in from feeding late and leave early in the morning. He added that the foliage behind the dam in pretty now.

Trish Moore, now of Levelland, was telling a few of us at a shower a few days ago about finding some baby snakes as she was cleaning out a flower bed. Snakes of any size are terrifying to her, so she yelled and yelled until she could get her husband Jerry's attention. He killed 8 of the little rascals but

Trish was upset that the mother of the brood was not found and she was unable to finish cleaning the bed. Jerry said they were little garden snakes and harmless.

Trish felt that they could have been baby rattlesnakes that hadn't grown their rattles yet. No one in the group knew if a baby rattlesnake was born with a small rattle or grew it later. Now I have the answer from Poisonous Snakes of Texas by John E. Werler, Director, Houston Zoological Gardens.

"Even a newborn rattlesnake has a prebutton that is shed and lost about a week after birth. This is followed by the button, the first permanent segment of the rattle. An adult normally has a rattle consisting of several segments, one segment being added to the string of rattles with each skin shedding. If all the rattles have been lost by accident, the tail of a rattlesnake would then end in a stump, not a gradual taper to a point as is characteristic of almost all other snakes. Since a snake may shed several times a year, the resulting number of segments added each year may vary from two to four or more."



Kenneth Scoggins with five Crappie, caught Wednesday, October 22. The biggest one weighed four pounds. Kenneth can also catch a bass, now and then. He is the Mini Boat Club's Angler of the Year.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Pringle-Morse School

The annual Fall Festival will be held Thursday, October 30, with food booths opening at 6 p.m., and games beginning at 6:30 p.m. In addition to other games, the ever-popular cake walk and bingo and a new game known as putt-putt golf will be included. Students are urged to wear costumes for the costume judging contest. Proceeds from the festival will go to Cougar Pride PTO and Pringle-Morse School.

Students will compete in UIL Speaking events at Fort Elliott November 3.

## Gus Birdwell Elementary

Trick or treating in Spearman will be Thursday, October 30.

It will be Gus Birdwell night at the Pizza Hut Thursday, October 30. The elementary will receive a portion of the night's proceeds when a special form is presented. Forms are usually sent home with students but are also available in the office.

Red Ribbon Week is in its final days. Thursday, October 30, will be dress as you hero day, and Friday, October 31, will be purple and white day. There will also be a program with the drug dog at 8:30 p.m. Friday, October 31. Posters prepared by the fourth and fifth grades in conjunction with Drug Awareness Week will be judged on Friday.

## Spearman Jr. High School

The Junior High Lynx will travel to Fritch for their final games of the season beginning at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 30.

A junior high choir clinic and concert is slated for November 1, in Amarillo.

Auditions for the Five States Band will be November 8, in Guymon.

## Spearman High School School

The Spearman Choir will host a Chili/Stew Meal Oct. 31st. in the Spearman High School Cafeteria, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Spearman Lynx will host the Sanford Fritch Eagles in their final game of the football season with a kickoff slated for 7:30 p.m.

Two more days remain in Red Ribbon Week with Thursday, October 30 being Student Choice Day with students permitted to wear a hat or cap to show support for Putting a Cap on Drugs. Friday, October 31, will be Show Your School Spirit Day and Be Drug Free with students wearing purple.

The Junior Varsity Lynx will travel to Texhoma for a 5:30 p.m. game, Tuesday, November 4.

The Spearman Lynxettes will be competing in the Regional Cross Country Meet in Lubbock, Saturday, November 8.

The Spearman High School Forensic Team competed last weekend in the Longhorn Speech Classic at Caprock High School. Russell Sheets placed first and qualified for TFA State in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking. Joel Lopez placed second in poetry and received a trophy. Three other students making the finals in poetry were Russell Sheets, Adrauna Pinon, and Deremy Randall. Katie Beahler was a contestant in the semifinals of Impromptu Speaking.

## Gruver Elementary

Halloween Parties will be held Friday, October 31, with elementary students parading their costumes at 2 p.m. and returning to their rooms for parties beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Trick or Treating will be Saturday, November 1st. Little spooks are asked to conclude their trick or treating by the start of the Halloween Carnival, so that all who wish to may attend.

Members of the GHS National Honor Society presented programs this past week to elementary students on a variety of themes. The NHS team of Blythe Finley, Brittanie Osbourne, Laina Grotegut, and Ryan Winger prepared a program on Relay Activity to demonstrate drug impairment to the fourth grade. The team of Brock Irwin, Lance Williams, Mark TeBeest, and Ben Williams presented proper Halloween Safety to the first grade classes while the team of Cody Mac Been, Jenny Hart, Garrett Miner, and Cassie Myatt gave a program to the third grade on how the media can influence opinion. Kristie Balderrama, Cecilia Rosales, Diana Lopez, and Kalee Crawford presented good choices for Halloween safety to the kindergarten and Pre-K classes.

## Gruver Jr. High School

Only two football games remain on the junior high schedule. The JH Hounds will host White Deer October 30, and then travel to Sunray November 6.

In conjunction with Red Ribbon Week, students will wear boots Thursday, Oct. 30, to Stomp out Drugs. There will be a drawing for water bottles for students who have their ribbon/button and are dressed according to theme. Friday, October 31, students will dress in Halloween costumes, and again there will be drawings for water bottles for students dressed according to theme.

The JH Hounds fell to Vega 6-16 last Thursday. Gruver's score came on a 72 yard touchdown run by Chandler Miner.

## Gruver High School

The high school cheerleaders will be selling Glow necklaces for \$1.00 and bracelets for 50 cents for the Black-Out pep rally on Friday, October 31.

A mini-cheer camp for Pre-K through sixth graders will be held Friday, November 7, to teach basketball cheers. Participants of the camp will cheer at a home basketball game. Cost of the camp is \$5.00.

Lions Club guests for November 5 will be Kalee Crawford and Roberto Hernandez.

The JV Hounds downed the Sunray Bobcats 38-14, Oct. 2. Scoring for Gruver was Matt Messer on a one-yard run with a two-point conversion by Sheldon Atwood. Crispin Borunda scored on a 7 yard run. Messer added six more on a one yard run with a two-point conversion by Borunda. Sheldon Atwood found paydirt on a 19 yard run with Borunda adding the two. Borunda scored the final touchdown with Atwood adding the two-point bonus.

FCCLA will be hosting a carnival favorite, the cakewalk, at the Halloween Carnival November 1.

Gruver Schools have been observing Red Ribbon Week this week. The National Honor society and sponsor Wendy Branstine have coordinated the activities. On Thursday, October 30, students will wear boots to Stomp Out Drugs. There will be a drawing for water bottles for students who have their ribbon/button and are dressed according to theme. Friday, October 31, students will wear Halloween costumes and again there will be drawings for water bottles for students dressed to fit the theme of the day. NHS will be selling drug-free tattoos each day before school for 50 cents each.

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## Lynx Pitch Roughriders

by Harletta Carthel

Marcus Vasquez was the Energizer Bunny, or at least it seemed that way to Boys Ranch as Vasquez scored a touchdown each quarter as the Lynx took a 27-24 win.

In a blow for blow game, the Riders held a 16-14 lead at half-time.

Going into the fourth quarter, Boys Ranch held a 24-20 lead until Vasquez gained dominance for the Lynx with a one-yard scoring run.

Vasquez scored on 32, 54, 11, and 1 yard runs. Jerry Anaya tallied three PAT kicks for Spearman.

Vasquez led the Lynx with 26 carries for 264 yards. Clete Vanderburg had 9 carries for 43 yards, and Brock Town had 3 carries for 26 yards.

Garrett Martin was 3 of 11 in passing with Jeff Brock having 2 catches for 36 yards, and Ricky Garcia having 1 catch for 27 yards.

### Game at a Glance

	Spearman	Boys Ranch
First downs	17	20
Yards Rushing	294	59
Yards Passing	53	237
Total Yards	347	296
Comp/Att/Int	3/11/1	17/31/1
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	2/2
Punts/Avg.	2/37	2/39
Penalties/Yards	3/25	11/70

## Lynx Players of the Week

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Marcus Vasquez



Jeff Brock



Ricky Garcia

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## Who Could Ask 4 More? Hounds Win In Record Overtimes

by Harletta Carthel

In the longest game in Gruver football history, the Hounds bagged a 12-6 district win over the Vega Longhorns.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Longhorns scored on a three-yard run by Cliff Taylor in the second quarter.

Gruver answered the challenge on the opening kickoff of the second half with a dazzling 86 yard touchdown return by Salvador Luciano.

The knotted score remained through the remainder of the third and fourth periods, thrusting the district game into overtime.

While Gruver had opportunity to put the game away in the first extra period, back-to-back penalties nullified a deep Gruver penetration in the first overtime. A narrowly missed field goal attempt by Nick Slough in the second overtime propelled the teams into yet another extra period.

Following a scoreless defensive battle in the third overtime, Luciano ended the marathon game with a 25-yard scoring run early in the fourth overtime.

Luciano was the Hounds leading rusher with 102 yards in 16 carries. Receiver Cody Mac Been had three catches for 30 yards.

Cited for their defensive play in the game were Hutch Reed, Luciano, and Manny Lopez.

"I think our conditioning paid off for us," Hounds Coach Bruce Bryant said. "Mile Mondays are a tradition with us. I've been involved in overtime games before, but nothing like this."

### Game at a Glance

	Gruver	Vega
First downs	7	16
Yards Rushing	119	274
Yards Passing	59	27
Total Yards	178	301
Comp/Att/Int	5/14/0	4/8/0
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	2/1
Punts/Avg.	4/36	1/29
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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Bids should be sent to Hansford County Judge, 16 Northwest Court, Spearman, Texas 79081-2052 or taken to the office of the County Judge at the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas and should be marked "Insurance Bids" on the outside of the envelope. Bids will be opened during Commissioners Court on Monday, November 24, 2003 and will be awarded at the regular meeting to be held Monday, December 8, 2003.

The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. 4(10-30-03)B

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN AND TO THE SPEARMAN JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, a dissolved corporation, and to those persons who might claim to be its officers, directors, or members or those persons who might claim to be successors in interest to property owned by the Spearman Junior Chamber of Commerce.

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Hansford County, Texas, at the Courthouse in Spearman, Texas, at or before 10 a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Motion for Declaratory Judgment that was filed in this court on the 13th day of October, 2003, Numbered 4660, on the docket of the Court, and entitled IN RE: SPEARMAN JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows:

The Petitioner in this suit is SPEARMAN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. The purpose of this suit is to seek a declaratory judgment under the Uniform Declaratory Judgment Act, Section 37.001, of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, in regard to the following: On July 29, 1959 Emmett Sanders, Trustee of the Spearman Junior Chamber of Commerce of Spearman, Texas, conveyed the following described real property, to Spearman Junior Chamber of Commerce, a corporation: All of the East two-thirds of Out Lot 20 lying adjacent to the City of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, as shown by the recorded plat of said Out Lot in Volume 25, Page 36, Deed Records of Hansford County, Texas. The property was used by the SPEARMAN JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE as a playing field for Little League baseball, softball and t-ball since it was acquired on July 29, 1959. The property is now being used by SPEARMAN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC., as a playing field for Little League baseball, softball and t-ball, a charitable purpose.

The Petitioner is requesting the Court to enter a declaratory judgment declaring that title to the above described real estate is best vested in Spearman Little League, Inc., which is a non-profit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, ALL AS IS MORE FULLY SHOWN BY THE PETITIONER'S PETI-

**NOTICE ON FILE IN THE ABOVE REFERRED TO SUIT.**

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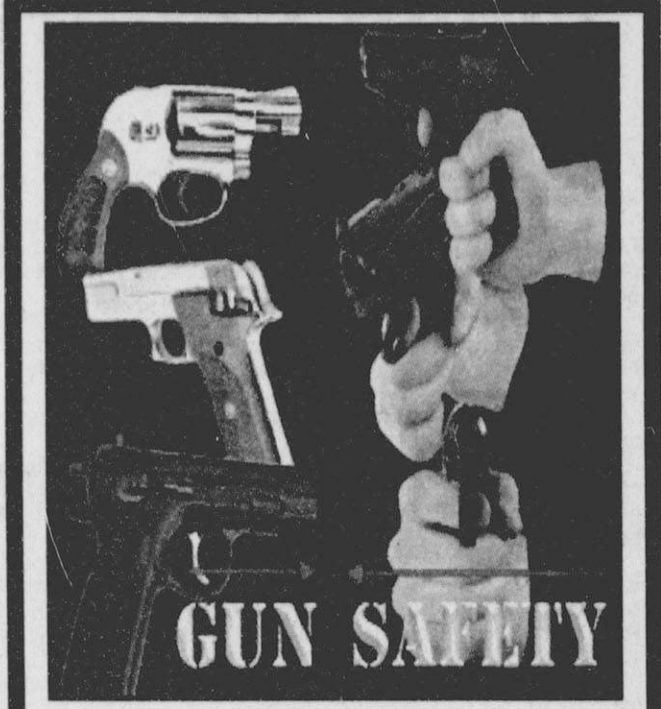
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# Open Letter

Attn: Rod Sumner  
Dear Sir,

I have no idea who to write to about my problem, so I saw your name, and decided the Superintendent could get things done.

A poem ran in your Lynx Program last week (*He's Only A Boy*). I was proud and happy for you to use my poem, but I would appreciate it if you would give credit where credit is due. You made me proud using it, my friends called and told me.

I wrote that poem when my son, Fred Kelley, was a freshman quarterback on the Stinnett Rattlers team. The Borger News Herald has published it with acknowledgment nearly once a year since I wrote it.

Don't get me wrong, I am not mad or anything. I just wanted it read to help "fans" with no manners.

I am disabled and a shut-in now, but I find very few things to excel in. My poetry is my only outlet. You may use any time, but please give me credit. My name is Norma Bales Hale on all my poems.

I'm enclosing the one I wrote for baseball and you'll see the style is the same. Feel free to use it, if you like it, for baseball season. It has been published also. The name of it is *Second String Child*. It was written for my daughter, Sharma Hale Whitmire when she was 12 (she is now 33).

I hope you can straighten this out, it would mean very much to me.

Thank You,  
Norma Bales Hale

### Response:

I don't know where I found this clipping, but I thought the message was a good one so it was included in our football programs. The message is one that is easily forgotten, and that is of sportsmanship. Sometimes winning and losing are more important to us in the stands. We forget that our kids are winners no matter what it shows on the scoreboard.

Our football programs are printed in advance; however, in the future we will give Ms. Hale credit for being the author. She told me that she wrote the poem over 20 years ago. It is interesting that this poem can still bring out emotion in us, 20 years after it was written. I wonder if Ms. Hale has any idea how many people her poem has touched?

Thank you, Ms. Hale, for your words of inspiration and the message of SPORTSMANSHIP!

Rodney Sumner,  
Spearman ISD Superintendeht

## Thank You

I would like to thank the many churches and church members who have sustained me with prayer during my illness. I am very appreciative of the food that has been brought to my home.

My four wonderful sisters-in-laws have been such a blessing and help to me as well as my family. Thank you all.  
Sue Tindle

## SECOND-STRING CHILD

You can take my child and teach her how to throw and bat a ball.

You can teach her how to "bunt" and "slide," or anything at all.

You can teach her how to "steal" a base, and how to hold her bat,

And tell her where the "strike zone" is, and "cool" things such as that.

You can scold her when she's rowdy and doesn't pay attention

Or doing other naughty things, too numerous to mention.

But please don't take this happy child, who jumps to try to please you,

And set her in the "dug out" and say, "Oh, we don't need you."

Each child is very special in their unique and special way,

And even if they're not the best, they all come out to play.

And not to feel un-needed and of no use to their team

While others do the "playing" - if you know what I mean.

If they want to play, please let them while they're young and full of dreams.

Don't teach them they're not needed; life will do this job, it seems.

To win or lose is important to everyone - I know.

But the game is for the children, not the coaches, is this so?

We're so thankful for the coaches who teach the kids this sport.

But, remember this is their game, so let's give them our support!

by Norma Bales Hale

## HE'S ONLY A BOY!

Please, don't curse the boy down there. He is my son, you see.

He's only just a boy, you know, and means a lot to me. I did not raise my son, sports fan, for you to call him names.

He may not be a super star, but it's a high school game.

Please, don't curse the boys down there. They do the best they can.

They never tried to lose a game. They're boys...and you're a man.

The game belongs to them, you see, and you are just a guest.

They do not need a fan like you. They need the very best.

If you have nothing nice to say, please, leave the boys alone.

And if you can't enjoy the game, why don't you stay at home?

So, please, don't curse those boys down there. Each one's his parents' son.

And win, or lose, or tie, you see, to us they're "Number One!"

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### Halloween Trivia

How much do you know about Halloween? The thing about Halloween trivia is that no two people seem to agree on the facts. Based on folklore, legends, stories and a lot of sources, here is some Halloween trivia.

- The earliest Halloween celebrations took place more than 2,000 years ago among the Celts. They lived in what is now Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales and Northern France.
- Halloween is a shortened version of "All Hallows Eve," the evening before All Saints' Day, November 1.
- Americans spend \$2.5 billion every year on Halloween. It is the second largest commercial holiday in this country.
- Some say Irish settlers brought the idea of bobbing for apples to America.
- The first jack-o-lanterns were turnips the Irish hollowed out and put candles in. They believed the jack-o-lanterns kept spirits from the house.
- Celts believed black cats were once people who had been turned into animals with evil magic.
- The belief that black cats are bad luck came from Europe during the Middle Ages. Black cats were considered friends of witches. People believed witches could turn into black cats, so all black cats also were suspected of being witches.
- Dia de Los Muertos, Day of the Dead, is the Mexican Halloween. It is celebrated November 1 and 2. Mexicans believe the souls of the dead return to their families during this holiday.
- The tradition of Halloween costumes comes from the Scottish. They believed the dead walked among the living on this night and might steal their souls, so they wore costumes to confuse the dead.
- Trick-or-treating was brought to North America in the 1800s. It was based on an Irish tradition in which wealthy landowners gave food to the poor. They believed ghosts would be happy with them for doing this and spare them from "tricks."

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