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### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2004**

### WORLD NEWS

Ivan devastates Grenada ST. GEORGE'S. Grenada — Hurricane Ivan made a direct hit on Grenada with ferocious winds, caus-ing "incalculable damage" and killing at least nine people as it turned concrete homes into rubble and hurled hundreds of the island's landmark red zinc roofs through the air, officials said Wednesday.

Russia offers cash for tips MOSCOW — A wounded Russia threatened Wednesday to strike against terrorists "in any region of the world," offered a \$10 million reward for information leading to the killing or capture of Chechnya's top rebel leaders, and criticized the United States for its willingness to hold talks with Chechen separatists.

Mine fire in Turkey Kills 19 NKARA, Turkey — A fire raged through a copper mine in northern Turkey on Wednesday, killing 19 workers and injuring 17 others. Rescuers were searching the smokeclogged shafts to make sure no one was left inside. The miners were trapped nearly 500 feet beneath the urface.

Iran, Europe hold nuke talks TEHRAN, Iran — Iran confirmed Vednesday it was holding talks with Europe on freezing some nuclear activities but said it won't give up its plan to control the whole nuclear fuel cycle, from mining uranium to nriching it.

### North Korea warns of 'arms

race' SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Wednesday warned of a "nuclear arms race" in Northeast Asia following the recent revelation that South Korean scientists enriched a tiny amount of uranium four years ago, a news report said igo, a news report said.

120 defy head scarf ban PARIS — Some 100 to 120 girls have defied France's ban on Islamic head scarves in school, the education inister said Wednesday, and at lea

tem.

# HCHD Designated Level IV Trauma Center

After many months of hard work, preparation, education, and most of all, dedication of the hospital staff, the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Bureau of Emergency Management has designated Hansford County Hospital District (HCHD) as a Level IV Trauma Center. What this says about Hansford Hospital Physicians and staff is that they have met an extensive list of eligibility criteria for treatment of emergency room trauma patients. The qualifying criteria include Physicians and Nursing staff obtaining certification in trauma care.

All of HCHD physicians who cover the ER are Advanced Trauma Life Support [ATLS] certified and all RN nursing staff covering the ER are Trauma Nurse [TNCC] certified. Additional criteria includes: obtaining appropriate equipment, documentation requirements, and timeliness of the care provided. Various policies and procedures were developed for the provision of care of trauma patients.

TDH states that the survival rate of trauma patients increases if Level IV Trauma facilities like HCHD are prepared to stabilize and transfer all major and severely injured trauma patients to a higher level of care.

"I am very proud of our Hospital District," states Joann Schneider, RN Director of Nursing/Trauma Coordinator. "Without the support of the Board of Directors, Physicians, Administration, and most of all the hospital nursing staff (they are the best around) this would not have been possible. Becoming Level IV Trauma designated has been a goal of mine since I went to work for HCHD two-and-a-half years ago, and I would like to say thank you to all for helping me to reach this goal."

"We are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated medical staff, clinical support and leadership team here at HCHD," states Steve Hartgraves, District CEO. "This milestone achievement will serve Hansford and surrounding counties for years to come."

"Hansford County Hospital has made significant strides in the last three years in improving and updating their healthcare system," states Dr. Mark Garnett, DO. "The Level IV Trauma designation shows that HCHD is on par with other hospitals in the ability to provide quality emergency healthcare to the residents of our county. I am excited and proud to be a member of this healthcare sys-



The LifeStar helicopter transfers a patient from Hansford Hospital to an Amarillo hospital.



five boys from the country's tiny Sikh community have been barred from class for refusing to remove heir turbans.

U.S. warplanes rock Fallujah FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. warplanes hammered suspected militant strong-holds in Fallujah on Wednesday after a suicide bombing there and a series of attacks in Baghdad pushed the number of U.S. military deaths in the Iraq campaign past 1,000.

**Death toll brings home pain** DERBY, Kan. — As the death toll for U.S. personnel in Iraq passed 1,000 Tuesday, much of the nation was transfixed by hurricanes and presidential politics.

Juan Valdez for sale BOGOTA. Colombia — The Colombian Coffee Growers' Federation plans to offer \$23.5 million in stock in its Juan Valdez coffee shop chain on the Colombian Stock Exchange, taking the company pub-lic, the head of the country's Coffee Federation told Reuters Wednesday.

Tensions rise in Caucasus BESLAN, RUSSIA — Grief is turn-BESLAN, RUSSIA — Grief is turn-ing to anger and deepening tension here in the Caucasus as Russia Tuesday took a second day of nation-al mourning — and the residents of Beslan buried another 100 loved ones. For people throughout this small town, the school-hostage tragedy is viewed through the lens of a brutal historic rivalry.

### WASHINGTON NEWS

Bush backs intel President Bush told members of Congress on Wednesday he supports giving a new national intelligence director strong budgetary authority over much of the nation's intelligence community, a key provision in the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations.

Greenspan upbeat Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Wednesday the economy has "regained some traction" after a late spring slowdown that was triggered by a sharp spike in oil prices.

Shuttle costs top \$2B NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe said Wednesday the cost of fixing all that ails the space shuttle fleet could top \$2.2 billion — double the estimated price tag given to Congress a year ago.

**Doctors blast Medicare cuts** Proposed cuts in Medicare payments for cancer drugs will be nearly dou-ble Bush administration estimates, potentially limiting access to care, according to a survey of cancer doctors.

Detainee to go free A U.S. military panel has determined that one detainee at the U.S. prison for terrorism suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was incor-rectly classified an "enemy combat-ant" and will be allowed to return to his home country, Navy Secretary Gordon England said Wednesday.

### **TEXAS NEWS**

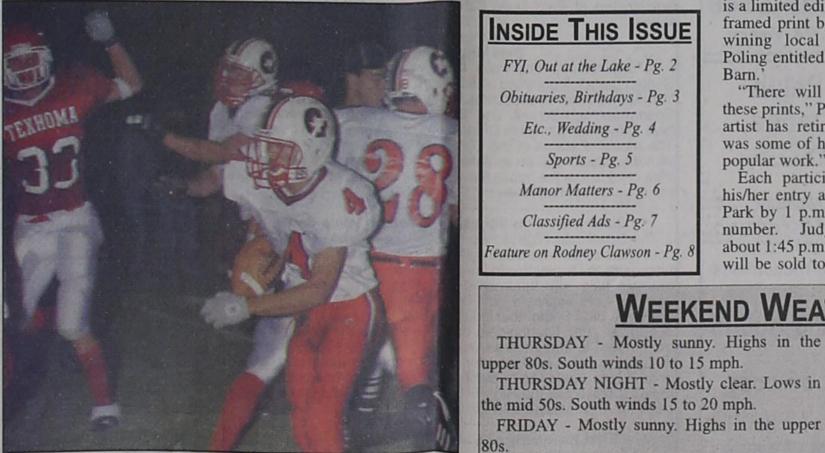
Texans say war necessary Houston - Most Texans still say that the war in Iraq was necessary, but the level of support has dropped, accord-



Hansford County Hospital District staff obtaining certification in trauma care include (L-R) Dr. Abhu Sharma, Joann Schneider (RN Director of Nursing/Trauma Coordinator), and Dr. Mark Garnett.



Kylie McGaha (64) Eric Flores (60) clear the way for Isaac Herndon as he gains a first down for the Lynx in their 46-6 victory over the White Deer Bucks on Friday.



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H&S EMS are a vital part of the care received by patients in Hansford County. Three members of the EMS personnel are (L-R): Jason Kirksey, Bea Comp and Kevin Harris.



LaNelle Polling proudly displays a limited edition framed print that she has donated for a raffle to benefit the Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum in Fritch.

### **Fritch celebrates** 'Howdy Neighbor Day'

& Wildlife Museum will be hosting a Chili Cook-off on Howdy Neighbor Day, ing of the aquatic exhibits is September 18, 2004 at the going well thanks to Home Fritch City Park at 1 p.m.

"Last year we had something similar and it was a great success," Shelda Pingree, museum director stated. "This year we want to give folks the same opportunity to support the museum while having a little through raffles, the cook-off, fun in the process."

Pingree said there is a \$10 entry fee and a form to fill out prior to the contest. First prize is a limited edition, handsomely framed print by national award wining local artist, LaNelle Poling entitled 'Out Behind the Barn.

these prints," Pingree said. "The Tickets for either are available

The Lake Meredith Aquatic small fee to benefit the Aquatic Rehab Project.

> Pingree said that the rebuild-Depot of Amarillo who have a team of experts working weekly to rebuild the exhibits.

"The Aquatic Rehab Project is making great success," Pingree stated. "We are hoping to continue to get more funding and the bouncy house we will have at Howdy Neighbor Day to help make it easier for people to support the aquarium project."

The raffles include a Remington Model 11-87 Premier autoloading shotgun and a pair of Z-Coil shoes (size arn.' to be determined by winner) "There will be no more of donated by Dr. Bard Rogers. artist has retired and this one at the museum and in the Fritch

ig to the Texas Poll. Fifty-six cent of the 1,000 adults asked last month said the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over. In May, a similar poll found that 62% agreed with President Bush's decision to aunch the war.

### South Texas college students copying textbooks Brownsville - South Texas college

students who want to save money are heading to Mexico to copy their text-books before returning them for a refund. For about \$13, students can copy an entire 300-page textbook in Matamoros. New books cost from \$20, to prove them \$100 in S20 to more than \$100 in Brownsville. A dean at the University of Texas at Brownsville said students could face disciplinary action for copying the texts. Duplicating copyrighted material violates federal law.

For full coverage of these and other stories, visit www.usatoday.com.

Gruver's Ivan Briones runs for the goal line in the Hounds 13-0 win over Texhoma.

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upper 50s.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the

was some of her best and most City Park on Howdy Neighbor popular work."

Each participant must have his/her entry at the Fritch City Park by 1 p.m. and draw for a will be sold to the public for a up.

Day.

Pingree said to get a form for the chili-cook off just call 857-2458, or go by the museum at number. Judging will begin 101 N. Robey (under the water about 1:45 p.m. and all leftovers tower) in Fritch and pick one

#### WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the THURSDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. upper 80s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s.

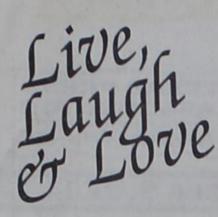
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### IFESTYLE

### The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman





by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My dear friend Sally Desimone sent me the following article entitled "Laugh!" It was written by Peter McWilliams. I hope you enjoy it, and I hope you laugh often.

Laugh! Many years ago, Norman Cousins was diagnosed as "terminally ill." He was given six months to live. His chance for recovery was one in 500.

He could see that the worry, depression and anger in his life contributed to, and perhaps helped cause, his disease. He wondered, "If illness can be caused by negativity, can wellness be created by positivity?"

He decided to make an experiment of himself. Laughter was one of the most positive activities he knew. He rented all the funny movies he could find -Keaton, Chaplin, Fields, the Marx Brothers. (This was before VCRs, so he had to rent the actual films.) He read funny stories. He asked his friends to call him whenever they said, heard or did something funny.

His pain was so great he could not sleep. Laughing for 10 solid minutes, he found, relieved the pain for several hours so he could sleep.

He fully recovered from his illness and lived another 20 happy, healthy and productive years. (His journey is detailed in his book, Anatomy of an Illness.) He credits visualization, the love of his family and friends, and laughter for his recovery.

Some people think laughter is a waste of time. It is a luxury, they say, a frivolity, something to indulge in only every so often. Nothing could be further from the truth. Laughter is essential to our equilibrium, to our well-being, to our aliveness. If we're not well, laughter helps us get well; if we are well, laughter helps us stay that way. Since Cousins' ground-breaking subjective work, scientific studies have shown that laughter has a curative effect on the body, the mind and the emotions. So, if you like laughter, consider it sound medical advice to indulge in it as often as you can. If you don't like laughter, then take your medicine - laugh anyway. Use whatever makes you laugh - movies, sitcoms, Monty Python, records, books, New Yorker cartoons, jokes, friends. Give yourself permission to laugh - long and loud and out loud - whenever anything strikes you as funny. The people around you may think you're strange, but sooner or later they'll join in even if they don't know what you're laughing about. Some diseases may be contagious, but none is as contagious as the cure...laughter.



Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering on Saturday, September 11th at the First United Methodist church in Panhandle (600 Main Street). A pot luck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. A communion and worship service will follow at 7 p.m. Sponsors training will be held after that. Nursery will be provided. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

### Hansford Golf Club "Cash Ball"

Hansford Golf Club is making plans for its annual Golf Cash Ball. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 2, at the O'Loughlin Center. The Vera Brothers Band will be the entertain-ment once again this year. Tickets which will be \$50.00 each will go on sale the first week in September and be available from any golf club board member. Each ticket will provide not only an evening of great food and entertainment, but also a chance at the cash prize drawings. Due to continuing liability issues for the golf club and the O'Loughlin Center, this year's event will be BYOB. If you have questions or would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Sheri Benton at 659-2231 or 659-3568 for more information.

#### **Breast Cancer Screening Clinic**

The bon and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on September 27, 2004. 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. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Thriftshop Posts New Policy Effective immediately, Hansford County Library has a policy barring children under 12 from the Thriftshop and the surrounding area outside. No strollers or buggies of any type are allowed in the Thriftshop. This policy is due to overcrowding in a small area and continuing discipline problems. We ask shoppers to be considerate of our volunteers as well as other shoppers and leave children under 12 at home.

Fundraiser for Christ Redeemer Catholic Church The Christo Redentor Catholic Church of Gruver is holding a drawing for a 2004 Chevy Aveo. Tickets are \$10 each, and all pro-ceeds will benefit the Church. The drawing will be held on December 12, 2004. Tickets are available at Sergio's Body Shop, Annie's Fashions and Amigo's Cafe, or from any member of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Norma Vargas at 659-2018.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Sponsors Jamaica Weekend The Sacred Heart Catholic Church is hosting a Jamaica Weekend. Festivities will begin with a dance at the O'Loughlin Center on Saturday, September 11, 2004 from 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. The band for the dance will be Amenaza Norlena, along with D.J. Vargas. Tickets for the dance will be \$10 per person. The Jamaica will be held on Sunday, September 12th from 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. at Swimming Pool Park in Spearman. There will be lots of food, games, prizes and live entertainment. Everyone is invited to attend this fun-filled event.



Lake Level--September 6, 2004--34.39 feet (down 4.5 inches)

In June of 1991, after the dam had closed that May, the Lake level was 35.5 feet.

For the Labor Day Weekend there were 11 RVs on the north side and seven on the office side with quite a few tent campers around the lake and some in the Park area.

June Barkley hosted the annual Barkley family reunion over the weekend. She started out with a catered luncheon by Cattle Call on Saturday at the shelter. There were 57 of the family there with only Herman's family not represented. June said it was a great place to start the fun. Tim and Teresa Barkley invited the group into Gruver for food and fellowship that evening. On Sunday there was a golf tournament at Guymon that 22 took part in.

The Mini-Boat Bass Club is having a tournament at the Lake next weekend. Jim has noticed several of their members fishing the Lake in preparation for the contest.

For you that try to keep up with the animals in the Park, watch out for a fox. Jim said last Friday night when he had come half way home from the entrance he stopped the car and began to watch the stars. He saw movement ahead of him and thought it would be a coyote.

When he turned his spotlight on it, the animal froze in the light, and he could get a good look. It was a coyote color with a white patch on its throat and the size of a coyote pup. However, it was evident it was not a coyote but a fox. The description sounds like that of a gray fox.

Since I have been hoping some of the swift or kit foxes would turn up, I was disappointed. It's been a long time, though, since we have had anyone mention seeing a fox.

The article by the Irish journalist in last week's paper on the benefit at the Stavlo Ranch was interesting. Leona Stavlo said there were two errors in the piece when I asked about the store that was mentioned.

Paul had told the journalist about the stores at Adobe Walls and it seems she confused that with a store at the headquarters. The other error was the 1943 date the Emil Knutson family acquired the ranch -- that should have been 1942.

The mention in another article of the place (Stavlo Ranch) once being the Alamo Ranch made me realize that I had a blank spot in my memory of its history. If any reader could help me learn more about the Alamo Ranch, I would appreciate hearing from you.



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 :)



### See You At The Pole

Lifting up prayers for America, students throughout the U.S. will join other teenagers in prayer around the world on Wednesday, September 15. They will observe the 15th annual See You at the Pole (SYATP), a grass-roots prayer event that began in Texas in 1990, bringing students to their school flagpoles to intercede for their leaders, schools, and families. "Ascend: Clean Hands. Pure Head" is the 2004 theme auties from Basim 24.2.4 Heart" is the 2004 theme, quoting from Psalm 24:3-4.

Food Manager Training Offered September 20-21 The Texas Cooperative Extension of Hansford and Ochiltree counties will offer a Food Manager certification course called "Food Safety: It's Our Business" on September 20-21. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ, 121 S. Haney in Spearman. The course fee of \$79 includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination. For details about the course, contact Peggy Winegarner at (806) 659-4131.

Intermediate-Advanced Microsoft Word Computer Class Have you ever wondered if there's more to word processing than just 'word processing?' There is! Come and learn to completely tai-lor MS Word to your needs and learn to make all of your word pro-cessing tasks easier and faster. (Prerequisite: Computer knowl-edge of MS Word and basic computer knowledge.) Call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Program, 659-3233 to sign up for this class. Class time and dates will be determined if the interest is there for a class.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Meeting The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District will hold a called meeting on September 13, 2004 at 10 a.m. in the NPWD office in Dumas. The following items are on the agenda: 1. Read and act on minutes of July 20, 2004 Board Meeting; 2. Act on expenditures of District and Review Budgets; 3. Act on Water Well Permits and Notice of Violation of Rule 15 (Required Equipment on Wells for the Protection of Groundwater Quality); 4. Report from Building Committee; 5. Discuss SCS Water Conservation Trailers; 6. Consideration and possible adoption of the 2004 – 2005 District Budget (Executive Session to consider staff salaries if needed); 7. Consideration and possible action of the 2004 – 2005 North Plains North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Meeting Consideration and possible action of the 2004 – 2005 North Plains Research Field Budget; 8. Consider and possible adoption of the 2004 Tax Rate for the District; 9. Distribution of Draft of Proposed District Rules; 10. Manager's Report; 11. Weather Modification Program and General discussion (The meeting will recess and reconvene in the North Plains Weather Modification office at the Meeting County Airport); 12. Set Next Board Meeting, Date and Moore County Airport); 12. Set Next Board Meeting Date and Adjournment.

Spearman FFA to Host Homecoming Barbecue The Spearman FFA will host a homecoming barbecue dinner Friday, September 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the school cafete-ria. The cost is \$5.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

Benefit Fund Established for Denise Volden Wylie Denise Volden White, a 1974 graduate of Spearman High School, has been diagnosed with a rare blood disease, Coproporphyria. This disease is life-threatening, and has already started to affect her liver and kidneys. Denise is being sent to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. on October 4 to see if a cure can be found. Due to mounting medical bills, her family is asking friends and community members to donate anything they can to help. Donations may be made at First State Bank, or placed in contain-ers located at Palo Duro Cafe, Allsup's and Dreamer's Beauty Salon. Salon.

### Saw You At The Pole

A "Saw You At The Pole" event will be held on Wednesday, September 15, beginning at 5:30 p.m., as a follow-up to the "See You At The Pole" event scheduled for September 15th at 7 a.m. at Spearman High School. The "Saw You At The Pole" event will be held at the First Christian Church, and refreshments will be served. The movie "Baseign of the Christ" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. The movie "Passion of the Christ" will be presented at 6:30 p.m., with discussion and an invitation to follow. Any parent not wanting their child to see the movie may pick their child up at 6:30. For more information, contact Keith Hight at 659-5555.

To schedule your complimentary Skin Age Analysis, call Stephanie Brock at 659-1774

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Spearman High School Band selling Value Cards The Spearman High School band is once again selling the discount cards that have been such a hit in the past. The band is planning a trip to Disney World in April, and would appreciate the com-munity's help with fundraising. The ValueCards will sell for \$10 each and are available until September 17, 2004. The discounts are good until September 2005, and may be used over and over during the year. Cardholders may also access the Web site listed on the card to find more savings in other towns in Texas. There is a number printed on the bottom of each card for use as an access code. If you would like to purchase a card, but have not been con-tacted, please call the High School at 659-2584 and leave a message for Anne Marie Holland or Sherrie Gwin.

### First Assembly of God presents 'Desert Reign'

The First Assembly of God church presents the band "Desert Reign" in concert on September 15th at 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 401 N. Bernice. There is no charge for admission. For more information, go to www.desert-reign.org.

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### OBITUARIES

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Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

Thank you, Catherine

#### September 9

Birthday - Jantzen Dahl, Brian Kaugman, Dora Brian Salgado, Doug Hohertz, Arjona, Kitty Daiana Frost, Edwards, Joyce Krystal Lackey, Debbie Abston, Jeannie Swan, Brian Payne, Merle Arthur, Alvin Byers, Tina Baumgardner, Nikki Boyd, Kitty Edwards, **Dynell Vera Moore** 

Anniversary - M/M Kyle Williams, Brad & Dodie Beedy

### September 10

Donnie Birthday -Osborne, Michael Minter, Derek Kuehl, Lil Turner, Rosa Alexander, Don Moore, Jeff Hand, Makala Weakly, Rosa Scott Wilkerson, Rodriquez, Susan Harnish, Chris Lopez, Janett Trosper, Quentin Shieldknight, Jarick Howard, Brent Collins, Kami Hammonds

### Anniversary - M/M Pedro Garza

### September 11

Birthday - Erika Stedje, Gary Lynn Evans, Ginger Pittman, DaVonna Daharsh, Jimmy Jackson, Jim Davis, Teresa Pipkin, Clarence Mitchell, Tony Pacheco Jr., Julia Wofford, Everette Layton, Angela Lomeli, Watley, Janice Jean Laughlin, Trey Duke Anniversary - Rusty & Judy Tindell, Buck & Beatrice Self

September 12 Birthday - Linda Haight, Evi Meyer, Carrie Ann Guthrie, Deanne Gilley, Connie Shields, Issabella Hermosellio, Peggy Varnon, Ty Martin, Quincy Graber, Roland Graber, Chasidy Thomas, Charles Elliott Anniversary - M/M Wayne Kruse September 13 Birthday - Alice Alvarez, Mindy Davis, Aaron Frick, Pam Harris, Kevin Holt, B.J. Renner, Jimmy Beeson, Carol Hergert, Hadley Reed, Terry Cook, Jim Baker, Burt Williams, Charolette Jackson, Keri Holt, Kalib Nash

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September 14 Birthday - Max Clawson, Justin Duncan, William O'Connell, Johnny Dunnihoo, Allen Hart, Robin Snider, Ken Schneider, Gregg VanBuskirk, Clayton Williams, Velma Sanders, Doug Holmes, Steven Steven Salazar, Joel Stark, Debbie

#### Canto September 15

Birthday - Les Barkley, Dan Ralston, Karen Durham, Becky Byers, Misty Dawn Villarreal, Matt Jones, Audrey Winegarner, Debbie Dingman, Amanda Bowman, Matthew Jones, Arturo Huerta, Gary Vasek Anniversary - M/M Bob Meek, Karen & Buford Babitzke

September 16

Birthday - Marcia Kuehl, Terrell Evans, Jarret Warren, Oscar Rojas Jr., Jason Evans, Leticia Salazar, Frank Galvin, Pauline Winger, Fannie Venneman, Silvia Margy Lopez, Schoenhals Anniversary - M/M Charles Greenwood

### September 17

Birthday - Hugh Bell, Krystle Deeds, Pablo Perez, Glenda Renner, Johnny White, Jan Allen, Helen Melton, Joe Wattier, Teresa Ford, Myrtle Eller, Janna Brock, Robbie Cochran, R.D. McLain, Judy Fredrick, Mario Molina, Dale Wofford, Andrew Cummings, Kayla Swink

Anniversary - M/M Larry Kennedy, M/M Ray Gressett

September 18 Birthday - Betty Davis, Ellsworth, Alton Pat Jackson, Scarlett Jackson, Cary Cates, Mrs. Don Ladd. Donna Phillips, Van

### HUGHLAN DONLANE WHITEFIELD

SPEARMAN - Hughlan Donlane Whitefield, 52, died Tuesday, August 31, 2004.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday, September 3, 2004 in the Church of Christ with Leonard Harper and Danny Hendricks officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

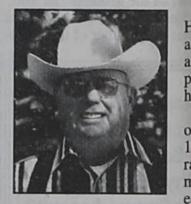
Mr. Whitefield was born November 1, 1951, in Memphis, TX to Harvey "Red" and Larue Whitefield. He had lived in the area since 1961.

Mr. Whitefield married Sharon Scroggs on October 24, 1980, in Spearman. He was a truck driver for Phillips Petroleum and a member of First Baptist Church of Spearman. He was a veteran of the Marine Corps and Marine Reserves.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey "Red" Whitefield. Survivors include his wife; a son, Michael Whitefield and wife, Landi, of Seminole; a daughter, Michelle Hunicutt and husband, Bobby, of South Pittsburgh, TN.; three stepdaughters, Mitzi Mires and Dezi Torres, both of Spearman, and Trixie Daniel of Fairfax, VA; his mother, Larue Whitefield of Spearman; a sister, Janice Mayfield and husband, Fred, of Spearman; three brothers, Harvey Whitefield and wife, Gail, of Canadian, and Ted Whitefield and wife, Cheryl. and Ed Whitefield and wife, Tanja, all of Spearman; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081; or Spearman Children's Home, P.O. Box 475, Spearman, TX 79081.

### RUSSEL ARVAINE HINDMARSH



DELORES, CO - Russel Arvaine Hindmarsh was born on February 25, 1928 at Lakeview, CO, the son of Douglas H. and Arlene (Coppinger) Hindmarsh. He passed away on Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at

his home in Dolores at the age of 76. Russel married Ann Harbour, daughter of Ira and Ouida Harbour, on March 5, 1973 in Las Vegas, NV. He was a devoted rancher and sheepherder who belonged to many livestock organizations. This included the Southwest Livestock Association,

Colorado Wool Growers, National Wool Growers, and was elected the Cattleman of The Year. He also sat on the BLM Advisory Board and the Forest Service Advisory Board. Some of Russel's favorite pastimes included fly-fishing, and four wheeling.

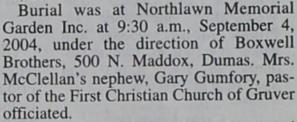
Surviving Russel are his wife Ann Hindmarsh of Dolores; his children, LeAnn Higgins and husband, Danny, Keith and wife, Brenda all of Dolores, Manda Guillette and husband, Mike of Mancos, and Brandon Sloan and wife, Reggy of Dolores. He leaves nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; as well as his brother, Stanley Hindmarsh and wife, Mary of Dolores; and his aunt, Norma Hindmarsh of Dolores.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his two children, Kent, and infant daughter, LuAnn; and his uncle, Russell E. Hindmarsh.

Russel will be missed by everyone whose lives he touched.

### **CECILE ELIZABETH MCCLELLAN**

DUMAS, TX - Cecile Elizabeth McClellan was born in Griggs, OK, on July 26, 1915, to G. C. and Josephine Ravia. She married Ralph McClellan of Gruver, Texas, on May 29, 1939. Ralph preceded her in death in 1995. Cecile got to give Jesus Christ a big hug on August 31, 2004.



A celebration of her life on Earth and rejoice over her eternal life in heaven was held at 11 a.m. in the First Baptist Church in Dumas with Pastor Darrell Wait officiating.

Cecile was a farmer's wife, mother of three, a teacher of science and the Bible. She loved to travel, was a member of the 20th Century Study Club, Retired Teachers Association, READ (Retied Educators Association of Dumas) and Christian Women's Fellowship. She loved to play bridge, Skip Bo and dominoes. She loved her church, Bible study, Sunday school, entertaining, and as she grew older, the Senior Citizen's activities. She loved to cook, garden, do hand-work and painting. She could feed a harvest crew, a big family or a crowd at a church dinner and yet look like a guest.

Cecile and Ralph have been faithful members of the First Christian Church since 1945. They lived and farmed north of Dumas off the Etter/Dalhart Highway, moving to Dumas in 1959.

Beloved "Doc" to her husband and family, she will be missed but not forgotten. We will treasure memories of her humor, her laughter, her perfume, her style of dress and jewelry, her expertise at crossword puzzles, her ability to pack a trunk into an overnight bag, and most of all her generosity and unconditional love.

Children: Dean and Sarah McClellan of New Albany, Ind., David and Lavone McClellan of Crosby, Texas, DiAnn and Billy Don Brown of Dumas, Tex.

Grandchildren: Beth and Richard Sozzi, Anna and Homero Guerrero, Amanda McClellan, Kristi and Bill McCullough, Michael and Cathy McClellan, Daren and Cindy McClellan, Sue and Tommy Fitzgerald, Russell and Annetta Brown and Brooks and Kim Brown.

Great-grandchildren: Jeremy McCullough, Jennifer McCullough, Jonah McClellan, Julianna McClellan, Janci McClellan, Josie McClellan, Justin Brown, Conner Guerrero, Matthew Sozzi, Shayne Johnson, Dillon Johnson, and Jason Bryan.

Sisters: Letha Lucas of Kerrville, Texas, and Alia Jo Meyer of Texhoma, Okla., and many other family members and friends. Sister Lura Ellen Harvey and brother Cleve Hanson Ravia preceded Cecile in death.

Donations can be made to Memorial Hospice or First Christian Church of Dumas.

### JACKIE DEE GRAHAM

SPEARMAN - Jackie Dee Graham, 66, died Monday, Sept. 6,

Hamilton, David Baca, Jamie Townsen Anniversary - M/M Scott Swan

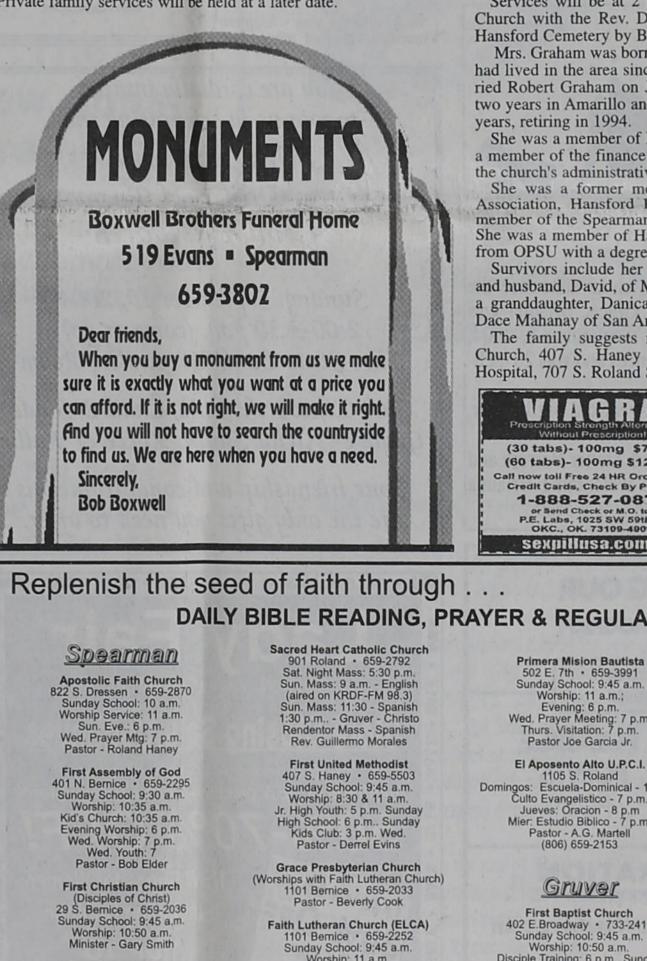
> Birthday - Sally Holt Meek, Carol Hester, Sue Jackson, Tildon Sparks, Don Kunselman, Jim Jones. Amadita Vargas, Alberto Vargas, Randy Kirk, Tammy Woodward, Julie Pittman, **Cassidy Taylor** Anniversary - M/M Dennis Nelson, M/M Tindle Ramón

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Memorial contributions can be made in Russel's memory to Hospice of Montezuma, 1345 S. Broadway, Cortez, Colo. 81321. 2004. Private family services will be held at a later date.



123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.

121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed .: 7:30 p.m.

Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church)

Pastor - Beverly Cook

**Union Church** 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Bill Sparks

**Fellowship Baptist** 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Derrel Evins officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Graham was born in Walsh, Colo., on October 3, 1937. She had lived in the area since 1959, moving from Amarillo. She married Robert Graham on June 3, 1961, in Amarillo. She taught for two years in Amarillo and taught second grade in Spearman for 30 years, retiring in 1994.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, serving as a member of the finance committee and several other positions on the church's administrative council.

She was a former member of Spearman Classroom Teachers Association, Hansford Retired Teachers Association and was a member of the Spearman School District improvement committee. She was a member of Hansford Hospital Auxiliary. She graduated from OPSU with a degree in elementary education.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Michelle Tarver and husband, David, of Memphis and Shanda Graham of Amarillo; a granddaughter, Danica Mahanay of Amarillo; and a grandson, Dace Mahanay of San Angelo.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, 407 S. Haney St., Spearman, TX 79081; or Hansford Hospital, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 790

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**First Baptist Church** Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m. Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Mtg. : 8 p.m. Pastor - Patrick Six

**Church of Christ** 

502 E. 7th · 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m. Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I. 1105 S. Roland Domingos: Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m. Čulto Evangelistico - 7 p.m. Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m Mier: Estudio Biblico - 7 p.m. Pastor - A.G. Martell (806) 659-2153

### 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: 7:00 p.m. Minister - Gaylord Cook

**First Christian Church** 510 King • 733-2960 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Youth: 7:30, Su

**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 - George Price

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

### <u>Oslo</u>

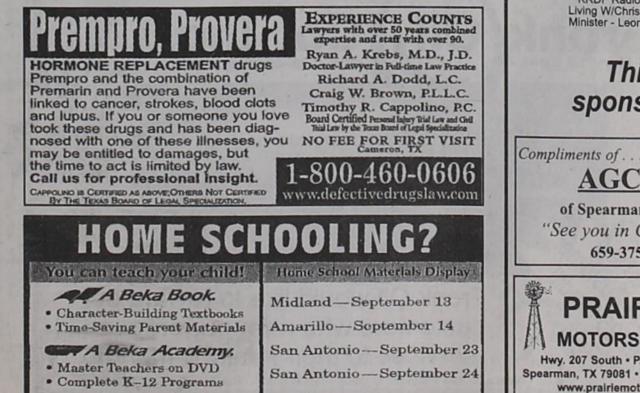
**Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)** 6 Miles West & 12 Mile North of Gruver 339-7709 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Pastor - Paul Fiske

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# Hansford County

"See You At The Pole" All three county school districts will be observing "See You at the Pole' day, Wednesday, September 15. Pringle Morse students will gather at 8:10 a..m., Gruver students at 7:45 a..m., and Spearman at 7:00 a.m.

#### ..... **Cross Country**

Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes and the Gruver Greyhound Cross Country teams will compete in Perryton on Saturday, September 11. The meet will begin with Junior High running at 8:30 a.m.

### Gruver

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### **Cluck to be Honored**

Gruver fans will want to early at the arrive Gruver/Panhandle game Friday night. There will be a jersey presentation to the family of Colt Cluck at 7 p.m.

Cluck who would have been a senior on the Hound football team, was on two young people killed in an SUV accident in early summer.

Lions Club Guest Announced Seth Clemmons and the tobe-announced September student of the month will be Lions Club guests September 15.

### **Hounds to Host Panhandle**

The Hounds, playing at home for the first time this season, will host the Panhandle Panthers in a game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A fifth quarter gathering will be hosted by the United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall. All high school

### Spearman

Spearman Lynx @ Stratford The Spearman Lynx will play the Stratford Elks on Friday, September 10, with kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

### **SHS Homecoming**

The Spearman High School will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, September 17th. Homecoming activities will be held throughout the week at SHS. The Lynx will play the Texhoma Red Devils on Friday, with kick-off at 7:30 p.m. Pre-game activities will begin at 7 p.m. The FFA will host a meal at the school cafeteria beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### **Immunization Clinic @ SISD**

An Immunization Clinic will be held at Spearman Jr. High on Tuesday, September 21st from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

### Morse

**Election Set** The Pringle Morse School District will have a rollback tax election Saturday, September 11, at the school building.

**Class To Visit Newspaper** Pringle Morse Junior High will visit the Amarillo Globe Thursday, newspaper, September 16.

### **Gifted/Talented Day Slated**

A gifted and talented day in language arts is set for Friday, September 17, at Pringle Morse School.

### Say, Cheese, Please School pictures will be taken Monday September 20.



### Mrs. Joshua Vincent

Julie Anne May of Gruver and Joshua Franklin Vincent of Hartley were married on Saturday, August 14, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Gruver. Bro. Scott Curry officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Marlos and Rebecca May of Gruver. Grandparents of the bride are Mattie Hodges of Olton and Lois May of Lubbock, both of whom attended the wedding, the late Johnny Hodges and the late Archie May. Great-grandparents of the bride are Athol Light of Olton and the late Ruby Light.

The groom is the son of David and becky Vincent of Hartley. Grandparents of the groom are Nona Goodman of Hartley, LaDean and Chuck Jameson of Checotah, Okla., both of whom attended the wedding, the late Dennis Shulz and the late Calvin Vincent. Great-grandparents of the groom are Bessie Vincent of Dalhart and Letha Cosper of Checotah, Okla.

Matron of Honor was Janie Vincent, sister of the bride. Bridal attendants were Kristina Christian and Sammi Johnson, friends of the bride, and Chloe Hodges, cousin of the bride. The attendants wore turquoise floorlength dresses made by the bride's mother, and carried hand-tied bouquets of white stock. Best man was Stephen

Vincent, brother of the groom.

# May, Vincent wed

Jason May, brother of the bride, Hank Vincent, brother of the groom, and Trent Gates, friend of the groom.

Flower girls were Hannah Vincent, sister of the groom, and Kaylee Brogden, niece of the bride. They wore white tealength dresses and carried baskets filled with flower petals. Ringbearers were Casin Hodges, cousin of the bride, and Colton Brogden, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Andrew Gehm, friend of the bride, Darrenn Elliott and Brooks Thompson, friends of the groom. Candlelighters were Tracy May, sister-in-law of the bride, and Jenna Steinle, friend of the bride. Guests were registered by Amy Watley, friend of the bride.

Music selections were sung by Mark and Heather Hodges, uncle and cousin of the bride -"The Prayer;" Stephen Vincent, brother of the groom - "In You;" and Stephen and Becky Vincent, brother and mother of the groom

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The groom's attendants were - "Take My Life." A special song, "I'll Always Be Your Baby," was recorded and sang by the bride, Julie. Prelude and wedding arrangements were played by Jennie Hodges, aunt

of the bride. The bride was escorted by her father and wore a strapless floor-length formal gown of white satin and chiffon . The bodice and train were adorned with lace, sequins and beads designed by the bride's mother. The elbow-length veil was also adorned with white beads. A separate headpiece of white pearl beads and rhinestones was made by the bride's mother. The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of white with pink-tipped roses arranged by the bride's cousin. The bride had the traditional something new, old, borrowed, and blue.

The reception was held in the First Baptist Church Activities Building. Reception attendants were Bryn Lowe, Amy Watley, Lisa Johnson, and Tracy Dillon, all friends of the bride.

The house party consisted of Debra Ball, Rosemary McKee, and Melba Rasor. The traditional bride and groom's cake with punch and coffee were served.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Gruver High School and is currently taking online classes through West Texas A&M University.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Hartley High School and is a member of the United States Air Force.

The couple will be living in Tucson, Arizona following a honeymoon trip to Angel Fire, New Mexico.



students are invited.



Andrea and Felipe Navarette wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Briauna Grace. Briauna was born at 6:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2004. Briauna weighed 9 pounds, 5 ½ ounces and was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed by her four-year-old big brother, Isaiah.

Proud grandparents are Patsy and Xavier Barrera and Anna and Felipe Navarette. Also welcoming Briauna were Aunt Toby, cousin Bailey and Uncle Mark.



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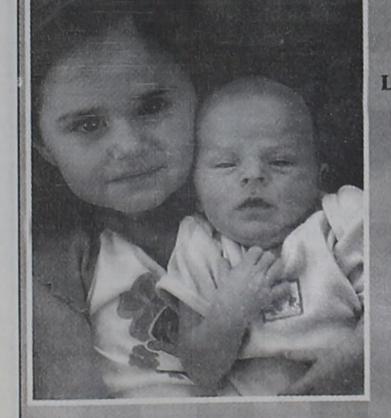
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We will be closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day.







### It's a boy!

Dressed in blue and oh, so dear ... Larson's baby brother is finally here!

> Landon Monte Beck June 26, 2004 at 7:56 a.m. 7 pounds, 14 ounces 20 inches

Parents - Jennifer and Monte Beck Grandparents - John and Nancy **Phillips of Dallas and Verlin &** Audene Beck of Spearman



### COMMUNITY NEWS

Thursday, September 2, 2004 - Page 5

### Lynx skin Bucks, 46-6

### by Harletta Carthel

The Spearman Lynx gave a new meaning to domination with a 46-6 rout of the White Deer Bucks Friday night in Lynx Stadium.

lead, the Lynx put on a show for the Parents night crowd.

Setting the tone for the night, Brock Town scampered 65 yard run on the first play of the game. Following an 18 yard pass completion from Collin Gillespie to Jeff Brock, Town scored on a two yard run at 10:32 in the first quarter.

Halfway through the opening period, Town encored with a three yard run to cap a Spearman drive.

The Lynx scored their third touchdown late in the quarter with a 38 yard run by Clete Vanderberg.

The Gillespie/Brock air show accounted for two touchdowns seven yards and 22 yards.

With the game under the Lynx command, Spearman scored in third quarter on a five yard run by Vanderburg and in the fourth Compiling a 33-0 halftime quarter on a one-yard run by Isaac Herndon.

The Bucks lone score came early in the fourth period on a 19 yard pass play.

"We were very pleased with the Lynx performance," said Coach Ric Smith. "They showed vast improvement over the opening game against Sunray, particularly on the defensive side of the ball. We hope to build on the White Deer game through the non-district games."

The Lynx will travel to Stratford Friday for a 7:30 meeting with the number oneranked team in Class A.

"We are excited about having the opportunity to play the numin the second quarter. The duo ber one Class A team in the

teamed up to score on passes of state," said Coach Ric Smith. "Stratford is a very good football team and the Lynx look forward to the challenge."

Score by Quarters Spearman 21 33 39 46 White Deer 0 0 6 6

Game at a Glance WDB <u>SL</u> First Downs 23 Yards Rushing 322 22 Yards Passing 117 119 Com/Att/Int 7/13/0 11/26/0 Total Yards 439 97 Fumbles/Lost 2/1 1/1 Punts/Avg 1/10 8/31 Penalties/Yds 12/95 7/56

#### **Rushing Leaders**

Brock Town 11 carries for 148 yards, Clete Vanderburg 12 for 135,, JJ Gallegos 4 for 49. **Defensive Leaders** 

Jeff Brock 5catches for 60vards, Caleb Gillespie 1 for 35, Clete Vanderburg 1 for 30.

### Hounds give the Devils their due

### by Harletta Carthel

While Gruver's running game put the points on scoreboard, it was the Hounds' defense that kept Texhoma off the scoreboard in their 13-0 win Friday night.

The Hounds struck early in the first quarter with a fortyyard run by Tyler Lane at 5:30, to take a lead they never relinquished.

Gruver mounted two unsuccessful scoring attempts in the second period. A drive deep in Red Devil territory lost momentum on an illegal procedure call while just before half time a field goal try from the the 14 yard line came up short ...

A stalwart Hound defense keep the Red Devils at bay in the first half with a Sheldon Atwood fumble recovery on the Hound 12 yard line and a pass interception by Lane.

Although the Hounds were thwarted on their first drive of the third quarter when a fourth and ten effort failed on the Texhoma 35, Lane's second interception of the night gave the Hounds a second chance. Returning the ball twenty yards to the Texhoma 25 yard line, Lane pave the way for Ivan Briones touchdown run at 4:35

### in the third period.

Texhoma's next possession was cut short by a fumble recover by Reid Winger on the Red Devil's 30, following a pounding hit by Atwood. The Hounds effort was squelched with an interception just short of the goal line.

The Gruver defense turned up the heat in the fourth quarter with a tackle for loss by Brock Irwin to end a drive inside the Gruver 20, and a fumbled kick recovery on the Gruver 27

Coach Felderhoff praised his defensive and cited linebackers Ryan Winger with 13 tackles, Sheldon Atwood with 12 tackles, and Crispin Borunda with 8 tackles.s

"Tyler Lane also had two interceptions for us, and Ivan Briones had a good game on offense with 12 carries for 84 yards and one touchdown, " Coach Felderhoff said.

"We do need to make sure we finish of drives on offense. Twice we got inside the ten yard line and mistakes or penalties force us to come way without point, "

The Hounds will play their first home game of the season Friday when they host the Panhandle Panthers at 7:30 p.m.

"Overall, we are proud of the boys and the progress we have made." We face another tough opponent, Panhandle, this week," Coach Felderehoff said. "They are a good team and are certainly better than their 0-2 record indicates."

#### **Score by Quarters**

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#### Game at a Glance <u>GG</u> TD

Yards Rushing 230 116 Yards Passing 0 63 Com/Att/Int 0/6/1 3/9/2 230 Total Yards 179 Fumbles/Lost 2/0 2/2 Punts/Avg 3/33 4/29 Penalties/Yds 7/45 6/50

**Rushing Leaders** 

Ivan Briones 12/84, Tyler Lane 2/47. Matt Messer 12/41. Brock Irwin 12/35.

### **Defensive Leaders**

Ryan Winger with seven solos and 6 assists, Sheldon Atwood with six solos and six assists, Crispin Borunda with 5 solos and three assists. cody mac Been with five solos and 2 assists, and Brock Irwin with four solos and three assists.

Hansford Golf Club invites you to our annual fundraiser Hooray for the Red, White & Blue! Saturday, October 2, 2004 7:00 p.m. O'Loughlin Center

### **Cross Country teams shine** in Borger meet

The Spearman Lynxettes captured second place in the Borger Cross Country Meet . School placings were 1. Canyon with 15 points, 2.. Spearman with 60 points, and 3. Borger with 68 points in a field of eight teams and 86 runners.

Individual placings and times for the Lynxettes were 7. Tara Shields: 12:51, 8th Christy Lang 12:53, 11. Melissa Lesly 12::59, 19 Jessica Diaz 13:24, 20. Sony Parker 13:25, 24. Tabitha Shields 13:40, 30 Rosilyn Bulls 13:57, 35. Macy Harbour 14:17.

In the junior varsity division,

the Lynxettes placed third behind Canyon and Borger.

Individual placings and times were 2. Amy Brown 13:31. 4. Amy Boyd 13:50 11. Aleisha Sweat 14:08, 15. Tonya Hart 14:28. 49. Caitlyn Garcia 16:16, 50. Tarryn Dixon 16:21.

In the junior varsity boys division, Javier Frayre placed 31st with a 21:21 while Osvaldo Lomeli was 34th with 21:31.

The Spearman Junior High girls took first placed with 31 points while Gruver placed second with 67 points and West Texas third with 82 points.

Individual placings and their times. were. Leanna Espinosa 13:17, 2. Bond Pittman 13:34, 6. Courtney Chambers 13:54, 13. Ashley Close 15:05, 16. Julia Diaz 15:18, 18. Vicki Renteria 15:24, 19. Chastity Thomas 15: 25.

The Gruver and Spearman Cross Country teams will compete in the Puritan meet at Wolf Creed Saturday. The junior high girls will run at 9:00 a.m., the junior varsity girls at 10:00 a.m., the junior varsity boys at 10:30 a.m., and the varsity girls at 11:00 a.m.



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Contact any member of the Hansford Golf Club Board to purchase your tickets.

### Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District

August 27, 2004

To the Registered Voters of Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District:

The Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D. Administration and Board of Trustees make every effort to be good stewards of your tax dollars and pledge to continue to do so in the future.

The Board of Trustees has proposed a 2004 tax rate of \$1.40 per \$100 valuation, which is 10 cents less than 2003's rate of \$1.50. Although the rate is less than last year, it is still above the rollback rate of \$1.12. The rollback rate is determined by the State based on previous year's revenues. The State says the District should be able to raise enough revenue to operate the school at the rollback rate, but it is simply not possible. The District, therefore, is forced into the rollback process. Extreme fluctuation in oil and gas values from year to year triggered this process.

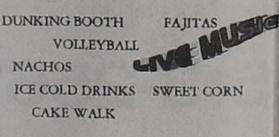
The Board has proposed a tax rate of \$1.40 per \$100 valuation in order to meet the needs of the District. Besides salaries and routine maintenance, the budget includes a bus and a \$275,000 wealth equalization payment to the State. The effective tax rate of \$1.12 will not raise enough revenues to meet the budget.

This letter is to request your support in the September 11 rollback election. The election will provide Pringle-Morse CISD voters with the opportunity to approve the tax rate set by the Board of Trustees. This is a very important election for the school and the community. If the tax rate is not approved, the school will tax at the \$1.12 rate and will expend \$350,000 of the District's fund balance. The School Board zealously maintains the fund balance in order to ensure financial stability for the District.

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Respectfully,

Kent Hargis Superintendent

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Card of Thanks

THANK YOU A "great big thanks," again, to the Spearman EMS team, the whole hospital staff and Dr. Garnett and his staff. May the Lord richly bless you all, Marie Leight

### **Texas Crop, Weather Report**

#### by Stephanie Jeter

beginning, producers in the Texas Panhandle are looking forward to high yields, according to Texas Cooperative Extension. The Panhandle has received more than twice the normal amount of rainfall for the year, and, due to attractive selling contracts within the county, more sunflowers were planted.

Dr. Travis Miller, Texas A&M University associate department head for soil and crop sciences, said sunflowers are used three ways in Texas:

 Confectionary sunflower seeds are typically salted and roasted, and used in salads and other dishes.

processed for cooking oil. The remaining meal is used for livestock feed.

• Some sunflower seeds are used in wild bird feed. According to Ragland, sunflowers help rebuild the soil.

Sunflowers are subject to many diseases and pests, Miller said. Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist said, "The sunflower moth is the single most important insect pest reducing sunflower production in Texas."

Crop rotation, modified plant-With sunflower harvest just ing dates, weed control, wild sunflower control and tillage help reduce insect problems. However, Patrick said, insecticides are often required in Texas.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: soil moisture was short to adequate. Temperatures were slightly below average but rose to above average late in the week. Isolated thunderstorms with scattered showers were reported. Corn was rated fair to excellent. Silage harvest was under way with good reported yields. Sorghum was rated fair to good. Some late-planted dry-· Oilseed sunflowers are land fields may not mature before the first freeze. Headworms were reported in the western portion of the region. Cotton was rated fair to good. The crop needed additional heat to mature. Bollworm infestations were reported. Sunflowers were rated good. Sunflower moth infestations were reported in late blooming fields. Wheat stands were rated good. Soybeans and peanuts were rated good and had no major pest problems. Cattle were rated in good condition.

### NEWS Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Baptist our lives.

Monday started off with our weekly Newscurrents program.

Life Enrichment class. It is a room. The music was resoundvery good teaching by Gary ing all through the halls. It Smalley on relationships.

The Gladiola Flower Club hosted bingo that evening after playing bingo hosted by the supper for the residents. Bingo auxiliary. Thank you to all of is the number one activity of the the auxiliary members that help residents. Thank you to the each and every week of the Flower Club.

Tuesday morning was spent limbering up, stretching, and Sing Along in the living room as strengthening with exercises. The music was fun and the exercises are fun.

After lunch residents met in the activity room to catch the was set up with tables and racks bus to MurMurs for snowcones full of items available for 25 to enjoy while they took a ride cents apiece. The residents had around town and in the country in the new van. It was refreshing to see the countryside and we always enjoy looking at the windmills at Windmill Park. They had erected a new windmill that we had not seen before.

Whitaker. Thank you Ann !! We appreciate all of the volunteers prizes! Thank you to the that help make the resident's Hansford Heroes! quality of life so good here.

The afternoon was spent in Church of Gruver for bringing the activity room as the resichurch services to the Manor. dents continue to work on the You are a very important part of ceramic pieces that they have in progress. They are coming along very nicely.

Thursday morning rocked The afternoon was spent in with Musercise in the living always give all of us a lift.

The afternoon was spent year. They are so very faithful.

Friday morning Janie led the rest of the staff worked on preparing for the 25 cent sale in the afternoon.

After lunch the activity room a great time garage sale-ing. What fun!! What bargains !! We have had many donated items through the years and the residents thoroughly enjoy spending those bingo quarters. We had a really fun afternoon.

Saturday afternoon we had a Wednesday morning Bible crew of Hansford Heroes leadstudy was led by the able Ann ing Crazy Bunko. The residents had a great time vying for the

### The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

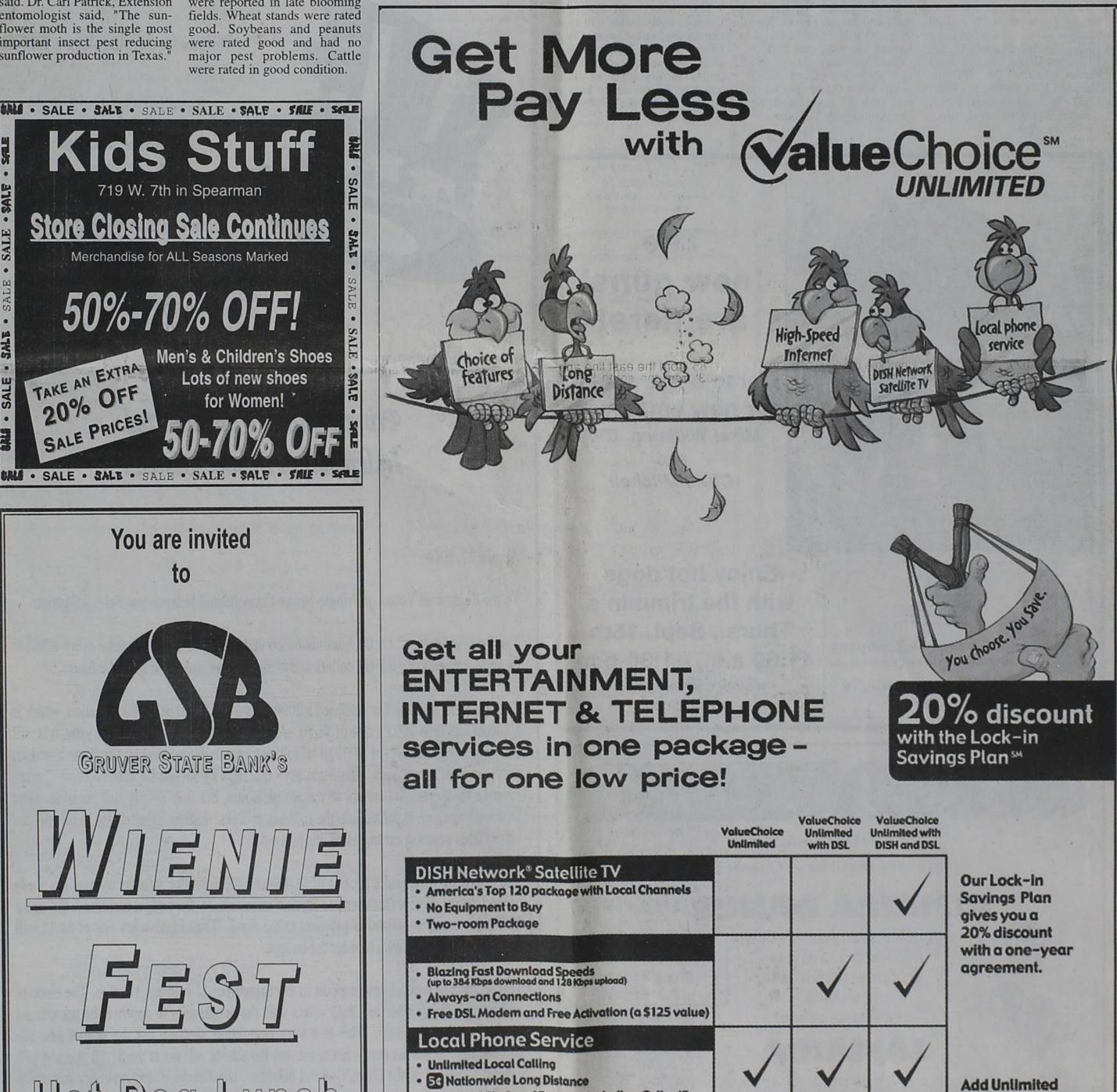


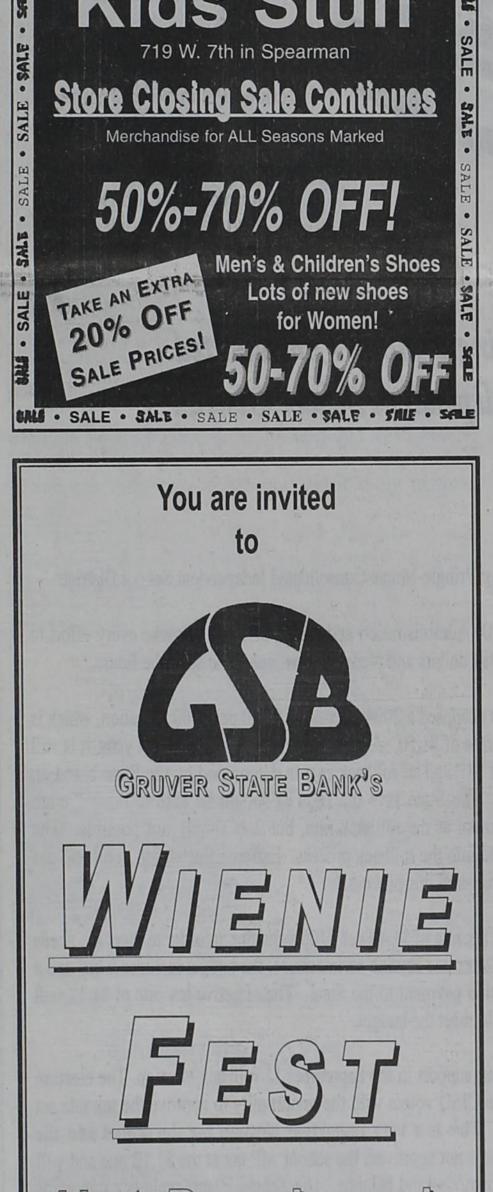
Staff members from the Activity Department at Hansford Manor (L-R) Janie Kunselman, Ernestina Salgado, Sandi Foster and Merry Sparks prepare to load Louis Flowers into the new van purchased for Hansford Manor.

### **Hansford Manor's New Wheels**

The residents and staff at Hansford Manor are wheeling around on cloud nine. On the 24th of August they accepted delivery of the new handicapped equipped van. The lettering and striping for the van have been ordered under the able hand of Steve Hartgraves, HCHD's CEO. The activity department immediately put it into action on the same day since they were trolleying residents back and forth to the alligator ranch the day that it arrived.

The delivery of the van is the culmination of over a year's study and search for the right vehicle. We at the Manor are very appreciative of the administration, the hospital board, maintenance department, families of the residents, and the community at large for their support of the needs of the residents of the Manor. The activity department would like to thank one and all that had participation in this project.





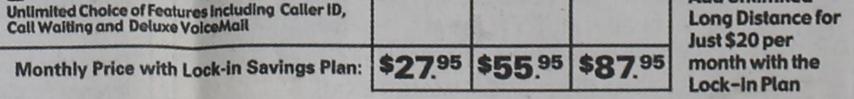
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Austin, Texas August 27, 2004

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF LATIGO PETROLEUM TEXAS LP TO CONSIDER

AN EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE RULE 38 FOR THE COOPER LEASE, WELL NO. 3, HANSFORD (MORROW, UPPER) AND WILDCAT FIELDS, HANS-FORD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq., the RAILROAD COMMIS-SION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on October 4, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conall interested persons that will be conducted in con-formity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled

Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subse-quent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and record-ed with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas. PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission

will enter such rules, regula-tions, and orders as in its judgment the evidence pre-sented may justify. ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received by the Office of General Counsel no later than five (5) Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded Dist/Div: Amarillo Contract 0066-01-016 for SEAL COAT in DALLAM County, etc will be opened on October 14, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. to all parties shown on the

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IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording. ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A

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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the the Applicant's representative, Steve Huntze, at (918) 582-7770. If you have any ques-tions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission,

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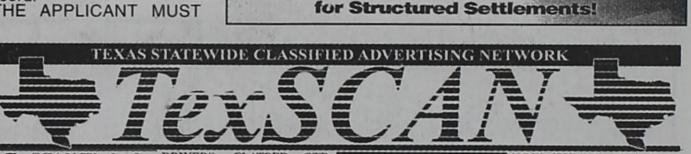
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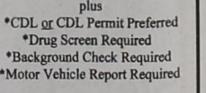
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# Farmer finds fertile ground in country music field

songs) were," Clawson said.

sation with John Rich, a young

man Clawson had coached at

San Jacinto Christian Academy,

who is now a part of "Big and

Rich," a duo taking new form

county music. . "When John and

I visited, he took some of my

demos with him. Artists are

always looking for material,"

Clawson said. "Good songs are

group Richlow was one search-

ing artist who heard Clawson's

"I Cant' Be Your Friend" and

country music fans, and soon

heard the song had made it to

the top 40. It was the first time I

felt like I had arrived as a song-

release of "Sweet Southern

Comfort," a song Clawson

wrote with friend Brad Crister

that Nashville's inner doors

At the suggestion of Traci

The song shot to number three

"The success of the song was

Geerson of Sony Records, the

song was sent to recording artist

where it stayed for six weeks.

But it was last year with the

The song stuck a chord with

'I was driving a tractor when I

chose the song for himself.

appeared on the top 40 list.

writer," Clawson said.

opened.

Buddy Jewell.

Singer Rick Stewart of the

always in demand."

Show.

Ride in 2001.



Rodney Clawson's song "Sweet Southern Comfort" broke new ground on country music charts for the Gruver songwriter.

#### by Harletta Carthel

He may be the only farmer who plows to his own country hit on his tractor's radio.

Rodney Clawson produces not only wheat, corn, and sorghum but also country songs.

Although farming and music have always been a part of Clawson's life, composing songs is not something he envisioned.

"I have sung and played all music all my life, but writing music is something I never planned," Clawson said.

The seed to compose was planted in Clawson's mind by a high school friend and classmate. Andrea (Whitaker) Tucker. The two friends had been in both band and choir together and had competed at the regional and state level during their days at Gruver High School.

"It was in 1994 or 95 when I on the country music charts was talking to Andrea on the phone. After college, she got a

But the fledgling composer copies.

"Nashville's perception of me persisted, and was rewarded has greatly changed. having a when his song "I Will Wait" was selected in 1998 for recording song in the top ten opens doors for you that weren't open by Gary Chapman, a Christian recording artist and star of the before," Clawson. said. T&M Prime Time Country

Building on his success. Clawson spends an average of Other successes followed. 10-12 days each month in Nashville writing songs. "Amarillo Sky," for one, was recorded by McBride and The Although he is a member of the extreme Writers Group, he also The Gruver farmer's next writes alone or with one of two other writers. song cut resulted from a conver-

> "I usually average writing five songs a month, " Clawson said. "I cut demos of the songs which are then marketed to artists and record labels. I had 83 demos last year and 30 or 40 more that never made it to a demo."

As a commuting song writer Clawson is a rare breed.

"I've been told that I am one of only three or four successful song writers who do not live in Nashville.," Clawson said. But I write more than the average writer. I just find it easier to do there (Nashville) because I don't have to worry about shutting down the irrigation sprinklers on the farm or picking kids up."

The farmer/song writer has hopes for a good "harvest' from his song"Johnny Cash" recorded on Tracy Byrd's CD to become a hit as a single and "Stomp" a song recorded by Chris Cagle.

"Usually five of a dozen songs on a album will be made into singles for play on the radio," Clawson said.

Still other seeds this farmer is sowing is a series of songs just completed setting New International Version Bible verses to music for children to memorize, appropriately called

it has now sold over one million profession .. Clawson will appear as a spokes person for the group in Wisconsin in early fall.

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"Of all the songs I've written in song form, "In My Blood." is probably the closest to being about me," Clawson said.

In the song, Clawson tells of his farming legacy through his grandfather and farming and the joys of planting, harvesting, and raising a a family on the farm.

While Nashville beckons, Clawson maintains his home in Gruver and passes much of his time in a tractor.

"I'm kind of a novelty in N.Nashville When someone calls me from there, they are amused that I'm on the tractor and have to tell them to wait until I'm at the end of the row or turn the tractor off to talk to them," Clawson said.

But while Nashville beckons, Clawson maintains his rural roots. Maybe as his songs "Real" says, it's the "Southwest wind in my hair, and I love the way those dirt roads make me feel.Man, that's real!."

IN MY BLOOD Any man with any common sense would've left this farm long ime back

When the markets went to hell and the ground dried up and racked

But every year's gonna be the year we're gonna make it all back And I stand as living proof that it never works out like that So why haven't I had enough

Must be because it's in my blood

### CHORUS:

It's not the money that keeps me drivin' this beat up John Deere-down the rows

Not just my love of the land or my farmer's tan it's out of my ontrol

Can't keep from plowin' the ground or plantin' the send or prayin' for the rain

Cause the dreams of my Dad and Grandad are still runnin' through my veins

It's in my blood—I can't give it up—It's in my blood

From growin' up in the Dust Bowl days Grandad wasn't scared of anything

And after fightin in World War II-he settled down to grown' corn and beans

What more could any man want than a farm-a beautiful wife ind a son

Walkin' through the fields in the morning dew And swingin' on the porch when the day is done And stickin' it out when times get tough Ain't so wonder why-it's in my blood

### BRIDGE:

Sometimes it's a curse—Sometimes it's a blessing And the truth hurts-but it needs confessing Wanna stay so bad-wanna leave so much The only reason I'm still here is-it's in my blood by Rodney Clawson



job with a Christian music publishing company where she had contact song writers and recording artists," Clawson said. "She made the remark to me 'You are a song writer, and you don't even know it.' Then she encouraged me to write something and send it to her."

It took Clawson two years to take Tucker up on her offer. He began to send his songs, and she, in turn, would send her thoughts and suggestions on the songs to him.

"Looking back on my first efforts, I can't believe how unbelievably bad they ( the

phenomenal. It went from writing to recording to topping the charts in 15 months," Clawson said. "The time frame is usually much longer. It can take from 1-2 years after a song is written before it is finally cut (recorded) on a album. Then a song may make it on its own as a single a year later.

At its height, the song was played 60,000 times a week on radio stations across the United States with Clawson receiving a royalty for each playing.

Although the song reached gold record status with 5000,000 copy sales, for which Clawson received a gold record,

Seeds of Courage and Seeds of Faith. He is currently composing for two additions to the series, "Seeds of Praise" and "Seeds of Purpose."

"The series is composed of songs using the NIV word for word, " Clawson, a member of the Gruver First Baptist Church, said.

Clawson's Christianity and his rural background are often reflected in his songs.

A vivid example is "In My Blood," which has been chosen as the theme song by the Preserving Rural America, a non-profit organization to help farmers in the legal aspect of the

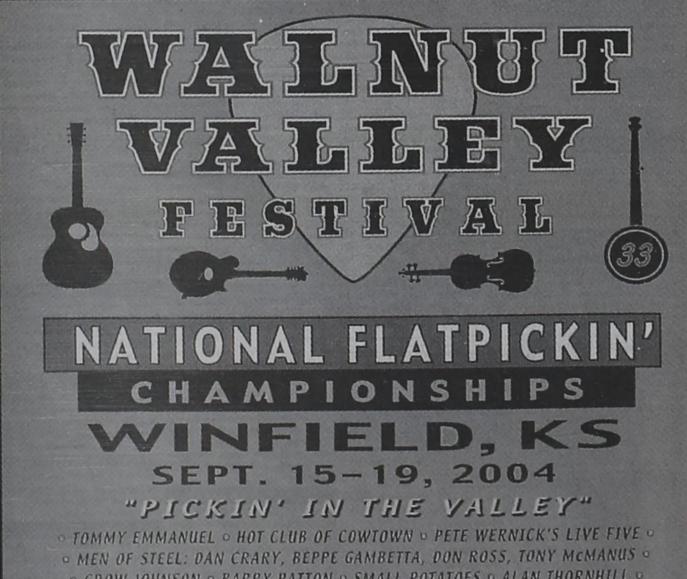


With his roots in farming, and home in Gruver, Rodney Clawson's dual career as a composer make him unique in Nashville.

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The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the City of Spearman by .275891 percent.



### **COUNTY OF HANSFORD**

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