

### Humor Specialist To Speak

All have heard the quote from Proverbs 17:22, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

The O'Loughlin Center and Hansford Hospice will sponsor a program on the benefits of laughter on October 14, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. for the citizens of Hansford County and the surrounding area. Writer Allen Klein has stated that everyone needs a daily dose of Vitamin "H" (humor). Victor Hugo said, "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face." Pastor and writer Chuck Swindoll said, "Joyful people stay riveted to the present – the here and now, not the then and never."

In the United States, more than 500 laughter clubs exist. Many laugh-club members find themselves transformed into children again, and why not. The average preschooler laughs up to 400 times a day. The average adult? A sad seven to 15.

Coming from Amarillo to the O'Loughlin Center is Bev Harris, a Certified Laughter Leader. Recognizing both the psychological and physiological benefits of humor. Bev carries a heavy schedule of speaking engagements, teaching people to "Let go and Laugh again!" She speaks on various topics, but uses laughter to get everyone to reduce their stress level.

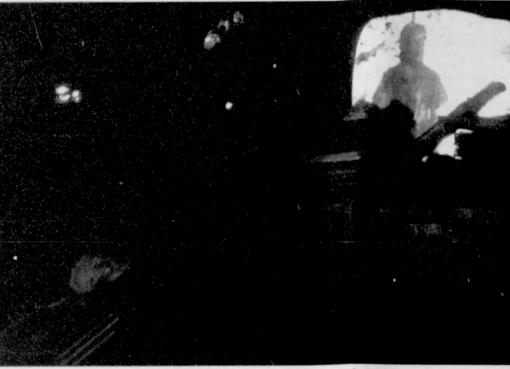
This program is free to the public. Refreshments will be served.

### Program to Offer Entertaining Ideas

Ideas for decorating, entertaining and gift-giving will be highlighted during the "Celebrate 2002" program to be presented by area Extension Agents Tuesday, October 22, at the Texas A&M Extension and Research Center, 6400 Amarillo Blvd., West, Amarillo, Texas.

The program will be presented twice on the 22nd with the first session beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the evening presentation at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open for registration 30 minutes before the scheduled program time.

Advance tickets for the program are now available for \$8 each from the Extension office, Hansford County Courthouse in



### Drill Night - Live Fire Training

Fire Prevention, Fire Suppression, and Fire Rescue - it's more than some guys showing up in funny suits and squirting water. They may be responding to a fire at someone's home working against those precious minutes between a total loss and saving a lifetime of memories and possessions. They may be responding to a vehicle accident with someone trapped inside the wreckage in desperate need of emergency medical care. It may be a grass fire, tank battery fire, vehicle fire, hazardous materials situation, gas leak, smoke smell or scare, fire inspection, public fire education...

Training is a vital part of any fire department. Firemen need to keep current on the latest and greatest, and go back to the basics for a refresher. The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month for training, as well as attending several area schools each vear.

These pictures are from a training exercise. This was an old, condemned house that was to be destroyed. The fire department was fortunate enough to be able to utilize it and several others for "Live Fire Training." Photos by Catherine Smith

### **October - Fire Prevention Month**

October is here. This means cooler weather, leaves in your yard, and football to almost everyone in the community.

To the fireman in the community October means Fire Prevention Month and Elementary students touring the fire station.

Cooler weather means all the green stuff outside turns brown and flammable. The days are shorter and people spend more time at home, furnaces and electric blankets are on and your chances for a fire in your home are higher.

The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department is responsible for providing fire and rescue services for the City of Spearman and half of Hansford County. They have mutual aid agreements with County, Ochiltree Gruver. Hutchinson County. Roberts County, and Texas County in the Oklahoma Panhandle. Their coverage area is approximately 450 sq. miles, not including the mutual aid agreements. They serve a total population of approximately 5900 people.

provide rescue services for them and respond with them as a support crew when needed. Their motto is "Duty Our Pride"

and their mission statement is simple: To protect the lives and property of the citizens.

The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department has an all volunteer staff. Currently there are 23 listed on the active roster and several reserve members.

Listed below are the active members of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department: John Kunselman - Fire Chief, Ron Antalek - 1st. Asst. Chief, Bret Burgin - 2nd. Asst. Chief, Jim Younger - Captain Co. A, Ryan Wells - Captain Co. B, Roger Close - Captain Co. C, Bruce Stinson - Lt. Co. A, Randy Sam Gruver - Training Officer, Matt Johnson - Treasurer, Chris Johnson - Secretary, Fire Fighters Jake McCullough, Chris Morris, Zack Christian, Robert Smith, Joe Morris, Marvin Sparks, Jimmy Taylor, Rick Freeman, Jerry Overbey, Keith Cassady and Chris Homer, Cadets Aaron Boyd and Adam Stinar and Auxiliary Members Penny Kruse and Diane Boyd.

# A Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage Give me the strength to save some life, whatever be its age Help me embrace a little child before it is too late Or save an older person from the horror of that fate Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout And quickly and efficiently to put the fire out I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me To guard my every neighbor and protect their property And if according to Your will I have to lose my life Please bless with Your protecting hand my children and my wife Author Unknown

**Reaping The Wind** 

end at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 21st. Tickets will be sold at the door on the 22nd at a cost of \$10 per person.

Todd Williams, County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources from Rockwell, Texas, will present a lively and educational demonstration on "Holiday Decorating with a Natural Flair."

In addition to Williams' presentation, 20 Extension Agents from the Panhandle District will dis play tables of prepared foods decorating motifs and entertain ing notions. Party ideas for all seasons will be featured, including, Autumn Harvest, Christmas and New Year's. Beach and Summer parties, and much more. Guests will have the opportunity to sample a variety of main dish es, desserts, appetizers and bev erages. A packet of instructions illustrations, and recipes will be given to each "Celebrate" guest. Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences will participate at the two identical sessions of the informative holiday program to be offered on the 22nd

The "Celebrate 2002" program is sponsored by the Panhandle District Texas Association of Extension Family and Consumer Sciences. Proceeds from the event help to fund scholarships and enhance educational programming in the Panhandle area to improve quality of life.

For further information, call the local Extension office at 659-4130 or 733-2901.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The fire department does not provide EMS services although several of our fire fighters are cross trained as EMT-Bs. They do, however, work closely with the local EMS service, H&S EMS. They Bruce Sunson - Lt. Co. A, Kandy Kirk - Lt. Co. B, Mike Bates - Lt. Co. C, Johnny Ring - Fire Marshal, and Fire Fighters Willis Boyd, Joey Etchison, Derek George, Ruben Gomez, Keith Goodman, Tobe Shields, Elbert (Dink) Dorton, Bobby Lujan, Damon Sibley, Slade Floyd, Cesar Moreno, Keith Reynard and Sergio Domingez.

Listed below are the members of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department: Robert Blevins - Fire Chief, Wayne Kruse - 1st Asst. Chief, Lyn Boyd - 2nd Asst. Chief,

## Hansford County Library Plans 70th Anniversary Celebration

An idea, a few coins and sixty-five books marked the beginning of the Hansford County Library, located at 122 Main Street in Spearman, Texas.

Tracing the history of the library requires going back to the year 1932. Spearman was just fifteen years old, and there was not a paved road in town. There was, however, a Spearman Twentieth Century Club, and the dedicated women in it decided to sponsor a library for their town by holding a silver tea and book shower on November 1st. By the end of that event, the club members had collected a little money and sixty-five books, and the first library in Hansford County was born.

Today's Twentieth Century Club, together with the Library Board and staff are planning the 70th anniversary celebration for the Hansford County Library. An open house will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2002 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the library. This celebration is open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend.

If you haven't been in the library in some time, you will want to come by and see how it was changed! Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend the 70th Anniversary Open House at the Hansford County Library.

### **County Commissioners Consider Options**

### by Harletta Carthel

Hansford County Commissioners are considering their options in response to proposals presented by the Great Plains Windpower, LLC last week.

In light of the presentation, Hansford County Commissioners have been doing their homework on their own proposals in advance of an October 14th meeting with Great Plains Windpower representatives John Baum and Jay Lobit.

"We are running figures to see what would be best for Hansford County," Joe T. Venneman, senior commissioner said.

During the September 30 meeting, Baum and Lobit asked for a ten year, 100 % tax abatement for the construction of three 80 megawatt projects in northern Hansford County.

In return for the abatement, Great Plains Windpower offered \$1,000 per megawatt produced paid on a yearly basis for the ten years of the abatement. This was estimated to be an annual amount of \$180,000 -\$200,000.

Venneman pointed out that commissioners were not given a definite time schedule for the completion of a specified number of turbines.

"The best case scenario would be to have at least 80 turbines up and operating one year from now," Venneman said.

A federal tax incentive is now offered until December 2003 that would encourage rapid construction of the turbines.

"There is a chance that incentive could be extended until 2004," Venneman said.

The next step for the commis-

sioners court is to to decided what abatement, if any, would be offered to Great Plains Windpower. If commissioners decide to offer a tax break to the development firm, commissioners would then adopt a resolution indicating their intent to participate in an abatement.

A two-year tax abatement guideline and criteria would then be adopted by the commissioners which would be followed by a seven-day written notice to all taxing districts followed by a public hearing to designate a 'reinvestment' zone. The final step of actually adopting a tax abatement agreement would be approval by a majority vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of the commission-

Venneman stressed that should the commissioners choose to give an abatement to Great Plains Windpower that abatement could be extended to other development companies or it could be limited to only a specified company or companies. The court would also establish physical boundaries of the tax abatement. The tax break could be limited to a designated portion of Hansford County, or it could be extended to include all of the county.

The turbine project near White Deer, Texas which was also built by a private development company such as Great Plains Windpower, was given a seven year tax abatement of 100 percent.

Although Great Plains Windpower asked commissioners for a ten -year, 100 % tax abatement, Venneman said commissioners were free to decide on any combination of abatement such as a seven year, 90% tax abatement, a seven year, 100% tax abatement similar to that given at White Deer, or another combination. An abatement would have to be advantageous not only to Hansford County but also to investors of Great Plains Windpower.

Venneman was impressed by the fact that the turbine project would be non-polluting, would not deplete water resources, and would not require additional services such as fire and police services.

"Great Plains Windpower has leased the three sites in Hansford County for 50 years. That shows a company that is here for the long run, "Venneman said.

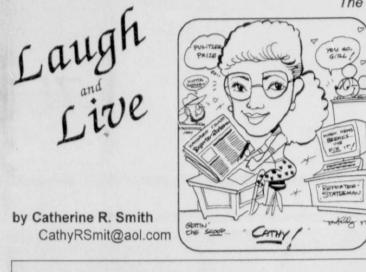
Venneman also stated that wind turbine projects in the United States have a history of developing in clusters, and the securing of the proposed project could result in future expansion in the county.

With the life expectancy of the turbines estimated at 20 years, the turbines could be replaced and be of value again after the depreciation rate of the first turbines has expired.

"We will move as quickly as possible in our decisions," Venneman said.

Members of the commissioners who will be deciding that fate of the project are Danny Henson, Precinct 4; Kent Guthrie, Precinct 3; Butch Reed, Precinct 2; County Judge Jim Brown; and Venneman, Precinct 2.

(Next week: How will the proposed wind energy project affect the Gruver Independent School District and what options does the school district have?)



This week, October 6-12, 2002, is National Newspaper Week. In honor of this, I would like to share with you the "Journalist's Creed." It was written by Walter Williams, founding dean of the University of Missouri School of Journalism (1908-1935).

# The Journalist's Creed

### I believe in the profession of journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of a lesser service than the public service is betrayal of this trust. I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy, and fairness, are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that the supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best -- and best deserves success -- fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant but never careless, selfcontrolled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and, as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world.

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# From The Doctor's Desk



Vibhu Sharma, M.D. 710 Roland St. Spearman, Texas

### Hormone Replacement Therapy in Women

Recent data available has thrown into renewed controversy replacement of hormone therapy in postmenopausal women. This article tries to clarify some confusion associated with the availability of this new data. Hormone replacement is begun in the majority of cases to replace the deficit caused by decreasing hormonal output from the ovaries, the consequences of which are hot flashes, night sweats, mood swings, as well as rapid bone loss that leads to brittle

bones and an increased risk of fractures with minimal trauma. Most women with a uterus (those who have not undergone a hysterectomy) will be placed on a combination of Estrogen and Progesterone (Prempro) since Progesterone protects against Endometrial Cancer. Women who have had a hysterectomy on the other hand will typically be placed on Estrogen alone. These horeffectively mones prevent Estrogen Deficiency symptoms. What are the conclusions drawn from recent studies? First the use of Prempro for longer than five years is associated with an unacceptable increased risk of Breast Cancer, Strokes and Blood Clots. Second, the use of Estrogen alone, while preventing rapid bone loss does not prevent Heart Disease and may in fact increase the risk. The use of Estrogen ALONE has not THUS FAR been shown to have an adverse effect (such as that demonstrated with Estrogen and Progesterone: Prempro), but

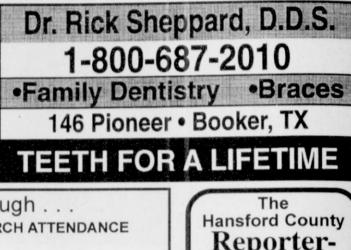
Based on data available previously that has been confirmed with more recent data, Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) will not be begun for the sole purpose of decreasing the risk of Coronary Artery Disease (i.e., Heart Attacks and Angina), and GENERALLY will also not be begun for decreasing the rapidity of bone loss since there are other medications that will decrease this risk without increasing the risk of Breast Cancer.

For most otherwise healthy women who have not had a hysterectomy, beginning HRT with Prempro for hot flashes is appropriate in the short term (six months to five years), with the eventual goal being slow taper and eventual discontinuation. For women who have had a hysterectomy Estrogen alone is appropriate. For women in the perimenopausal age group (45 to 50 years) who also desire oral contraception, options with low dose estrogen are available.

Women who are not appropriate candidates to begin HRT include those with a personal history of

Breast Cancer, Stroke, Blood Clots, or Heart Disease. For women who have a family history of Breast Cancer or Strokes and/or those who smoke, a thorough understanding of the risks is mandatory. For women unable to discontinue HRT successfully without significant symptoms, alternatives exist which unfortunately are not as good as HRT. The uncomfortable truth for (thankfully) a minority of women unable to stop HRT without disabling symptoms is that there may be other alternatives than continuing with long term HRT in spite of the risks noted above.

Results of trials from Europe are expected in early 2007 and ongoing analysis of trials to include Quality of Life variable may recommendations yet change again. We will keep you updated. In the meantime, if you are on Hormones, you need to speak with your physician.



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trials continue.

### <u>Spearman</u>

Apostolic Faith Church Apostolic Path Church 22 S. Dressen • 659-2870 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m. Sun. Eve.: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Mtg. 7 p.m. Pastor - Roland Haney

First Assembly of God First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m. Youth: 7:30 Wednesday Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

**First Christian Church** (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School; 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m. Wed. Filos. Time: 6:30 p.m. Wed. Youth Mtg. 8 p.m. Pastor - Patrick Six

Church of Christ

Church of Christ 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. K.RDF Radio Program Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m. Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English (aired on KRDF-FM 98.3) Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo Rendentor Mass - Spanish

**First Presbyterian Church** First Prespyterian Church (Worships with Lutheran) 1021 Cotter + 659-2033 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bidg.) Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 (Worships with First Presbyterian Church)

**First United Methodist** First United Methodist 407 S. Haney + 659-5503 Sunday School: 9.45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m. Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Ken Cole

Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 945 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Ved Pastor • Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Youth/Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - Gene Foster

Primera Mision Bautista 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.

El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I. 1105 S. Roland Domingos: Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m. Culto 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: 7:30 p.m.

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

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

**Gruver United Methodist** 

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

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

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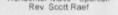
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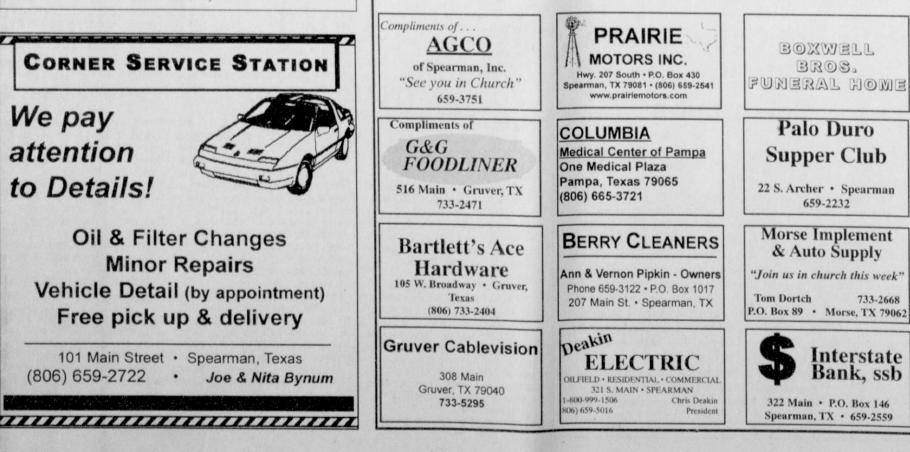
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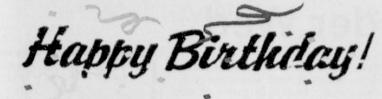
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#### October 10

Birthday - Matthew Brown, Jake Barkley, Kim Blevins Steve Duncan, Jase Rudolph. Darrell Scroggs, Sherri Cook, Don McLain, Kortny Henton, Edwin Molina, Gary Flowers Maribel Moreno, Mike Darnell Jesse Tindell, Cason Finley McCaully Jo Hart, Verlin Hagerman, Lyn Woolley, Toby Verlin

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Mario Molina, Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Messer, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Karlin

October 11 Marco Favela, Birthday Doug Frick, Kadie Grotegut Rod Holland, George C. Lowe Kadie Grotegut, Jim Ratliff, Eleanor Davis Orville Latham, Steve Mathews, Sonny Nollner, Kathy Lou Biggs, Sara Williamson, Jimmie Harris, Jim Ladd, Eddie Largent, Daniel Gonzales, Dick Smith, Jimmie Harris, Rosa Blan, Jason Blan, Adam Ferguson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Del Roy Gammoi

October 12 Birthday - Erica Alvarez, Lee Bort, Sue Henson, Pat Holt, Jan Jarvis, Kathy Taylor, Lewis Frantz, James Reed Jr., Mendy Riggins, Misty Crooks, Danny Hamilton, Cody Mauldin, Marvin Byers, Louis Nava, Jimmy Garrard Allen Howell Jimmy Garrard, Allen Howell Paula Clemmons, Veronica Ceniceros, Donna Taylor, Jesus Briones

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Mack McLain, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Yanke

#### October 13

Birthday - Hunter Novak, Andrea Mires, David Grotegut, Carrie Close, Burnell Kjos, Mrs. Albert Hahn, Sonny Mrs. Parker

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jon Jarvis, Mr. & Mrs. Don Evans October 14

Birthday Jerry Hunt Jennifer Morris, Jeanne Swink Hunt Tidwell, Kristi Crockett Pearson, Roy Lynn Garrard, Jesse Lyn Cowan, Jimmy Davis. Melinda Snider Michelle Graham Foster, Kyla Nelson Sell, Bert Sheppard, Whitefield, Gilbert Eddie Salgado, Anthony Bravo, Jim Brown, Sue White, Monty Charline Laxson George, Adrienne Carlos Trejo, Simpson

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bert

### Wofford

October 15 Birthday - Jess Wood, Jeffrey Miller, David Martin, Billy Martin, Verna Lee Shirley, Miller. Martin. Schneider. Chris Brandi Hornsby, Ann Martin, Martha Anne Marie Donahue, Bonnie Woolan Pearson, Randy Janzen, Joe Garcia III. Varnon, Betsy Holt, Keith Allen

Lamb, Allen Varnon Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Odell Genn, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Nichols, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Stedje, Mr. & Mrs. David Miner, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Fletcher

October 16 Birthday - Buster Davis, Troy Miller, Tammy Benton, Virginia Fowler, Sammy Graham, Ann Pearson, Lola Newcomb, Joey Avila, James Riley, Landree Payne, Woodward, Julie Meghan Stork

### October 17

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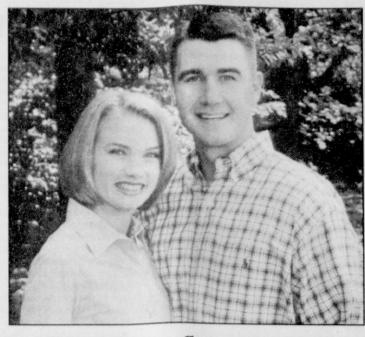
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October 19 Birthday - Brian Gillispie, Joe Lopez\_Sr., Colton Mayfield, Carol Tolleson, Phyllis Owens, Joé Vanderburg, Marietta Davis, Ken Shufeldt, Calvin Garrard, Jeremy Blan, Harold Anderson, Brenda Lee Soto, Wayne Pierson, Kathy Bryant, Bill Park, Merry Wheelock, Doran Schoenhals, Kenneth Schufeldt Schufeldt Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs.

Jimmy Traylor October 20

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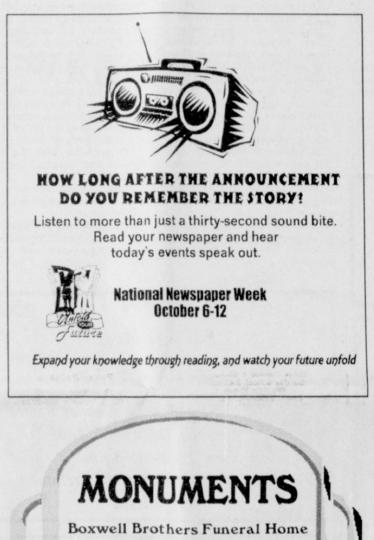


### Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Lan Leader of Tulsa, Oklahoma announce the engagement of their daughter Alyson Lee to Jace Paul Dawson. Jace is the son of Pat Dawson of Gruver and Larry Dawson of Arnett, Oklahoma

The bride-elect is a graduate of Union High School and Oklahoma State University. She is an internal auditor with the City of Tulsa.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Gruver High School and Oklahoma State University. He is director of marketing for Tech, Inc. The wedding is planned for March 22, 2003, at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Tulsa.



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### HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

#### 4-H Smoked Meat Sale

Hansford County 4-H members are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked and spiral hams, turkey, peppered turkey breasts, smoked or peppered bacon beef or chicken fajitas, chicken tenders, tamales, pork patties, breakfas purritos, sausage, egg and cheese biscuits, Hunter's Package (Smoked turkey breast, pork loin, smoked bacon and jalapeno summer sausage) and sausage links. Funds benefit the awards program and recognition banquet for all 4-H members. Orders must be received by October 17th, with delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the County Extension Office at 659-4130 or 733-2901 to place your order.

### **Benefits of Humor**

You are invited to a program on the Benefits of Humor, given by certi-fied Laughter Leader, Bev Harris. The program will be on October 14, 2002 at the O'Loughlin Center at 6:30 p.m. All persons in Hansford County and the surrounding area are invited to attend this enjoyable pro-gram sponsored courtesy of the O'Loughlin Center and Hansford Hospice. Refreshments will be served.

Wesley Methodist Church's 22nd Annual Festival of Arts & Crafts The Wesley United Methodist Church will host their 22nd annual Festival of Arts and Crafts on December 7, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Community Center. Only a limited number of booths are available with applications being screened. The booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045, or call (806) 364-0774.

### Free Power Point Presentation by Jimmy Hatley, CPA, IRS Taxpayer Education and Communication Specialist

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is hosting a free Power Point resentation on Tuesday, October 22, 2002 from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1 3 p.m. The presentation will be given by Jimmy Hatley, CPA, an IRS Taxpayer Education and Communication Specialist. Each presentation will last approximately 2 hours. They are free to the public and will touch many aspects of business topics that will offer good information for any-one interested in opening a business, or those already in existence Please call the Chamber of Commerce office at 659-5555, or e-mai spearman@arn.net to sign up.

Careers In Agriculture Scholarship Program The Careers in Agriculture scholarship program sponsored by Agriliance, CROPLAN GENETICS and Land O'Lakes Farmland Feed annually awards \$1,000 scholarships to 50 high school seniors interest-ed in livestock or agronomy-related studies. Candidates should: be a high school senior planning to enroll in a two- or four-year livestock or agronomy related gurginum in the fall toleving high school architection agronomy-related curriculum in the fall tollowing high school graduation demonstrate leadership and academic performance; and write an essay describing why he or she is interested in an agricultural career. To apply print and complete the application form and mail it to the address on the form. Applications must be postmarked by March 3 of the student's sen ior year. Winners will be notified a few months later in early May.

### **College Financial Program**

Gruver and Spearman students and parents are invited to a new col-lege financial program known as the 529 College Plan. The program will be held on November 4th, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Gruver School Cafeteria

#### Wessler Bequest

City National Bank in Guymon, Oklahoma recently notified Oklahoma Panhandle State University of a bequest left to the University. Paul W. Wessler, a 1966 alumnus of Panhandle A&M College, left a significant portion of his estate to OPSU. Mr. Wessler specified that 75% of the amount be used for research and the remaining 25% for agronomy scholarships. OPSU will establish a scholarship in his name for the School of Agriculture.

#### **PLAN Test For Sophomores**

Tenth graders have the opportunity to take part in ACT's PLAN Program on Tuesday, October 29th. This is the only time PLAN will be offered this year. PLAN, which is taken by nearly one million students in preparation for the ACT Assessment, includes academic tests and a survey of career interests. Participating in PLAN gives students a head start on career and educational planning. PLAN will be offered Tuesday, October 29th. The cost is \$8.50. Students can receive more information about PLAN or sign up by contacting Mrs. Guthrie or Mrs. Hart at Spearman High School.

#### Union Church Welcomes Evangelist

Evangelist Ken Howe of Dallas will speak at the Spearman Union Church, 31 S. Endicott in Spearman, on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Bible College Choir of Baxter Springs, KS To Perform The Bible College Choir of Baxter Springs, KS will perform at the Apostolic Faith Church (corner of 9th and Dressen) at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 17th

#### Spearman 4-H Roster Card Sale

The Spearman 4-H is selling roster cards to raise money for their schol-arship fund. If you would like a roster for the 7th, 8th, JV or Varsity





# Pipkin, Alexander Wed



Elizabeth Marie Pipkin of Dallas Jim F. Alexander Jr. and

Houston were married Saturday, Aug. 17, at the home of the bride's parents in Spearman. Jon M. Garnett officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Frances and Roy Pipkin of Spearman. Grandparents of the bride are Dorothy Pool of Amarillo and Doris Jean Pipkin of Spearman, both of whom attended the wedding, the late J.W. Pipkin and the late "Bunk" Pool.

Parents of the groom are Jane and Jim F. Alexander Sr. of Amarillo. Grandparents of the groom are Herb and Alice Gerstner of Amarillo, who attended the wed-ding, and the late James H. and Dolly Alexander. Bridal attendants were Katherine

Pipkin and Angela Pipkin, sisters of the bride.

Best man was Steven Anderson. Honorary groom's attendant was Nathan Pipkin.

The wedding reception was at the

home of the bride's parents.

The bride is a graduate of' Spearman High School and gradu-ated from Brigham Young ated from Brigham University in Provo, Utah, with a bachelor of arts degree. She also graduated from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Mass., with a juris doctor degree. She is a judicial clerk for The Honorable Nancy F. Atlas, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. The groom graduated from Tascosa High School and from Austin College in Sherman with a bachelor of arts degree. He also graduated from Fletcher School at Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Medford, Mass., with a master of arts degree. He is a presidential management intern for the office of the Secretary of

Defense on detail to NASA. The couple planned a honeymoon to Santa Fe, N.M. They reside in Houston.

It's A Boy!

Ryan and Rebecca Mathews wish to announce the birth of heir son, Cagan Dean Mathews Cagan was born on September 24, 2002 at 5:05 a.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Proud grandparents are Royce and Betty Mathews and Byron nd Diana Hill.

He was welcomed by big prother Coley.

### Thank You!

The Spearman High School Cheerleaders would like to thank Hansford Hospital for donating the frisbees, which are thrown at the Lynx Football games after every touchdown. We would also like to thank H&H Credit Union for donating the purple footballs, and the Lion's Club for donating the Lynx Banner Flag for Louie to wave at the games. We appreci ate all of you very much.

SHS Cheerleaders Jessica Crossland, Claudia Vaquera, Sami Cazares, Jentry Edwards, Macy Harbour, Dana McLaughlin, Miranda Paul, Britta Vanderburg and Jena Cherry

### Engagement Announcement

Bobby and Kay Snider of Dumas wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, LaShera Denise Snider to Ryan Pattrick McElhany. Ryan is the son of Gary and Julie McElhany of Lancaster, TX. The couple plan a November 23, 2002 wedding in Dumas.

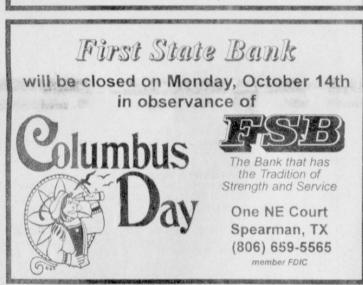
LaShera is a 1997 graduate of Dumas High School and a 2001 graduate of Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, TX with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She is a kindergarten teacher at Lancaster ISD

Ryan is a 1998 graduate of Lancaster High School and a 2001 graduate of Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, TX with a degree in Business/Advertising. He is employed by the Southwestern Assemblies of God as a multimedia coordinator

### Thank You!

Thank you for announcing the MS Walk in your paper. We had over 25 team members and raised around \$1500. The Walk raised over \$25,000.

> Thanks again for your support, Kevin & Ronda Bynum



# Scholarship Program Offers \$1,000 to Ag Students

Students pursuing careers in agriculture are encouraged to apply for a scholarship from the Careers in Agriculture scholarship program, jointly sponsored by Agriliance, Land O'Lakes Farmland Feed and Croplan Genetics. High school seniors from throughout the country who will enroll in a two- or four-year agronomy or livestock curriculum in the fall of 2003 are eligible to apply. Fifty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

"Students with leadership abilities and an interest in agriculture are needed to fill a variety of positions in our industry," said Annette Degnan, scholarship committee chairperson. "The Careers in Agriculture scholarship program helps promising students gain the education they need to obtain these positions.

For the past 13 years, Careers in Agriculture has encouraged bright young students to pursue agricultural careers by awarding more than \$300,000 in scholarships.

To qualify for the program, students must meet the following criteria:

\* Be a high school senior planning to enroll in a two- or fouryear livestock- or agronomy-related curriculum in the fall of 2003; Reside in one of the 50 states;

\* Demonstrate both leadership abilities and academic performance; and

\* Write an essay describing why he or she is interested in an agricultural career. Applications are available from

participating local cooperatives or on the Agriliance web site at www.agriliance.com in the

You are invited to a Baby Shower

Emma Grace Barnes

daughter of Amy (Blan) & Tanner Barnes on Saturday, October 26, 2002 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Waka Church of the Brethren Waka, Texas

> You are invited to a Baby Boy Shower

Careers section. All applications must be returned via regular mail by March 3, 2003, to be eligible. Winners will be notified by mail in May. For more information or to request an application, call 800-232-3639, ext. 4584.

50 isn't old (If you're a tree!) Нарру Birthday! SSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSSS Registry Bridal

Kimberly Boyd & Jesse Tindell - Oct. 19

Terri Schrayer & Evan Stubbs - Oct. 26

Trilby Baldwin & Jeff Hutchison - Nov. 2

Julie (Jones) & Kent Hendrix - Nov. 23 (Morse)

Suzanne Sanders & Luke Bellsnyder

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### **Military News**



Marine Corps Pvt. Uriel Garcia, son of Jose Garcia and Aidina Ousley of Perryton and the grandson of Ray and Guma Garza of Spearman, completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA on September 20, 2002.

ed twelve weeks of training designed to challenge Marine recruits both physically and men-

their training at 5 a.m. by running 2-3 miles and performing calisthenics. They attended a certain amount of hours in class and field assignments, which included water survival, marksmanship, combat training and martial arts, as well as other training activities.

Recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem on September 20, 2002 and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time.

### **Cross Country Results**

### Spearman JH Attends CC Meet

On Saturday, September 28th, the Spearman Junior High took first place at the Cross Country Meet at the Darouzett Golf Course.

Individual places are: 1st - Jessica Diaz, 2nd - Christy Lang, 3rd -Kelcee Rex, 6th - Amy Brown, 7th - Amy Boyd, 9th - Brittney Bradley and 10th - Jordanna Lozano

Pvt. Garcia successfully complet-

tally. Garcia's platoon was honor platoon 3103. Pvt. Garcia also made Rifle Expert on rifle training. Garcia and his recruits started

Lady Hounds Attend Lubbock CC Meet

The GHS Girls Cross Country

Runners and their times were

Meagan Knight - 13.41, Allison

Reid - 15.16, Lindsey Clift - 15.17,

Samantha Myatt - 14.40, Laci Fitzgearld -14.32, Liz Lopez -

14.38, and Callie Hargis -16.07.

team took 18th place in the Lubbock Cross Country Meet

September 28

North Texas Information Systems

Spearman, Texas Scott Ermis • 664-3233 Among The Neighbors by Helen Fisher

The death of Omar Cotter last Monday came as a shock to most. Interment was at Hansford Cemetery on Thursday. Omar was always interesting to

talk with and very knowledgeable about Hansford County's past. He attended the one-room school at Hansford in the first few grades until a bus route closed the school. The main school had been moved to Spearman.

The building, which held seven grades in the one room, was moved to Spearman and still sits on the west side of Townsend Street at 5th Street, across from the Gus Birdwell Elementary.

Omar was in the Navy, serving in the Pacific in WWII, and had some extraordinary remembrances.

He was qualified to practice law, but preferred to farm and run cattle. Much sympathy is expressed to his family.

Don and Gloria Knox spent several days last week in New Mexico. They returned Tuesday after an enjoyable few days in and around Taos and Espanola. The fall colors had not yet started.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Babe Pendergraft enjoyed having her cousin, Bob Kirk, at her home for several days, recently. He lives at Marble Falls. \*

Cheryl Gibson, student at Southern Oklahoma University at

Bethany, OK was here this week-end with her parents, Gregg and Gwen Gibson. Another guest was Mrs. Reta Gibson, mother of Mr. Gibson,

from Oklahoma City Audene and Verlin Beck had would-be guests this past weekend and instead of resting and sight seeing, their entertainment consisted of helping with the corn harvest!

Their grandson, Dustin Beck, student Hardin-Simmons at University in Abilene, brought with him two city boys (fellow students) from the Austin area. Working along with Dustin may have soured them on farming as an occupation. Others participating were Austin and Edward Beck of Amarillo.

Billy and Louise Jones of Eufaula, Ok came and are still here. He seems to be enjoying driving a corn truck.

Mr. Jones is retired from many years here in a managerial position with Getty Company.

Consolation is extended to the family of Mrs. Opal Schaefer.

Ginger and Loyall Turner are back at work after spending a week's vacation at the family lodge near Taos. A restful time, it was the ideal weather. The foliage was beautiful beyond description.

Kyle McLaughlin, student at John University Tarleton in Stephenville spent the recent weekend with his parents, Delinda and Danny McLaughlin. He brought friends, also students at the university, Ryan Hill and Cara Howard.

Dr. Tom and Linda Latta are back from a restful and enjoyable ten day vacation. They leisurely drove to Ely, MN. Ely is considered a breakwater between Canada and the US on the north shore of Lake Superior. Dr. Tom had been there before and was much impressed.

The scenery was breath-taking with indescribable colored foliage. Through the Dakotas, results of the prolonged drought were depressing. The dryland corn was ruined, but the irrigated corn appeared productive.

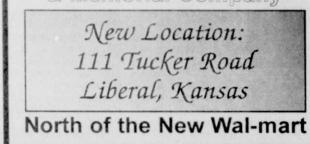
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Shelly and Jeff Beedy went to Dallas last weekend, spending one night there with Blake and Hillary Beedy. They then went on to College Station for the football game at Texas A&M, accompanied by Tanner and Holly Beedy, students.

Abby and Cody Pipkin of Morse accompanied them.

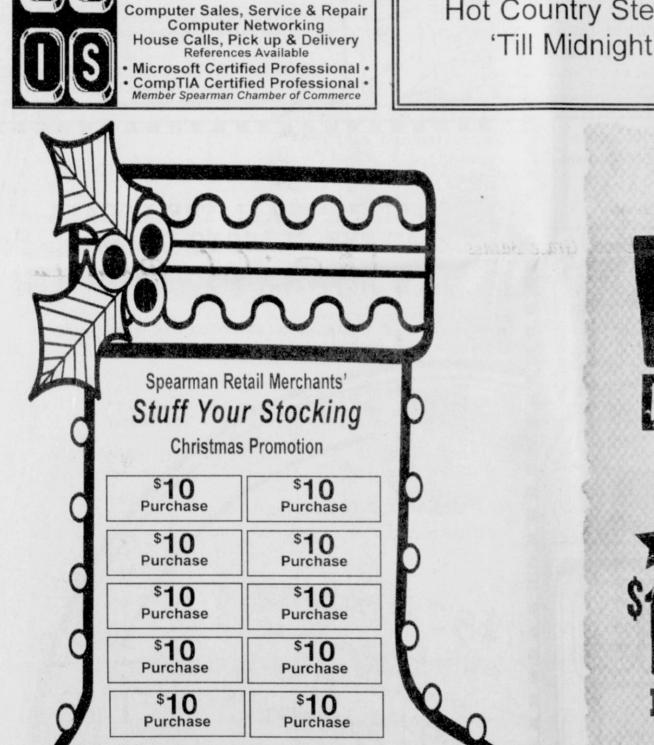
Weather report for week of September 30th through 7 a.m. on October 7th: the high temperature was on the 30th at 92 degrees; the low was on the 6th at 43 degrees. Moisture - Dwayne kept his promise with .65 on the 3rd; .15 on the 5th; and .45 on the 6th, a total 1.25.

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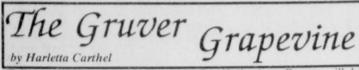
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### Tailgate Party to Precede First

#### **District** Game

A fan-tastic tailgate party beginning at 5:30 p.m. until game time Friday will grill up fun and food for Greyhound boosters.

The community is invited to bring their tailgate spread and decorations and compete for individual and business prizes in the annual event.

Fans may bring their own grills or use a large grill to be furnished by the Gruver Boosters.

Come grill up a great meal then stay to watch the Hounds grill the Stratford Elks.

#### **GHS Band to Compete**

The GHS Houndsound Band will be competing in the Canadian Marching Contest on Saturday, October 11

The competition will give the

Class A bands will be able to important day for the GHS band.

Coach Bryant suggests including

team to read before game time. Please leave letters in the the high school office by 2:00 p.m. Friday. Coach Bryant also wishes to thank the community for its support of the football teams and the continuing goal of building a football program of pride for our school and community

A flu shot clinic will be held at

directing the clinic with Kathy Barkley and Elizabeth Duncan assisting

The flu shot is provided free for those with Medicare cards and is \$20 for all others.

Residents of Spearman, Gruver, and Morse are welcome to attend the clinic.

### Gruver ISD Board Has Special Meeting

The Gruver ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, September 30 jointly with the Hansford County Commissioners to hear proposals from the Great Plains Windpower, LLC

In addition to members Benny Wilson, Paul Stavlo, Jody Irwin, Mike Yanke, Buddy Lowe, Jr., Davin Winger, Terry Sherrill, and Superintendent Joel Interim

The money was raised by the

passes for being the faculty mem-

eradicate breast cancer as a lifethreatening disease by funding research grants and meritorious awards and supporting education, screening, and treatment projects in communities around the world.

#### College Fund Plan to be Presented

Gruver and Spearman students and their parents are invited to a college funding program known as the 529 College Plan November 4, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Gruver Schools Cafeteria. Mika McLain, 1994 graduate of GHS, will be presenting the pro-

### gram

#### Junior Varsity Suffers First Loss

Sunray junior varsity The downed the Hounds 26-0 Thursday in Sunray to give the Gruver team its first loss of the season

### Cats Claw Hounds

In this game, the score was 20 to November '

and blocker. In the fourth quarter, Conrad Curry handed the ball to Treymayne Martinez, who ran for a touchdown. As he was running, Brian Johnson was there to make a block

Shortly afterward Drew Grotegut made the two point conversion. (Thank you to Cason Finley in helping us with names.) Go Hounds

Both the junior high and the junior varsity will travel to Stratford Thursday. With the junior high kick-off to be at 5:00 p.m., and the junior varsity following at approximately 6:30 p.m.

#### City Reports Rainfall

An official report of.18 inch of rain was recorded in the early

morning hours of Sunday, October Harpers Welcome Daughter Quentin and Kelly Harper proudly announce the birth of their

daughter Laney Lee Harper.

and Tony Harper, all of Gruver. Great grandparents are Ben and Florence Wheeler of Clayton, New Mexico, Jimmy and Lois Shieldknight of Spearman, Olene and the late Bob Cluck of Gruver, and the late Carol and Joyce Harper of Spearman.

### Davis' Work Honored

Gerri Davis' Peacemakers Crazy Quilt won top dual awards at the Panhandle Quilt Show in Pampa held October 5 and 6.

Davis' entry won 'Quilt of the Century,' the shows top prize and also won the viewers' choice award which is selected by popular vote of visitors to the quilt show

This is the third year that Davis has won top prize in the annual Pampa event.

### Fifth Quarter Planned

GHS students are invited to a fifth quarter fellowship at the United Methodist Church following the Gruver/Stratford football

The father of Lori Haight had heart bypass surgery recently. I Want to be A .... A display of kindergarten papers on the walls of Gruver Elementary revealed that the number one occupation cited by girls was

Get Well Wishes

Odom as she continues to recuper-

ate at IHS in Amarillo.

Please remember Margaret

David Turner had successful pan-

Don Evans has a consultation

with his doctor in Amarillo this

week on possible future proce-

creatic surgery last week in

cheerleader. The number one career listed by boys was doctor which may be a good idea since the number three occupation listed was bronc rider.

game

Amarillo.

dures ...



# The Hounds will get a second shot at the Cats on November 7 when they will host Sunray.



Lake Level--October 7, 2002--31.12 feet

The level dropped under 2 inches, as the rain gauge on the office side showed .65 in the earlier 2-day rain and .28 from the Saturday night one.

Fishing was not too good, but Kent Rubble caught two blue cats weighing 16 and 16.5 pounds.

Camping continues despite the cooler weather. Friday and Saturday a group of five families from Gruver camped on the north side. They were the Ronnie and Rhonda Williams family, Johnny and Kristi Williams family, and the Buster and Krista Davis family, Steve and Bernie Ryan, and David and Pam Miner--all of Gruver. Tony Pacheco of Gruver camped on the office side Friday night and Ronnie Cogdill camped there on Saturday night.

Jim reports seeing 6 white pelicans on the Lake Saturday morning. The ducks are beginning to move in now. Birds are coming to the Derington's feeder. At one point they had a cardinal on one side and a scrub jay on the other. Robins were feeding on the ground in front of them. Jim thinks the scrub jays are much prettier than the bird book pictures show.

Both Spearman and Gruver have had late evening shows of buz-zards enjoying the air currents above the towns. The ones at Spearman have been spending the night, too. It seems they prefer the area around Frances Pipkin's home, and she is being teased about what she might have buried in her back yard.

A few days ago Mrs. Scoggins of County Road O out from Spearman called me about a snake they had killed but could not identify. It was bluish black and about 4 feet long. The back was solid color-no pattern on it. Mrs. Scoggins had been raised in the Panhandle, but this was a new

their right.

Jackson.

interesting program about turning



snake to her.

I finally made a guess that it was what we called a blue racer, after she added that it was a slender snake. These snakes vary in color. Some are green, others blue, and some blue-black. A racer is a beautiful sight when you see one traveling away from you with that incredible speed.

Most of the racers we see are coachwhips. They are tannish, slender, and can be 6 feet long.

When I think of racers, I think of hoop snakes. Most young people have not heard how one of these racers can form a hoop by grabbing the tail with the mouth and then stiffen into a hoop that will roll right at you with lightning speed. A poisonous spine on the tail is then stuck into the victim.

I had been trying to find a reptile book that would brand the hoop snake as a myth or make me believe they existed. In my search at the Gruver Library I found Pat White subbing for Carolyn Fletcher. Pat had grown up at Coldwater, Kansas (south of Greensburg) and knew all about hoop snakes.

She suggested we look it up on the internet and find out the truth. Ouickly she found the subject of hoop snakes and printed out a sheet that said there is no such thing as a hoop snake. If you still want to believe, get Don Hudson to tell you about a worker that encountered a hoop snake in the peony or strawberry fields of Sarcoxie, Missouri.

# **Military News US Marines**

### **US Army**

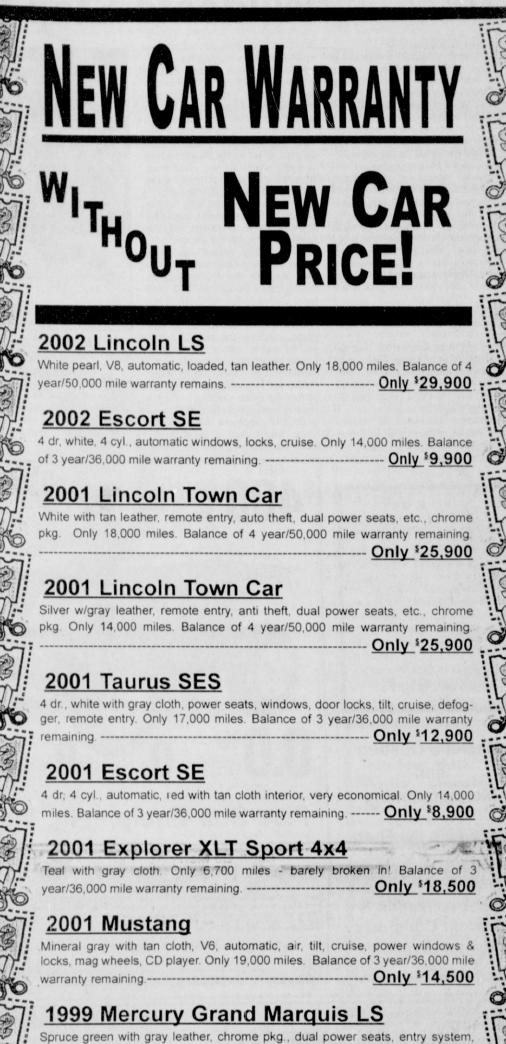
Army Pvt. Jason C. Villines has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, physical fitness, basic first aid, Army history, tradition and core values, and special training in human relations.

Villines is a 1996 graduate of Spearman High School.

Marine Corps Reserve Cpl. Luis R. Arreola, son of Rosa M. and Rosalio Arreola of Gruver, Texas, recently reenlisted for three years

while serving with 4th Tank Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Amarillo, Texas. Arreola is a 1995 graduate of Gruver High School of Gruver, Texas

# We will be closed on Monday, October 14th in observance of Interstate Bank, ssb \$ A Full Service Bank - FDIC Insured 322 Main Street • Spearman, TX 79081 Phone - (806) 659-2559 • Fax - (806) 659-3276



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# Wildcats Stop Lynx, 21-13

#### by Kevin McDonald

Spearman's quest for another District 6-2A title took a detour last Friday night as the Canadian Wildcats outran the Lynx, 21-13. The Wildcats (5-1 overall, 2-0 District 6-2A) used a speedy ground attack to overcome Spearman (4-2, 0-2), racking up 267 rushing yards on the night.

Balance was the name of the game for Spearman, as the Lynx posted 281 yards of offense-- 139 yards rushing and 142 yards pass-

Ironically, Canadian went through the air for their first score as Riley Morris hit Anthony Newcomb for a 64-yard touchdown. The first quarter strike was Morris' only completed pass in the game

The Lynx wasted no time in responding to Canadian's early lead

Paul Bynum scored his second touchdown in as many weeks, taking the ensuing kickoff 75 yards for the score. Clete Vanderburg tacked on the extra point attempt and tied the game at 7-7. Spearman followed two defen-

sive stands with offensive drives inside the Canadian 20 yard line. However, a goal-line interception



and a dropped pass on fourth down ended the Lynx scoring hopes.

proved to be a thorn in Spearman's

side the entire game. English car-

to pace Canadian's ground game.

English busted loose for a 56-

adding to their lead. At the 11:01

climb back into the contest, mid-

for 80 yards and a touchdown.

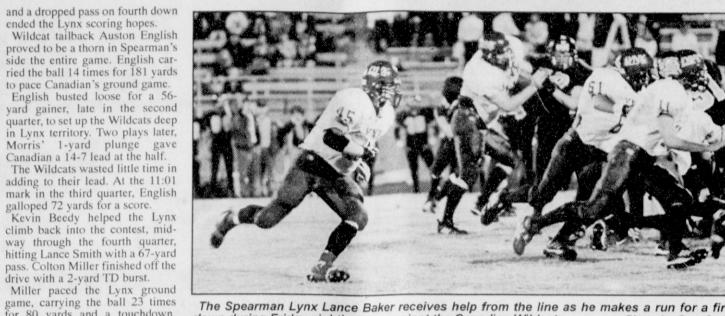
Lance Baker followed with seven

carries for 41 yards; Smith, three

carries for 11 yards; and Beedy, six

Beedy completed eight of 21 pass-

carries for seven yards.



The Spearman Lynx Lance Baker receives help from the line as he makes a run for a first down during Friday night's game against the Canadian Wildcats. Photo by Gary Smith

for 112 yards. Baker had three catches for 30 yards.

Spearman hosts the West Texas High Comanches this Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., at Lynx





KID'S STUFF

719 WEST 7TH

### NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Hansford, Texas:

(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Hansford, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 5, 2002, for voting in the general election to elect Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; and FOR the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 77th Legislature, Regular session, of the State of Texas.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de noviembre de 2002 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precincto y PARA adoptar o rechazar la enmienda propuesta constitucional así como fueron sometida por la  $77^{\theta}$ Legislatura Regular Sesion, de la Estado de Texas.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES) Voting Precinct 1 - City Hall, City of Spearman. (Officina de la Cuidad de Spearman) Voting Precinct 2 - Cristo-Rendentor Catholic Church in Gruver. (Cristo Redentor Iglesia Catolica en Gruver) Voting Precinct 3 - Cristo-Redentor Catholic Church in Gruver. (Cristo Redentor Iglesia Catolica en Gruver) Voting Precinct 4 - Gruver High School Library. (Ubreria de la escuela secundaria de Gruver) Voting Precinct 5 - Assembly of God Church in Spearman. (Iglesia de Asamblea de Dios en Spearman). Voting Precinct 6 - Spearman High School. (la escuela secundaria de Spearman) Voting Precinct 7 - Oslo Lutheran Church. (La iglesia de Oslo). Voting Precinct 8 - Early Voting, County Courthouse and Gruver City Hall. (La Casa de corte de Spearman y Officina de la Cuidad de Gruver) Voting Precinct 9 - Pringle-Morse Community Building. (El edificio de Comunidad de Morse)

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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: utada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en:) (La voicion adela

> Hansford County Courthouse and at Gruver City Hall (location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., beginning on October 21, 2002 and ending on November 1, 2002.

(entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde emperzando el Octubre 21, 2002 y terminando el Novembre 1, 2002.

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

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

October 29, 2002. (date) (fecta)

Issued this the 7th day of October, 2002 (Emitada este dia 7th day of Octubre, 2002

Signa del Juez del Condado)

### CLASSIFIED AD

### REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

PRICE REDUCED: 3BR house with basement, garage and shop on 10.5 acres. Located 1½ miles west of Gruver. Call 733-2250. 7(9-12-02)B FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3BR, 2B

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3BR, 2B brick home on corner lot. Central H/A, new carpet & paint, 2-car garage. Call 662-2259 days, or 659-1757 after 6 p.m. TFN(9-19-02)B FOR SALE: 3BR, 2B, 1 car garage, fenced back yard, central H/A. 708 Cotter. Call 659-2577 4/10-3-02)B

FOR SALE IN GRUVER: 3BR. 1 1/2B, large backyard, newly remodeled kitchen, 1 car attached garage, 1 car detached garage -\$67,400. Call (806) 934-1283. 4(10-3-02)B

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 5 miles NW of Gruver on paved road, 13 acres with 40x60 metal building. Call after 6 p.m., 733-2900. 2(10-10-02)NC





FOR SALE IN GRUVER: 3BR, 2B

FOR SALE IN GRUVER: 3BR, 2B home, 2,000+ sq. ft., new central H/A, roof, new siding, 201 Van Kurt. Call after 6 p.m., 468-1778 or David Bergin at 435-4071. TFN(8-8-02)B FOR SALE: 3BR, 2B home on five acres of land in the GISD school district. Storm shelter, mature trees, 2-car garage, new roof, sep-tic system, two water heaters, house well pump. Call 662-3968. 4(9-19-02)B

PRICE REDUCED! 4BR, 1%B, 2 living areas w/freestanding fire-places. Great backyard, corner lot, good neighborhood. Blankenship Real Estate at 659-3052. TFN(8-8-02)B FOR SALE BY OWNER: 5 miles NW of Gruver on paved road, 13

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### FOR RENT/LEASE

FOR RENT: 1BR apartment. Call FN(8-8-02)B FOR RENT: 1BR apartment. Call

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Communication personnel, and Combat soldiers. ONE Weekend a

FOR SALE: 1995 LS Suburban



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CALL TODAY!

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& Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299 9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo.

Circle C Heating & Air Conditioning Commercial Refrigeration Randy Earle

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PO Box 175

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AGRICULTURE

WANTED: Corn & Milo Harvesting wanted. John Deere equipment, 8-& 12-row corn & crop heads. Call Greg Schmidt at (580) 819-1496 or (580) 983-2703. 6(9-5-02)B

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 150HP Black Max

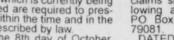
Motor. Has stainless steel prop. Excellent condition - runs good. Has an 18' 1984 Skeeter Bass Boat attached. Call 659-2275 for information. \$3399 OBO. 2(9-19-02)P

52(2-8-02)P

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to pres-ent them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 8th day of October, 2002.

22. The Jarvis Law Office, PC PO Box 515 Spearman, Texas 79081 Phone (806) 659-2554 Fax (806) 659-3517 Billy Britt Jarvis Attorney at Law State Bar #10585000 Itorney for the Estate of Oil Attorney for the Estate of Ollie Jarvis, also known as Frances Olivia Jarvis 1(10-10-02)B

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WORLEY J. SMITH Notice is hereby given that origi-nal Letters Testamentary in the Estate of Worley J. Smith were issued to Colleen Feese, on October 3, 2002, in Cause No. 2378, pending in the County Court of HANSFORD County, Texas. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them within the time and in the



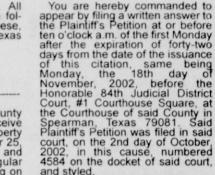
manner prescribed by law. All claims should be sent to the fol-lowing address: Colleen Feese, PO Box 706, Spearman, Texas 79081.

DATED October 3, 2002. John L. Hutchison Attorney for the Estate 1(10-10-02)B

LEGAL NOTICE Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive bids on surplus county property until 4 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2002. Bids will be opened and awarded at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting on Monday, October 28, 2002. On October 16th, a list of surplus items will be available in the County Judge's office, and items can be seen at the Hansford County Courthouse at that time. Jim D. Brown County

Jim D. Brown Hansford County Judge 3(10-10-02)B

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS O: Peterson & Ervin, Defendants GREETINGS:



and styled, JONES ENERGY, LTD. Plaintiff

PETERSON & ERVIN and ROBERT STEMMONS, JR. Defendants

A brief statement of the nature of A biel statement of the hature of this suit is as follows, to wit: See PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF RECEIVER as is more fully known by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Petition on file in this suit. The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is: Mr. Jeff G. Shrader, PO Box 15008, Amarillo, Texas 79105. The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Spearman, Texas, this the 2nd day of October, 2002. Kim V. Vera, District Clerk 84th Judicial District Court Hansford County, Texas



# Schmidt Wins At Tri-State Bake Show

Jessica Schmidt of Hansford held Saturday, September 14, at County claimed first place in the the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. The District 4-H Better Bake Show contest is sponsored annually by

### **Blueberry Streusel Coffee Cake**

- 1 Cup fresh blueberries
- 2 Tablespoons, all purpose flour
- 1/2 Cup butter or margarine, softened
- 2 Cups all-purpose flour
- 2 Tablespoons baking powder 1/4 Teaspoon salt
- 1 Cup sugar 3/4 Cup milk
- l egg

Combine blueberries and two tablespoons flour, toss gently. Set aside Combine butter and next five ingredients in a large bowl; beat at medi um speed of an electric mixer two minutes. Add egg; beat one minute. Fold in blueberries. Spread batter evenly in a greased and floured 9inch square pan. Sprinkle with topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Yields nine servings.

### **Streusel Topping**

1/2 Cup sugar

1/3 Cup all purpose flour

- 1/2 Teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 Cup butter or margarine, softened Mix first three ingredients, cut in butter until mixture resembles coulse

meal. Yields one cup.



The family of Joe T and Linda Venneman hosted an open house recently for their new businesses, 3J Beef and the Clementine Guest Houses. Helping with the event were (Back Row, L-R) Clint Cooper, Kim Cooper, Klint Venneman, Traci Venneman, Holly Gifford and Justin Gifford; (Front Row, L-R) Morgan Venneman, Joe T. Venneman, Linda Venneman and Kennedy Venneman. Reservations for the guests houses or purchase of 3J Beef may be made by calling 806-898-4635.

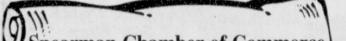
### Reporter-Statesman Seeking Names of Military Personnel, Veterans

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is seeking to update our list of veterans and active military personnel and reservists from Hansford County

Please call the newspaper office at (806) 659-3434, fax to (806) 659-3368, or e-mail information to CathyRSmit@aol.com.

For military personnel, please include the persons name, rank, address, and branch of service. Also include the name of relatives who ive in Hansford County

Names should be submitted by November 4, 2002.



the Tri-State Fair and Texas Wheat Producers Association in Amarillo. Arrowhead Mills of Hereford, and the Texas Cooperative Extension. Jessica is the daughter of Emit and Monica Schmidt of Morse and a freshman at Gruver High Blakely Cartwright of Armstrong

County, captured second place and April Morrison of Hutchinson County placed third in the contest. The top winners received a rosette and prizes that promote bread making from the Tri-State Fair, and a plaque from the Texas Wheat Producers Association.

The purpose of the contest is to

promote the use of wheat, which is one of the Panhandle's leading agricultural commodities. In addition, 4-H members have learned the techniques necessary to make nutritious and delicious baked products from wheat flour as well as the importance of grain products from wheat flour and the importance of grain products in a healthy diet.

For the contest, 4-H members prepared coffee cake using a recipe of their choice. Products were evaluated on appearance, color, texture, and flavor.



Jessica Schmidt displays her winnings from the District 4-H Better Bake Show



### Spearman Chamber of Commerce Boss's Day Kahuna

Wednesday, October 16th Spearman Chamber of Commerce will deliver Kahunas to your favorite boss!

### Prince/Princess Kahuna: \$500

Delivery of Boss's Day Card and Cookie

### King/Queen Kahuna: \$1500

Delivery of a Boss's Day Card, Cookie, and singing telegram by the Kahuna Tun-a's

### The Royal Kahuna: \$2500

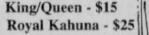
Delivery of a Boss's Day Card, Cookie, Flower, Singing Telegram and \$6 meal certificate.

### **Deadline for Orders is** Friday, October 11th at 5 p.m.

Fill out this form and drop with payment into the chamber night drop. The chamber office will be closed October 7-11 for vacation. Please call Sharion at 659-3711, Missie at 659-9707, Rosalee at 659-5565, or Rosi at 659-3776 during that time for more info. In town delivery only.

From: **Boss's Name:** Delivery address (working hours only):

Circle One (include payment): Prince/Princess - \$5



Celebrate Kick off the "Stuff Your Stocking" promotion during **Moonlight Madness!** Gifts for all your celebrations! Have your stocking stamped for every \$10 spent with any participating business. When you collect ten stamps, enter your stocking for the "Stuff Your Stocking" drawings, held in December. START STAMPING NOW! 5-8 p.m. Kid's Fair Stuff 25% Off 25% Off Storewide **Storewide** 5-9 p.m. 5-9 p.m. (excluding candles, jewelry, Estee Lauder & Brighton)