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Dr. Charles Ridge to start Spearman practice Monday

by Jean Ann Behney

Charles H. Ridge, M.D. recently chose to start a medical practice in Spearman because, in his own words, "I wanted to come back to Texas, I liked the size of this town and its people, and I wanted to be needed.

The newly-recruited physician will open the clinic doors at the building where Dr. Romeo Sangalang practiced for several years on Monday, Sept. 17.

A board-certified family practitioner, Dr. Ridge signed a two-year contract with Hansford Hospital in August after he and his wife Judy interviewed in the county earlier that same month. The Ridges moved here from Mobridge, S.D., where Dr. Ridge was in private practice one year.

Dr. Ridge was born in Hearne, Texas, a small town 25 miles north of College Station, where Texas A&M University is located. Shortly following the death of his father, he was placed in the Buckner Orphanage, a Baptist children's home, in Dallas.

For the next six years he was a resident there, where , he says, he found few male role models. "Except for the gardener and occasional visiting doctors, I was sur-rounded by females," Dr. Ridge comments. "I don't know why I decided to become a doctor, but I do know that I had that desire from the time I was ten years old. Maybe it was because the doctors who came to the orphanage were some of my only male role models."

After graduation from Stephen F.

Austin High School in Houston, Dr. Ridge did his undergraduate college work at Howard Payne University in Brownwood and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, earning a B.A. in Chemistry from Hardin-Simmons.

"Then I joined the Marine Corps in 1959. I went in so I could get the G.I. Bill to go to medical school," says Dr. Ridge. After a three-year stint, he jumped right into his doctor studies at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

In 1959, Dr. Ridge received his Doctor of Medicine degree and began a one-year rotating internship at Dallas' Methodist Hospital. He opened his first practice in Victoria, Texas, a small town south of San Antonio, and eventually practiced 16 years in nearby Stockdale, working out of the Floresville Hospital.

The Stockdale practice quickly mushroomed, in part because Dr. Ridge was the only Spanish-speaking physician in several counties. By the late 70's, he had over 15,000 patient charts in his office and was seeing as many as 100 patients a day!

Dr. Ridge met Judy Castillo in the delivery room at Floresville Hospital. She was an obstetrical technician and he was delivering a patient's baby. She had only moved to Texas a short time before from her native Minnesota.

By 1979, Dr. Ridge reports, he was ready for a change of pace and place. Newly married to Judy, he oined the U.S. Air Force and spent the next two years, in his words, "on a honeymoon in Honululu,

Dr. Ridge's "travel bug" was to be more than satisfied over the next 10 years, as he, Judy and their family lived in Spain, Germany, the Philippines, and Burma. The physician's positions in these various postings included chief of primary care, chief of clinic services, chief of emergency medicine

and, in Burma, one month as the medical officer in the U.S. Em-

The Philippines had a surprise for the Ridges: Joshua Charles. Three days after their arrival at Clark Air Force Base, two women knocked at their door. In the arms of one was a tiny, sickly newborn boy. "This baby is dying. Will you



Dr. Charles Ridge and his family are at home new in 3 Family members include (standing) Judy and Dr. Charles Ridge and (seated) Joshua and Jasen. Joshua is seated in Jasen's lap.

take him?" asked one of the women.

'And I just knew we wanted him," Judy recalls. She and Dr. Ridge had their work cut out for them for the next two years, because Joshua (named for the many medical battles he would be forced to fight and win) could not suck, had severe thrush and was infected with salmonella.

"We fed him with an eye dropper, eight or ten times a night for many months," Judy explains. At one year of age, the baby weighed only 10 pounds. The Ridges persevered and Joshua began to improve. Then they began to wade through a nightmare of red tape, because at the time they wanted to make his adoption official, the Marcos regime in the Philippines was being overthrown.

Today Joshua is a sturdy, bright five-year-old with an engaging personality. It is not easy to keep up with him when he gets on his twowheeler bicycle, and this week he started pre-school in Spearman.

Retiring from the U.S. Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1989, Ridge and his family settled in South Dakota near Ellsworth Air Force Base, his last assignment. With many of their grown children establishing careers and families in Texas, Dr. Ridge says he and Judy realized they wanted to 'come again."

"I have a love for other cultures and I wouldn't trade the Air Force years for anything, but now that we

have Josh, we need to settle down," Dr. Ridge reflects. "You also find, as the years go by, that your family becomes more and more important

The Ridges are the parents of nine children, Elaine Ridge, 32, is a student in San Antonio. Denise St. Leger, 30, lives in San Antonio with her businessman husband and five children. Diane Kennedy attends San Antonio College and is married with one son. Ronald Ridge, 26, works in an automobile dealership in LaVernia and is married.

Jose Castillo, 25, is a student at Presentation College in Aberdeen, S.D. studying laboratory technology. Mario Castillo is 20 and lives and works in Rapid City, S.D. Kristine Castillo, 24, and her daughter Alexandria, 2, will live in Spearman with the Ridges this next year. She is engaged to be married to a Norwegian man who is currently in Norway completing his man-datory military enlistment for that

Jasen Castillo, 17, is a senior at Spearman High School. He plans to attend x-ray technician school in Amarillo after graduation. Joshua, 5, attends Donna Trantham's Little

Dr. Ridge will establish his fami-ly practice clinic next week and plans to have office hours Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. He and Dr. Laurence Behney will be alternating emergency room call at Hansford Hospital.

The Lynx football team bursts through the Purple Pride ba the 1990 season.

the field in their first game of

Budgets approved, amended

The City of Gruver's 1990-91 budget was approved and amend-ments made to the 1989-90 budget at the Sept. 5 meeting of the Gruver Jity Commission.

Among agenda items were increases in several expenditures in last year's budget. According to City Manager A.J. Ratliff, these amendments to the budget were necessary because a few of the budget items were overspent.

"For example, we got a new fire truck and it was supposed to cost \$40,000, but the actual cost was about \$44,000," explained Ratliff. "So, we had to amend the budget to reflect the amount spent, which was more than the amount

Other amendments to the 1989-90

budget included increases for the Health and Sanitation Department, the Street Department, the Swimming Pool Department, the EMS Department, the Gas Department and the Sewer Department. In order to cover the increased expenditures, the commission made a transfer of funds from the Utility Department to the General Fund in the amount of \$30,000.

Ratliff explained the transfer of funds was due to the fact that the Utility Department does not pay taxes on gas and water usage, so the transfer is made as a payment in lieu of taxes. In other business, the commis-

sion approved Ordinance 219, approving the 1990-91 city budget in the amount of \$798,748.

The city's 1990 tax rate was set at

60 cents per \$100 of valuation, said Ratliff. He explained that although the rate is the same as in past years, there will be an actual increase in tax money because of a recent increase in property valua-tion. "But the tax will only generate about \$1,500 for the city, so the increase isn't really large,' commented Ratliff.

The commission had scheduled a public hearing before its meeting, to receive comments from Gruver residents concerning the budget process or specific items. However, no members of the public attended.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Keith Gibson, City Manager A.J. Ratliff and Commissioners Mark Irwin and Buster Davis.

Kotary sponsors patriotic ribbons

The Spearman Rotary Club is making available ribbons to display in support of United States man banks and at the Spearman service men and women in Saudi Post Office. said R.L. McFarlin,

The red, white and blue decorations are available at both Spear-

of Colorado City; and one grand-

son, Christopher Hornsby of Spear-

Funeral services were conducted

Monday, Sept. 10 from Union

Church with the Rev. Archie Bur-

ress, former pastor, officiating. In-

terment was in Hansford

Rotarian. Ribbons are also available from any Spearman Rotary Club member. There is no charge for the ribbons, and they are available to businesses and to individuals.

McFarlin told Rotary Club members about the ribbons after hearing of similar programs in place elsewhere. His fellow Rotarians accepted the idea and began making plans and ribbons last week, with Karen Babitzke

spearheading the effort. McFarlin said area residents needing more information about the ribbon program can call the Sheriff's Department or any Rotary Club member.

Population declines

population in Spearman, Gruver and Hansford County as a whole has declined over the last 10 years.

Census Bureau's preliminary housing unit and group quarters population counts reflect a total of 1,385 housing units in the City of Spearman, with 201 vacant housing units. Total population for the City of Spearman is listed as 3,197, and group quarters population is listed

City Manager Jim Murray commented that he feels the preliminary census count is pretty accurate." Murray said he felt there was an undercount of Spearman's population in the 1980 census, which listed 3,413 persons. "I thought there were quite a few people, migrant workers, that just didn't want to be counted the last time. But I think it is fairly accurate this time," he added.

In Gruver, housing units total 514 according to the 1990 preliminary figures, with vacant housing units totaling 66. Gruver's population total is 1,163 persons, as listed in the Census Bureau's postcensus local review. According to City Manager A.J. Ratliff, the 1980 Cen-

According to preliminary figures sus listed Gruver's total population from the U.S. Census Bureau, at 1,215.

The State Comptroller's Office released county-by-county population figures, with Hansford County showing a population decline of 6 percent. According to the Comptroller's Office, Hansford County's population in 1980 totaled 6,209 persons, while the 1990 preliminary count shows a total of 5,839 persons, a decrease of 370 county residents.

Neighboring Ochiltree County showed a decrease of 5.1 percent in its population while Hutchinson County, to the south, had only a 2.6 percent decrease in population. Sherman County is listed as having a 10.1 percent decrease in residents, while Moore County recorded a 7.8 percent increase in population.

The Census Bureau cautioned city governments that "These census counts are partial and preliminary in nature; you should not use them for official purposes (for example, redistricting or budgeting). These counts are likely to change upon completion of continuing field and processing activities."

Final census counts are to be issued in early 1991.

Accident claims one life Burke, 60, was killed in a two-

vehicle accident Friday, Sept. 7 which also resulted in injuries to her 15-year-old grandson, Christopher Allen Hornsby, also of Spearman. According to information from

the Texas Department of Public Safety, Burke was driving a 1967 Oldsmobile north on FM 760 about 3 p.m. when her car and an eastbound tractor-trailer collided.

Upon impact the car spun, and the passenger side of the vehicle sidewiped a highway sign. Hornsby, a passenger in the Burke vehicle, sustained a broken neck and arm and was taken to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He was listed in serious condition late Sunday.

Mrs. Burke, born in Haskell, married Kenneth C. Burke in 1952 at Tucumcari, N.M. She was a member of the Union Church of Spearman and had been a cafeteria worker at Spearman schools for the past 15 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Benjamin

and Nancy White. Survivors include her husband: two daughters, Debra Hornsby of Spearman and Kenda Burke of Carland; two sons, Gary Burke of of the U.S. Navy; four brothers, Thelon Jones of Hamlin, Alvin White of Breckenridge, Frank White of Haskell and Harvey White of Odessa; four sisters, Minnie Walker of Stamford, Mary Kierepka of Haskell, Katherine Clem of Kermit and Flossie Garvin

Storms blew through the

Hansford County area Thursday,

Sept. 6, bringing 1.08 inches of

much needed rain and some

damage-causing high winds. Trees,

power line poles and roofs were

blown down and off by the high winds that swept the Gruver and

According to Gary Evans, deputy sheriff, who was on the scene short-

ly after the storms passed through,

the damage done in north Hansford

County was along Highway 15,

north and east of Gruver. Twelve

power line poles were blown down

along Highway 207 a mile and a half

north Hansford County area.

Storms bring needed rain

north of Highway 15. Power was lost to residences in the area and the highway was closed for about two and a half to three hours. These poles belong to North Plains Elec-

Evans also indicated that the Wayne Garrett farm sustained some minor damage. The tin roof on a barn was blown off and an empty stock tank was damaged when it was blown over. The canvas top on a stock trailer was damaged when it was apparently

torn off the trailer. Moving west toward Gruver, Evans reported the high wind took out a 13th power line pole. This one belonged to Southwestern Public

In Gruver, A.J. Ratliff reported the high winds caused minor damage to property and some broken tree limbs.

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Sept. 09	93	59	
Sept. 10	89	64	
Sept. 11	84	61	(

Chamber Chatter

Hansford Happenings

Spearman PTA will have its first meeting of the school year Monday, Sept.

24 at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Following a brief business

meeting, the topic of students' self-image will be explored through a

45-minute film entitled "Believing for the Best in You." All parents and

First United Methodist Church of Spearman will host the Steve Harper

Renewal Seminar Friday-Sunday, Sept. 14-16. The seminar is open to the public and will consist of four two-hour sessions, beginning Friday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Harper, professor of Spiritual Formation and

Wesley Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY, will teach

on the topic of prayer. He will also preach the Sunday morning service on

The Hansford County Fair will open its doors at Gruver Elementary

School gym Thursday, Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. to receive all non-perishable ex-

hibits. They will be accepted until 8 p.m. Perishable goods can be registered

at the gym Friday, Sept. 29 from 9 to 11 a.m. All exhibits will be judged that

same day, with the building open to the public from 4 to 7 p.m. that evening

The Hansford County Fair will officially open to spectators at 8 a.m. Satur-

day, Sept. 29, with the concluding event, the rodeo, held the afternoon of

Sunday, Sept. 30. Fair booklets are available free of charge at local

businesses in Spearman, Gruver and Morse; Spearman and Gruver banks;

Spearman and Gruver electric companies; and the Spearman Chamber of

Those desiring food booth space at the Hansford County Fair (civic and

non-profit organizations) should contact Marian Tomlinson at 733-5030.

Tomlinson is also handling assignment of commercial booths, which are

not limited to county clubs and can be for-profit. Individuals or clubs wan-

ting crafts booths can contact Fran Duncan at 733-2866. Hansford County

Fair Chairman Troy Morris of Gruver encourages all interested parties to

reserve booths now, as a limited amount of booth space is available.

grams can be heard on Spearman radio station KROF FM Sam S

for the benefit of the five children of Manuel Holguin, Spearman resident

who died in a farm accident Aug. 13. Contributions to the fund will be ac-

The Gruver Chamber of Commerce will host it approved an Juesday.

Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Feature: spea as for the exenting's

orial fund has been established at First State Bank of Spearman

Each Sunday at 9.05 a.m. beginning Sunday Sees 113

First Presbyterian Churches of Speam an will prese

minute devotionals entitled "Moments of Reflection."

pastor, invites everyone to listen for "some surprises

festivities will be Jerry Kunkel of For With

junior high and high school students are invited to attend.

September is almost half over and the holiday season is just around the corner. The Spearman Retail Merchants are busy putting their heads together, getting ready for Holiday Promotions! Be on the look out and see what they have planned for you! Of course the big emphasis is Shop Spearman!

How about those Lynx?!? Hats off to them for a game well played! Let's keep up the good work boys! Remember that the Spearman Lynx Homecoming is September 21. The Lynx will be playing White Deer.

Also on September 21, the Chamber of Commerce is having a Membership Meeting. It will be from 11:30 until 1:00 at the Catholic Church Parish Hall. We will be serving Stuffed Baked Potatoes and dessert. Our featured entertainment for the day is Robert Collier of Spearman. We invite everyone out to enjoy a good lunch, and some very humorous entertainment.

Being a member of the Chamber of Commerce is a very worthwhile

Commerce.

cepted at the bank.

venture. Your Chamber is always promoting the community as a whole. Your membership makes it possible for us to strive for a better Spearman. If you are interested in becoming a member or renewing a membership, give me a call and I will be more than happy to visit with you about it.

It has been almost a year since I came on board here at the Chamber and it has been a very rewarding task for me. I have really enjoyed being a part of the Community and working with the great people. When someone says 'Spearman is Someplace Special," they mean it, and nothing could be more true. We are proud of our town and we will strive to see it grow and prosper.

Become a part of the Chamber of Commerce. To find out more, call 659-5555 and I will be happy to help you. We always welcome input from our community members!

Support our town and its youth, they are the future of Spearman. Someplace Special!

Until Next Time,

Cast of 39 kids to present play

by Karen Goodman

A cast of 39 Hansford County youngsters will be on stage at the Spearman High School Auditorium Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. to entertain their audience with their rendition of Tom Sawyer. The play, adapted from the writings of Mark Twain, will be under the direction of Linda Butt, president of the Palo Duro Players theatrical group.

Linda's goals in presenting the play are to encourage the children to have fun while helping to build their self-esteem and provide the county with another source of entertainment. Coordinating the actions of 39 youth is no easy task. Without the help of Francis Pipkin and Denise Schumann backstage Linda would probably be bald by opening night. However, she hopes her efforts are paid off with a full house audience to this event.

In previewing the play at one

Tom Sawyer's role is complimented by the portrayal of Becky Thatcher by Jill Odom of Gruver. She has the characteristics needed to attract Tom and distract him somewhat from his love of fishing. This young girl is also capable of reading her lines with

much expression. Just to mention a few of the many other enjoyable actors and actresses. Tony Clement as Sid, Tom Sawyer's younger brother, displays a bold and somewhat humorous character that adds greatly to the play. Texana Clyburn in the character of Amy Lawrence, the budding campus beauty, shows remarkable talent with facial expression and gestures.

Others that seemed to sparkle in their performance were Jordon Brock as Ted, one of the younger boys that liked to tag-along with the older group. He is energetic in his performance. Greg Elliot, as the preacher, adds humor to his character and Nikki Strawn, as Mrs. Thatcher, also caught my eye with her talent.

In addition to the fine acting in the program, there will be singing

Exhibits accepted for county fair

Fair will open its doors at Gruver Elementary School Gym on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. to receive all non-perishable exhibits, including needlework, crafts, photography and many others. All non-perishable exhibits will be registered until the doors close at 8

On Friday, Sept. 28, perishable goods can be registered at the gym from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. All exhibits will be judged that same day, with the building opening to the public from 4 to 7 p.m. that even-

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For further information regarding exhibits and events, fair Duncan at 733-2866. booklets are available free of

The annual Hansford County Gruver Chamber of Commerce. These fair booklets list the superintendents in charge of the various exhibits, and these individuals can be contacted if exhibitors have specific questions.

Troy Morris of Gruver has announced that individuals and organizations interested in acquiring booth space at the Sept. 28-30 fair can now make these ar-

clubs and can be for-profit.

Morris encourages all interested charge at the following locations: parties to reserve their booths now, local businesses in Gruver, Spear- as a limited amount of booth space

By 995 80 percent of all schoolare children will ave mothers in we k torce, and many of those may be left to care for lve after school, says

as Acd cal Association he parents don't arrive home Tk until 5 or 6 p.m., their tame a number of safety

Jill Odom (lett) and He.

School auditorium.

such as fire, falls and Nowton, M.D. school health o the San Amonio Indepenent ich ol District.

In .dd ion to physical dangers, these so-called "latchkey" children and orived of nurturing and other ocial emotional needs. Some sit fearfuly behind a locked door watlung relevision, while others roam strats where they risk getting

' in alcohol and drugs. Funding quality after-school care dren often is difficult and TMA supports the conafter-hours care in the articularly for children of unilies

tool care at school is an West way to provide day-care rking parents," Dr. Newton d. because the physical facilities poilding, utilities, playground) ready are there.

But he emphasized, after-school care should not "be an extension of school." Children should not do homework or other academic is s, but rather engage in "free

'hildren need to develop social s by playing with other and they can't do that alle are always telling do, 'said Dr. Newton. ought to be fun and not var d physical fitness," he i 'iren's should be sure ncourage children to for heir own enjoyd "not to perform or

a metre skills. after-school proshould offer nutrial snacks, arts and crafts proand enrichment activities

In most large cities in Texas,

THANK YOU

Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, and concern for Brenda and Brett.

We feel very fortunate to know so many wonderful people here in Spearman. Your prayers and ours

were answered with the birth of our beautiful son. In Christ, Verlan, Brenda &

Brett Winegarner

after-school care is available at some public schools, usually in cooperation with a non-profit community organization.

Hason (right), both of Gruver, will por

tray Becky Thatcher and Tom Sawyer in "Toin Sawyer." to be

presented Saturday. Sept. 42 at 1.30 p.m. in the Spearman High

Tony Clement of Spearman is cast in the role of Sid Tom

Sawyer's younger brother. Clement brings boldness and humor to

Many children need

after-school care

in 1989 the Texas Legislature send a law requiring school districts with more than 5,000 idente to have two public heares annually to assess the need for in the community.

The he seeking public or vate after-school care, TMA enco rais s parents to choose quality programs. Anything less is not

worth the risk. The Texas Medical Association is professional organization of more ar 29,000 physician and medical student members. It is based in Aus'in and has 119 component ou 'y menica' societies around

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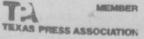
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rehearsal, I was pleased to see the youth in this area "budding" with so much talent. Some of the highlights included the performance of Heath Tolleson as Tom Sawyer. His able voice projection and carefree style combine to reflect his ability to carry the leading role. There were hints that this young man could ad-lib without any difficulty if the need should

of the pretty, soft, feminine blonde

and dancing. Sheila Watley has patiently guided the "footloose" youngsters through the final dance number that would in itself be enough reason to attend the show. The cast members really kick up their heels and have fun. Although I've only specifically mentioned a few of the cast, it is the cast as a whole that makes the pro-

gram, and each member contributes to its success. The Palo Duro Players invite everyone to attend this Children's play on Sept.

Hansford County Fair Chairman rangements.

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Lookin' Back

5 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, Sept. 12, 1985

pitch game against the Rotarians and professional manner, having after the Boy Scouts hosted a hamtheir families after the game. 10 YEARS AGO ...

Thursday, Sept. 11, 1980 Servitors Story Hour began with 20 YEARS AGO.. a boom as 19 children, ages 3 and 4. Thursday, Sent were entertained at the library by Laura Mackie and Debbie Benton. 15 YEARS AGO ...

Thursday, Sept. 11, 1975

Sheriff R.L. McFarlin stating, The Sheriff's Department has The Lions Club won the slow been operated in an outstanding 14-8 but everyone felt like a winner made over 500 arrests in the past 2 years, having investigated over 100 burger cook out for both teams and felonies occurring in Hansford County and having restored over \$200,000. worth of property to the rightful owners.

Thursday, Sept. 10, 1970 Ronnie Lusby leads the experienced Lynx. Lusby, a 6'1", 210 senior was honorable mention all-state tackle last season. A con-The Grand Jury returned the sistent ballplayer, Lusby has been

following commendation for all-district for the past two years.



PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GENERAL ELECTION **NOVEMBER 6, 1990**

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 2, Sixth Called Session, 71st Legislature, proposes a constitutional amendment to provide that if the Senate, at any special session, does not take final action to confirm or reject an appointee of the Governor made during a recess of the Senate, the appointee is entitled to continue in office until the Senate rejects the appointee at a subsequent session or until the Governor appoints another person to fill the vacancy, but such a nominee whom the Senate does not act to confirm or reject at a subsequent regular session is considered to be rejected when the session ends.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment to clarify the authority of the senate to consider certain nominees to state and district offices and to provide for filling vacancies in those offices."

Ralston has state winning record book

Danna Ralston, 18 year old daughter of former Hansford County residents Seth and Anita Ralston demonstrations and as a team of Dimmitt, recently won first place in state competition with her 4-H Swine Record Book. She is a member of the Easter 4-H Club and has been active in 4-H club work for 10 years. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in June 1990.

Ralston is the granddaughter of Preston and Edith Smith of Spear-man and Bill and Reba Hunter of

Danna's award is based on her outstanding swine record book and is supported by the fact that she and her brother have developed a sow herd that has produced numerous champions at area, regional and state livestock shows. She has been a Junior leader for the swine project. Her leadership has influenced many younger 4-H'ers in her county as well as the surroun-

As a state winner, Danna has been awarded a trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago 1-5, 1990. Her trip is sponsored by Texas Pork Producers Association. While at National 4-H Congress her record

book will compete on the national level for a \$1000 scholarship.

Danna has carried projects in swine, sheep, food and nutrition, clothing, family life, consumer education and public speaking. She is a previous Gold Star and "I Dare You" award winner. She was selected to attend the first Swine Industry Tour and Leadership seminar conducted by the Texas Pork Producers Association. She

member of several livestock judging teams. She has assisted her club in raising money for the American Cancer Society through the "Kiss A Pig" contest.

Ralston was a summer exchange student to the Netherlands through the AFS. She was involved in numerous clubs in school, a member of the National Honor Society and was valedictorian of her graduating class. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt. She was a recipient of a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo scholarship, and is currently enrolled as a freshman at Texas A&M University, majoring in Scientific Nutrition.



DANNA RALSTON

Hutchison named as **NMSC** semifinalist

Spearman High School student Jeff W. Hutchison is among some 15,000 semifinalists in the 1991 National Merit Scholarship Program. Hutchison reported a tentative college major in business on his PSAT/NMSQT answer sheet, with a planned career as a lawyer.

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists represent about half of one percent of each state's graduating class. Semifinalists have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 6,000 Merit Scholarships, worth approximately \$25 million, to be awarded next spring.

In addition, by announcing their names, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) hopes to broaden the educational opportunities of these students and to increase public interest in academic

More than one million students in entered the 1991 Merit Program as juniors by taking the 1989 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of the large volume of entrants. Those designated Semifinalists in each state are the top scorers who must now advance to the Finalist level of the competition in order to be considered for Merit Scholarships.

To qualify as a Finalist, a Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record, must be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, must confirm PSAT/NMSQT performance on the SAT, and must complete a detailed scholarship application that includes a self-description and information about scholastic accomplishments, school and community activities, and educational

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About 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to become Finalists, and all Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen from the group of exceptionally able Finalists. Award recipients will be the candidates judged to have the greatest potential for suc-

cess in rigorous college studies.

Three types of Merit Scholarships will be awarded in 1991, supported by some 600 sponsor organizations and institutions, and by NMSC's own funds. Every Finalist will be considered for one of 1,800 National Merit \$2000 Scholarships that are allocated on a state representational basis, according to each state's percentage of the national total of high school

Some 1,300 Merit Scholarships will be underwritten by corporations, foundations, and other who meet a sponsor's preferential criteria; most corporate-sponsored awards are designated for children of employees of the grantor organization, but some are provided for Finalists living in areas served by the company, or for students whose career goals a sponsor wishes to encourage.

In addition, more than 2,900 Merit Scholarships will be financed by colleges and universities for Finalists who will attend their

respective sponsor institutions. NMSC is a not-for-profit organization whose scholarship activities are funded by independent program sponsors. Merit Scholars in the class of 1991 will join some 121,500 other academic champions who have been awarded Merit Scholarships worth \$379 million between 1956 and 1990.



A Night In The Forest

by Roy Harris Superintendent Pringle-Morse CISD

As the footfalls fade, the small campfire seems to get smaller, its light dimmer. The night mountain air has a sharpness to it that was not there during the day and the heat, coming from the fire, can not compete. Darkness, created by the forest, crowds so close, as if men in black funeral clothes have suddenly taken circle around the camp-

I can still hear the last sounds of Raymond, the scoutmaster, as he makes his way back down the rocky mountain trail toward camp. Here I am, alone, high on a mountain in the dark forest.

Two young boys are lost and wandering in the forest night. They are cold, hungry, and very frightened. Though, I don't want to admit it, I am frightened too. I know where I am; on a trail in the Pecos Wilderness. I have been fed and have a campfire. They have

Will they see the campfire and be attracted to it like fluttering moths to a flame? Or will the black shroud of the forest absorb its light like a thirsty sponge? Maybe they will see one of the other campfires that blaze along the trail. Every halfmile a boy and a fire stand sentinel, watching and listening. Maybe I will hear human sounds; sounds of small boys coming through the brush, yells of excitement, and sight of relief. They will be glad to see me. Me, the varsity football player, the senior, the Eagle Scout, the big man on campus. They will depend on me to lead them to the camp and safety. At camp will be hot food, warm sleeping bags, and the security of friends.

Now, only sounds of the night;

dark, ominous, threatening sounds. I can hear unknown animals rustling in the brush, wind blowing through the trees water tumbling over rocks, but most of all, there is the sound of silence!

Why this knot in my stomach? Why do my hands shake? Am I that

What time is it? Raymond said to stay an hour, call for the boys and wait...wait, wait. I call into the darkness and hear my voice bounce off the trees and rocks, returning to me in an echo. There is no response. I call out every five minutes. Still no response. Time drags and the night gets darker.

Finally, the time comes to leave.

Suddenly, new feelings of anxiety slam into my stomach radiating out to my arms and legs! I've just realized that before I go, I must put out the fire, losing its security. Having only a small cup, I must make several trips through the dark brush to the stream beyond. In daylight it is only a few steps. Tonight, it is a thousand miles! As I douse the fire the black night closes. How frightened the boys

The trail, once so evident, now is blended with the forest floor. Only a small flashlight is left to show the way. I make my way groping, stumbling, looking for signs that will indicate the trail. An overturned stone, a footprint, horse manure, a blaze cut on a tree trunk are the straws for which I grasp. I fight back panic and the urge to run - to do so will send me off the trail to be lost in foreboding blackness. Progress is slow and agonizing.

What is this I hear? Voices are coming out of the night - human voices. Stay on the trail. Don't follow the sound. Sounds travel to rocks and trees, then bounce in all directions. The sound I hear may be true or an echo.

Ah, I see the moonlight reflecting off the surface of Stewart Lake. A campfire flickers through the trees along the shore. At last, I am back at camp. Run! Get to camp as soon as possible, out of this cursed darkness! No, that will indicate fear. I can not show fear. Remember, I'm the brave senior, the guy that goes out on Friday night and fearlessly faces the enemy. And so I walk...just as fast as I can. Morning light breaks and I return to the place where the boys were last seen. There I pick up their trail and it leads me to them.

There have been many times since that night in the forest. Now, thirty years later, the lessons I learned there help me through my dark times. Often, uncertainty crowds in like the night. It is ob-sure, ominous, threatening; mak-ing strange sounds. My confidence, as the campfire, seems no match for my problems. I must go out into the darkness, many times, groping for answers, not knowing what awaits me. Fear, panic, and the urge to run still well up in me. But now I know that, with courage, success is possible and there is adven-

Free trees offered

Ten free live oak trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during September, 1990.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"These magnificent widespreading evergreen trees will be picturesque additions to your landscape," John Rosenow, the Foundation's executive director, said. "They were selected for this campaign because of the shade and special beauty they will give your home. Live oaks grow rapidly when young and may live to be centuries

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10 with enclosed plan-

and your favorite

All for under

a buck!

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HUNGR-BUSTER, JR.* Bigger than most

regular burgers, with a 1/6 pound all-beef patty

ting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to TEN LIVE OAKS, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE, 68410, by September 30, 1990



Ask For FREE **Hearing Test**

> Be sure to visit our next Service Center. Thursday, September 20, 1990

Hansford Manor 707 S. Roland Spearman, Texas 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon



Formerly Beltone 27-B Medical Dr Amarillo 352-8961



Joe Close, Randy Hearon and Art Meller, employees of Collabore Auto & Truck Center in Spearman, recently earned recognition as Chevrolet Certified Technicians. Each wristwatch and a lapel pin as part of the recognition Chevrolet Certified Technicians, mechanics must take a sensy of four tests throughout the year if entitination is not granted unless an four tests are passed Close a five year Gillaspin apply that been a Certified Chevrolet Technician (CCT) for five consecutive years. Hearon has been a CCT for one year but has been associated with other General Motors divisions for 17 years. He has been employed with Gillaspie for one year. Meller was "born with a ratchet in his right hand," according to dealership owner Dick Gillaspie. Meller has been a CCT for 19 consecutive years and has been associated with three dealerships in the same location. He has been employed by Gillaspie for six years.



if you think you're having a Heart Attack!

Most victims of heart attack wait about three hours before they seek help. During this time, precious heart tissue can be permanently damaged, or worse, lives can be lost. The first thing you can do is know the warning signs of

1. Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts longer than two

Pain may spread to shoulders, neck and arms.

Severe pain, dizziness, fainting, sweating, nausea, or shortness of breath may also occur.

4. These symptoms may not always be present, or may subside for a while, then return.

If you feel any of the warning signs, don't wait. Time is critical. Call an ambulance or have someone take you to the emergency room at Hansford Hospital IMMEDIATELY!

Hansford Hospital is a member of the Saints' Emergency Heart Network. That means they have the newest drugs and treatments on hand — medicines that can actually stop a heart attack in progress. And Hansford Hospital has direct, 24-hour contact with cardiologists on the St. Anthony's Hospital staff. But to be effective, treatment must be administered during the heart attack. Otherwise, it may be too late to save your heart or your life.

What do you do if you think you're having a heart attack? Know the warning signals. Get to Hansford Hospital immediately. We want to see you recover, but we must have your help.

Saints' Emergency Heart Network



Hansford Hospital

707 S. Roland . Spearman

mong The Neighbors

A Spearman resident of one month is personable young Kyle Bell. He is an accountant associated with the Henton CPA

He received his degree from Texas Tech. He has been a citizen of Tulia a number of years and his parents still reside there.

In addition to his work, Kyle has many interests including snow skiing and various water sports. He has an unusual hobby - that of assembling and flying remote controlled model airplanes.

Young ladies, now is the time to develop accounting problems - as Kyle is unmarried! He attends First Methodist Church and lives at 901 Townsend.

Johanne Blodgett is back at home now after being with her mother in Lubbock for an extended period. Her mother, Mrs. Studer, 95 years old, makes her home with her other daughter and had been in the hospital several weeks following very serious surgery with com-

plications developing. She is at home now and expects complete recovery and is even beating Johanne at working crossword puzzles.

Johanne had rushed to her side immediately upon returning from a two-week tour of the Scandanavian countries.

She and Ralph, together with Dorothy and Max Baggerly, Elizabeth and Richard Holton and Frances and Gene Cudd had flown to New York City and spent a day and night there. The men enjoyed a major league baseball game at Shea Stadium and the ladies attended a Broadway show.

They flew to Copenhagen, Denmark for a two day stay, then took the railway to Stockholm, Sweden. Some of the trip was over bodies of water, so the train cars were shunted on a ferry to cross.

After seeing Stockholm, they took an overnight cruise to Helsinki, Finland.

Using a tour bus for the trip to Oslo, Norway provided good vantage of the spectacular scenery including the magnificent fiords. Returning to Copenhagen by water, they emplaned for home.

Most of the cities they toured were on the sea coasts and included several national capitals. They did stay at an old and elaborate hotel high in the mountains near Bergen, Norway.

It was difficult to pinpoint any one highlight as there were so many places of interest. The food, though unusual for these travelers

Scramble results

Brad Johnson of Gruver carded a hole-in-one at the Hansford Golf Course Saturday, Sept. 9 during a "Super Scramble" golf tourna-

First place team in the tournament consisted of Kurt Ashmore, captain; and Don Schroeder, Monty Dixon, Butch Lasater and Kelly

Second place went to Tony Harper, captain; and team members Ed Dear, Richie Thompson, Tindel Ramon, Linda Andrew and LaNetta Shapley.

In third place was the team of Bob Hardy, captain; with team members Don Smith, Andy An-drew, Earl Goodheart, Mike Darnell and Danny Head.

was superb, as was the weather and the accomodations.

The choir of the First Methodist Church took their talents on the road over the weekend presenting their Music Ministry with Betty Womble directing and Sherrill Meek piano accompanist. They appeared at the First Methodist Church at Lockney in recognition of their three members who are from Lockney - they are Judy Nelson, Eulalia Blankenship and Carolyn James. They left Spearman on Saturday, spending that night in Plainview.

On Sunday evening they sang at the Trinity Methodist Church in Amarillo. Ed Robb, evangelist, known to many of the choir members, was beginning a revival

Each member of the choir was tremendously impressed by the witness of Billy Paul Hazlewood, a member of the Trinity Methodist

Billy Paul, reared in Spearman, is the son of Paul and Betty Hazlewood and he and his family now live in Amarillo.

Sandra and Robert Eaton, with daughter Haley, and Starr Salter spent several days at Monument Lake recently. The weather was fine and the girls enjoyed a last outing before the beginning of school

Opal Barnes is pleased that her son, Richard A., has completed the requirements for his CPA qualifications and is now an accountant with Huber Oil Company. He and his wife and two children are now living in Borger. Richard is a former resident of Spearman.

Helen Etter attended the Presbyterian Council held last week in Lubbock. Helen has served six years and decided this would be

While in Lubbock she stayed in the home of her brother, Arnold and Betty Richardson.

Frosty and Liz Hickerson returned from market at Dallas. While there, they attended one of the social functions and were later surprised to see a photograph of themselves in one of the jeweler's publications.

After their return, the remodeling of Hickerson Jewelers began which involves considerable confusion and disorder, but when it is finished, their new merchandise will be effectively displayed.

Guests of Ila Mae and J.B. Buchanan a couple of days last week were her nenhew Ruddy Ging and wife Myrtle. They live in Long Beach, Calif. and were enroute to Chickasha, Okla. to visit his mother, Marian. Buddy lived in Spearman many years ago.

Birth Announcement

Ray and Julie Ortega of Spearman announce the birth of a daughter, Jenny Rebecca.

She was born Thursday, Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. in Northwest Texas Hospital at Amarillo. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces at birth and was 191/4 inches long.

Waiting to welcome her home was her brother Jordon, age 7. Grandparents are Bob and Joan

Farr and Virginio and Frances Ortega, all of Spearman.

Resident's family

Former Spearman resident Jesse Browning, son of Mary and Don Moore of Spearman and the late Johnny Browning, is serving in the United States Navy as a Fireman Apprentice aboard the USS Detroit, a supply ship located in the Persian Gulf

He left Aug. 6 from Earl, N.J. and was on a regular tour of duty in the Mediterranean when he was called to the Persian Gulf, two days after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Browning, who attended Spearman High School and Fellowship Baptist School, would appreciate

hearing from friends in the area. His mother provided his address: FN Jesse W. Browning 461616489 MP01-DIV USS Detroit AOE 4

FPO New York, NY 09567-3015 Mrs. Moore's brother Don Bess, a resident of Minneapolis, Minn., is presently waiting for a call to travel to Saudi Arabia. Bess is with the U.S. Army Reserve Special Operational Forces, on the Civil Af-

fairs Team. When called, he will leave from Ft. Bragg, N.C. to assist with Kuwaiti refugees in Arabia.

Club News

GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club met Thursday, Sept. 6 in the home of Jo Larson.

Lorene Kunselman called the meeting to order, and roll call was answered with "My Favorite

A thank you card was read from Teresa Vela for the scholarship. Jo Larson discussed the flower beds at the Manor.

President Kunselman appointed Virginia Head, Charslie Baker, and Jo Larson to be the nominating committee for 1991 officers.

Kathleen Sutton won with her arrangement of home grown roses and also won the specimen award. Virginia Trindle introduced Delinda McLaughlin to give the program on "Fabric Painting."

The following Mesdames were present: Billy Baker, Don Kunselman, John Trindle, Irvin Davis, Bill K. Jackson, Tom Sutton, Doyle Jackson, Don Smith, Garland Head, Marcus Larson, Wally Berner, Newell Allen and Don Hergert.

The next meeting will be in the

home of Betty Jean Davis Sept. 20 at 9:30 a.m.

SPEARMAN LIONS CLUB

Spearman Lions Club officers for the 1990-91 year officially took office July 1.

Serving as President is Don Townsen. First Vice President is Richey Thompson, and Alton Ellsworth serves as Second Vice President.

The Lions Club Treasurer is Cecil Biggers and its Secretary is Allen Alford. Two-year directors are James Cunningham and Randy Kirk, and one-year directors are Burl Buchanan, Dick Gillaspie and Past President Randall Sauer.

The club's fall Tail Twister is George Young, who is assisted by Larry Butler. Lion Tamer is Chuck Newcomb. The Spearman Lions Club Sweetheart is Suzanne Sanders, a Spearman high school junior.

The Spearman Lions Club meets each Tuesday noon for lunch and a program at Ivey's Hungry Cowboy.



LEGUMES

Legune bohydra'es guidelines recomme also by fried health organization, which advise consumers to increase the complex carbohydrates. Legumes can provide a low-fat, low-cholesterol prevent source of protein that's packed with fiber because they are from vegetable sources. If you add ham room, help the older child a or bacon to season, then you also add extra fat and cholesterol The fastest method to soak beans is to wash, soak in water and boil two minutes. Then remove from heat, cover, and let them soak for an hour. Then sammer satil done, le you add an acid such as tomatoes to

by Karen Babitzke

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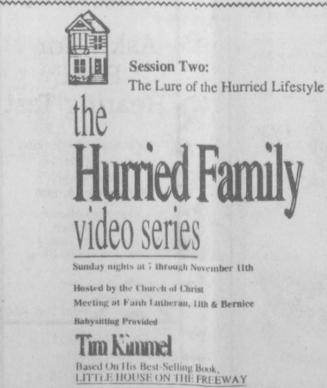
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Hospital notes

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Melba Rook of Spearman proudly displays the "Texas-size" cantaloupe her backyard. The melon weighed in at a hefty 22.61 pounds two days after it was harvested. Rook pointed out that a cantaloupe will lose her harvesting, and estimated it weighed around 25 pounds when it was picked. She said no special conditions were required for growing the overvize cantaloupe. She purchased the seed from a specialty seed com-

Law prohibits SSA benefits to prisoners

by Virginia DeWitt SSA Branch Manager

PAMPA - From time to time, people ask if it is possible for a person to get Social Security benefits while in jail. The situation usually arises when the worker has been charged with a felony, and Social Security retirement or disability benefits are the family's income.

In general, Social Security law prohibits the payment of benefits to people imprisoned for the conviction of a felony. These include chi thood disability beneficiaries, as well as people receiving other typ s of benefits under Social Security retirement, disability or survivors insurance programs.

Benefits, however, may continue to be paid to any family members receiving benefits on the prisioner's Social Security record. And the prisioners' benefits may begin again with the first full month after release from prison if he or she is otherwise entitled to benefits.

The only exception to the prohibition against the payment of

benefits to prisioners is if the person is entitled to benefits on the basis of disability and is actively engaged in a vocational rehabilitation program approved by a court of law. The program must be expected to result in the person's being able to do substantial gainful work within a reasonable time after release.

A crime is considered a felony if it is defined as such under State law. In legal jurisdictions which do not use the term felony, a crime shall be considered a felony if the sentence is more than one (1) year.

More information about Social Security benefits can be obtained by calling the Social Security tollfree telephone number, 1-800-234-5772. Service is available from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. in all time zones weekdays. The best times to call are early in the mornings or late afternoon, and if you can, it is best to call later in the month. The local Social Security office is

located at 125 S. Gillespie. Hours are 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except on national

School Lunch Menu

Spearman

HIGH SCHOOL MENU Sept. 17 - 21 MONDAY SAUSAGE ON A STICK PINTO BEANS SALAD BAR CORNBREAD/BUTTER FRUIT CUP MILK TUESDAY BURGER BUTTERED ITALIAN BLEND VEGETABLES SALAD BAR 1-2-3 CAKE MILK WEDNESDAY 2 CORNDOGS MACARONI CHEESE BREADED OKRA SALAD BAR MILK THURSDAY STEAK FRITTER MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY SALAD BAR HOT ROLLS/BUTTER FRUIT MILK FRIDAY HAMBURGER FRENCH FRIES

> BABY SHOWER How aring

SALAD BAR PINEAPPLE TIDBITS

ENGLISH COOKIE BAR

MILK

JUNNY REBECCA Ray and Julie Ortega

Saturday, Sept. 15, 1990 4:00-5:30 p.m.

At the home of Lynna Renner 900 S. Barkley

Given by Hostesses

JR. HIGH/ELEMENTARY MENU

Sept. 17 - 21 MONDAY SAUSAGE ON A STICK PINTO BEANS SEASONED SPINACH CORNBREAD/BUTTER FRUIT CUP

TUESDAY PIZZA BURGER BUTTERED ITALIAN BLEND VEGETABLES PEACHES 1-2-3 CAKE MILK WEDNESDAY

JUMBO CORNDOG MACARONI/CHEESE BREADED OKRA LUNCH BUNCH GRAPES THURSDAY

STEAK FRITTER MASHED POTATO/GRAVY GREEN BEANS HOT ROLLS/BUTTER
1/2 ORANGE MILK FRIDAY HAMBURGER (Elem)

JUICY BURGER (Jr. High) FRENCH FRIES LETTUCE/TOMATO PICKLE/ONION PINEAPPLE TIDBITS ENGLISH COOKIE BAR

Jr. High - Meat Choice of Hamburger Daily

Moments of Reflection

Each Sunday at 9:05 a.m. beginning September 16th on KRDF-FM radio

> Faith Lutheran and First Presbyterian Churches

will present five-minute otional programs.

LICTEM AND B' TED



Wes Gilbreath, candidate for Texas, and Commissioner (right) made a stop in Gruver where he visited with Gruver resident wary Wright about issues concerning the office.

Gruver Menu

GRUVER SCHOOL MENU Sept. 17 - 21 MONDAY SALISBURY STEAK/GRAVY MASHED POTATOES CORN PUDDING HOT ROLLS MILK TUESDAY B.B.Q. WEINERS BEANS PEACHES CORN BREAD MILK

WEDNESDAY CHICKEN PATTIES MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY CARROTS HOT ROLLS MILK

THURSDAY TACOS WITH CHEESE LETTUCE FRUIT CRUSTOS MILK FRIDAY

HAMBURGERS FRENCH FRIES LETTUCE, PICKLES, CHEESE COOKIES

MILK Salad bar Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (this week)

Nachos for high school students and teachers on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Nachos will be cash only to high school students \$1.75 Nachos with (or) without meat - with (or) without peppers.

Menu subject to change without

Make home safer for latchkey children

by Sandra Avant

COLLEGE STATION - School is back in session, and for many children that means spending time at home alone once the school day

National estimates indicate that as many as 15 million children ages 6-13 are at home by themselves some time of the day. Child care experts believe there are at least one million latchkey children in Texas, but accurate figures don't

"That's because parents are reluctant to admit that their children spend time at home alone," said Dr. Sarah Anderson, family life specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "They fear being seen as unfit parents. So, you get invalid statistics on latchkey children in the state.'

Latchkey children who are victims of violent crimes or kidnappings make the headlines, but these cases are rare, Anderson said. National figures show that fires and accidents at home are the greatest threat, taking the lives of 4,000 children (many of them unsupervised) each year.

Parents who allow children to take care of themselves after school can do a number of things to help ensure their safety. Anderson suggested following these tips:

Arriving home - If children walk home from school, tell them to walk with friends and never take alternative routes. They should always come straight home. Also, instruct your child not to go inside

if the door is open or unlocked. Keys - Instruct children to keep their house keys hidden inside a pocket, purse or wallet. Make sure all doors and windows can be locked and the child knows how to lock

Safety rules - Establish and post house safety rules regarding answering the telephone and door, playing and using appliances. Put all dangerous items out of reach of children. Check electrical cords for bare wires and broken plugs and make sure children cannot trip over them.

Emergencies - Post a list of emergency numbers and addresses near each telephone and make sure the phones are accessible to the child. Practice emergency procedures for fires and tornadoes. Be sure a smoke detector is on each level of your home, and that all smoke detectors have batteries and are working properly.

Check-in - Designate an adult for children to check in with when they arrive home from school. Also, you may want your child to call you at

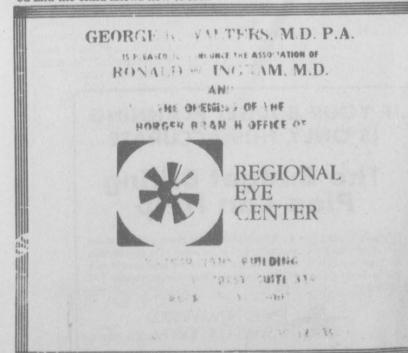
Friends - Do not allow friends to visit when the child is home alone. Unsupervised play may lead to ac-

Quality Time - When parents are home, time should be spent with children. Listen to their problems

and answer questions. "All children need to develop personal safety skills to protect themselves," Anderson said. "If children understand all the family rules and know about safety, both parents and children will feel more

secure and comfortable.' However, parents should keep looking for alternatives to leaving children in self-care, she said. More communities are establishing options for latchkey kids.

Anderson advises checking with you local county Extension Service agent for more information on safety, self-care and alternatives for children at home alone



Gruver telethon results announced

Gruver citizens raised approximately \$1,593 in pledges and special events during the 25th annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The Gruver donations were part of a Panhandle area total of \$102,212 and the national pledge total of over \$44,000,000.

The Gruver pledge center was located at Gruver City Hall under the direction of coordinator Carol Tolleson. Special MDA events coor-

fishbowl for donations at city hall.

The local portion of the telethon was aired live from Amarillo and began at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2 and went off the air at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3. Hosted again by Jerry Lewis, the 21½-hour entertainment marathon featured some of the most popular personalities in show business including stars of TV, film, stage and the concert world.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association sponsors some 500 individual research projects worldwide. It also supports some 230 outpatient clinics nationwide, dinated by the pledge center during where people with any of the 40 Labor Day weekend included door muscle disorders covered by MDA to door collections of donations by programs receive medical care, or-Gruver school students, and a thopedic aids and related services.

GHS class of '60 sets reunion date

by Bob Bort

The Gruver High School Class of 1960 will be holding a reunion and barbecue at the City Park on Saturday, Oct. 6

According to Charlie Johnson, the classes of 1959 and 1961 are also invited, and also any other graduate of GHS. "We would ideally like to have an all-school reunion," notes Johnson.

Anyone planning to attend should contact Johnson at the Aeroflight

Publications building (the old Caprock building), so they can order enough food. The phone number is 733-2483. Johnson requests that all those planning to come should let them know before

The GHS homecoming football game will be Oct. 5, against the Sunray Bobcats. The barbecue will begin at noon the next day, with plenty of time for socializing after-

Club

ALPHA MU PSI

Alpha Mu Psi held its first fall meeting Sept. 4 in the home of Carol Tolleson. Melanie Zimmer presented a program on "Getting Organized." President Tonni Yanke followed with the regular business meeting.

Service chairman Tolleson reported on the MDA telethon, saying a total of \$1,593 was collected from the Gruver area. She pointed out that \$1,209.29 of that total came from door to door collections by Gruver school students.

Alpha Mu Psi extended thanks to the children who walked from house to house taking donations. Children going door to door for MDA included Justin Kent, Kyler Barkley, Whit Barkley, Darby Johnson, Deana Johnson, Jeremy Harris, Josh Harris, Bethany Harris, Lindy Tolleson, Dorothy Wells, Ashleigh Sherrill, T.J. Sherrill, Jill Odom, Nathan Watkins and Doug

Reports from other chairmen were also given. Lori Messer reported that \$505.68 was given to Little League. She added that anyone wishing to buy 1990-1991 community calendars should contact her at 733-5178.

Messer will host the next meeting of Alpha Mu Psi on Tuesday, Sept.

Those attending this meeting in-

cluded Carol Tolleson, Tonni Yanke, Angela Grotegut, Cherri Sherrill, Pam Harris, Lori Messer, Paula Williams and Melanie Zim-

GRUVER PTA

New officers and committee chairmen for the Gruver PTA were announced by the PTA's executive board at its first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 4.

President Harletta Carthel announced that Rhonda Ward will serve as vice president, Margaret Bell will chair the Membership Committee, and heading up the Newsletter will be Pam Harris and Barbara Stavlo.

Carthel read a thank-you note from Hardin-Simmons University for the scholarship for Troy Seagler. Reports from various committees were also given.

Linda Tidwell, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Jo Alice Clawson gave the treasurer's report and presented the new budget.

Carthel mentioned the need to fill vacancies left by those who have moved or joined the work force. She also reminded members of an immunization clinic set for Monday, Sept. 10, and of the Fall Workshop, to be held Oct. 11 in Panhandle.

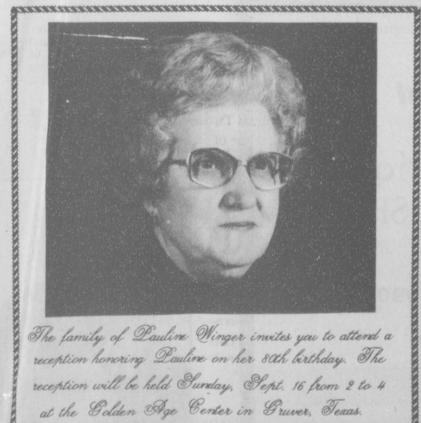
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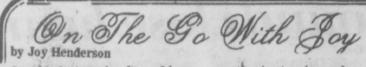
Q-I have questions regarding the Montgomery GI Bill. Can I get information from the local VA regional office?

A-Yes. Questions regarding the Montgomery GI Bill should be directed to any VA regional office. Toll-free telephone numbers are listed in your local directory under U.S. Government.

Q--I am a retired Army officer and have applied for disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Will my grade entitle me to increased com-

pensation? A-No. Military grade is not a factor in determining the degree of disability attributed to military service.





One day last week, after a 3 hour session picking beans, baking a pie and making hot relish, I began to get that old feeling of self pity. I get that way pretty often (blue moods, fits of depression, etc.) But, when I stopped to get my mail, there was a "Thank You" card from a lady who used to live here, something totally unexpected by me. "Let me tell you, that made my day, my spirits

Then, while I was visiting with Faye Blount, she received in her mail a "Get Well" card from a lady here in Gruver, and her spirits were lifted just thinking that someone cares.

Both of us who received the cards were made happy and those who sent the cards were made happy to know they had, for a moment, made someone else happy. Both of these ladies, who are under heavy burdens, could sit back and have a "pity party" over their own wor-ries, but instead chose to help lift other people's worries.

All of this reminded me of a song we learned several years ago. It's called "Love is like a Lucky Penny," and says in part, Love is like a lucky penny - Hold it tight and you won't have any - Give it away and you'll have plenty - You'll end up having more. (Author unknown).

The point I'm trying to make is to send a card, telephone call, or do something else nice for someone who needs a little cheering up. Several will then benefit from this act of TLC and it just may snowball and come back around.

One of the ways our community can show its love is by honoring new brides or new mothers with a shower or coffee. We will have this opportunity when the ladies of the First Christian Church honor Teresa Boyd and new son Travis Clayton with a coffee on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 2 - 3:30.

Later on this month, we will have the opportunity to welcome Zane Elias Pittman and his mother Melissa. More details about this

Last Monday, with the Labor Day holiday, everything was closed down and I was unable to gather the news. Then on Tuesday, we had an early morning doctor's appoint-

5 YEARS AGO ...

Thursday, Sept 5, 1985
A total of 516 students have enrolled in the Gruver schools. There are 222 in grades K through 4, 157 in grades 5 through 8, and 137 in high school.

10 YEARS AGO ...

Thursday, Sept. 4, 1980 Two white fire-fighting trucks were furnished by the Forestry Service for the Gruver Fire Depart-

15 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, Sept. 4, 1975 Gruver area residents opened their hearts and purses during the 18 hour MDA telethon and contributed \$1,143.72.

ment and not a chance for catching up on all of our visitors, etc. So, news this week is in short supply and I've started off with my usual problems and I may need all of you to send me a card.

As I was hunting M.H. to let him know that Bill was having problems again, the tie rod of the car's right front wheel came off. Larry Babbs was close by and gave assistance and advice. I slept very little that night after learning the possible danger that could have happened as a result of the pro-blem. Then I kept thanking God that I wasn't travelling out on the highway.

As a result of this, I am trying to find out the news by telephone. Not good news for Ada Joyce

Stedje, as she suffered another broken ankle when she was doing some clean-up work on a truck and fell. James was there close by and was able to give assitance with setting the bone before getting her to a doctor. As I understand, she has her ankle in a cast..

Andy Lindsey is in the Guymon hospital, and we have reports now that Mozelle McClellan is able to be home after having several complications with her medication. Michael Foster is still having some problems with regulating his insulin and adjusting to diabetes. Good news for Linda Baker and

the Tom Spiveys. Linda's infant daughter Beth is able to be with them at home here in Gruver. They now are trying to get her to a nor-mal weight and apply some of that TLC that everyone needs for a healthy life.

Lewis Holland and wife attended funeral services for her uncle Burns Richarson, whose home was

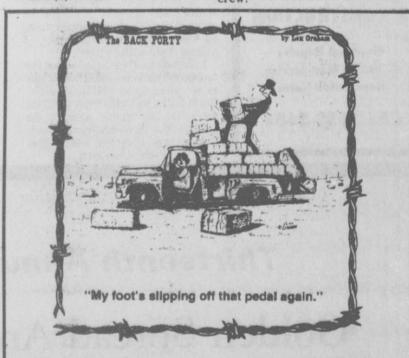
One of the visitors in Gruver this past weekend was Fred Camp of Plainview. He was visiting his daughter Frances Atwood. Also, Lewis Robinson of Lawton, Okla. was guest of Katie Williams.

The Archie Nelsons had a chance for some R/R when they camped out in Palo Duro Canyon with daughter Lisa Ellis and her family.

Incidentally, I guess I should report on our trip to the canyon for the pageant "Texas." Since we got there 1½ hours early, we had plenty of time to kill. Once, we looked up behind the concession stand and there was the No. 2 grandson making his way down the steep path.
That seemed strange for a city boy
from Dallas to do. I'll not tell you some of the words I had in mind to tell him when I got ahold of him. Then, I thought I'd just let his Mom and Dad handle the situation.

Then, while we were milling around, I looked down on the ground and saw a bunch of blackeyed pea hulls and D.S. said "Morn, only you would noticed something like that." A few minutes later. looked up and there was a whole bunch of those black-eyed peas hanging from all those trees. Boy! was my face red!! Well, that is what you get for doing 3 bushels of peas that week.

One of the good things about "Texas" pageant is that we got to see Gruver's own Joanne Potts, who was part of the hospitality



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Hounds lose heartbreaker

Head coach David Steele of the Gruver Greyhounds recently commented that the most exciting moment in his eight-year football stint here in Gruver came in 1985, when Steven Fry caught a "Hail Mary" pass on the last play of the game to beat Follett. But even that would not have topped the finish to the Gruver-Texhoma game, had the Hounds been able to convert a twopoint PAT against the Red Devils on Friday, Sept. 7 at Greyhound

The last play of the game began with 0:08 left on the clock, with Gruver trailing Texhoma 7-0 and the ball on the Hounds' 31-yard line. Quarterback Matthew Hoel dropped back and fired a strike to Shannon Pool on the east sideline, at about the 35-yard line of the Red Devils. Pool then outmaneuvered a couple of defenders, broke free and raced for the end zone - just making it into the end zone as he was tackled. The clock had expired on the

Hoel then faded to pass for the two-point conversion, but he was grasped around the ankles and sacked, and the air had come out of the balloon for Hounds fans in the home stands.

In the end, it was a tough 7-6 loss for the Hounds, and Texhoma recorded their 35th consecutive regular season victory, dating back to a 21-8 loss to Shattuck in 1986. Gruver dominated Texhoma in sively. The offense piled up 254 yards in total offense and 13 first downs; while the defense held the Red Devils to 59 yards and only three first downs. The Hounds wasted several golden opportunities. The key play of the game came

late in the third quarter, with the Hounds facing a fourth-and-two from their own 32-yard line, in a scoreless tie. The ball was snapped on the punt attempt but it eluded ounter Hoel briefly. Though he finally got the handle he was sacked for a big loss at the Gruver 11-yard line and the Red Devils

It took Texhoma four plays to drive those 11 yards and take advantage of the gift touchdown. Quarterback Josh Freeman ran over from the two-yard line for the TD and added the kick for the PAT, which would later turn out to be the winning point.

Texhoma was so dominated that they managed to make the Gruver end of the field only twice during the whole ball game, including that fateful fumbled snap and sack at the 11. Gruver, meanwhile, crossed the 50 seven times, but could manage only the one miracle score.

Hoel was 9-28 with one interception, for 153 yards. Tight end Carey Kauffman caught three passes for 44 yards, and Pool caught two for 92 yards. Geronimo Ortega rushed 21

times for 79 yards

For The Sbort Of It

by Bob Bort I recently talked with coach Mike Banks, and the cross country meet scheduled for Gruver for Sept. 22 has been changed. The Gruver ladies will now be going to Perryton for their first meet of the year on that date, and have cancelled the trip to Hereford. It was just too far, and Perryton was much more convenient.

After I got over the shocks - first the thrill of the touchdown as time expired, then the depression of the failed two-point conversion - I came out of the Gruver-Texhoma game with a good feeling about this year's team. The defense is obviously there for the Hounds, and there was a lot of confidence gained by quarterback Matthew Hoel and receivers like Shannon Pool and Carey Kauffman.

I like Crockett Tidwell, and Geronimo Ortega and Dan McCloy showed the makings of a bonafide running attack. As a matter of fact, there was quite a number of players who came out of this game impressive, and talking to coach David Steele briefly on Saturday, he is also encouraged about their fortunes for the remainder of the year. There is some talent developing right now, but they need to score when they move the ball in position for a score..

Here are my predictions for this Thursday, Sept. 13 -Houston 44,

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Texas Tech 38 at Lubbock Friday, Sept. 14 -Gruver 22, Turpin 0 at Turpin

Sunday, Sept. 16 -New York Giants, 33 Dallas 13 at Irving You might wonder about the

Gruver pick, since they were my only "mistake" last week. As I said earlier, I like their defense, and watch out for their offense if the running game clicks and quarterback Hoel hits his receivers, with everyone gaining confidence. Believe me, there is some talent developing in these early games.

Matt Etheredge is another potential receiver out of the backfield that I failed to mention earlier - only a soph, but watch out! Look what Wheeler did with sophomores last year... Maybe Gruver will do it with a large number of juniors and sophs this year, with some key seniors of course.

Gruver has played Turpin twice since 1958, winning 13-7 at Turpin in 1988 and losing their homecoming game in 1989, 13-6.

What an exciting conclusion to the Cowboys-Chargers game, and what a bonehead call by the Chargers staff with the ball at midfield, fourth down, and a chance to pin the Cowboys way back with a good punt. They called a fake punt and it backfired with just a few minutes left, giving the Cowboys the opportunity to drive for the winning touchdown, which they gratefully did.

By the way, I did manage to beat Putt Powell. He was 6-4 and I was 8-2 (I sent the entry to John Mark Beilue with a letter - I hope he entered it!). The two games I miss-ed were Oklahoma and Texas - I

picked them both to lose I am hesitantly excited about the Cowboys this year, and I would like to see them do as well as possible. But it still won't affect my pick this week in the game against the Giants. The Cowboys need time to mature, and they just beat a poor ball club in the Chargers.

Gruver first started moving the ball early in the second quarter, when it looked like they would take the lead. They took over at their own 30-yard line following a Red Devil punt and proceded to drive 51 yards to the Texhoma 19 before being stopped on fourth down. It was a 10-play drive, with eight running plays. Key plays were a 20-yard dash by tailback Ortega and a 14-yard pass from Hoel to Kauff-

Again in the third quarter, it looked as though the Hounds would take the lead. They took over at their own 43 following another Red Devil punt and drove to the Texhoma 21 yard line in eight plays, but quarterback Hoel was intercepted in the end zone and the drive ended.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Crockett Tidwell (who had a fine game, including an interception) returned the Texhoma kickoff 17 yards to the Hounds' 42-yard line, where they again started to drive. It was a five-play drive to the Texhoma 27-yard line, with key-play passes from Hoel and Tidwell and to Ortega. But a fumble in the Hounds' backfield ended that drive.

But the Hounds came back yet another time. Also in the fourth quarter, following an interception by Pool, the Hounds took over at their own 38. It took the Hounds 13 plays, but they drove to the Texhoma 34. Key passes were two very fine receptions by Kauffman. But the Hounds failed on fourth down with less than a minute to go, and the game looked to be a 7-0 Texhoma victory

The Hounds, however, used their time outs wisely and got one last chance. But the miracle was not to

Texhoma's defense has played outstanding this season, going almost eight quarters without giving up any points. But Texhoma's offense spent much of this game deep in its own territory, unable to generate any forward movement.

Without naming any names, credit the entire Gruver Greyhound defensive unit, especially the run defense people, for a superb effort. If this is a preview of things to come, the Hounds will win enough games this year to make up for this one heart-breaking loss.

G-0 First Quarter No scoring

Second Quarter No scoring

Third Quarter T - Josh Freeman 2 yard run (Freeman, kick for PAT) 0:47

Fourth Quarter G - Shannon Pool 69-yard pass from Matthew Hoel (run failed)

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Cardinals next for Greyhounds

It will be the Gruver Greyhounds (0-1) versus the Turpin, Okla. Cardinals (1-1), Friday night, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m. at Turpin.

The Hounds lost their opener to Texhoma last week in a heartbreaker, 7-6; while the Cardinals opened with a 10-0 loss to the Booker Kiowas two weeks ago then beat Canton this past week, 20-18.

The series between the Turpin team and Gruver is tied at 1-1 since 1958, both games having been played the past two years. In 1988 the Hounds beat Turpin 13-7 at Turpin and in 1989 the Cardinals spoiled Gruver's homecoming, 13-6.

Head coach of the Turpin Cardinals is Phil Ellerick, whose son is the senior quarterback of his team this year. Coach Ellerick graduated from Jones High School, near Oklahoma City, and Central State at Edmond. He has been coaching 18 years, but this is his first at Turpin. Last year the Cardinals were 7-3 in Oklahoma

"We have a lot of young kids this year," says Ellerick. He continues.

"We had 11 seniors last year, and return three or four starters, but we already have injuries to four of our starters this year.'

Ellerick names his top players as Philip Friesen, the offensive center/DE, who is 6'2"/205. Other players of size are his two tackles, Jason Smith and Kerry Ools. Smith is 6'3"/280, and Ools is 5'10"/260. Other leading players are Jason McIntyre, the regular outside linebacker, Chris Ellerick, the quarterback and safety, and

Michael O'Dell, CB/SE. "We are really hurting right now," bemoans Ellerick, "as we've lost our middle linebacker, cornerback, guard, and our outside linebacker is in Oklahoma City with a dying grandfather. So, I don't know what we'll have for Gruver.'

"As far as a major strength, I am still trying to find one," continues Ellerick. "I guess our passing game would be the closest thing to a strength that we have, but we are not doing even that very well right now. Our weakness will be team speed. We don't have much speed."

Ellerick comments on the two

games for Turpin thus far: Against Booker, we were offensively inadequate. Against Canton, we put some points on the board, and defensively we have played alright thus far.'

Ellerick gives his scouting report on Gruver: "We expect a big air attack, some finesse, and a solid defense. We will be trying not to let them get the quick scores.

Meanwhile, coach David Steele of the Greyhounds was encouraged by the Texhoma game, despite the close loss. "It will take some valuable experience that they are getting right now, that they'll need in district play," notes Steele. 'Billy Crawford played an outstanding game. Our defensive front line played really well, and our linebackers backed them up with good play."

The game starts at 8 p.m. and Turpin is a good drive, but it is hoped the Hounds have a large travelling "squad" of fans who will show up at Turpin. Crowds can make a difference in close ball

Stratford JV dominates

Quarterback Jeremy Brooks directed a near flawless offense and Daniel Gomez led the running attack as the Stratford Elks junior varsity shut out the Gruver Greyhounds JV 28-0 in the first game of the year for both teams. Sept. 6 at Greyhound Stadium in

Gomez rushed 17 times for 113

Tailback Victor Lopez for the Hounds was the only bright spot for the offense, but he was transported to Spearman by ambulance early in the fourth quarter with a concussion. Lopez rushed 10 times for 35 yards. His injury was not thought to

Quarterbacks Kenton Odom and Jeffrey Price shared duty for the Hounds, but neither could generate much offense against a tough Elks defensive line. Odom did gain 13 yards on one quarterback keeper, but the passing attack was not

Stratford had 17 first downs, to only six for the Hounds. Three of Gruver's first downs came via penalty yardage. The Elks outgained the Hounds in total yardage,

One highlight for Gruver came in the third quarter when defensive back Scott McCloy stole the ball from the Stratford back and was credited with a fumble recovery. But on the very next play, Stratford intercepted a deflected Hounds pass and the fortunes turned Stratford's way again.

Later in that same quarter, Greyhound defensive back Freddie Aguilar intercepted a pass at midfield and returned it to the Elks' 44. But the Hounds were unable to gain a first down, failing on a fourth down running play.

According to Hounds defensive coach Shane Reagan the defense. like the offense, did not play particularly well. But Reagan did

credit defensive end Cody Barkley for playing a good ball game. "He is just a smart ball player," noted Reagan.

This game was put away early, as the Elks struck twice very quickly in the first quarter for a 14-0 lead. It was 22-0 at halftime, but the Gruver defense stiffened a bit in the second half, holding the Elks to

only one score. Hounds JV team members are hopeful their fortunes will change this coming week on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Boys Ranch. Kickoff time is 6 p.m.

14 8 0 0

First quarter S-3 yard run (run for PAT) 3:15 S-19 yard pass (run failed) 0:18 Second quarter

S- 10 yard run (run for PAT) 6:27 Third quarter No scoring

Fourth quarter S- 2 yard run (pass failed) 9:00

For cross country team . . .

Goal is to win at state

district championship, second plan at regional and third place at state What do you do for an en-

ar poal is to win state," says Branchaw, without hesitation, "I take with the girls," says coach M ke Banks, and their answer to that question is that they plan to ite this year." With so much dence, it is obvious that Graver will be the favorite at G. down this year, especially since the two teams that finished ah an of them in 1989, Nazareth day, will be weaker this

definitely be stronger verr," says Bradshaw, "Our will be experience, and isn't a weakness. We build a tradition at Gruver oss country, just like Nazareth sketball, where our young will be triving each year to one the winning tradition.'

1989 Munday won the state characteristip with 36 points and geth was second wih 66 Then came the surpising Late Cree hounds with 80 points.

three reasons why I have girls going out for the coss she of e is due to the fact hat the want to be top athletes, and I' want to improve themselves or a

39 was the first year for a cross are running because they want to work as try program in Gruver. It was be ready when basketball season the first year for head coach open. And three is self-Dib Bradshaw. The result was a san faction, which is what I see as the major benefit of a cross country program. The girls are able to push themselves to the limit of their abilities, and that is an uplifting ex-

Speaking of the basketball teams this year, where there are several spots open on the roster, Bradshaw "Cross country could make the difference. It could be the edge between making the team or not. Six Lady Hounds will be return-

ing from those who competed at the state meet at Georgetown last year. Seniors Elda Pando and Jennifer Hart and sophomores Cora Meyer, Brendy Brown and Monica Ward will be back. In addition, seniors Eva Babbs, Amanda Hiller, Meredith Runyan, Lisa Payne and Ashley Wagner will be competing, along with sophs Sharlet Slough, Traci Crawford, Kasey Davis, Akiko Bort, Marcela Oliva and Nancy Alvarez.

Then there will be eight others, all freshmen. They are Sara Jones, Mika McLain, Andee Salmans, Gina Hoel, Wynn Maupin, Dawn McCullough, Anissa Ryan and Shanna Jarvis.

Desnite the number, Coach Bradsuccesses. The emphasis will be , not quantity. We are goor and nighth graders run Windividuals competi-

that reason. Two is due to basket- the they will be participating in ball and I have several girls that on the running portion of our

> Speaking of the daily workouts Bradshaw explains, "First we stretch and jump rope. We then divide into two groups - one will work on weights, and the others work at form running/bleachers/sprint work. Then we will run two miles, or eight quarters, or four halves, etc.

Bradshaw graduated from Meadow High School and attended South Plains College in Levelland before graduating from West Texas State She then coached volleyball, basketball and track at Horace Mass. Junior High in Amarillo prior to accepting the position in Grant. This will be her second vea in Gruver.

in as excited as I have ever been about the start of school this year," says Bradshaw. "I have a lot more confidence this year 'ny elf, after seeing what we could lo list lear "She goes on, "These ir all have big hearts. Last year, our was 'Together, we are sire but this year I think it will be as on me. The girls will still be able to gain strength by leaning on each other."

W. h oam D.D. Bradshav so me more on ortable this year, ad whole team returning from est car's success, it is hard to imagine how Gruver could not be conade d the favorite for the state an pionship this year.



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CC Lynxettes run at Borger

girls' endurance was pretty good. "This is something we have been

working on," he explained. "Within the next week or two we are going to shift emphasis to speed," North

North reported that the varsity

was led by Haley Shieldknight who

finished 23rd in the varsity race. She was followed in order of finish

by Jill Lusby, Joy Gafford, Kimbre Townsen and Sonya Nitschke. Other varsity finishers were Gwen

Benson, Mendy Lasater, Mary Cook and Suzanne Sanders

According to North the first JV

finisher was Michelle Garnett. She

was followed by Amanda Nobles,

Ashley Shieldknight and Kara

Townsen. They were followed by

Season's first meet . . .

The Lynxette cross country team traveled to Borger for its first meet

on Saturday, Sept. 8. Of a total of 13

teams (all of which were 3-A or higher) the varsity Lynxettes finished 6th and JV Lynxettes

"It was a better meet than last year," said Coach Richard North.

He elaborated by saying there were

more teams at the meet and that many of the teams were much improved over last year at this same time. He cited Perryton as an ex-

ample. About this team he further stated, "I think we did pretty well,

we're in about the same position as

North elaborated about his

team's performance by saying the

finished 10th.

last year.'

Lacy Baker, Kelly Shieldknight

The Lynxettes' next meet will be in Perryton on Saturday, Sept. 22.

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Five Lynxettes show two sides of cross country running. At left are four varsity runners jostling for a comfortable running position at the start of their race. At right is a lone JV runner struggling to hold the pace at the end of her race.

Lynx look ahead JV Lynx lose to WT

The Lynx varsity football team will travel to Memphis for their second regular season football game. The Friday night game will kick off at 8 p.m.

Lynx coach Don Mullins says the Memphis Cyclones are a young fast team. He said the Lynx defense will be concentrating on containing running of the Cyclones two sophomore running backs. These running backs will be coming out of a pro-set I type offense.

Mullins says the Cyclone defense is the split 6 technique which is what the Lynx also run.

In commenting about the condi-

tion of the Lynx, Mullins said, "We are healthy and the kids are hitting better than in the past." He further stated that Chris Williamson worked out with the team on Monday and may be back in the lineup for Friday's game. Williamson hurt his knee during the Lynx scrim-

mage with Wheeler. Mullins indicated that two players will be moving up to starting positions in this game. Edgar Nova will start at left end and Ramone Lozano at left guard.

As of Tuesday, Mullins says the team will be leaving for Memphis at 3 p.m. on Friday.

The Spearman Lynx junior varsity lost their game with the West Texas JV on Thursday, Sept. 6 by a score of 28-6.

Brandon Vanderburg had 15 carries for 97 yards and one touchdown. Lonny Gallegos is credited with eight carries for 25

Tercero had a total of seven yards on three plays, while Jason Varnon gained a total of 22 yards on seven tries.

The Lynx JV completed three of seven attempted passes for 84 yards, and fumbled the ball twice.

Lynx storm over Irish

In their opening game against the Shamrock Irish, the Lynx varsity football team showed some of the characteristics of the thunderstorm that blew through the Spearman area shortly before the game last Friday night.

With a quick striking offense and a fast moving defense the Lynx defeated the Irish 14 to 7.

The Lynx offense struck first by scoring a touchdown and a twopoint conversion on the opening drive of the game. The drive was highlighted a by 14 yard pass play to tight end Joel Shields from quarterback Khris Kelp, a 17 yard run by Tim Dooley and a 28 yard scoring run by Brian Beck. The two-point conversion was scored on a screen pass to Dooley from Kelp.

The second Lynx score came at the beginning of the fourth quarter as a result of a 45-yard drive started at the end of the third quarter. The drive was sustained

by the left side of the Lynx offensive line opening holes in the Irish defense and allowing Lynx running backs to gain steady yardage. The drive was capped off by a 10 yard pass that Shields caught after the ball had passed through, and been tipped by, the hands of an Irish defender. The two-point conversion attempt by the Lynx failed.

The stunting, quick-moving Lynx defense disrupted and kept at bay the Irish offense until the last quarter when the Irish put together a 71 yard drive (with the help of two opportune penalties) for their only score of the game. Whenever the Irish offense would appear to be making headway the Lynx defense would rise up and throw them back for a loss. Making big plays for the defense were Dallas Trosper, Shields, Dooley, Tim Kizziar, Brian Kidder and Edgar Nava.

In the end it was the play of the

defense that preserved the win for the Lynx. On the second play from scrimmage after the Irish touchdown in the fourth quarter, Lynx quarterback, Kelp, fumbled the ball on the snap and the Irish recovered on the Lynx 34 yard line. In the next 10 Irish plays the Lynx defense threw the Irish for a loss on eight of them. The final play, before the Irish had to punt from their own 42 yard line, was a quarterback sack by Kizziar and

Kizziar and Kidder put the stop to the final Irish drive with 1:32 left in the fourth quarter. They sacked the Irish quarterback for an 11-yard loss in the Irish's first play from scrimmage. The game ended three plays later with the Irish 10 yards further away from the Lynx goal than when they started the drive, and seven points short of the Lynx than when they started the game.

Club 'gets behind kids'

"The main thing is to get behind the kids," said David Swan, president of the Spearman Lynx and Anyone interested in Spearman Lynxette Booster Club. Booster club members get behind the Spearman athletic teams through a number of activities ranging from providing meals for the football team to providing six college scholarships for outstanding Spearman student-athletes.

Some of the ways the booster club supports the teams include seeing that they are properly fed before each competition. They provide a meal for the football team before each game. The booster club makes sure the Lynxette cross country team has plenty of drinks and snacks to take along to their

Besides feeding the bodies of the Spearman athletes, the club helps feed the athletes' spirits as well. The club members prepare en-couraging yard signs for the players and coaches. They write encouraging letters to the players each week before a game or meet.

The big event, according to the club officers, is the All Sports Banquet at the end of the school year. Here the club hosts all the studentathletes and their guests for a banquet and awards presentation for outstanding achievement by student-athletes during that year.

Also handed out during the banquet are six college scholarships. These scholarships are given by the booster club to deserving studentathletes who are graduating Spearman High School that year. These scholarships allow Spearman

athletics is welcome to join the booster club and can do so by con-

tacting a club officer. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Home Ec room at the high



1990-91 officers of the Spearman Lynx and Lynxette Booster Club include (front row, I-r) Kathy Beck, vice president; Cindy Blackman, membership chariman; (back row, I-r) Barbra Townsen, ways and means chairman; Cathy Gafford, secretary-treasurer; and David Swan, president.

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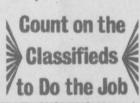
The minister, visiting newcomers, admired a pretty parakeet that perched silently in its cage.

"What a beautiful bird," he said. "Does it talk?" "No," answered the lady, "but

it thinks a great deal." There are two kinds of people. Those who stop thinking, and those who stop to think.

For you who stop to think, St. Paul urges: "Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all the things you can praise God for and be glad about

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PSHIGODA Des Moines) American Exploration Co., #5 Blasingame (320 ac) Sec. 31,13,T&NO, ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LIPS

Cleveland) Alpar Resources, Inc., #4C Barbara Lips '136' (8450 ac) Sec. 136, C, G&M, PD 7000'. SHERMAN (WILDCAT) Canyon

Exploration Co., #1 Martha (640 ac) Sec. 110,1-T,T&NO, PD 6000' SHERMAN (CARLANDER Red Cave) Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Trumbell (629 ac) Sec. 246,1-T,T&NO, PD 2200'.

Applications to Re-Enter WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Executive Properties, Inc., #7 W.S. Walker, Sec. 44,24,H&GN, elev. 2524 gr, spud 4-16-90, drlg. compl 4-30-90, tested 7-18-90, pumped 25 bbl. of 38 grav. oil + 15 bbls. water, GOR 520, perforated 2703-2710, TD 2750', PBTD 2731' - Form 1 filed in Jess W. Sheets Oil Co.

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Oil & Gas Report Sec. 27, A-2, H&GN, elev. 2839 kb, spud 3-13-90, drlg. compl 4-25-90, tested 8-2-90, potential 850 MCF, rock pressure 2880, pay 10302-10478, TD 10550', PBTD 10448' -

OCHILTREE (CALLIE JOE Upper Morrow) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Augustson, Sec. 306,43,H&GN, elev. 2948 kb, spud 5-29-90, drlg. compl 6-15-90, tested 7-30-90, potential 6200 MCF, rock pressure 2995, pay 8984-9080, TD 9190', PBTD 9142'

ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS St. Louis) Alpar Resources, #4-A Barbara Lips '157', Sec. 157,13,T&NO, elev. 2962 kb, spud 3-8-90, drlg. compl 5-16-90, tested 5-19-90, potential 295000 MCF, rock pressure 3437, pay 8860-8976, TD 9260', PBTD 9000'

Plugged Wells CARSON (PANHANDLE) Cabot Petroleum Corp., #1 Simms 'E', Sec. 11,7,I&GN, spud 7-18-73, plugged 7-25-90, TD 3320' (oil) –

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Panstar Oil & Gas, Inc., #1 Dennis Shaun, Sec. 87,7,1&GN, spud 5-11-83, plugged 7-23-90, TD 3320' (oil) -

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Panstar Oil & Gas, Inc., #1 Locke-Mobil, Sec. 89,7,I&GN, spud 4-22-84, plugged 7-18-90, TD 3316' (oil) – HANSFORD (SOUTH SHAPLEY

Upper Morrow) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Wilson, Sec. 21,P,H&GN, spud 1-3-81, plugged 6-15-90, TD

LIPSCOMB (DARREN Lower Morrow) Jack G. Jones, #1 Schwab, Sub. 20, Blk. SS, W.P. Wiser Survey, spud 1-5-78, plugged 3-5-90, TD 8850

LIPSCOMB (DARREN Middle Morrow) Jack G. Jones, #2 Schwab, Sub. 4,Blk. D, W.P. Wiser Survey, spud 9-14-82, plugged 3-17-90, TD 9100' (oil) -

POTTER (PITCHER CREEK Red Cave) Colorado Interstate Gas Co., #A-34R Masterson, Sec. Granite Wash) Anadarko 78,47,H&TC, spud 5-16-69, plugged Petroleum Corp., #1-27 Gill 'A', 7-20-90, TD 2807' (disposal) –

Letter To The Editor

In the June 21st issue of the Reporter-Statesman, a letter was published by my brother Art concerning the issue of flag-burning. It was written very eloquently, as stated by my brother Bob Bort in his column of the same issue. I must say that I have the utmost respect for Art, having always looked up to him throughout the years. However, my views differ somewhat from his on this issue.

Yes, our freedom of speech, along with other of our guaranteed rights, is a very important matter, and we must be careful to protect our right to such, but do we not have to draw the line somewhere? Where was our right to freedom of speech when the decision was made to ban prayer from our schools? It did not seem to matter in that instance.

Just as disturbing to me is concerning the use of explicit language and subliminal messages in music which is being allowed to reach our young children, all in the interest of freedom of speech. It seems to me that we either go to one extreme or the other with this issue. I'm sure that when our forefathers guaranteed this right to us, they did not intend for it to be carried this

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I agree that because someone burns a flag, we do not need to place that individual before a firing squad. However, in my opinion public flag burnings are a disrespect to our country and should not be permitted.

If a person wishes to exercise their right to freedom of speech, let that person speak and be heard. If he or she is not satisfied, and becomes angry enough to burn a flag, let that individual do it in their own back yard, or else leave our country and seek somewhere they feel is better. I doubt such a place exists.

Finally, let's get this issue of freedom of speech straightened out, for Pete's sake!

-s- Anne Bort Rasor

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Obituary

J.W. Garrett DENVER, Colo. - J.W. Garrett, 75, died Saturday, Sept. 1.

Mr. Garrett was born in Pittsburg, Texas and moved to Gruver in 1929. He graduated from Gruver High School in 1933 and married Bernice Shapley in 1936. He had worked for Stearnes-Rogers Co. as an electrical engineer in Denver and Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He was involved with the building of the Huber Plant in Borger and the Shamrock McKee Plant near Dumas and Sunray.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Barbara Hankins of Denver; a son, Gordon Garrett of Denver; a sister, Peggy Archer of Spearman; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Drinkwine Mortuary at Denver. Interment was a bearmont Cemetery.



Sales tax revenue up

The State Sales and Use Tax Analysis Report for the first quarter of 1990 was recently released by the State Comptroller's Office.

The report's county-by-county breakdown listed 88 reporting outlets in the Retail Trade Division in Hansford County. Those retail businesses reported gross sales of \$9,405,744 for the first quarter of this year, up 33.6 percent from the gross sales total of \$7,040,310 reported in the first quarter of 1989.

Use tax purchases on the total gross sales amounted to \$14,861 and the amount subject to state sales and use tax was \$3,001,560.

There were 157 reporting outlets in the "For All Industries" category, with total gross sales of \$14,860,463 in the first three months of this year. That total represents a 13 percent increase from first-quarter 1989's total gross sales of \$13,149,162.

Total use tax purchases in Hansford County for all industries was \$106,503 during the first quarter of 1990, while the amount subject to state sales and use tax for all industries totaled \$4,395,638.

The State Comptroller's Office defines reporting outlets as the number of individual business locations with a sales and use tax permit who filed a return. Gross sales is defined as the total amount of all sales, leases and rentals of tangible personal property and all labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

Taxable sales are not listed on the report, but an explanation is needed in order to understand the amount subject to state sales and use tax. This is the total amount of sales, leases and rentals of taxable personal property and taxable labor and service charges made during the reporting period.

As defined by the Comptroller's Office, the amount subject to state sales and use tax is calculated by taking taxable sales and adding use tax purchases.

Saudi Arabia trip remembered

Editor's note: Hansford County Librarian Rita Curtis provided the following story, written by Spearman resident Andy Scarborough. Scarborough has on display at the library a collection of snapshots and Saudi currency he acquired on a trip to Saudi Arabia in 1976, at age 18.

by Andy Scarborough

Hearing about the United States sending troops to Saudi Arabia has made me stop and remember what it was like and what awaits the troops once they arrive.

In the fall of 1976, at age 18, I went to Jedda, Saudi Arabia to visit my sister Ann and her husband, Donnie Brown, who worked there. (Jedda means "City of Eve.")

The trip to Saudi Arabia was quite an adventure itsself, considering I had never been on a plane and was flying halfway around the world. It's still hard to believe I went that far.

I suppose everyone has their own idea of what Saudi Arabia looks like. I know I did, before going there. I thought of camels, "Arabian Knights" on Arabian horses, oil wells, a desert oasis and Sand. Most of these thought quickly disappeared once I arrived in Jeddach

Neither camels nor "Arabian Knights" on Arabian horses were to be found. Oil wells were not in Jedda, which is mainly a port city. The desert oasis may have been out there, but I never went far enough out to see it. But I was correct in assuming Saudi Arabia had sand. Sand was in constant view. No matter where you went, there was

An observation that changed my mind about Saudi Arabia and the "movie image" I had of it was a glaring fact of everyday life. Jedda was a city of "haves" and "have-nots."

It was nothing to see big fine cars, such as Mercedes Benz, whiz by an old woman herding her goats down the street. Kids digging through garbage looking for something to eat was a common sight. I remember an old man dressed in rags pushing a cart with

all his belongings piled upon it.
Personal observations:
Workers - Most workers were foreigners. I saw Koreans building sidewalks, men from Pakistan unloading trucks, men from Yemen building apartments, and Americans, Europeans and Australians all filling specialized

Cars - Cars were everywhere. Some were running, some were not. Gasoline was between 10 and 15 cents a gallon. There were American cars, Japanese cars and European cars. "Just like back home," I thought. Wrong.

needs in the work force.

It seems the most important equipment on a car was the horn. There were no stop lights, stop signs or any other traffic sign that I can remember. The first one to an intersection simply honked his horn and went on. He had the right of way!

Jedda did have a police force to help direct traffic. They were called "Accident Coordinators." Most

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cars showed the dents from the lack of traffic laws.

What was always fun was to get a cab to ride downtown. There were hundreds of these little yellow cabs. Somehow you told the driver where you wanted to go (not all spoke English), and away you went just as fast as the traffic allowed (which at times was entirely too fast). The traffic circle downtown was especially exciting. Sometimes you went around a time or two before you could get off.

At your destination, or the closest point to it, you often got out in the middle of the street feeling happy to have made it.

Food - Arabic food was very spicy. Once we ate out at a restaurant and I had shark fin soup as an appetizer. It was pretty good stuff, so I had another bowl. Another time we went to Kentucky Fried Chicken. I couldn't believe it. They served everything just like in America!

Grocery stores were fairly well stocked with imported items. I remember the milk from France. It tasted like powdered milk and had a strange odor.

The meat market was another story. Instead of fresh wrapped meat like we have, they simply had a carcass of beef hanging up. You showed the butcher what piece of meat you wanted. After a few whacks with a large knife you had your meat. We bought our meat frozen. It was imported.

Water - Being located by the Red Sea (which isn't red at all) you would not think Jedda would have a water problem. Wrong. You always boiled your water before drinking it. Otherwise you suffered the penalty. Thus, water was always boiled and put in the refrigerator for later use.

Being a Moslem country and allowing no alcoholic drinks, water should have been the preferred drink. Wrong. A flourishing black market existed for anything to drink, from Coca-Cola to beer and moonshine. Anything was available for a price.

Religion and Customs - The majority of the population was Moslem. Their weekend was Thursday and Friday. Friday was like our Sunday, a day to go to church.

The people turned toward the East and prayed to Mohammed three times every day. I saw many Moslem pilgrims headed toward Mecca, the holy Moslem city. This season I believe was called Fomadon. Every type of transportation was used to haul these pilgrims. Many times these vehicles were overloaded and pilgrims were hanging on in every imaginable position.

The Moslem religion touched all parts of the Saudis' lives, the women possibly more than the men. Women were rarely seen. They were always dressed in black. They would quickly cover their faces with a black veil upon meeting a man.

Marriages were arranged between couples, and probably still are. Men and women were separated entirely while growing up to adulthood. Saudi couples were

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One curious thing was that the men walked around holding hands. I was told it was much like Americans shaking hands, a sign of friendship.

Another curious fact in this male dominated world was that women could not drive. Can you imagine that? I think my sister hated that most of all!

Back to religion for a moment. I attended church at the U.S. Embassy in Jedda. I was told to keep my Bible covered and out of sight before entering and after leaving the embassy. I can see now what great freedom we have in the United States to practice our religion. I don't have to hide my Bible while passing armed guards at a gate like they do in Saudi Arabia.

The City - Was Jedda a modern city? Yes and no. Yes, the main streets were paved, but they were always working on them. A lot of side streets were unpaved.

Yes, they had street lights along the main roads, but no electricity to them. A lot of these street light poles had been knocked down by cars.

Yes, they had modern high-rise buildings. One I heard about had no air conditioning.

Many buildings were falling down. They looked as if someone started tearing them down, but never finished the job.

One apartment building downtown was not complete, but people lived in it. Their wash was hanging off the balconies, drying in the Arabian heat.

Yes, they had garbage cans. Did I ever see a garbage truck? No. I do remember some large piles of garbage, one large pile not far from downtown.

Yes, they had running water and modern restroom facilities, but you saw the little boy hauling water on a donkey-drawn cart and outdoor restrooms in downtown Jedda.

Entertainment - Most of the time you made your own entertainment. Saudi TV was mostly in Arabic. Occasionally they had American cartoons on. Sometimes we listened to the BBC radio station. Almost everyone had a stereo to play records and tapes.

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The U.S. Embassy showed movies and the USO put on a show while I was there.

You could always to to the "Souk," which was like a big flea market. There was the fruit market, gold market, spice market, clothing shops, cigarette shops and money exchangers. Almost everything could be found in this area.

More than once I stopped to have an orange soda at the sidewalk cafe just outside the "Souk" area. It was a great place to watch people, not to mention watching the shoe-shine boys hustle work. They were great salesmen. They would not take "no" for an answer!

People - People are what I remember most about my stay in Saudi Arabia. I met three guys from Ireland one time and had a great time visiting and playing bumper pool. I met people from Australia, Austria. France, England, Pakistan, Egypt and several from the United States, and even shared Thanksgiving dinner with a couple from Scarborough, Canada.

Everyone seemed very friendly. Visiting friends was a great past-time. Parties were occasions for everyone to get together and have fun. You were only a stranger once, as everyone made you feel welcome.

Looking back, there was a lot of fun and it was a great learning experience. I saw a part of the world unknown to most people.

Would I go back? Not today, I wouldn't. I took a chance even in 1976, going over there with all the skyjacking that was going on. I was lucky. No use pushing that luck.

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