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## Commissioners meet

Maintenance of the Spearman landfill was a big topic of discussion at the Hansford County Commissioners' Court meeting at the courthouse Monday, Oct. 8.

At issue was whether the court will give \$13,300 to the city of Spearman to have one of the pits, used to bury trash at the Spearman dump, deepened. The court's discussion of the funds centered around the fact that expenditures of this amount would put a serious strain on the court's 1990-91 budget.

"They (the city) should have come forth during the budgeting process," said Commissioner Val Winger. He further indicated that the court should stick to its budget.

During the discussion Jim Murray, city manager, was asked to come before the court and clarify some of the facts about the pit. He stated that the pit needed to be dug 8 to 10 feet deeper in order to extend the fill time of the pit to three years. Murray further stated that work on the pit needed to be finished in the next 60 days, as the pit would be needed as a dumping point by then. He said the city is making the request now because he was under the impression that the court had wanted the cost of this pit carried over into the 90-91 budget year.

Murray stated that his impressions are based on a verbal discussion he had with the court last year, when the proposed expansion of the city dump was discussed. He stated that the city's part of the expansion

was to purchase a \$130,000 trash compactor and the court was to take care of the digging of this large pit to bury the trash.

He went on to explain that the city bought the compactor and the court found and hired a contractor to dig the pit. The pit dug by the contractor has proved to be too shallow to hold three years' worth of Hansford County garbage, for which it had originally been designed.

This three year time span, according to Murray, was to allow Hansford County municipal and county governments to assess a waste disposal study starting now, and to make more economical plans for waste disposal in the future. Murray further stated that if the court does not release the needed funds, the city would not be in a position to easily finance both the enlarging of the pit and purchase of the compactor. Therefore, the time available to the county government to plan for waste disposal would be shortened.

After further discussion the court decided to table the matter until a future meeting. Murray indicated he would bring the matter before the city council and see what can be worked out.

Changing county liability insurance carriers was another item on the court's agenda. R.L. McClellan informed the court that he had been approached by a company offering the county less expensive liability insurance

coverage. He said the coverage offered by this new policy is not as good as the current policy in some areas, but is better in others. He further stated that the county could possibly purchase some additional policies to enhance the new policy at a lower cost than what the county is currently paying for liability coverage.

After some discussion the court decided to table the matter until the next meeting. In the interim, McClellan is to research the cost of additional policies so the court can better judge the cost-effectiveness of the present liability coverage.

Although not on the agenda, Sheriff R.L. McFarlin brought up the issue of fixing the roof of the jail. He reminded the court that a sag in the courthouse roof caused

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Museum Board members and staff gathered at the Stationmaster's House Museum to welcome visitors to the museum's Open House. The Open House was held Saturday, October 6, from 1-6 p.m. Displayed at the Open House were paintings by local artists, toile paintings, and calendar pictures of the Dion quintuplets dating back to 1938.

## Pando named Queen

Elda Pando was named Gruver High School's 1990 Homecoming Queen during festivities held Friday, Oct. 5 at Greyhound Stadium in Gruver.

The coronation ceremony was held just before the Hounds' football game against the Sunray Bobcats, with music for the event provided by the Greyhound Marching Band, under the direction of Todd Parker. Roses for the royalty, along with the queen's crown, were provided and presented by the GHS varsity cheerleaders, juniors Stacey Williams and Sandra Royval and sophomores Kasey Davis and Nancy Alvarez.

Pando, daughter of Enrique and Emma Pando, was escorted by J.J. Renteria, son of Jesse and Esmeralda Renteria. She is a senior at Gruver High School and a member of the Catholic Church at Guymon, Okla.

Pando's high school activities have included track, basketball, cheerleading, UIL activities, Harmony Club and FHA as a freshman; track, UIL, cheerleading and Spanish Club as a sophomore; and as a junior, cheerleading, cross country, UIL and Spanish Club.

During her senior year, she has been active as head cheerleader and competing on the cross country team, and plans to be part of the track team in the spring. She is involved in Odyssey of the Mind and is part of the Gifted and Talented program at GHS.

In her spare time, she likes to read and draw. Her future plans include attending college to prepare for the teaching profession.

In addition to being named Homecoming Queen, Pando was the lucky winner of the special quilt made by Gyene Spivey and given

away in a drawing by the GHS senior class.

Eva Babbs was another candidate for Homecoming Queen. Babbs, the 17 year old daughter of Mike and Amy Babbs, was escorted by Chris Spivey, son of Brad and Gyene Spivey.

Babbs, a senior at GHS, is a member of First Christian Church, where she is active in Christian Youth Fellowship. School activities for Babbs have included student council, cheerleading, FFA, Harmony Club and basketball as a freshman. During her sophomore year, Babbs took part in cheerleading, basketball, track, UIL and Harmony Club.

Activities during her junior year included basketball, cross country, track, cheerleading and the all-school play. In addition, she was a member of SADD, Harmony Club and Spanish Club.

This year she is secretary of the

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Each of the 76 students in Mrs. Clyburn's, Mrs. Brock's, Mrs. Pierson's and Mrs. Ramon's first grade classes at Spearman Elementary School signed a scroll pledging drug-free lives. They presented the scroll to Spearman Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Cudd Friday, Oct. 5 in a special ceremony at Spearman City Hall. Making the presentation are class representatives (l-r) Ashley Powers, Randa Morris, John Brock and Monica Cantu.

## Accident victim hospitalized

A Spearman youth was admitted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo Sunday morning with injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident.

Spearman Police Chief Joe Raper said 16 year old Michael Burk of Spearman was taken to the Amarillo hospital after his 1983 Chevrolet two-door automobile collided with a 1979 Mack truck at the intersection of Main and Collard in Spearman. The driver of the truck, 56 year old Roy Joseph Robicheaux of Perryton, was not injured, said Raper.

As of 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10

Burk was listed in serious condition in the pediatric intensive care unit of the hospital.

According to the accident report, Burk was headed northwest on Main Street and failed to yield the right-of-way to the truck, which was headed northeast on Collard (Highway 15). The truck struck the Chevrolet's driver side door, with the automobile pushed 1/2 block from the point of impact and into an alley. The accident occurred at 11:30 a.m.

"All we can say is Burk pulled in front of the truck," commented Raper.

Al Buddy Burk, 14, a passenger in

the Chevrolet, sustained minor lacerations and was treated and released at Hansford Hospital. Also treated and released at the local hospital was April Burk, age 6. A third passenger in the Burk vehicle, 12 year old Jay Burk, was not injured.

Raper said two citations are pending against the driver of the automobile, including failure to yield right of way at a stop intersection; and violating driver's license restriction (must be accompanied by a licensed driver age 18 or older). He said there was no indication of speeding on the part of either driver.



Elda Pando was crowned 1990 Homecoming Queen Friday night at Greyhound Stadium. She was escorted by J.J. Renteria.

## Dear Soldier . . .

# Junior high students correspond with 101st Airborne

by Jean Ann Behney

Their letters all began "Dear Soldier" when they first wrote last August during their Texas History and American History classes at Spearman Junior High.

Teacher Richard Trantham and his seventh and eighth grade students composed and mailed over 100 letters to the U.S. 101st Airborne Division, stationed in Saudi Arabia to defend our country's interests after Iraq's Saddam Hussein invaded and took over oil-rich Kuwait.

"We cover current events anyway in my classes and I thought this would be interesting for the kids to do, plus I think the soldiers need to know we support them back at home," commented Trantham.

All the students' letters were placed in two large "priority mail" envelopes and sent on their way August 31. By mid-September, as many as 20 or more letters a day were being received by the students at the junior high campus, and the soldier they had written to now had a name, rank and hometown.

"We heard from everybody—from privates to a major, and a chaplain wrote to me," Trantham reported. "But most of the soldiers who wrote were sergeants, and a man named James Chase wrote

eight or ten letters to us!"

Students interviewed in Trantham's eighth grade American History class said they were sure they would receive some response when they first wrote the soldiers. According to Molly Blackman, the men wrote about their duties, meals, families, and hometowns. "They all thanked us and said they were glad of our support," she added.

Trantham mentioned that the 101st Airborne Division is based in Tennessee, but said the soldiers themselves come from all over the United States.

When asked what they themselves wrote to the men (no letters from women have yet been received), Jeremy Sutterfield remarked, "I had only written two

letters in my whole life before this, but I had a lot to say because I just told all about myself and some of the news in sports."

Students also described their families, Spearman and their school, they said. Traci Martin said she described herself to "her" soldier and Stuart Riggins also told all the news in the pro-football world.

Once the first batch of letters was mailed, Trantham said, students were asking him "about every fifteen minutes" if the school had any replies yet. Trantham started going downstairs to pick up the school's mail personally, where the letter carrier leaves it in the hall, instead of waiting for it to get to the office and to be distributed among teacher mailboxes.

While the wait was on, Trantham taught background material on the Mideast's geography and political history and students created a bulletin board of newspaper clippings about the Iraq-Kuwait situation.

"I was amazed!" Stuart Riggins said when asked how he felt when he received a reply to his "Dear Soldier" letter. "I wasn't expecting to get one back so soon and I was one of the first."

Trantham said the first day letters came, there were 12 or 13 of them, and then 20 or more came for a couple of days before the number of letters trickled down to just one or two a day. (As of press time, replies to the students' second letters are beginning to arrive.)

While not every student has received a response to his or her initial letter, according to Ronda Renner, those who have received replies share them with all the other students. "Mr. Trantham keeps the letters where we all can read them," she explained.

Trantham said he will soon be letting individual students take home the letters they personally received. Right now, he is saving all the letters so that the soldiers' names and addresses can be reused. "Most of the soldiers writing

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The students of Richard Trantham's 7th and 8th grade history classes wrote letters to U.S. Servicemen stationed in Saudi Arabia. They didn't have long to wait before they received letters describing

the conditions in Saudi Arabia from military personnel. The letters also gave insights into the personal feelings of the soldiers deployed there.

# The 'GISD' Of Things

by Barry Haenisch, Principal  
Gruver High School

The Campus Committee of Gruver High School has been hard at work this year setting goals for the year and devising strategies to meet those goals. The primary goals this year are to increase the reading comprehension score on our annual SRA achievement tests, to recognize students for contributions they make to our school or community, to increase the number of students on the honor roll each six weeks and to decrease the number of students who fail a subject each week. The idea of the committee is to use positive reinforcement and encouragement to reach these goals.

The key to educational success is reading. To help students possess this key for future success, the tutorial period each Monday is devoted to reading. All individuals in the high school during that period read silently. Hopefully, test scores will rise and a love of reading will be fostered through

this activity.

A "Student of the Month" will be selected each month from students nominated by teachers, students or any community member. Persons in the community are encouraged to contact the school and nominate students they feel deserve recognition. The "Student of the Month" will be profiled in the school library, will be introduced to the school board and Lion's Club, will be featured in the Reporter-Statesman, and will receive other recognition.

Students making the All A Honor Roll will receive a specially designed Gruver Greyhound T-Shirt, a pass to all school events during the six weeks period, and a coupon to be redeemed at the concession stand. Those on the A/B Honor Roll will receive the activity pass and a coupon for the concession stand. Additionally, those who fail no courses on their report card will be treated to a party given by the teachers to reward the students for their efforts.

The hope of the Campus Committee is to make the high school campus an environment for success. Members of the committee include faculty members Russ Chisum, Penny Ralston, David Steele and Brent Vanderpol; community members Kathy Gillispie and Jerry Hunt; and the school counselor, Cathy Potts.



## Superintendent's Letter

by Roy Harris  
Superintendent  
Pringle-Morse CISD

School has started with a "BANG." The first six weeks is already over! Carnival time is here!

This week students in grades three, five, seven, nine and eleven will take the TAAS test. TAAS stands for Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. It replaces the TEAMS test (Texas Evaluation of Minimum Skills). The difference is that TEAMS tested basic skills while TAAS will test higher level reasoning skills.

Report cards are out and a judge down in Austin has given the Texas Legislature an "F." According to him, school financing in Texas is still unfair. He has given the legislature until September of next year to straighten out the problem. I don't know why he thinks they can do it now. They didn't do it in three

special sessions last time. Do you suppose most people like it the way it is? Here comes the same old remedies - consolidation of schools, consolidation of tax basis, caps on spending, and robbing Peter to pay Paul. All this will reduce schools to the lowest common denominator. When every school district has the same, they will be equal, fairly treated, and mediocre.

At Pringle-Morse School we are learning to write all sorts of compositions - personal narrative, descriptive narrative, personal letters, business letters, poems, stories, persuasive narratives, and so on. If education is not getting better here it is not because of the lack of effort.

See all of you at the Carnival October 30!!!



by Eddie Gage  
Spearman Elementary Principal

## SISD Sayso

Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. The same grades will be involved with the TAAS, but the emphasis has been changed. Higher order thinking skills in the academic areas will be the focus of the new TAAS.

Also, different for the TAAS will be the testing dates. In the past we administered the state test in the spring, but for students involved with the TAAS, the test dates are October 16-17-18. No make-ups are allowed, so it is extremely important for all third, fifth, seventh, ninth, and eleventh grade students to be in attendance all three days.

As individual questions are hard to address in an article of this nature, any building principal or the high school counselor would be glad to visit with you regarding the TAAS test.

## Pringle-Morse Menu

**PRINGLE-MORSE SCHOOL**  
October 15 - 19  
**MONDAY**  
FRITO PIE  
TATOR TOTS  
SALAD  
COOKIE  
FRUIT  
MILK  
**TUESDAY**  
CHICKEN STRIPS  
CHICKEN NUGGETS  
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY  
SALAD  
FRIED SQUASH  
JELLO WITH FRUIT  
MILK  
**WEDNESDAY**  
HAMBURGER  
CHIPS  
TRIMS  
FRUIT  
CINNAMON ROLLS  
MILK  
**THURSDAY**

**LASAGNA SALAD**  
**GREEN PEAS**  
**BLOND BROWNIES**  
MILK  
**FRIDAY**  
STEW  
**GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES**  
SALAD  
FRUIT  
ICE CREAM  
MILK  
**BREAKFAST MONDAY**  
Waffles, Sausage, Juice, Milk  
**TUESDAY**  
Honey Buns, Cheese Toast, Juice, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Toast, Juice, Milk  
**THURSDAY**  
Muffins, Oatmeal, Juice, Milk  
**FRIDAY**  
Bacon, Eggs, Juice, Milk

## Obituaries

**George Laird**  
BORGER - George Laird died Wednesday, Oct. 3 at age 79.

Mr. Laird was born in Racine, Wis. and had been a resident of Borger for 47 years. He was a retired 'A' operator with Phillips Petroleum Co., Plains Plant.

Survivors include his wife, Rena; a daughter, Deloris Guthrie of Spearman; a stepson, Harold Priest of La Porte; a stepdaughter, Wanda Jones of Amarillo; 20 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Oct. 5 in Minton-Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Leonard Forsythe, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

**L.C. Craig Jr.**  
L.C. Craig Jr., 60, died Friday, Oct. 5.

Born in Converse, La., Mr. Craig had lived in Spearman 33 years, moving from Mansfield, La. He married Millie Barretin in 1948 at Converse, La. He was a tool pusher for Leonard Hudson Drilling Co. for 20 years before retiring in 1986. He was a member of Hansford Lodge No. 1040 AF&AM and of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, L.C. "Pip" Craig III of Spearman; five daughters, Cheryl Tension of San Antonio, Angela Looten of Groom, and Deborah Crouch, Judy Collins and Sharon Wilson, all of Amarillo; his mother, Bertha Craig of Mansfield, La.; and a sister, Marie Griffith of Shreveport, La.

Funeral services were conducted

## Hospital Notes

**Thursday, Oct. 4 -**  
Admissions: Margurite Jenkins, Maria Robledo, and Sammy Graham.

Dismissals: None  
**Friday, Oct 5 -**  
Admissions: Ella Carter and Altha Kirk

Dismissals: Marcus Larson, Bill Henderson, Sammy Graham, Maria Robledo, Marie For, and Preston Graham.

**Saturday, Oct. 6 -**  
Admissions: None  
Dismissals: Ella Carter

**Sunday, Oct. 7 -**  
Admissions: None  
Dismissals: None

**Monday, Oct. 8 -**  
Admissions: None  
Dismissals: None

**Tuesday, Oct. 9**  
Admissions: Christine Sargent  
Dismissals: None

Patients in the hospital are Margurite Jenkins, Altha Kirk and Christine Sargent.

Tuesday, Oct. 9 in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Russ Gibbs, pastor, and the Rev. Andy Hurst, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Amarillo, officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be to the American Heart Association.

**Louise Babitzke**  
DARROUZETT - Louise Babitzke, 76, died Thursday, Oct. 4.

She was born in Shattuck, Okla. and was a lifetime resident of Darrouzett. She married Paul Babitzke in 1932 at Arnett, Okla. She was a housewife and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Paul Babitzke Jr. of Follett and Roy Babitzke of Booker; a daughter, Deana Luthi of Hooker, Okla.; a sister, Christina Babitzke of Spearman; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Oct. 7 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church with the Rev. David Stevens officiating. Interment was in Darrouzett Cemetery.

**Alfredo Borja**  
DUMAS - Alfredo Borja, 45, died Saturday, Oct. 6.

Mr. Borja was born in Juarez, Mexico. The body will be taken to Chihuahua, Mexico for services and burial.

Survivors include his wife, Aurora, of Mexico; and three daughters, Cecilia Ortiz and Laura Borja, both of Gruver, and Irene Pena of Dumas.

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Call Forwarding - Busy Line and Call Forwarding - Don't Answer are optional call management services that will automatically forward a customer's incoming calls to a pre-designated number whenever that incoming call encounters a busy or don't answer condition. These services are for both business and residence customers. The company proposes that the services be available beginning November 19, 1990.

The monthly rates for Call Forwarding - Busy Line and Call Forwarding - Don't Answer are \$1.00 for residence customers and \$3.00 for business customers. The monthly rate for subscribing to both services is \$1.75 for residence customers and \$4.00 for business customers. During this experimental offering period the installation charges will be waived.

Call Forwarding - Busy Line and Call Forwarding - Don't Answer are expected to generate first-year revenues of approximately \$752,000.

Call Forwarding - Busy Line and Call Forwarding - Don't Answer will be offered on an experimental basis in selected areas throughout the state for 12 months. The availability of these services after that time will depend on Southwestern Bell's decision of whether to offer the services on a permanent basis.

Persons wishing to comment on these services should notify the commission by November 9, 1990. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256 or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.



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Sam Gruver (r), Gruver Fire Chief, accepts a check for \$315 from Billy Brown of Hansford Farm Bureau. HFP donated the monies to offset Gruver's expenses in attending Fire School Classes at Texas A&M University this summer.

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water to stand after a rain. This led to leaks in the jail and contributed to mosquito breeding.

After some discussion the court decided to seek bids from local roofers and to decide on the repair of the roof at a later date.

Another non-agenda matter was a request made to the judge by the Rainbows and Ranglers Square Dance Club. According to McClellan, the group requested a key to the Spearman county barn to make their continual use of the barn more convenient.

The court recommended not to allow the club the key, and recommended that the club members continue to come to the courthouse to get the key on days when they are to use the barn.

McClellan brought forth another request on which to survey the board's opinion. This time the request was for additional funds for the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department. Ron Antalek, fire chief, requested the funds to purchase a set of lights to be used by emergency personnel to light an

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student council, runs cross country and is a captain of the 1990-91 varsity Lady Greyhounds, in addition to her participation in Harmony Club. Her hobbies are playing basketball and being with her friends. After graduation, she plans to attend Angelo State University to prepare for a career as a basketball coach and English teacher.

Jennifer Hart, 17 year old daughter of Jerry Hart and Brenda Hart, was the third Homecoming Queen candidate. Her escort was Geronimo Ortega, son of Ramon and Alicia Ortega.

Hart, who attends the United Methodist Church, is involved in a number of high school activities. She has been a member of the JV and varsity basketball and track teams, in addition to running cross country.

Early mailing encouraged

To ensure timely arrival at overseas destinations for Christmas delivery, postal customers should post all mail in the continental United States on or before the following dates in 1990:

Outbound military surface mail destined for the Far East should be posted by Oct. 12. Military surface mail going to Europe should be mailed by Oct. 13. Oct. 15 is the deadline for military surface mail headed for Hawaii. Other mailing

Commodities

U.S.D.A. commodities will be distributed to those who qualify on Wednesday, Oct. 17. The distribution will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman.

accident scene. The court recommended that the request be considered as part of next year's budget planning.

As a final piece of business, J.T. Venneman requested that the court authorize some type of advertising campaign to request that landowners along county roads not construct fences in road rights-of-way. He went on to state that the fences pose a traffic hazard along the roads and that they interfere with road maintenance. The court decided to advertise the request in The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman.

Other regular business conducted by the court was the reading and accepting of the minutes of the last county court meeting, and the receiving of the treasurer's report and investments.

Commissioners attending the meeting were J.T. Venneman, Val Winger, Garland Head and B.J. Renner. Also present were R.L. McClellan, county judge, and visitors Jim Brown, R.L. McFarlin, Jim Murray and Mike Hulett.

She is active in UIL academic contests, including number sense, typing, accounting, science and one-act play. She is a member of Spanish Club and SADD, and participates in the Gifted and Talented program. This is her second year as an Odyssey of the Mind team member. She serves as class treasurer and is past treasurer of National Honor Society.

Her hobbies include reading, watching baseball and spending time with friends. She plans to attend Angelo State University and major in business and finance.

Three candidates for the title of GHS Homecoming Queen are chosen by the members of the varsity and junior varsity football teams. These three candidates are then voted on by the entire high school student body.

deadlines include Oct. 26 for Africa, Oct. 27 for Greenland, Nov. 1 for Alaska, Nov. 2 for Central and South America and the Caribbean, Nov. 3 for the Middle East, Nov. 8 for Southeast Asia and Nov. 15 for Australia.

The U.S. Postal Service advises that Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) and Space Available Mail (SAM) provide combinations of surface and air transport to military addresses overseas.

Deadlines for outbound air mail parcels are: Nov. 16 for Australia, Middle East and Southeast Asia; Nov. 20 for Africa; Dec. 1 for Europe, Far East, Greenland and Central and South America; and Dec. 7 for the Caribbean.

(Letter written to Gavin Crum)

Dear Gavin,  
My name is Phillip Pisani and I'm from Pampano Beach, Florida. I'm an E-4 specialist in the Field Artillery. I've been in the Army for 2 1/2 years. I did Basic Training at Ft. Sill, Ok. I've been stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky. for 2 years before being sent here to Saudi Arabia. Your question about if I liked being in the military, the answer is yes. I feel the military helps mature people and give them a sense of responsibility. I would rather see the problem here solved diplomatically (sic), but some people just don't see things the same way. The people in my section thank you for your support. God Bless You.  
SPC Phillip B. Pisani

(Letter written to Amy Schoenhals)

17 Sept 90  
Dear Amy,  
First of all I want to thank you for taking time to write. I'm sorry for the sloppy writing, but the wind is blowing badly and causing my table to shake. If Saddam Hussein does not move his army from Kuwait then I'm pretty sure there will be fighting. I'm from Clarksville, Tennessee which is right next to Ft. Campbell, Ky. I'm in the Army. I've been in the Army for 15 years. The temperature here runs between 110 degrees - 140 degrees during the day and between 75 degrees to 85 degrees at night. The food is a pre-packaged meal which we consume whenever we go to the field. I'm not going to lie about how I felt about going to war. I'm scared any human being would be scared of going to war and death. I hope this satisfies (sic) your questions if you have anymore questions or time to write here is my address—  
SSG James F. Chase

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to us are stationed around the King Fahd Airfield in Saudi Arabia," he reported.

Several students created a second bulletin board once soldiers' letters were received, this one with an eighth grader's hand-drawn map of the region and sample letters. The paper currency (called "riyals" and each worth between 25 and 33 cents) Molly Blackman received in her letter is displayed on this bulletin board, as is the cloth badge of the 101st Airborne Division Martin Sanders received. Newspapers from the area were sent by other soldiers.

Michael Covington's correspondent sent him part of a pineapple juice carton (supplied to soldiers by Saudi Arabia) and Molly also received the label peeled off a water jug. These water jugs are a vital, constant part of a soldier's day in the desert climate of the region, as the class explained.

The students were eager to tell the things they have learned from this letter-writing experience. Joel Stark described some of the cultural differences between the Arab world and ours. "I found out the women cover their faces (in Saudi Arabia and its neighboring countries)," he said. All but a handful of pupils confessed they did not know where Iraq and Kuwait were located before they sent letters to the Mideast.

Most of the students admitted they now follow the national news more closely, both on television and in the newspapers. "It now seems like we're part of the international situation," Molly explained, "because we want to keep up with what is happening to our soldiers over there."

When asked if they would themselves go as soldiers to the Mideast if they were called, all but one of the students gave an unhesitating "Yes!" Only Derek

Irlbeck admitted the desert heat would be hard to bear, but he too said he would go if Uncle Sam beckoned.

Jeremy commented, "It's really the patriotic and noble thing to do. It wasn't right for them (the Iraqis) to go over and invade Kuwait." Stuart added, "I would go because it would be to help another country not be under somebody else's rule. We're free in this country."

The students revealed a surprisingly sophisticated knowledge of the importance of oil in this crisis. As Courtney Henton said, "We'd probably be over there even without the oil, but not as forceful."

The prevailing attitude in the classroom, however, was "Our country was set up to help other countries whether or not anything is in it for us."

Hansford Happenings

The Stationmaster's House Museum is sponsoring its third antique show October 13-14 at the county barn. Antique dealers from area towns and states will be present with their wares. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

TAAS testing is set for Oct. 16, 17 and 18. The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) is a new testing program which measures a broader range of essential elements than the TEAMS program. It also better addresses the academic goals of the 1990s, which stress the importance of teaching students higher-order thinking skills. As required by the Texas Administrative Code, the assessment instruments in mathematics, reading and writing will be administered for grades 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 Exit level in all school districts in the state. For all levels the writing test will be administered on Oct. 16, the reading test on Oct. 17 and the mathematics test on Oct. 18. No make-up sessions will be allowed for any TAAS test at any grade level.

Spearman Study Club will host its 10th annual arts and crafts show Saturday, Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Spearman High School cafeteria. More information can be obtained and booth space reserved by contacting Claudine Hardy at 659-3440 after 5 p.m. or Donna Trantham at 659-2045 after 5 p.m.

Spearman High School's Future Homemakers of America are sponsoring "Build your own potato and create a sundae" Friday, Oct. 12. The event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the SHS cafeteria. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children age 6 and under.

Spearman Girl Scouts will conduct their annual nut sale by taking orders door-to-door Oct. 5 through Oct. 19. Troops will be selling mixed nuts with peanuts, dry roasted peanuts, unsalted peanuts, butter toffee nuts, honey peanuts and peanut crunch. Delivery is scheduled for November. Proceeds from the nut sale help fund Spearman Girl Scout troop activities. Anyone missed during the door-to-door campaign can contact Carolyn Cummings at 659-2106 for information about how to purchase Girl Scout nuts.

An open house is planned for Sunday, Oct. 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. to welcome three new businesses to Gruver. The open house will be held in the old Caprock building on Main Street in Gruver, and the public is invited to attend. The three businesses featured at the open house are Aeroflight Publications Inc., the Spanish Dagger (Yucca) Art Gallery, and Panhandle Marketing warehouse and distribution center.

Gruver students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 will be taking the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test, formerly the TEAMS test, on the mornings of Oct. 16, 17 and 18. The TAAS program measures a broader range of essential elements than the TEAMS program. It also better addresses the academic goals of the 1990s, which stress the importance of teaching students higher-order thinking skills. Cathy Potts, TAAS coordinator for Gruver schools, advises parents, "Please have your students ready for this with a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast."

Alpha Mu Psi sorority of Gruver will sponsor an "Over 70s Banquet" Thursday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church fellowship hall in Gruver. Anyone needing a ride to the banquet should call 733-2831 or 733-5148.

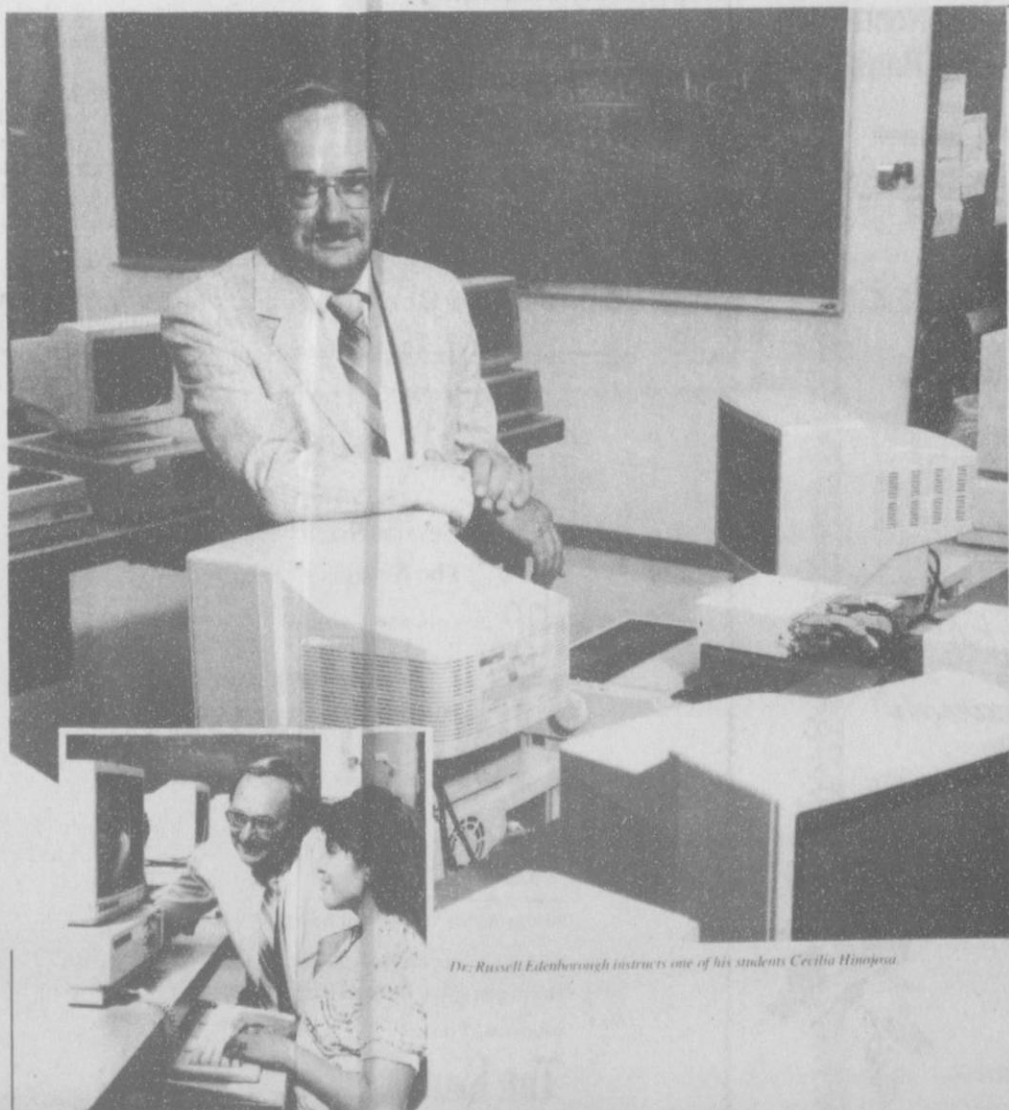
Spearman High School's student council is sponsoring a blood drive Monday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the high school library. Blood donations will be collected by personnel from Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

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## For The Short Of It

by Bob Bort

Football in the air;  
Dreams of youth long since clouded.  
Autumn in Gruver.

I have decided to try something different this week. The lyric poem which opens this column is the Japanese form of poetry known as "Haiku." The first line has five syllables, the second seven syllables, and the third five syllables, for a total of 17 syllables in the poem. Each week I will write an original poem, using different forms, and maybe some of our youth will try to express themselves in this manner. It can't hurt - has anyone seen the movie "Dead Poets Society," starring Robin Williams? I would highly recommend it.

Haiku is one of the simplest forms of lyric poetry - one of the three types of poetry. Lyric poems are any common, short poems. Haiku is meant to express one very simple thought. Sometimes they can be very dramatic in their simplicity.

Have at it! Mine will often have a sports theme.

Here are my predictions for the week:

**Friday, Oct. 12 - Gruver** at Wheeler (Hounds, 21-6) The upset of the year. Don't laugh at my prediction. Wheeler didn't even have enough respect for Gruver to send scouts to the Gruver-Sunray game. Wheeler will be tight in their first district game; Gruver will be loose as a goose. Remember two years ago when Gruver upset the defending state champion Mustangs at Wheeler 14-10. That was a big victory, but not as big as this one. All it takes is one good game offensively for the Hounds, and they will be a vastly improved team.

**Saturday, Oct. 13 - Texas Tech** at Arkansas (24-24, tie) The Red Raiders are a better team than their record indicates, and Arkansas is far below the top 20 ranking they received early in the season. The only reason I didn't pick Tech outright, is the site of the game. It's tough to win with all those "soo-ey

pigs!" fanatics there.

**Sunday, Oct. 14 - Dallas** at Phoenix (Cowboys 31-17) Troy Aikman is coming of age. In a couple of years, he will be one of the NFL's top field generals, not far out of the class of Joe Montana, John Elway, Dan Marion, etc. Perhaps he will surpass them all, which is great for Dallas, because he is a local (Henryetta, Okla.) boy. Phoenix has flashes of excellence, but not this week. This week belongs to the Cowboys.

For the year, I am 10-5 for a percentage of .667.

Rex Ralston, Gruver's outstanding lineman, suffered a kneecap dislocation injury this past week in the Sunray game, and he will be out for a while. It is the same kneecap that was injured last year. He will be missed. J.J. Renteria and Chad Brown may be back this week, though, for the Wheeler game, and they will be welcome additions to Coach Steele's squad for the district opener. Wheeler has an outstanding team, and it will take a superb effort by the Hounds to beat them.

Here is the exciting report on the Gruver 7th and 8th grade victories over Sunray Thursday, Oct. 4, courtesy of Coach Jim Davis (I was in Lubbock, and didn't get to see my son play well!).

According to Coach Davis, the 7th grade played an outstanding defensive football game and had Sunray down on their end of the field the entire first half, which ended 0-0. One key play was made by Daniel Bort. Sunray had a 4th

## Lookin' Back

5 YEARS AGO...

**Thursday, September 26, 1985**  
Spearman and Gruver were hit with 35 mph winds and hail where cars, trees and homes suffered minor damage.

10 YEARS AGO...

**Thursday, September 25, 1980**  
The Hansford County tax rate will be \$1.25 per 100 Oct. 1 when the new fiscal year begins.

15 YEARS AGO...

**Thursday, September 25, 1975**  
The Fabulous 50's Dance-A-

and about 7 and Bort came in and made an outstanding tackle on the option play for a big loss, giving Gruver the ball. It was not until late in the 4th quarter that Gruver scored - that coming on the halfback pass from Wylee Maupin for Jason Ward for a 6-0 lead. Then Sammy Renteria made a key interception and Maupin scored again on a sweep, and Gruver led 12-0. Then as the clock expired Bort made another interception, returning it a long way, but knocked out of bounds short of the TD. Final score, 12-0.

In the 8th grade game, according to Coach Davis, the Hounds have found themselves a workhorse. He is tailback Aaron Frick, who Coach Davis estimates carried the ball 35 or so times for well over 100 yards. But John Holland definitely shared the spotlight. Holland scored the first touchdown on a run, to make the score 6-0. But Sunray tied the game 6-6, and Gruver didn't put away until the second half. It was an 85-yard drive that consumed about 6:30 of time, and the TD again came on the halfback pass, this time from Frick to Ryon Atwood. That made the score 12-6. Gruver extended their lead to 20-6 as Holland scored again, and also made the two point conversion. Again, according to Coach Davis, they made the mistake of keying on Frick, and Holland made them pay for it. Another key play was made by Rosalio Arreola as he knocked down a late pass in the end zone. Final score, 20-12.

The 7th, 8th and JV teams will be playing at Stratford this Thursday, Oct. 12.

Thon, held at the community building, netted Cystic Fibrosis approximately \$1,300.00 and afforded a lot of good entertainment for local residents.

20 YEARS AGO...

**Thursday, September 24, 1970**  
The Spearman FFA Chapter has received a Superior Gold Emblem rating from the National FFA Chapter. The local chapter had won this award in 1963, 1964 and 1965 and this year's award is certainly something to be proud of.

## Miss PSU pageant set for Friday

GOODWELL, OKLA. - The 1990-91 Miss Panhandle State University and crowning ceremonies will be held Friday, Oct. 12 at 8:00 p.m. in Hughes-Strong Auditorium in Goodwell as part of the homecoming festivities.

Twenty-nine contestants will compete and be evaluated by three judges in the areas of private interview and the modeling of sportswear and evening gowns. The sportswear and evening gown competition will be held within a formal pageant format. Following the sportswear and evening gown competitions, the 10 finalists will be named. From those 10 finalists, five women with the most points will be selected. Each of the five will then be asked an extemporaneous question.

Miss PSU 1990-91, along with the first and second runners-up, will be named. Master and Mistress of Ceremonies will be Leon and Jocelyn Farmer of Texhoma, Okla.

Competing for Miss PSU is Dee Dee Shelton, 19 year old daughter of Merry Shelton of Gruver. She is a sophomore elementary education major with Spanish as her minor. She is currently active in gymnastics. Dee Dee's sponsor is the Baptist Student Union.

A scholarship of \$600 will be awarded to the Miss PSU, \$400 will be presented to the first runner-up, and \$200 will be given to the second runner-up.

The 1990-91 Miss Panhandle State University Pageant is open to the public. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students with children pre-school age and younger admitted free.



(PSU photo) Twenty-nine contestants will compete for the title of Miss PSU 1990-91, including (top row, l-r) Carrie Schroder, Robin Davis, Mindy Monroe, Staci Thompson, Brenda Sale, (second row, l-r) Robin Huffman, Jeana Crawford, Sonja Manning, Melissa Taylor, (third row, l-r) Maggie Fuentes, Roxie Fussell, Dee Dee Shelton, Mandy Smith, Michelle Blakely, DeLane Holbert, Amy Johnston, (fourth row, l-r) Sandy Jarock, Wendy Dawn Newman, Balinda Stuckey, Brandy Pletz, Kathy Pate, Traci McDowell, Jackie McCurdy, (front row, l-r) Melissa Anderson, Barbara Clemens, Trisha King, Carla Farrand and Trisha Tillery. Not present is Brandi Jacobs.

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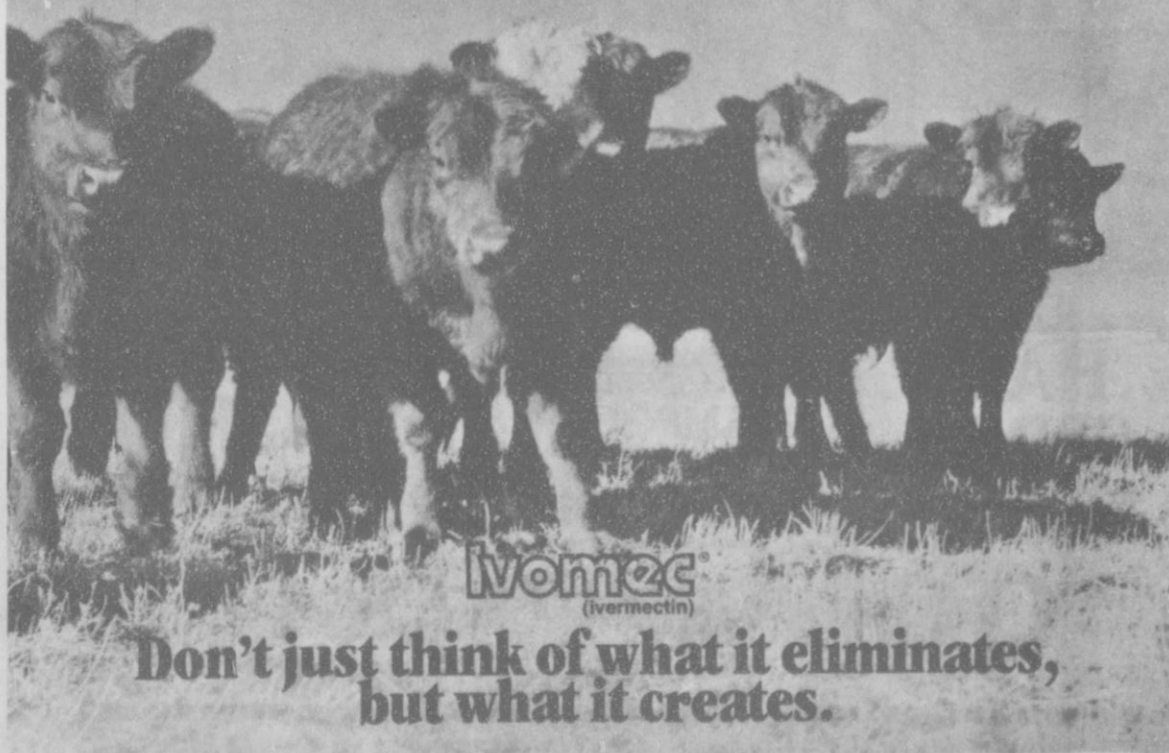
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Panhandle State University has 21 student teachers this semester, set to begin their student teaching assignments Sept. 24. Student teachers and their assigned schools include (front row, l-r) Christie Bonner, Boise City, Okla.; Donna Cain, Boise City; Patricia Williams, Keyes, Okla.; (back row, l-r) Guadalupe (Lupe) Quinn, Gruver; Bob Cochran, Keyes; Danny Cumming, Dalhart; and Melanie Firestone, Dalhart.



Some of the members of the Gruver High School graduating class of 1940 gathered at Helen Shapley's home for a reunion get-together over the Homecoming weekend. Class members include (l-r) Helen Shapley, Ann McClellan Sanders, Peggy Garrett Archer, J.C. Miller and wife Beth, Rosalie Cator and Jack Hart.

## Sorority to hold convention

PERRYTON - About 60 members of Beta Sigma Phi, a women's social, service and cultural organization, will be welcoming sorority sisters from all over the Texas Panhandle to the 1990 Northwest Area Convention to be held at the Perryton High School on Oct. 20 and 21.

Beta Sigma Phi is the largest Greek letter sorority of its kind in the world, having grown in its 60 year history from one chapter of seven women in Abilene, Kan. to a sorority of 250,000 women, active in chapters in 23 countries throughout the world.

Beta Sigma Phi has been recognized internationally for its philanthropic work, but the main goal of the organization is life, learning and friendship for its

members. Begun during the Depression by Walter W. Ross, Beta Sigma Phi was originally designed to provide an outlet for women who, in those hard financial times, could not attend college and were obliged to stay home and support their families. Ross provided these women with a program of cultural study so they could have an opportunity for intellectual and social growth.

Since that time, Beta Sigma Phi has grown from a small social and cultural group into an international sorority that devotes much time to service efforts as well. Hardly a charitable, health or cultural group exists today that has not been helped in some way by Beta Sigma Phi. A recent survey of the membership revealed that

## Craft show set

STRATFORD - Country crafts and holiday decorations will be featured at the Jolly Junction Craft Show, set for Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the county barn at Stratford.

Craft show exhibitors will be coming from as far away as Dodge City, Kan.; Walsh, Colo.; and Woodward, Okla.; plus many surrounding towns.

In addition to shopping, free classes will be offered at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on easy craft ideas and gifts. A concession stand will also be provided.

The county barn is located three blocks south of the stoptlight and one block east in Stratford.

chapters give over a million hours of their time to charitable causes, and over \$4,000,000 to these causes annually. Internationally, the chapters have created several special funds to which they contribute, including the International Endowment Fund, which has donated over a million dollars to health research groups, homes for underprivileged children and many other causes; and a college scholarship fund for members or their sons or daughters.

Cultural and social activities still continue among the chapters. Each year, members are provided with outlines of study in the liberal arts. Members also plan socials throughout the year, with the highlight being the area convention.

## On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

If today's column seems jumbled, unorganized and incomplete, it is because my little grandson paid me a surprise visit along with his mom and pop. I'm trying to write, gather the news, cook dinner and keep from going bananas.

Well, the big news has been the school homecoming and UMC Homecoming activities. There has been a lot of visiting and reminiscing going on with old time friends. I love reunions and was invited to do a story of those who graduated from G.H.S. in 1940. When I arrived at Helen Shapley's home, I could hear that they were enjoying themselves remembering who, what, where and when.

Of those who made up this class, 16 are still living and two are deceased. The list of names and addresses were gathered and plans were made for lunch at El Vaquero with a gab session at Helen Shapley's. Some were not able to be there for Saturday, but were able to be here Friday night.

Those who were members of this graduating class are: Viola Davis Wallin, Garland; Phyllis Fletcher Cutter, Waco; Jack Hart, Amarillo; Ann McClellan Sanders, Spearman; Lucille McClellan Cagle, Baytown; J.C. Miller, Borger; Ray Mulkin, Los Alamos,

N.M.; Ramona Reynolds Spurlock, Stratford; Walter Wallin, Lindsey, Okla.; Peggy Garrett Archer, Spearman; Kathalin Hodge Addison, Lubbock; and those still living in Gruver are Rosalie Davis Cator, Tom Spivey, Lawrence Ray McClellan, Keith Gross and Helen Gruver Shapley.

Even though this was a weekend for lots of visitors, one of our Gruver teachers was honored with a trip to Nashville for the Country Music Awards program. Brenda Dahl will be in the audience and will have a chance to see these winners in person.

Now for a list of those seen in Gruver. Archie and Margerite Nelson had their daughters and families here for the Methodist church homecoming festivities. Others were former minister Tom Fuller and wife Connie and daughters Mary, Becky and Beth. Bo and Sandra Kizziar and daughters Whitney and Jocelyn from Dalhart. Sandra's father Milton Jochetz is a former minister of Gruver UMC.

For Homecoming Friday night and a weekend visit with parents James and Ann Dorman were Stefan from Texas Tech, the Allen Steeds from Slayton and the Chris

Dormans of Irvine, Calif.

Jerry Overby's guests were Brad and Blair Thacker from Roaring Springs. Visiting her parents, the Dorsey Schads, was daughter Deanna with Gerry Chapman and family.

Lanny Chandler of Denver, Colo. was guest of the Gary Gurnfords, and in the Aubrey Rasor home was the Marty Rasor family.

Enjoying the weekend and homecoming were Bill Etling's daughter Janice and Robert Adams of Waco. Granddaughter Jessica Adams was here also. She is an employee of American Airlines. She has had several opportunities to fly to different cities, even though she is not a stewardess. Others visiting with Bill this weekend were Judy Etling of Newcastle and Elizabeth and son Darryl Etling of Wichita Falls.

Some of the college students home were Brian Hoel, Brian Gillispie of Texas Tech, Tim and Jennifer Fletcher of Amarillo College, and Troy Seagler and friend Sean Toney from Hardin-Simmons in Abilene were guests in parents home Stan and Sharon Seagler. Also, I learned that Ty Seagler is now attending college at West Texas.

I understand Andrea Whitaker was here also. She is working in Tennessee and getting on-the-job training.

Mary Elizabeth Cotter visited her family recently. She lives in the Cimmaron Canyon area in New Mexico and I'm wondering if they are seeing snow today.

Euline and Becky Green from Abilene were here visiting mom Vivian Green, brother Weldon and sister Glenda Renner. Included were Rho Tulle and Lena, able to take some time out from their studies.

Mike and Pat Burnam made a quick trip to Abilene last week to give Laneida some TLC. I'll bet it is lonesome around their house when all of the chicks leave the nest. Or maybe it is enjoyable for some peace and quiet.

It was learned that Tera Boyd was injured in an accident but I have no details at this time.

## Gruver Menu

- OCT. 15 - 19
- MONDAY
- FISH STICKS
- TATER TOTS
- FRUIT
- CORN BREAD
- MILK
- TUESDAY
- TACOS WITH CHEESE
- LETTUCE
- FRUIT
- CRUSTOS
- MILK
- WEDNESDAY
- STEAK FINGERS
- MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
- CARROTS
- CAKE
- HOT ROLLS
- MILK
- THURSDAY
- GOULASH
- TOSSED SALAD
- APPLE SAUCE
- HOMEMADE BREAD
- MILK
- FRIDAY
- CHILI CHEESE DOGS
- FRENCH FRIES
- FRUIT
- COOKIES
- MILK

- BREAKFAST
- MONDAY
- Cereal, Juice, Oatmeal Muffins, Milk
- TUESDAY
- Cowboy Bread, Fruit, Peanuts, Milk
- WEDNESDAY
- French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Fruit, Milk
- THURSDAY
- Home-made Toast, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit, Milk
- FRIDAY
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Exempt from the CDL requirements are farmers, when they are driving within 150 miles of their farm, military personnel, recreational vehicle operators, and fire fighters when operating fire fighting vehicles or equipment.

Commercial drivers who must carry the new CDLs cannot renew their current licenses due to expire between Sept. 17, 1990 and April 1, 1992. They should plan to visit the DPS Driver License offices for

CDL testing at least one month before the expiration date.

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## Mobile Meals asks for contributions

Gruver residents are asked to turn on their porch lights Tuesday, Oct. 16 because "Trick or Treaters" from Alpha Mu Psi sorority will be out collection donations for Mobile Meals again this year.

Mobile Meals are being carried to 13 individuals at this time, according to spokesperson Marilyn Bean. She said the service began in 1978 when Marguerite Nelson recognized a need for the service in Gruver. After looking into the Meals on Wheels program, Nelson decided that Gruver did not need to rely on help from the state, but that Gruver residents could help their

own. Bean noted that thus far, "we have been helping our own, from the generous hearts and pockets of Gruver people."

Volunteers take the meals to those needing the service three days a week. Most meals are prepared in the Gruver school lunchroom. Gopher's convenience store prepares the meals on days when school is not in session.

Bean added, "Our thanks go to you for the generosity you've shown in the past and we know you will continue supporting Mobile Meals."

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# Lynx football...



Brian Beck makes a first down.



Second quarter kickoff return

## Lynx 7th doubles Stratford

The Spearman 7th grade Lynx learned Thursday to "never say die." In their game against Stratford, the 7th Lynx were held scoreless in the first three quarters, but came back in the fourth quarter with 16 unanswered points to take the win, 16-8.

Martin Sanders completed a pass to Coyt Tigrett in the first quarter, which was highlighted by defensive effort. There was no scoring by either team in the first quarter. Second quarter highlights includ-

ed a halfback pass from Phillip Sanders to Brent Collins. Although the Lynx were unable to stop Stratford from scoring eight points in the second quarter, there was some excellent ball playing by both the Lynx offense and the defense.

In the third stanza there was again no scoring by either team, but the Sanders-to-Collins connection surfaced once more.

In the final quarter of the game, the 7th Lynx defense was able to hold Stratford close to the Lynx goal line with strong defense by

Jason Garrett, Oliel Isquierdo, Matt Gafford, Wendell Ralston and Joe Jenkins. The Lynx were able to stop Stratford's punter in the end zone for a safety, which seemed to ignite the team.

Jeremy Blan scored a touchdown and Phillip Sanders added the two-point conversion. The final play of the game was a touchdown by Bill Jack Pittman of the Lynx.

It was noted that most of Spearman's scoring came in the last 2½ minutes.

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Lynx JV 14, Stratford 20 Season record 1-4	Lynx 8th 28, Stratford 6 Season record 3-0
<b>LYNX VARSITY</b>	
Lynx 6, Clarendon 21 Season record 3-2	
The Lynx will begin District play against West Texas High School Friday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m. at Lynx Stadium.	
<b>MISSING LYNX</b>	
Chris Williamson: Neck injury. May be out the remainder of the season.	
Tim Dooley: Shoulder injury. Aggravated at practice. Decision to play made from week to week.	
Tino Garcia: Report card injury. Out for the remainder of the season.	
Jason Sutterfield: Report card injury. Out for the remainder of the season.	
Joel Shields: Ankle injury. Will play against West Texas anyway.	
Brian Beck: Ankle injury. Will play against West Texas anyway.	



Joel Shields misses a pass with early help from a Bronco. No penalty was called.

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Members of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce gather around Dr. Ridge (behind the bow), his wife Judy, and daughter Kristine Castillo, to cut the ribbon on his new medical practice.



Spearman Junior High All Region Choir candidates are: (left to right) bottom row - Crystal Boyd, Bertha Vargas, Greg Elliott, and Jennifer Hughes; 2nd row - Lacie Baker, Josh Winegarner, Cory Butler, Bill Pittman, and Carol Alvarado; 3rd row - Chelle Ortiz, Jill Clements, Joel Stark, Lucas Biggs, and Nicole Burgess; 4th row - Heather Reimer, Kiki Kelp, Milka Pipkin, Amy Schoenhals and Derrick Burnett.

## Butler to attend UIL meeting

Supt. Larry Butler of Spearman ISD will represent Conference 2A, Region 1 at the University Interscholastic League Legislative Council meeting, October 21 - 22 at the Red Lion Hotel in Austin.

The Legislative Council meets annually to review UIL rules and regulations, to hear testimony from interested parties, including representatives for school administrators, athletic coaches, classroom teachers, boards of education, parent-teacher organizations, sports medicine groups, and school music directors.

Among the items on the October agenda are a proposal to conduct the State Marching Band Contest

on alternating years, and a proposal to divide Conference A into large school and small school districts so that the district configuration will be dictated by size of school rather than geographic proximity. If approved, the plan would be conducted on an experimental basis at Conference A spring track and field, golf and tennis meets in 1992.

The 24-member Legislative Council is composed of one member elected for a four-year term from each of the four UIL basketball regions within each of the five conferences, and four members, one each of the four UIL regions. The four at-large

members are appointed to the Council by the Chairman of the Legislative Council.

The Council's duties include:

- proposing and passing amendments to the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.
- amending or adopting contest rules.
- appointing standing and special committees.
- and fixing membership and participant school fees.

All UIL rule changes must be ratified by the State Board of Education before going into effect.

Butler is a member of the Council's Standing Committee on Academics.

## Lynx yearbook available

The 1990-91 Spearman Lynx Yearbook will be available for order one week only - Monday, Oct. 15 through Friday, Oct. 19.

Price for the yearbook will be \$25. Plastic covers for the books will be \$1 each, and names can be printed on the books at a cost of \$3 each.

There will be two drawings in each of the three schools in Spearman, for a total of six prizes to be given away during the week of Oct. 15-19. These drawings will be from the names of individuals who have ordered yearbooks.

The first drawing will be on Tuesday, Oct. 16, from the names of those who have ordered a yearbook by that date. The second drawing, on Thursday, Oct. 18, will be from the names of those who have purchased annuals through that date.

The following Monday, Oct. 22, a grand prize drawing will be held from all names in all schools of those who bought yearbooks. This prize will be a free yearbook (the winner gets their money back).

Those who do not have a child in Spearman schools and wish to order a yearbook are asked to call 659-2584.

## Spearman Menu

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	TACOS	TACO SAUCE	PINTO BEANS
	PINTO BEANS	PINEAPPLE TIDBITS	SOPAPILLAS/HONEY
	SALAD BAR	MILK	
	SOPAPILLAS/HONEY	TUESDAY	PORK FRITTER/GRAVY (opt.)
	MILK	BROCCOLI w/CHEESE SAUCE	½ BAKED POTATO
	TUESDAY	½ BAKED POTATO	YEAST BATTER BREAD
	PORK FRITTER/GRAVY (opt.)	YEAST BATTER BREAD	½ APPLE
	SALAD BAR	MILK	
	½ BAKED POTATO	WEDNESDAY	GRILLED CHEESE
	YEAST BATTER BREAD	GRILLED CHEESE	SANDWICH
	MILK	SANDWICH	BEEF STEW
	WEDNESDAY	BEEF STEW	½ ORANGE
	GRILLED CHEESE	½ ORANGE	CARROT CAKE
	SANDWICH	CARROT CAKE	MILK
	BEEF STEW	MILK	THURSDAY
	SALAD BAR	THURSDAY	PIZZA
	CARROT CAKE	PIZZA	CORN ON COB
	MILK	CORN ON COB	SALAD BAR
	THURSDAY	SALAD BAR	PEACH COBBLER
	PIZZA	PEACH COBBLER	MILK
	CORN ON COB	MILK	FRIDAY
	SALAD BAR	FRIDAY	HAMBURGER
	PEACH COBBLER	HAMBURGER	FRENCH FRIES
	MILK	FRENCH FRIES	SALAD BAR
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## Junior high choir auditions

On Saturday, Oct. 13, 15 students from the Spearman Junior High Choir will travel to Canyon to audition for the Junior High All Region Choir. Students who make this audition will perform in an All Region Choir Concert on Saturday, Nov. 3.

These auditions are held in order to prepare students for high school, when they try out for the High School All Region Choir, and may make it to All State Choir.

Of the 43 students in the Junior High Choir, 20 students wish to try out. However, each director is limited to one-third of his enrollment, so some of these students will have to be eliminated before the audition on Oct. 13.

Students who will try out include:

**Soprano I**  
Crystal Boyd, daughter of David and Kathy Boyd, age 12, 7th grade  
Chelle Ortiz, daughter of Eusebio and Carmen Ortiz, age 13, 8th grade

Heather Reimer, daughter of Paul and Bonita Reimer, age 13, 8th grade  
Kiki Kelp, daughter of Reagan and Beckee Baker, age 13, 8th grade  
Lacie Baker, daughter of Reagan and Beckee Baker, age 12, 7th grade  
Josh Winegarner, son of Linda and Norlan Winegarner, age 13, 8th grade

**Soprano II**  
Jennifer Hughes, daughter of Jan Hughes, age 12, 7th grade  
Bertha Vargas, daughter of Arturo and Esther Vargas, age 13, 8th grade  
Amy Schoenhals, daughter of Mark and Margy Schoenhals, age 12, 7th grade  
Mika Pipkin, daughter of Vernon and Marsha Pipkin, age 13, 8th grade  
Jill Clements, daughter of Joe and Debbie Clements, age 13, 8th grade

Greg Elliott, son of Charles and Melanie Elliott, age 13, 7th grade  
Joel Stark, son of Randy and Linda Jansen, age 14, 8th grade  
Derrick Burnett, son of Craig and Denise Schumann, age 12, 7th grade  
Nicole Burgess, daughter of Keith and Freida Burgess, age 12, 7th grade  
Carol Alvarado, daughter of Rudy and Elva Alvarado, age 13, 7th grade  
Lucas Biggs, son of Wayne and Kathy Biggs, age 12, 7th grade  
Bill Pittman, son of Bill and Ginger Pittman, age 13, 7th grade  
Cory Butler, son of Larry and Paula Butler, age 12, 7th grade  
Kathy Burk, daughter of Sharon Burk, age 14, 8th grade

Fifteen of these students will be chosen by the directors on Friday, Oct. 12 on a basis of knowledge of their part, as well as their dedication in coming to the extra rehearsals involved.

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# Spearman Cross Country Meet...

## Lynxettes finish 3rd, Lady Hounds 5th

Spearman's Lynxette cross country team placed third in the Spearman Invitational Cross Country Meet held Saturday, Oct. 6 at Hansford Golf Course. The meet began with JV Lynxettes running at 9 a.m. and the varsity Lynxettes running at 9:30 a.m.

Top finisher for the varsity Lynxettes was Haley Shieldknight, who came in at the 18th spot with a time of 13:12. Next in line for Spearman was Joy Gafford at 22nd, with a time of 13:21. In 27th, 28th and 29th positions were Gwen Benson, Kimbre Townsen and Mendy Lasater, who posted respective times of 13:41, 13:42 and 13:43.

Mary Cook finished in 33rd place with a time of 13:54 and Jill Lusby was in 40th place with a time of 14:10. Suzanne Sanders finished 43rd with a time of 14:17, and coming in 56th was Sonya Nitschke, whose time was 14:38.

The JV Lynxettes took 5th place at the Saturday meet. Individual placement and times include Ashley Shieldknight, 14th, 14:32; Michelle Garnett, 23rd, 14:57; Amanda Nobles, 30th, 15:25; Molly Blackman, 31st, 15:25; Kelly Shieldknight, 32nd, 15:26; Lacie Baker, 48th, 16:27; and Kara Townsen, 53rd, 16:46.

Cross country coach Richard

North said several Spearman residents assisted with the meet and he extended thanks to them. They include Jim and Phyllis Kirkland, starter Larry Butler, Linda Wilkerson, Carla Flowers, Russell Edwards, Cathy Gafford and Reagan and Becky Baker.

The cross country Lynxettes will travel next to Dumas. The Dumas meet is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13 with the JV running at 10 a.m. and the varsity following at 10:30 a.m. Site for the meet will be six miles east of Dumas.

North predicted this will be a "tough meet," and said the Lynxettes "should compete, if we will, and get healthy."

He pointed out three runners who are doing well and competing consistently for the Lynxettes, including Gwen Benson, Haley Shieldknight and Kimbre Townsen.

by Bob Bort

The Gruver Lady Hounds cross country team has again finished strong, this time at the Spearman Meet, held at the Hansford County Country Club.

Gruver finished 5th out of 11 teams in the 1A-4A meet, but they were again the highest class A school in the event. The next two weeks will find them at Dumas and at Dalhart, then comes the big District 1-A meet in Amarillo.

Here are the results:

TEAM STANDINGS	
1. Borger	44
2. Perryton	101
3. Spearman	124
4. Pampa	131
5. Gruver	179
6. Sunray	189
7. West Texas	208
8. Claude	239
9. Sanford-Fritch	256
10. Highland Park	257
11. Texline	332

JV TEAM STANDINGS	
1. Perryton	
2. Dalhart	
3. Borger	
4. Sanford-Fritch	
5. Spearman	
6. Gruver	
7. West Texas	
8. Sunray	

INDIVIDUAL VARSITY	
19. Cora Meyer	13:16
24. Kasey Davis	13:36
32. Brendy Brown	13:45
44. Monica Ward	14:18
60. Traci Crawford	14:40
61. Jennifer Hart	14:55

INDIVIDUAL JUNIOR VARSITY	
15. Meredith Runyan	14:35
18. Janyth Hart	14:37
21. Mika McLain	15:05
40. Wynn Maupin	15:46
56. Nancy Alvarez	17:07
64. Marcela Oliva	18:30



Lady Hounds varsity



Haley Shieldknight



Lynxettes varsity



Lynxettes JV



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# GHS Choir students attend competition

by Gretchen Lowder

Several Gruver High School Choir students traveled to Pampa Saturday, Sept. 21 to attend the first round of All-Region and All-State Choir competition.

Tammy Stevens, Melissa Stewart and Amy Gumfory, under the direction of Todd Parker, high school choir director, were scheduled to leave at 7 a.m. for the tryouts. They were prepared to sing two pieces entitled "Stomp Your Foot" and "Away From The Roll Of The Sea." Unfortunately, Gumfory (soprano) became ill at the last minute.

In spite of the illness, Stevens (soprano) and Stewart (alto) went on to do very well at the competition, which consisted of over 300 students auditioning for only 80

positions.

"We weren't quite ready to try out against these high school students," said Parker, "but we hope to be better prepared next time." Choir students are looking forward to that "next time," which may be in March at the high school Choral Contest. They are also hoping to hold a Christmas concert in December, sing for evening worship services at various churches in town, and perform at high school graduation. Parker would even like to see the students performing for clubs and organizations in the area.

The Gruver High School Choir, which has had problems in the past due to lack of student interest, seems to be quickly growing in talent and in student popularity and could be a major part of the curriculum at GHS in the future.



Rosalee Cator was crowned Alumni Queen at the Gruver Homecoming festivities Friday night. Her escort was Keith Gross.

# Sunray wins tough defensive struggle

by Bob Bort

The Gruver Greyhounds have a market on winning the statistical edge this year but falling short on the scoreboard.

Friday, Oct. 5, before a jam-packed Greyhound Stadium Homecoming crowd, the Hounds fell 3-0 to the Sunray Bobcats. The Hounds clobbered the Bobcats in total yardage, 288-96.

Sunray scored in the first quarter on a 31-yard field goal and made it stand up with their defense, which stopped the Hounds four times inside the 20-yard line. Included in those Greyhound drives was a game-ending drive which saw a pass intercepted in the end zone as the clock expired.

Matthew Hoel had perhaps his finest night of the year as Hounds' field general, connecting on 13-27 with the one late interception. But the Hounds this year are having all sorts of trouble moving the ball into pay dirt. Shannon and Brady Pool each had four receptions, Kevin Spivey three, and Marty and Dan McCloy one each.

In the shadow of their own goal, however, the Hounds are more bark than bite. As was the case in the Texhoma, Turpin and Clarendon games, the Hounds moved the ball well against Sunray up to a point, and then broke down.

Dan McCloy had an outstanding

ball game, becoming the first 100-yard rusher of the season for the Hounds. He toted the pigskin a remarkable 30 times for 110 yards.

The Greyhounds defense must be given credit for again playing outstanding football. Only in the Stratford game were they overmatched.

The Boys Ranch scouts who were present scouting the Bobcats for next week's game commented, "Gruver's coaching staff is to be commended for scheduling so many AA teams (three of them), rather than playing a patsy schedule. They could have taken the easy road by scheduling lesser opponents. In the long run, it will help Gruver."

Here are the stats:

S	3	0	0	0	-	3
G	0	0	0	0	-	0

S-Johnny Davis 31 field goal 6:13

1Q	GRU	SUN
16	First Downs	6
146	Yards Rushing	90
142	Yards Passing	6
288	Total Yards	96
13	Pass Completions	1
27	Pass Attempts	2
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2-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
8-61	Penalties-Yards	7-64

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During a time out, the Hounds football players gather around to listen to words of encouragement and advice from Coach Steele and his staff.

# Hounds pull for big upset

by Bob Bort

The Gruver Greyhounds will open the 1990 District 1-A season by taking on the powerful district favorite Wheeler Mustangs at Wheeler on Friday, Oct. 12. The Mustangs are 4-1 on the year while the Hounds, conversely, are 1-4.

Wheeler opened the year with two impressive shutouts, 40-0 over Sunray and 42-0 over Sayre, Okla. Then they were defeated by the powerful AA Wellington Skyrockets 20-7, before rebounding against Quanah 14-7, and this past week over Vega 54-0. They will be heavy favorites over the Hounds, who will be trying to snap a 15 consecutive quarter scoreless streak. Can they do it, and trip Wheeler?

The coach of the Mustangs doesn't think so. He is Ronny Karcher. He has been at Wheeler 12 years, three years as head coach. He graduated from Lockett High School and Midwestern State University. Last year the Mustangs were one of the biggest surprises of the year in the Panhandle, with a mostly sophomore team. They finished 9-4, with two playoff victories. They are a tried and tested team.

Before the season started, Coach Karcher made no bones about their

big expectations. "We're going to have a lot of people back, and we're looking for a big year," he said. Karcher named his major strength as defense and his major weakness as inexperience at quarterback.

Quarterback Jason Beers, who was the backup quarterback last year, is not experienced. Backup Q.B. Joe Dan Ledbetter, a sophomore, may be just as talented. Karcher named his top players as Ronnie Hungate, a tackle-linebacker; Arthur Altamirano, a guard; Mack Marshall, a fullback-guard; and Ike Finsterwald, a wingback-defensive

end. He should also have mentioned sophomore Mark Marshall, who has blossomed as a running back this year. Mark and Mack are brothers.

Another Wheeler running back with a lot of experience this year is Nathan Willeford.

Gruver and Wheeler have met only five times in football since 1958, with the Mustangs holding the advantage 3-2. Gruver played Wheeler tough last year in their district opener, before bowing 20-6.

All records are now even at 0-0, and this is a big game for the Hounds faithful to attend.

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