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Hansford Happenings

FUMC Chancel Choir's Thanksgiving Dinner

The Spearman First United Methodist Church's Chancel Choir will host their Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 20th from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tickets are available from any choir member, or may be purchased at the door. They are \$6.00 each for adults, and under six free. Carry-outs need to call 659-5503 by 10:30, and may pick up their orders at the double glass doors.

Spearman Community Thanksgiving Service Set

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 23, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church in Spearman. Pastor Joe Weeks will present the sermon.

Gladiola Flower Club Home Tours

The Gladiola Flower Club will host their Home Tours on December 7, 1997 between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. The homes scheduled for the tour are: Randy & Linda Coombs, 613 E Kenneth Ave.; Hazel Shieldknight, 3 miles South on Hwy. 207; Mark & Carla Brown, 316 S. Bernice; Victor & Debbie Schumann, Hwy. 759 East, 7 miles to Co. Rd. 2, turn South 3 1/2 miles. Proceeds from the tour are donated to community projects and a scholarship.

SISD To Offer Adult ESL & GED Classes

English as a Second Language and GED classes are held at Spearman High School from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. Call Elodia Bravo at 659-2710 after 5:00 p.m., or Cindy Blackman at 659-3233 between 8:00-4:00 daily for more information. There is no charge for these classes.

Weatherization Assistance Program

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs provides services to make homes warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer through the Weatherization Assistance Program of Panhandle Community Services. Other grants are leveraged with these funds and could assist in repairs such as: Caulking, Weather-stripping, Insulation, Repairing/replacing door/windows, Plumbing, roofing, etc. These weatherization services are for low-income families. Each eligible applicants house is assessed on a prioritized basis for allowable repairs. Call Panhandle Community Services' office at 435-2478 to see if you qualify.

Immunization Notice

The Texas Department of Health is no longer providing immunization clinics in Hansford County. Instead, all children living in Hansford County may be immunized by Dr. Raul Tamayo by calling 659-5234 or 733-2954 to make an appointment. Bring the child's immunization card, insurance or Medicaid information, and information about the child such as allergies, previous medical conditions, and Social Security number, if available. A parent or guardian must accompany the child to give permission.

Vacunas

El Departamento de Salud ya no esta dando las vacunas en este condado. Todo niño que vive en el condado de Hansford puede tomar sus vacunas con el Dr. Raul Tamayo. Favor de llamar al 659-5234 o al 733-2954 para una cita. Traiga la tarjeta de las vacunas. Informacion de aseguransa o Medicaid, y informacion del niño; como alergias, condiciones medicas, y el numero de seguro social si lo tiene. Los padres o un guardian deben acompañar al niño para dar permiso.

Spearman Boy Scouts Selling Popcorn

Spearman Boy Scout Troop 551 and Cub Scout Pack 578 are taking orders for "Trails End Gourmet" popcorn. If you are interested in ordering, but have not been contacted, please call Cathy Smith at 659-3434 or Linda Cummings at 659-4120. The deadline to order is Friday, November 21, 1997.

Spearman ISD Offers Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome Diagnosis

If you or a family member of any age experience difficulty in reading, it may be because of Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome (as recently reported on ABC Nightly News.) There is a simple, painless test that can be given to diagnose this problem. Students of Spearman ISD will be tested free of charge; all others will be charged \$10. For more information, call Beckee Baker at Spearman Jr. High (659-2563) and leave a message, or call 659-3402 after 4:30.

Gruver Basketball Schedule Changes

The Gruver Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball teams will play Sanford-Fritch on Saturday, November 22nd. The girls will play at 1:00 p.m., and the boys will follow at approximately 2:15 p.m. This game is rescheduled from Friday night.

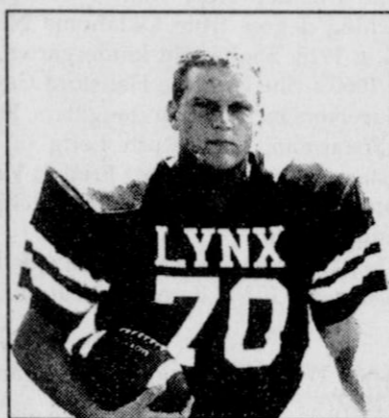
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Lynx Scalp Indians



Michael Lusby



Doran Schoenhals



Landon Miller

The Spearman Lynx weathered the storm last Friday night in Canyon to defeat Quanah in the Bi-District playoff game.

Michael Lusby returned the opening kick-off for an 80 yard touchdown run. He also scored on a 40 yard run in the 3rd quarter. The final score of the game was Spearman-13, Quanah-0.

The Lynx had 130 total yards, all of which were rushing yards, compared to Quanah's 120 total yards.

Lusby had 16 carries for 78 yards. Dusty Barber had four carries for 19 yards, Aaron Winegarner had five carries for 32 yards, and Carlos Hernandez had three carries for one yard.

Doran Schoenhals, 265 lb. junior tackle, and Landon Miller, 185 lb. junior tight end, were selected as offensive players of the week.

Schoenhals graded 87% on the film, and Miller graded 93% on the film.

Lusby, 185 lb. junior linebacker/safety, was selected as defensive player of the week. Lusby had five unassisted tackles, nine assisted tackles, and one

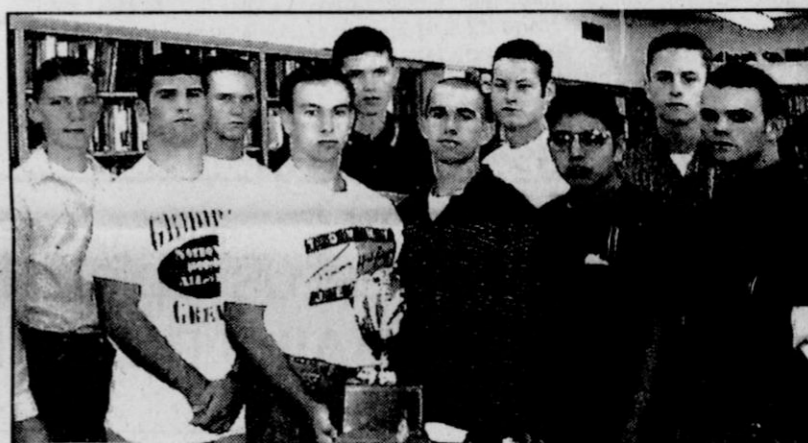
intercepted pass.

"This was an outstanding defensive ballgame," stated Coach Ric Smith. "The special teams also played very well. The kick-off return team did a great job returning the opening kick-off back for a touchdown. A key block by Aaron Winegarner broke Lusby into the open.

"Carlos Hernandez did a good job of keeping Quanah pinned deep in their own territory. It was an inspired effort by the entire team."

The Lynx will play Post Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon.

Hounds Skin Wolverines



Senior members of the 1997 Greyhound Varsity Football Team are pictured above with the Bi-District trophy they received Friday night. (L-R) Kevin Harris, Jody Robinson, Justin Johnson, Jason May, Rob Murrell, Kyle McNett, Travis Bayless, Victor Luciano, Buster McLain, Brant Armes

by Wesley Miser

Who says you can't have a football game in the middle of a blizzard? Well, maybe not a blizzard, but it sure did snow last Friday night in Tulia, and it was cold too. The ball froze as hard as a rock. No joke. The snow changed everything in this football game. Gruver and Springlake-Earth slid around on the field like an ice-skating team.

The snow caused many problems at the game. It continued to fall until the fans couldn't tell the difference between a football player and a snowman. Players couldn't even see the yard lines. The temperature had a big part in it too as it dropped down to 14 degrees. Talk about cold.

Gruver achieved one touchdown in the second quarter. Brant Armes ran 25 yards into the end zone and scored the Greyhounds' six points. That was the only touchdown in the entire game. The Wolverines continuously

drove towards the end zone, but they never made it in. They did get very close, though. The score ended with Gruver winning 6-0.

What won this game was defense. Gruver sacked Springlake-Earth's quarterback a good number of times throughout the game. It was a tough victory, but well worth it.

Congratulations to the Greyhound defense. They played their best.

Gruver totaled 159 offensive yards, including 129 on the ground, while the Wolverines had 179 yards total offense with 105 of those yards as rushing. Gruver's record improved to 6-5, and Springlake-Earth dropped to 9-2.

Gruver moves up in the playoffs to face O'Donnell this Friday night in Tulia at 7:30 p.m. The weather will be a lot better this time, so come on down and support Gruver.

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Catherine Smith, Editor



Ruth Shields



Ashley Brown

Gold Star Banquet Held

submitted by Peggy Winegarner

Thirty-three outstanding 4-H Club members from the Panhandle area were honored at the District I 40th annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet held at West Texas A&M University Saturday, November 8, 1997.

Ashley Brown, daughter of Joan and Billy Brown, and Ruth Shields, daughter of LeAnn and Lonnie Shields, were honored 4-H members from Hansford County.

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative along with Greenbelt Electric Cooperative, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, North Plains Electric, Swisher Electric Cooperative, and Rita Blanca Electric sponsored the annual banquet.

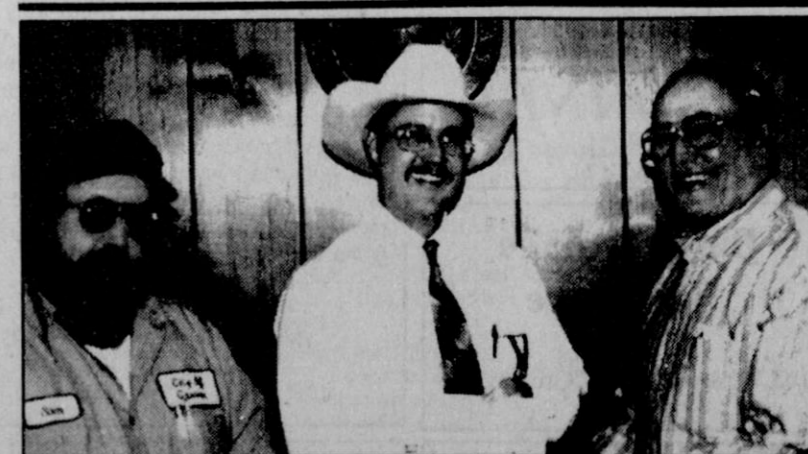
The theme of this year's program was "Stars Shining Forth in the Panhandle". The banquet was planned and conducted by County Extension Agents, volunteer leaders, and 4-

Hers on the District Recognition Committee. Committee members this year are from Deaf Smith, Briscoe, Gray, Donley, and Lipscomb counties.

Mary Jon Boatwright, Reporter of the District 4-H Council, Randall County, served as mistress of ceremonies.

To qualify for the Gold Star Award, highest 4-H honor at the county level, a 4-H'er must be at least 15 years old, have completed three years of club work and be active in 4-H. The award is intended to stimulate winners to higher achievement and to encourage other young people to participate in the county 4-H program.

The awards were presented by Bob Robinson and Donna Brauchi, District Extension Directors of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. 4-H is the youth program of the Extension Service.



Nick Jordan of Gruver, center, is shown accepting a check from Aubrey Rasor, president of Hansford County Farm Bureau (right). Observing the transaction is Sam Gruver, chief of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department. The Farm Bureau pays for one individual from each county to attend the yearly Farm Bureau Municipal Firefighters School at Texas A&M University. As a law enforcement officer, Jordan was eligible to participate in the special arson investigation seminar offered by the school.



Good Luck, Lynx and Hounds!!



1997 Varsity Lynx

1997 Varsity Hounds

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November - National Hospice Month

by Jo Linda Hutchison

Hospice has turned an eternal secret into a living principle that what's truly important is life lived richly, deeply, and meaningfully for as long as it lasts. By promoting dignity, family, comfort, and caring; hospice helps terminally ill patients and their loved ones cope with and find meaning in the end of life. November is National Hospice Month, a time to celebrate this hospice magic.

Hansford Hospice began in Hansford County when a group of local individuals saw the need to have a hospice locally. Many of them had experienced the death of a loved one and saw that Hansford County needed a Hospice to support the terminally ill and their families during this very difficult time.

Hansford Hospice Volunteers began in 1990. In the past seven years, Hansford Hospice has had 88 patients. The community has generously supported this endeavor in every way possible.

Hansford County would not have a hospice if it were not for the wonderful people that live here.

The mayors of Spearman, Burl Buchanan and Gruver, Mark Irwin recently signed the documents that honor the many volunteers that make Hospice work from day to day.

Hansford Hospice relies on donations of funds and memorial gifts to meet special patient needs in this program. We have beautiful facilities at Hansford Hospital which include a patient room, family room (actual living area with sofa-hide-a-bed, table/chairs, T.V., restroom and a furnished kitchen). Training classes are provided every year for those wishing to serve as volunteers and also for those who want to know more about this special kind of caring.

Although Hospice cares for us as death draws near, Hospice affirms and cherishes life, helping patients and their loved ones live each precious day to the fullest.

Proclamation

National Hospice Month - November, 1997

Whereas, dedicated men and women who provide hospice care help terminally ill patients to face natural death without feeling alone or unprepared; and

Whereas, these programs are helping to ensure that hospice care remains a positive, viable alternative for terminally ill individuals and their loved ones.

Now, Therefore, I, Burl Buchanan, Mayor of the City of Spearman, joins with President Clinton in proclaiming the month of November, 1997, as

National Hospice Month

and to encourage recognition of and support for hospice care in Spearman and for the Nation.

In Witness Where, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Spearman, Texas.

Dated this third day of November, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

Burl Buchanan
Mayor of Spearman



(Back Row, L-R) Jack McWhirter, Cherri Sherrell, Rosella Barrera, Tonya Close, Jo Linda Hutchison, Charla Hargis, LoRee Booth; (Front Row, L-R) Burl Buchanan, Sandy Russell



(Back Row, L-R) Connie Gammill, Rodney McDowell, and Carolyn Hicks; (Front Row, L-R) Reba Hunter, Mayor Mark Irwin, and J.C. Harris

At The Movies

Starship Troopers (R) - Director Paul Verhoeven, whom some will never forgive for "Showgirls," may find commercial redemption with this high-flying, blood-splattering saga of giant alien bugs attacking a militaristic future society. (graphic violence, one use of the "f" word)

A Fairy Tale (PG) - Peter O'Toole and Harvey Keitel star in this real-life account of two English girls who believed they had photographs of actual fairies. (mild language)



Out At The Lake



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--Nov. 17, 1997--37 ft. 6 in.-40°

Jim reports very little activity last week. With warmer weather forecast for this one, surely more people will use the Lake and Park.

Kenneth Seyffert, birdman of Amarillo, saw an osprey at the Lake last April, so I have hopes of seeing this rare bird for our country this winter. These raptors enjoy a diet of fish, as do bald eagles.

These birds are similar in size and look enough alike to be confused with the largest of the hawks--the Ferruginous Hawk. Both are white underneath. The

osprey is longer than the big hawk, but their wing span is much the same. The osprey, also called fish hawk, is nearly always found near water, whereas the Ferruginous Hawk's favorite spot is a prairie dog town.

Once in awhile the osprey misjudges the size of its dinner, and is drowned because it can not unlock its claws after it strikes the fish. The fish will die, too, from its internal injuries. Sometimes fishermen find both bodies, still locked, washed up on the shore of a lake.

I read somewhere that sometimes ospreys harass bald eagles and steal their fish. Another article said that bald eagles "pirate" fish from the smaller ospreys. It is something to watch for. Usually the two species get along without aggressive behavior.

The picture was done by Laura Sara, editor of "The Prairie Horned Lark", the newsletter of the Panhandle Bird Club.

Catholic Women's

BAKE-SALE

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Dana McLaughlin, Britta Vanderburg and Dana Sharp won 1st place in the Share-The-Fun Dance Competition at the District 4-H Round-Up on Saturday, November 8, 1997 at West Texas A&M University.

"Share The Fun" Winners

submitted by Peggy Winegarner
Panhandle 4-H members from 17 of twenty-one counties in Extension Panhandle District 1 won top awards at the District 4-H Roundup November 8.

About 275 boys and girls competed in the 35 contests, including speaking events, illustrated talks, demonstrations

and performing arts. Winners received their awards in ceremonies in the Mary Moody Auditorium at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Winning first place in Share-the-Fun Dance competition were Britta Vanderburg, Dana McLaughlin and Dana Sharp from Hansford County 4-H.

HRSEA Met

by Wilma Clark

The Hansford Retired School Personnel Association held its November meeting in the home of Wilma Clark.

Dorothy Roden, president, conducted the business meeting. She gave a report of the District XVI Fall Conference, which was convened at the Education Service Center in Amarillo on November 8th. Plans were made for the annual Christmas dinner, which will be served in the Hospitality Room of First State Bank on December 9th at 6:00 p.m. James and Fay Cunningham volunteered to head up the project of sharing Christmas with a selected family.

Other members present were Mrs. Raymond Birchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson of Gruver, Olga Gafford, Georgianne Hutchison, Orville Latham, Worley Smith, and Betty Uptergrove.

The Hansford Retired School Employees is affiliated with the Texas Retired Teachers Association which is the only

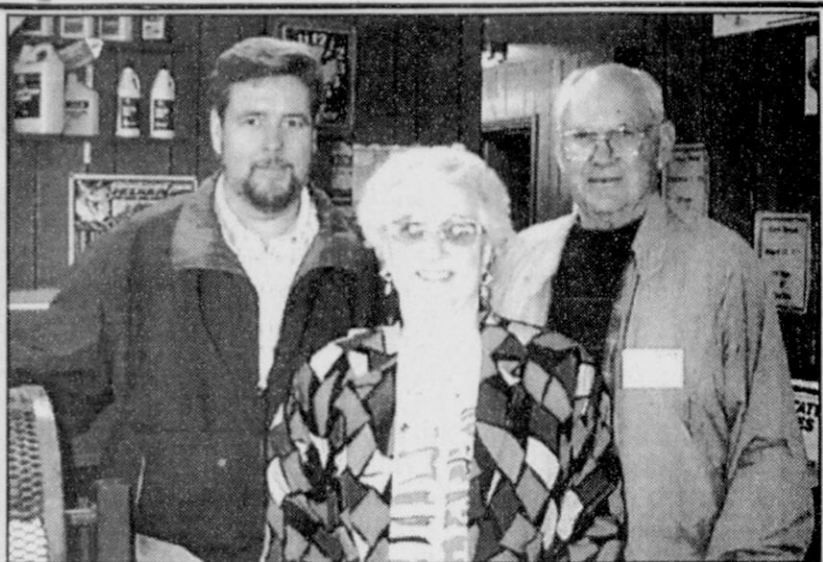
organization in Texas that works exclusively for retired public school personnel. The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) is the state agency that handles the investment of retirement funds and the distribution of annuity checks to its members.

Senate Bill 9, passed by the 74th legislature, clearly defined the role of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas as follows:

"Purpose of the Retirement System: The purpose of the Retirement System is to invest and protect funds of the retirement system and to deliver the benefits provided by statute, not to advocate or influence legislative action or inaction or to advocate higher benefits."

TRTA is now taking on a more active leadership as an advocate for TRS members. These responsibilities include developing legislative measures concerning annuity increases and other program improvements, such as researching the possibilities of (1) legal consultation; (2) discount dental, vision, and prescription services; (3) cellular phone discounts; (4) investment planning; and (5) discounts on travel, golf, hotel/motel, car rentals, etc.

Have you paid your dues for the TRTA 1997-1998 membership year?



Golden Spread Sales Company celebrated its 30th Anniversary on Wednesday, November 12th. The first snow storm of the season didn't curtail the approximately 550 people who attended. Ivey's Hungry Cowboy catered a luncheon. Master Chuckwagon Chef Jim Shirley prepared a 265 pound pig, as well as an award-winning apricot cobbler. 24 prizes were given away to local customers. Great fun was held by all. Golden Spread Sales Company personnel present were Kevin Bynum, Rusty Tindell, Bill Porter, Dwayne Booth, Betty Lemons and Rosi Martinez. Pictured are (L-R) Richard, Dixie and Everett Tracy.

SJH Celebrates TAAS Scores

submitted by Jim Jones

Spearman Junior High will hold a celebration on Tuesday, November 25. The staff, parents, and students will celebrate the school's "Exemplary Rating." This rating for the most part is a result of the very good TAAS scores produced by the students.

The festivities will begin at 12:30 am with an assembly to recognize the students that received "Academic Recognition"

on the spring 1997 TAAS test. From 12:50 to 1:30, the students will be served hot-dogs, chips, cake, ice cream, and cokes by parents and staff. Following lunch, there will be a district-wide early dismissal for students at 2:00 p.m.

All parents are invited to the assembly that will honor those students who have achieved "Academic Recognition." The assembly is in the activity gym at 12:30.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The community is sharing the anxiety of the family of Coyt Tigrett, who was seriously injured in a vehicle accident on Friday, November 14. He, with Gregg Elliott and Shad OQuin, were enroute to Stillwater, Oklahoma to attend the Texas Tech-O.S.U. football game.

Shad was driving the 1994 Ford pickup on highway 15, near Enid when they started to round a curve. They met an 18 wheeler that had drifted into their lane. Shad swerved sharp to avoid a collision. There was no shoulder near the pavement, so they went into the ditch, then became airborne. After some maneuvering, they flew about 56 feet and struck a telephone pole. It broke in half and came down on them.

The pick-up rolled over, end-over-end, several times and all three were ejected. Gregg was thrown about 20 feet and regained consciousness first. He called to the other two. He went to Shad and they checked on Coyt, finding him unconscious and badly injured.

Shad, in spite of a back injury, walked about one-quarter of a mile to a house to ask that an ambulance be called. He then walked back. The truck driver didn't stop.

The ambulance arrived about 40 minutes later and all three were taken to Enid hospitals.

Gregg was treated and released when his parents arrived. Shad was taken to Bass Memorial Hospital, but is expected to be released in a few days.

Coyt is in St. Mary's Hospital in very serious condition with

multiple injuries. As of this writing (Monday), he is still in a coma.

Gregg, in describing the pick-up after the accident, mentioned that it was a long, extended cab pick-up, but then resembled a "Slug Bug" Volkswagen.

Gregg is very concerned for Coyt and asked that he be kept in prayers for his recovery and his long convalescence and rehab ahead.

Coyt is the son of Butch and JoDell Tigrett, now of Amarillo, and he has been working in Amarillo.

Shad is the son of Cheryl OQuin and has been employed in Perryton. Gregg is the son of Charles and Melanie Elliott and is employed in Spearman. All three are 1996 graduates of Spearman High School.

The passing of Mrs. Sada Hoskins, 99, after long, grievous years in the Hansford Manor, brings expressions of sympathy to her family. She had been a resident of Spearman since 1926, when she and her husband, the late Fred Hoskins, came to Spearman as young parents.

She succeeded him as Hansford County Clerk when he passed away while in office. She served for two terms. Prior to that time she was a first grade teacher. Many are the adults in this community who remember her with gratitude for giving them assurance in their new and frightening world of school.

Sada was a gracious lady, gentle, soft-spoken, but she had an iron will where a matter of principle was concerned.

Her real and lasting accomplishment was the rearing of a Christian, responsible family - through them her lasting legacy will be passed on through generations.

So, to Frances, Sada Ruth, Winifred, Joann and Fred - childhood neighbors, you were blessed to have had her, and may that realization soften the sadness of recent years.

The many friends of Ethel Ellsworth were distressed to learn of her misfortune last Monday. She had returned home from rehab after knee replacement surgery and was pleased with her progress. Peggy Ellsworth was in the home with her when she fell in the shower and tore the replacement loose. She was taken back to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and the replacement had to be repeated. She was recovering until she developed a light case of pneumonia. As of this writing she is still hospitalized.

Lois and Woodrow Gibner truly enjoyed the visit of their son, Linn, from Saturday through Wednesday. He is from Portland, Oregon and was accompanied by his daughter, Alyssa Lemire of Vancouver, Washington and friend, Marie Mayer, also of Portland.

Suzanne Sanders of Austin visited over the week-end with her father, Phil, and grandmother Velma Sanders, and other relatives.

Suzanne is on the campaign staff for Barry Williamson, Railroad Commissioner. He is a candidate for Texas State Attorney General, and they were in Amarillo for a fund raising event on Thursday evening. Velma attended, and Suzanne returned to Spearman with her. Velma took her back for her flight to Austin.

Since the cold weather last week kept Olive Pendergraft confined to her home, she was pleased to have house guests to share the confinement. Her nephew, Bob and Dee Kirk, spent a few days with her. They are from Marble Falls.

Friday evening, Sara Dossett answered her doorbell to face young stranger -- but after he identified himself, she was delighted to learn that he was an old friend, Loyd D. Carroll, whom she hadn't seen in 35 years.

Loyd was here as a pallbearer at the funeral of Bill Cator. He now lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

He and his parents were residents of Spearman for many years and he graduated from Spearman High School in 1962. His parents now live in Seminole,

Texas and will soon celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

Sara thoroughly enjoyed his visit, reminiscing about the humorous incidents and some not so humorous, and bringing each other up to date on all their families. Sara was most grateful that he took the time to look up an old friend.

On Friday morning, the Spearman Fire Department was called to a house fire at 112 Dressen. Some wiring in the attic was smoldering in the insulation. The quick response of the firemen contained the fire so the damage was mostly smoke damage. The house is occupied by the Ramon Quintero family.

Kenneth Evans was dismissed last Monday from the Baptist St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo. He is now recovering at home from double by-pass surgery. Kenneth, who is not accustomed to inactivity, welcomes visitors.

There are several useful activities that would help the time to pass for him and be useful - such as advising the cook, making suggestions about the housekeeping, etc. Doing nothing is the most tiresome job, 'cause he can't stop and rest!!

The families of Bill Cator and Bob Potts, whose obituaries appear elsewhere in this issue, have sincere condolences from all the neighbors.

From weatherman Dwayne Smit: The week of November 10 to 17th - high was on November 16 at 44 degrees. The low was both November 15 and 16 at 18 degrees. Moisture - a total of .21 from four inches of snow. With weathermen, they expect nothing to go off as planned - except the alarm clock.

The Gruver Rodeo Club standings in the THSRA as of the

end of the fall semester shows: Monty Eakin is 9th in calf roping, 10th in ribbon roping, 1st in steer wrestling and 7th in all around.

A most interesting tour was that just concluded by Helen Etter and Joyce Courson of Perryton. They left October 28 with a tour group and flew to Los Angeles by way of Dallas, and after 14 hours in the air, arrived in Auckland, New Zealand. Three hours of flight later, they were in Melbourne, Australia.

It is spring in that part of the world and the calendar gains a day when the International Date Line is crossed. The time zones create a difference in the daily hours. To avoid confusion, especially in calling home, Joyce left her watch on central time and Helen changed hers with each change in the time zones. They arose at 5:30 a.m., which would be in the afternoon here.

There were so many interesting side tours and so much sight-seeing crowded in three weeks, it was difficult to name a highlight.

Helen especially enjoyed the dazzling, colorful flower and garden tours. One of their memorable activities was their flight by helicopter and landing high on a mountain - the feeling of being in an alien world. Another was their visit to a sheep station (ranch) and watching the shearing of the huge flock of sheep; also seeing the belted Galaway cattle. Back in Sydney they attended the opera at the noted theater "Harlings Little Vixens."

They toured New Zealand, going down the south coast to the South Island which finally reaches Antarctica. At Queensland, where Admiral Richard Byrd began the expeditions to the South Pole, there is a statue of Byrd. Tours to the region are now available.

They took a cable gondola to

the top of a high hill, and from a restaurant, watched the bungee jumping. They were astounded to see a man, confined to a wheel chair, have it secured to a bungee cord and jump.

In the city of Christ's Church, several homes are opened to a couple of tourists for visits and a meals. Their hosts were very hospitable and provided delicious meals. The food, especially the entree (roast leg of lamb) was excellent, and the dessert so good that Helen brought the recipe home.

In Canberra, the capital, the Parliament was in session and they attended a session of the group that corresponds to the U.S. House of Representatives.

In New Zealand they enjoyed touring the country side, which was used to film the show "The Man From Snowy River." They also enjoyed driving through game preserves and watching the kangaroos, the wallabies, and other different species.

Their return flight landed them in Amarillo on November 11 in the bitter cold.

Jeff Hawkins is back from 2 1/2 weeks at his cousins, in Graham. They were deer and hog hunting on his premises. There were nine in Jeff's group, and each got a deer, and three bagged hogs. Jeff had one of each. There have been 13 deer taken from his cousin's premises since November 1st. Jeff is curing the hams and making sausage and pork chops and says the young hogs provide good meat.

Correction

Last week in Among The Neighbors, the parents of Becky Porter were listed incorrectly. They are Bill and Terry Ann Porter, not Bill and Fern Porter. We apologize for this error.



Cindy Smith, center, Executive Director of the Panhandle Crisis Center of Perryton; presents Larry Kenealy, left, Spearman Chief of Police; and Gary Evans, Hansford County Chief Deputy, with some of the dozens of teddy bears given to the police and sheriff's departments. The teddy bears, which were provided through private donations to the Panhandle Crisis Center, will be given to children who are involved in crisis situations.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel
Hounds Take Bi-District Title

Friday Night. It was the worst of times; it was the best of times. The worst, the weather with snow, wind, and sub-freezing temperatures; the best, Gruver 6, eighth-ranked Springlake Earth picked to win by 24 points, 0. The Gruver Greyhounds, seemingly oblivious to the cold, being out-weighted 50 pounds per man on the offensive line, and the sports "experts" predictions of a lop-sided victory; played an inspired game to eliminate one of the premier teams in class A. The Bi-District Champion Hounds face O'Donnell Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Tulia High School Stadium.

Pre-Game Festivities
A surprise pep rally was held at Greyhound Field on Wednesday afternoon, and cars in the high school parking lot were all sporting "Beat O'Donnell" logos. A rousing community-wide pep rally is scheduled for the Hounds at 8:10 a.m. Friday. Fans will also want to be on hand at 2 p.m. for the send-off parade for the

Hounds. Greyhound Booster President, Marlos May, especially invites all semi-trucks with air horns to join the parade to escort the Hounds out of town. School will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. on Friday to allow fans ample travel time to Tulia.

College Corner
Gruver was represented at the formal opening of the George Bush Presidential Library on the campus of Texas A&M University. Scott Jarvis, A&M sophomore, was in attendance with heads-of-state from around the world such as Gorbachev, the prime minister of Japan, and John Major, the British Prime Minister. Jarvis also reports seeing all the living former presidents, with the exception of Ronald Reagan who was represented by his wife Nancy, at the ceremonies as well as such Hollywood personalities as Demi Moore, Bruce Willis, and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Jon and Johnny Jarvis were able to tour the museum the day following the opening and report that it is an outstanding collection of historical memorabilia from

the Bush presidential years.

This week, November 20 - 23, Scott Jarvis has a different role as one of 24 students representing his university at the Abbott Family Leadership Conference in Dallas. The conference's purpose is the development of leadership and individual value systems for college sophomore and junior students. One of the featured speakers is J. Thomas Schieffer, President of the Texas Rangers.

1994 GHS graduate, Cori Lowe, and her parents Buddy and Marsha Lowe and her grandparents, Bud and Shirley Lowe, are featured in the November issue of the publication, "PCA Today."

In the small world category, McMurry University Senior, Kacey Haensch, who is currently observing at Wylie Middle School, was amazed how much her supervising teacher resembled former Gruver teacher, Doty Banks. Following formal introductions, Kacey learned her teacher, Mrs. Courtney's, resemblance to Doty was hereditary, the two teachers are sisters.

Our Ill

Farene Williams is scheduled for a cornea transplant this week.

Hugh Bell had shoulder surgery on Tuesday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital. He is scheduled to be home on Friday.

Tony Swink broke one finger and seriously injured two more in a mechanical accident at his home last week.

The Gruver community joins Spearman in prayer on the behalf of Coyt Tiggrett who was injured in a car accident on Friday night. Buddy Lowe and Kevin McNett have both had an appendectomy recently. Both men are doing well, and it is still not too late for a get-well hug or handshake.

New Arrivals
Thomas Gill Dawkins, the son of Jeanne (Potts) and Thomas

Dawkins, was born on November 1, at 7:43 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces and is the grandson of Joe and Cathy Potts and the nephew of Jim Potts.

Clayton Howard and Nicholas James Dumbauld, twin sons of Kathy (Nelson) and Jonathan Dumbald were born on November 6. Clayton weighed 5 pounds and 4 ounces, and Nicholas weighed 5 pounds and 5 ounces. They are the grandsons of Archie and Marguerite Nelson.

Ninetieth Birthday Celebration
Lill Fletcher was honored with a 90th birthday celebration at her home on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Condolences

Bill Cator, well-known and loved Gruver native, died last week. Bill was a descendant of the Cator brothers who were early buffalo hunters and instrumental in the founding of Gruver. Bill leaves an abundance of relatives in the Gruver area. The community's sympathy is extended to the Cator family.

Remiader

The fifth and sixth grade math students will be using their "classroom cash" they have earned to purchase Christmas gifts for their families on December 12. The school is in need of "white elephant" or garage sale items suitable for children through adults. If you have items you would like to donate, please send them to the junior high to Mr. Blessingame or Mrs. Jordan.

JH Basketball Wrap-up

The junior high Lady Hounds played Borger on Monday and came home with two big wins.

Seventh Grade Lady Hounds 50, Borger 2.

B Lowe - 4, C Stewart - 8, Rachel Abernathy - 2, K Christian - 4, A. Watley - 6, S

Johnson - 5, B. Griffin - 2, J May - 2, L Johnson - 4, K Jones - 9, L Swink - 2.

Eighth Grade Lady Hounds 51, Borger 19

B Morris - 2, D Robinson - 8, B Yanke - 2, S Bass - 8, J Luciano - 5, K Holt - 6, S Moore - 6, J Perez - 12, S Soto - 2.

Good Guy of the Week

The good guy of the week is a winning coach. Frances Hathaway replaced Coach Doug Frick, as coach of the eighth grade girls' basketball team. Coach Frick had to be with his varsity football. Coach Hathaway and her charges had an excellent day, handily defeating Borger eighth grade 51-19. Coach Hathaway, who was an outstanding basketball player at her alma mater, Dimmitt, can now boast of a 100 percent career victory record, and as Frances said, "a great time and wonderful memory."

Thanks also to GJH Principal Laura Blessingame who assisted Hathaway. Laura also did a great job although she mistook the signal requesting a substitute by one young Gruver player as a "thumbs up" signal. Laura responded to the signal with a "thumbs up" signal of her own and encouraged the young player to keep going.

GJHS Citizenship Award
Four students were selected for

the citizenship award at GJH for the second six weeks. Mark TeBeest was named the recipient in the fifth grade with Jose Rodriguez selected in sixth grade, Griselda Paez was chosen in seventh grade, and Sandra Soto was honored in eighth grade. The students were nominated by their teachers as the students which best exemplified the qualities of a good citizen.

Golden Agers Meeting

The Gruver Golden Agers will not meet November 24. The next and final meeting of the year will be December 8.

In the News Ten Years Ago

Jolene Thompson has been awarded the American Cancer Society's "Quality of Life Award." This honor is the highest award given to an individual volunteer.

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Twenty Years Ago

Seven junior high students earned places on the all-region choir. The students are Chris Deakin, Barris Aures, Stanley Fletcher, Max Westerfield, Kathy Nelson, Sharolyn Barkley, and Connie Virden.

Benny Brandvik won first place at talent night during the West Texas University Band Camp and Clinic.

Spearman ISD School Menu

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Monday, November 24 Cereal & Toast or Breakfast Pizza, Fruit or Juice; Milk	Monday, November 24 Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Apricot Cobbler Milk
Tuesday, November 25 Cereal & Toast or Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Fruit or Juice; Milk	Tuesday, November 25 Pizza, Combo Salad, Pears, Pudding Milk
Wednesday, November 26 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday	Wednesday, November 26 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
Thursday, November 27 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday	Thursday, November 27 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, November 28 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday	Friday, November 28 No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

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Morse Morsels

by Mildred Lewis

Our Pringle-Morse Cougars represented Pringle-Morse with great pride this past weekend. They played in the Hartley Tournament. Due to the weather, the Friday night game was canceled and rescheduled for Saturday. The teams left Morse at 11:00 a.m. and returned home at 10:30 p.m. This made a long

day for them, as well as the spectators.

Do you think our players gave up? Never! Especially our boys, who only have five players. They played as hard at 6:30 p.m. as they did at 2:00. These guys are an inspiration to us all in showing us how never to give up.

The girls played hard, too. They took 3rd place by beating Texline in the 7:30 p.m. game.

Members of the girl's team are: Jennifer Hiser, Erika Mendoza, Teresa Sage, Lee Ann Earle, Mikala Reiswig, Sarah Martin, Amanda Apodoca, and Sarah Hiser.

They began by playing Felt, OK. At the half, the score was Pringle-Morse-3 and Felt-12. The game ended Felt-18 and Pringle-Morse-13. Reiswig scored 7 points, and Mendoza scored two points. Reiswig made a three-pointer.

The Pringle-Morse girls then played Hartley. At the half, it was Pringle-Morse-2, Hartley-14. It ended Pringle-Morse-13, Hartley-27. Sage scored six points, Mendoza scored four points, and Reiswig scored a three-pointer.

The girls then played Texline. This was their final game for 3rd place. At the end of the half, it was Pringle-Morse-4, Texline-12. The game ended Pringle-Morse-18, Texline-15. Sage scored four

points, Mendoza scored eight points, and Reiswig scored six points. This game was a barn burner at the end. Our girls came from behind for the victory.

The boys team consists of: Andrew Martin, Evan Schmidt, Rose Womble, Jesus Ramirez, and R.J. Vera.

They began by played Felt, OK., at the half it was Pringle-Morse-7, Felt-15, and the final was Pringle-Morse-25, Felt-30. Martin scored two points, Schmidt scored nine points, Vera scored five points, Ramirez scored 10 points. Vera made three three-pointers, and Ramirez scored one three-pointer.

The boys then playing Hartley. At the half the score was Pringle-Morse-9, Hartley-16. The final was Hartley-26, Pringle-Morse-18. Martin scored two points, Ramirez scored three points, Schmidt scored 11 points, and Vera scored two points.

The boys then played Texline for the final game. At the half, the score was Pringle-Morse-3, Texline-26. The final score was Pringle-Morse-14, Texline-43. Schmidt scored nine points, and Ramirez scored five points.

Congratulations to Erika Mendoza and Evan Schmidt, who were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The teams will travel to Hardesty, OK for another tournament this week.

Congratulations to the Five-State Band members Mikala Reiswig, Ross Womble, Andrew Martin, and alternate Teresa Sage. The concert will be at the Guymon Oklahoma High School Auditorium on December 13, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to

hear them play, attend the Pringle-Morse Christmas Program on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Another six week's has passed. We are really proud of our students who made the 2nd Six Weeks' Honor Roll.

The play presented at Stinnett High School last Saturday night was great! Several of our students were in this play. They are Michelle Schick, Stephanie Delacruz, Cris Parks, Donnie Davis, and former students Heather and Monty Knox. There was a good turn out from Morse at the play.

James and Sharon Lieb and children went to Cobool, MO last week to visit Nan Nell and Charlie Kiser and girls. They had a great time.

Tom and Beth Dortch went to Stillwater, OK to see Tom Ben Kirk, their grandson, this last weekend. He is going to school at Oklahoma State.

We were sorry to hear of the passing away of Bill Cator of Gruver.

We had several people from Spearman, Gruver, and all around at the celebration for the new community building. Everyone had a great time, and the building is really nice. We are really up-town with our new building. Thanks to everyone who helped make it possible.

We voted on November 4th. We had 31 to vote, which was a pretty good turnout for an amendment election.

We are really proud of Irene Parks. She is much better now. She is at home. She was in Hansford Manor in Spearman, but is now on the road to recovery.

Hud Yearby and family will go to South Carolina to get Hud a bone marrow transplant. They will live there for the next few weeks or months. I hope everything goes fine, and that they will be back soon.

Our church had two dinners the week before last. We had Wednesday Feast Night on November 5th. We also had a Stew Supper on Sunday, which was real good.

Wirt and Linda Davis were at church Sunday before last. They told us more about Panama. They are living in Gruver until June, and then they will return to Panama. We always enjoy it when they visit.

Last Sunday we had several visitors at church. Billy Britt Jarvis, Will Jarvis, and his family were here.

His Friends is meeting every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. at the church. We having a lot of fun while learning about the Bible.

Vicki Urban is having *Good News* for the last time this year. It will start up again when it gets warmer. They will meet this Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Gigot Agra Products Earns Award



Gigot Agra Products of Spearman, Texas, was honored in Omaha, Nebraska, during Valmont Irrigation's Regional Sales Meeting. Pictured are (left to right) Will Sheets, territory manager, Valmont Irrigation; Gary Hinds, Gigot Agra Products; Jim Barker, Gigot Agra Products; Lance Kemp, Gigot Agra Products and Joe Goecke, president, Valmont Irrigation.

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Valmont Irrigation has announced that Mack Kemp of Gigot Agra Products in Spearman, Texas, and Hugoton, Kansas, has earned the President's Circle and Parts Quality Circle Awards, respectively. The awards were presented at the company's regional sales meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

Jim Eiting, vice president of sales at Valmont Irrigation, says the awards are earned by an elite group of Valley dealers.

"These awards are difficult to attain," Eiting says. "In customer surveys, each winning dealership must earn a high rating in three key areas of sales, service and parts."

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P-MCISD Gifted & Talented

by Sarah Martin

Evan Schmidt, Ross Womble, Mikala Reiswig, and Sarah Martin went on Wednesday, October 15th to the Amarillo Discovery Center. The Discovery Center was hosting a seminar on the Scientific Method for Gifted and Talented students.

First thing in the morning, they split into groups and went to a session where they learned about other people, such as Galileo who have used the Scientific Method to prove their theories. For instance, proving that the world was a sphere before anyone had seen it from space. The students were in a small planetarium for this session.

Next, they actually used the Scientific Method to perform an experiment. The purpose was to see if our group could bag groceries

without the use of our hands. They laid the bag on its side and kicked the objects into the bag soccer-style.

After lunch, the students went to the very last session which was probably the most enjoyable. They performed another experiment. The purpose was to see which group could build the tallest tower with a working elevator. They were provided with 26 straws, pipe cleaners, a lump of clay, 6 paper clips, 2 large plastic cups, 1 small cup, and 6 inches of tape. The group consisted of the four from Pringle-Morse. They built the tallest tower and received a prize.

The students would like to thank the Discovery Center for inviting them and making it such a great day!



Sandra Blankenship, Coordinator for the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart, is pictured above with Pringle-Morse CISD students (L-R) Gregory Jacobs, Marcus Wilson and Jenna Lee Wilson receive congratulations and prizes for being the top Jump Rope for Heart collectors. The school collected \$1921.55 for the American Heart Association.

Salazar Completes Basic

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Army National Guard Pvt. Fabian Salazar has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. The training included completion of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT).

Basic trainees received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

During AIT, soldiers completed the field artillery cannon crew member advanced individual training course. Trainees learned to maintain, prepare and load ammunition for firing; operate and perform operator maintenance on prime movers, self-propelled howitzers, and ammunition vehicles; and perform crew maintenance and participate in organizational maintenance of weapons and related equipment. They also learned to establish and maintain radio and wire communications.

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Museum usings

by Joanne Eaton

Recently, I took LeAnn Shields and her girls Mel, Kyna, and Kali on a tour of the Museum. I had a marvelous time! LeAnn home schools her girls; I had been trying to get in on the action for a while, as LeAnn's family fascinates me. I think LeAnn finally felt sorry for me so she found something I could do.

Kali liked the caboose best, Mel liked Ft. Zulu, and Kyna enjoyed learning about pioneer life and seeing the really old items.

Thanks, girls, for including me!

Our Museum Board journeyed to K-Bob's in Perryton for our Annual Dinner. Those attending were J.D. and Rubyjo Wilbanks, Gus and Clementine Renner, Don and Lynanne Maize, Bill K. and Estelle Jackson, Irvin and Helen Boyd, Harry and Hazel Sumpf, Joanne Eaton, Cindy Blackman, Reba Hunter, and Joel Lee Lackey.

We had a good visit and good food!

There is a certain prerequisite for joining this board. You have to be slightly looney-tunes and starting into Alzheimer's. Of course, if you don't have these conditions when you join, you'll catch them soon after.

A very "neat" thing we have on display at the Museum is Jim Cator's diary. This is one that he wrote from December 31, 1883 until May 16, 1884. We have also typed the wording on paper for anyone who is interested in reading the entire manuscript!

Jim tells what the weather is like each day, who he writes to, letters he receives, and a brief account of what is going on around him. He had beautiful handwriting!

February 12, 1884: Wind N.E. cold, still snowing a little, very cold. Temp. 2 degrees below zero. Cattle drifting - Baldwin came from Rifle Pitts and camped below - A lot of teams camped above. (Mail did not get in.) Wrote to Min and sent paper home and to Edie - E. Simmers down with some letters.

April 28, 1884: Monday - Fine. Windy & cloudy - Bob came down and we made out the mail reports. Hy Bugbee came up the creek and stayed - Pat Oneil was up. Johnson started work - no Mail. It hailed very hard down about "777 Ranch - Rifle Pitts."

April 30, 1884: Wednesday - Fine - Cloudy Cool - Wind W. and Strong. Sheplock's team passed with Tyler's freight. Tyler's cousin came here and went on

with teams - Steve Arnold came with John Leverton and Ike Meek - going to Beaver Roundup - Rode up creek with gun, did not see any antelope - rode down, the heifer had not calved - They got Tyler's and their rooms about all fixed up. No Mail. As team came down, he left 4 balls of rope.

It's hard to imagine how an English gentleman came to the Texas Panhandle when there was almost nothing here, hunted buffalo, and stayed for the rest of his life.

Thanks so much to Charles Broadhurst of Amarillo, for loaning us this little book. I'm not sure how long the Museum will have the diary on loan, so be sure to come see it while you can.

Plan to visit YOUR Museum. The holidays are coming up so be sure to bring your holiday visitors with you. We love to have out-of-town visitors. Reba Hunter is very good at showing people through and answering any questions.

Museum hours are 1:00-5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Special tours can be arranged by calling Rubyjo or J.D. Wilbanks at 659-3084, Clementine Renner at 659-2335, or Helen Boyd at 733-2777.

News From ACCORD

submitted by Jeanne Gramstorff

ACCORD Agriculture, Inc., a non-profit organization with members from Hansford, Lipscomb, and Ochiltree Counties, met Thursday, November 6, 1997, at the Expo Center in Perryton. Fifty nine members and guests attended.

Those present heard a report from the Seward County, Kansas county option vote which denied Seaboard Corporation a hog operation in Seward County. The speaker was Kathy Bloom from Liberal. Kathy is a citizen of Seward County who was involved in the opposition to the proposed hog operation.

When Seaboard approached the Seward County Commissioners' Court in early summer to bring a confined hog operation into the county, the commissioners voted to allow this operation. Citizens petitioned for a county option vote. This vote was held in late September, and Seaboard's request failed by 75% to 25%. Since then, the commissioners have been approached by Seaboard to allow them entry anyway since the Kansas Attorney General issued an opinion that the vote might not be absolutely binding. So far, the court has not decided to disregard the vote of such a large majority of Seward county voters. Other Kansas counties have exercised their rights to the county option votes. Of the twenty who have conducted county option votes, eighteen have voted to deny corporate confined hog operations in their counties. Mead County, Kansas, will have a county option vote this week on whether to allow Seaboard to enter their county.

Other reports heard by the

Hansford, Lipscomb, and group included reports from Ochiltree County Farm Bureau meetings held in each of the counties during October. All three county Farm Bureaus voted to send resolutions to the Texas State Farm Bureau meeting. The resolutions state opposition to tax abatements and tax exemptions for corporate confined pork facilities. Hansford County voted the following recommendations in addition to these resolutions: 1. That state directors review the Subchapter K rules concerning the nearness of these operations to rural residences. 2. Prohibit tax exemptions for these operations. 3. Prohibit the availability of state, federal, and local grants for these operations. 4. Corporate farms should have to bear cost of expansion of schools because of increased school operations. Ochiltree and Lipscomb Farm Bureau votes urged stricter permitting regulations to prevent abuse or depletion of water, land, and air. All of these resolutions will be considered at the Texas State Farm Bureau meeting in November.

In addition, Doug and Kathy Ricketts from Lipscomb County and Donnie Dendy from Ochiltree County reported on a meeting in Oklahoma City, November 1, which was attended by more than 250 persons from nine states. Experts from universities, citizens from areas which have worked to improve conditions relating to swine operations, and leaders of citizens groups from the nine states viewed the area wide problems facing residents as confined hog operations continue to come to the heartlands of the United States. Featured speakers included Jim Hightower of Texas

and Joel Dyer of Colorado. University and independent experts on swine operations led small group sessions. In the work session concluding the meeting, area group leaders were told that the best possible way to prevent major contamination and pollution problems in this nine state area would be to establish a national moratorium on large confined hog operations until solutions to the problems can be addressed. U. S. representatives and senators are aware of the problems, especially since North Carolina has declared a two year moratorium after major contamination of land, creeks, and rivers in that state. Letters relating to this problem can be sent to our legislators.

The current state of permit applications in Ochiltree County were reported. #03960 was denied until Texas Farm Inc. meets technical merit requirements. The corporation had thirty days to meet these requirements, and then ask for a rehearing. The other two applications, #03961 and #03962 are still pending. The first report may be coming in November, after the executive director reviews the application and the protests and the state TNRCC review committee meets. It was noted that Texas Farm Inc. has applied for an air permit to build a mill 2 1/2 miles east of Farnsworth on Highway 15.

Doug Ricketts reported that Murphy Farms has begun construction of a nursery location three miles west of Follett in Lipscomb County. No permit application has been filed.

The next meeting of ACCORD Ag, Inc. will be held in January, 1998. A date will be announced. Members and guests are welcome to attend the meetings.

GA Cake Decorating Contest

submitted

Gruver First Baptist Church GA's had their cake decorating contest on September 24th at the church Activity Center. There were two categories. We had the Best Decorated Cake and the Most Unusual Cake. Grand Prize went to Blythe Finley for the best over all cake.

In the category of Best Decorated: 1st - Sydney Clawson, 2nd - Sorrel Blevins, 3rd - Sarah and Lindsey Mireles: Most Unusual Cake: 1st - Courtney Wood, 2nd - Jessica Montgomery and 3rd - Laci Fitzgearld. Other girls that participated in the

contest were Lindy Weldon, Dimna Cruz, Tabitha Crow, Allison Reid, Mallory Reid, Bailey Garland, Brittanie Montgomery, Kalee Crawford, Amy Gift, Kristie Balderrama, and Melissa Montgomery. This was a contest where the girls and

their dads made the cakes together and decorated them.

After the contest was over, the girls served cake and punch to the adults that attended the contest. Thanks to all the dads and girls that participated to help make the contest a success and to the judges that helped judge.

Chamber Board Met

by Gina Davis

On Thursday, November 13, 1997, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors held their regular meeting. Special guests were Jeannie Lang and Sonya Orr of North Plains Home Health. Vera Dominguez and Lana Patterson are owners of North Plains Home Health and serve Spearman, Gruver, Morse, Perryton, Fritch, and Amarillo. They are very active in supporting the communities they are in, especially Spearman.

Items on the agenda were reports from Jodie Right for the Women's Division Night of Fashion. Brad Beedy reported on the Retail Merchant's plans for a wonderful celebration on the courthouse lawn for December 3. The remainder of the meeting detailed the Chamber Casino Night set for November 15 at the O'Loughlin Center.

HOLIDAY DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all news and advertising to be published in the November 27th and December 4th issues of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be Friday, November 21st at 5:00 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date.

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Catherine Smith, Editor



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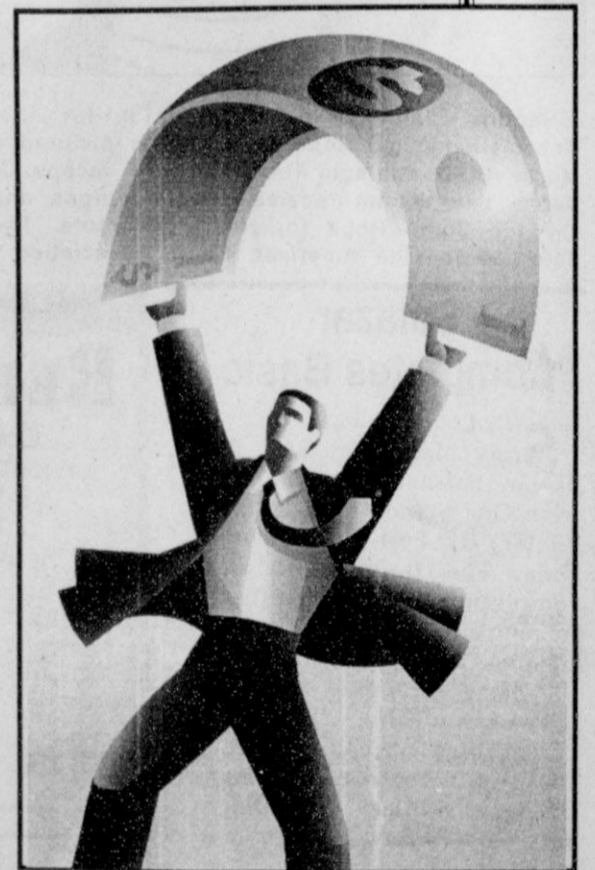
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