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Thursday, August 30, 1990

For county employees . . .

Salaries raised

Hansford County Commissioners, during their regular meeting on Monday, adopted a proposed tax rate and a proposed budget for the 1990-1991 fiscal year. Included in the proposed budget

is a 5 percent or \$52 (whichever is larger) salary increase for every county employee. According to Commissioner Val Winger, this raise applies to everyone except new employees and some special

Winger said the increase in salary is intended to offset the fact that the commissioners' court has decided to stop paying 20 percent of the cost of health insurance for dependents of county employees. He said the county will continue to pay the full amount of the premium for the employees themselves, but will reduce the amount paid for the employees' dependents. These changes will be effective Sept. 1.

The proposed budget of \$2,213,752 and the proposed tax rate of .382 per \$100 of assessed valuation will be effective Oct. 1. They must first be subjected to a public hearing and then voted on by the commissioners a second time before being enacted. The commissioners set Sept. 6 as the date for this hearing. It will be held at the county courthouse, starting at 10 a.m.

In related business, Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, County Clerk Amelia Johnson and County Tax Assessor Helen Dry came before the court to discuss their concerns about the new personnel policies being enacted by the county court. McFarlin, acting as spokesman for the group, indicated department heads feel they should be given more freedom in governing paid days off for their employees.

The sheriff expressed the group's concern over the lack of communication between the court and

the county department heads. He indicated that sometimes the court makes or adopts a personnel policy affecting his department and he isn't notified. Johnson and Dry

echoed his comments. The commissioners expressed appreciation to the department heads for bringing these matters to their attention and indicated they would address these matters in future meetings.

Further business conducted by the court included discussion on the purchase of a steel bedded truck and the granting of five easements across county roads. The purchase of the truck was brought up by Commissioner Winger because he is aware that one of these trucks is available and could be purchased for \$4500. Winger indicated that the county currently rents these trucks and suggested it might be better to buy one outright. No action was taken by the court and the matter was set aside for further discussion at a later date.

The five road easements granted included one to Sparko Productions, two to North Plains Electric and one each to Medallion Petroleum and Phillips Petroleum. The Sparko easement was to allow a buried cable to run across a dirt road between sections 12 and 13. The two North Plains Electric easements were across county road 5, two miles northeast of Spearman, and across a county road 8.5 miles northeast of Spearman. The Medallion easement was to allow a road to be ditched and pipe laid across the road, two miles southeast of Spearman. The Phillips easement was across a road six miles northeast of Gruver.

Those present at this meeting were J.T. Venneman (temporary chairman), Garland Head, Val Winger and B.J. Renner.



Lines of cars and kids began forming again in front of the county schools this week. Shown here are the early arrivers at Spearman Elementary School, which opened on Monday. Gruver and Morse

schools had similar scenes on Tuesday. New classes and some new teachers waited inside for the arriving kids.

Gruver schools welcome six new teachers

by Jean Ann Behney

The Gruver Independent School District welcomes six new teachers to the 1990-91 school year.

KRISTI WILLIAMS

At the elementary level, Kristi Williams will be the Resource instructor for the learning disabled in grades Kindergarten through 12.

Williams is a 1987 Spearman High School graduate who earned a B.S. degree in education (early

Williams said she has pursued a career in teaching because of her "love for kids" and that her goal for the school year will be "to do

my best to help the kids."
Outside of the classroom,

childhood) from Texas Tech in July

The first-year teacher also mar-

ried Johnnie Williams, who is

employed as assistant superinten-

dent for the state highway depart-

ment, in July. Her parents are

Omar and Sharon Sutton of Spear-

man. His parents are John and

Ynese Williams of Gruver.

of this year.

Williams enjoys reading and cook-

BRENT VANDERPOL Brent Vanderpol will be a new For SISD . . .

math teacher at Gruver High School teaching classes in Algebra I, Pre-Algebra and Fundamentals of Math.

The Oregon native is a 1977 high school graduate. After high school, he worked in lumber mills in Oregon for two years before joining the U.S. Army for a four-year enlistment.

Vanderpol spent most of his Army stint as an aerial photographer working for Army Intelligence. He was based at Fort Bragg, N.C. during this time.

Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Oregon where he earned 105 quarter hours of credit at the Oregon Institute of Technology before transferring to Southern Oregon State College in Ashland. In June of 1989, Vanderpol earned a B.S. degree in education (math and social studies) and a B.S. degree in geography.

During the 1989-90 school year,

Vanderpol taught math in Fisher County, Texas, where his wife Dawn also taught Kindergarten.

Vanderpol met Gruver Superintendent Tommy Cathey at the West Texas State University Job Fair in June of 1989. When the Gruver position in high school math for the 90-91 year became available Vanderpol was hired.

The Vanderpols have a daughter, Laura, who will be a seventh grader in Gruver this year. They are also the proud parents of a

See Gruver page 6

U.S. Army addresses provided

have expressed concern for friends and relatives in the United States Security number. The Army Post Armed Forces who have been sent to Saudi Arabia in preparation for what could become armed conflict in the region.

Spearman resident Sue Guthrie has provided the Reporter-Statesman with addresses to which mail can be sent for service people in the U.S. Army. Guthrie's son Kimy Roberts is serving aboard the battleship USS Wisconsin in the Persian Gulf.

Readers are advised that the following addresses are for U.S. Ar-

Many Hansford County residents my troops only. In writing letters, include rank, name and Social Office numbers are:

* 101st Airborne Division APO New York 09309

- * 82nd Airborne Division APO New York 09656
- * 24th Mechanized **Infantry Division** APO New York 09315
- * 1st Corps Support Command Fort Bragg APO New York 09657

* 197th Infantry Brigade APO New York 09315

- * 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade APO New York 09656
- * 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment APO 09209

Guthrie said she hopes the addresses can help Hansford County residents make contact with their loved ones during the crisis in the

New teachers and aide to begin education, in the late 1970s.

by Jean Ann Behney
Spearman Independent School District classrooms and playing fields will be graced by the presence of seven new teachers and one new classroom aide this year.

At the elementary level, Linda Andrew will replace Sue Woolley as the special education-handicapped teacher. Jenny Neff will come on board as the fifth grade classroom aide, library aide and office aide, and Carolyn James will teach fourth grade.

LINDA ANDREW

South Texas, being graduated from Agua-Dulci High School there in 1964. Following high school, she married E. Charles Andrew Jr. and the couple had two children: Troy Dean, currently a 24-year-old senior at Texas A&M and Melissa, 20, of the Andrew home.

When her children were still college classes at Texas A&I Linda Andrew is originally from music, Kindergarten and special

school nurse for the Pringle-Morse

Skow's background includes a BS

degree from Abilene University, a master's from Texas Tech Univer-

sity and 70 hours toward a doc-

torate degree. He has eight years'

classroom teaching experience and

12 years' school administration ex-

perience. He was principal at

in grades five through eight in the

morning, and kindergarten in the

afternoons. She and her husband

Craige have one child, Cass, who is

3 years old. Cooper is a recent graduate of Panhandle State

University and this is her first year

Etheredge will be teaching social

studies for grades five through

eight, along with elementary

physical education. She and her

husband Ray live in Gruver with

their three children Matt, 15, Will,

Etheredge earned both her

bachelor's and master's degrees

from Tarleton State University.

13, and Molly, 5.

school districts.

The second section is a second second

Sunray High School last year. Cooper will be teaching reading

CISD

small, Mrs. Andrew started taking University in Kingsville with her goal being a teaching certificate. She earned her B.S. in elementary education, with specializations in

In 1988, the Andrew family moved to Spearman, where Mr. Andrew went to work as the Texaco Gas Plant superintendent. There was no teaching slot open at the time, so Mrs. Andrew spent several months substitute-teaching in the Spearman school system and also opened a business, LaKay's Merle

Her first teaching job was in Plito

Blanca at the kindergarten level.

Then Andrew taught in Premont

for 10 years, six of these at the first

grade level and four of them

teaching fifth graders.

Norman, on Main Street.

'This is the third business I've owned," commented Andrew, who also had an art studio and gift shop before her family moved to Hansford County. "Teaching is always my number one thing," she added. "My greatest achievement is seeing them (students) accomplish a goal that they have

Andrew cummarized, "My goal for this school year is just to take these special children and basically step them up another step in their learning abilities and living skills."

JENNY NEFF

Jenny Neff is the wife of Wendall Neff, the new high school boys' basketball coach, physical education teacher and math instructor.

A native of Spur, Texas, Mrs. Neff attended Texas Tech two and a half years. She was employed by the Jayton Independent School System for six years as an aide in special education. "The last four years I was there, I helped a blind student at the school," she said.

She and her husband are the parents of Clay and Jennifer, who will be seventh and fifth graders in Spearman this fall.

CAROLYN JAMES

Carolyn James will teach fourth

She has three years of teahing experience in the Anson and Seymor See Spearman page 7

Unemployment rate announced

Hansford County had a 2.7 percent unemployment rate in July, according to figures from the Texas Employment Commission.

TEC figures show that during the month of July Hansford County had a total civilian labor force of 4,145 persons. Of that number 4,033 persons had jobs in July and 112 were unemployed.

Statewide, "We deserve a break, but we didn't get it," Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers of the TEC said in announcing the state's July unemployment rate. "It looks like we are stuck," Nabers said. "The rate remains unchanged between June and July, at 6.3 per- ment rate remained the same,"

cent." Looking back, the state recorded 6.0 percent in April, 6.2 percent in May and 6.3 percent in

"This rate, while not encouraging, is still almost a full percentage point below the 7.2 percent recorded in July one year ago so there is some degree of comfort in that," Nabers said.

The total number of employed Texans was estimated to be 7,990,300 in mid-July. That is down from June when the state hit a record with over 8 million employed. Approximately 537,600 Texans were jobless during this same period. "While the unemployNabers said, "the number of people filing new claims for unemploy-ment benefits increased to 39,680 from 35,748 the month before."

The state lost 20,000 nonfarm salaried jobs in July with large decreases seen in government. Increases were reported in services, construction, trade, transportation and utilities

Areas with the highest unemployment rates in July included McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, with a rate of 16.2 percent; Brownsville-Harlingen, at 11.6 percent; El Paso, with 10.7 percent; Laredo, at 9.5 percent; and Abilene, which rose to 8.0 percent due to layoffs following a plant closing.

Three new to Morse

There will be three new teachers at the Pringle-Morse school house this year. They are Leland Skow, Christy Cooper and Gail Etheredge.

Skow will be teaching math, grades four through eight. He and 12, live in Sunray. Roxanna is the

his wife, Roxanna, along with their two children Leah, 14, and Dawson,

County's oil and gas production figures given

Hansford County's oil and gas production figures for the month of June have been released by the Texas Railroad Commission.

RRC figures show total natural gas production in Hansford County was 2,967,685 mcf (thousand cubic feet) in June, while crude oil production in the county was 30,549

barrels for the month. Statewide, Railroad Commission Chairman Kent Hance announced that Texas oil and gas wells produced 443,712,186 mcf of gas in June, compared to the May gas production total of 463,331,658 mcf. The June production was up 0.004 percent compared to June 1989's production of 443,694,391 mcf.

The state's top producing counties, rank ordered by preliminary June production were: Pecos, 25,319,170 mcf; Zapata, 22,027,274 mcf; Webb, 21,771,023 mcf; Panola, 16,119,454 mcf; Hidalgo, 14,647,459 mcf; Crane, 11,364,756 mcf; Ector, 9,322,084 mcf; Hemphill, 8,898,869 mcf; Crockett, 8,632,218 mcf; and

Yoakum, 8,170,381 mcf. Texas gas production in June 46,687 gas wells.

Texas crude oil production averaged 1,702,633 barrels daily in June, according to preliminary figures released by Hance. June 1989 preliminary production was

1,765,657 barrels daily. This figure compares with preliminary May production of 1,716,420 barrels daily. Final production reports for May indicated average production at 1,735,770 barrels daily.

The preliminary Texas oil production figure for June is 51,078,980

came from 183,194 oil wells and barrels, down from 51,633,679 barrels in April. June 1989 preliminary Texas oil production figure was

Hance said the state's top pro-

52,969,721 barrels.

ducing counties, rank ordered by preliminary June production were: Gaines, 3,453,382 barrels; Andrews, 3,077,955 barrels; Ector, 2,941,106 barrels; Yoakum, 2,683,995 barrels; Hockley, 2,532,182 barrels; Gregg, 2,329,489 barrels; Pecos, 1,905,190 barrels; Crane, 1,414,655 barrels; Scurry, 1,146,038 barrels; and Kent, 940,878 barrels.



Karen's

by Karen Banitzket

COOKING AND EATING SOLO

Eating alone isn't unusual. Teenagers do it after school, employees do it when they're staying late at work and singles of all ages do it almost every day.

Eating alone and eating nutritiously don't have to be two separate things. With a little planning - even if that planning only goes on in your head - you can make sure you're getting a balanced diet.

Here are some ideas to make "meals for one" more convenient, enjoyable and nutritlous:

•Take advantage of the singleserving frozen entrees, soups, cereals and other products on the market. They may be more expensive, but can save money if you are not good at eating leftovers and therefore waste food.

•Items that work especially well for single servings include chicken and turkey cutlets, chops, steaks and fish and seafood that can be purchased in small quantities. These foods are a major source of protein and can be prepared quickly and easily in single-serving sizes by broiling the meats or poaching the fish.

.Set aside an evening or afternoon to do quantity cooking for future meals. Package, label and

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freeze in single servings. ·If a recipe serves two or more, one serving should go on the plate and the rest should be put in the refrigerator or freezer immediately. This will help you avoid overeating.

·Heat-sealed freezing/cooking pouches are good for storing leftovers. They are reheated in boiling water or a microwave, which saves time and cleanup.

•If you have a good cafeteria available at work or school, or you go to business lunches, eat your big meal at noon. They you can have a lighter meal that requires little preparation at home. FRUIT JUICE

Did you know that a fruit juice label can state the word "juice" as long as the drink has at least 5 percent of the real thing? Government definitions for blend, punch, -ade, drink or cocktail do not exist. These products are diluted with water and have added sugar. Fruit juices contain about the same calories, ounce for ounce, as sodas but usually are more nutrient dense, providing carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals. Texas orange and grapefruit juices are excellent sources of vitamin C and potassium. Tomato juice is a good source of vitamins A and C, but may be high in sodium. Prune juice is high in iron. Select juices either canned or frozen, or squeeze them fresh at home.

INGS When older children are expected to care for younger siblings, they should receive the same consideration as an outsider, whether or not they are paid. Showing your appreciation and thanking the older sibling for the assistance is important in encouraging good sibling relationships.

SIBLINGS CARING FOR SIBL-

Gruver MDA Telethon Chairperson Carol Tolleson said a pledge center will be set up at Gruver City Hall, where residents can check on the telethon's progress and make donations in person. Personnel in Gruver will be on hand at the pledge center from 7 p.m. to mid-

Spearman and Gruver will be full

of activities surrounding the Jerry

Lewis Telethon to benefit the

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Labor Day weekend

full of activities

night Sunday, Sept. 2 and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3. Tolleson said everyone is invited to come by the pledge center to make donations to MDA. In addition, she said, Gruver school students will be going door-to-door, accepting donations for MDA. The students can be identified by the special canisters they will be carry-

Gruver residents who may be missed by the door-to-door campaign or who may not be able to get to the pledge center in person can still make donations by calling the pledge center at 733-5037.

ing specifically for this purpose.

Activities in Spearman will include a Dance-A-Thon for teens, a talent show, a Fill The Boot campaign and a door-to-door campaign, according to Spearman Chairperson Dale Moyer.

Moyer explained the MDA pledge center in Spearman will be set up at the Spearman Fire Department, 513 S. Hazelwood. Doors to the pledge center will be open during the telethon, Moyer said, and a fish bowl will be located there to accept donations made by visitors.

A door-to-door campaign for donations will also be conducted by Spearman school students, Moyer said. Residents are asked to note that the students collecting for MDA will be carrying specially-marked canisters so they can be easily identified. The students will make their trek of the residential areas in Spearman throughout the day on Monday, Sept. 3.

The fight against muscular dystrophy will also be aided by a special Dance-A-Thon for teens. The Dance-A-Thon will be held at the fire station from 8 p.m. to midnight Sunday, Sept. 2. Music for the Dance-A-Thon will be provided by Gary Ellsworth's music machine. Moyer said teens who raise at least \$25 for MDA will receive t-shirts for their efforts.

Teens who do not wish to collect donations for MDA will still be able to contribute, because a \$3 donation is requested at the door for the

Spearman volunteer firefighters will participate in the MDA's "Fill the Boot" program for "Jerry's Kids." SVFD personnel will be located at various street intersections around Spearman off and on Monday, Sept. 3 with a big firefighter's boot, hoping to fill the boot with donations for the MDA.

The Fill the Boot tradition began 30 years ago when a group of firefighters decided to raise money for a fellow firefighter who had a muscle disease covered by the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Their hands were not large enough to hold the money, so they held out their large boots instead.

Spearman residents are encouraged to be generous for "Jerry's Kids" when they see a firefighter on Monday.

Yet another fundraising activity will be a talent show, held at the fire station/pledge center Monday afternoon, beginning at 1 p.m. Moyer said area residents are invited to donate their time and talent (as well as money) to benefit MDA through the talent show.

He said anyone wishing to be in the show can contact Johnny Ring at 659-3921 to schedule a performance time. The audio portion of the talent show will be broadcast over Channel 5 on the Spearman television cable system, said Moyer. He added that potential performers can also drop by the fire station/pledge center Monday afternoon during the show, "and if we can schedule them a time slot then, we will be happy to have

Hansford County residents in-terested in the Labor Day Telethon '90 can keep up with the area's donation total by watching Amarillo television station KFDA. The 25th annual Telethon will be broadcast starting at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 2 and continuing to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 3.



Fireman Billy Snider, holding his daughter Amanda, and fireman Ray Cook listen intently as the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department plan the MDA Telethon activities for Spearman.

Letter To The Editor

We would like to give heart-felt "thanks" to the many people who made the Third Annual Texas Panhandle Relays a big success. First of all, a very big "thank you" goes to First State Bank for furnishing T-shirts for all participants. Also, thanks to Randall Sauer and crew for being our timers - they did a great job!

We couldn't have the race without the people at the exchange points and water stations. They are: the Robbie Newberrys, Freddy Cullen and family from Stinnett, Lance and Landon Swan, the Don Ledgewoods, the Ray Berchfields and Ann, the Don Archers, Cheryl Whitefield and crew, Sam Abston and Leslie Needham, Linda Sanders and crew, who took care of timing at the pool, the lifeguards, Lynn and Sharion Cook and Danny and Debbie Herrington and boys,

We need you.



who cooked and served the hamburgers in the park and the First National Bank which had Gator-Aid and fruit for racers; also the EMT's who had the ambulance with the race and the Spearman police who helped with traffic con-

Most of all, thanks to the 4 Spearman teams who participated. We're very grateful for all the help. Wanda and Joe Archer

race directors

Hospital notes

Thursday, August 23 Admissions: None Dismissals: None Friday, August 24 Admissions: None Dismissals: None Saturday, August 25 Admissions: Jene Leatherman Dismissals: None Sunday, August 26 Admissions: None Dismissals: Jene Leatherman Monday, August 27 Admissions: None Dismissals: None Tuesday, August 28 Admissions: Adam Holmes, John Sipes, and Benjamin William. Dismissals: None

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Texas Public Utility Commission to introduce new optional services - Call Control Options. The initial service areas will be Laredo, McAllen and Austin. Expansion into other service areas will be based on availability. Customers in other areas will be notified when these services become available.

Call Control Options include six new services - Call Blocker, Call Cue, Call Return, Priority Call, Call Trace and Selective Call Forwarding. The features will be available to single-line residence and business customers.

Call Blocker - enables the customer to block incoming calls from a maximum of three specified telephone numbers and/

Call Cue - enables the customer to automatically redial the last outgoing telephone number dialed. If the recalled number is busy, equipment will monitor the line for a maximum of 30 minutes and will let the customer know when the call can

Call Return - enables the customer to automatically redial the telephone number of the most recent incoming call. If the number is busy, Call Return will continue to dial the number for up to 30 minutes, or until it completes the call.

Priority Call - provides the customer with a distinctive alerting signal, ring or Call Waiting Tone (if the customer has subscribed to Call Waiting), when the customer is called from a maximum of three preselected telephone numbers.*

Call Trace - enables the customer to initiate a trace of the last incoming call received. The number, date and time will be recorded by Southwestern Bell Telephone so that the call's origin can be identified.

Selective Call Forwarding - enables the customer to forward incoming calls from specified telephone numbers (maximum of three) to another telephone number.

Proposed Rates

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	Residence		Business		
	Individual	Packaged	Individual	Packaged	
Call Blocker	\$3.00	3.00	\$3.00	2.00	
Call Return	3.00	3.00	4.00	3.50	
Priority Call	2.50	1.00	3.00	2.00	
Call Cue	2.00	2.00	4.00	3.50	
Selective Call					
Forwarding	2.00	1.00	2.65	1.00	
Call Transass	1.00	4 00	4.00		

Installation charges for residence customers will be \$2.70 per feature, with a maximum installation charge of \$5.40 per request per line. Installation charges for business customers will be \$5.40 per feature, with a maximum installation charge of \$10.75 per request per line.

The proposed date for Call Control Options to be offered is October 7, 1990. These services, however, will not immediately be available to all customers in all areas of the state. Customers in other areas will be notified when these services become available.

Call Control Options are projected to generate first-year annual revenues of \$1,900,000.

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the commission by September 27, 1990. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.



Southwestern Bell

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saving the victim's life.

People in communities like Spearman often don't have access to the latest drugs and procedures for treating heart attacks. And these new treatments can actually stop a heart attack in progress! But to work, they must be administered while the heart attack is occurring. Too often, people in the Panhandle had to be rushed to Amarillo to get treatment, taking precious time.

Hansford Hospital, however, is a member of Saints' Emergency Heart Network. That

means they have these new medicines on hand, have received training in their use. and have direct 24-hour contact with the cardiologists on the St. Anthony's Hospital staff. So people in Spearman can get the newest life-saving treatment for heart attacks, without far to go.

If you feel symptoms of what you think may be a heart attack, DON'T WAIT. Have someone take you to the emergency room at Hansford Hospital IMMEDIATELY!

With Saints' Emergency Heart Network. the shorter drive can mean a longer life. for you.

Saints' Emergency Heart Network



Hansford Hospital

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Aug. 23	92	63	
Aug. 24	95	63	
Aug. 25	98	70	
Aug. 26	100	70	
Aug. 27	99	67	
Aug. 28	100	68	

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Spiritually Speaking

First Assembly of God

While on visitation, I had made a special trip by the home of one of the elderly women of the church. Lucy lived by a storm drain, and since it had been raining hard for several hours, I was concerned for her safety. The water was over the road but not up to her house, but I thought I should check with her anyway. When I got no response at the door, I decided to check with the neighbor as to her whereabouts.

Sitting in a rocking chair on a covered porch was a man who looked as though he was an overseer of a great estate. His hands bent by the many years of hard work, yet they appeared gentle and kind. His eyes sparkled, and when he spoke, I felt as if we had been friends for many years though we had just

I asked him about Lucy, and he told me that she had gone home with her daughter until the water subsided. Afterwards we talked for a short time, and I told him I'd be back to visit again.

After several visits, Henry and I had become good friends. He was a

unique man. Henry loved his neighbors. He told me of the neighbor boy who was having a problem with drugs, and that he wished I would visit

him in the hospital because he was unable to. He was concerned about the lady across the street who he knew had problems, but he didn't know how to help. And of his other neighbors, even though they caused trouble, he was still concerned for the children. Henry simply loved

One day I brought a young girl from the youth group to visit Henry. Before we left, I asked Henry what small portion of wisdom could be given her. He looked at her with a sparkle in his eyes and an ornery grin on his face and said, "Don't scare up the hawk and catch the buzzard." With that he sat back in his chair and laugh-

Henry not only loved his neighbors and people in general, he especially loved his family. He could talk about them as long as he knew I'd listen. I did enjoy hearing about them because they were 'special" to him.

Sometimes when visiting Henry, the sweet aroma of cornbread and beans would make my mouth water. He seemed to now that and, like a grandpa, would get me something to satisfy that hunger.

These are words from my memory that are etched on my heart, for Henry passed away. I wonder how many relationships that could be are passed by because we don't visit the one next door.

Spearman

School Lunch Menu

ELEMENTARY MENU Sept. 4 - Sept. 7

> MONDAY No School

TUESDAY MEAT & CHEESE NACHOS REFRIED BEANS SLICED CARROTS BIRTHDAY CAKE MILK

> WEDNESDAY BURRITOS CORN ON COB MACARONI/TOMATO PEACH COBBLER

THURSDAY STEAK FINGERS SCALLOPED POTATOES SWEET PEAS HOT ROLLS/BUTTER 1/2 DELICIOUS APPLE

FRIDAY MEAT SAUCE/ROTINI COMBO SALAD SWEET POTATOES COOKIES MILK

HIGH SCHOOL MENU Sept 4-Sept 7

> MONDAY NO SCHOOL

MEAT & CHEESE NACHOS REFRIED BEANS SALAD BAR BIRTHDAY CAKE MILK

> WEDNESDAY BURRITOS CORN ON COB SALAD BAR PEACH COBBLER MILK

THURSDAY STEAK FINGERS SCALLOPED POTATOES SALAD BAR HOT ROLLS/BUTTER MILK

> FRIDAY HAMBURGER SALAD BAR COOKIE MILK



Larry Butler, Superintendent Spearman I.S.D.

Anytime the legislature meets Now that the state agency has placand a controversy exists within ed the formula in motion for funthat empire, public schools play the ding, we will receive \$26,000 less in waiting game until all of the smoke state funds. Add all of these costs clears and interpretations are released. Finally, the Texas together and Spearman ISD is coming out on the short end of the stick. Education Agency has released the When each cent on the tax rate broutcomes of legislation, and as ings in about \$24,000 it becomes eviusual there is good and bad; with dent what is happening. The state is the bad outweighing the good. It is ironic that the main purpose of the tax payers. special legislative sessions was to

governance was included in Senate With the beginning of the 90-91 school year only a few days away, school officials throughout the area are busy finalizing budgets and tax rates and sorting through the impact of new legislation. Contrary to popular belief, administrative ofices of school districts are very busy in the summer months and do not have three month vacations. Someone has to prepare for the opening of school; it is not something you show up for the day classes

deal with school finance, but a

rather "generous" amount of

In looking at the financial picture locally and from the state perspective, Spearman I.S.D. has not been dealt a winning hand of trump cards. For four consecutive years the district has been using reserve funds to counteract declining values and shrinking state funds to keep local tax rates as low as possible. At the same time we have two campuses that are getting along in years with many points of concern in regard to maintenance and simply "worn-out" costly items. The current tax appraisal will show values have risen approximately \$8 million, due to reappraisals of homes and farm improvements. This makes it even more difficult to look at a tax increase. Couple this with no wheat crop last year and low prices this year, and the situation is compounded.

At the same point in time, the new legislation will deal another blow to the district. Year after year we have experienced a decline in state funds. Last year we were to receive \$1,114,000 from the state. Before the year was over, due to a state shortfall, we were cut \$45,000 of what we were to receive. This is money we had counted on in our

The day SB 1 was passed, a printout showed we would receive an additional \$28,000 from the state.

pushing all it can back on the local Within the new funding formula, each school district within the state will be required to go to a rate of

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\$1.18 within three years or receive ess than their maximum amount from the state. All of the above mentioned financial scenes create a rather gloomy forecast for school financing. It also places the Board of Trustees in an unenviable situation as to what to do with budgets, tax rates and a system that has long been one of superior classification. Now, we are faced with raising taxes to offset reductions in funds, decreasing the already lean budget, reducing programs, or a combination of all

mentioned! That is not all! In reviewing the legislation, one can find several areas that will be costly to the local districts, and of course the funds will not come from the state. Then come January, the legislature will once again take up the problem of equity in funding as mandated by the courts. Spearman ISD will ultimately suffer tremendous losses when this is eventually settl-

If one were painting a picture of this scenario, I feel very sure it would be one of dark skies and storm clouds gathering on the horizon. The point I bring to light is that educating the young people of this community is and has been a top priority. What it will be in the future can only be the results of dedication and sacrifice by all of us

Hansford Happenings

The Golden Spread Center wi nold its annual garage sale Thursday and Friday, Aug. 30 and 31, at the Ca e building on Collard Street (corner of Andrews and Collard) in Spearman. Hours for the garage sale are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Golden Spread Center is also currently accepting donations of items to be sold at the garage sale. Donors should contact Pearl Pierce at the Golden

The Spearman Post Office will host a mail clinic Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Room of the First State Bank in Spearman. Included on the clinic program will be films about "pre-sort" and 'ZIP plus 4." Post office personnel will also discuss Priority Mail and Express Mail. There will be an open discussion to answer any questions the public may have about the Postal Service. Customers of the post office are invited to attend.

The Hansford Activity Center will have Skate Night for kids beginning Saturday, Sept. 8, 7 to 10 p.m. Skate Night will be held on Saturdays only. The Activity Center will also begin Morning Aerobics Monday, Sept. 10. Classes will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. More information can be obtained by calling Linda Butt at 659-2189, Kitty Edwards at 659-3773, or calling the Activity Center at 659-2591 after 4 p.m.

Because of the rising costs of band instruments and other expenses involved in sending children to school, Spearman Music Boosters will sponsor a used instrument drive Sept. 3-7. The drive is intended to give Spearman students an opportunity to participate in band, while helping to hold down costs for parents. Anyone interested in donating an instrument can have it picked up by calling Carolyn Cummings at 659-2106 or Candi Delozier at 659-3649. Instruments may also be dropped off at the high school office during school hours.

The Spearman Swimming Pool will be open Saturday, Sept. 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. The pool will also be open Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. On the following weekend, Sept. 8 and 9, the pool will be open during the same Saturday and Sunday hours. The pool will open from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 and will close Sunday, Sept. 16 after being open from 2 to 5 p.m.

A memorial fund has been established at First State Bank of Spearman 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 accepted at the bank.

The public is invited to a meeting to learn more about a possible hospice program which the Memorial Hospice organization in Dumas would like to extend to the area. The meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of First State Bank of Spearman. For hospice services to be extended to this area, a volunteer group must be formed. Interested persons are urged to attend the meeting and demonstrate support for the pro-

Research saves lives.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HANSFORD APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Hansford Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1990-91 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 12, 1990, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room of the appraisal district located at 709 W 7th, Spearman, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$233,890.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$260.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be four (4).

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is thee (3).

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal-district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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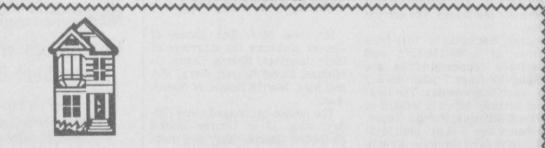
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Among The Neighbors

The last of the guests have gone from the home of Don and Gloria Knox. Her sister, Joyce Kinser, of Casper, Wyo. spent a week with them, then visited other relatives in Alabama before returning here for another week. She and Gloria attended a Lakeview school reunion in Amarillo one day.

Other guests during her stay were the grandchildren of the Knoxes-Lee Isaac and Julia of Odessa. Their father, Danny Knox, came for them last Friday.

Ann and James T. Turner announce the arrival of a daughter, Treanne Jae, on August 15 by way of Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 5 pounds and 13 ounces.

She joined two brother, Trevor and Travis.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hamilton, Rocky Ford, and Mr. and Mrs. James Turner Jr., Nunn, Colo.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lusk, Rocky Ford; Mr.and Mrs. Wayne Hamilton Sr., La Junta; and Mrs. Ida Turner, Nunn, Colo.

Ann's mother, Mrs. Hamilton, returned to Rocky Ford on Thursday after being here several days helping the boys prepare for the arrival of their new sister.

Altha Kirk underwent surgery a week ago Friday in St. Anthony's Hospital for a shoulder rotator cuff tear. The repair was done successfully and as soon as she can. she will be undergoing extensive

therapy. Her son Kenneth and Sue Townsend of Newport News, Vir. were with her and Sue intended to remain with Altha until her recovery is complete. However she was notified on Thursday that her mother had suffered a severe heart attack and she returned to Virginia.

Myrna Biggers with Regina and Hilary, together with Sheila LaRochelle, Alisha and Amber, spent Saturday through Monday in and around Dallas.

They first visited relatives in Cleburne before going on to Dallas. Their primary entertainment was attending the "New Kids On The Block" concert on Sunday evening, held at the Texas Stadium.

This rock group consists of young men who are dedicated to the fight against the use of drugs and they encourage other charitable causes.

Judy Martin spent the weekend at Angel Fire, returning Sunday evening. She was with Rajan and Steve Trafton and children. The weather was fair, no rain, but warmer than usual for that area.

Students in the fifth grade will notice that their instructor, Verlan Winegarner, is standing taller and increased

measurements - and will learn that Verlan and Brenda are proud parents of their first born.

Brett Michael was born August 22 at 11:34 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Paternal grandparents are Herbert and Delma Winegarner, Campo, Colo. and great-grandparents are Virgil and Florence Winegarner, Springfield, Colo.

Brenda's parents are Michael and Mary O'Brien of Natick, Mass., and great-grandmother Philomena Del Crosso, Newton,

Verlan's mother has been here with them several days and Brenda's mother is expected shortly.

Her father hadn't planned to come to Texas - that is, until he learned his grandson had been named Michael - which prompted him to immediately buy a ticket!!

Coach and Mrs. H.M. Garrett received a call from their son, Bobby, last week advising them he was shipping out to Saudi Arabia. He is with a tank unit. Bobby's friends could write to him at the following address:

Robert Blakley (his legal name) 466-594081

ATRP 2-4 Cavalry, 3rd Platoon-Desert Shield A P O New York, 09315.

Alan Beeson called his parents, Jim and Linda Beeson, last Saturday. He had arrived in Germany and was getting settled. His base is near a town called Benlach and it is near the Czechoslovakia border.

His unit is called Armored Reconnaissance Specialist; 1st Armored Cavalry Regiment. He expects to be there for two years. Alan left the states on August 13 and says that country is beautiful.

Lt. Col. Nash, the husband of Patricia Schnell Nash, expects to remain in Las Vegas as he is an instructor in Fighter Weapon School in the Air Force.

Your neighbor has managed to be nourished lately due to the generosity of those bringing fresh garden produce - so, for all the cucumbers, squash, peppers, cantaloupes, okra, and the thoughtfulness that prompted it, much obliged, you all.

Hometown News

Anne Sheets, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sheets Jr. of Spearman, was graduated Aug. 23 from West Texas State University in Ca

Sheets, who graduated with a 4.0 grade point average, was awarded a BBS degree in business.

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Hansford Ladies Golf Tourney held

Hansford Ladies Golf Association held a ladies' partnership scramble tournament Tuesday, Aug. 21 at the Hansford Golf Course.
A total of 19 teams were entered

from Spearman, Gruver, Perryton, Pampa, Stratford, Clarendon and Amarillo, and from Guymon, Okla. and Hugoton, Kan.

Winners in the Championship Flight were Anne Sanders of Spearman and Ginger Huggins of Perryton in first place with a score of 70. Second place in the Championship Flight went to Pat Pecken-paugh and Nancy Cook of Perryton, with a score of 70. Third place in the Championship Flight was claimed by Pauline Braley and Ferrell Carter of Guymon, whose score

In the First Flight, the first place team consisted of Tammy Kygar and Sunshine Smith of Spearman, with a score of 77. A score of 78 was good enough for second place in the First Flight for the team of Susie Blackman of Clarendon and Ruth Jackson of Amarillo. Third place in the First Flight was taken by the team of Joyce Epperson and Elaine Riddle of Pampa, with a score of

Nelda Stacy and Sharon Wilson of Stratford shot a 78 for first place in the Second Flight. In second place in the Second Flight were Alta Fisher and Jeanette Allen of Spearman, with an 82 score. The team of Gay Houser and Fern Hacker of Guymon shot an 87 for third place in the Second Flight.

Jeanette Allen of Spearman won the prize for being closest to the pin on hole #4. Kay Johnson of Guymon won the prize for the longest putt on

Kathy Allred of Perryton, Nancy Cook of Perryton and Jeanne Henson of Guymon won the longest drive prizes.



DAHLIA FLOWER CLUB

Karen Babitzke was hostess to the Dahlia Flower Club Monday,

Marjorie Curtis presided over the business meeting and Sada Hoskins led the opening exercises.

Plans for the Hansford County Fair were discussed, and roll call was answered with "Favorite food to preserve.

A program was given by Curtis, about "Torching the Amazon" and

the "Ozone Crisis." Babitzke showed the group pictures of the Hansford County 4-H boys and

She served refreshments to members including Louise Archer, Marjorie Curtis, Sara Dossett, Wanda smith, Sammie Bishop, Ethel Ellsworth, Sada Hoskins, Ruth Mary Whitson and the hostess.

The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 17 with Jewel Turner.

Board holds meeting

The board of the Hansford County Activity Center held its regular meeting Monday, Aug. 13, with eight members present and four absent. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Discussion was held on purchasing a music system for the center, to be used for skate night and dances. Members are to check on prices and report at the next meeting.

Applications for a new office worker were reviewed.

Joe Archer reported on the Panhandle Relays race held Saturday, Aug. 18. The center sold charcoal hamburgers in the swimming

The board then decided to host a "back to school" dance for the junior high school students. The dance will be Saturday, Aug. 25 at the center with Gary Ellsworth providing the music. Cost will be \$3.00 per person. A concession stand will

Robbie Dewberry suggested the center might like to sponsor some kind of outdoor activity for the residents of the Hansford Manor. After some discussion it was decided to check into the various possibilities that were available and decide at a later date.

Records need review

by Virginia De Witt Branch Mgr. SSA office

PAMPA - Women who have changed their names through marriage or divorce during their working careers should be sure to check their Social Security records to verify that all their earnings are credited correctly.

Married women who are selfemployed need to check their records carefully too. According to the Internal Revenue Service, some married women who filed a joint tax return and were selfemployed under their maiden names may not have their earnings recorded correctly.

Name changes should be reported to a person's employer and to the Social Security Administration so that a new Social Security card can be issued. The new card will have the same

number as the old card.

be available.

Although these steps should ensure that a woman's earnings get recorded correctly, it is still a good idea to send for and review one's earnings every three years. Errors can usually be corrected if they are identified early.

To get an earnings statement, call Social Security and ask for a Form SSA-7004. Complete the form and mail it in. The statement will be sent in a few weeks. The service is free.

Social Security's toll-free number is 1-800-234-5772 and teleservice representatives are standing by from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., each business day. The local Social Security office is located at 125 South Gillespie, Pampa, Texas. The hours are 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except on holidays.)

THANK YOU

A special thanks goes to the following for their donations to the Ladies Tournament:

FIRST STATE BANK, SPEARMAN FIRST NATIONAL BANK, SPEARMAN GRUVER STATE BANK, GRUVER G & G FOODLINER, GRUVER HANSFORD SUPPLY, INC., GRUVER GRUVER INSURANCE AGENCY, GRUVER CUT RATE GROCERY, SPEARMAN

JACK AND JILL GROCERY, SPEARMAN

Thanks to all for their support of the HANSFORD LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION.



Lynx Booster Club members served up delicious home made ice cream and cookies last Thursday night at their "Meet the Lynx Football and the Lynxette Cross County Teams" Ice Cream Social.

Volunteers wanted

In preparation for the coming tax season, volunteers interested in helping the elderly with their income tax are being recruited by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Each year over 1.5 million older persons are helped nationally by the Tax-Aide Program, cosponsored by AARP and the Internal Revenue Service. Over 85,000 persons were assisted in Texas last year, including many shut-ins. Adults of all ages can volunteer

in this program. AARP membership is not a requirement, only an interest in helping older persons. Training is provided by the Internal Revenue Service. Tax-Aide sites are provided in various locations such as churches, senior centers, libraries and banks. Volunteers usually operate these sites four hours per week during

Forum is scheduled

The Texas Department of Human Services is beginning the process for revising the minimum standards for licensed child care facilities. Child Care Licensing is hosting forums in several locations across the state to solicit input, comments and suggestions for possible revisions to the standards.

A forum has been scheduled for the Texas Panhandle area in Lubbock Tuesday, Sept. 11 in the Texas Department of Human Services Building, 2109 Ave. Q, Conference

7:00p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Participants should enter through the south Child Care Licensing encourages

Room F. Hours for the forum are

attendance by interested child care providers, parents, community officials and other concerned parties. Those who plan to attend the

forum should call Child Care Licensing at either the Amarillo office 806-376-7214 or the Lubbock office at

Readers have picnic

Karen Thompson, Spearman Elementary School teacher, hosted a picnic at her home Thursday, Aug. 23 for students in her 1989-90 third grade class who read 15 books during the summer months.

The students enjoyed hot dogs, chips, lemonade and cookies as they discussed the coming school year. The students all agreed they are looking forward to being in the

Marriage announced

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Evans of Gruver announce the marriage of their daughter, Sharon Diana, to Michael David Rosser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rosser of Spear-

The couple exchanged vows Friday, Aug. 17 in Gruver United Methodist Church. They are making their home in Gruver.

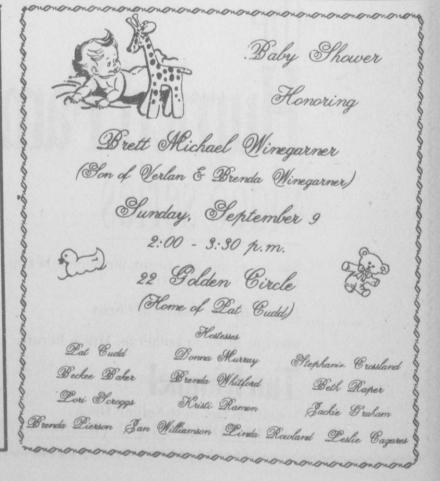
fourth grade this year.

Mrs. Thompson's picnic guests included Chrissy Bensinger, Brittni Beedy, Chester Hutchison, Sonia Fraire, Jennifer Laxson, Julie Scroggs and Lisa Tarango.

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DPS Troopers say Buckle Up and Watch for Drunk Drivers this Labor Day Weekend!



'Twas the night before "Texas"

and all through the house, all the

creatures were stirring, even the mouse. All the corners and pathways were filled with buckets

and boxes of vegetables and fruits

in hopes that we could get them

canned and frozen before getting a

black-eyed peas from the chair to the counter and as I rounded the corner I dodged the tomatoes, but

one foot hit a bucket of squash and

the other hit a box of cucumbers. I

fell headlong into a box of 15 dozen

eggs and my elbow crunched into a

sack of hot peppers. (So, that didn't matter, we had Spanish omelet for

The son-in-law who was up in the peach tree outside had turned his

head, and a limb had collided with

his eye, which began to swell shut.

Eventually, we settled down for

the night, only to wake up to an

emergency trip to Amarillo for a visit to the opthalmologist. Thank

goodness we finished with enough time to visit "my baby" before go-ing on to "Texas." The next day,

we finished up the peaches and dill

pickle relish. However, all this ac-

tivity and stress caused some pro-

blems and I had to go to bed and

All is back to normal now, with

the kids and grandkids headed

home for school and the van loaded

with boxes of vegetables and fruit.

(Only left a half-room full, with

more outside ready to pick.) I

guess I will have to stop for a visit to the "Childrens' Home" in Spear-

man and pay someone to take them

session by the time you read this? I

mentioned the fact that some are

headed back to various places for

college. Sure enough, Laneida Burnam is headed for ACU instead of

PSU. I told someone I didn't make

corrections or apologies, but really

I couldn't figure out why the

Weldon Greens kept going to Abilene so often to help Ron get

ready for college at ACU, but now I know. The last trip was to Quartz Mountain Park for a family reunion

of the Mueller clan. This is part of

Elene Green's mother's folks. All

of the children of Weldon's and

Elene's met them over there and

Ron just came home one more

Pauline Winger accompanied some of Val's family for a trip to

Friona to visit Lonnie and Marva

Burnam and family before they

begin their teaching duties at the

Friona schools. Mike and Pat Bur-

nam were entertaining their grand-

Can you believe school will be in

off my hands

I do sometimes.

hide out for about three hours.

loud thud sounded and I jumped from my chair to see what was the matter. I scattered the



Kenneth Irwin, president of Gruver State Bank, stands beside a special cake, baked and decorated by Sandy Spivey. Irwin was honored recently for 40 years of service to the bank.

Irwin celebrates 40 years at GSB

by Bob Bort

Success in this life is measured by various methods. But on Aug. 15 Kenneth Irwin, president of Gruver State Bank, achieved an element of success that is great, and cannot be

taken away from him. He achieved his 40th anniversary as an employee of the bank, and employees and citizens of Gruver gathered at the bank at noon on Aug. 15 to help him celebrate that anniversary.

Irwin, the son of Sedden and Clara Irwin of Iberia, Missouri, attended high school at Iberia Academy and graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in banking/finance. He served with the United States Navy in the South Pacific during World War II, and was married to the former Janet Sutherland in 1950.

When A.R. Bort "twisted his leg," telling Irwin some "tall tales about Texas," Irwin decided to move to Gruver and accept employment at GSB. He had been working for a bank in St. Louis, and on Aug. 15, 1950 he started employment as an assistant cashier at the Gruver State Bank. Janet taught school at Gruver Independent School District during that first year, beginning in the fall of 1950.

The staff of the Gruver State Bank in August 1950 consisted of Coy Holt, president; A.R. Bort, vice president; Ben Simms, cashier; and Marie Winger (Harbour), bookkeeper.

Over the years, Irwin has seen economic conditions change time and again. But he speaks to the current economic climate, and to the savings and loan scandal:

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MILK

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"Yes, situations like the S&L

scandal are frustrating. Community banks like the Gruver State Bank had absolutely nothing to do with the S&L scandal, yet we suffer by increased regulatory pressures. The FDIC insurance coverage has already been increased once, and very shortly it will be increased again. The banking industry is paying for what the S&L people have

done, "he comments. Irwin adds, "Speaking of the economy overall, there is too much consumer debt - public and private debt, including the national debt, of course. The debt has to become manageable, or there will be pro-

blems. He continues, "There is a real question about who to blame for the S&L debacle. I blame the Congress. Deregulation is the culprit, and the S&L people got involved with things they shouldn't have gotten into."

The Irwins have four children, all very successful. Debbie Odom is a business/typing teacher at GHS, Mark is the owner of Gruver Ford, John is a lawyer in Amarillo, and Clint is a veterinarian in Spear-

Asked about his own success, plus the success of his children, Irwin comments, "It takes a lot of hard work and dedication, plus you have to like what you are doing. Gruver is a good community to work in. But as far as the success of my children, I have to give their mother a lot of credit for that."

Irwin served as Mayor of Gruver 14 years, 1965-1979. He is now on the Board of Directors of the Texas Independent Bank, and has served on various state and national bank

Gruver Menu BREAKFAST TUESDAY CEREAL **BLUEBERRY MUFFINS**

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May God bless you

Families of Nina Hendricks John Gaither Bill Gaither

IN APPRECIATION

deepest With gratitude, we extend this word of thanks to our friends, neighbors and relatives for their concern and support to help make this difficult time a little easier to bear. We are most grateful for the cards. memorials. flowers, food and for the generous outpouring of love at this time of need.

Esther Dahl Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dahl Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dahl Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Andrews Mavis Hart



The children of former Gruver resident Leila Murrah will host an 80th birt':day celebration and reception in her honor Sunday, Sept. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Gruver. Mrs. Murrah, now of Levelland, made her home in Gruver from 1930 until 1980. She graduated from Gruver High School's second graduating class in 1931 and married Roy Murrah in December of that year. He died in 1979. The reception is being hosted by her children Don Murrah of Graham, David Murrah of Lubbock, Ginger Gwyn of Vancouver, Wash, and their families, which include 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The family extends an invitation to all of Mrs. Murrah's friends and acquaintances to attend the reception, but specifically requests no gifts.

SSA services free

by Virginia DeWitt Social Security Administration

Many people in this area have reported that they have received solicitations in the mail that offer to do many things - provide information about the Social Security death benefit, obtain a Social Security number for an infant, help a new bride change her name in Social Security records, to name a few.

All of them have one thing in common - they all ask for money to perform the same services provided FREE by Social Security. Please read the solicitations very carefully and if you have any questions about them, call us. Usually we can give you the information you need over the telephone, and it won't cost you anything.

If you use one of these firms to get a Social Security number for your child or to change your name on our records, the best thing that could happen is that the process will be delayed. At the worst, you could lose your money and have nothing in return.

These firms CANNOT get a send you an application for a Social hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Security number card, tell you to fill it out, and mail it to the Social Security office serving you. You can do this for yourself and save money by just calling us. You will get your card about 2 weeks after you send us your application and supporting evidence.

The aim of those firms who want to give you "free" information about Social Security death benefit is to sell you insurance, or perhaps to build a list of prospects they can sell to an insurance company. So, unless you really want or need additional insurance, just toss this mail in your wastebasket. You can get any information you want about Social Security benefits by just calling us.

Some other firms offer to get you a free "Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" if only you buy their product, a book or newsletter for example.

You can get your own FREE

A cordial invitation to the friends and acquaintances of

LEILA MURRAH

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80TH BIRTHDAY

hosted by her children

Don, David, Ginger, and their families

Sunday, September 2, 1990

2-4 pm

First Baptist Church Activity Building, Gruver

No gifts, please

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"Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement" by just calling Social Security and asking. There is no obligation. And the book being offered does not contain any information that is not available free from Social Security. We have a variety of publications that explain all aspects of Social Security. They are free for the asking.

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Remember, our services are free. So, just toss those direct mail solicitations in the trash. Our services are as close as your telephone. Give us a call on our TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE, 1-800-234-5772.

The local Social Security office is located at 125 S. Gillespie, Pampa, TX. We are open Monday through number for you. All they can do is Friday, except on holidays, and the

DPS prepares for holiday

Major Vernon Cawthon, regional commander for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said, "The abor Day holiday period is the me for the last trip of the sum-ier While the Texas driver is reparing his holiday plans, the exas Department of Public Safety preparing to save lives and pro ent injuries on the streets and glovays of Texas through Opera-Motorcide."

heration Motorcide is designed us attention on the increased ers of accidents and deaths in lay traffic. Operation Motor-wil he in at 6:00 p.m. on Fri-Au 37 and conclude at 12:00 deigh on Monday, Sept

During mis 78-hour period all vailable Department of Public Safety Troopers will be on duty and

will be especially aware of accident-causing violations - the two major violations being speed and driving while intoxicated.

Major Cawthon emphasized, "If you drink - don't drive and if you drive - dont't drink, obey all spec ! a si above all buckle

On The Go With Joy

Bond Grace Pittman, new daughter of Luke and Julie Pittman of Spearman, has a new cousin, Zane Elias Pittman, born to Kip and Melissa Pittman on Aug. 20. Zane weighed in at six pounds, nine ounces and is 19 inches long. That promises to make for a lot of excitement in the future when all gather at Grannie and Grandpa's

At least Frank and Lucy will get to take turns sharing and not wait for Grannie to get through with TLC before handing the baby to Grandpa. Anyhow, Frank and Lucy must have journeyed to check the baby out, as they weren't seen at Gruver church on Sunday.

Harold Sneed had a chance to go see "his babies" recently, and I couldn't believe he ws back in Gruver Sunday morning. That doesn't give much time for TLC. But as someone I overheard said, "That's better than none at all."

Edna Marie and Ross Walker were pleased to have Alicia Shaeffer and her daughter Caci from Euless as guests recently. It seems like a long time since I heard from them. Caci is the same age as my granddaughter Alicia, and they used to visit and play together when Edna Marie lived around the corner from us.

Congratulations to Sharon Evans and David Rosser, who were married Aug. 17. Sharon is the daughter of Ted Louise Evans. David, whose home was in Spearman, is now employed with the Gruver Police Department.

Our sympathy to Jody Irwin on the loss of her father, Joe Brock. It was reported that he was holding his own or slightly improved and then before our paper went to press, they learned of his death.

Mozelle McClellan and Bill Goldsmith are both home (now and then) after being hospitalized with heart problems.

Richard and Jessica Schad, along with Ralph and Beverly Mireles, Rodney Dale and Angie Clawson are on a mission to Brainerd, Minn., where they will be assisting Clint and Jeannette (Schad) Henry at Hope Baptist Church.

George Bollinger will be speaking at the Community Bible Church in Gruver on Thursday, Aug. 30 at 8

Linda Hiller's uncle, Dewayne Rickets, underwent a triple bypass last week. Progress is slow.

Several of our Gruver students are on call or standby for military service. Among them is former resident Doug Messer, who is now in Germany. Others are Oscar Herrera and Mark Gilbreath.

Ed and Margaret Fry enjoyed a week of having their children and grandchildren in their home.

Phillip and his wife Sandy came from Monrovia, Calif., bringing young Phillip Jr. and baby Laura. Steven and Tisha are teaching in the Eula School District and live in

Abilene. They were here with son Logan. Leeann Sheets came up for the week from Lubbock where her hus-

band Ladd is an engineering stu-

dent at Tech.

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Hounds strive for improvement

by Bob Bort
The Gruver Greyhounds finished 3-6, 2-3 in district 1-A in 1989, but 1990 is another year and head coach David Steele knows what must be done to effect improvement in 1990.

'We have to be able to put the ball in the end zone this year," says Steele. He elaborates, "We just couldn't do that last year. We had a good defense, allowing just 15 points per ball game, but we didn't score the points. Against White Deer, for example, we put the ball inside the 20 six or eight times, but could score only once. That won't get the job done.

This is Coach Steele's eighth season here in Gruver, his fifth as head coach. He is a Spearman High School graduate and a graduate of Panhandle State in Goodwell, Okla.

"We're just not going to be a big play football team this year," notes Steele. "We will need to drive the ball down the field, using short to medium range passes, and score on the drives.

"Our strength is going to be in our offensive and defensive line," forecasts Coach Steele. "Our weakness will be our receivers - we lost six of them to graduation last year, and will have to replace

them." Steele goes on with his forecast, "Wheeler will be the team to beat in District 1-A this year they were 9-4 last year with sophomores. Shamrock and Wheeler are the two established football schools in our district this

Returning this year will be eight seniors. A complete roster follows, with offensive and defensive posi-

Seniors Dan McCloy (TB,DB)
Geronimo Ortega (FB, DB)
Kyle Haenisch (C, DE) P.D. Swink (OG, DT) Kevin Babbs (C, NG) Chris Spivey (OT, DT)
J.J. Renteria (OT, DE)
Billy Crawford (OT, DT)

Juniors Marty McCloy (QB, DB) Matthew Hoel (QB, DE) Clint Bell (OG, DE) Crockett Tidwell (TE, LB) Rex Ralston (OG, DT) Garrett Gumfory (OG, LB) Max Davis (OG, NG) Ryan Mathews (TE, DE) Shannon Pool (QB, DB) Sophomores Kevin Spivey (SE, DB)

Matt Etheredge (TB, LB)

Scott McCloy (SE, DB) Carey Kauffman (TE, DE) Brady Pool (RB, LB) Trevor Shipley (FB, LB) Ira Gross (OG, DT)

During Coach Steele's seven seasons here in Gruver he has seen good times, and times when the fortunes were not so good. "1984 was the best season here in Gruver for me, and the Archer City game that year was the best single ball game that I can remember by a Gruver team," says Steele.

Gruver was 9-4 in 1984 and beat Archer City 17-14 in the playoffs. Gruver won their first two playoff games that year, also beating Sun-

Steele adds, "The best moment in a football game that I can remember is when Steven Fry caught a 'hail Mary' pass against Follett on the last play of the game to win "That was 1985.

For Coach David Steele and his assistants, Doug Frick, Shane Reagan, Jim Davis, Tim Garland and John Duncan, the upcoming 1990 season also promises to be a

photo by Mindy Davis

HERE COME THE HOUNDS - The Gruver Greyhounds come charging out to take on the Boys Ranch Roughriders Thursday, Aug. 23 at Boys Ranch. Coach David Steele was pleased with the scrimmage.

Hole-in-one carded

by Bob Bort

Ken Jones is ready to join the PGA tour after clubbing home an ace on the par three, seventh hole at Guymon Wednesday, Aug. 15.

Jones, who has been golfing only two or three times this year, knocked in the ball from the tee, 132 yards from the hole at Sunset Hills Golf Course.

the GHS Greyhounds and a star basketball player for the Hounds during his high school days, now has another sport in which to claim excellence. Five companions witnessed the hole-in-one at Guymon. They were Tony and Lanetta Shapley, Danny and Dallas Henson and Tony Harper.

A trophy was presented to Jones

Jones, who was a quarterback for by Sunset Hills Golf Course.

PUBLIC NOTICE Bernice Flores, food service director for Spearman Independent School District, announced the district's policy for free and reduced price meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.

Each Spearman school and Flores' office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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3	13,728	19,536	1,144	1,628	264 37.6	
4	16,510	23,495	1,376	1,958	318 ^ 452	
5	19,292	27,454	1,608	2,288	371 528	
è	22,074	31,413	1,840	2 618	425 605	
7	24,856	35,372	2,072	2,948	478 681	
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	\$ 2,782	\$ 3,959	\$ 232	\$ 330	\$ 54 \$ 77	,

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school.

The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other

program officials.

For school officials to determine eligibility, households receiving food stamps or AFDC must list the child's name, their food stamp or AFDC case number and the signature and name of an adult household member. Households not receiving food stamps or AFDC must list: names of all household members; social security numbers of all adult household members or a statement that the household member does not possess one; total household income and the amount and source of the income received by each household member; and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Applications may be submitted

at any time during the year. Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy Bernice Flores, food service director, will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to: President of the Board of Trustees, 403 E. 11th, Spearman, Texas, 79081, (659-2116) for a hearing on the decision. Mrs. Flores has an office at Spearman High School next to the cafeteria.

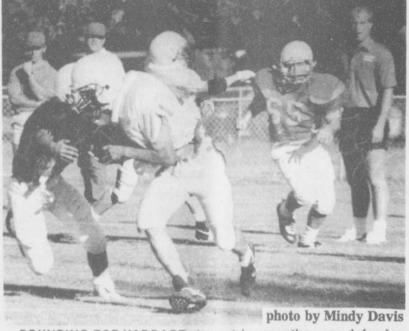
Households that list a food stamp or AFDC case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits are required to report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size.

Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below levels shown above.

In certain cases foster children are also eligible for school meal benefits. If a household wishes to apply for benefits for foster children livign with them, the household should contact the school

for more information. The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for purposes of determining eligibility and verifying

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin, age or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.,



POUNDING FOR YARDAGE - It may take more than one defender this year to bring down the quick Hound running backs. Coach Shane Reagan watches Thursday, Aug. 23 at Boys Ranch.

At home Friday . . .

Hounds in scrimmage

Stadium.

coach David Steele, this scrim- ter," he commented. mage could give the Hounds a good idea of how they will perform this season. The Panthers are a very strong team, favored to win District 2-AA

"I was very pleased overall with the Boys Ranch scrimmage Thursday (Aug. 23)," said Steele. "Our run defense looked especially good, and we protected our passer well," he continued, "however, our pass offense was not successful."

Steele praised Matt Etheredge and Crockett Tidwell, his two

fullbacks, for their blocking, and The Gruver Greyhounds and the Geronimo Ortega and Dan McCloy Panhandle Panthers will run for their running. "We were not through their offenses and defenses able to get into the secondary Friday, Aug. 31 at Greyhound much, but overall I was pleased with our running game. Our line According to Greyhound head blocking for the run could be bet-

> Coach Steele sees a lot of competition at all positions as the start of the season nears. "We're going to be competitive everywhere - we have two people at every spot. Our offense and defense will be such that there will be a lot of kids running in and out of the game. We have several kids who can play interchangeably," he said.

> Steele noted that the Greyhound offense this year will be geared to both the run and the drop back

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Gruver from page 1 -

9-week-old daughter, Leah. Dawn vanderpol was asked about the will stay at home to care for her family this year.

Vanderpol said he chose the teaching field because "I like the subject matter and I like being around kids very much."
He added, "Everything is new to

them (the students) and they are still open to change and other people's ideas.'

Asked about his main goal for the upcoming year, Vanderpol said, "I have always wanted to live in a small town. I want to fit in this community and be a part of it, because I would like to stay."

As an interesting sidelight, ed Vanderpol.

possibility of his involvement in the Iraq crisis, since he is in the Army Reserve which operates in Guymon, Okla. He replied, "I don't expect to be mobilized because my unit trained new recruits. The units needed right now are those in transportation, for example."

He said his unit is designed to replace individuals in the Army who train recruits year-round in the event that they (the full-time trainers) would be recalled into the infantry. "That didn't even happen during the Vietnam war," explain-

Sheriff's Blotter -

According to Hansford County Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, deputies in his department will be traveling to serve warrants on convicted felons paroled by the district court.

The sheriff stated that someone from his office will be traveling to Pensacola, Fla. to return Donald Byron Edgett to Hansford County Jail for parole violation. He was arrested in 1986 for using a stolen credit card, according to Sheriff McFarlin.

There are two men awaiting return to Hansford County in Arkansas and a third is expected to be arrested there in the near future. Sheriff McFarlin indicated the two men already in custody in

Arkansas are Floyd Coop and Melvin Willis. Coop is charged with violation of parole for a felony theft which occurred in Gruver and Willis is charged with parole violation for a second offense DWI

Sheriff McFarlin indicated that he is trying to arrange it so that all the men can be picked up in one

looping trip. Sheriff McFarlin announced that a \$5 million lawsuit filed against him by John Grissom was dismissed on June 29 by Judge Lou Robinson. He expressed thanks to the people of Hansford County who wrote letters to the court in his



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Intentions to Drill BRISCOE (WILDCAT) Dinero Operating Co., #1 W.A. Graham (80 ac) Sec. 16,3,T&P, PD 9000'
HANSFORD (HANSFORD

Mississippi & HANSFORD Lower Morrow) BHP Petroleum Co., Inc., #3 Converse (640 ac) Sec. 26,R,B&B, PD 8800-

HANSFORD (WILDCAT & SHARE Upper Morrow) Bracken Energy Co., #1-11 Woolley (640 ac) Sec. 11,2,WCRR, PD 8200'.

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & TROSPER Tonkawa) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Trosper (644.4 ac) Sec. 431,43,H&TC, PD 7125'. LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT &

TROSPER Tonkawa) Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Trosper (644.4-ac) Sec. 431,43,H&TC. PD 7125' ROBERTS (CREE-FLOWERS

Wolfcamp) Alpar Resources, Inc., #4A Flowers '75' (640 ac) Sec. 75, C, G&M, PD 4500' Application to Plug-Back OCHILTREE (WILDCAT &

CAMBRIDGE Atoka) Tom McGee Corp., #1 Graham (695 ac) Sec. 471,43,H&TC, PD 9330'. Application to Deepen
OCHILTREE (WILDCAT &

HOCKING Lower Morrow) TXO Production Corp., #2 Booker Townsite (640 ac) Sec. 118,10,HT&B, PD 8750'.

Oil Well Completion WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Texaco Producing, Inc., #27 D.E. Johnson (West) Sec. 47,24,H&GN, elev. 2509.6 kb, spud 7-3-90, drlg. compl 7-11-90, tested 8-6-90, pumped 6 bbl. of 39.4 grav. oil + 5 bbls. water, GOR 166, perforated 2231-2680, TD 2680' ·

Gas Well Completions HUTCHINSON (ARRINGTON Tonkawa) Arrington Oil Co., Inc., #1 Jenkins, Sec. 117,5-T,T&NO. elev. 3156 gr, spud 7-24-90, drlg. compl 8-6-90, tested 8-13-90, potential 3500 MCF, rock pressure 1367, pay 5032-5040, TD 8175', PBTD 5064'

- Plug-Back LIPSCOMB (S.W. LIPSCOMB Cleveland) Malouf Abraham, Inc., #1-368 Scott Sisters, Sec. 368,43,H&TC, elev. 2601 gr, spud 5-10-90, drlg. compl 6-1-90, tested 7-15-90, potential 14120 MCF, rock pressure 2510, pay 8225-8287, TD 10250', PBTD 8430' -

OCHILTREE (WILDCAT) Strat Land Exploration, Inc., #1 Pearson, Sec. 105,4-T,T&NO, elev. 3068 kb, spud 5-8-90, drlg. compl 5-25-90, tested 5-29-90, potential 2400 MCF, rock pressure 2350, pay 7914-7928, TD 8730', PBTD 8080' — Plug-Back

Plugged Wells

GRAY (THORNDIKE Lower Missouri) American Exploration #1-73 Huselby, Sec. 73,A-6,H&GN, spud 5-16-87, plugged 1-9-90, TD 7818' (disposal) – Form 1 filed in Kirby Expl.

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) Strat Land Exploration, #1 Hanshu, Sec. 815,43,H&TC, spud 11-25-89, plugged 7-21-90, TD 9850' (dry) -

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT) Zinke & Trumbo, Ltd., #1-9 Harris, Sec. 9,10,HT&B, spud 6-23-90, plugged 7-14-90, TD 9100' (dry) -

(BRADFORD LIPSCOMB Tonkawa) Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Barton, Sec. 503,43,H&TC, spud 7-8-90, plugged 7-16-90, TD 6800'

MOORE (PANHANDLE) Gyro Petroleum, Brown, Sec. 22,M-1,B.C. Campbell Survey (oil) – for the following wells:

#1, spud 5-19-84, plugged 7-26-90, #2, spud 5-27-84, plugged 7-26-90,

TD 3590' -#3, spud 6-1-84, plugged 7-26-90,

#4, spud 6-5-84, plugged 7-30-90,

MOORE (PANHANDLE) Raw Hide Production Co., Inc., Fate, Sec. 237,3-T,T&NO (oil) - for the following wells:

#3, spud 12-6-84, plugged 6-22-90, #4, spud 3-15-85, plugged 6-27-90, TD 3591' -

#5, spud 3-19-85, plugged 7-3-90, #6, spud 3-22-85, plugged 7-3-90, TD 3586' ·

#7, spud 6-22-84, plugged 7-11-90, #8, spud 11-27-84, plugged 7-6-90,

#9, spud 5-26-84, plugged 6-29-90, #10, spud 2-26-84, plugged 6-29-90,

Spearman from page 1grade at Spearman Elementary School this year in a position created to accommodate that grade's 90-member class.

A native of Lockney, Texas, James moved to Spearman in 1988 when her husband Troy accepted the managership of the Farm Bureau Insurance office. She has substituted for teachers in this area for the past two years.

James carned a B.S. degree in art from Southern Methodist University and then went on to study commercial art for two years, receiving a degree in commerical art at the Colorado In-

stitute of Art. Following this, she worked as a commercial artist for two years in

In 1978, James earned her secondary teaching certification from Texas Tech, and then her master's

For 10 years, James worked in the Lockney Independent School District teaching social studies, art and gifted education.

In 1990, she earned her elementary teaching certification from Wayland Baptist University.

The Jameses have two children: Roy, who will be a high school senior and Rainey, a freshman. James says she particularly looks forward to teaching fourth

grade after many years of secondary teaching. "At every level I've taught, I have really loved it, but elementary will be a new challenge because of all the basics," she said.

WENDALL NEFF

Wendall Neff signed a teaching contract for Spearman ISD last May, and this year will teach three Algebra II classes at the high school and boys' athletics at the junior high, as well as coaching the high school boys' basketball team.

A 1969 Mackadoo High School graduate, Neff received his A.A. degree in math from South Plains College in 1971. He was on the basketball team there as well.

He transferred to West Texas State University, where he earned his B.S. in math and secondary education in 1973.

From there, it was on to Spur, Texas where he spent three years teaching math and coaching boys' and girls' basketball. In 1976, he and his wife Jenny moved to

math teacher and coached the Class A school's girls' basketball team two years, coached both girls' and boys' basketball for six years, and then coached boys' basketball for six years.

Asked about his decision to move to Spearman, Neff said, "I wanted a little bigger school. Jayton High School only has about 52 students. I wanted more kids to work with and also, we wanted a town with a Methodist Church.'

Looking back over his coaching years, Neff revealed that over the past nine years, seven of his teams made the playoffs in their class. Three of those teams went on to regional in basketball. He describes his coaching as "a teamoriented, disciplined style.

"We're going to shoot for the playoffs and a possible district championship this year," Neff said when asked his main goal for the boys' basketball team at Spearman High School. "We'll try for a regional playoff spot after that!" he summarized.

MARY LOU MATTHEWS

Another new high school teacher is Mary Lou (Cluck) Matthews, longtime Hansford County resident. She will teach English I and World History to freshmen and sophomores.

Matthews received a B.A. degree in elementary education from West Texas State University in 1969 after being graduated from Gruver High School in 1965.

After, marrying Steve Matthews, a rancher, she stayed home to rear the couple's five children. As the Matthews brood began to leave the nest, Mary Lou returned to W.T.S.U. to earn her secondary teaching certification in English and history in 1987. She is currently

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Panhandle Relays run Saturday

The third annual Texas Panhandle Relays were run Saturday, Aug. 25, with 14 teams, consisting of 126 people, participating.

Four teams from Spearman were entered in the race, which began in Borger and ended in Spearman. Spearman team captains and team members included:

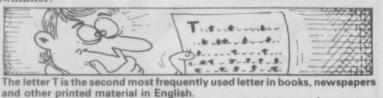
(1) Chris Shrader, captain; Lea Ann Gibner-Shrader and Haley Shieldknight, female runners; Richard North one of the male runners; bicyclists and runners from other towns; and Jill Lusby, swimmer. This team captured bronze medals by coming in third place.

(2) Scott Wilkerson, captain; Michelle Cook and Brandi Shelton, female runners; Eddie Herrington, Rick Davis of Gruver, Philip Miser, Michael Cummings, David Archer and Scott Wilkerson, bicyclists; and Philip Sanders, swimmer.

(3) Edgar Nava, captain; Krista Kirkland and Mary Cook, runners; Ron Whittington, Jeff Hutchison and Chad Riggins, male runners; Edgar Nava, Chance Jackson and Brandon Baker, bicyclists; and Suzanne Sanders, swimmer.

(4) Ricky Lopez, captain; Sonya Nitschke and Dee Dee Shelton, female runners; Ernesto Puentes, Todd Parker and Tino Garcia, male runners; Victor Lopez, A. Vargas and Ricky Lopez, bicyclists; and Kristina Poole, swimmer.

First State Bank of Spearman furnished t-shirts to all entrants and First National Bank of Spearman provided drinks and fruit for teams. After expenses were deducted, approximately \$1,000 was raised to benefit the Hansford County Activity Center. Wanda and Joe Archer of Spearman served as race directors.



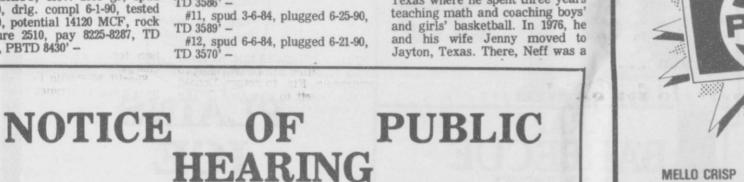
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The public hearing will be held on Sept. 6, 1990 at Hansford County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m.

FOR the proposal: Garland Head, Joe T. Venneman, B.J. Renner, Val Winger

AGAINST the proposal: NONE PRESENT and not voting: NONE ABSENT: Roy L. McClellan

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 2, 1990. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	30,300	30,300
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's	9,060	0.000
exemptions)	5,000	9,060
Average taxable value	21,240	21,240
Tax rate	.359	.3820 (proposed)
Tax	76.25	81.14 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$4.89 or 6.40 percent compared with last year's taxes.

Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.023 per \$100 of taxable value or 6.40 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.



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COUNTY OF HANSFORD

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Cafeteria of the Gruver Independent School District is receiving bids for all food items. Vendors interested in bidding should contact Lynn Martin at 733-2032. Bids must be in the Superintendent's Office, Gruver Independent School District, P.O. Box 650, Gruver, TX 79040 no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 1990. Bids will be opened and considered at the Board Meeting on September 5th at 1:00 p.m. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or part of any and all bids. Envelopes should be marked "Food Item Bid."

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HANSFORD

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84TH Judicial District Court of Hansford County, on the 9 day of Aug. 1990 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of CITY OF SPEARMAN VS. YOUNG. KENNETH, Cause #449 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 1:30 OCLOCK P.M. on the 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1990 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said Hansford County, in the City of SPEARMAN Texas, the following described property, to wit:

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 9 day of Aug. 1990.

R.L. McFarlin Jr., Sheriff Hansford County, Texas by -s- Jim Brown, Deputy

S42-3tc25.35

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO NOMINATE BY PETITION

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is accepting nominations for County Committee elections for Hansford, Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties. This notice is issued to inform eligible voters of the right to nominate candidates by petition. Copies of the petition and instructions on its completion can be obtained from your local FmHA office.

Persons nominated should have an interest in a

farm as an owner tenant or sharecropper within the county or area in which activities of the county or area committee are carried out. They must be citizens of the United States or aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence, and be well qualified for committee work. Spouses of those persons who meet the eligibility criteria are also eligible for nomination for election to the county committee. Nominations must be received in the Perryton FmHA Office, Six Southwest Third, Perryton, Texas no later than October 19, 1990. FmHA committee elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex, and/or handicap. S44-1tc26.10

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NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HANSFORD

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84TH Judicial District Court of Hansford County, on the 9 day of Aug. 1990 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of HANSFORD COUNTY VS. ARCHER, NANCY ESTATE, Cause #332 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 1:30 OCLOCK P.M. on the 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1990 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said Hansford County, in the City of SPEARMAN Texas, the following described property, to wit:

All of Lot Number Five (5), in Block Number Twenty-four (24), in the Original Town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas

Levied on the 16 day of Aug. 1990 as the property of THE ESTATE AND HEIRS OF NANCY ARCHER BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANTY DEED IN VOLUME 35, PAGE 5, OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF HANSFORD COUNTY, TX to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$827.23 with interest from the 21ST DAY OF JUNE, 1990 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of CITY OF SPEARMAN, SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HANSFORD COUNTY

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 9 day of Aug. 1990.

R.L. McFarlin Jr., Sheriff Hansford County, Texas By -s- Jim Brown, Deputy

S42-3tc27.69

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HANSFORD

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84TH Judicial District Court of Hansford County, on the 9 day of Aug. 1990 by the clerk thereof, in the case of HANSFORD COUNTY VS. WALKER, R.R., Cause #452 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 1:30 OCLOCK P.M. on the 4TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1990 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said Hansford County, in the City of SPEARMAN Texas, the following described property, to wit: All of Lot Eleven (11), Block Four (4), Original Town of Morse, Hansford County, Texas

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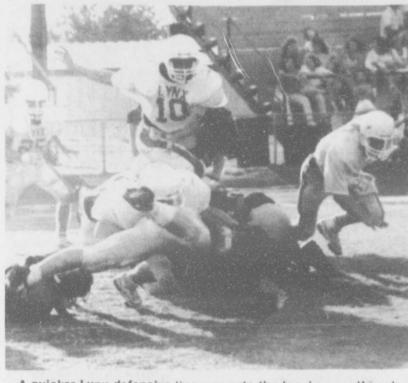
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Lynx team holds Wheeler scoreless

In their first encounter with another team the 1990 Lynx football team held Wheeler scoreless while scoring three touchdowns of their own. Two touchdowns were scored by the varsity and one by the junior varsity.

In the Friday night scrimmage at Wheeler, the varsity took the field first and scored on two long plays by Tim Dooley. One was a screen pass that Dooley broke for 78 yards and the other was a long run from scrimmage. Other outstanding offensive players were Joe Shields (three passes for 52 yards), Dallas Trosper (one pass for eight yards) and Mike Brown (one pass for seven yards).

On defense the line showed a quickness that Lynx teams in the recent past have lacked, this according to Don Mullins, head coach. This quickness by the line may

have surprised the Wheeler offense and caused them to fumble and commit penalties. "Fumbles and penalties hurt them (Wheeler)," said Mullins. He concluded his statement by saying, "They (Lynx defense) did what was expected, they (Wheeler) didn't score."

Mullins indicated that he and his coaching staff were looking forward to more improvement by the Lynx team when they scrimmage River Road in Spearman on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 6:30 p.m. Mullins specifically mentioned that he hopes to see improvement in players' technique and a little more aggressive play by the team as a whole.

In talking about the River Road team, Mullins said, "They play real good defense and they like to throw the ball." This scrimmage may prove to be a real test for the Lynx offense and defensive line and backs.

Spearman from page 7 —

doing graduate work at the campus in those same two subjects, and is only nine credit hours away from attaining her master's degree.

"I am happy to have the opportunity to work with young people this year," commented Matthews, "and hopefully I will give them something worthwhile and lasting. This (the teaching position) is

something I've dreamed of!"
The Matthews have five children.
Robin Snider works in Spearman.
Jana Ivey is a senior at Texas
Tech, where her sister Rhonda
Williams just graduated with a B.S.
in early childhood education. Paige
Pittman is a junior at the Texas
Tech campus. Mark Matthews will
be a third grader this fall.

The Matthews also have a grand-daughter, Amanda Snider.

JANIE STEELE

Janie Steele will replace Kelly Shapley as this year's Chapter I Reading teacher.

Chapter I Reading is a federal program for all children who score below 40 percent on their SRA tests. Steele, who is the wife of high school football coach David Steele,

will be a first-year teacher.

A graduate of Goodwell High School in 1980, she attended Panhandle State University one year later, where she also ran track and played basketball.

After marrying in 1981, the Steeles moved to Ulysses, Kan., where Mr. Steele got his first coaching job. They were there two years, and then he took the job at Gruver.

Beginning in 1984, Mrs. Steele worked at the Bort Insurance Agency for four and a half years. Following that, she returned to PSU to complete her teaching degree. She earned a B.S. in elementary education in May of this year.

"Teaching is something I've always wanted to do," Steele said. "My college emphasis was on reading and I enjoy teaching it the most."

She described her feelings about the upcoming school year as "excitement, and a little bit overwhelmed." Her main goal is to be successful so that all the children she teaches will show improve-

The Steeles have two children: Natalie, 7, who will be a second grader, and Cammie, who is 2½

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AMARILLO OFFICE:

SHERRY JOHNSON

Joining Brent Vanderpol to complete the Gruver High School math department will be Sherry Johnson.

Johnson and her husband Matthew are natives of Lamar, Colo. She is a 1981 high school graduate of that town.

Following high school, the Johnsons were married and Sherry attended Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs, where she earned an associate's degree in animal health science and applied science in 1983.

The Johnsons moved to Guymon, Okla. in 1983. Matthew is currently employed there by Gigot Agri-Products as a service technician. Sherry worked in Guymon at the Town and Country Veterinary Clinic for seven years.

Three years ago, she started taking classes at PSU working toward a teaching degree. "I always knew in the back of my mind that I wanted to teach," comments Johnson. "I finally decided that if I wanted to be a math teacher, I'd better do it now!"

Johnson earned her B.S. in mathematics, with a minor in education and a second minor in natural sciences in May of 1990. She was hired by the Gruver ISD in July.

The Johnsons, who recently moved to Gruver, have two children. Samantha, 5½, will begin Kindergarten in Gruver this year. Their son Brian is 18 months old.

Describing her feelings about the upcoming school year, Johnson said, "I'm excited, nervous and ready!" She said her main goal for the year is to put in the time to be very well-prepared for students.

JOHN DUNCAN

John Duncan (no relation to Principal Bill Duncan) will teach earth science at Gruver Junior High School this year. He will also coach junior high football, track and high school golf.

A 1970 Cotton Center High School graduate, Duncan received an associate's degree in health/physical education from South Plains College in 1972.

He completed his B.S. in health/physical education at West Texas State University in 1975. From there, he taught one year at Lakeview High School and Junior

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He spent the next three years at Anton, where he taught high school biology and coached boys' football, basketball and track. In 1981 he moved to Meadow, where he spent the next six years teaching science and coaching high school football and junior high boys' basketball.

After a year at Stanton teaching junior high science and coaching all boys' sports, Duncan spent the 1989-90 school year teaching in Olton.

Duncan and his wife Elizabeth, a registered nurse, have three children. John, 11, will be in the sixth grade at Gruver this year. Seven-year-old Bradley will be in second grade and six-year-old Elizabeth will be in first grade.

The new junior high coach and teacher said the main difference between coaching at the high school and junior high level is that he stresses the fundamentals in junior high sports. "We also stress learning the game more than winning," he commented.

Duncan's own goal for the school year, he said, is "to be the best teacher and coach that I can be."

Roy and Molly Benson

Roy and Molly Benson will head

up the vocal music program for the Spearman school system. They and their two children, Aron ,6, and Andy, 4, recently moved here from Borger. They both taught in the Borger school system. Roy taught middle school choir for two years and Molly taught one year of elementary choir at Gateway elementary.

Both the Bensons have bachelor of science degrees in music education from West Texas State University. Roy's specialty is in voice and Molly's is in piano.

Roy indicated their objectives for the music program are to continue the good work started by Vicki Gibbs and Carol Pack and to increase the growth of the music program in the Spearman school system.

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