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## Layman indicted on misdemeanor charge

by JoAnn Morton  
Editor

Assistant juvenile probation officer Jim Layman was indicted Thursday, Jan. 30 by a Hansford County grand jury, on a charge of reckless conduct.

The charge, a Class B misdemeanor, stems from allegations that Layman struck a juvenile escapee with a baseball bat during a recapture effort at the youth's home in Spearman.

The case will be heard in Hansford County Court, but Hansford County Judge Jim Brown will remove himself from the case because he is a member of the Hansford-Ochiltree County Juvenile Board, which employs Layman.

Brown said Tuesday that he could not say when the case will be on the court docket, explaining that the matter must first be transferred from district court to the county court and then another judge must be located to hear the case. He added that the other judge's docket load will probably determine when the case will be heard.

A spokesman for the 84th District Attorney's office said Tuesday that the charge of reckless conduct carries a possible penalty of up to six months in county jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

The spokesman said that since grand jury proceedings are not open to the public, he could not comment on the number of witnesses testifying or on the length of time it took the grand jury to return the indictment. But he added that the grand

jury "was in session most of the day."

The case began Dec. 26, 1991, when the Spearman youth was being transported to the Potter County juvenile facility in Amarillo by Layman and Robert Bond, Ochiltree County treasurer. The trio apparently stopped at an Amarillo restaurant and the youth escaped. He made his way back to Spearman to his home, and his father contacted juvenile authorities the following morning.

Layman and Bond went to pick up the youth, and the alleged beating took place when the boy attempted another escape. The juvenile was hospitalized for observation and was transported to Amarillo the next day.



Hansford Heart Association volunteers kept the food coming to 200 guests at the Heart Association's banquet and auction fund-raiser, held Saturday, Feb. 1 in the Spearman High School cafeteria. According to Ann Turner, banquet co-chair, the effort raised about as much money as last year.

Entries from Hansford County 4-H and FFA total 53. . .

## County youth to show livestock at Houston

Hansford County 4-H and FFA members will join other youth from throughout Texas for show ring competition at the Houston Livestock Show, scheduled for Feb. 15 through March 1 at the Astrodome.

A total of 39 Hansford County 4-H members are scheduled to show livestock, along with six members of the Gruver FFA chapter and eight members of the Spearman FFA chapter.

These 4-H and FFA exhibitors compete in the junior show division, which is expected to exceed 13,000 entries this year. A variety of animals are shown in the junior show division, including market steers, market swine, market sheep, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits. The four market animal categories represent animals raised by the exhibitor as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Total money paid in 1991 at the four junior show auctions exceeded \$3 million.

Exhibitors from Hansford County 4-H, along with their entries, include Brant Armes, market steer and market barrow; Bray Armes, market steer and market barrow; Autumn Bateman, market barrow; Brian Black, market barrow; Catrina Brooks, market steer; Chris Brooks, market steer; Cody Brooks, market steer; Ashley Brown, market steer and market barrow; Grady Cline, market steer; Brandon Close, market steer and market barrow; Jason Harnish, market steer and market barrow; Brad Holt, market steer; and Leslie

Latta, market steer and market lamb. Also representing Hansford County 4-H will be Tommi Latta, market steer, Cori Lowe, market barrow; Davida Nash, market barrow; Jami Ralston, market barrow; Wendell Ralston, market barrow; Randie Renner, market steer and market barrow; Reagan Renner, market steer and market barrow; Ronda Renner, market steer and market barrow; Chad Riggins, market barrow; Stuart Riggins, market

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## Hospital board seeks comment from public

In order to accommodate members of the public who might wish to comment on the proposed \$4.4 million bond issue to pay for improvements and enlargement of the Hansford Manor-Hospital complex, the hospital district board voted, in a special meeting held Jan. 23, to hold its regular February meeting at the First State Bank of Spearman's hospitality room.

According to the unofficial minutes of the January special meeting, the board will convene at the bank at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13. At that time the board will listen to comments from those attending the meeting about the proposed bond issue. At 8 p.m. the board will reconvene at the Hansford Hospital board room.

The minutes went on to say that

Bob Davis and Kenneth Smith of Southwest Securities presented three alternative options for funding the proposed bond issue. After discussion of the options and comparison of the cost of each plan to the tax payers, the board chose a funding plan that would refund the currently outstanding bonds on the nursing home construction.

It would roll those into the new bond issue, resulting in a lower interest rate than is now being paid on those outstanding bonds. The nursing home construction bonds would have been paid off in 1996.

This method would result in a maximum tax rate increase of 3.3 cents per \$100 evaluation over the current level of taxation. According to the board minutes this would increase the hospital district tax bill \$6.82 for the average homeowner in Hansford County.

Under old business, the board reviewed the resume of a surgeon who might be interested in coming to Hansford County. Alton Ellsworth, board president, signed the real estate sales contract for the Steger clinic.

Those attending the meeting included board members Ellsworth, Les Barkley, Rosa Lee Butt, Jerry Hunt, Pete Fisher and Bobby Hicks. Administration present were Albert LaRochelle, administrator, and Anne Snow, business manager. Guests present were Bob Cox, Cox Croslin Assoc., A.I.A.; Bob Davis and Kenneth Smith, Southwest Securities Inc. and Verne Lee Shirley, Long Range Planning Committee.

## Candidates respond to Reporter-Statesman's questions . . .

### Early voting to begin Wednesday, Feb. 19 in primary elections

Early voting for the 1992 primary elections begins Wednesday, Feb. 19, according to Amelia Johnson, Hansford County clerk.

To help Hansford County voters in choosing the best candidate, The Reporter-Statesman will print the answers to questions by local candidates who chose to respond to our questionnaires.

Shortly after the filing period closed, the Reporter-Statesman sent out letters requesting the candidates for county offices to write their responses to four questions enclosed with the letter. The candidates had two weeks to return their answers.

The Reporter-Statesman received answers from nine candidates. Their responses will be published this week and next week. In this week's Reporter-Statesman are the responses of five of the six Democrats running for Precinct 1 Commissioner. The Republican candidates' responses will be published next week.

The Reporter-Statesman posed these questions:

1. With regard to the race for this office, what do you think are the most important concerns of the voters of Hansford County? How do you plan to address these concerns if elected to office?

2. If elected, what changes (if any) would you make in the operation and/or function of this office?

3. Please list three issues dealt with by this office which will most affect the future quality of life in Hansford County. How do you plan to address these issues if elected?

4. Please list three qualities which make you the best candidate for this office.

The candidates were also asked to include a personal history.

Cathy Patterson

1. Taxes - I am concerned that taxes be reasonable, yet be sufficient to provide the necessary services for Hansford County, and specifically, I want the taxpayers in my precinct to receive their fair share of services in return for taxes paid.



2. Roads - All of the county roads are now in deplorable shape, and I hope to upgrade them with the funds available to me. I realize that the roads are on everyone's minds now, but I know there is much more to be done as a commissioner.

3. Concerns - I plan to devote as much time as is needed to the job of commissioner which I can do since I am self-employed. I believe that by devoting a lot of time to the commissioner's duties I can see that tax money is well spent and that road and bridge work and other county business is carried out completely.

4. I think a commissioner's term of office should be limited to two terms. I believe that the proceedings of the commissioners' court should be publicized. I would encourage the media to attend all meetings and publish on a regular basis all proceedings and transac-

tions of the court. I believe that the citizens of Hansford County need to be given as much information as possible about the county's business so they can give informed input about actions of the commissioners' court.

5. (1) Taxes. The Commissioners must get the most possible for their tax dollars. I believe that Hansford County must be run as much like a business as is possible.

(2) Industry. I think the commissioners' court should work with the city councils of Spearman and Gruver and Chambers of Commerce in both cities to attract new industry to the county. I would be for appointing a board whose function is to attract industry to the county.

(3) Population loss. In the last few years, we have seen a decline in population in our county that affects our businesses, our schools, our taxes, etc. I believe that by attracting industry to the county we can help stabilize our local economy.

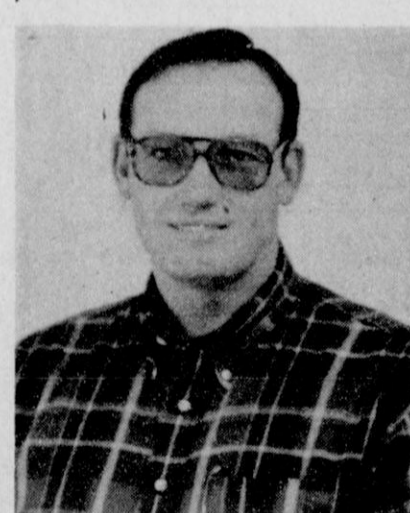
(4) (1) I have lived all my life in Hansford County and I know almost all of the county's residents.

(2) I am not afraid to speak my mind and will do my best to do what I believe is right for the citizens of Precinct One.

(3) I have helped run our business and four other businesses for over 10 years. I have kept the books, and participated in everyday decisions of the businesses, so I believe that I can make correct business decisions for the County because of those experiences.

6. Personal history - I have lived all of my life in Hansford County. My parents were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Archer. My father died in 1955 and my mother later remarried Dr. Don Hackley. My parents were also life long residents of Hansford County.

I have been married to Pat Patterson for 27 years and have two sons, Travis and Clint. I have been a life long member of the Church of Christ.



MIKE GARNETT

As a lifetime resident of Hansford County I am concerned about helping to maintain and upgrade the quality of our facilities and services here. Prudent use of our tax dollars is paramount to me. Maintaining local control of the County Government is essential to our way of life.

Because I have had the opportunity of working on the Spearman School Board, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, the Hansford County Livestock Show Board, the Spearman COOP Board and several other boards and committees in and around our community during the past 27 years I feel as though I know how to well represent each one of you.

I am eager and willing to put in as many hours as is needed to know your feelings on each issue and concern and to fulfill my responsibilities by representing you and your concerns.

I was born and raised here and

my wife, Marti, and I graduated from Texas Tech. We have raised our three sons, Jon, Mark and J, and our one daughter, Michelle, here. Our youngest, Michelle, is a junior at Spearman High School. We have two grandsons who really are "grand." I love Hansford County and the people here and want to represent each of you as the County Commissioner for Precinct 1.

#### Dick Gillaspie

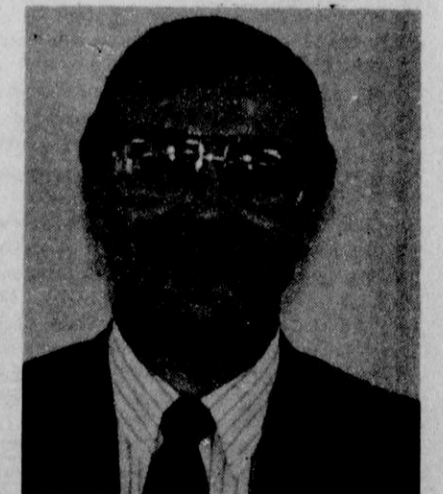
1. Taxes are one of the most important concerns of the citizens with whom I have spoken. Upon returning to office, I will continue striving to keep our county taxes as low as possible. Our county, at this time, is in a very solid financial situation. This is brought about by good management and sound investments.

2. Long range planning is also vital in keeping our county financially sound. When a plan is put into place that details the maintenance and upkeep of all the county facilities, and incorporates all county purchasing, then the county commissioners' court can budget around this plan thus avoiding any shortfalls in funds. Understandably, keeping the county budget as trim as possible is important. This requires good management on behalf of your county commissioners' court and other elected and appointed officials. During this past budget session, all county officials worked together to eliminate all unnecessary waste in the budget. I was most impressed by the way that you, the taxpayers, were foremost in the minds of these officials during budget time. In future budgeting, I will strive to keep the taxpayers foremost in my mind as I carry out the duties of county commissioner.

Jobs are another important con-

cern of the taxpayers. I will strive to work with the Chambers of Commerce in Spearman and Gruver to bring new industry to Hansford County. We can no longer depend on the oil field, as we have in the past, to supply large quantities of jobs. New industry must be found and brought in, while our current employers must be encouraged to stay. Hansford County is a great place to live and raise our families - let's not let this be the best kept secret! Spread the word!

3. True representation comes through accessibility to the taxpayers. As a businessman, I am in my dealership during business hours thus welcoming personal visits or phone calls. As has been my policy in the past, I will return



Dick Gillaspie

every phone call as soon as possible. Although elected by the citizens of Precinct One, my goal is to represent each of you regardless of where in Hansford County you live.

4. Solid waste disposal has been addressed and continues to be an issue. By order of various Federal and State agencies, our landfill will soon close. Although

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the landfill is operated by the City of Spearman, all of Hansford County's citizens use this landfill. It will be imperative that the Cities of Spearman and Gruver, along with the commissioners' court, work closely together on this project to streamline costs to the taxpayers.

As discussed earlier, budget and taxation must remain under constant scrutiny. It is important that each tax dollar is stretched as far as possible. Good management and sound investments, as you have seen in the past, means less money from your pockets thus providing you with more money with which you can purchase goods and services offered by the businesses of Hansford County, making for a more stable economy.

The county's business is much like my dealership where efficiency is optimum. This not only includes personnel but equipment as well. Well maintained and updated equipment allows a job to be performed quickly, safely and at a lower cost to the taxpayer. Hansford County recently purchased four Mack dump trucks. These trucks have 15-yard dump beds that haul three times as much as the trucks they replaced. They are diesel powered for better fuel economy thus resulting in lower fuel costs. They can be used as over the road trucks allowing the county to haul our own road maintaining materials which ultimately results in lower freight costs. Unlike used, and most likely abused, equipment that will last only a few years, these trucks will last the county well into the next century.

4. I believe the citizens of not only Precinct One, but all of Hansford County, deserve a commissioner that can be reached easily. Office hours make me avail-

able to your needs and readily accessible to a phone. Operating a retail business also provides diversification to the commissioners' court.

I feel my experience is an asset as I continue to perform duties of this office. As incumbent, being appointed as commissioner for Precinct 1 in March 1991, my feet are firmly planted as I now have a feel of the court and how it operates. I have been able to obtain 10 continuing education credits that relate to county business. Plans are now in place to upgrade roads as well as replacement of worn equipment - needed to make better use of time and labor hours. Returning as commissioner will allow quicker implementation of these plans.

Being conscientious, I pay attention to the happenings that go on around me. I work hard to take care of business. At my dealership, I seek to do a better job today than I did yesterday. When returned to the office of county commissioner, the taxpayers will receive the same treatment as my business - a better job today than yesterday. Hansford County deserves a commissioner who will strive to do that better job. I feel I am that commissioner.

Personal history - I was born and raised in Amarillo, graduating from Amarillo High in 1971. I completed Amarillo Police Academy in 1976, and immediately began working for the City of Amarillo as an officer. A year and a half later, I transferred to the Potter County Sheriff's office. Attending Amarillo College at night, I pursued my law officer's degree and upon completion began instructing officer's courses at night. I was working in the Civil Division when I made the decision to move to Spearman in 1984, purchasing our dealership, making a career change, and improving my family's quality of life by being in a small community.

Leann and I have four children. Laura is in the second grade and Mindee is a first grader. Caleb will soon turn 5, while Collin is 3. We are most pleased to be a part of Hansford County.

I am a member of Lions Club, having been honored as Lion of the Year for 88-89. I have served as president of that organization, and am currently on the Board of Directors. From 85-88, I was on the YMCA Board of Directors. I served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors in 88-89. I have also been a member of the city zoning committee. My family attends First Baptist Church, where I am active in adult programs as well as having the honor of serving as deacon, and therefore being involved in planning, budgeting, and personnel.



**Roscoe Nelson**

1. The Tax structure - Survey the tax structure to see if there is a place to start cutting taxes. If taxes cannot be cut, I will work to keep taxes at the same level instead of increasing them. Being among the largest personal tax payers in the county, I am interested in seeing the tax dollar go as far as possible. Road Maintenance - I will work toward better maintenance for all precinct one roads.  
2. I would spend more time with

the road maintenance crew to improve the quality and efficiency of service to the county. I would take the time to keep up on equipment and materials needed and purchased by the county to give your tax dollar the most mileage.

3. (1) The decrease in population in the county and therefore a decrease in tax revenue. I will work to bring new businesses to Hansford County.

(2) Drop in oil and gas prices causing a decrease in tax revenue. Attracting new businesses and even industry to Hansford County would help offset the decrease in tax revenue caused by oil and gas prices.

(3) Road Maintenance. As many road repairs will be made as the tax dollar allows.

4. (1) I will have time to spend in directing the affairs of precinct one and all of Hansford County.

(2) I have had many years of experience in business that will help me make good business decisions for the county.

(3) Being in business for myself for many years, I am conservative financially. I will be conservative with your tax dollar.

(4) Hansford County and its citizens have been good to me and my family for over 40 years. This position will give me a chance to give back of my time to the county and its people.

Personal History - We have lived in Hansford County for 33 years.

We are active members of the First Baptist Church. My wife's name is Marguerite. We have three daughters and sons-in-law: Joanne and Charles Eaton of Spearman, Donna and Jack Vanderburg of Dalhart and Rhonda and Jeff Burress of Spearman. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren include Chuck Eaton and wife Laura and their children Abbe, Cassie and Karissa, of Arlington; Johnnie Fuller and husband Kelly and their children Brant, Kaysha and Bryson, of Spearman; Cayla Schroeder and husband Don, of Spearman; Troy Vanderburg of College Station; Tim and Nan Vanderburg of Lubbock; and Amanda and Randy Burress of Spearman.

I have served the public through the following ways: Spearman City Council, Spearman Industrial Foundation, Golden Circle Development Corporation.

**Vance Snider**

It is with much enthusiasm that I have decided to announce as candidate for commissioner in Precinct 1, Hansford County, Texas.

It has been my desire to serve our County in some capacity for several years. If elected, I will be available to the people of the County to openly discuss their concerns and will do my best to help make decisions for the betterment of all concerned.

I have lived in Hansford County

since 1955. I have been an independent businessman in this County since 1958 and I believe this helps to qualify me for the office I am wanting to serve.

I married Irene Helton in May, 1957. After we were married, we lived in Gruver until we became involved in the Service Station business. We helped operate and manage service stations in Spearman from December 1958 to March 1973. In March 1973, we purchased and still manage Hi Plains Auto Supply, Inc. on Main Street.

My wife, Irene and myself have four children: three sons and one daughter. All our children attended school in Spearman. Each of our children is now married and raising families of their own.

It is with a degree of difficulty for me to mention any particular issue dealt with by this office that would require change. It is my desire to meet the requirements of this office and fulfill each issue presented to me with an open mind and concerns for the people of Hansford County.



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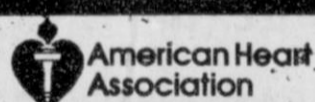
**Birth announcement**

Jeff and Clara Dossett of Amarillo announce the birth of their second daughter on Monday, Jan. 27.

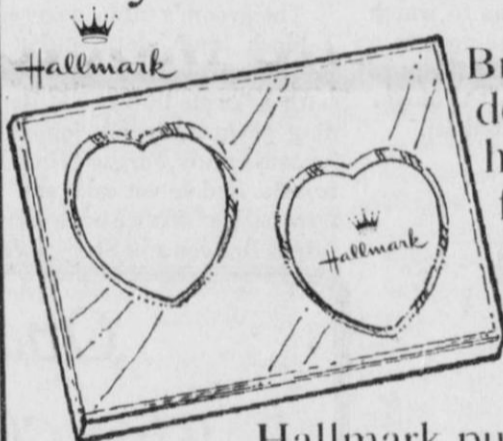
She weighed 6 and one-half pounds and was 19 inches long at birth. She has been named Leah Brooke.

Leah Brooke was welcomed home by her sister Laura Jean, age 1 1/2. Her grandparents are Bernard and Sharon Dossett of Amarillo and Calvin and Thelma Williams of San Saba. Great-grandparents are Bill and Lillian Whitford and Sara Dossett, all of Spearman. Great-great-grandmother is Grace Nemsgrén of Dumas.

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# Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

At Hansford Cemetery on Tuesday, graveside services were held for Vivian Prater from Washington state. He was interred near his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Prater. Former Spearman residents here for the service were Neva Day, his sister, and her daughter Connie Vardell of Randalette, Okla.; Verna Mapes and son, Betty and Ivy Prater of Dalhart, and Vestal Prater of California.

Mrs. Day stayed overnight with Freda Sheets and Connie with Treva Cook.

Lily Love attended the funeral of her sister-in-law, Bessie King, last Friday at Wichita, Kan. Her daughter, Donna Farris, took her to Coldwater and a niece took her to the funeral. She returned with Lily and spent the night before returning to her home in Protection.

Immediately upon her return home, Lily received word of the death of an uncle in Woodward.

Nell Burke is back at home recuperating from surgery performed at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo last Wednesday. Her daughter, Nancy Long, of Enid has been here with her and returned to Enid on Monday.

Lori Brickman and little son Daniel have been visiting her parents, Robert and Sandra Eaton for two weeks. Monday they returned to Panama City, Fla. Her husband is stationed there with the Air Force.

Herbert and Delma Winegarner of Campo, Colo., spent the weekend here in the home of their son, Norlan and Linda Winegarner. On Sunday, the 66th birthday of Herbert was observed. Another son, Garland and Mrs. Winegarner of Follett joined in the observance. Others sharing the occasion were the families of Verlan, Arlan and Rolan, all of Spearman.

The parents returned to Campo on Monday.

Muriel and Granville Boyd spent

the week-end in Brownfield in the home of her son Larry Fryer and family. They attended the annual Brownfield Chamber of Commerce banquet at which Larry was installed as president.

Larry has a successful business in Brownfield, as he is a registered Financial Advisor.

On Friday noon, the First United Methodist Church served the annual ground hog meal, observing ground hog day. The long lines of eaters indicate other denominations have been proselytized into being ground hog addicts. It was noted that even some Baptists displayed pleasure in the delicious meal. Now, Louise, you and Everett did too have a look of complete satisfaction - S'fact.

Cheryl Gibson, city secretary, attended a seminar in Austin on Thursday and Friday. Instructions and explanations concerning election laws, forms and other matters dealing with municipalities filled the two long days. Cheryl felt that it was a most beneficial seminar and the city will profit by her attendance.

Judy and Ray Martin enjoyed having old friends, Gregg and Jackie Sherwood, over the week-end. A previous Spearman resident, he is now the Athletic Director of the Lubbock schools.

The Sherwoods were here to attend the banquet given by the Heart Association, at which he was the guest speaker.

Elizabeth White Carr of Miami is recovering from angioplasty procedure performed in Amarillo last week. Virginia Head has been with her sister and Elizabeth is expected to spend some time here with Virginia.

Many have observed that active, energetic gal, Lily Hazlewood Palmer, mowing her lawn, picking fruit from her trees, spading her garden, painting. On Sunday, along

with celebrating ground hog day, she observed her 85th birthday. That's right, her 85th. Many Happy Returns, Lily, and spare a little time to mow your neighbor's lawn!!!

Jerry Pat and Gina Davis with Dr. Scot and Julie Martin spent from Friday thru Monday at Las Vegas at the convention of the American Ostrich Association, reaching home late Monday.

It was a very interesting and informative convention with more than 1,500 ostrich owners present. Scot attended the ostrich veterinary clinic seminar.

The ladies may have done a little shopping, and Jerry Pat is reticent to go into details concerning his out-of-convention activities - one wonders if he was misled by the advertisement about "getting something for nothing" when they meant getting nothing for something!

An urgent call is being made for copies of the Life Magazine issues of July 20, 1953 and November, also 1953. The July number has a picture of President and Mrs. Kennedy and a sail boat on the cover, also pictures and an article relating to General Van Fleet and Coy and Nick Holt on a bear hunt in Alaska. The November copy has a picture of Greek Queen Frederica on the cover and a follow-up story of the General, who was a close personal friend of the Queen.

It is hoped that someone who has a collection of these old Life magazines would be kind enough to check thru them for these issues.

If one is found, contact either 733-2139 or 659-3468.

Burl and Nellie Buchanan are home from a long week-end in San Francisco where they were guests of an insurance company from whom he had won an award. They were fascinated by the fabulous sights of San Francisco and enjoyed all phases of the trip. Burl may find it difficult to do his thing at this convention since his cousin Tom and Cindy Buchanan of Lubbock were also in attendance as was Texie

# Arnold, Swan exchange vows

Denise Rachell Arnold and Lance Albert Swan, both of Lubbock, were married Jan. 18 in the First Baptist Church of Shamrock. The Rev. Michael R. Chancellor officiated the 5 p.m. ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Rickie C. Arnold of Shamrock and Mr. and Mrs. David A. Swan of Spearman.

Maid of honor was Michell Arnold of Lubbock, sister of the bride, and best man was Ed Brewer of Wink. Flower girls were Ashley Swan of Spearman and Michelle Ujhely of Geronimo, both cousins of the groom. Jeffery Swan of Spearman, cousin of the groom, served as groomsman. Ushers were Landon Swan of Spearman, brother of the groom, and Nickelaus Arnold of Lubbock, cousin of the bride. Andrew Arnold of Lubbock, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Musical selections before the ceremony, along with the Wedding March, were provided by Jo Ann Stuart, organist. Other music for the ceremony included vocal selections by Marolyn Bradly and Kay Alexander.

Along the aisle of the church were black paper ribbon and white lace bows, leading to the front of the church which was decorated with two white wicker baskets filled with black, white and red flowers and accented with silver bows. A white wrought-iron arch, covered with greenery and holding a large white paper ribbon bow with a black lace center, stood between two heart-shaped candelabra draped with greenery and holding clear votive cups with white candles.

Escorted to the altar and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a long white satin bridal gown with a boat neckline and an inverted V bodice. The bodice and sleeves were adorned with lace appliques and sequins and pearls. The

Ann Fisher of Memphis.

Mayor Burl even has to watch his p's and q's when he goes to a mayor's convention as he is apt to run into another cousin, the Mayor of Red River, Alan Buchanan.

full, gathered skirt was accented with a lace insert in the front, and lace around the bottom of the dress and train. Lace appliques and buttons graced the back of the gown, and a large lace-trimmed bow was placed at the lower waistline.

The bride's veil, two layers of white tulle with streamers of white silk flowers and pearls, cascaded from her floral headband covered in miniature silk roses, babies' breath and pearls. She carried a cascading bouquet of white silk roses with pearl accents, made by her grandmother.

The maid of honor wore a long black velvet sheath with black and white plaid taffeta sleeves. She carried a bouquet of black, white and red roses with streamers of black, white, red and silver. The flower girls carried white wicker baskets decorated with red roses and filled with red rose petals which they scattered along the aisle.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Arnold chose a black straight skirt with an off-white top, trimmed with black bands and a bow at the waist. She wore a corsage of black and white silk flowers, surrounded with black tulle and pearls. The mother of the groom wore a black and off-white print, two-piece outfit with a peplum waist. Her corsage was also of black and white silk flowers with black tulle and pearls.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church fellowship hall. The guest registry table was covered in black, with a white lace mat, and was accented with a swan, a photo of the bride and the bridal book. The bride's table, covered with white lace over a white linen cloth, held a white on white wedding cake accented with silver leaves and ball trim. Napkins were black with silver lettering. The cake and frozen strawberry-banana slush punch were served by Michell Arnold, Howard Huffman and Lisa Hensley.

The groom's table, covered with a black linen cloth and a white crocheted overlay, was centered with a "bride bunny," in her wedding gown and veil, joined by a "groom bunny," dressed in a black tuxedo. Red velvet cake and coffee from a silver service were served by Adrea Brewer and Stacy Swan.



MRS. LANCE SWAN

The gift table was covered with white lace over a white linen cloth and was centered with a white candle surrounded by black and white silk roses, tulle, lace and ribbon. Silver ribbon loops and two silver hearts completed the arrangement.

The bride attended schools in Perryton and Hale Center, and was graduated from Spearman High School. She is currently a sophomore at Texas Tech University, majoring in marketing. The groom is a graduate of Spearman High School and attended South Plains College. He is also a student at Texas Tech, majoring in physical education and history. The couple will reside in Lubbock.

Pre-nuptial events included a rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents at Mitchell's Family Restaurant on Friday, Jan. 17. Table decorations included white table cloths with black lace runners, red candles and floral arrangements of black, white, red and silver. A black and white arrangement surrounded with a white swan and black and white silk flowers were at the head table and napkins of black, white and red were at each place setting.

A shower for the couple is planned for Saturday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Spearman.

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We would like to thank all our friends, neighbors and family for the prayers, cards and phone calls during our recent family troubles. And to our Spearman Ambulance Crew, **Michele Davis, Paul Moore and Gail Coates**, for their fast service.

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(photo courtesy Joy Henderson)

This is a needlepoint picture given to Lewis and Joy Henderson for Christmas 1991 from their daughter and family. Their daughter Dana Stovall of Duncanville designed and crept on needlepoint canvases from pictures taken of the Hendersons' farming and ranching enterprises. Included in the collage is Lewis on horseback, a combine harvesting grain, shocks of hay, a tractor planting a wheat crop, a maize crop, animals including pigs, chickens, sheep and cattle with the JH brand. In the lower right corner there is the inevitable worm invading the crop. Dana planned on entering the needlepoint in the State Fair, but the picture was ruled ineligible because of its width. It would have qualified for entry if it could have been reversed lengthwise to fit the dimension qualifications.

### Noonliting program set

Most of us have a few extra pounds we need to lose, but it's hard to get started.

The Hansford County Extension Service is offering help - "Noonliting," a weight control program that works.

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- \* If you have at least 10 pounds to lose, you're invited to join!

For more information, contact Karen Babitzke, Hansford County Extension Agent for Home Economics, by calling 659-2030 or 733-2901.

The Spearman group will meet every Tuesday, beginning Feb. 11, at the Extension Homemakers clubroom, 309 N. Bernice in Spearman.

The Gruver group will meet every Wednesday, beginning Feb. 19, at the LaCasita Room of Gruver State Bank, 3 Main Plaza.

Meetings begin at noon and last for 30 to 45 minutes. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

### Booklet available for making a will

The Salvation Army is offering a free booklet to assist the seven-out-of-eight people who have not prepared a will.

With this booklet, the Salvation Army is offering information to help control the distribution of an estate to family, friends and charitable organizations. With an up-to-date will, an estate is distributed by one's own wishes rather than legal formulas.

Some think only wealthy people need a will, or that drawing a will is too expensive or complicated. The Salvation Army wants people to know that, without a will, the state will determine the disposition of assets, the welfare of one's spouse, and the guardianship of one's children.

For this free booklet write: The Salvation Army, Planned Giving, P.O. Box 2785, Lubbock, Tx. 79408.

## GHS seniors can obtain trip details

Some Gruver High School students have expressed an interest in a European educational tour this summer.

Students who want information about such a trip can obtain information at the "T" of Gruver High School or contact Cathy Potts, school counselor.

An informational meeting of interested students and their parents is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Gruver High School library.

## Red Cross courses set

PERRYTON - The Ochiltree County Chapter of the American Red Cross has courses scheduled each month in Standard First Aid and Community CPR.

Community CPR (adult, infant and child) is scheduled the first Monday and Tuesday of each month. Standard First Aid (adult CPR and first aid) is scheduled the third Monday and Tuesday of each month.

These classes are held at the Ochiltree County Courthouse from 6 to 10 p.m. on the first floor. Recovery cost for each class is \$20 per participant.

Pre-registration is required. The chapter address is 511 S. Main and telephone number 435-8175, weekday mornings. Bonita Campbell is the chapter manager.

## Clans gather in Borger

Members of the Tri-City Concert Association announce an unusual program on Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Borger High School. The program is entitled "The Gathering of the Clans."

This distinguished company of 25 singers, dancers and musicians is drawn from the ranks of Scotland's finest television, stage and recording artists. The clan will be dressed in the richly colored tartans of the Clans and will provide an evening of joyous and authentic Gaelic celebration.

Country dances, stirring ballads, the sound of bagpipes, and the flashing blades of the Sword Dance recall the colorful history of Scotland.

The public is urged to attend "The Gathering of the Clans."

## Club News

### GRUVER MUSIC CLUB

The Gruver Federated Music Club met in the Gruver Methodist Church Wednesday, Jan. 29 and was called to order by president Ada Joyce Stedje.

The club read in the collect for club women, and roll call was taken. In secretary Marlene Winger's absence, Jean Holland read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. Delphine Etling read the treasurer's report. Trixie Holt gave the current musical note and introduced the program.

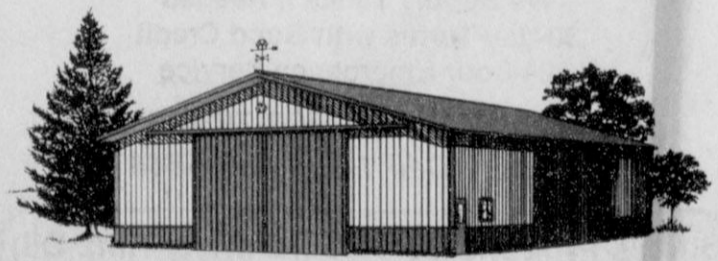
Lisa Salsman sang in Spanish: "For One Love (Por Un Amor)," "Alla en el Rancho Grande," and "Que Bonito Amor," accompanied by her brother-in-law's mariachi band.

The meditation was given by Jean Zabel. Hostesses for the day were Rita Williams and Lucy Pittman.

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## On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

Last week, a beautiful lady who had recently moved back to Gruver, suffered a fall and broke her hip. (Or at least, that is the way I understand it) Ila Faye Dozier was able to crawl to the phone and call for help. Telephoning for help is a little different nowadays than it was back in the '40s and '50s. Back then, when people called for help or for business and maybe a friendly chat, they just cranked and told the operator who or what they wanted.

You see, the Gruver operator was none other than Ila Faye Dozier who had the switchboard equipment, etc., in her home. She served the Gruver area from about 1940-1957.

The following tribute was partially written by Mrs. Clark (Beulah) Winkler, who gave it to me in 1985. She was inspired to write it after reading an article in the Family Circle magazine dated Sept. 3, 1985, by Charles Kuralt. I was to publish the tribute in our Gruver paper to honor her on her birthday in March of 1986. Needless to say, being the procrastinator that I am, I did not get it done. Now, Mrs. Winkler, a former Gruver teacher in our public schools, is gone and won't be able to see her memories of Mrs. Dozier in print.

"Ila Faye Dozier moved to Amarillo after we received dial phones to be our long distance operator. When I (Winkler) made a long distance call and Mrs. Dozier was the operator, she never failed to ask about the weather in Gruver - snow, hail or whether the storm had damaged the crops.

"In Christmas of 1958, we had gone to Amarillo to meet Allen, our son, who was in (military) service stationed in California. (I am not sure about Mrs. Winkler's writing. J.H.) It seems another son, Mardell, in Amarillo from service in El Paso, called home from a pay phone and you guessed it - Mrs. Dozier was the operator that said 'Long Distance' when he gave the local (Gruver) to her. Mrs. Dozier said, 'Mardell, they are not at home, they have gone to Amarillo to meet Allen. There is no need to look for the car. I am sure it is in a parking lot. I think they have a new one and I don't know what color. But you go over to Polk and I am sure you will find them.' Sure enough, we ran into each other at Woolworths (Winklers). Then about 9 o'clock we met Allen at the bus station as he came in from California."

The Winklers returned to Gruver with two of their sons who were in service of their country.

"Thanks to Mrs. Dozier, the wonderful voice of Gruver. Everyone loves Mrs. Dozier, she was one in a million to everyone who had a telephone. The young people would refer to people back in the dark ages with this type of telephone service."

I am going to add a personal note about Mrs. Dozier. We (the Hendersons) didn't move into Gruver until 1964, but I knew Ila Faye from attending church with her in our earlier years. I don't know if we were in contact with her when we had a phone at the time we lived on the Alexander ranch in the Oslo community, but probably did. Anyhow, I can remember hearing stories from people and there was a big write-up about her in the Ama-

rillo paper.

It seems she did a lot of telephone baby sitting (or child-sitting) for people who would leave the "phone off the hook" so she could hear what was going on.

Well, I'd better not say much else because I may not have my facts straight. Anyhow, Mrs. Dozier will be celebrating another birthday soon and she can still say "Thank God for telephones" - in more ways than one.

My! Hasn't the weather been beautiful lately. The only thing, there hasn't been very many opportunities to get out and get some work done. M.H. said all I was doing was just stirring up the dust; but I'll keep trying. One of these days, I'm going to sell a bunch of my books so I'll have room for others. I have been an avid reader for over 50 years and I've collected books since I received my first one as a gift. I've kept most of them, but when I moved to town in '64, I threw a bunch of pocket books away to be burned. Now, I've made up my mind that after reading some of them twice, I'd just better get rid of some. I have quite a collection of Perry Mason books by Erle Stanley Gardner and several of his under the name of A.A. Fair. I tried to donate them to the library, but they are over-crowded now. Anyone interested in them?

Some of those taking advantage of the nice weather were Oscar and Violet Lee. They met some of their kids and grandkids from Abilene in Wellington for some fun sightseeing and shopping. This being about equal distance for all concerned, they decided that it would be worth the effort to do this again sometime. Those involved from Abilene were Tony and Gail McMillan and Becky from Abilene, Tonya Hamilton from Breckenridge, and Dennis and Stacy McElfresh from Duke, Okla.

Charmian Lyle enjoyed a visit from Chet and Helen Smith from Lake Tanglewood near Amarillo.

Also visiting in Gruver were Troy and Jimmy Sue, the parents of Russ Chisum. Or maybe more important would be that Tara and Ty had grandparents from Dalhart over the week-end.

Marge Morris of Balco, Okla., visited her kids and grandkids also. She is the mother of Troy Morris.

Danny Carthel's brother Doug

was a recent visitor. Dan's other brother Don, has been inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame after being a successful football coach at ENMU. He will resign from coaching and go into farming. Hum-m-m-m? Well, maybe later on he can be inducted into the Farming Hall of Fame too! Good luck!

Sonya Coley of Spearman visited in Gruver with the Reeds and Rice families at the Methodist Church. Also Eric Cudd from Spearman was guest with Matthew Overbey at services of the Baptist Church. Flavil and Josephine Ayers attended worship services of the Spearman Church of Christ. They reported lots of visitors from everywhere and reported their new building was very nice for comfort and acoustics.

Maybe not built for comfort, was the arena for the bull riding contest which Troy and Colby Morris attended in Amarillo. If you need a topic of conversation or to visit with Colby, just mention "big bulls" or Colombia or whatever.

Ross Renner spent the past week-end with former school mate Andrew Burgoon in Canyon.

Rita and Jerry Williams have traveled to Gainesville to attend the funeral of her aunt Nell Kitchens. Nell was the sister of Rita's father, Alfred Henderson.

Several people are in hospital, being treated for pneumonia. Those known at this time are Bill Henderson in Spearman and little Carson Finley, who was taken to Amarillo.

It is tragic that Mary Elizabeth (Cotter) Olson lost her home and possessions in a fire in Cimarron, N.M. She has several relatives in Gruver and if you would like to donate money or household items to be sent to Mary Elizabeth, contact one of the leaders of the Church of Christ.

On a happier note, we can report that Kyle and Kym Williams are the parents of a baby boy, but when I tried calling their home for more details, I got a busy signal. So maybe we can get a write-up for next week.

Newcomer to Gruver is Mark Washburn, who works at Gopher's and comes from Vernon. During his early years, he was a student of Bob Burgoon's at Miami. Welcome!

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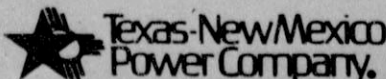
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## Lynx split two close district games

In two close games, the Lynx lost at Stratford on Friday, Jan. 31 but bounced back to beat Sunray at home on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

The Lynx lost to Stratford in overtime, 37-41. On Tuesday the Lynx played excellent defense in the last two minutes of the game to hold off Sunray, 50-47.

According to Wendell Neff, Lynx coach, Sunray tied the game at 45 in the fourth quarter. They would score one more basket but after that the Lynx half court trap defense would cause the Bobcats to turn the ball over three times in the last two minutes of the ball game.

Leading the Lynx scorers in both games was Cody Pipkin. He scored 12 points against Stratford and 17 points against Sunray.

Brian Beck was second highest

scorer in both games. He and Khris Kelp each had seven points in the Stratford game. In the Sunray game Beck posted 14 points.

The Lynx have two more district games to play. If they win one of them, they are assured of a playoff spot. If they win both games they will be district champs.

Their next district game will be Feb. 7 when they host Boys Ranch. Their last district game will be at West Texas High School on Feb. 14.



## Clinch district... Lynxettes win two

With a win at Stratford on Friday, Jan. 31, and a win at home over Sunray on Tuesday, Feb. 4, the Lynxettes stayed undefeated in district play and clinched the number one spot in District 1-2A.

Combining a strong offensive performance with a smothering defense, the Lynxettes beat Stratford 78-27. They followed this victory with a 46-33 win over Sunray Tuesday. The Sunray win lifts the Lynxettes district record to 5-0 with only one game left to play.

Joy Gafford led the Lynxettes in scoring on Friday night with 21 points. Twelve of those points came with 3-point baskets. Following Gafford was Jill Lusby with 16 points. Lusby had four 3-point baskets.

In close to the basket it was Tamri Townsen that did most of the scoring. She was third leading scorer for the Lynxettes with 18 points.

Lynxette Coach Jim Kirkland

credited a lot of the Lynxettes' scoring to their guards taking advantage of sagging defenses and driving to the basket. As the defensive players left their assigned defensive positions, the guards found the open person. He particularly mentioned the play of starting senior guard Mendy Lasater.

On Tuesday night Kirkland said, "We started shakily, but the kids pulled themselves together and did what they needed to win. They were able to extend their lead and hold on when things did not go our way at the end."

Tamri Townsen, with 11 points, was the only Lynxette in double figures. Gafford sank two 3-point baskets on her way to an eight-point night. Scoring one 3-point basket each were Kimbre Townsen and Lusby.

The Lynxettes' next game will be Feb. 11 against Guymon. Their final district game is at West Texas on Feb. 14.



(photo by Beckee Baker)

The new Spearman mascot, "Louie," was introduced to the home crowd during the Spearman basketball homecoming game against Gruver on Friday, Jan. 24. Louie is pictured here between two future Lynx players, Lance Baker (left) and Kevin Beedy (right). The mascot is portrayed by two SHS students, Nikki Strawn and Carla Green.

### Roundball roundup

**Spearman Girls-JV at Stratford, 1\31 Spr. 38 - Str. 17**

Scoring: Ashly Shieldknight-8, Nikki Strawn-8, Shea Crawford-4, Sara Sanders-2, Carrie Pearson-8, Holly Jarvis-6, Telie O'Quin-4  
Record: 15-5

**Spearman Girls-9th at Sunray, 2\3 Spr. 27 - Sun. 29**

Scoring: Mandi Lair-2, Traci Martin-2, Lyndee Cook-8, Mica Pipkin-2, Sandi Rich-1, Kiki Kelp-8, Heather Reimer-4  
Record: 15-5

**Spearman Girls-8th at Sunray, 2\3 Spr. 36 - Sun. 16**

Scoring: Lacie Baker-4, Kelly Shieldknight-2, Kara Townsen-22, Tiffany Bruning-8  
Record: 15-5

**Spearman Girls-7th at Sunray, 2\3 Spr. 27 - Sun. 11**

Scoring: Macy Shieldknight-5, Shayla Barber-4, Sanmantha Beasley-6, Tara Butt-6, Mandi Lusby-5  
Record: 8-6

**Spearman Girls-Varsity at Stratford, 1\31 Spr. 78 - Str. 27**

Scoring: Jill Lusby-16 (4-3 pt.), Mary Cook-1, Michelle Garnett-6, Joy Gafford-21 (3-3 pt.), Kimbre Townsen-5, Melodie Schumann-2, Tamri Townsen-18, Laura Pearson-7, Kristi Williams-2  
Record: 23-2 (4-0)

**Spearman Boys-Varsity at Stratford, 1\31 Spr. 37 - Str. 41**

Scoring: Troy Law-2, Cody Pipkin-12, Brian Beck-7 (1-3 pt.), Russell Shaver-3 (1-3 pt.), Khris  
See roundup page 10

## Southwest Outdoors

with Mel Phillips  
Last Friday on Lake Fork, Barry St. Clair, an East Texas rancher, established a new Texas largemouth record when he caught a bass that tipped the scales at 18 pounds, 2.88 ounces. In light of the thousands of bass anglers who hope to catch a huge bass, what does Mr. St. Clair suggest?

First, use 12 lb. line in 42 foot of water and fish near the dam in 49 degree weather.

Second, use a little minnow for bait, and while waiting for that next big bass, one can pass the time catching crappie.

That's right, Mr. St. Clair was fishing for crappie when he hooked the new record. Surely the fish gods are smiling about rewarding a "minnow dunker" while the serious anglers were busy throwing their jig-

n-pigs, hawg-worms, and other big-bass lures.

It's the unpredictable nature of fishing that causes the kid in each angler to want to go fishin'.

Speaking of Kids: This Saturday morning, Outdoor World in the Amarillo Civic Center will mark the start of the BassMaster BP Casting Kids competition that could lead to prizes and money totaling \$225,000. A special thanks to the Top of Texas BassMasters in Pampa and all the 806 region bass clubs for making this contest an official event.

Similar to Punt, Pass, and Kick in football, the kids will be divided into two age groups (7-10 and 11-14) and take turns as they try to "flip, pitch, and cast" their way to the state championship and eventually to the big money at the BassMaster Classic. It all starts at the local level and entry is FREE.

Every kid will receive a certificate of competition. All twelve professional fishermen in town for fishing seminars at Outdoor World will be on hand to meet the kids and give them a quick lesson.

Parents must sign a release form and fun begins at 10 a.m. with entry time closing at noon.

While at Outdoor World, register to win the following prizes: Grand prize is a fully rigged boat, motor, and trailer from Y-94 KBUY radio; weekend houseboat vacation from Lake Amistad Marina; pheasant hunt for two from the Muleshoe Pheasant Club, and an R.V. weekend at Lakeshore Marina at Possum Kingdom.

Delicious Rainbow trout can be caught at the indoor trout tank starting at noon on Friday.

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## Gruver Lady Hounds unbeaten in district

by Bob Bort  
The Gruver Lady Greyhounds played two games this past week and came out victorious in both, by 21 points over Shamrock and by 16 points over Wheeler, both games on the road.

Tuesday night at Wheeler, the Lady Hounds played much more consistently than they did Friday night, defeating the Wheeler Lady Mustangs 58-42. Gruver outscored the Lady Mustangs in each of the four quarters, 12-8, 14-9, 19-15, and 13-10.

Holly Venneman had a big, big night. She scored 26 points (don't forget the assists from people like Anissa Ryan), and put the Gruver ladies up for good 16-14 with 5:22 left in the half, with a bucket under the basket. Venneman's points are "quite points" - you don't realize she is scoring as much as she is.

At one point in the third and fourth quarters, Venneman scored 10 consecutive Gruver points, outscoring Wheeler 10-3.

With the score 35-31 in the third quarter, Julie Meyer started a 12-1 Gruver run that put the game out of reach, with a steal and a nice jumper to finish it off. Venneman scored the last eight points of that

streak. After a Wheeler bucket, Venneman scored again for 10 straight points and a 49-34 lead.

Gruver is now in sole possession of first place in the district, with a 3-0 record. It looks like the Lady Hounds will have a bi-district date with the Valley Lady Patriots in a few weeks.

The Lady Hounds JV team improved to 3-0 with a district win over Wheeler, 53-20.

Last Friday, Jan. 31, the Lady Hounds repeated the exact score of their previous game, by defeating the Shamrock Lady Irish 54-33. Traci Crawford hit a 3-pointer, that bounced three times on the rim, to spark the Gruver ladies to a 12-0 spurt in the second quarter, to put the game out of reach.

Crawford's 3-pointer came with 2:04 left in the half, as the Lady Hounds continued to score, and ballooned an 18-13 lead to 30-13 at halftime.

Like the Hounds, the Lady Hounds did not play particularly well against Shamrock, and much of that can be attributed to this being a road game a long way from Gruver. Mika McLain looked superb at the close of the game, scoring four straight pretty jumpers for Gruver's last eight points, but the Gruver girls are going to have to play more consistently if they are going to go anywhere in the playoffs.

McLain and Holly Venneman each scored 14 points.

The Lady Hounds are 17-9, 3-0 in district play.

In the preliminary ball game, the Lady Hounds JV completely dismantled the Lady Irish JV 61-16, to go 13-5 on the season, 2-0 in district play.

G (16-9) 6-30-38-54  
S (8-14) 4-13-24-33  
3-Point shots: Traci Crawford, Anissa Ryan

G- Mika McLain-14, Holly Venneman-14, Julie Meyer-9, Wynn Maupin-8, Anissa Ryan-5, Traci Crawford-4

G (17-9) 12-26-45-58  
W (10-14) 8-17-32-42

3-Point shots: Traci Crawford-2, Anissa Ryan

G- Holly Venneman-26, Julie Meyer-8, Anissa Ryan-8, Traci Crawford-6, Mika McLain-6, Wynn Maupin-2, Monica Ward-2

## Greyhounds dump Mustangs by 37

by Bob Bort  
The Gruver Greyhounds played two games this past week, at Shamrock and at Wheeler, and the result was a perfect 2-0 week. Gruver beat Shamrock by 14, and Wheeler by 37.

Tuesday night at Wheeler, the Hounds pulled away from Wheeler late in the first quarter and romped to a big win, 73-36. Kevin Spivey had hit a 3-pointer to give Gruver a 6-4 lead, and they never trailed after that, but the Mustangs had closed to within 11-10. It was then that Matthew Hoel scored seven straight points, on his second 3-pointer, a pair of free throws, and a lay-in, to put the game out of reach. It was 18-10, and all Gruver after that.

Gruver scored 24 fourth quarter points to cap off a big night. Rex Ralston had nine points in the final quarter. In the two games this past week, the Hounds had outscored their opponents 36-7 in the fourth quarter.

The Hounds JV improved to 3-0 in district with a 41-32 victory over the Mustangs JV.

Last Friday, Jan. 31, the Hounds played a marvelous defensive ball game, but a less than marvelous offensive game, in thwarting the Shamrock Irish 38-24. The Hounds completely shut down the Irish for the last 10 minutes of the ball game, holding them to no (zero) points, while outscoring them 14-0 to break open a 24-24 tie, for the 38-24 final.

The Irish played a slow down, deliberate ball game, but the Hounds simply were not hitting their shots. With 1:06 left in the third quarter, Trent Seagler hit from under the bucket for a 26-24 lead, and the fourth quarter was all Hounds, 12-0.

Kevin Spivey and Seagler each scored 11 points for the Hounds, but if they are going to go anywhere in the playoffs, they will have to combine some sort of offensive power to go with their tremendous defensive forte.

The Hounds are 22-4, 3-0 in district play.

In another low-scoring affair, the Hounds JV improved to 12-9 on the season, 2-0 in district, with a 29-24 victory over the Irish JV in a preliminary ball game.

G (21-4) 14-20-26-38  
S (7-13) 9-15-24-24

3-Point shots: Kevin Spivey, J. Miller, C. Russell

G- Trent Seagler-11, Kevin Spivey-11, Matthew Hoel-8, Shannon Pool-7, Carey Kauffman-1

G (22-4) 18-33-49-73  
W (6-13) 13-22-29-36

3-Point shots: Matthew Hoel-2, Kevin Spivey, Luke Miller

G- Matthew Hoel-16, Trent Seagler-14, Kevin Spivey-13, Rex Ralston-9, Shannon Pool-8, Marty McCloy-4, Ryan Mathews-3, Luke Miller-3, Carey Kauffman-2, Chad Brown-1



(photos courtesy Barbara Stavlo)

Six young men from Gruver competed in a three-on-three basketball tournament sponsored by Kids, Inc. of Amarillo. The tournament was held Jan. 4 at West Texas State University. Entering the 12 and 13 year old division were Jarrod Hoel, Josh Mayhew and Heath Tolleson (upper photo). Their team was sponsored by Hansford Supply and went undefeated, placing first in the tournament. A second team from Gruver entered the 10 and 11 year old division and finished the tournament in second place. This team consisted of Chase Carter, Jim Potts and Charlie Stavlo (lower photo).

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barrow; Summer Riggs, market barrow; Joshua Schumann, market barrow; and Kacey Smith, market steer and market barrow.

Others among the Hansford County 4-H entries are Lindsey Smith, market barrow; Scott Stedje, market barrow; Chris Strawn, market steer; Nikki Strawn, market steer; Brandon Vanderburg, market steer; Clancy Vanderburg, market steer; Clayton Vanderburg, market steer; Holly Venneman, market barrow; Kim Venneman, market barrow; Mandy Kenny Vernon, market steer and market barrow; Clint Williams, market steer; Kevin Williams, market steer and market barrow; and Stacey Williams, market steer.

Hansford County 4-H has a total

of 21 market steers, 25 market barrows and one market lamb scheduled to show.

Gruver FFA members will show a total of six market barrows at Houston. Representing Gruver FFA will be Cody Barkley, Justin Carthel, Galen Slough, Kenny Slough, Sharlet Slough and Brady Tidwell.

Spearman FFA has a total of seven market barrows and one market steer entered for the Houston show. Showing the market steer will be Bob Shields. Those entering the market barrow show are Barry Eddleman, Taydawn Elliott, Eddie Herrington, Jeryme Hunter, Jeremy Piatt, Brandon Sutton and Jeremy Willingham.

### School menu

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FEB. 10-14  
LUNCH

Monday - fish sticks, macaroni & cheese, green beans, cobbler, hot rolls, milk

Tuesday - burritos, chili & cheese, tossed salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday - roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, jello, hot rolls, milk

Thursday - nachos with meat, beans, fruit, corn bread, milk


Friday - hamburgers, french fries, lettuce & pickles, Valentine cupcakes, milk

### BREAKFAST

Monday - cereal, cinnamon bread, juice, milk

Tuesday - toast, peanut butter & jelly, fruit, milk


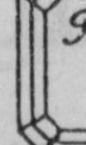
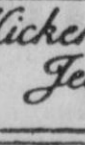
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### Roundball roundup

Gruver Boys-9th at Boys Ranch, 2/3  
Gru. 22 - B.R. 33

Scoring: Fabian Salazar-6, Ryon Atwood-9 (1-3 pt.), Grant Odom-1, Roma Tomlinson-2, Eric Wright-2, Will Etheredge-2

Gruver Boys-8th at Boys Ranch, 2/3  
Gru. 38 - B.R. 22


Scoring: Ferguson-8, Barkley-2, Maupin-14, Renteria-8, Frick-6

Gruver Boys-7th at Boys Ranch, 2/3  
Gru. 21 - B.R. 25

Scoring: Jarrod Hoel-10, Josh Mayhew-9, Heath Tolleson-2

Gruver Girls-9th vs. Canadian

Scoring: Toby Setliff-2, Angela Overbey-3, Carmen Ortega-7 (1-3 pt.), Monica Garcia-10, Kimbo Wagner-3 (1-3 pt.), Melissa Thompson-5, Tracy Robinson-5 (1-3 pt.)



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# Diabetes seminar scheduled

The Hansford County Extension Service will conduct an informational seminar on diabetes, with Dr. Mary K. Bielamowicz as the featured speaker.

Bielamowicz is a registered Dietician and Nutrition Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12 at noon in the Extension Homemakers clubroom, 309 N. Bernice in Spearman. Those attending are asked to bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided.

Purpose of the seminar is to provide information to, and address concerns of, anyone who would like to know about diabetes. Bielamowicz has a wide range of nutritional background to share with Hansford County.

According to recent figures from the Texas Department of Health and Human Resources, over

800,000 Texans suffer from diabetes mellitus, with over half of them undiagnosed.

About 90 percent of all Texans with diabetes mellitus have the non-insulin-dependent diabetes, formerly known as the adult onset



DR. MARY K. BIELAMOWICZ

type. In most cases, symptoms can be controlled by weight loss, good diet and exercise.

Mexican Americans are three to five times more likely to develop diabetes than Anglos, and blacks experience a 33 percent higher rate of diabetes than Anglos. The majority of these high-risk populations have the non-insulin-dependent diabetes, which is accounted for possibly through inheritance as well as ethnic dietary habits.

Anytime certain symptoms of diabetes are suspected, especially in a high-risk person, a physician should be consulted for a diagnosis and to see if weight loss can help. Carrying around extra weight can lead to a host of problems. It can drain energy, cause heart and lung problems and even cause the loss of self-esteem.

According to the American Dietetics Association - Texas Affiliate, people without diabetes stand a greater chance of developing the disease if they are overweight. On the other hand, people with diabetes who are overweight may be able to improve their diabetes control, prevent or delay complications - even increase life expectancy - if they lose weight.

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### Statement of Resources and Liabilities

#### ASSETS

	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,150
Interest-bearing balances	4,059
Securities	5,875
Federal funds sold	2,325
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	20,902
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	255
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	20,647
Assets held in trading accounts	0
Prepays and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	455
Other real estate owned	22
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0
Other assets	693
Total assets	35,226
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	N/A
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	35,226

#### LIABILITIES

Deposits:		
In domestic offices		32,183
Noninterest-bearing	2,926	
Interest-bearing	29,257	
Federal funds purchased	0	
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0	
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0	
Other borrowed money	0	
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0	
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0	
Subordinated notes and debentures	0	
Other liabilities	226	
Total liabilities	32,409	
Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus	0	

#### EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,000
Surplus	1,000
Undivided profits and capital reserves	817
LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities	0
Total equity capital	2,817
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	N/A
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	2,817
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	35,226

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

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Directors

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JANUARY 26, 1992  
Date

# Girl Scouts go to Amarillo

Spearman Junior Girl Scout Troop 126 traveled to Amarillo last Saturday to tour the American Quarter Horse Museum. The girls commented that they were very impressed with the displays and that they enjoyed trying their hand at being jockeys on the "horses."

After having supper they attended a performance of the Kwahadi Indian Dancers of Boy Scout Troop 80 in Amarillo. The Boy Scouts performed re-enactments of traditional Indian ceremonial dances. They have traveled and studied different tribal dances from all over the country, and practice and reproduce the "costumes" to produce both an educational and entertaining evening.

Girl Scout troops in Spearman are now taking orders for Girl Scout cookies through Feb. 10. There are seven kinds of cookies offered, including thin mint, trefoils (shortbread cookies), tagalongs (cookies covered with peanut butter and topped with chocolate), Dosi-dos (oatmeal cookies filled with peanut cream), Chalet cremes (lemon or vanilla cream assortment), and the new Golden Nut Clusters (chewy caramel and pecans on a cookie, covered with a light maple flavored coating). Cookies are priced at \$2.50 per box.

Proceeds from the sale of the cookies go toward each individual girl's campership, based on how many boxes they sell. A campership may be used to pay a girl's way to one of the summer camps with may



Junior Girl Scout Troop 126 from Spearman made a trip to Amarillo and attended a performance of the Kwahadi Indian Dancers from Boy Scout Troop 80, Amarillo. Some of the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts include (front row, l-r) Jeana Kunselman, Kristy Carbajal, (back row, l-r) Dawn Loomis, Brad, Jennifer Laxson, Tyson Forrester and Krista Dement.

last from three to 11 days, depending on the grade level. The campership may also be used to pay a girl's way to special trips or to council-wide events during the summer or throughout the year; nation-wide opportunities; and for membership dues for next year.

Anyone who is not contacted by a Girl Scout but who would like to purchase Girl Scout Cookies should contact Carolyn Cummings at 659-2106.

Last Wednesday, as the girls arrived for their weekly meeting, they found the door to the Little

House sealed with red paper. Upon entering, they found the tables decorated with red Chinese lanterns and an envelope for each of them.

Since Feb. 4 was the beginning of the Chinese New Year, it was time to celebrate. The girls were told that this is the lunar New Year of the Monkey; that each child receives red envelopes containing a silver and a gold coin wishing them "New Happiness For a New Year." Other traditions were also discussed.

They were then served egg rolls and egg drop soup. In addition to this, each girl enjoyed raspberry lemonade, a traditional drink served in New Orleans during Mardi Gras (which was also explained to the girls). A dessert from Fiji was served, consisting of coconut, bananas and honey.

While these refreshments were being prepared the troop found the countries around the world which make up the World Association of Girl Guides (what Girl Scouts are called in some countries) and Girl Scouts. They then wrote letters of friendship to a new girl in school, including things that they are doing and what they are interested in, as well as words of welcome.

Spearman Girl Scouts expressed thanks to Gene Cudd, Francis Williams, Roscoe Nelson, Preceptor Epsilon Zeta, Rotary Club and the Moose Lodge for their recent donations to the Spearman Little House Fund. This fund pays for the insurance, utilities and repairs to the "Little House," where the Girl Scouts meet. Funding is entirely local, through donations.

Volunteers are currently needed to help complete texturing on the walls and the ceilings of three rooms in the Little House. Supplies are available - all that is needed is time and effort.

Warm weather will soon be here, and with warmer weather comes the need for an evaporative cooler for the Little House. The donation of an evaporative cooler is also being sought.

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BREAKFAST  
Monday - cereal, toast, juice, milk  
Tuesday - pancakes, sausage, juice, milk  
Wednesday - muffins, cinnamon toast, juice, milk  
Thursday - donuts, cheese toast, juice, milk  
Friday - biscuits, sausage, juice, milk

Monday - Mexican meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, biscuits, salad, fruit, milk  
Tuesday - chicken fried steak, potatoes, gravy, blackeye peas, salad, rolls, milk  
Wednesday - hot dogs, chili, beans, tater tots, fruit, milk  
Thursday - roast, potatoes, gravy, salad, rolls, mixed vegetables, jello, milk  
Friday - pizza, salad, fruit, ice cream, milk

Monday - chicken patties, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, butter, almond butter, fruit, milk  
Tuesday - frito pie, pinto beans, buttered carrots, corn bread, butter, fruit, milk  
Wednesday - grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew, fruit, cake, milk  
Thursday - pizza, tossed salad, dill spears, apple cobbler, milk  
Friday - hamburger, tater tots, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, cookie, milk

A synonym is a word used when you can't spell the word you want.  
—Anonymous

**Roundup from page 6**

Kelp-7 (1-3 pt.), Darian Hawkins-6  
Record: 13-12 (4-1)  
Spearman Boys-JV  
at Stratford, 1\31  
Spr. 35 - Str. 39  
Scoring: Chuck Cook-3 (1-3 pt.), Troy Law-3, Wes Dyess-4, Toby Thompson-8 (1-3 pt.), Justin Boyd-2, Matt Archer-3 (1-3 pt.), Sherman Jones-3 (1-3 pt.), Jason Varnon-7, Clint Schnell-2

Spearman Boys-9th  
vs. Sunray, 2\3  
Spr. 35 - Sun. 32  
Scoring: Garcia-15 (1-3 pt.), Wilkerson-4 (1-3 pt.), Schneider-2, Furlow-8, Moore-2.  
Spearman Boys-8th  
vs. Sunray, 2\3

Spr. 29 - Sun. 18  
Scoring: T. Blan-7, B. Collins-4, P. Sanders-2, J. Garrett-10, G. Elliott-4, D. Burnett-2  
Spearman Boys-7th  
vs. Sunray, 2\3  
Spr. 33 - Sun. 16  
Scoring: E. Cudd-6, C. Faries-2, J. Howard-2, B. Beedy-6, B. Savage-9, V. Baumgarner-4, D. Miller-2, T. Loomis-2

Spearman Boys-Varsity  
Vs. Sunray, 2\4  
Spr. 50 - Sun. 47  
Cody Pipkin - 17, Brian Beck - 14 (1-3 pt.), Russell Shaver - 11 (2-3 pt.), Khrris Kelp - 2, Brady Reed - 4 (1-3 pt.), Darian Hawkins - 2.  
Record: 14-12 (5-1)

Spearman Boys-JV  
Vs. Sunray, 2\4  
Spr. 44 - Sun. 28  
Chuck Cook - 2, Cass Lasater - 2, Wes Dyess - 5, Toby Thompson - 10, Matt Archer - 2, Dee Mayfield - 2, Sherman Jones - 2, Jason Varnon - 13, Clint Schnell - 6.

Spearman Girls-Varsity  
Vs. Sunray, 2\4  
Spr. 46 - Sun. 33  
Mendy Lasater - 7, Jill Lusby - 7 (1-3 pt.), Michelle Garnett - 4, Joy Gafford - 8 (2-3 pt.), Kimbre Townsen - 3 (1-3 pt.), Tamri Townsen - 11, Laura Pearson - 6.  
Record: 25-2 (6-0)  
Spearman Girls-JV  
Vs. Sunray, 2\4  
Spr. 57 - Sun. 12  
Ashly Shieldknight - 6, Holly Jarvis - 16, Carrie Pearson - 11, Lisa Lillard - 2, Sara Sanders - 12, Telie OQuin - 10.



Cheerleaders from both Gruver and Spearman served the 200 guests at the Hansford Heart Association's banquet and auction fund-raiser. The cheerleaders were a real help, according to banquet co-chair Ann Turner. They fit in nicely with the banquet's high school football theme, "Kick Off For Hearts." Guests were able to come dressed as they were when they were in high school.

**Obituaries**

**Eddie Babbs**  
Eddie Babbs, 82, of Gruver died Thursday, Jan. 30.

Mr. Babbs, born in Walnut, Kan., moved to Spearman 32 years ago from Borger. He married Ellen Wheat in 1943 at Fort Wayne, Ind. He was an assistant supervisor for J.M. Huber Co. for 35 years. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving in Europe. He was a Mason, a member of the American Legion and a member of the First Baptist Church of Spearman.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Judy Murray of Alvin; three sons, Larry Babbs and Mike Babbs, both of Gruver, and Chris Babbs of Lubbock; and nine grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Saturday, Feb. 1 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Russ Gibbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center of Amarillo or to the American Cancer Society.

**Kathleen Stribling**  
MIAMI - Kathleen Stribling, 90, died Monday, Feb. 3.

Mrs. Stribling, born in Fort Worth, had been a resident of Miami since her childhood. She married David Wesley Stribling in 1920 at Miami. He died in 1958. She was a member of the First Christian Church where she taught Sunday school for many years. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star No. 98 and the North Plains Club.

Survivors include a son, Clinton Stribling of Mobeetie; a daughter, Davaleen Schroder of Spearman; a sister, Palasteen Drum of Pampa; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. in First Christian Church with the Rev. Kevin Hollowell, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Miami Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church.

**Carolyn Sue Lawler**  
CANYON - Carolyn Sue Lawler, 50, died Thursday, Jan. 30.

Mrs. Lawler, born in Sayre, Okla., had been a resident of Canyon since 1976. She worked as an x-ray technician at Palo Duro Hospital. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Scott Lawler of Canyon and Marty Lawler of Phoenix; four sisters, Nell Benton of Spearman, Mary Jane Harvey and Opa Tatum, both of Pampa; and a brother, Ralph Gossett of Escalon, Calif.

Memorial services were conducted Saturday, Feb. 1 in First United Methodist Church in Canyon with the Rev. Richard Bales, pastor, officiating.

**J.E. Taylor**  
LITTLEFIELD - J.E. "Earl" Taylor, 76, of Austin, died Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Mr. Taylor, born in Florien, La., was a former Spearman, Dimmitt and Littlefield resident. He married Hazel Lippard in 1936 at Clovis, N.M. He was a farmer. He was a member of T. Neil Porter Masonic Lodge No. 1354 at Austin and a 32nd degree Mason. Mr. Taylor was past master and past district deputy grand master of the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of Khiva Temple Shrine in Amarillo, the Order of the Eastern Star and Oak Hill United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Earlyne Gee of Austin; two brothers, Vernon Taylor of Lubbock and Prentis Taylor of San Diego; a sister, Edna Sewell of El Paso; a granddaughter; and a great-grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Feb. 1 in Hammons Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Wesley Daniel, retired Methodist pastor, officiating. Masonic graveside services were in Littlefield Memorial Park.

The family requests memorials be to the Masonic Crippled Children's Hospital in Dallas.

**Vestal D. Prater**  
Graveside services were conducted Tuesday, Jan. 28 in Spearman for Vestal D. Prater, 62, of Eatonville, Wash.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; a daughter, Glenna, a son, Mike, five grandchildren; one brother, Ivy, of Dalhart; two sisters, Neva Day of Randlett, Okla. and Verna Mapes of Clayton, N.M.

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