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Early Voting Ends September 9th

Texas Secretary of State Geoffrey S. Connor wants to remind Texans that the early voting period for September's upcoming constitutional amendment election ends on September 9th. Election Day will be held on Saturday, September 13th.

There will be twenty-two propositions on this year's ballot. "The early voting period ensures that all registered voters will have the opportunity to have their voices heard, even if they can't participate on Election Day," said Secretary Connor.

During the early voting period, voters in Hansford County can vote at the County Courthouse during regular business hours. However, voters who wait until Election Day to cast their ballot may only vote in their assigned precinct. Precincts 1, 5 and 6 will vote at City Hall in Spearman and Precincts 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9 will vote at the Cristo Redentor Catholic Church in Gruver. Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the 13th.

"During this election, Texans will be making tremendously important choices which will impact the future of our state for years to come. By not voting, you are letting someone else decide your future for you. That's not the Texan way," said Secretary Connor. The Texas Secretary of State serves as the state's Chief Elections Officer.



Hansford County Football

Left: Gruver Greyhounds Cody Mac Been and Tyler Lane block for quarterback Garrett Miner as he makes a hand-off to Saldovar Luciano during Friday night's game against the Boys Ranch Rough Riders. The Greyhounds defeated the Rough Riders 16-6.

Below: Lynx quarterback Garrett Martin carries the ball in for a touchdown during Friday night's game against the Sunray Bobcats. The Lynx fell to the Bobcats, 32-14.

The Greyhounds will host Texhoma this Friday night in Gruver at 7 p.m.

The Lynx will travel to White Deer on Friday, with a 7:30 p.m. kick-off.

Coach Frick Memorial Weight Room Dedication Slated

The Doug Frick Memorial Weight Room will be dedicated in ceremonies to be held Friday, September 6th, at 6:00 p.m. at the weight room.

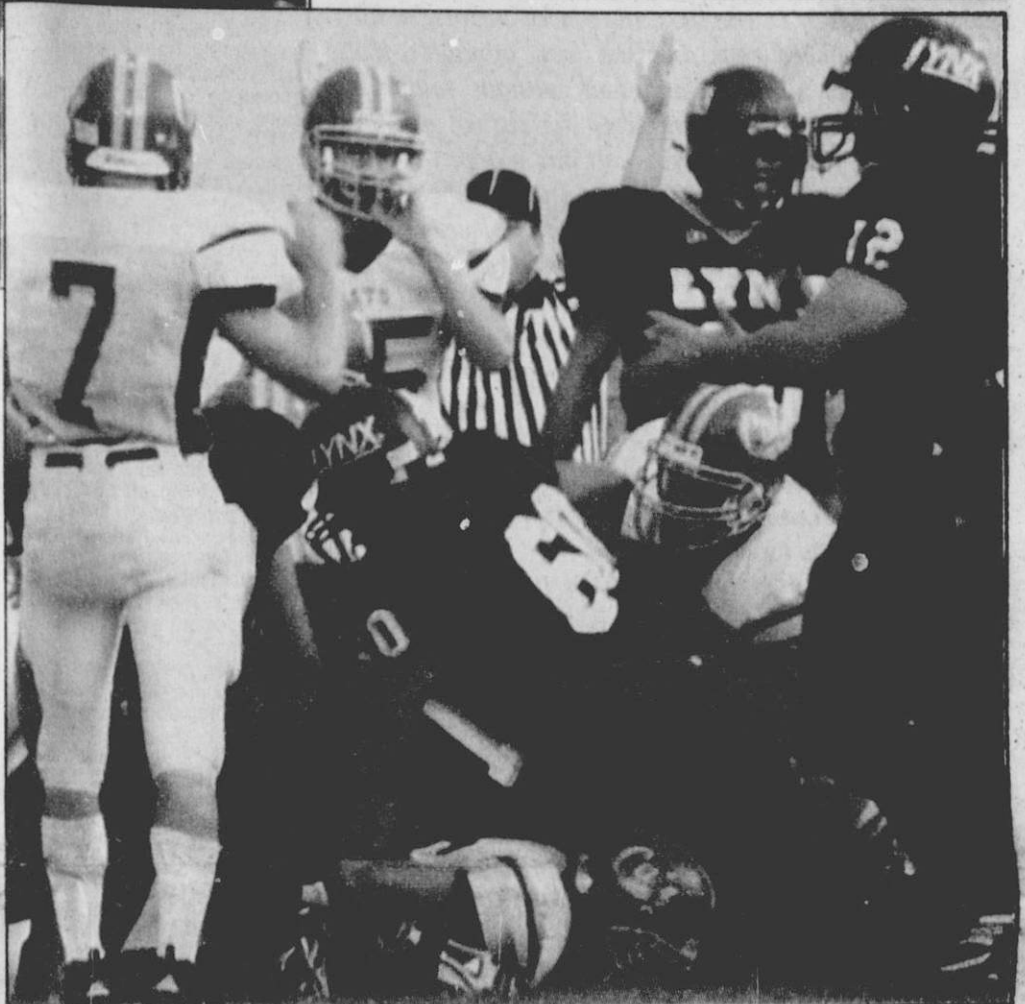
The family of Coach Frick will be honored guests for the dedication.

Following the dedication, visitors may tour the weight room and view the new equipment which arrived only last week.

The weight room was made possible through donations in the memory of Coach Doug Frick and former Greyhound Kirby Johnson of the Class of 2001.

The Greyhound Booster Club will sponsor a cookout on Greyhound Stadium parking lot beginning at 6:30 p.m. Menu items will include cheeseburgers or hamburgers for \$3 and sausage wraps for \$2. All proceeds will go to fund booster projects for athletes during the school year.

Sponsors donating goods for the booster club cookout are Boehringer Ingelheim, Texhoma Livestock Commission, Hansford County Vet Hospital, the Grocery Store, and the Gruver Dairy Queen.



PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans Land and Veterans Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans Land Board to use assets in certain veterans land and veterans housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school funds total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Live, Laugh & Love

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My friend Cindy Walton sent me the following article entitled "Carrots, Eggs and Coffee Beans." I really enjoyed it, and I hope you do, too.

Carrots, Eggs & Coffee Beans

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs and the last, ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what do you see?"

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. The daughter did and noted that they were soft.

She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What's the point, mother?" Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water - but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Which are you? Are you the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do you wilt and become soft and lose your strength?

Are you the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did you have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a break-up, a financial hardship or some other trial, become hardened and stiff? Does your shell look the same, but on the inside are you bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

Or are you like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor.

If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate to another level? How do you handle Adversity?

May God bless and keep you;
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Texas Vegetation Management Association CEU Workshop For Pesticide Applicators

The Texas Vegetation Management Association is offering a CEU workshop for pesticide applicators on September 17, 2003 at KoKo Palace, 5101 Ave. Q in Lubbock. To register, contact David Wall at (806) 457-6558 or Ann Finley at (806) 748-4403. The cost is \$18 and includes lunch. Registration begins at 8 a.m. on the 17th. The first session, entitled "2003 Resistant Weed Control Update" will begin at 9 a.m. Other sessions include "Texas Laws and Regulations for Pesticide Applicators," "Pesticide Applicator Safety," "Drift Minimization," and "How Pesticides Affect Plants." The registration deadline is September 12th.

Single Parenting Seminar "Straight From Heaven" "Down To Earth Discipline"

The paramount Terrace Christian Church Singles Ministry will sponsor and host a Single Parenting Seminar to help single parents cope with the experience of building healthy and happy homes. The seminar will be held September 27th from 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon at paramount Terrace Christian Church. This seminar is available to anyone, regardless of religious affiliation. Adult workshops and children sessions will be offered. Child care is by reservation only. Call Marie at 353-6615 for child care reservations or Penny at 353-6615 for reservations for the seminar.

Bits & Pieces Quilt Show

The Panhandle Pieces Quilt Guild is sponsoring the Bits and Pieces Quilt Show on Saturday, September 27th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Texas County Activity Center, 5th and Sunset Streets in Guymon, Oklahoma. The featured speaker will be Sharon Newman, at 11 a.m. in the banquet room. Quilt appraisals will be on September 26th during the show. Admission will be \$3 for anyone age 12 and up. A small quilt auction will be held at 2 p.m. in the Banquet Room, featuring a wide variety of miniature to baby quilts. Quilt entries are open to everyone. For more information, contact Cheryl Ashpaugh at (580) 338-3677, evenings, or email cherylas@ptsi.net.

Eveline Rivers Christmas Workshop Cookbook

The Eveline Rivers Christmas Workshop will celebrate its 25th anniversary from Christmas 2003 - Christmas 2004. To celebrate the Workshop will issue a 25th anniversary cookbook in early 2004 printed by Traflet. To include your favorite recipes, please send them to Eveline Rivers Cookbook, 314 Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101 or email to cook56book2003@yahoo.com. Categories included will be the standard categories along with Cooking for Two, Crockpot cooking, Outdoor Cooking (grilling and campfire cooking), Five ingredient or less (quick and easy), and Special Needs such as diabetic recipes. Deadline for submitting recipes is September 15, 2003. For more information, contact Susan Bovenzi at 358-9364 or Janet Howe at 468-2575.

Jim May Featured Teller for Voices in the Wind Storytelling Festival

The fifth annual Voices in the Wind Storytelling Festival, scheduled for September 5th and 6th features nationally known teller Jim May of Woodstock, Ill. Known for his prize-winning personal narrative, *A Bell for Shorty*, May will lead a storytelling workshop on Friday, September 5th from 1-3 p.m. at the Canyon Public Library. May will also be the featured teller in two evening concerts on September 5th and 6th, as well as spin yarns for a Friday Kids Concert at 11 a.m. in West Texas A&M's Branding Iron Theatre. This year's Saturday events will be storytelling showcases in which three tellers perform stories and then discuss storytelling resources for a particular storytelling genre. All showcases will take place at WTAMU's Jack B. Kelly Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tickets for the evening concerts (\$5), as well as a festival package (\$25 for SHP members and \$35 for nonmembers) which includes all festival events, can be purchased by calling Hanson at (806) 651-2800. Family and group rates (\$2 per person) are also available for the two evening concerts.

Public Education In Texas

Public education in Texas is for every child. Don't leave any child behind. The children of Texas come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and abilities. They do not all learn the same way, but they ALL do learn. Do you know of an infant, child, or young adult who does not learn easily or has an impairment that might affect his/her success in life? Do you know that public school programs can serve these children from birth to age 21? For more information, call Marsha Murphy, Special Education Director, at (806) 435-4412.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

2003 County FSA Committee Elections

An election will be held later this year to elect a member to serve a three-year term on the Hansford County FSA County Committee. The individual elected will represent an area located south and east of the main channel of the Palo Duro Creek from the Ochiltree County line to that point where the channel joins a line projected due north from the McKibben community on Hwy. 520, east of a line projected due south from the McKibben community. Charles Shieldknight is representing this area now. Nominations must be received by September 5, 2003. Petitions can be obtained by calling or coming by the FSA Office, 909 W. 9th, Suite B, Spearman, (806) 659-3036.

4-H Club Enrollment

Spearman 4-H Club will meet Monday, September 8th at 7 p.m. in the Spearman County Barn. Gruver 4-H Club will meet Tuesday, September 9th at 7 p.m. in the Gruver County Barn. Youth wishing to enroll in 4-H must be 9-years-old, or in the 3rd grade or older. Come to the meeting and discover the many projects and activities available through 4-H. Foods projects and Dog Care projects will start soon, as well as Beef, Sheep, Swine, Livestock Judging and Share-the-Fun. Call county Extension Agents Peggy Winegarner or Burt Williams at 659-4130 or 733-2901 for more information. All youth 3rd grade through age 19 may participate in 4-H regardless of their race, color, sex, disability or national origin.

Hospice Volunteer Training

Hansford Hospice is offering free Hospice Volunteer Training classes for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care, and/or desiring personal growth. Classes will begin on Monday, September 15th, and will be held Monday and Thursday evenings, 6-9 p.m., through October 16th. Please call 659-5811 to enroll. Location of classes will be determined later.

ACT Registration Deadline

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment on the October 25th national test date should register by the postmark deadline of September 19, 2003. The late registration deadline is October 3rd (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get registration materials from their high school counselor or register online at www.act.org.

Panhandle Exploration Getaway

In an effort to raise funds while promoting the Texas Panhandle at the same time, 2CARE for MOMS and Babies, health related incentive programs, will raffle a special "Panhandle Exploration Getaway" package. The drawing will be held on September 30th with ticket sales closing September 23rd. The tourism package includes maps and brochures for points of interest in the northern Panhandle with coupons, gift certificates, prizes and accommodations good throughout the region. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Baby's Coming Shops throughout the area for moms and expectant moms enrolled in the 2CARE programs. These programs are administered by the Coalition of Health Services in Amarillo and funded in part through grants from Texas Department of Health and the March of Dimes. Participating towns include Borger, Canadian, Fritch, McLean, Clarendon, Shamrock, Perryton, Spearman, Dumas, Dalhart, Stinnett, Miami, Panhandle and Pampa. For further information or to purchase tickets by mail, contact Judith Loyd at 664-2459. Tickets are available locally at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce office.

Gruver to Host 73rd Annual Alumni Homecoming

The classes of 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1993, and 2003 will be honored at the 73rd GHS Homecoming, set for September 26, 2003. A supper will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria. At 7 p.m., the Alumni King and Queen will be crowned with the crowning of the 2003 Homecoming Queen following. At 7:30 p.m., the Gruver Greyhounds will host the Claude Mustangs. Following the ball game, an all-alumni dance will be held at the Sparks Brothers hangar in Gruver. Alumni dues of \$10 are payable at the supper or by mail to Treasurer Pat Irwin, Box 944, Gruver, TX 79040. Dues and profits of the organization support the GHS Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Local Church Seeks Support in MS Walk

Primera Iglesia Bautista of Spearman will be aiding the National Sclerosis Society by joining in its annual walk effort to raise funds. Members of the church participating in a six-mile walk September 27, 2003 in Dumas are seeking sponsorship pledges from Hansford County residents. Those interested in joining the effort the conquer Multiple Sclerosis may contact Sally Vaquera 659-5035, Margie Vaquera 664-5594 or Primera Iglesia Bautista 659-3991.

5K Family Fun Walk/Run

A 5K Family Fun Walk/Run, presented by Gus Birdwell PTO, will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2003. Entry forms are available at Gus Birdwell Elementary or from any PTO member. For more information, contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233. All participants will receive a race T-shirt. The race will begin at Esca Park and will finish at the High School track. Early bird registration is due by September 22nd (\$10 for adult, \$7 for child under 12, \$30 for family up to 4); Registration deadline is September 26th (\$12 for adult, \$8 for children under 12, and \$35 for family up to 4); Race Day Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on October 4th (\$14 for adult, \$9 for children under 12, and \$40 for family up to 4).

"A Feast with Friends" Cookbook

"A Feast with Friends" cookbook, compiled by the Harrington Cancer Center Circle of Friends, is being sold by Jenna McElroy. Profits from the book will go to the Circle of Friends to assist cancer patients and their families in their time of need. The cost of the ring-bound recipe collection is \$15. Call Jenna at 659-2365 or 659-2617 for more information, or to place an order.

Senior Citizen's Book Exchange

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

Book Club Forming

There has been some interest expressed in starting a book club in Spearman. If you would be interested in participating, please call the Hansford County Library, and add your name to our list. If there are several who want to do this, we will then have an organizational meeting. This book club would meet in the evening hours, perhaps one time per month. Please give us a call at 659-2231 to indicate your interest.

Crisis Center Seeking Donations of School Supplies

Once again this year, Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) would like to ask for help from the local community. Some special children in this area need help with school supplies. Although PCC does not anticipate needing as many supplies this year, there are still several who are in need. In the past, your generosity has made it possible for PCC's young clients to be able to start the school year on a happy note. Please keep in mind that backpacks are always a special need for these children. This year, drop boxes for the school supplies are located at ALCO and Dollar General in Spearman. The supplies may also be dropped off at PCC's new Outreach Office located in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building at 511 SW 11th, Suite 105, in Spearman.

Beware of FAFSA Web Scam

Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Our Deepest Sympathy

KENNETH MILLER LONGLEY

BORGER - Kenneth Miller Longley, 87, died Wednesday, August 27, 2003.

Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 30, 2003 at Cornerstone Church with Jim Loper, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hansford County Cemetery in Spearman by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors.

Mr. Longley was born on June 9, 1916, in Spearman. He was a farmer and rancher.

Survivors include his wife, Zina Longley; two sons, Darrell Longley of Elizabeth, Colo., and Clifton Longley of Vici, Okla.; a daughter, Geneva Babitzke of Borger; a sister, Evelyn Dodd of Panhandle; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Cornerstone Church of Borger.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As a proud citizen and businessman of Gruver, I pride myself on the actions of my son and his fellow members of the armed services in their contribution to the war in Iraq and the search for terrorists world wide.

Overall, the citizens of Gruver demonstrate themselves to be patriotic Americans, supportive of our country's mission to stop terrorists and rogue regimes. Whatever the reason, it is a town of which I am proud to be a part.

It puzzles me that our widespread support of the military and a strong national defense - which is clearly present throughout the rest of the country - does not always travel the distance to Washington.

There are special interest groups in Washington that are lobbying to stop Congress from approving the lease of 100 new, desperately needed air refueling tanker planes for our Air Force.

These groups are contradicting the advice of Air Force personnel and our Department of Defense, saying that the Air Force doesn't really need the planes it is asking for. It seems to me that these groups are more interested in curtailing our military's efforts than pursuing the truth. The unfortunate fact is that these groups are willing to jeopardize the safety of our pilots and the success of their missions to see their political agenda advanced.

If the Air Force and Donald Rumsfeld are convinced that we must replace planes that no commercial airline would put in the air, then I trust that judgment. I only hope that our congressional representatives will do the same and turn a deaf ear to these special interests who know little about the needs of our troops.

Sincerely,

L. John Gibson (Retired)

210 Van Kurt

Gruver, Texas 79040

John Gibson is a graduate of Texas A&M University and owner of High Plains Chemical in Gruver.

FOR E!



Floyd Makes Hole-In-One

Don Floyd of Gruver made a hole-in-one on August 22nd at Hansford Golf Course. Floyd was on hole 16, and made the 165-yard shot with a 5 iron.

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Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Ron Fox, Don & Wanda Reed

September 5 Birthday - Kilee Ryan, Cathy Potts, Howard Nash, Pat Minter, Dawn Brown, Mavis Floyd, David West, Mark Garcia, Betty Thomas, Mary Alice Gibner, Andy Riley, Sonya Tindell, Willie Wallis, Joyce Sharp, Lorenzo Sauz, Connor Odegaard, Daniel Swink
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Don Reed, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Hicks

September 6 Birthday - Brad Hart, Mickey Nash, Ty Williams, Jennifer Profit, Josh Owens, Cheryl Green, Jonas Heath, Osbaldo Lomely
Anniversary - George & Tina Rex, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wink, Judy & David Martin, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Stewart
September 7 Birthday - Alice Peddy, Kim Boone, Teal Armes, J.L. Brock, Richard Montgomery, Juanita Terceo, Melvin Willis, Kermit McKee, Jennifer Whitefield, Mardell Strawn
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Charlie West, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Bullard

September 8 Birthday - Kevin Hart, Vernon Edens, Larry Irlbeck, Teresa Byrd, Richard Davis, Cindy Scarborough, Macy Holton, Suzanne Sanders, Beronica Borounda, Wynette Mullins, Monica Ceniceros, Linda West, Justin Tucker, Bill Miller
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Worship: 11 a.m.
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Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

Church of Christ
209 King • 733-2760
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m.
Minister - Gaylord Cook

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
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He and his wife, Jane, are folk musicians. They are active members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waco.
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Mars in History and Fiction

On August 27 we passed closer to Mars than we've been in 60,000 years. If you've not yet seen it, don't fret--it's still putting on a good show and will for a few more weeks. The brightest starlike object in the night sky, Mars is low in the southeast at dark and highest in the south an hour after midnight. Naked-eye views are impressive, but telescopic views are better.

Mars, along with Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn, have been known about since antiquity. Recognizing that these five "stars" moved against the background of "fixed stars," ancient astronomers called them planets, which is Greek for wanderer.

The planets are named for ancient gods. Mars (Roman name for the Greek god Ares) is one of the offspring of Jupiter (Zeus) and is the god of war--undoubtedly due to its blood-red color.

Mars has been a favorite for science fiction, such as Ray Bradbury's *The Martian Chronicles* and the 1950 movie *Rocketship X-M*. But probably no Mars-story had a greater impact than Orson Welles' 1938 radio drama of H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*. A fictional account of Earth being invaded by hostile Martians, Welles presented the drama like news--that U.S. cities were being attacked and destroyed by an unstoppable army of Martians. The convincing drama created widespread panic.

Mars even had a role in the 1930 discovery of the planet, Pluto. Percival Lowell was a wealthy Bostonian obsessed with two ideas in the late 1800s. He was convinced Mars had canals made by intelligent beings, and he believed there was a ninth planet beyond Neptune, which itself had only been discovered in 1846.

In pursuit of proof he founded Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, AZ, in 1894, and searched for years--but to no avail. He couldn't prove the existence of Martian canals, and he couldn't find Planet X. He died in 1916, broken with disappointment.

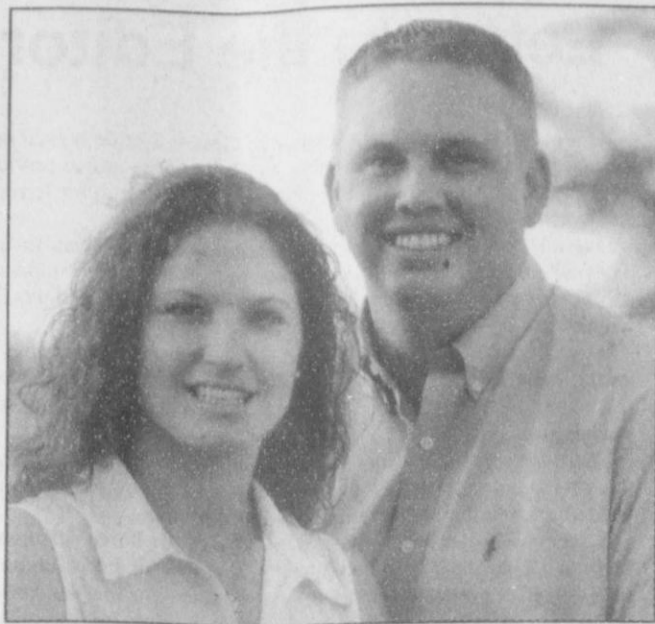
Subsequent observations with larger telescopes and spacecraft confirmed there are no Martian canals. But in 1929 Lowell Observatory began yet another search for Planet X, and in less than a year Clyde Tombaugh found what Lowell sought. Tombaugh named the new planet Pluto, the first letters--Pl--in honor of Percival Lowell. As a final irony, it was later found that Lowell had captured Pluto on photographs taken in 1915, but failed to recognize it as the planet he so desperately wanted to find.

SKY CALENDAR

Tue. & Wed., 2 & 3, evenings: The Moon is near Scorpius' bright reddish star, Antares; Wed, 3: The Moon is at 1st quarter; Tue., 9, evening: The Moon is near Mars; Wed., 10: The September full Moon, called the Fruit Moon, is also this year's Harvest Moon, being the full Moon nearest the fall equinox; Tue., 16: morning: The Moon is near Taurus' Pleiades star cluster; Wed., 17, morning: The Moon is near Taurus' bright reddish star, Aldebaran; Thur., 18: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

PLANETS

(The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west.)
EVENING: Mars, Neptune and Uranus are in the sky all night.
MORNING: Saturn rises 4 hours before the Sun. Mercury, Venus and Jupiter are too near the Sun for viewing.



Engagement Announcement

Lonnie and Le Ann Shields of Spearman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Lonette, to Michael Blake Nelson of Warner, OK. Blake is the son of Donna and Ron Girlinghouse of Ft. Smith, AR and James Nelson of Muldrow, OK. Ruth will graduate from Texas A&M University in December. Blake is a 1998 graduate of Oklahoma State University and is an agriculture instructor at Connors State College. The couple plan a January 2004 wedding in Oklahoma City.



Smokey Binion Jr. will present "A Tribute to Elvis" on Saturday, September 6, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. in the Stinnett City Park in conjunction with Stinnett's Birthday Celebration.

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Nikki Strawn bride-elect of Shad Sanders on Sunday, September 7, 2003 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in the home of Tom & Linda Latta 1101 Barkley • Spearman, TX

Shook Earns Degree



Curtis Dale Shook, son of Eddy and Mary Shook of Sunray, graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK, May 10, 2003. Shook earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance. He is employed with American General Finance in Stillwater.

Shook is the grandson of Wayne and Floydean Shook of Gruver and F.A. Shapley of Tucson, AZ, the great-grandson of Winnie Vernon of Gruver and the nephew of Rex and Deanna Williams of Spearman.



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You are cordially invited to join with family and friends in celebrating the Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Don and Wanda Reed on Sunday, September 7, 2003 at one-thirty in the afternoon First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 407 S. Haney Spearman, TX
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Out At The Lake



Rondall Thompson, of Hooker, OK, with a 21 lb. and an 8 lb. Blue Catfish. They were caught on August 28.

Lake Level--September 2, 2003--30.11 feet (-.02)

The Lake level did drop below 30 feet during the week, but the total for the wet period of 1.85 inches brought it back over.

The most that fell in one period was 1.43 inches.

Rondall Thompson of Hooker, Oklahoma has fished at the Lake several times but has never caught much. You can imagine how thrilled he was to catch the 21# blue catfish. He also caught another one weighing 8#. Fishing from the bank, he was using cut bait from a carp he had caught.

Although our Labor Day crowd is never one of the big ones, Jim said it was a disappointment this year. Behind the dam three couples, Lee Shaver, Coy Kelly, and Jim Morley were camping in the circle, and there were 4 non-local RV's by the trees. There were 3 tent

campers near the lake.

On the office side, twin sisters with their husbands had two RV's at the hookups. One couple was from Tulsa and the other from somewhere in New Mexico. The sisters wanted to get together by meeting somewhere at mid point. The one from Tulsa called Optima and they referred her to Lake Palo Duro. When she called Jim she asked about trees, but he told her she was leaving tree country to come to the Plains. She decided it did not matter.

Kathy Bryant rented the shelter Sunday evening for her sorority. Scooter is trying to guard the office and Derington home from a raccoon that wants to investigate the place. The raccoon uses a cedar tree as home base. When Scooter gets too close, the raccoon leaves the area on the ground and goes up in the tree where the dog can't get him.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Sandee Smith, a retired Spearman 5th grade teacher and wife of Ric Smith, was quoted and pictured in a recent issue of Pigskin Review in the Amarillo Globe-News.

Quote "Before the Lynx travel to a playoff game they drive past the elementary school playground to see all the elementary students lined up along the fence, waving them out of town. The fifth graders have the privilege of holding the traditional sign-a-sheet that's at least 12 years old and gets repainted when the purple message fades," Mrs. Smith said.

The Labor Day weekend with the early shower made for a very pleasant visit by Hilary and Blake Beedy of Dallas and Brittini and Phillip Sanders of Amarillo. They were guests of their parents, Shelly and Jeff Beedy and grandparents, Mary Schumann and Dodie and Brad Beedy. Greeting family and friends at church and watching football made for a relaxed day.

Bob and Jackie Pearson could ask for no more pleasant weekend than the one they enjoyed over Labor Day. Their daughters, Laura Pearson and Carrie Clark came from Houston, accompanied by granddaughter, Caroline Clark. Carrie's husband, Trey Clark was unable to make the trip due to a singing engagement.

Jason Whitson, also of Houston, joined them on Saturday. On Saturday afternoon, all went to the "Hooper House" southeast of Spearman where all shared an evening meal with Doc and Susan Pearson. Sunday morning Doc, Susan, their daughter, Kristi Pearson and Ross Renner of Gruver. All went out to share a morning family worship service and enjoyed a great day.

Mary Schumann, Craig Schumann and Shelly Beedy attended the funeral of David Gonsler in Farmington, NM on August 21, 2003. David was a brother-in-law of Mary Schumann. He is survived by his wife, Alta Mae Gonsler and one daughter, Gwen Gonsler. Alta Mae was a graduate of Spearman High School.

Danny and Delinda McLaughlin attended the wedding of Jackie in Lubbock Friday evening. Jackie is the daughter of Bill and Dalene

Baker of Dumas and sister of Samantha Ford. All are students at Lubbock College Christian University. Her parents, the Bill Bakers, lived in Spearman for many years.

Edith McCain and Jo Kirk, Gloria and Charles Hays from Edmond, OK attended the funeral of Ruth Baker in Spearman on Saturday. Also attending were David and Darrald Tevebaugh of Stillwater, OK.

Dorcas Collard is slowly recovering from a stroke. Her address is Plum Creek Specialty Hospital, 5601 Plum Creek, Room 308, Amarillo, TX 79124.

James and Betty Pugh returned to Spearman from El Paso to attend the funeral of his sister, Maxine, 66, who passed away August 24.

Survivors include her husband, two daughters, five grandchildren and one brother, James

Pugh. One daughter lives in Manassa, VA and the other in Tulsa.

Brett Winegarner, son of Verlan and Brenda Winegarner, marked his induction into adolescence by celebrating his 13th birthday with a back-yard cook out along with "make your own sundaes." To share with his auspicious occasion, he had friends and relatives, some of whom came from Campo and Trinidad, CO.

Ann and Vernon Pipkin hosted a cook-out for family and friends and with a brief visit from their daughter, Mika Gumfory and her sons, Sam and Gage from Portsmouth, NH.

Other honored guests were Holly Pipkin and fiancée, Nick Kaluza, from College Station, who were here for a short visit. Others enjoying the cookout and fellowship were: Gai and Forest Gilliam of Guymon, Cody, Abby and Mia Pipkin of Morse, and Doris Jean Pipkin, Roy Pipkin, Scott Pipkin, Maggie Pipkin, Mary Schumann, Craig and Tashi Schumann, Jeff, Shelly and Tanner Beedy, Melissa, Sawyer, Mabry and Judd Sutterfield, all of Spearman.

Now, really --- is it true that the weight watchers have been advised to use the double doors on the east side?

A local fisherman is claiming that fishing stimulates his brain - friends are convinced that it's his imagination that is stimulated!

James and Betty Pugh are pleased to announce the arrival of their newest grandchild, Ashland Nicole Shuler, born August 27, 2003. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18-1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Angela and Bobby Shuler of Summerville, S.C. She was welcomed by brothers, Jeffrey, 12 and Christopher, 8. Other grandparents are Diane Shuler of Charleston, S.C., James and Vicki Shuler of Citra, FL.

Condolences are extended to the Kenneth Longley family. The Longleys were long time residents of Spearman.

His sister, Evelyn of Panhandle is the last of the Spearman family. Dorothy Longley is the widow of Elmer Longley, a cousin of Kenneth's.

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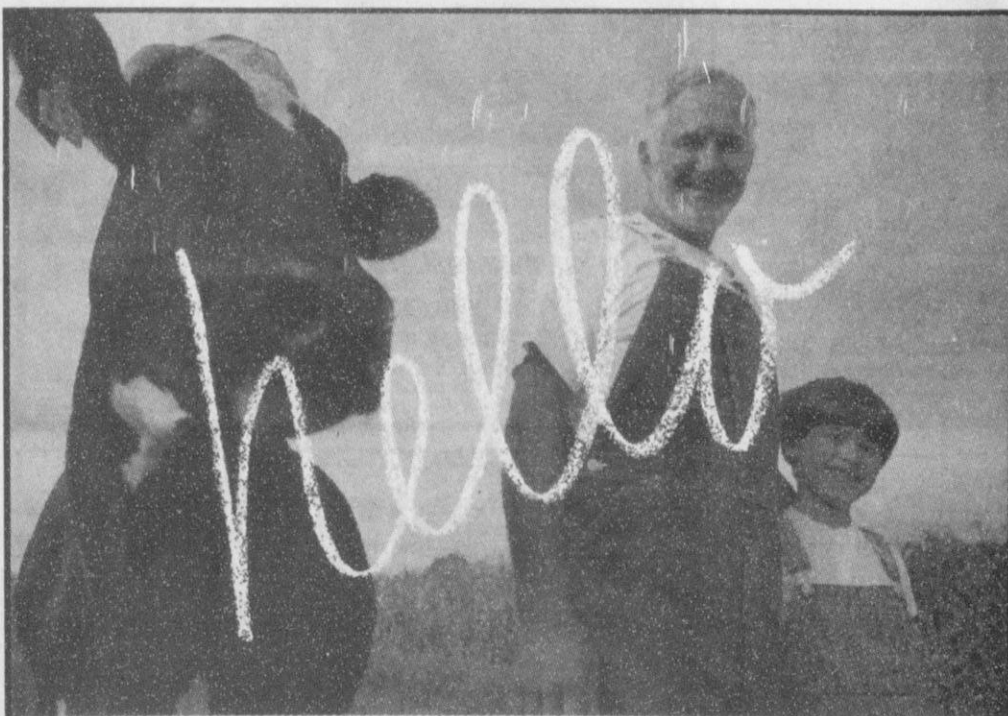
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Texas Plains Trail Designated Newest Heritage Trail Communities betting program promotes tourism in region

Editor's Note: This article is being reprinted from the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. It was written by John Reynolds.

The revival of a 35-year-old driving trail across the South Plains and Panhandle could become the catalyst to increased tourism throughout the region.

The Texas Historical Commission recently designated the Texas Plains Trail as the sixth trail in its Texas Heritage Trails Program, according to program Director Janie Headrick.

Other trails include the Forts Trail, the Independence Trail, the Forest Trail, the Lakes Trail and the Brazos Trail, she said.

"It's a big, big deal," said Lana Barnett of the Tulia Chamber of Commerce. "We've worked about a year and a half (for the designation)."

Texas Plains Trail An Official kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Senior Citizens Activity Center, 619 S.E. Second in Tulia. The general public is invited.

One of six Texas Heritage Trails designated by the Texas Historical Commission.

Designed to draw heritage tourists to the 52-county region that encompasses the trail.

Sources: Lana Barnett, Tulia Chamber of Commerce and Texas Historical Commission

Tulia will host a get-together September 15 to officially announce the trail designation, she said.

The seeds of the project were sown in the late '60s when Gov. John Connally proposed 10 driving trails across the state for tourists to explore while visiting the 1968 World's Fair in San Antonio, Headrick said.

The Texas Department of Transportation marked the trails with blue and white signs, which are a familiar sight to many Texas motorists.

In 1998, the Texas Historical Commission took on the task of reviving the trails as a way to promote heritage tourism in the region surrounding each trail.

"The trail part needs to be

downplayed," Headrick said. "It's a region (that's being promoted)."

The Plains Trail region consists of 52 counties reaching from Mitchell and Howard counties in the south to the Oklahoma border in the north. In the east, the region includes Hardeman, Foard and Knox counties.

The geographic area is roughly the same size as Indiana, said Deborah Bigness, the Plains Trail's grant writer.

Heritage tourism has surged in recent years, Headrick said, especially since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

It is the fastest growing segment of Texas' \$40.4 billion tourism industry, according to the Texas Historical Commission.

The state ranks second in the country in receiving cultural and heritage tourists. Heritage travelers are valued since they spend \$29 more per day than other tourists, according to the historical commission.

Promoting the Plains makes sense because "when people think of Texas, we're who they think of," Bigness said. "They think of open spaces, windmills, cowboys and canyons."

"It's a real advantage of the region. ... We're the folklore."

The Texas Plains Trail also will benefit from having the backing of the state's historical commission.

Aside from being promoted on the organization's Web site, the commission will give a grant of \$50,000 a year for a minimum of three years to the Texas Plains Trail corporation, Headrick said.

In addition, the commission will print about 500,000 copies of a brochure promoting the Plains Trail, which will be distributed in every TxDOT travel information center and other locations, she said.

For the regions where a brochure has been published, tourism has increased 13 percent at sites where visitor numbers are monitored, she said.

Barnett and Bigness both

lauded the regional approach encouraged by the historical commission.

"Yes, I think it's been a growing sense that we need to work together to promote the region," Bigness said.

Over the past year, organizers have contacted county judges in all the counties in the region to solicit resolutions of support for

the Plains Trail initiative.

The historical commission required resolutions from 75 percent of the counties in the region. The Plains Trail organizers signed up 102 percent, Bigness said.

"We got 53 (counties)," she said, "because Andrews County (which is not in the region) passed its support as well."

Local Students Named To National Honor Roll

Ten Spearman High School graduates and nine Gruver High School graduates were named to the 2002-2003 National Honor Roll for exceptional academic achievement.

Spearman High School students named to the National Honor Roll include: Kevin Beedy, Paul Bynum, Fernando Flores, Mindee Gillaspie, Chris Hearon, Homer Martinez, Scott Sauer, Clara Shieldknight, Lance Smith and John Thomas.

Gruver High School students named to the National Honor Roll include: Eric Cruz, Brandi Griffin, Sammi Johnson, Misael Rosales, Wade Stewart, Lori Swink, Modesta Trejo, Amy Watley and Jacinda Perez.

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Upon acceptance, the student's biography is included in the appropriate commemorative publication and the student receives information about National Honor Roll's ancillary services.

Under no circumstances can a student be nominated by another student, their parent, a relative, or themselves.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Rainfall Reported

Gruver and the surrounding area received much needed rainfall last week.

The City of Gruver reported .04 inch of rain on August 28, .82 inch on August 29, and .13 on August 31. Areas north of Gruver and Hitchland received in excess of 2-3 inches, but areas to the west of Gruver reported only a trace.

Cooler temperatures, however, were enjoyed by all areas. From a high of 98 degrees on August 28, the high on Saturday, August 30 only reached 70 degrees.

Schools Slate Open Houses

Gruver Junior High School has changed the time of their open house for parents. The new time is Monday, September 15, beginning at 7 p.m. in the junior high library.

At that time, parents will receive a schedule of their child's classes and will follow a mini-schedule of their child's school day.

Parents of junior high children participating in the Title I program will also meet during the open house time.

All junior high parents are urged to attend.

Gruver High School will host an open house on Tuesday, September 30.

Parents of high school students are asked to meet in the high school library for refreshments and receive their student's first six weeks report card.

Parents will then be free to visit each of their children's teachers.

All high school parents are urged to attend.

Community Care Concerns

The condition of Steve Myatt has greatly improved since last week.

He is now in a private room at Baptist-St. Anthony's and is off the respirator and undergoing therapy.

Brit Pierson, the infant son of Marty and Viva Pierson was able to go home with his parents two weeks ago.

Brit was born prematurely and weighed slightly more than one pound at birth. Weighing over six pounds when released from the hospital, he is doing well.

Welcome To Gruver

Gruver welcomes home Glenda (Bell) Steed. Steed retired last year from the Canadian School System.

Her son Kale lives in Amarillo and is employed by KAMR Channel 4.

Glenda is the daughter of Hugh and Marie Bell.

Bell To Be Honored

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DEFENDING THE HOMELAND

Last year Congress created the Department of Homeland Security. It was the largest government reorganization since the creation of the Defense Department in 1947. The change was dramatic, yet necessary, in response to the growing threat of terrorism menacing our nation. The Department has three critical objectives: 1) prevent terrorist attacks within the United States; 2) reduce America's vulnerability to terrorism; and 3) minimize the damage from potential attacks and natural disasters.

In this, the third and final column in my annual three-part survey, I pose several questions about homeland security and ask how we can best protect our nation and our way of life. I appreciate your participation and look forward to your responses.

SURVEY PART III - HOMELAND SECURITY

1. The Rio Grande River snakes along 1,254 miles of Texas' shared border with Mexico. An estimated 400,000 people travel into the United States on a daily basis through our state's 11 border crossings. Our close proximity to our relationship with our Mexican neighbors has enriched us culturally and economically. But the border also presents a security challenge.

How do you think we should best protect our borders? (Choose all that apply.)

- Increase border patrol presence at all border crossings
- Enact a five-year moratorium on immigration
- Make universities responsible for reporting the arrival and departure of students who come to the U.S. to attend college
- Establish a national entry and exit data system with tamper resistant visas
- Inspect all trucks coming into the country to ensure they meet American safety standards

Additional comments: _____

2. Securing our nation's aviation system was the first item of business after September 11th. Dramatic changes were made at airports large and small across the country. Today, when you fly, you will encounter employees of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), a newly formed agency under the Department of Homeland Security. They are charged with screening passengers and baggage to ensure safe passage for all travelers.

What are your thoughts on aviation security at this time? (Choose all that apply.)

- I feel safer flying today than immediately after 9/11
- I do not feel safer flying today than immediately after 9/11
- My family and friends should be allowed to accompany me to the gate, as long as they too are subject to screening
- Screeners today are more professional, courteous and knowledgeable than pre-TSA screeners

Additional comments: _____

3. Air cargo security remains one of my top priorities. Twenty-two percent of cargo that is shipped in the United States travels on passenger planes. Yet, only a tiny percentage of the cargo is inspected. While we have employed rigorous screening procedures for baggage and passengers, we have left the belly of the plane exposed to the threat of terrorism. Twice the Senate has unanimously passed legislation I introduced to close this dangerous loophole, but the House of Representatives has failed to act.

What is your opinion on shipping air cargo with passenger flights? (Choose all that apply.)

- People who handle air cargo should be subject to criminal background checks
- Cargo should be in a secure area at all times
- A system should be implemented to track cargo
- Train handlers to learn how to safeguard cargo from tampering

Additional comments: _____

4. The threat of biological, nuclear or chemical weapons is a concern Americans must consider. The Department of Homeland Security has issued guidelines and life-saving tips to deal with potential attacks, but many people remain uninformed of what to do in case of an attack.

In what ways have you prepared for an incident? (Choose all that apply.)

- I have discussed potential attacks with my family and we have prepared as best we can to appropriately react to a threat
- My workplace has emergency evacuation procedures in effect and we have conducted drills
- I am unprepared and would not know how to react
- I look for unusual behavior around public transportation, water and electricity facilities, and other public places

Additional comments: _____

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MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

The residents at Hansford Manor celebrated the dog days of summer with a hot dog feed week before last.

They started the day off with Musercise. I passed by and heard "Summertime Blues" a rockin' and noticed the residents had their instruments a rollin'!

That afternoon the retired "chefs" of the Manor got together and peeled, chopped, diced and sliced fresh summer fruit for a wonderful fruit salad to go with their hot dogs.

On Monday, several residents loaded up and we went shopping around Spearman. It took 30 minutes to unload all of the sacks from the van when they returned!

On Wednesday morning, Anne Whitaker came and led Bible study after a brunch of donuts and coffee. It is such a blessing for the residents to have a Bible study leader again. The visiting and fellowship afterward is very rewarding.

That afternoon a couple of high school students came to help with our crafts class. They had a great time and plan to

come back.

On Friday afternoon we had a style show put on by *Something Special*, a line of clothing that is adapted to particular and unique needs.

The clothing was modeled by staff members and then refreshments and shopping was enjoyed in the activity room. The clothing was hung on clothes racks, making the activity room look like a department store! There were many unique items such as lap robes that snap in the back to keep from sliding off of your lap and the special "Care Socks" that are designed for diabetics. (They are especially soft and stretchy to keep from putting any pressure on the feet.) Many residents came to the "store" and shopped while they sipped on our special pina colada's!

On the 25th of August, we held a resident council meeting. There were no new concerns mentioned and the residents praised the over all care they receive, as well as the food that is served to them. Votes were taken for the Resident of the Month and CNA of the Month. J.C. Harris was elected Resident

of the Month for September and Maria Vela was elected CNA of the Month.

Wednesday, August 27th, we started the day with coffee and cookies, followed by Anne Whitaker leading Bible study.

That afternoon we enjoyed a special showing of "Seabiscuit". Thanks to Gary, Peggy, and Alton Ellsworth we were able to take 28 people to the Lyric Cinema. The residents all seemed to enjoy the movie and the staff thought it was wonderful!

On Friday, the 29th the Auxiliary Ladies hosted the monthly birthday party. They brought so many delicious pies and served the residents while the Hansford Hillbilly Hee Haw Band entertained the residents. Prairie Garden Flowers furnished corsages for the birthday residents, which we really appreciate. Everyone enjoyed the party.

The school busses are rattling and clanging down the roads and it is the official beginning of the end of summer. The residents always look forward to the school kids' visits to the Manor.

I remember last year when the 2nd grade class from Gruver came and interviewed the residents, then went back to school

and wrote stories about their adopted friends. Many of them still come back to visit.

The kindergarten from Spearman is also very good to come and sing and enjoy parties with the residents. They make many gifts for the residents such as decorations for their doors for holidays.

It is a lot of fun to watch the children and residents alike. The children who start out the day a little shy toward the residents, usually end up being best friends with some of them.

When we went to the El Vaquero for lunch on the 15th your favorite "Neighbor," Helen Fisher, rode with me and related a very funny story. I have been waiting to see if she would put it in her column, but since she has not I could not wait any longer.

When she was a little girl they lived in a board house with wide cracks in the boards. One day her mother reached up into her cabinet to get dishes to set the table, and low and behold there lay a rattlesnake!! So frightened was she that she ran and got the shotgun and shot it!! She got it alright, but it also blew a hole in the wall and broke all of her dishes!!

Ohhhhhhhhhhh- The Good Ole Days!!

Watering Tips for Yards

by Rhonda Artho, Education & Public Relations Director, North Plains Groundwater Cons. District

During the last of our hot summer, remember to consider water conservation when watering your lawns and flowerbeds. Plants' water needs go up considerably during the hot weather, but how and when you water can make a huge difference in both the health of your plants and the amount of water that you're paying for. The key to healthy, strong lawns is deep, infrequent soakings. The most efficient method of watering is to thoroughly wet the soil with 1 inch of water and then to allow it to dry out a little before watering again. This encourages plants to put down deeper roots, which makes them better able to survive periods of drying out.

If you want to see how much water you're applying to your lawn, set out a small can within the range of the sprinkler and check the water level to determine how long it takes your sprinkler to apply the amount of water you desire. You can also come by the Groundwater Conservation District office in Dumas and pick up a small rain gauge that you can set out in your yard to check the amount of water you're applying. Also remember that watering in the

early morning or late evening can save a great deal of water (approximately 300 gallons per month), as well as be healthier for your plants. When you water during the heat of the day, when the wind is also often blowing, you can lose as much as 40% (200-300 gallons) of the water you are applying to evaporation before it ever reaches the ground. The ideal time to water is early morning, as the surface of the leaves have a chance to dry off quickly once the water is turned off. If plants stay damp overnight, it tends to encourage the growth of fungal diseases.

When watering flowerbeds, consider a drip irrigation system or soaker hoses to apply water close to the ground. There are now drip irrigation kits available that a homeowner can assemble and install themselves with minimal trouble. Either of these systems will allow water to be applied closer to the roots of the plants and will minimize evaporation.

Setting your lawn mower blades one notch higher during the heat of the summer can also save you a great deal of water and money, since longer grass means less evaporation. This alone can save 500-1500 gallons per month.

Remember to also consider the type of sprinkler that you are

using when you water your lawn. The most efficient sprinklers are those that produce larger droplets and apply them close to the ground to minimize evaporation. Tractor sprinklers (the yellow ones that follow the path of the hose you lay in the yard) are one of the best investments to save both water and money while watering your lawn. If you use a hose-end sprinkler, you might also want to consider an inexpensive hose-end timer. These can be purchased at most retailers that carry lawn and garden supplies, and they cut off the water supply to the sprinkler after the specified amount of time has passed. This could be a real benefit to those of us who sometimes forget to turn off the sprinkler before we go to bed and wake up the next morning to find water running down the gutter from our yard. Also make sure to adjust your sprinklers to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways. This can save 500 gallons per month.

If you have an automatic sprinkler system, you might want to consider a rain switch. These devices are available from several manufacturers, but

all work in a similar manner. When it rains, the switch prevents your automatic timer from turning the sprinkler system on for a few days. Once things dry out, it will allow the system to begin its normal cycling again. Not watering when it is rainy can save you 200-300 gallons each time your sprinklers would have come on.

These are just a few suggestions that you might want to consider as our summer comes to a close. Following these guidelines when watering your yard can help save you money and at the same time help conserve our precious water resources. If you would like more information on saving water and on planting drought resistant plants in your yard, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District in Dumas is giving away free computer software titled "The Water Efficient Guide to Landscaping" to help you plan and maintain your yard to save both water and money. If interested, please contact Rhonda Artho at the Water District at 806-935-6041 or at P.O. Box 795, Dumas, TX 79029. You can also e-mail requests to artho@npwd.org.

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Lynx Fall To Bobcats

The Spearman Lynx came up short in a match-up with the Sunray Bobcats on Friday, August 29th. The Lynx fought hard, but were not able to hold on to their second quarter lead of 14-6.

Garrett Martin scored a 1-yard touchdown, bringing the score to 7-6 in the first quarter. Russell Sheets' 25-yard interception return for a touchdown put the Lynx ahead 14-6 in the second quarter.

Sunray's Nick Martin made five pass completions count for 248 yards and three touchdowns. Martin threw a 70-yard pass to Aaron Raymond in the first few minutes of the game, making the score 6-0. His 65-yard pass to Shane Anderson brought the score to 14-14, after the Bobcats successfully scored the two-point PAT.

Martin's 66-yard pass to Erick Quirk broke the tie in the third quarter, and the Bobcats led for the rest of the game. The final score was 32-14.

This Week

The Lynx will travel to White Deer for a non-district game on Friday, September 5th, with a 7:30 kick-off.

Spearman vs. Sunray Offensive Stats

Rushing

Clete Vanderburg: 14 Carries - 65 yds.
Marcus Vasquez: 12 Carries - 24 yds.
Brock Town: 3 Carries - 14 yds.
Garrett Martin: 8 Carries - 0 yds.; 1 TD
Mark Thomas: 5 Carries - 16 yds.
Michael Lozano: 2 Carries - 7 yds.

Passing

Garrett Martin - 2 of 5 - 7 yds.

Receiving

Jeff Brock - 1 (-5) yds
Marcus Vasquez - 1 - 12 yds.

Total Offense

44 Carries - 126 yds.

Defensive Stats

1 Interception - Russell Sheets; 1 TD
1 Fumble Rec. - Garrett Martin

Rushing

32 Carries - 170 yds.

Passing

5-11-1 - 248 yds

Total Defense

Total: 418 yds.

Game at a Glance

	Spearman	Sunray
Score by Quarters	7/7/0/0 - 14	6/8/16/6 - 32
First downs	10	13
Yards Rushing	131	170
Yards Passing	7	248
Comp/Att/Int	2/5/0	5/11/1
Total Yards	138	418
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	3/1
Punts/Avg.	6/36.6	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/40	5/45

Players of the Week

Offense



Clete Vanderburg



Eric Flores

Defense

Hounds Topple Rough Riders

by Harletia Cartheil

The Gruver Greyhounds lost a few goal line battles but not the war as they downed the Boys Ranch Rough Riders 16-6 in the season opener Friday night.

Drawing first blood near the end of the opening period, the Hounds maintained their composure to block a series of comeback attempts by the Rough Riders who nudged within one point in the second quarter.

A safety late in the third quarter and a Ryan Winger touchdown run in the fourth quarter sealed the Rough Riders fate.

Gruver's first score came on a three yard run by Salvador Luciano with Cody Mac Been adding one on the point after attempt.

The Riders' score followed a trio of fumbles - two by Gruver - to give Boys Ranch the ball on the Hound 37 and 23 yard lines. A completed Boys Ranch pass to the one-yard line, following the second Gruver fumble, set the Riders up for their one-yard scoring run at 7:19 in the second quarter.

With Hound Carlos Borunda blocking the Rider's PAT, the Hounds maintained a single point lead at the period's end.

In mid second quarter, Cody Mac Been intercepted a Boys Ranch pass and returned it to the Rider 44 yard line. Going nowhere for three downs, a high snap to the Hound punter resulted in a Rider take-over on the Gruver 30 yard line.

Moments later, a second Hound interception by Brock Irwin gave Gruver new life. A pass to Been gave the Hounds a first and ten on the Boys Ranch 35 yard line. With seven seconds remaining on the clock before half-time, the Hound scoring attempt failed.

Early season miscues also plagued both teams in the second half with Boys Ranch intercepting a pass on Gruver's first possession of the third quarter. The Hounds followed with a fumble recovery on their own 25, only to suffer an interception by the Riders on the Boys Ranch four yard line.

The seeming good luck of the Riders, however soured as a high snap on a Rider punt resulted in a safety for the Hounds at 3:40 of the third period.

The Hounds struck up the middle in the opening of the final period with a David Puebla blast to the Boys Ranch 41 and a Winger encore to the 12 yard line.

But the momentum of the drive halted with a Boys Ranch interception. The Riders control was brief as they gave the ball over on downs at their own 24.

The Hounds added to their field advantage with a 15 yard run by Puebla for a first and goal at the nine yard line.

Falling just shy of pay dirt on the fourth down, the Hounds gave the ball over. Again the Riders possession was cut short, with an interception by Gruver's Borunda on the ten yard line.

The Hounds took advantage of the late possession. A five yard run by Winger with a Been PAT secured the game late in the

fourth quarter.

This Week

The Hounds will host Texhoma in a non-district clash Friday, September 5. The dedication of the Coach Frick Weight Room at 6:00 p.m. and a Greyhound Booster cookout beginning at 6:30 p.m. will precede the game.

Gruver vs. Boys Ranch Offensive Stats

Rushing

David Puebla: 14 Carries - 91 yds.
Ryan Winger: 12 Carries - 87 yds.
Salvador Luciano: 11 Carries - 39 yds.
Brock Irwin: 3 Carries - 4 yds.

Receiving

Cody Mac Been: 1 - 10 yds.
Salvador Luciano: 1 - 6 yds.
Manny Lopez: 1 - 5 yds.

Game at a Glance

	Gruver	Boys Ranch
Score by Quarters	7/7/0/0 - 14	6/8/16/6 - 32
First downs	9	8
Yards Rushing	207	43
Yards Passing	21	84
Comp/Att/Int	14/3/3	28/6/4
Tot. Yds.	228	127
Fumbles/Lost	6/3	5/4
Punts/Avg.	5/19.5	5/47
Penalties/Yards	4/25	5/47

Junior High, Junior Varsity Teams to Open Season

The Gruver and Spearman junior varsity will open their season Thursday. Gruver will play at Stratford, and Spearman will play Canadian in Spearman.

Gruver junior high will also open their season this Thursday in Stratford. The Spearman junior high teams will open their season next Thursday at Boys Ranch.

The junior high games are slated to begin at 5:00 p.m. with the junior varsity following at around 8:00 p.m.

Gruver junior high parents should note the new time of 12:35 p.m. this year for junior high pep rallies. Spearman junior high pep rallies will be held at 3 p.m.

Spearman, Gruver Compete In Cross Country

Running in their first meet of the season, the Spearman Lynxettes placed third with 95 points while the Gruver Lady Hounds with 228 points placed ninth on rain-drenched turf at the Borger Cross Country Meet Saturday.

Lynxettes

Lynxettes, their times, and placings were as follows:

10. Melissa Lesly, 12:58; 13. Tabatha Shields, 13:11; 21. Lindsey Short, 13:28; 28. Macy Harbour, 13:43; 29. Ashlee Flowers, 13:43; 51. Claudia Vaquera, 14:29; 53. Rossilyn Bulls., 14:31.

Lady Hounds

Lady Hounds, their times, and placings were as follows:

31. Meagan Knight, 13:51; 42. Liz Lopez, 14:11; 60. Laci

Fitzgearld, 14:56; 61. Jessica Schmidt, 14:56; 63. Lindsey Clift, 15:11; 64 Allison Reid, 15:11; 72. Samantha Myatt, 15:49.

JV Girls

Spearman Junior Varsity Runners (no team results kept) (medal winners)

3. Aleisha Sweat 13:37; 8. Sonny Parker, 13:51; 12. Tonya Hart 14:07; 21. Jordan Short, 14:31.

JV Boys

Junior Varsity Boys (Spearman's top runner)

27. Jordan Sweat, 20:14. Gruver: 8. Hugo Chavir

Jr. High Girls

Junior High Girls (No team results kept) (Medal Winners)

Spearman :5. Christy Lang, 6. Jessica Diaz, 7. Bond Pittman, 11. Kendall Schneider, 16. Kylee Howard, 17. Mattie Davis, 19. Kyla Reed, 20 Courtney Chambers, 21. Amy Boyd, 23. Amanda Snider

Jr. High Boys

Junior High Boys (No Team

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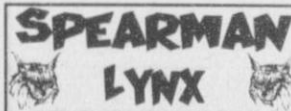
Gruver: 16. Kyle Jackson

This Week

Gruver and Spearman teams will run at the Wolf Creek Classic next week, with the JV girls running at 9:00 a.m., the JV Boys at 9:30 a.m., varsity girls 10:00 a.m., varsity boys 10:30 a.m., and JH girls at 11:00 a.m.

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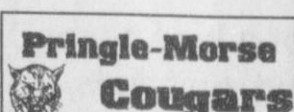
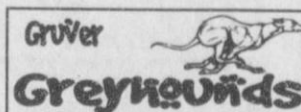
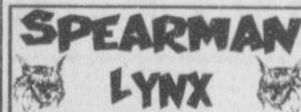
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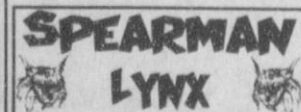
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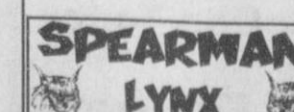
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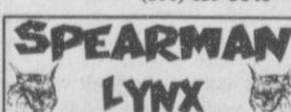
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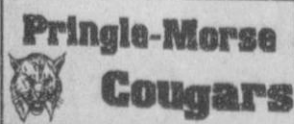


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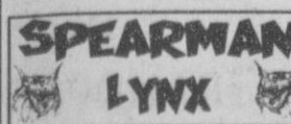


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Pittman Rules Both Diamonds



Chloe Pittman

losing battle with cancer. Kip Pittman died in September 2000 before seeing her ever play baseball.

Chloe has been able to draw strength from her mother, her brother, Zane, and her sisters, Hannah and Sadie.

When she was ready to graduate from T-ball, a decision had to be made: Should she try softball, where she might struggle to be challenged by her peers? Or should she attempt to play baseball, where she would be challenged on the field athletically and socially?

In the end, the Pittmans chose baseball. And as has been the trend with this 9-year-old, she met the challenge.

"She's very smart, very personable, very bright and kind-hearted," said former assistant coach Deborah Becker. "She was fun to have on the team, one of my favorite kids. She had a big case of the giggles."

Oh, and she can play pretty well too.

"She has a consistently great bat, and she played third for us," Becker added. "She's a tough third baseman and had a couple of hot-box situations. She tried pitching this year, too, and did pretty good for a kid just learning."

Deborah's husband, Mike, was Chloe's head coach for two years.

"Every year when Mike would go to draft players he would try to get Chloe," Deborah Becker said. "There was no one in her age group as good as she was."

That fact makes Chloe remarkable but not necessarily happy. In Chloe's inaugural baseball season she played alongside one of her girlfriends. Despite the companionship of

her other teammates, her relationship with another girl proved critical in providing a more relaxed atmosphere.

This year, however, she was the only girl on the team. The lack in a companion may prove to be the end of Chloe's baseball career. She intends to focus on softball in the future where she can play with her friends.

"Last year I felt more comfortable," Chloe said. "It was coach-pitch, and I had a girlfriend on the team."

"This year there were more boys. I felt weird. It's fun to be with your friends."

Therefore softball has become Chloe's sport of choice, securing her future consideration and concentration.

Her mother believes it's that concentration that sets her daughter apart.

"It's her mentality," Melissa Pittman said. "Physically she can do all things. Mentally she knows exactly what to do on every play."

She is growing into that age where, even more choices become available. She is set to tackle her second year in basketball this fall. Chloe returned from a basketball camp in Eudora with seven awards.

She has also expressed interest in volleyball -- a sport that is not yet available to her at this age but has sparked intrigue through another summer camp.

No matter what sport Chloe ultimately chooses, her goal remains the same.

"I just want to have fun and get out there," she said.

Editor's Note: This article is being reprinted from the Thursday, July 24, 2003 edition of *The Eudora News*. It was written by Adam Hooker.

Chloe Pittman has been a woman among boys. The 9-year-old multi-sport sensation has taken Eudora by the heartstrings.

The soon to be fourth-grader has separated herself from her peers in more ways than one. The unpretentious young star-in-the-making made the baseball and softball diamonds of Eudora her own personal playgrounds during both seasons.

Chloe has always been ahead of the curve in her athletic gifts. At times, her advanced skill level has been both a blessing and a curse.

"She comes by it naturally," said her mother, Melissa Pittman. "She has a really good sense of how to play out there."

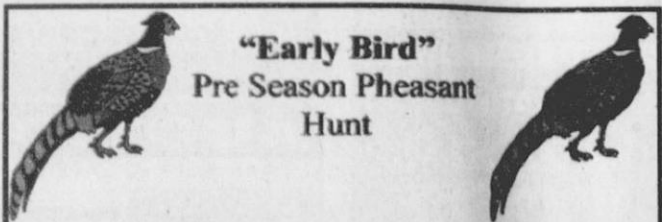
This season marked her first year in baseball when the players pitched. In softball, the coaches still control that responsibility at her age level. In any case, she loves to play.

"You just go out there and you can do whatever you want really," Chloe said. "I like playing the pitcher's position, because that's where most of the balls go."

Chloe has maintained humility despite the spotlight. She doesn't desire to be the center of attention, but she does enjoy being in the middle of the action.

She began playing T-ball in kindergarten, just a few years ago. It became clear at an early age that Chloe was a natural. She quickly outpaced the majority of her girlfriends.

But not everything was easy for Chloe during her T-ball year. Her dad was in the midst of a



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The University's chapter of the National Broadcast Society (NBS) has received numerous awards at NBS National Conventions over the last three years. KWTS also has received a variety of honors on campus and is a three-time winner of both the President's Community Service Award and the President's Silver Buffalo Award.

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"While you have a thing it can be taken from you . . . but when you give it, you have given it. No robber can take it from you. It is yours then forever when you have given it. It will be yours always. That is to give."
James Joyce

A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER:

- * Is a special and necessary member of the Hospice Team.
- * Is caring, open, and accepting of life.
- * Holds an understanding of the challenges that face families and patients when confronted with a life limiting illness.
- * Affirms life not just by words, but by their works.
- * Learns new interpersonal skills.
- * Makes possible what was once impossible.
- * Knows integrity means keeping promises to ourselves as well as others.
- * Gives back to life what was given to them.
- * Enriches their own life by enriching the lives of others.

WHY SHOULD I VOLUNTEER?

- Hospice volunteers both give and receive many benefits from joining our program.
- * Volunteers set their own level of commitment based on their available time.
 - * As a full member of the hospice team, volunteers help by providing care and compassion to the patient and family.
 - * Volunteers often form close ties with family and patient, becoming the eyes and ears of the Hospice Team.
 - * Office volunteers, by performing a variety of non-clinical work, enable the hospice professionals to focus their efforts on patient care.
 - * Without volunteers, hospices could not continue to provide the quality compassionate care which is demanded at this difficult time of life.

As a Hospice Volunteer, You Will Receive Ongoing Training in

- * Communication
- * Interpersonal skills
- * Family dynamics
- * The grief process
- * Spiritual care
- * Hospice philosophy
- * Emotional support of patients and families

HOW DO I BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER?

Volunteer selection begins with attending the initial class orientation session. Potential volunteers are identified for patient care and / or office activities based on their personal choices, interests and tal-

ents. Individuals who choose patient care participate in an orientation and training which includes philosophy of hospice, communication skills, patient care, patient and volunteer rights and other topics. Those who chose to be office volunteers can participate in the full training program or a basic hospice orientation.

Volunteers play a crucial role in Non-Profit Hospice to a degree true of few other non-profit agencies. The average non-profit hospice has many more volunteers than paid staff. They depend on our volunteer staff not only for direct patient care, but also for office activities and community outreach. The opportunities for volunteers to make a difference are as varied and individual as the volunteers themselves.

The following are some of the many roles a volunteer can perform:

- Patient & Family Care**
- * Visit or call a patient or family member
 - * Companionship (from simple conversations to exploring deep feelings)
 - * Shopping, errands, and meal preparation
 - * Reading aloud
 - * Listening to music together
 - * Looking at photos together
 - * Sharing a quiet moment together
 - * Going on walks with patient or family
 - * Sitting with patient so caregivers have free time (respite)
 - * Journaling (helping the patient record their history)
 - * Playing games together.
 - * Help with household chores, nutritional education, financial matters, and funeral arrangements.
 - * Bereavement support

Helping Office Staff

- * Answer phones
- * Typing letters
- * Filing and Data entry
- * Newsletters
- * Graphic arts
- * Running photocopier
- * Community outreach and volunteer recruitment
- * Skilled services such as carpentry, photography, computer, electrical or decorating
- * Errands to stores, post office, etc.
- * Sending birthday and sympathy cards
- * Setting up for lunch and dinner meetings

"I shall be telling this with a sigh; Sometime ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."
Robert Frost

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