

## At A Glance

### ACT PLAN Program

Tenth grade students have the opportunity to take part in ACT's PLAN program on Friday, October 6. This is the only time PLAN will be offered this year. PLAN, which is often taken in preparation for the ACT Assessment, includes academic tests, a survey of interests, and an assessment of study skills knowledge. PLAN also provides an estimated ACT Assessment score to help students see if they are on track for the college or career of their choice. Participating in PLAN will give students a head start of career and educational planning.

PLAN will be offered Friday, October 6. The cost is \$8.50. Students can receive more information about PLAN or sign up by contacting Mrs. Guthrie at Spearman High School.

All sophomores are encouraged to participate in this program.

### List Being Compiled Of Former State Champions

by Jeff Beedy  
Superintendent Rod Sumner and Leann Gillaspie are compiling a list of former state champions from Spearman High School. Mr. Sumner wants to put banners in the gym to recognize these people. It is long overdue and Mr. Sumner is making it a priority to get something done about it. This is Mr. Sumner's second year at Spearman and I can tell you that he is an asset to this school system. If you know of any state champions that are not on this list, please let Mr. Sumner, Leann Gillaspie, or myself know and we will be sure they get put on the list.

**Girls Basketball** - 1966, '71, '72, '77; **Boys Tennis Doubles** - 1967 - Richard Booth & P.A. Lyon III; **Girls Tennis Doubles** - 1972 - Sheila Patterson & Teresa Beck; **Girls Tennis Doubles** - 1992 - Tamri & Kimbre Townsen; **Girls Tennis Doubles** - 1999 - Kristin Beedy & Leslie Holton; **Girls Tennis Singles** - 1996 - Kristin Beedy; **Girls Golf** - 1975 - Khristi Gressett, Becky Wheeler, Loretta Shelton, Willetta Shelton, Carla Harper; **Girls 400m Dash** - 1986, '87, '88, '89 - Heather Murrell; **Girls High Jump** - 1988 - Jill McLain; **Girls 800m Relay** - 2000 - Halee Beasley, Stephanie Bynum, Cynthia Goodman, Brooke Lesly; **Girls Track & Field** - 2000; **Girls Cross Country** - 1988; **Boys Pole Vault** - 1977 - John Holman; **Boys Discus** - 1989 - Lance Swan; **Boys Shot Put** - 1989 - Matt Tucker

### Clarendon To Host Cook-Off

The sixth annual Colonel Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cook-off will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2000 on the grounds of the Saints Roost Museum in Clarendon.

The gate opens at 8 a.m. and the tradeshow starts at 10 am with museum tours available all day. Admission to the all-day event is free. Tickets for the Chuckwagon supper are \$10 each and can be purchased in advance at Henson's Hardware Store in Clarendon by calling 806-874-3517. Supper will be served at 5 p.m.

On Sunday morning, cowboy church will be held under the tent at the museum with Johnny Burson of Silverton and Owen Nobel of Wayland preaching.

All proceeds will benefit the Saints Roost Museum's efforts to restore the historic Ft. Worth and Denver City Depot, located in Clarendon.



Spearman High School Varsity Cheerleaders take a break from cheering and pose for the camera. They are (Back Row, L-R) Jessica Crossland, Jennifer Whitefield, Jentry Edwards, Tashi Schumann; (Front Row, L-R) Samantha Cazares, Clara Shieldknight, Haley Lombard, Adrienne Simpson, and Cheryl Gibson as Louie the Lynx. The Cheerleaders invite all of the Spearman Lynx fans to come out and support the Lynx at Friday nights game in Perryton.

## Success Strategies For Your Business

Don Taylor will present a business seminar entitled "Customers are Good for Business!" on Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Spearman Church of Christ. He will cover topics such as "What all customers really want"; "Why customer service is changing"; "How to deal with problem customers"; "Your four basic customer service options"; and "How to deliver 'whatever-it-takes' service."

Your business exists for only one reason...to serve customers. Knowing how to serve customers well is the best job security available. This seminar will give you and your employees all the tools you'll need to satisfy and delight your customers and bring them back again and again. Don't miss this opportunity to hear why Don Taylor says,

"Customers are good for business."

Don Taylor is a best-selling business author, an internationally syndicated business columnist and the director of West Texas A&M University's Office of Business Services. He authors the internationally syndicated business column *Minding Your Own Business* and is the director of West Texas A&M University's Office of Business Services. He has helped more than 2,000 business owners grow their businesses by serving customers more effectively.

The free seminar is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and is designed to meet the needs expressed by the community. Call Peggy Winegarner or Burt Williams, County Extension Agents at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

## Thank You!

The Board and Staff of the Hansford County Library would like to thank the following people who have made donations to the Mary Alice Gibner Endowment Fund for our library as of Monday, August 28th:

The Hansford County Library has begun a local matching fund drive for the Mary Alice Gibner Endowment. The goal for local donations of \$20,000 will give the library an endowment of \$100,000 or more after the matching grants.

Total collected to date: \$17,500.00  
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If you would like to make a donation to the Mary Alice Gibner Endowment fund or if you have questions, please contact any of the staff at the library - Sheri Benton, Margaret Ruttman or Cecilia Foster - or anyone on the library board - Myrna Biggers, James Cunningham, Kim Brock, Wanda Jones, Mary Alice Gibner, Wanda Archer, Marsha Murphy, Jo McLaughlin or Mae Wofford.



Capturing the three-on-three basketball title in the thirteen and under girls division in Amarillo are (left to right) Laina Grotogut, Blythe Finley, Angelica Huerta, and Valerie Burnam, all eighth grade students at Gruver Junior High School.

## Cattle Raisers Association Schedules Fall Meeting

All roads lead to Lubbock Oct. 12-14 for Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association's fall meeting.

"All TSCRA members and interested parties are invited to the 'Hub of the South Plains' for enlightening educational sessions, superb entertainment and plenty of time to meet and visit," said TSCRA President J. Mark McLaughlin.

The primary educational sessions will be led by staff from Texas Tech

University on Friday, Oct. 13 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Several speakers will focus on range and forage management following drought. Others will zero in on challenges and solutions for animal science and food technology.

Following a complimentary luncheon in the United Spirit Arena at Texas Tech, the venue will move to the Holiday Inn Civic Center for committee meetings.

Registration for the fall meeting

will be conducted on Thursday, Oct. 12 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m and Friday, Oct. 13 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Lobby.

For more information call TSCRA at 1/800 242-7820.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 123-year-old trade organization whose 13,000 members manage approximately 2.7 million head to cattle on 58.9 million acres of range and pasture land, primarily in Texas and Oklahoma.

## Hansford County's Tri-State Fair Results

The Wheat Show and 4-H Livestock Judging and Sheep Show were held on Saturday, September 16, 2000.

**4-H Wheat Show**  
Richard Pipkin - 3rd

**4-H Livestock Judging**  
**Seniors**

- Overall High Team - Hansford County - 3rd; Overall High Individual - Clete Vanderburg - 3rd, Dustin Mackie - 8th
- High Individual Beef - Kirby Johnson - 7th, Dustin Mackie - 10th
- High Individual Sheep - Clete Vanderburg - 3rd, Dustin Mackie - 8th
- High Individual Swine - Kirby Johnson - 2nd, Dustin Mackie - 6th, Clete Vanderburg - 9th
- High Individual Total Placings - Clete Vanderburg - 1st, Dustin Mackie - 6th
- High Individual Total Placings - Kirby Johnson - 5th, Dustin Mackie - 9th
- High Team Beef - Hansford - 3rd
- High Team Sheep - Hansford - 2nd

- High Team Swine - Hansford - 2nd
- High Team Total Placings - Hansford - 2nd
- High Team Reasons Placing - Hansford - 3rd

**Junior**

- High Team Overall - Hansford - 1st
- Junior High Individual Overall - Charlie Slough - 1st
- High Team Total Beef - Hansford - 1st
- High Team Total Sheep - Hansford - 1st
- High Team Total Swine - Hansford - 2nd
- High Individual Total Beef - Charlie Slough - 5th
- High Individual Total Sheep - Austin Benton - 8th
- High Individual Total Swine - Lance Williams - 2nd
- 4-H Sheep Results**
- Finewool, Class 5 - Tara Shields - 12th
- Finewool, Class 9 - Tabatha Shields - 1st & 5th, Tara Shields - 8th

## Computer Classes Offered

The Community Resource Office has released the Fall 2000 Computer Class Schedule.

The following classes will be offered:

**Intermediate Word** - Lisa Short, instructor - September 21, 26 & 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - \$50

**Introduction to Personal Computer** (very basic beginners class) - Mandy Derington, instructor - October 10, 12 & 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - \$50

**Introduction to Word** - Mandy Derington, instructor - October 31, November 7 & 9, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - \$50.

For more information, or to register for classes, call Cindy Blackman at 6659-3233

Laugh  
and  
Live



by Catherine R. Smith  
CathyRSmit@aol.com

I received the following story from Ken and Roberta Cole. It really touched me when I read it; I hope it touches you also!

## The Taxi Ride

by Kent Nerburn  
Twenty years ago, I drove a cab for a living. It was a cowboy's life, a life for someone who wanted no boss. What I didn't realize was that it was also a ministry.

Because I drove the night shift, my cab became a moving confessional. Passengers climbed in, sat behind me in total anonymity, and told me about their lives. I encountered people whose lives amazed me, ennobled me, made me laugh and weep.

But none touched me more than a woman I picked up late one August night. I was responding to a call from a small brick fourplex in a quiet part of town. I assumed I was being sent to pick up some partyers, or someone who had just had a fight with a lover, or a worker heading to an early shift at some factory for the industrial part of town.

When I arrived at 2:30 a.m., the building was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window. Under such circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, then drive away. But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation.

Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself. So I walked to the door and knocked.

"Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 80s stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years.

All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

"Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing," I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated."

"Oh, you're such a good boy," she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, then asked, "Can you drive through downtown?"

"It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly. "Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice." I looked in the rearview mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long."

I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creating the horizon, she suddenly said "I'm tired. Let's go now."

We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

"How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse.

"Nothing," I said.

"You have to make a living," she answered.

"There are other passengers," I responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you."

I squeezed her hand, then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly, lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

# Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wall-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



When I was in college, one of my textbooks called accounting "the language of business." Because I was a veteran business owner when I returned to college to finish my degree, I knew something the textbook author didn't. Accounting may be the language of business, but few small-business owners understand, speak or have any strong desire to learn the dialect. Collecting, recording and managing numbers is not the reason why most men and women go into business. They are lured into entrepreneurship by dreams of wealth, personal success and taking control of their own destiny.

Sadly, not having a full understanding of financial matters, often leads to anxious moments for small-business owners. For nearly ten years I was at the mercy of my accountant. I saw his mouth move, I heard him speak, but I did not comprehend what he was saying.

He spoke of credits and debits, budget variance reconciliation and quick-ratio analysis. I was trying to figure out how I could make payroll on Friday. He discussed the accounting equation, negative retained earnings carryover and his four-page disclaimer of liability. All the while, I was wondering why my sales were up but my profits were down.

In the past ten years, I've worked

individually with more than 2,000 small-business owners and taught basic, useful financial management principles to more than 19,000 people. I don't share the opinion of the "Principles of Accounting" author. Accounting, in real-world practice, is the language of accountants. Entrepreneurs don't speak the language, and most have no desire to become bilingual.

Entrepreneurs do want to understand their businesses. They desire to comprehend the cause and effect of financial decisions. They want to manage their numbers and retain more control of their business. What they need initially is not Accounting 101 and 102, but functional financial basics.

Financial Management Basics Defined simply, financial management is a process of using numbers generated by your business to make operational decisions. Having good numbers lets you make decisions based on facts instead of feelings.

Accounting enters the picture at this point. Good record keeping is a prerequisite to good financial management. You cannot make good decisions without good information. You will make bad decisions if all you have is bad information. Incorrect data are worse than no data at all.

Let's start at the beginning. Every small business needs a separate business checking account. You should deposit all business-related income into this account. You should pay all business-related expenses from this account.

Your business checking account then becomes a backup for other business records. Reconcile your checking account every month. Get help early if you don't fully under-

stand this process.

Your record keeping system should include the following information as a minimum: a record of all sales, a record of all expenses and a list of all assets. Assets are anything owned by your business that has value and can be measured in dollars.

If you sell to or buy from others on open account, you'll need a list of accounts receivable (those who owe

you - and the amount) and of accounts payable (those you owe - and the amount). If you have employees, you'll need a payroll journal in order to record all payroll activity.

In addition, you should maintain a record of your notes payable and your business inventory. You will need all of these records to create accurate, timely financial statements.

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### Gruver

**First Baptist Church**  
402 E. Broadway ¥ 733-2411  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Pastor - Scott Curry

**Church of Christ**  
209 King ¥ 733-2760  
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

**First Christian Church**  
510 King ¥ 733-2960  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Youth: 7:30, Sunday  
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.  
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Gary Gumfory

**Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
6 Miles West & 12 Miles  
North of Gruver  
339-7709  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.

**Gruver United Methodist**  
Broadway & Garrett  
733-2651  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
Pastor - Jerry Moore

**Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**  
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.  
Friday Evening Mass  
Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

### Morse

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# Happy Birthday

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Kristina Poole Howell, Sara Shufeldt, Holly Simpson, Tindie Ramon  
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. David Bergin

**September 21**  
Birthday - Amber Murrell, Teresa Sue Dodson, Mrs. Ola Davis, Lisa Pipkin, Sharon Craig, Millie Craig, Gary Thomas, Karen Goodman, Arthur Cantu, Cathy Cook, Paul Mahaffey, Ashlee Flowers, Allene Bayless, Callie Cazares, Francis Murrell, Jacie Baker, Mike Ladd

**September 28**  
Birthday - Will Rane, Mike Grotegut, Beverly Hintergardt, Ona McClenagan, Mike Yanke, Kim Brock, Ethel Byers, Teddie Whitefield, Judy Reed, Jimmie Vernon, Julio Garcia, Sherry Moore, Jeff Gressett, Mone Borunda  
Anniversary - James & Nell Cummings

**September 22**  
Birthday - Charlotte Bergin, Chelsie Beth Hicks, Leon Wilson, Robert Womble, Bobby Evans, Ray Brewer, Junior Avila, Terry Delozier, Lance Hamish, Sterling Alana Brown, Amber Conley, Janice Riley, Bonnie Cox  
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Jackson

**September 29**  
Birthday - Dick Hintergardt, Kelly Vernon, Meguel Espinosa, Jeff Vanlandingham, Vi Kjos, Charlie Salgado, Sue McCloy, Gabriel Rodriguez, Dave Laughlin, Ruben Olivarez, Christy Lang, Phillip Terry Moore, Travis Burgess, Tara Duke

**September 23**  
Birthday - Larry Babbs, Rodney Dale Clawson, Floyd Dry, Melissa Davis, Wilma Clark, Ray Ortega, Tony Papay, Will Black, Jan Hartsell, Luisa Volden, Karla Flowers, Amber Coombs, Kylie Cook, Jake Coates, Andrew Jacobs  
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Atwood, Mr. & Mrs. John Pipkin

**September 30**  
Birthday - Aaron Boyd, Chile Favala, Kyle Williams, Tanya Adkins, Cindi Nash, Stan Seagler, Naomi Fryrear, Jana Tindell, June Spencer, Roger Jones, F.W. Thomas, Sandy Cummings, Jean West, Dixie Williams, James Whitaker, Patrick Jerman, Sharon Bailey, Jade Shaver, Chris Cudd, Jenn Schnell, Justin Parker  
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Brown, Mr. & Mrs. A.D. Reed Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Leon Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Salgado

**September 24**  
Birthday - Amadeo Cazares, Martha Jo Hadley, Cindy Blackman, Deena Murrell, Tony Shapley, Amy TeBeest, Linda Venneman, Trevor Williams, Sherri Kay West, Danny McLaughlin, Mandi Lusby Varnon, Julie Hays, Dan Pearson, Kerry Henton, Jeff Hawkins, Wesley Miser, Roberta Cole, Amber Elliott, Kylie Cook, Amy Powers, Dustin Tomlin  
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kuehl

**October 1**  
Birthday - Royce Mathews, Galen Slough, Merri Gale Sparks, Hector Nava, Beatrice Renteria, Brenda Pierson, Willie Clement, Sheila Watley, Colene Schaefer, Randall Schell, Angela Rodriguez, Laci Ortega, David Nash, Betty Perry, Robbie Dewberry  
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Elwyn Young, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Newcomb

**September 25**  
Birthday - Brooke Salmons, Ann Taylor, Charles Martin, Jesse Renteria Jr., Cecil Slater, Stacy Lesly, Marcy Vitela, Pedro Vargas, Teresa Bian, Sandy Zamora, Chuck Cook, Edwin Pearcy, Andrew Dalton Raper, Erynn Saenz, Sally Pittman  
Anniversary - Bob & Wanda Burke, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Holton, Mr. & Mrs. Arturo Vargas

**October 2**  
Birthday - Kyle Barkley, Wayne Garrett, Jeremy Tunnell, Richard Wagner, Della Reed, Kathi Gilley, Kelly Trout, Angelita Cruz, Pamela Ring  
Anniversary - Glen Ray & Laura Mackie

**September 26**  
Birthday - Whitt Barkley, Mandy Derington, David Tomlison, Tamera Shedd, Von Close, Idella Randall, Cari Babitzke Baker, Jennifer Martin, Wayne Cummings, Regan Boxwell, Wanda Reed, Sharon Whitefield, Joy Graham, Grace Davis  
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. John Patterson

**October 3**  
Birthday - Berniece Goodrich, Ruth Ann Jones, Lloyd Carroll, Doris Bateman, Eulalia Blankenship, Jackie Graham, Brian Watley, Teresa England, Timber Barkley, Chad Brown, Arlene Kennedy, Lynda Tunnell, L.A. Williams, Griffin George, Marsha Murphy  
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Scott Davis, Jim & Linda Beeson, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Desimone

**September 27**  
Birthday - Jim Davis, Jon Hart, Kathy Slough, Nathan Watkins, Garland Hopper, Joe Gomez, Norma Hill, Dennis Randall,

# My Song of the Windmill

by Waurayne Cope

One lovely summer afternoon, I had an unusually unique and special experience. I was in the home of my daughter, Denise Cope VanMeter, and her family. They live south and west of Amarillo, TX. My oldest grandchild, Bryan, is a Tascosa High senior. Cara, 16, is a Tascosa High sophomore. Whenever I am spending time with my children, grandchildren, (or any young person for that matter), the time spent is always unique and special. This particular time was exceptionally so.

My son-in-law, Rex, works at the Bushland Research Farm. Bryan works there also in his off-hours and on weekends. Being a very perceptive young man, he is aware of the sense of peace a windmill evokes within me. Therefore, he invited me to accompany him to the farm one Sunday afternoon. He said I could sit in the shade of a tree and record windmill thoughts while he was feeding and counting cattle. I quickly accepted. I grabbed a pen, some writing paper, my camera and off we went.

What peace! What beautiful, joyful, perfect peace! I sat there for hours in the shade of a tree near the windmill in the sweet stillness of the country, wrapped in this all-encompassing peace. Though surrounded by birdsongs of many kinds, I seemed to be enveloped in a reverent silence. I sensed the Lord's words of Psalms 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God..."

This, then, is my personal song of the windmill...this call to be still. It is a call of quiet promise. It is a call to renewal. I hear God's Word of "Peace. Be still," and the turbulence of a spastic world subsides.

The song I hear the windmill sing is a call to reverence. Through the windmill's song, our Creator calls us to contemplate the blessings of wind, rain, and the wellsprings of water hidden deeply within our earth. It is He, the awesome Lover of our souls, Who placed within the mind of mankind the ingenuity to tap into those wellsprings. Thus, the physical thirst of mankind, plant life, animal and bird kingdoms is satisfied...even as man's spiritual thirst is satisfied as he comes home to the Fount of Living Water, Christ.

The Windmill Song. There is much contained therein. Through the turning of its wheel, the mill seems to communicate to those who will listen. It sings of stories, experiences, and of the historical and biographical records of our past. The windmill song is a call to meaningful and interactive human communication, as well. Without this type of interactive communication, it is impossible to be aware of or to even get a "feel" for the vast myriad of feelings, experiences, thoughts, emotions that various things (including windmills) might evoke within the hearts and minds of our fellow sojourners.

It gladdens my heart that our town and much of our area have joined hearts and hands with Mr. J.B. Buchanan and his family in realizing the importance of preserving this historic Buchanan windmill collection. Thank you, Mr. Buchanan. A big "thank you" to your bride of many years, as well. Thank you to your family and to all who have been involved and who will be involved in any aspect of the upkeep, maintenance of this prized historic collection. A big "thank you" is due to my grandson, Bryan, as well for a superb highlight of my adult life. My summer windmill experience rates right up there with Cara's summer of 2000 visit wherein she set the Beanie Babies free.

# HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

## Medical Fund Established For Leah Baker

Leah Baker, 20-year-old granddaughter of Charlie and Billy Baker and daughter of Cassie Baker, is in need of a liver transplant. The medication that she has been taking for her liver has done considerable and extensive damage to her teeth. Before she can be put on a donor list to receive the liver, her teeth must be fixed. A medical fund has been set up at First National Bank by First Baptist Church to help with dental and medical expenses. Any and all help will be much appreciated.

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## Mini Bazaar

The eleventh annual Mini Bazaar will be held on Saturday October 28, 2000. This show is sponsored by the Waka Church of the Brethren and will be held in Perryton TX at the Ochiltree County Exposition Building. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are expanding the show to include a wider range of interests this year. We will be open to arts & crafts, small entrepreneurs, antiques, collectible stamps, coins, rocks, guns, or even cars. If you have an interest and are interested in participating, give us a call and we will talk about it. No live animals please. We have a one day Saturday show. We have a congenial, relaxed atmosphere and we welcome your participation. Our spaces rent for \$15.00 each for an eight-foot by eight-foot space. This is an annual fund raiser that our Church sponsors and proceeds are used mainly for capital improvements. If you need information call: 806-435-4515, 806-435-3893, 806-435-3874 or 806-435-2104.

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## Success Strategies For Your Business

Don Taylor will present a business seminar entitled Customers are Good for Business! on Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Spearman Church of Christ. He will cover topics such as What all customers really want; Why customer service is changing; How to deal with problem customers; Your four basic customer service options; and How to deliver whatever-it-takes service. Don Taylor is a best-selling business author, an internationally syndicated business columnist and the director of West Texas A&M University's Office of Business Services. The free seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m. at the fellowship hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Topics include: What all customers really want; Why customer service is changing; How to deal with problem customers; Your four basic customer service options; and How to deliver whatever-it-takes service. The seminar is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and is designed to meet the needs expressed by the community. Call Peggy Winegarner or Burt Williams, County Extension Agents at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

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## Booster Club Wants New Members

The Booster Club is wanting new members for the coming year. If you have a child in athletics or just have an interest in Spearman athletics, we could use your help. Anybody interested in joining, please contact Nikki Lozano at 659-2568. If you are interested in advertising on the spearmanlynx.com web site, please call Lehis Simpson at 659-2952. Your business will get a lot of exposure on this site and all the money goes for scholarships for the kids. We appreciate your support!

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## Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic on Monday, September 25 at Hansford County Hospital, 712 S. Roland, in Spearman. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or for more information call 806/356-1905 or 1/800-377-4673.

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## Revelation

The Gruver United Methodist Church will host a seminar entitled Revelation, which will be presented by Dr. M. Robert Mulholland. The seminar will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2000 and Sunday, October 1, 2000. Saturday's registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the days events will dismiss at 8:00 p.m. Sunday's services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. All events will be held at the Gruver United Methodist Church, 506 Broadway. Please contact the church at 733-2651 to register or for schedule information.

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## Raffle Tickets On Sale

The Spearman Booster Club is selling raffle tickets for an autographed football by Troy Aikman of the Dallas Cowboys. This will be a collector's item, so be sure and get your tickets now. Aikman will probably be in the Ring of Honor at Texas Stadium one of these days, and this football could be worth a lot of money. Tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased from any booster club member or come by Prairie Motors where tickets are available. Proceeds will go to the booster club. We appreciate your support!

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## Fund Established For Jerald Garcia Family

The home of Jerald Garcia, formerly of Spearman and now of Borger, was badly damaged in a fire last week. The family lost their home and virtually all their household possessions. Building materials, appliances, furniture and household items are needed. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Nancy Young at 878-2582 or Karen Nicoson at 274-3038. Items may also be delivered to Linda Lujan, 521 W. 3rd in Spearman. A fund for the family has been established at the Wells Fargo Bank in Borger.

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## Hansford County Jackpot Show

The Jackpot show will be held on September 30, 2000. The show is open to all 4-H and FFA members with heifers, steers and lambs. The show will be held in the Gruver County Barn in Gruver. The cost for steers and heifers is \$30. Steer weigh-in is at 9 a.m. The cost for lambs is \$15 with weigh-in at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you have any questions, call the Extension Office or Burt Williams at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

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## Party On The Prairie 2000

Party on the Prairie 2000 will bring old and new friends back to the stage at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Perfect Strangers, a Texas band, will be one of three bands on the Party on the Prairie stage. They will follow Folsom and the Groobees and the Great Divide. Party on the Prairie 2000 takes place at Carl Wooten Field on the campus of OPSU on Saturday, September 23, 2000. The gates open at 5:30 p.m. with music beginning at 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to buy tickets can do so at the OPSU High School Relations Office, College Corner and 54 Gas-N-Go in Goodwell; Elkhart Coop in Elkhart, KS; the Best Western Townsman Inn, the Ambassador Inn and Super 8 in Guymon; or by calling 1-800-664-6778 and asking for extension 374.

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## Swing Fiddler To Perform For Community

Western Swing Fiddler, Randy Elmore will be participating in a community residency in Spearman during the week of October 23-30. Elmore will educate and entertain in Spearman, sharing his tradition as a Western Swing musician. Events will be held in a variety of venues all around Spearman. All presentations are free to the public and are sponsored by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce and Texas Folklife Resources. This program is made possible in part by funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Texas Commission on the Arts. For a schedule and further information, contact Gina Gillespie at 806/659-5555, www.spearman.org or Spearman@arn.net.

## Thank You

Thanks to everyone for all the visits, flowers, food, gifts and prayers given to me during my recent long illness.

Eloise Renner

## Thank You

We want to thank everyone for the kindnesses expressed to our family during the illness and the passing of our beloved husband, father and PaPa. We thank you for the cards, phone calls, food, flowers and especially the prayers during these past few weeks.

Sincerely  
The Hargis Family

## Thank You

Hansford Hospice Volunteers would like to thank everyone who donated items to our garage sale. It was a big success. The garage sale raised over \$5,500 which will be used to fund our local Hospice Program. Also we want to thank all the people in the community who gave so generously of their time to help us unpack items, sort and price, and everyone who came and worked at the sale. Without you, the garage sale would not have been possible. Thanks to Hansford County Reporter-Statesman and KRDF-FM for all the great publicity. A great big thank you from all the volunteers to our chairpersons, Doyle and June Jackson, who spent many hours preparing for the sale. We appreciated everyone who shopped at our sale and purchased items.

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# Leland/Mathews Wed



Lori Lynn Leland Mathews

Lori Lynn Leland and David Kent Mathews were married on Saturday, September 2, 2000 at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort in Phoenix, AZ. The ceremony took place overlooking the city at sunset on the terrace of the "Different Point of View" restaurant with the Rev Philip Waring officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Joe Lynn Leland of Las Vegas, NV, most recently of Broomfield, CO. Grandparents of the bride are the late E.J. Copeland and Joe Copeland of Spearman, TX. The bride's grandmother attended the wedding.

Parents of the groom are Bill and Judy Mathews of Plano, TX, recently of Ballwin, MO.

Serving as matron of honor was Nicole Eisberner of Las Vegas, NV. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Singer of Denver, CO; Alexis Oliver of Las Vegas, NV; and Kim Underwood of Denver, CO. The attendants wore periwinkle blue gowns and silver sandals and carried bouquets of mixed flowers.

The best man was Jay Lopez of Dallas, TX. Groomsmen were Luis Vallecillo of Lewisville, TX; Dan Mathews, brother of the groom of Irving, TX and Davin Sills of St. Louis, MO. Ring-bearer was Daniel Kit Copeland of Austin, TX, cousin of the bride.

The bride's grandmother, Joe Copeland wrote a poem for Lori and Dave and Alicia Carnes of Las Vegas read the poem during the ceremony. The music was provided by a harp and flute duo of Phoenix.

In keeping with tradition, the "something new" was the bride's wedding gown, "something borrowed" was her mother's heirloom ring; "something blue" was her garter and a penny in her shoe from the year of her birth was for good luck. She also carried a satin rose in her bridal bouquet containing small heirlooms belonging to the groom's mother. The bride's gown was a beaded diamond white silk and lace sheath with a lace beaded cathedral train.

The bride's mother wore a 2-piece floor length suit of periwinkle blue. The neckline was adorned with bugle beads outlining an appliqued flower design. She wore silver sandals.

The groom's mother wore a floor-length royal blue dress with a lace bodice. She also wore silver sandals.

The wedding cake was concocted of 5 square layers covered in white icing and enhanced with fresh flowers of purple, yellow and white and anchored with a fresh green garland and roses at the base. The cake was chocolate with raspberry filling. It was topped with a replica of the Eiffel Tower, ordered from Paris.

The wedding reception was held at "Different Point of View" restaurant. A four-and-a-half foot ice sculpture of the Eiffel Tower in Paris ornamented one of the serving tables in commemoration of the engagement site of the couple. A buffet dinner was served to 125 guests coming from Dallas, Denver, Las Vegas, New Jersey, Missouri, California, Colorado, Texas, Wyoming, Illinois and London.

The bride is a graduate of Pomona High School in Arvada, CO. She earned a B.A. in Speech Communications from Colorado State University in 1992. She is employed as a model and actress and owns her own promotion company. She travels extensively around the United States and Canada.

The groom attended Southwestern Missouri State University. He also travels over the United States, Germany, France and England in connection with his work. He appears weekly on a TV Internet show, "Net Talk Live". He is co-founder and vice president of Digital Convergence Technology Company in Dallas.

On September 4, the couple flew to Los Angeles, then to Tahiti where they embarked on a Renaissance Cruise through the South Pacific.

The couple will reside in Dallas.

## Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Pictured is a record-breaking 19.5 pound blue catfish caught on perch last week at the lake by Roland Harris of Perryton. The fish is being held by Pete Moncayo of Perryton. The picture is courtesy of Lynn's Bait and Tackle.

saw a spotless bobcat chasing his dog. The stubby black-tipped tail was raised, showing white underneath. That night after dark, he saw a large raccoon with two juveniles crossing the road down to the water covered bridge. The turkeys have been seen in a large flock at the Park.

The Church of Christ, Spearman, had their monthly gathering Sunday evening at the shelter.

Fred Castor has observed the deer eating the lovely blossoms of the stickleaf, sand lilies that are in bloom now. These plants close in the middle of the day so remember to look for them early and late. There are both white and yellow blossoms, as there are two different members of the family. It is rarer to find the yellow variety.

Alvin Lynn of Amarillo has begun mapping the Fort Dodge-Fort Bascom Trail. We usually hear our portion of the trail, spoken of as the Dodge City-Tascosa Trail. Although he has mapped the portion in New Mexico, when he decided to map the part in Hansford County, he came to Spearman and found the old surveyor notes at the courthouse. He copied the parts that told of crossing the old trail. Then he went to the Natural Resources Conservation Service and obtained the soil maps. He was able to mark some of the trail using them.

On September 12, Alvin Lynn and Cleon Roberts of Hereford met Corky Kizziar and me at the shelter at 10 o'clock in the morning. Our first stop was at the Terry Buschman home where their son Ryan became our guide. Later Kathleen Brillhart and her husband Bill Hartzfield met us and helped with the mapping. By the day's end, the trail on Kathleen's place and on part of the Buschman place was authenticated.

Lake Depth-September 18, 2000-50.31 feet

Fishing has been better with the cooler days, but when the heat returned on the weekend, the fish were not biting. Pete Moncayo caught a 12# blue catfish and Red Byrd of Spearman caught a 15# channel catfish during the week.

Jim said he was seeing more wildlife now. The deer are more numerous, and Friday morning he

### New Books in our Library

McNally's Folly by Lardo (formerly by Sanders); Nora, Nora by Siddons; Beyond the Gathering Storm by Oke; Dust or Dust by Hoag; Winter Solstice by Pilcher; Purple Cane Road by Burke; The Guest List by Michaels; Mr. Perfect by Howard; The Day John Died by Andersen; Blue Gold by Cussler; Stories for a Mom's Heart by Gray; Peanuts: A Golden Celebration by Schulz; Christmas with Southern Living 2000; Everything Homeselling Book by Rejnis; Everything Homebuying Book by Rejnis; Everything Guide to Washington D.C. by Perkins; Everything Guide to Walt Disney World by Rich; Everything Guide to New York City by Mintzer; If Only It Were True by Levy; A Cat on Stage Left by Adamson; Demolition Angel by Crais; Midnight Come Again by Stabenow; Knights Templar by Howarth; Stalker by Kellerman; Glass Houses by Cameron; 24 Hours by Iles; Deadly Decisions by Reichs

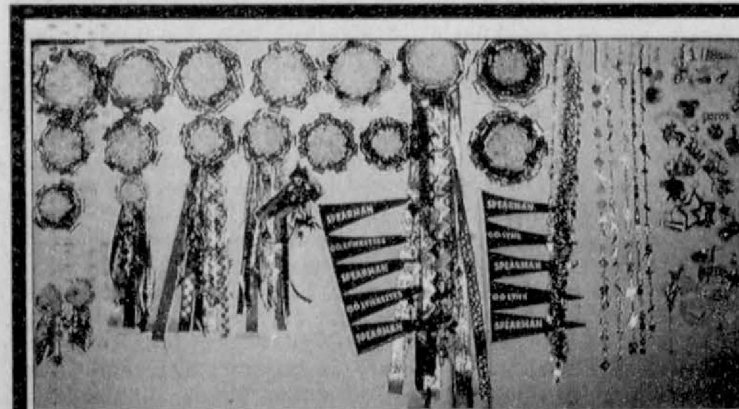
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~ Liz and Frosty Hickerson



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Aubrey was welcomed home by big sisters Ashley and Klara. Proud grandparents are Loyall and Ginger Turner of Spearman and Glenn and Kyna Keim of Clovis, NM. Great-grandparents include Verna Gail Keim, Josephine Schneider, and Jewel Turner, all of Spearman, and Jack Crum of

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You are invited to attend a **Wedding Shower** for **Jessica Giles** bride-elect of Brian Holt Kidder on Saturday, September 23, 2000 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the Newcomb House Bed & Breakfast 122 S. Hazelwood • Spearman, TX

**Bridal Registry**

Jessica Giles & Brian Kidder - Sept. 23rd  
Becky (Leach) & Dan Mercer - Oct. 9th (Morse)  
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Josh Bynum & Katie Black - Nov. 11th  
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# Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The gathering and exhibition of antique steam equipment was held in Pampa over the weekend. J.D. Wilbanks took his steam tractor, which always attracts much attention. Rubyjo, being busy with Zulu Days on Saturday, was able to join him on Sunday.

On Thursday previous, they attended a rare event - the 70th wedding observance of Rubyjo's cousin, Edwin and Annabel Simmons of Pampa. It was held in Wheeler.

Edwin and Annabel, both Spearman alumni, had attended the school reunion here in June. He is the oldest living graduate.

The Wilbanks had been in Santa Fe for a long weekend returning last Monday. They enjoyed the festivities there in celebrating the 188th anniversary of the Spanish over the Indians in the year 1692.

Gloria and Don Knox are relieved to be back at home after her stay in Amarillo at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital.

She was taken by ambulance late Tuesday night with a complicated heart condition. After a few days in CCU and then a private room, it was decided the problem could be treated with medication and she was able to return home.

On Thursday, James Pugh, showing the effects of ten days of his culinary ability and resulting gastronomy, was pleased to meet Betty in Amarillo after her flight from Charleston, SC.

She had flown there last Tuesday to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Angie and Bobby Shuler and their two grandsons, Jeffery and Christopher.

The flights both ways were smooth and pleasant, but she had a very long, tedious layover in Atlanta due to adverse weather and several flight cancellations.

Pat Sutterfield was in Amarillo on Saturday for the morning surgery of Mrs. Reba Phillips. She was a former long-time resident of Spearman, as were others of her family who were also present.

The hip surgery was successful and Mrs. Phillips was alert and spoke with Pat in the afternoon. At this writing, she is in room #758, but may be transferred to the BSA rehab center if she continues to recover.

Mrs. Phillips has recently become a resident of Vivian's Nursing Home in Amarillo.

On Saturday night at about 10:30 p.m., a potentially dangerous fire created much concern. CRP grass

just west of Roland and 12th Street was ignited. The grass was tall, thick and had heavy undergrowth and with a strong south-east wind, was difficult to control. All of the Spearman grass fire equipment was used and the Gruver Fire Department assisted in finally bringing it under control. The windmill park and some homes were directly in its path.

All comments were that the firefighters were fast, efficient and prevented disaster.

It is difficult to estimate the acreage burned. The land is owned by a local partnership, the South Park Development Co.

The cause of the fire was not definitely established, but evidence points to fireworks in the hands of juveniles.

To honor family members who had birthdays in September, Glenda Close hosted a dinner for the family in her home on Saturday. Those having birthdays were her son, Justin Tucker, her sister, Peggy Varnon, and her mother, Betty Gaines.

Richard and Betty Gaines had spent the week in Eagle Nest and had good luck catching fish. He shared this at the dinner to complete a bountiful meal.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Justin Tucker of Amarillo, Jeffrey Irvin of Stinnett, Jason Varnon of Amarillo, and daughter Taylor Varnon, Allen and Peggy Varnon, Betty and Richard Gaines, Richard Varnon, Cecilia Randall and Olive Pendergraft, all of Spearman.

The September 13th Amarillo Daily News reported on a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Lynn Woolsey, Democrat of California. As chief sponsor of the measure, she asks that the Federal Charter of the Boy Scouts be repealed. This is because of the Supreme Court ruling that private organizations can select qualified leaders.

Rep. J.C. Watts, an Oklahoma Republican, replied on the House floor said, "Election year pandering on an issue so radical and anti-American is an insult to families, scouts and the country."

Not in Webster's dictionary and not in Roget's Thesaurus can be found the word "wonk." In the Daily News on Friday the word was in a headline by an Associated Press reporter in connection with the campaign of Gore-to-wit: "Policy Wonk Gore Revels..."

Careful reading and re-reading didn't shed any light - sometimes in the story, the word seemed to be a compliment, sometimes not; sometimes an action, sometimes an opinion.

Perhaps our new staff member, a journalist, can explain to us illiterates.

Dwayne Smith's weather records for the week of September 11th to 7 a.m. on September 18th, shows that the highest temperature was on the 11th at 103; the lowest on the 15th at 56 degrees; rain gauge - dust.

# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## Homecoming 2000 Slated

Homecoming week has begun at GHS. Over the weekend, cheerleaders adorned the halls with black paper murals featuring brightly-colored planets. Silver stars are suspended in the main hall where a red and black rocket is set to blast off. An area of wall is also covered with black paper inviting students to write messages of support for the Hounds. Using the theme "It's Time for Take-Off," GHS students have observed dress-up days of Alien Day (Freak Day), Planet Hollywood (Famous People), SleepyStars (PJ Day), Twin Galaxy (Twin day), and Black Hole Day (Black Day).

The annual alumni chili supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Pregame festivities and the crowning of the Homecoming and Alumni Queens is set for 7:00 p.m. in Greyhound Stadium. The Hounds game with Highland Park will begin at 7:30 p.m. An alumni dance will be held on Saturday night in Harland Gerardy's hanger, north of town from 9-12 p.m.

## Work Underway at Schools

Superintendent Laura Blessingame has received several reports of a truck taking items in and out of Gruver Schools in the evenings.

Residents can rest assured that the truck's intent is legitimate. According to Blessingame, a crew is currently replacing light fixtures in all school buildings. New energy efficient lights which are brighter and glare-proof are being installed. The only areas not scheduled for new lighting are the lights illuminating the gym playing floor, the large field lights at Greyhound Stadium, and a few areas, such as showers at the fieldhouse.

In addition to the new lighting, the elementary building's ceilings in both halls and classrooms have been lowered, and new electrical outlets have been installed. At the junior high on Tuesday, a large crane lifted roof air conditioner units which will be replaced. Air conditioning units have been added to the band hall (exclusive of the auditorium), and will be functional when electrical crews complete their work.

All air conditioners on the three campuses are currently being networked to a central computer system and to be controlled from a central location. Blessingame pointed out that teachers will be able to override the system in their classrooms.

The new energy-efficient equipment being installed has been guaranteed to save the school system \$38,000 per year in energy costs by the firm who analyzed the GISD energy system last spring.

## Appeal Denied

The University Interscholastic League refused to reverse the decision of District 1-1A officials who voted to deny senior Brad Frame eligibility to play football at Wheeler after moving from Booker, on the basis that the move had been solely for athletic purposes.

The most damaging evidence against Frame in the case was a let-

ter from Gary Newcomb, Perryton Head Football Coach, who stated he had been contacted by a Frame family friend who inquired if the senior would be able to quarterback the Perryton team if he moved to Perryton.

UIL rules prohibit a player moving to another district, solely for athletic purposes.

## Gruver Welcomes New Minister

The Gruver Church of Christ is welcoming new minister Gaylord Cook to the community. Cook and his wife Rachel moved to Gruver last week from Seminole, Texas.

Cook will begin pulpit duties on Sunday, September 24 with a welcoming fellowship luncheon following. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## College Days Planned

Gruver seniors will travel to Dumas on Monday, September 25 to participate in college day. Representatives from colleges and universities from across the state will be on hand to tell about their schools.

## Hounds and Lady Hounds Rate

Although football season is only beginning, preseason basketball rankings are being announced.

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll ranked the Gruver Greyhounds as the number five team in the state. The Lady Hounds were ranked seventeenth.

## Winger Joins Nineties Club

Congratulations to Pauline Winger who celebrated her ninetieth birthday on Saturday, September 16.

## School Board Meets

Members of the GISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, September 13, 2000 with board members Jody Irwin, Buddy Lowe Jr., Terry Sherrill, Paul Stavlo, and Benny Wilson present and as well as superintendent Laura Blessingame. Present were members David Grotegut and Mike Yanke.

Visitors received were Randy Reid, Ann Moore, and Kristi Williams.

Items approved by a 5-0 vote in the meeting included the TEA accountability rating, the TASB Board Members' Training hours report from July 15, 1999 to August 8, 2000, and the acceptance of the Campus Handbook and Campus Plans for Junior High and Elementary.

Also approved by the same vote were the board's membership in the Panhandle Area Association of

School Boards, the Code of Ethics of Board Members, budget amendments for the 1999-2000 school year, the Language Proficiency Assessment Committees, and the substitute teacher list for the district.

Approved by a 4-0 vote was the Catastrophic Health Plan changes and legal review for employees with member Sherrill abstaining.

After a review of the student transfer list for 2000-2001, the board's discussion items included an informal superintendent's evaluation of the budget, beginning of school, personnel, identifying goals, job description, student enrollment, TxDot road improvement on bus route, and the Level II School Boarding Training Team of 8. The group then voted to pay bills in the amount of \$69,248.66, except for bill to Cheri Sherrill by a 4-0 margin with member Wilson abstaining. The motion was then made to pay Cheri Sherrill in the amount of \$200. It was approved by a 4-0 vote with member Sherrill abstaining. Member Stavlo left the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The session adjourning at 8:21 p.m.

## Residents' Granddaughter Wins Title

Courtney Moore of Goodwill, the daughter of Gordon and Misha Moore and the granddaughter of Fred and Georgia Davidson, was the Oklahoma State Class A Girls Discus Champ. Courtney's throw of 124 won the title for the then sophomore. She also was the bronze medalist in the state shot competition.

## GVFP Elects Officers

In a meeting held on September 5, 2000, members of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department, officers were selected for the 2000-2001 year. They are Sam Gruver - chief, Robert Blevins - 1st. assistant chief, Wayne Kruse - 2nd. assistant chief, Josh Raguse - secretary, Matt Johnson - treasurer, Robert Blevins - training officer, and Wayne Kruse - co-training officer.

## Get Well Wishes

Comfort Winders suffered a broken ankle in an accident last week. She is scheduled for surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital on Thursday.

Geneva Eddleman is gaining strength in room 115B in Hansford Manor

Miss Ella Speck will have heart tests in Houston.

Bill Been is scheduled to have surgery to repair a closed artery to his kidney.

Beth Dudley was in Ochiltree Hospital recently with pneumonia.

She has now returned home.

Ernest Weller, the father of Dwain Weller, is in VA Hospital in Amarillo with a staph infection of the leg. Reports state that he is responding to antibiotics.

## City Council Meets

The Gruver City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 13. After the approval of the minutes and paying of bills, the council voted to pass Ordinance #278 increasing the solid waste and sewer rates. Also approved was the 1999-2000 budget amendments, the 2000-2001 fiscal year budget, the incoming officers of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department, and the fiscal year 2000-2001 tax rate of .25 cents.

The motion to table the fire protection contract between Hansford County and the City of Gruver was passed.

A.J. Ratliff will be meeting with county commissioners this week to discuss the renewal contract with the GVFP and Hansford County.

## Student Injured at Texhoma Game

Third-grader Lauren Christy, the daughter of Chris and Juhree Christy was injured during the Texhoma/Gruver football game at Texhoma on Friday when she fell from the bleachers.

Young Christy received cuts and bruises but was able to be in school on Monday.

## Student Listed on Dean's List

Brady Tidwell, the son of Linda and Buck Tidwell, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2000 semester at Texas Tech University.

Students named to the Dean's List must have a minimum grade point of 3.5 and be enrolled in at least 12 hours of course work.

## Little Miss Ruhlin Arrives

Joe and Brooke (Holt) Ruhlin proudly announce the birth of their daughter Rachel Joan Ruhlin. The new arrival, born on September 11, 2000, weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces and was 19 and 1/2 inches long.

Rachel's grandparents are Nick and Trixie Holt of Gruver.

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# Harris Brothers Fly High On Bison Hill



The Harris brothers, Ben, right, and Caleb, left, have honed their skills while students at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Ben and Caleb Harris may be from a small town, but they have big dreams for their future. Ben, a senior and Caleb, a sophomore, are both piano performance majors and are already making names for themselves at Oklahoma Baptist University and around the country.

The Harris brothers were raised on a ranch in rural Texas, 12 miles outside of Gruver, where their family raises cattle and wheat. The oldest of seven children, Ben and Caleb have two younger brothers and three younger sisters.

They each were home-schooled throughout their entire education. Ben became serious about piano when he was 11 years old and began taking lessons. Caleb began to take lessons when he was 10 years old.

"I thought that whatever my parents did was cool, so when my dad began to take piano lessons when he was 36 years old, I wanted to take lessons too," said Caleb.

In the Harris household, taking piano lessons was never a requirement, but a privilege.

"My parents never made me play the piano. They said that if you wanted to take lessons, then you need to practice. It was something

that I always wanted to do," said Ben.

They had more time to practice too because unlike many kids, they never had a television in their house.

"I think that if we did have a TV, we wouldn't be as good as we are on the piano. I don't really have the desire to watch it even now. We are also able to spend more time together as a family. We went to concerts together and did many other activities together," said Caleb.

But being a good pianist requires a lot more than not being distracted by a television. It takes discipline and lots of practice.

At OBU, they have had the opportunity to excel in their playing. The brothers practice at least two hours a day by themselves plus the time they spend accompanying vocal groups. Ben has accompanied the University Chorale and the Woodwind Quintet, while Caleb accompanies the Bison Glee Club and also enjoys accompanying vocalists.

Besides being excellent pianists, they both have pilots' licenses and enjoy flying, although they don't have much time while they are at school.

Ben, who graduated in May, accompanied a youth choir from Norman on a missions trip to Costa Rica this summer and will accompany ballet at a fine arts camp near Altus. This fall he will begin graduate school at Baylor University, working towards a master's degree in accompanying. He has considered either doing freelance accompanying or pursuing a doctorate.

Caleb, who prefers performing, was a staff accompanist at the Interlochen arts camp in Michigan this summer. After he graduates, he hopes to study at a music conservatory and become a university professor along with being a concert pianist.

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## Spearman Chamber Board Of Directors Meets

On Thursday, September 7, 2000, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at noon at the Palo Duro Cafe.

Members present were as follows: Carolyn McLeod, Sharon Cook, Robert Patrick, Kim Brock and Gina Gillispie.

Absent were as follows: Bruce Stinson, Jim Younger, Doc Scot Martin, Tindle Ramon, and Linda Coombs.

President Carolyn McLeod called the meeting to order. Since the meeting was a week earlier than usual, all information will be sent next door.

Carolyn stated that funds will be transferred from the savings account into the general operating account per discussions at previous board meetings. This money will pay for July 4th celebrations.

Gina reported that we will not sell chances at the Zulu Golf Tournament because Robert received a donation from Texas Municipal. Those funds will be split between longest putt and closest to the pin. The Chamber Board will sell mulligans only with that money going back to the golfers. All other

proceeds will go to the Stationmaster's House Museum.

The Chamber will sponsor Superstars of Professional Wrestling on Saturday, October 14. Wrestling will begin at 7 p.m. Kim will purchase special event insurance. Classic Cable will sponsor the Celebrity/ProTag Team Match. The Chamber Board will have a full concession stand beginning at 6 p.m. All proceeds will go into the chamber general operating account.

Gina gave a report on the Artist in Residency Program that will be held October 23-30. Spearman will host Randy Elmore, master fiddler. He will go into the schools and community to perform and teach. This program is made possible by the Endowment of the Arts and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

A motion was made by Robert, with a second from Sharon to accept the resignations of Beth Brown, Jan Williamson, and Gary Smith, from the Board of Directors. They will not be replaced because the new board will be considered in October.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## 99 Cents

by Harletta Carthel

It's Homecoming in Hansford County with Gruver's celebration slated this weekend and Spearman's, the following weekend. Although all the Homecoming 2000 hoopla will be over soon, something of the festivity will remain.

According to a recent survey, it's the Homecoming mum. A surprising number of women in their 30's and 40's still harbor a football mum among their keepsakes.

Unlike their silk counterparts, these cherished mums were the real things with a strong pungent smell and petals that wilted and dried. Evidently, they were not kept for their beauty.

But maybe, just maybe, there is a little magic in a mum. They may have a little flower power to bring back the past in a flash - instant recall of the four glorious years of high school when friends, fun, and the Friday night football games were your life. Back to the time when you thought the world revolved around you. When your greatest worries were if you had a date for homecoming or if your face might break out on the big day.

Wearing a mum was special. The "hippest" mum you could have was one with a varsity player's number on it, but one from a really cute boy was just as good.

The mum's mystique is hard to fathom. I can remember vividly the homecoming weekend I returned from college to find my mom had trashed my entire high school collection of mums. It felt as if my teenage years had been discarded as well.

A hideous mum also lay on my bed - a new one with a large X on its face. The X seemed to say "You're out of here, crossed off, marked out, deleted. Your teen age years are gone."

I rearranged the chenille X into a V for Vernon, but it was to no avail. The high school euphoria was over; the mum's magic was gone.

Happy Homecoming to all our Gruver and Spearman teens. Cherish every minute of the festivities. Enjoy each fleeting moment. Then hide the memories in your heart and your mum from your mom.

## Spearman ISD Board Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in Regular Session on September 11, 2000 at 7 p.m. in the High School Library.

Mr. Mark Sheets, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Hear from Patrons or Staff

- No one came before the Board Action Items

- Approved consent items
- Minutes of Budget Hearing, August 14, 2000, Minutes of Regular Meeting, August 14, 2000 and Minutes of Called Meeting, September 5, 2000.

- Paying the bills in the amount of \$67,275.73.

- Awarded the gas and diesel bid to Spearman Equity for the month of October 2000

- Approved Budget Amendment number 20 for the 1999-2000 school year.

- Awarded the band trailer proposal to Wells Cargo for a 20-foot trailer to be outfitted to specifications

- Awarded the bid for painting the High School Cafeteria to Mike Murphy Painting, Inc.

- Approved the list of vendors for the 2000-2001 school year.

- Approved the request by the Booster club to hang Lynx murals in the varsity gym and at the football stadium.

- Selected dates to be considered for Level II School Board Training

- Approved Rolland Shippy, Kent Hargis and Rodney Sumner as appraisers for the 2000-2001 school year with Randy Houk being added at the completion of PDAS certification requirements. Approved the appraisal calendar for 2000-2001 as September 18, 2000 through April 27, 2001 with no formal observations scheduled the last day of instruction before any official school holiday.

- Approved Update 63 Legal Policies

- Information and Announcement Items

- Enrollment
- Student enrollment as of September 11, 2000 is 760.

- Superintendent Announcements

- Reviewed travel plans for the TASB Convention to be held in Houston from September 22-25, 2000.

- Selected October 12, 2000 as the date for a facility walk through (Called Meeting) for Board members.

- Board Announcements

- A Thank You note was read to Board members from Kara Harrell-Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

## Faith, Agriculture Meet in Conference

Participants will explore and celebrate the intersection of faith, agricultural research and rural development at an October 8-9

"Caring for Creation" conference at Lubbock's Second Baptist Church.

"Celebrating the Stewards of the Land: Sustaining Creation in the New Millennium" is the theme of the conference, co-sponsored by Second Baptist Church and the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. The commission is the moral concerns and public policy agency for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Keynote speakers are David Schmidly, president of Texas Tech University; state Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; and Warren Chisum, R-Pampa.

Others include Charles Johnson, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Lubbock; Phil Strickland and Terri Morgan from the Christian Life Commission; and Rob Sellers, associate professor of theology and missions at Logsdon School of Theology, Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Special interest sessions include topics such as: "The Emerging Crisis Around Water Resources and Conservation," "Agricultural Impact on Rural Development," "Hunger Relief in the New Millennium" and "Redeeming the Earth: A Global View."

As part of the two-day conference, tours will be offered to the Sustainable Agriculture Research Station, the Plant Stress Lab at Texas Tech University and the Breedlove Dehydration Plant.

Cost for the conference is \$25, which includes a luncheon and an evening banquet. To register, contact the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, 333 N. Washington, Dallas, TX 75246-1798.

## September 2000 Calendar of Events

September 22 - Last Day of First Six Weeks of School - Spearman ISD

September 23 - TMEA District Auditions (High School Choir) - Borger

September 25 - First Day of Second Six Weeks of School - Spearman ISD; Noon Dismissal at Spearman ISD for Staff Development

September 25-29 - National Food Service Employees' Week

September 26 - Junior High Report Card Night - Spearman Junior High, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

September 26-27 - Elementary Parent Conferences - Spearman Elementary, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

September 28 - Homecoming Float Competition and Snake Dance - Spearman High School Parking Lot

September 29 - District-Wide Pep Rally - Spearman Varsity Gym, 2:30 p.m.; Spearman Homecoming Game (Spearman vs. Sunray) - Lynx Stadium, 7:30 p.m.; Spearman Homecoming Dance - Spearman High School Cafeteria, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

September 30 - Panhandle Mathematics/Science Conference - West Texas A&M University in Canyon

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(ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on **November 7, 2000**, in **Hansford County, Texas** for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution.

(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el dia 7 de **Noviembre**, 2000, en el Condado de **Hansford**, Texas, con el proposito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinto como requerido por el Articulo XVI, Seccion 65, de la Constitucion de Texas.)

(List Offices) (Enumere los puestos oficiales)

- County Sheriff (Sherife)
- County Tax Assessor/Collector (Asesor-Colector de Impuestos del Condado)
- County Attorney (Procurador del Condado)
- County Commissioner Precinct #1 (Comisionada del Condado, Precinto Num. 1)
- County Commissioner Precinct #3 (Comisionada del Condado, Precinto Num. 3)
- County Commissioner Precinct #2, unexpired term Comisionada del Condado, Precinto Num. 2, Duracion restante del Cargo)

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**Hansford County Courthouse (La Casa de corte de Spearman)**

between the hours of **8:00 a.m.** and **5:00 p.m.** beginning on **October 23, 2000** and ending on **November 3, 2000**. (entre las **8:00** de la mañana y las **5:00** de la tarde emperzando el **octubre 23, 2000** y terminando el **noviembre 3, 2000**.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:)

**Kim V. Vera, County Clerk**  
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)  
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)

**Box 397**  
(Address) (direccion)

**Spearman, Texas 79081-0397**  
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

**October 31, 2000 (octubre 31, 2000)**

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# Lynx Stun Sanford-Fritch

### Lynx gain win with touchdown pass in final seconds

by Jeff Beedy

We all know the saying, "It ain't over 'till the fat lady sings," and that saying held true at Fritch Friday night. Fritch had the game won and all they had to do was run out the clock, but instead they chose to throw the ball and the Lynx made them pay dearly for that major mistake. Spearman's John Brock intercepted a pass with 32 seconds left in the game and on the next play Kevin Beedy threw a pass about 45 yards into the end zone where Brock wrestled the ball away from the defender for the touchdown. Eduardo Lopez's PAT kick was good and Spearman won the game 28-27 in what was one of the most exciting games I have seen in quite a while.

The Lynx show a lot of character last night as things did not exactly go their way as they had three fumbles and one interception. Fritch capitalized on two of those turnovers and turned them into touchdowns, but the Lynx stayed in there and never gave up. The defense came up big and made

some outstanding plays when they had to. Eduardo "Golden Toe" Lopez's extra points proved to be very valuable as he went 4 for 4. Tanner "Rudy" Beedy blocked one of Fritch's extra points and that ended up the difference in the game. This was a total team effort and these young men found a way to win this ball game.

Disaster struck early for the Lynx as Eduard Vasquez fumbled on the second play from scrimmage and Fritch recovered on the Spearman 43 yard line. A few plays later, the Eagles scored from 6 yards out on a drive that they converted one time on fourth down. The PAT kick was good and midway through the first quarter, the Eagles led 7-0.

On Spearman's next possession, Colton "Colty Boy" Miller ran the counter play for a 35 yard gain and after a 5 yard face mask penalty, the Lynx had the ball on the 8 yard line. On the next play, John Brock fumbled and Fritch recovered at the five-yard line. Spearman's defense held and Fritch had to punt. Both teams exchanged punts a couple of times as the defenses were not giving up many yards.

Fritch took possession on their own 12 yard line after a Spearman punt. The Lynx defense held and the Eagles lined up to punt and Matt Dunnihoo broke through the line and blocked the kick. He not

only blocked it, he recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchdown with 7:40 left in the 2nd quarter. Lopez's PAT was good and that tied the score at 7 a piece.

On Fritch's sixth possession of the first half, they started on their own 20 yard line after a Lynx punt sailed into the end zone. On the second play from scrimmage, Eagle quarterback Shiloh Reed threw deep to Brant McElroy down to the Lynx 39 yard line. Four plays later, Reed scored from one yard out with 2:35 left in the half. The PAT kick was good and the Eagles led 14-7.

Spearman needed to go to work in a hurry if they were going to score before half time. They started this drive from their own 15 yard line with a little over 2 minutes left in the 2nd quarter. On the first play from scrimmage, Beedy threw deep to Miller for a 25 yard gain. Two plays later, Eduard "Fast Eddie" Vasquez broke loose up the middle down to the Eagle 30. On the next play, Beedy threw deep to Miller who was tackled at the 1 yard line with 30 seconds left. On the next play, Beedy ran a QB sneak in for the touchdown and Lopez's PAT was good. The score at half-time was knotted at 14 each.

The second half started out as another defensive battle as both teams exchanged punts. Spearman

went three and out on their second possession and had to punt again. Fritch started their second possession of the half on their own 18. On 3rd and 4, Reed avoided a sack and threw deep downfield to an open receiver who was finally dragged down from behind by Ty West at the one yard line. Reed ran a TD with 4:48 left in the 3rd quarter. The PAT kick was good and Fritch led 21-14.

The Lynx started their next drive on their own 24 yard line. On 3rd and 6, Beedy threw an interception at the Lynx 38. Fritch made one first down and then their running back ran up the middle from the 16 yard line for another touchdown. Tanner Beedy blocked the PAT. (We didn't know how big that block was until the game was over!) That made the score Fritch 27 Lynx 14.

Both teams exchanged punts once again as they could not move the ball on each other. With 9:13 left in the game, the Lynx started this drive from their own 35. On the first play from scrimmage, Spearman ran the flea flicker and Beedy threw deep to Ty West for a 43 yard gain down to the Eagle 23. On 2nd and goal from the 4, Beedy threw a strike to an open Miller in the flat for the touchdown with 7:02 left in the 4th quarter.

On the Eagles' next possession, they had driven the ball down to the Lynx 25. They had a 4th and 1, but the Lynx held with 2:19 left in the game. It looked like this was the break they needed, but Spearman could not convert on a 4th and 3 so the Eagles took over.

All the Eagles had to do was run out the clock and the game was over, but for some unknown reason, they threw the ball on 3rd down, but it fell incomplete stopping the clock. On 4th down, they threw the ball again and Brock was there to intercept it and ran it back to about the Eagle 40 or 45 yard line with 32 seconds left. The next play, Beedy launched a guided missile to Brock in the end zone who out-rebounded the defender and took the ball away from him in mid-air for an unbelievable touchdown! Lopez's PAT was good and the Lynx took the lead 28-27, but the game wasn't over yet.

After Spearman kicked off, Fritch found an open receiver downfield who ran the ball to the Spearman 15 yard line with time running out. After quickly lining up and spiking the ball, the Eagles had one more play with two seconds left in the game. The fans thought they would kick a field goal, but instead they threw a pass into the end zone that fell incomplete and the game was finally

over with the Lynx winning 28-27.

The Lynx never gave up and showed that they are truly a bunch of winners! It is a sign of a winning team when you do not play as well as you would have liked and still come out on top. Lynx, I was impressed with your effort and I apologize for giving up with 40 seconds left. I am just glad you guys didn't give up on yourselves.

### Spearman vs. Sanford-Fritch

**Offensive Stats**  
**Rushing**  
 Eduard Vasquez 13-71 yds.  
 John Brock 11-55 yds.  
 Colton Miller 5-43 yds.  
 Kevin Beedy 3-2 yds. 1 TD  
 Rushing Total 32-171 yds. 1 TD

**Passing**  
 Kevin Beedy 10-20-185 yds. 1 INT. 2 TD

**Receiving**  
 John Brock 3-60 yds 1 TD  
 Eduard Vasquez 2-15 yds.  
 Ty West 1-43 yds.  
 Total Offense: 356 yds.; 3 TD; 15 First Downs

### Defensive Stats

**Rushing**  
 43 carries-159 yds.  
**Passing**  
 8-19-189 yds. 1 int.

### Players of the Week

**Offense** - Kevin Beedy  
**Defense** - Tanner Beedy and John Brock

# Hounds Defeat Red Devils

by Harletta Cartherl

The Texhoma Red Devils were in a generous mood, but the Hounds were not accepting gifts. Choosing instead to earn it the hard way as they overcame the Red Devils 20-13.

Although the Red Devils gave the Hounds two go-ahead opportunities in the first quarter on the Texhoma 23 and the 34, the Hounds could not find paydirt. Eventually pounding out a thirteen point lead by the fourth quarter, the Hounds were challenged late in the last period as the Red Devils tallied to close the score to 20-13. Two big plays kept the game in Gruver's bag. Hound Kirby Johnson's coverage of an on-side kick effort thwarted Texhoma's comeback threat, and a fumble recovery by Jason Shoulders following a hard hit by teammate Chad Clift answered the Red Devil's dare. Showing their defiance to the end, the Red Devils intercepted a Hound pass in the endzone as time expired.

Gruver's first score came in the second quarter when the Red Devils gave the ball to the Hounds on downs on the 47 yard line. On

the second play of the possession, Villalobos connected with Cory Schneider. Hauling in the ball, Schneider raced six yards for the goal line which had been so elusive in the first quarter. A failed point-after attempt, the Hounds led 6-0.

The Hounds looked to score twice more before the half. Good runs by Aaron Weller of 17 and 8 encored by a 3 yard run set up first and ten on the Red Devil 35. But the Hounds, stymied on two downs, lost the ball by interception on the Texhoma 22.

As the half drew to a close, the Hound defense with the aid of a Taos Weldon's punt rush, gave the Hounds the ball on the Gruver 12 yard marker. Two penalties and two incomplete passes stopped Gruver's progress.

Gruver scored again in the third quarter as Weller broke loose for a 37 yard run that resulted two plays later on a sweep around the end by Schneider for six. Villalobos's keeper around the end tacked on the extra two.

Gruver's final score began on the Hound 35 with a drive highlighted by runs of nine and ten by

Schneider and another ten by Weller. With fourth down and six to go, a hard run by Weller found the Hounds with a first and goal on the six yard line. Stopped short on two efforts, a Villalobos' pass to Shoulders to third down netted the Hounds final touchdown.

**Game at a Glance**

	Gruver	Texhoma
First downs	12	12
Yards Rushing	145	171
Yards Passing	93	34
Comp/Att/Int	5/10/2	3/5/0
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	3/0
Penalties/Yards	4/25	6/57
Tot. Yds.	230	205

**Leading Rushers:** Duncan 7 carries for 49 yards; Schneider 9 for 43; Weller 18 for 81

**Tackling Leaders:** Duncan - 12-3ua/9a Kirby Johnson 8 - 1ua/7a; Villalobos 8 - 2ua/6a; Ehrenberg 8 - 3ua/5a

**Fumbles Recovered:** Ehrenberg - 1; Shoulders - 1

The Hounds will host Highland Park Friday night in a 7:30 p.m. Homecoming game.

# Lynx JV and Junior High Sweep Canadian

by Jeff Beedy

The Spearman JV and junior high teams went to Canadian on Thursday night, September 14th, and took out the brooms and swept Canadian in all three games. The 7th grade squeaked by Canadian 8-6 and the 8th grade walloped Canadian 8th grade 50-6. In the nightcap, the JV came away with a 14-6 win in an exciting game.

In the JV game, there was not a lot of scoring and this was a very defensive battle between both teams. The Lynx got on the board first late in the first quarter when Lance Smith ran the trap up the middle with 3:32 left to score the first touchdown. The PAT pass failed and the Lynx led 6-0.

The Lynx had a little trouble holding onto the ball as they fumbled with :26 left in the first quarter. The Lynx defense was able to stop Canadian and they had to punt back to the Lynx. The Lynx then fumbled again with 7:14 left in the second quarter and the defense again rose to the occasion and stopped the Wildcat drive. Late in the second quarter, Lance Smith broke loose and ran 29 yards down to the 1 yard line. That set up a run by Paul Bynum for the touchdown. The PAT was good and the Lynx led 14-0 at half-time.

Canadian came out at half-time fired up and was going to prove something to the Lynx. They took the opening drive and drove it down the field and scored with 3:21 left in the 3rd quarter. The PAT failed and the lead was cut to 14-6. The Lynx once again fumbled with 4:16 left in the game, but the defense once again held and Canadian had to punt. Spearman turned the ball over on downs and the Wildcats got the ball back with :33 left in the game. Lance Smith once again saved the day by intercepting a Canadian pass with :25 left in the game to secure the victory for the Lynx.

## JV Lynx Fall To Sunray

by Jeff Beedy

The Spearman JV opened their season on Thursday, September 7th against a very tough Sunray Bobcat team. The Lynx looked very good at times, but Sunray was just too tough tonight. Sunray went on to defeat the Lynx by a score of 27-6. Spearman learned a lot tonight and I am sure that they will be a much improved team next week.

Spearman won the toss and elected to receive to start off the game. On the second play from scrimmage, Spearman fumbled the ball and Sunray recovered at the Spearman 32 yd. line. The Lynx did not get off to a very good start and it seemed to continue that way most of the game. Sunray broke a few long runs to score a couple of touchdowns behind some good blocking and went into half-time with a 21-0 lead. The Lynx would get a good drive going, and then Sunray's defense would stop the Lynx.

The second half started out a little better for the Lynx. Spearman kicked off to Sunray and the Lynx recovered the kickoff at the Sunray 41 yd. line. Sunray's defense stopped the Lynx and Spearman had to punt. Spearman's Daniel Longoria punted the ball and it came to rest at the Sunray 1 yd. line with 6:15 left in the 3rd quarter. Sunray's running back broke a long run and was headed for a touchdown, but Paul Bynum ran him down from behind at the Spearman 20 yd. line. On third and eight from the eighteen, Sunray's quarterback hit a receiver over the middle for a touchdown with 2:57 left in the third quarter. The PAT was good and Sunray's lead increased to 27-0.

Spearman's next possession started on their own 37 yd. line. The Lynx moved the ball down to the Sunray 35 yd. line as time expired in the third quarter. Spearman converted on fourth and two from the 25 yd. line to keep the drive alive, but then threw an interception at the 15 yd. line and Sunray took over.

Sunray started their next possession on their own 15 yd. line, but the Lynx held and Sunray had to punt. The Lynx started this possession on their own 39 yd. line with 3:45 left in the 4th quarter. On fourth and three from the Sunray 35 yd. Marcus Vasquez broke a long run down to the 6 yd. line with :32 left in the game. Two plays later Garrett Martin ran a quarterback sneak in for the touchdown with :22 left. The PAT failed and that made the final score Sunray 27 Spearman 6.

The 7th and 8th grade teams both had good nights as they soundly defeated Sunray. The 7th grade won by a score of 28-0 and the 8th grade won 38-14. Both teams played well for the first game of the season.

## Cross Country Results

by Jeff Beedy

The Lynx and Lynxette Cross Country teams ran at White Deer on Saturday, September 13th and they continue to improve each week. The varsity girls came in 7th overall out of 13 teams. Chelsea Nollner came in 9th place with a time of 14:16. Clara Shieldknight also medaled for the JV girls with a 13th place. Way to go girls! Keep up the good work!

The varsity boys only had three that ran, but all three had personal best in their times. Adam Cherry came in 15th overall with a time of 18:44, Brady Woolley had a time of 21:22, and Garrett Griffin ran a 22:40. Good job Lynx!

The Junior High girls came in 2nd overall with Cayla Smith medaling 7th, Tabitha Shields medaling 14th and Macy Harbour medaling 18th. Wayne Gibson medaled 9th for the Junior High Lynx. Great job!

**White Deer Meet Results**  
 Saturday, September 14th

**Varsity Boys**

Individuals	Place	Time
Adam Cherry	15th	18:44*
Brady Woolley		21:22*
Garrett Griffin		22:40*
*Personal Best		

**Varsity Girls**

Team	Place	Points
Wellington	1st	40
Panhandle	2nd	77
Stratford	3rd	94
Perryton	4th	113
Claude	5th	133
Canadian	6th	140
Spearman	7th	186

**Individuals**

Individuals	Place	Time
Chelsea Nollner	9th	14:16
Ashlee Flowers	33rd	15:13
Mindee Gillaspie	46th	15:40
Jessica Crossland	58th	15:52
Lucy Villa	70th	16:28
Nicole Lozano	75th	16:38

**JV Runners**

Individuals	Place	Time
Clara Shieldknight	13th	16:36
Cheryl Gibson	40th	18:31
Laura Gillaspie	51st	19:37

**Varsity Boys**

Brianne Burkhammer	52nd	19:43
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**Wolf Creek Meet Results**  
 Saturday, September 3rd

**Varsity Boys**

Individuals	Place	Time
Adam Cherry	1st	20:27
Brady Woolley	18th	
Garrett Griffin	24th	

**Varsity Girls**

Team	Place	Points
Borger	1st	43
Stratford	2nd	68
Perryton	3rd	68
Spearman	4th	100

**Individuals**

Individuals	Place	Time
Chelsea Nollner	15th	15:08
Ashlee Flowers	27th	15:48
Jessica Crossland	35th	15:58
Mindee Gillaspie	38th	16:06
Lucy Villa	49th	16:40

**JV Runners**

Cheryl Gibson;	Brianne Burkhammer
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Hansford County, Texas by Lance A. Swan, Deputy

LEGAL NOTICE

The Gruber Independent School District will receive bids until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 9, 2000 for two used vehicles. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room of Gruber Independent School District. Specifications are available at the Gruber ISD Business Office, P.O. Box 650, Gruber, TX 79040. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

ing claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required by law. All claims should be sent to the following address: Terry Curtis, c/o Brown, Graham & Co., Box 67, Spearman, TX 79081. DATED the 11th day of September, 2000. John L. Hutchison Attorney for the Estate

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One (1) Conventional School Bus. Sealed bids will be received in the District Administration Office at the following location until October 5, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., at which time, said bids will be opened, tabulated, and presented for approval at the next regular Board of Trustees meeting.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to the conditions and specifications. The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process, and to be the sole judge of the merit and qualifications of products or services offered. Furthermore, the District may accept whatever bid deemed to be in the best interest of the District.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

District: Amarillo; Contract 0090-03-050 for SEAL COAT in OLDHAM county, etc. will be opened on October 4, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF MINERAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HANSFORD

You are hereby notified that by virtue of an execution issued out of the 320th District Court in and for Potter County Texas in Cause No. 84, 632-D styled "Addison Bobbitt v. James Dwight Bobbitt," which execution issued on a judgement rendered in said court on the 18th day of November, 1998 in favor of the said Addison Bobbitt and against the said James Dwight Bobbitt, I, R.L. McFarlin, Jr., Sheriff of Hansford County, Texas, did on the 6th day of September, 2000 at 11:30 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Hansford, State of Texas, and belonging to the said James Dwight Bobbitt, to-wit:

Tract No. 1: Fee mineral estate in undivided 1/4 of the North half of Section 185, Block 2, GH&H Survey of Hansford County, Texas

Tract No. 2: Fee mineral estate in an undivided 1/4 interest in all of Section 186, Block 2, GH&H Survey of Hansford County, Texas.

Tract No. 3: Fee mineral estate in an undivided 1/4 of South half and Northeast quarter of Section 187, Block 2, GH&H Survey of Hansford County, Texas.

Tract No. 4: Fee mineral estate in an undivided 1/4.667% of all of Section 90, Block 2, GH&H Survey of Hansford County, Texas.

On the 3rd day of October, 2000 being the first Tuesday of October, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, I, R.L. McFarlin, Sheriff of Hansford County, Texas, will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right title and interest of said James Dwight Bobbitt in and to said property.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2000, at the City of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas.

R.L. McFarlin, Jr. Sheriff of Hansford County, Texas By: Lance A. Swan Deputy

Notice of Sheriff's 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 12 day of September 2000 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Hansford County vs. Don Mathews

Cause #580 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at TWO (2) O'CLOCK P.M. on the 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2000 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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## Gruver NITRO Crossroads With Spearman Youth Center

It was no coincidence that Dennis Alger crossed paths with Mike Wilhelm on Main street of Spearman. By the end of their conversation that day, Alger, founder of Crossroads Youth Center in Spearman and Wilhelm, one of the adult leaders of NITRO Bible Fellowship in Gruver had set plans to bring the two groups together for

a Saturday night event at Crossroads.

That Saturday event worked out to be September 9th. Over 50 kids from Spearman and Gruver joined together for worship and drama, led primarily by students, food and the call to examine the things they value most in life.



Israel Arzate (57) and Chad TeBeest (50) make way for Cory Schneider (26) as he carries the ball for the Gruver Greyhounds in Friday night's game against Texhoma. The Hounds defeated the Red Devils, 20-13. (See related story on page 8.)



Allison Haney, a Spearman High School senior, sings Saturday night at the Crossroads Youth House.

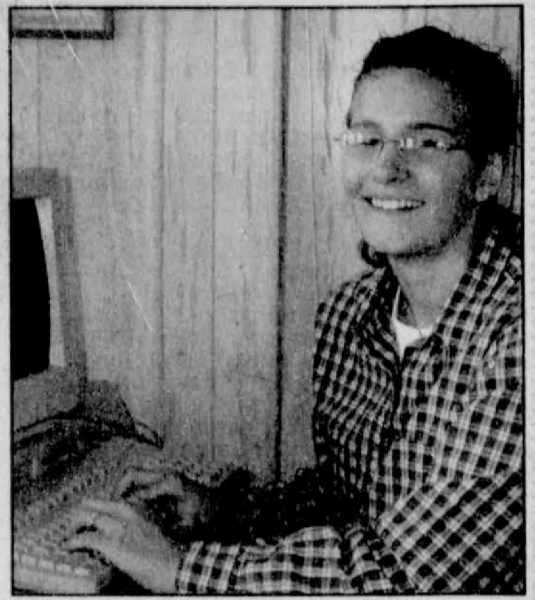
## Reporter-Statesman Welcomes Eisfeld

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman has announced the hiring of Sara Eisfeld as assistant editor.

Eisfeld is a 2000 graduate of South Dakota State University of Brookings, South Dakota. A journalism major with a minor in religion, she was a member of the servant leadership team and was involved in the Inter-Varsity of Christian Fellowship. She attended the WORLD Magazine Journalism Institute in Asheville, North Carolina this summer.

Hailing from rural southwestern Minnesota near Lake Benton, Eisfeld was married in June 2000. Her husband Mark is a manager-trainee at Cargill Ag Horizons of Spearman.

The couple enjoys outdoor activities, especially camping and biking. They attend Trinity Church of Spearman.



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