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Computer Classes Offered

The Community Resource Office has released the Fall 2000 Computer Class Schedule. The following class will be offered: Introduction to - Mandy Derington, instructor - October 31, November 7 & 9, 7:00-9:00 p.m. - \$50. Contact Cindy Blackman at (806) 659-3233 to sign up, or for more informa-

Mini Bazaar

The eleventh annual Mini Bazaar will be held on Saturday October 28, 2000. This show is sponsored by the Waka Church of the Brethren and will be held in Perryton TX at the Ochiltree County Exposition Building. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are expanding the show to include a wider range of interests this year. We will be open to arts & crafts, small entrepreneurs, antiques, collectible stamps, coins, rocks, guns, or even cars. If you have an interest and are interested in participating, give us a call and we will talk about it. No live animals please. We have a one day Saturday show. We have a congenial. relaxed atmosphere, and we welcome.your participation. Our spaces rent for \$15.00 each for an eight foot by eight foot space. This is an annual fund raiser that our Church sponsors, and proceeds are used mainly for capital improvements. If you need information call: 806-435-4515. 806-435-3893. 806-4353874 or 806-435-2104.

Pumpkin Patch Festival Of Arts & Crafts Set

The 18th Annual Pumpkin Patch Festival of Arts and Crafts will be held Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5, 2000. The event will be held at the Texas County Activity Center in Guymon, OK. The public is invited to attend Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. There is no admission fee. The 110 exhibitor booths will feature arts and crafts such as wood, floral, ceramic, clothing and candles.

The event is sponsored by Lambda Psi, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch Festival will be donated to community services in Oklahoma Panhandle.

Beedy Wins First State Bank's **Pigskin Picks**

Blake Beedy was last week's winner of the First State Bank's Pigskin Picks.

Blake will receive \$50 cash from First State Bank, which he has generously donated to the Spearman Booster Club.

The contest is featured on the Spearman Lynx website. www.spearmanlynx.com. Contestants may access the site, make their game winner selections, and then e-mail

their entries to First State bank. The weekly contest is open to all residents of Hansford County and also to any Spearman High School student or alumni. Only one entry per person is accepted each week.

Slay Has His Day

by Harletta Carthel

With flashing lights and sirens piercing the calm of a picture-per-fect October day, the two vehicles of the hometown police force heralded the parade's arrival.

Farmers in semi-trucks punctuated the excitement with blasts from their air horns as two crimson fire trucks make their way down Main Street. One truck carries a bevy of elementary students shouting and waving miniature American flags while the other bears the high school cheerleaders surrounding the parade's hon-

It's a Norman Rockwell celebration of a small Texas town for their hero: a storybook ending where the good guy triumphs. It is the outpouring of emotion from a town who reached out, and the man who accepted them.

Olympic free-style wrestling silver-medalist Brandon Slay was just an elementary student at Amarillo's San Jacinto Christian Academy when he was befriended by his teacher, Angie Clawson, and her husband, Rodney Dale Clawson, the school's athletic coach. Although the Clawsons moved to Gruver in 1990, and Brandon went on to graduate from Tascosa High School and the University of Pennsylvania, casual contact was maintained through the years.

Since the Clawson's followed their student's educational and wrestling triumphs, they attended a reception at Tascosa High in July to celebrate Slay's winning a place on the United States Olympic team.

In the months preceding the Olympics, the Clawsons kept in close contact with Slay through phone calls and e-mail. When Angie Clawson's exuberance for Slay's Olympic debut spilled over into Gruver Elementary where she teachers English as a Second Language, the third and fourth grade classes decided to extend an invitation to Slay to become their adopted classmate. Slay's acceptance quickly brought a flurry of phone calls, e-mail,

and letters which intensified as the Olympics grew near. The students bombarded Slay with dozens of questions, and he patiently answered each question from how he trained for the Olympics to if he liked grasping the fingers of his opponents. One student Sydney Clawson even sent him a pink construction paper heart with flowers and the words "Jesus Loves You" neatly printed. But most of all, the class wanted Slay to promise, that win or lose, he would visit his adopted class when he returned.

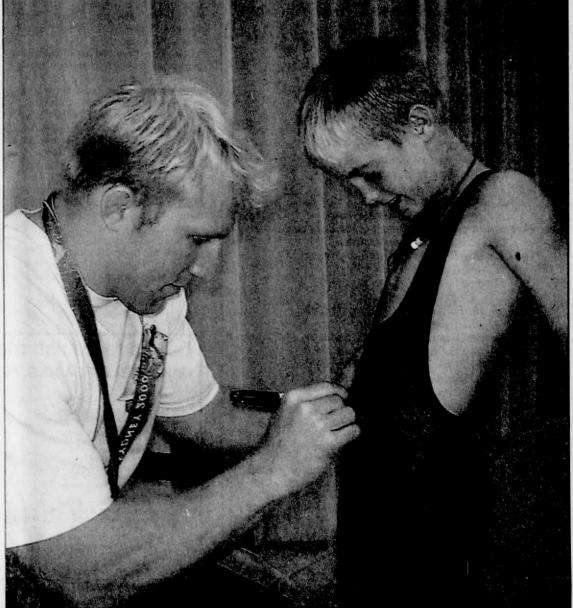
On Monday, that promise was kept. Brandon Slay came to Gruver to meet the town and the students who chose him to be one of them. Following a parade in his honor down Main Street where window signs proclaimed the town's pride, Slay made his way to the school's auditorium.

Wearing his silver medal, Slay stood before a sign that read "Thank you for sharing the dream, Brandon." His message to Gruver and Morse students, Slay told of his first wrestling win- a forfeited match which gained him a fourth place trophy. Feeling unworthy of the placing, Slay was told by his dad that the trophy was given to someone who didn't quit - someone who was there to the end - someone who was a real champion.

Slay then related to his mesmerized audience his five characteristics of a champion. (1) Time and commitment. Dreams do not happen overnight. (2) "Nothing works unless you do." You cannot just go through the motions. There is no substitute for good work ethics.

(3) Believe in yourself. Have confidence in yourself and your abilities. Have the nothingcan-stop-me attitude. (4) Live your goal year round. Continual commitment and focus are a must. (5) Use the talents and strengths God has given you. Know what you're good at, and work to improve your strengths.

Prefacing his speech by saying "Don't look to me as a role model. Look to the Lord. He will never let you down, " Slay concluded by saying, "The most important gold medal you can have is God in your heart."



Brandon Slay signs Taylor Williams' wrestling uniform for him. When Brandon asked Taylor where he wanted him to sign it, he stated, "Put it on the front so I can see it when I wrestle."

As Slay's message ended, the special long-awaited time for 70 third and fourth grade students began. It was the time they had dreamed of - when Slay was all theirs: to talk with, to sign their shirts, shoes, and newspaper clippings and then to drape his arm around them

The day's festivities concluded with Slay speaking to a teen devotional group on Monday night. Perhaps the appropriate ending of a perfect day.

For the students and community who met their adopted son for the first time, it was a day of expectations surpassed. Not only did their champion, who wore a pink paper heart on his warmups in the Olympic medal ceremony, prove to be a worthy hero, he was also a man who kept his promise.



Gruver Elementary students welcome Brandon Slay to town on Monday, October 16, 2000.

Silver May Turn Gold For Slay

Olympic silver medalist, Brandon Slay, learned Monday that he may be awarded the gold medal in free-style wrestling. According to the International Olympic Committee (IOC),

Slays opponent in the gold-medal match, Alexander Leipold, tested over 99 percent positive for steroid use. Slay learned of the test result while enroute to a speaking engagement in Gruver. Following his arrival to Gruver, Slay was contacted at the home

of his hosts Rodney Dale and Angie Clawson by the IOC who informed him of the situation. As Slay answered the phone, he said, "I've got to give you guys credit for finding me today." Should Leipold be stripped of his gold medal, Slay would become the gold medalist in the event. It would be the third medal to be withdrawn in the 2000 Olympics for positive drug

In an interview with Slay, he stated he was quite surprised that Leipold, a seasoned veteran and champion, would take such a

Slay also added he did not feel justified by the disclosure but felt the outcome would be God's will. Johnnie Cobb, Slay's Tascosa wrestling coach, said "I am not surprised. I am elated." He also expressed the feeling that those who do not play by the

rules should not win.

The test revealed the presence of steroids in Leipold's test was ten times higher than the acceptable limit.

Library Recognizes Stinson Gibner, Enron



(L-R) Sheri Benton, Hansford County Librarian; Laura Schwartz, Enron Foundation; Stinson Gibner; Mary Alice Gibner; and Mary Kay Wells, Coordinator for the Texas Panhandle Library

Tuesday, October 17 was declared Stinson Gibner/Enron Appreciation

Day in Spearman, TX. Mayor Steve Benton signed a proclamation designating that day as one to honor Stinson Gibner and Enron for their generous support of the Mary Alice Gibner Endowment Fund for the Hansford County Library. A local matching funds drive raised over \$25,000 for this fund with \$20,000 of that amount to be matched four to one by Gibner and Enron.

A joint meeting of the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce Board and Library Board was held at Ivey's at noon to express the gratitude of our community for these donations. Also invited to attend this luncheon were Spearman's City Manager, Mayor and City Council, County Judge and Commissioners and local Enron employees. Attending from the

Texas Panhandle Library System was Mary Kay Wells, Coordinator. Mr. Gibner and Enron received letters of appreciation from Julie Todaro, President of the Texas Library Association

The principal of the endowment fund will remain untouched to earn interest, which will be used each year for a special project at the library. This interest will not be used for operating funds, but for items or projects that the regular budget of the library will not cover. The fund will be administered by an endowment committee. Serving on this committee at present are as follows: Stinson Gibner, Mary Alice Gibner, James Cunningham, Clay Schnell and Monty Blackman.

Anyone interested in making donations or bequests to this fund may contact one of the committee members, any library board member

or library staff.

Laugh



by Catherine R. Smith CathyRSmit@aol.com

A friend sent me the following e-mail. The story that came with it stated that a teacher who was very well liked sent this e-mail to her friends one Friday afternoon. Later that day she was killed in an auto accident. The school closed on Monday for her funeral, and on the day the teachers came back to work they found this story from her in their e-mail. I'm not sure who wrote the poem, but it is worth reading.

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, And I'm not there to see, If the sun should rise and find your eyes All filled with tears for me; I wish so much you wouldn't cry The way you did today, While thinking of the many things, We didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, As much as I love you, And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too; But when tomorrow starts without me, Please try to understand, That an angel came and called my name, And took me by the hand, And said my place was ready, In heaven far above, And that I'd have to leave behind All those I dearly love. But as I turned to walk away, A tear fell from my eye For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die. I had so much to live for, So much left yet to do, It seemed almost impossible, That I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays,
The good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared, And all the fun we had. If I could relive yesterday, Just even for a while, I'd say good-bye and kiss you And maybe see you smile. But then I fully realized, That this could never be, For emptiness and memories, Would take the place of me. And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow, I thought of you, and when I did, My heart was filled with sorrow. But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, From His great golden throne, He said, "This is eternity, And all I've promised you." Today your life on earth is past, But here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, But today will always last, And since each day's the same way There's no longing for the pa You have been so faithful, So trusting and so true. Though there were times You did some things You knew you shouldn't do. But you have been forgiven And now at last you're free. So won't you come and take my hand And share my life with me? So when tomorrow starts without me, Don't think we're far apart, For every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

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by Don Taylor

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Words of Wisdom XXV: From My Little Black Book

Yes, I have a little black book. I've kept it from my youth. No, it doesn't have old girlfriends names and addresses. It is a book of quotes. Officially it's titled the "Vest Pocket Book of Familiar Quotations."

As a young man, I was fascinated by effective public speakers. Before I turned 21, I had the pleasure of hearing Jack Benny, former President Harry Truman, and Senator Jerry Litton. I heard them live and in person.

One thing I noticed about each of these speakers was that they used quotes to strengthen the points they were making. They used the words of Lincoln, Washington, Churchill, Franklin, Jefferson, Longfellow, Solomon, Rogers, Twain, Aristotle and Seneca. They seemed as wise as the words of wisdom they quoted.

I wondered where they discovered those fine quotes. Then one day in a book store I found my little black book. Its pages are now dog-eared from use, and I still use it as a source of wisdom today.

Quotes worth keeping:

Let no man presume to give advice to others that has not first given good counsel to himself. (Seneca)

• It is hard for an empty bag to stand upright (Ben Franklin)

• The empty vessel makes the greatest sound. (Shakespeare)

• It is a good thing to learn caution by the misfortunes of others. (Publius Syrus)

• As the dimensions of the tree are not always regulated by the size of the seed, so the consequences of things are not always proportionate to the apparent magnitude of those events that have produced them. (Colton)

• Those who provide much wealth for their children, but neglect to improve them in virtue, do like those who feed their horses high, but never train them to the manage. (Socrates)

 Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm; it is the real allegory of the tale of Orpheus; it moves stones, it charms brutes. Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity and truth accomplishes no victories without it. (Bulwer)

 When a true genius appears in the world you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him. (Swift)

• An idea, like a ghost,)according to the common notion of ghosts) must be spoken to a little before it will explain itself. (Dickens)

• Impossible is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools. (Napoleon I)

The first step of knowledge is to know that we are ignorant. (Cecil)
Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits all of them.

(Holmes)
• It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

(Tennyson)
• A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men. (Anonymous)

 In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words, then words without a heart. (Bunyan)

• He who is most slow in making a promise is the most faithful in the

performance of it. (Rousseau)

• When a man has not a good rea-

good reason for letting it alone. (Sir Walter Scott)

 Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom. (Coleridge)



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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: 7:30 p.m. Yed. 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.
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Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg. : 8 p.m.
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Youth/Ed. Min. • Brian Foster

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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.
KRDF 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 Res Scott

Trinity Fellowship Church 717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m. Pastor - Dennis Alger First Presbyterian Church
(Worships with Lutheran)
1021 Cotter * 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at
Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between
Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.)
Pastor - Beverly Cook

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

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: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
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> Church of Christ 209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:20 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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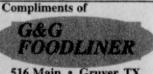
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Happy Birthiday!

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

October 19

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

October 20

Birthday - Marilyn Been, Kelly Boone, Brock Irwin, D'Anda Widener, Danny Ray Hendricks, Owen Montgomery, Melissa Cochran, Sid McAdams, Deborah Bishop, Carrie Bowen, Billy Jones, Amy Stinson, Cara Nichols, Misty Volden, Jeffrey Swan, Carrie Ceniceros, Angela Vela, Orie Cooksey, Cindy

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October 21 Birthday - Don Hudson, Tammy McLain, Bill Cope, Eschol Blankenship, Brad Brown, Terry Austin, Kay Vernon, Dannie Garrard, Leslie Meritt Holton, Wade Burgess, Kathy Beck, Irene Tindell, Ed Williamson, Michael James Avila, Brian McLaughlin, Jana McCloy, Kara Townsen, Candy Boxwell, Trish Rosales

October 22 Birthday - Kurt Etling, Gertrude Archer, Danna Martin, Brent Ware, Guenna Wilson, Margaret Jared Hohertz, Espinosa, Sharon Austin, Misty Hand, Katie Sparks, Nae Gonzales, McIver, Montgomery, Gregory Jacops, Matthew Younger

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Virden, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Watkins October 23

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October 24

Birthday - Sonny Blankenship, Gregg Haight, Doug Brown, Joyce Pierce, Lance Dennis, Christina Ceniceros, Josephine Ayers, Tony Gaspar, Sherry

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Birthday - Bailey Barkley, Cindy Barkley, Opal Johnson, Mark McCloy, Samuel Sanchez,

Grotegutt, Amy M Elizabeth O'Connell, Mounts, Evelyn Brillhart, Jeanette Allen, Becky Evans, Ginger Nelson, Myrna Biggers, Mari West, Tim Welch, Bradley Mares, Tracy Taylor, Mary Wright, Lindy Weldon, Pete Vera, Forrest Lopez, DeeDee Moreno

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Our Deepest Sympathy

Gayle I. "Dude" Brown

Gayle I. "Dude" Brown, 82, died Saturday, October 14, 2000. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 17, 2000 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Haviland Cemetery at Haviland, KS. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers of Spearman.

Mr. Brown was born in Haviland in 1918 and had lived in Spearman for the past 40 years. During World War II, he served with the Army in 79th Division in the European Theater. He was awarded a purple heart. In 1980 he retired as a welder and supervisor for Northern Natural Gas

Co. He was a 50-year Mason and a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 399 AF&AM at Mullinville, KS.

He married Mary Lois Porter in 1942 at Trousdale, KS. She died in 1985. He also was preceded in death by a son, Bruce, and three brothers and sisters. He married Verna Maupin in 1992.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jim Brown of Panhandle; three daughters, Ruth Taylor of Stamford, Betty Bailey of Searcy, AR, and Kathye Archer of Spearman; a stepson, Rod Maupin of Broken Arrow, OK; two stepdaughters, Patti McKinney of Guymon, OK, and Jeannie Smith of Indianola, IA; a brother, Earl Brown of Turon, KS; two sisters, Zona Finch of Greensburg, KS, and Viona Whitney of Haviland; 12 grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchil-

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081; or First Christian Church Building Fund, Box 637, Spearman, TX 79081.

Robert "Bob" O'Loughlin

Robert "Bob" O'Loughlin, 87, died

Wednesday, October 11, 2000. Rosary was recited at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 13, 2000 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 14, 2000 in the church with the Rev. Scott Raef officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral

Mr. O'Loughlin was born in Eolian, TX on January 1, 1913, and moved to the Spearman area 26 years ago from Abilene. He was involved in farm management. A member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, he was a charter member of the Knights of Columbus No. 2163. He was in th US Navy for four years during World War II, serving as a Chief Storekeeper.

He married June on May 25, 1946 in Chicago, IL.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Mary O. Wiemann of Santa Barbara, CA.; a son, John P. O'Loughlin of Lafayette, CO; and five grand-

The family suggests memorials be to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Dean McClenagan

Dean McClenagan, 62, died Wednesday, October 11, 2000. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 14, 2000 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Scott Curry officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman.

Mr. McClenagan was born in Guymon, OK on March 4, 1938, and was a longtime resident of Gruver. He was a veteran of the Army and worked as a painting contractor. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

He married Rosalynn Ayres on August 19, 1956 in Gruver. Survivors include his wife; three sons, Warren McClenagan of Darrouzett, Brian McClenagan of Plainview, and Benny McClenagan of Dallas; his mother, Ona McClenagan of Gruver; and two sisters, Carolynn Fletcher and Jo Hadley, both of Gruver; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Olivia's Angels, c/o BSA Hospice, 200 N.W. Seventh, Amarillo, TX 79107.

Dixie Ruth Buchner Gill

Dixie Ruth Buchner Gill passed away on Thursday, October 12, 2000 after

She was born in Spearman, TX on December 8, 1919 to Louis M. and Gladys Close Buchner. Dixie was one of four children. Her two surviving siblings are Lorneta E. Sparks of Amarillo and Donald R. Buchner of

Dixie graduated from high school in Spearman and attended the University of Texas in Austin on a valedictory scholarship where she majored in Business Administration. She received further education at West Texas State University in Canyon and Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

While attending the University of Texas, she met John Ellis Gill. The coue was married on July 18, 1941. From 1941 - 1943, Dixie worked in the Purchasing Department at the Excel Helium plant in Borger during the construction of the plant. After World War II, John worked for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Company. His job required his family to live in many locations during his 40 years of service. For the last 20 years, they have lived in Austin.

Dixie's main focus in life was being the best wife, mother and grandmother that she could be. She loved her family and supported them in every way possible. She expressed her love openly to her family and friends through hugs, words, cards, letters, e-mails and phone calls. She was proud of being a stay-at-home mom and of keeping a lovely home. She and her husband enjoyed traveling with friends. In recent years, her church friends and neighbors provided loving support. Dixie was a devoted Christian and a member of Tarrytown United Methodist Church. She was also a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Her children, Ellis C Gill, M.D. of Austin and Darlene (Dolly) Karen Fugitt of Neward, DE as well as four grandchildren, Aaron Gill, Steve Gill, Camille Gill and John Fugitt survive her. Her husband, John preceded her in death in December 1995

A memorial service was held in the chapel of Tarrytown UMC in Austin on Monday, October 16 at 12 noon.

Contributions may be sent to Hospice Austin who provided most excellent and loving care of Dixie in her final weeks.

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ESL/Spanish Classes Offered
The Community Resource Program is giving those persons interested in ESL, English Second Language, or Conversational Spanish I or II an opportunity to sign up for these classes. Mary Ontiveros will be the instructor. Classes will be offered if there is enough interest. For more information about how Community Education can serve you, contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

Junior Lynxette Basketball Registration

Junior Lynxette Basketball registration is being accepted through riday, October 20, 2000. The cost is \$15 per player. Games will be held on November 4th, 11th, December 2nd and 9th. For more information, or to register, contact Tina Rex at 659-5210, Jan Howard at 659-5287, or Luke Pittman at 659-5406.

Hunter Safety Course Offered
A Hunter Safety Course will be offered on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 20-22, from 6-9 p.m. in the Hansford County Barn. Students must be at least 12 years-old. The cost is \$10.00 each For more information, or to register, contact Mike Wheat at 435-

Party Planning Workshop

Helpful hints with party planning will be the topic for Lunch & Learn, Thursday, October 19 from 12 - 1 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Holly McLanahan of Canadian, Debbie Abston of Debbie's Ready or Not and Delinda McLaughlin Creative Memories consultant, will present the program on theme parties, the new copy confections and preserving the memories Lunch & Learn is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The program is free; donations for lunch are accepted. Call Peggy Winegarner, County Extension Agent at 659-4130 or 733-2901 for more information.

Frank Phillips College CLasses At Spearman High School Many individuals in this area are working toward an Associates Degree or accumulating hours toward a Bachelors Degree. If there are specific classes that you would like to see offered at Spearman High School for either the Winter or Spring semesters, please call the Community Resource office soon as those schedules will be submitted to Frank Phillips College in the near future. Many classes are available through the teleconferences system at Spearman High School and Frank Phillips College also offers web-based classes. Be sure and check the schedules that are mailed out in the area. For more information, call the Community Resource

Moms-In-Touch International Informal Coffee

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of your children and grandchildren, as well as the schools they attend? Moms-in-Touch International is an interdenominational, non-profit organization where two or more moms meet together for one hour each week to pray for their children and their schools. If you would like to know more about this life-changing organization, come to the Moms-in-Touch informational on Saturday, October 28. We will meet at Crossroads, 317 Main Street, Spearman and start at 10 a.m. For more information, call Lyn Wolley at 659-3550. The people of Hansford County are urged to attend.

Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild
The Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will be meeting October 28 in the Methodist Enrichment Center located at 6th and Quinn streets in Guymon. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Please bring a salad or sandwiches to share for the luncheon. Janie Van Zandt of Pampa, TX will be the speaker at the October meeting. She will spend the morning giving a lecture and demonstration on the care and restoration of antique texture. tiles in general. She will talk about how to clean and care for them and make suggestions on how to restore or mend delicate items. and to to safely display your treasured items. Please bring a friend with you.

Haunted House

The Texhoma Fire Department is hosting a Haunted House at the umber Yard in Texhoma (turn north at the 4-way stop). The Haunted House will be open at the following times: Thursday, October 26th, 7:00 p.m.-?; Friday, October 27th, 9:00 p.m.-?; Saturday, October 28th, 8 p.m.-?; Tuesday, October 31st, 6:30 p.m.-? Admission is \$3.00. All proceeds go to benefit the Texhoma Fire Department.

Gruver Pep Rally Scheduled For Thursday Night

Due to the distance and time needed to travel to Wheeler on Friday, and the fact that the students did not get to burn the GHS for homecoming, Gruver High School will hold a pep rally on Thursday night after the JV Football game. The Thursday night burning of the GHS will serve as a spirit booster prior to the Wheeler game. If a fire hazard is evident, due to high winds, then a pep rally will be held Friday afternoon from 2:10-2:30 p.m.

Lone Star Pastel Society Art Exhibit

The Lone Star Pastel Society art exhibit is now on display in the Brillhart Room at the Museum of the Plains in Perryton. The exhibit, containing the work of 24 artists, will run through October 31st. A reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, October 22nd from

Early Voting

The Hansford County Clerk's Office will be open late to conduct Early Voting on the following nights: Tuesday night, October 24th, 7-9 p.m.; Thursday night, October 26, 7-9 p.m.; and Thursday, November 2, 7-9 p.m.

Herbs Really Work

A program entitled "Herbs Really Work" will be held on Thursday,
October 26th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center. The program will be presented by Martha Sluder, herb specialist, of Pampa. Mrs. Slulder will help you better understand herbs and how they will help you. If you have any questions about herbs, this will be an excellent opportunity to get answers. A light lunch will be served at a cost of \$3.00 per person. Please call 659-3866 or 659-3030 by Tuesday, October 24th to make reservations. Come have lunch and learn more about herbs as they relate to your health.

Adoration To Perform At Union Church

Adoration will perform in concert on Saturday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Spearman Union Church, 31 S. Endicott. Adoration is a trio of three young men from Little Rock. Pastor Bill Sparks would like to invite the public to attend, and promises there will be no pull for a free-will offering.

Musical Jam Session

The October 26th Thursday night Jam Session will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center. Randy Elmore will participate, and all musicians are invited to play and sing.

Prayer For The Pulpit

Anyone interested is invited to attend "Prayer For The Pulpit" on Sunday, October 28th at 3:00 p.m. at the Waka Christian Center. This will be an informal prayer time for those interested to pray over each pastor in Hansford County. This prayer service is being held in conjunction with "Clergy Appreciation Month," which is celebrated each October. For more information, please contact Gary or Vicky Urban at 733-2323.

ABE and GED Classes

ABE and GED classes will be held every Monday and Thursday night from 6-9 p.m. beginning Monday, October 23rd in Room M 101 at Perryton Junior High. Please enter through the main entrance of the junior high. If you have any questions, please contact Rub.

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Letter To The Editor

It is sad that I have lived here in Spearman for 38 years. And the school has not changed a bit. I have a son named Seth. All I want to do is make sure he is safe while he is waiting for the bus. There has been a lot of talking since all I asked was for Seth to be picked up in front of the house. I don't like him having to walk across the alley at 7:30 in the morning to catch the bus. He has to stand out where the County trucks come out and the Ag farm road is. I have been on that road when the kids drive to the Ag farm and they don't go the speed limit and they do not watch for the kids waiting on the

, I know for a fact that one morning when the bus was going to pick up a little girl, she was walking out in front of the bus to get on. If her mother would have not been out there she would have got hit while crossing in front of the bus to get on. A pickup did not stop for the bus. So the school and Bob Hill can't tell me that road is safer than Hwy. 15. The way the bus first came to my house, Seth didn't have to cross in front of the bus to get on. But now he is out there with no way of even knowing he got on the bus and some stranger did not come by and get him with me not knowing it.

I have called over to Gruver and talked to the Highway Department and all that Spearman school board has to do is call Amarillo and put an order for signs that say "school bus stop ahead." But the response I get is cars will not look for signs or the bus and they would not stop.

I feel it is a lot safer for Seth to get on the bus in front of my house then for me to take him up to the elementary where it is a higher risk for him

in a hurry to get rid of their kids for the day, they do not watch for kids crossing behind cars and other parents are letting their kids out in the middle of the road causing a traffic jam with all the other parents wanting to get rid of their kids. It would be sad for a child to get hurt while going to school.

I really think that they need a oneway street, but I have been told that the city doesn't want that. That is sad that when you can't put the safety of the kids first. I heard that the school was going to spend \$54,000 on the gyms instead of the safety of the kids going to school.

But it has been like that ever since I have been going to school here. If you don't have a name and money and other things, you are nothing to the eyes of Spearman school.

I watch when I go to places like the wrestling. I know there is not supposed to be food or drinks in the gym. But guess what I saw- my son Seth could not bring his coke in the gym to watch the wrestling because he was stopped by Brian Gillispie and was told that he could not bring it into the gym. My oldest son went and asked Brian why he was standing outside the gym drinking his coke when there were at least 25 other kids, not counting all the parents that had cokes in the gym. Brian told him it was school rules. That is fine, but if one has to go by the rules, shouldn't everybody go by

I am sorry but I just had to say what I think about the school. Will anything change about this school and town?

understand after such a loss that they are not responsible. All were

moved by this mother's strong mes-

The meeting was concluded with a

Those in attendancewere: Carol

Coulter, Bill & Patsy Sparks, Walter

Greaser, Ken Cole, Leonard Harper,

Dennis Alger, Brian Foster, Gary

Smith, Jamie Casdorph, and Cathy

Stevens and her guest

round of applause for the guest

Sincerely Wanda Redwine

by Dorothy Hudson At The Lake

Lake Depth--October 16, 2000--48.89 feet

After hearing this morning that Spearman had over 2 inches of rain Sunday, I hoped Jim would report a good rain at the Office, but he only had .10 inch.

Saturday morning 3 car loads of birders from the area came to the office, and then moved around the Park birding. When the next Panhandle Bird Club newsletter comes, I will learn what they found.

Jim said the fishing has been slow; the regulars are fishing, but they aren't catching any fish to brag

The ash trees at the office are golden now, and the other trees are showing some color. Either side of the Lake will make a nice drive

The bird population is changing. The eagles haven't arrived yet, but the ducks are numerous. Jim had a sprinkler going on his lawn Sunday and noticed some doves under it. They seemed to be enjoying getting

A visit with Sybil Miller is always interesting. She told me this morning of the buzzards that had been riding the thermal currents over Spearman a few days ago. The days were windy, and the birds hardly had to flap their wings as they glided over the town in big circles.

The cardinals that nest with them raised two young ones this year. The Millers continue to take grain

by Blair Fannin

out to the feeders in Dedication

The birds most noticeable around Gruver this fall have been the northern flickers. Members of the woodpecker family, these foot-long brown birds have black barred backs and wings, round black spots on the buffy breasts, and black bibs on the chests. When the birds fly, white rump spots are conspicuous. Two forms of this bird are seen here in the Panhandle. The red-shafted is far more numerous than the yellow shafted, but sometimes both are in a group. When they fly, it is easy to tell the difference because then you see the reddish-orange look or the yellowish one. The yellow-shafted ones live in the eastern United States and the red-shafted in the western parts, but they meet in the

These birds are similar to robins in that they are ground feeders much of the time. Insects in the lawn suit them fine. They also catch insects in the air, eat fruit, berries, and seeds and like our bird feeders.

Sybil told me that they have a raucous call. So far, I have just seen and not heard them.

In last week's column I had a blooper about Dick Hintergardt's cattle maybe being chased by a mountain lion. Not so. The Hintergardt ranch is leased by George C. Lowe and Sons, so if any cattle were chased on that ranch they would have been the Lowe's.

Spearman Chamber Board Minutes

by Gina Gillispie

On Thursday, October 12, the Board of Directors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce met at noon at the Panhandle Deli and Diner.

Present were: Carolyn McLeod, Diane Maxwell, Linda Coombs, Bruce Stinson, Kim Brock, Doc Scot Martin, Tindle Ramon and Gina Gillispie.

Absent were: Jim Younger and

Robert Patrick. President Carolyn McLeod called the meeting to order. First item on the agenda was the wrestling event to be held Saturday, October 14. There was discussion about concession stand duties and work schedule. A price schedule was set as follows: Sloppy Joes \$2, Soda Cans \$1, Chips \$.75 and candy \$.75. A Superstar Special will sell for \$4. Gina reported that Junk Yard Dog would be a surprise guest at the All School Pep Rally on Friday.

President Carolyn McLeod appointed Bruce Stinson, Sharion Cook and Linda Coombs to the nominating committee for new board members. Gina will also serve on that committee. Members going off are Jim Younger, Kim Brock, Bruce Stinson. Members being replaced are Jan Williamson, Gary Smith and Beth Brown. Statutory members going off are Diane Maxwell, Linda Coombs and

Tindle Ramon. Due to the limited number of people on the original Connection Board, Spearman Tindle may continue to serve in that capacity or bring to the board his replacement. The Nominating Committee will meet before November.

Gina directed everyone to his or her schedule of events for the Artist in Residency Event coming up October 24 - 30. Bruce made motion with a 2nd from Sharion to have Ivey's cater fajitas for a fundraiser before the Friday night football game on the 27th of October. This is providing the cafeteria painting is completed. This meal will sell for \$6 and the Chamber Board will sell advance

Discussion on the Chamber Banquet was as follows: Date will be Saturday, January 20. Earlier in the year, the Board voted to set the Chamber Banquet at a certain time every year and that time will be the third weekend in January. Diane reported that WDSCC will have a table decorating contest and a theme of Community Spirit.

Gina will book a bank for a dance and ticket sales will go up in price according to the cost of the band. There will also be a silent auction.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

You are invited to attend a Bridal Shower Kari Schneider bride-elect of Sean Polk

on Saturday, October 28, 2000 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. 707 E. 2nd · Spearman, TX

You are invited to attend the 95th Birthday Celebration Bertha Brown

on Saturday, October 21, 2000 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of First State Bank No presents please, just your attendance

"Everything right now is virtually at a standstill until it rains," said

Ongoing drought throughout Texas is dampering the prospects of planting fall wheat, according to the specialist with the Texas Agricultural

Drought Jeopardizing

Fall Wheat Planting

Extension agronomist Travis Miller, during the Drought Preparedness Council meeting discussion on current drought conditions across the state. What we are seeing right now are some of the exact weather conditions

ve went into last fall," said Miller. This year's drought has led to \$595 million in agricultural losses, accordng to Extension economists, and of that total the 1999-2000 wheat crop was estimated at \$125 million in losses.

Ministerial Alliance Minutes nificant other and the need of aiding people in volatile situations. She also stressed the need for parents to

by Jamie Casdorph

Spearman Ministerial Alliance met on Wednesday, October 11, 2000 at the Panhandle Diner & Deli for their regular meeting. Presiding over the meeting was President Ken Cole. The meeting opened with prayer by Carol

Minutes were approved as written. Ken Cole gave the Treasurer's Report as the Treasurer Beverly Cook had to be absent.

The annual Election of Officers was held. The slate of new officers is as follows: Leonard Harper president; Dennis Alger - vice-presdent; Jamie Casdorph - secretary; Beverly Cook - treasurer.

New Business: The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held November 19th in the Union Church with Dennis Alger serving as the speaker. The gathering will be held at 7:00 p.m. with a proposed Afterglow to be held afterwards with cookies and desserts.

Brian Foster mentioned that it was time to begin the work on next years Christian Youth Project. The Disciple Now weekend will be held possibly the first weekend of school n August. The last meeting was the 'True Love Waits' program and was very well received with approximately 80 kids participating. Plans

will begin soon for specific needs. Old Business: Ken reported on his discussions with Mr. Hargis on the possibility of the ministe together some Accelerated Reader tests for the students on the books of the Bible. Bibles will be placed in the Elementary Library for interested students to check out and read.

The ministers were thankful to partake in a program given by Cathy Stevens and her guest speaker. Cathy is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Panhandle Crisis Center. Her guest speaker was the mother of a friend of Cathy's. The mother pre-sented an emotional story about the murder of her daughter by her sig-

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Among The Neighbors by Helen Fisher

Bill and Lil Turner are relaxing after a three weeks trip which many a mile was checked off. Two weeks of the time was spent with their son, David and Anne Turner in

Richmond, MN.

Bill and Lil traveled with former residents of Spearman, Judy and Kenneth Friemel. After 10 years in Amarillo, the Friemels now live in Stonewall, CO near Monument Lake. Both couples were in their comfortable travel trailers.

At Winona, MN (where the movie 'Grumpy Old Men" was produced) Bill felt right at home in the cafe where the movie was based.

Other states they found interesting Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri. Especially enjoyable was fishing and boating on the Mississippi River.

The Turners have traversed 18 states so far this year. They spent a very pleasant month last spring in Blue Creek, CO with some other Spearman residents - the Fannins.

Lynanne Maize, with her usual efficient way of handling problems, had the modern laser surgery for gall bladder surgery. She was in Baptist St. Anthony's and returned home Friday.

Brad and Dody Beedy attended the Texas Tech homecoming last week and rolled back the years in a class reunion of their class of 1953. About 30 classmates attended many of whom they hadn't seen since graduation.

Artemio and Sally Camacho are pleased to announce the arrival of a son on October 7, 2000 at Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton. Arturo Ivan weighed 8 lb. 3 oz and was 21 inches long.

He joins sisters, Laura and Lizet and brother Alberto. He has two grandmothers, Mrs. Juana Morales and Mrs. Lucia Diaz, both of Spearman.

No doubt Blanche Green is beaming with pride after reading the Amarillo Daily News last Saturday carrying the article and a picture of her grandson, Marty Eakin. He was selected the Defensive Player of the Week. Marty is a student at Caprock High and the son of Wanda and Jim

Eakin, formerly of Spearman.

Come November 8, it will have been 25 years since the handsome oung couple, D'Lynda and Danny McLaughlin were married in Spearman. To commemorate the event, albeit a little early, D'Lynda and Danny flew to Las vegas and spent Sunday through Wednesday. They did a lot of sight-seeing and enjoyed the many attractions. They were impressed by the many people they met, from New York to California, who brought up the subject of Governor Bush. All seemed anxious for him to be elected.

Surprise guests of Elaine and Roger Odegaard for a long weekend were their daughter, JoAnne and husband Mark Holly and four-yearold Tanner. The highlight for Tanner was watching his cousin, Caleb Odegaard, play football at Borger

JoAnne, a Spearman High graduate, is in the Budget Department of the Texas Department of Criminal

Mrs. Caia Hester, 93, fell in her home a couple of weeks ago and was unable to get up. It is not known how long she was on the floor - but many, many hours. When help finally arrived, she spend sev-eral days in Ochiltree General Hospital.

She never recovered completely. Her daughter Pauledde and husband of Stillwater, OK have moved her to their home.

Both are retired and can properly care for her.

Her many friends in Spearman for many, many years will miss her and hope the best for her.

Loyall Turner spent three days last weekend at Roswell, where he attended the New Mexico state Rally of Harley Motorcycle owners. Every state holds a rally and at Roswell about 600 owners attended. Many came from other states including one from Milwaukee, WI. The Rally is officially Harley Owners Group or H.O.G.

Much relief to all comes the report that Kaye McFarlin, director of nursing at Hansford Hospital is making good recovery from her

recent emergency heart surgery. On Friday, she was taken by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Saturday morning she underwent surgery Although she had some heart damage, the emergency could be han-dled, implanting three stints in the

A family member reports her latest check-up on Monday.

The local historical committee, in their constant efforts to add authentic items to the museum, were pleased recently when their work was rewarded. Bob Heard, long ago resident of Spearman brought relics used by his father, Hobb Heard. Hobb was Spearman's station master for the Santa Fe in the depot that is now part of The Stationmaster's museum. Bob and his parents lived in the house for all the years until his father's untimely death.

One of the antiques is the telegrapher's key in sending telegrams. In those days, the station master also served as telegrapher.

Bob, a Spearman High graduate, could see the decor of his home in considerably Spearman

This county has been saddened by the passing of three citizens during the past week. Robert O'Laughlin, Dean McClenegan and G.I. Brown. Sincere sympathy is extended to each family.

Last week, an item in this column referred to the constant dissension in this country. A couple of sentences were inadvertently omitted.

In the squabble over Columbus Day, it was the Native Americans (Indians) and the Italian-Americans. In the use of the Confederate flag, it is the African-Americans over long

Dwayne Smith's record for the weather for the week of October 9

The Gruver Grapevine

Slay Keeps Promise Olympic medalist Brandon Slay had his day in Gruver Monday as he came to Gruver to meet the students

and town who supported him in his Olympic quest. At an assembly in the high school

auditorium, Slay told his new friends that he would never forget riding the firetruck in Gruver, The twenty-five year old proved

he was nothing less than a gold medalist in character. It was a unique experience for our community - one that will live in the hearts and minds of all who

Condolences Expressed

were a part the experience.

The sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Dean McClenagan who died Wednesday, October 11, 2000. Dean was a lifetime resident of Gruver . He was noted for his goodness in all aspects of his life.

Korbyn Dawson Kaberna, the sixmonth-old son of Shad and Shannon (Acker) Kaberna died on October 12, 2000 in Amarillo where he had been hospitalized since his birth on April 20, 2000. Born three months premature, Korbyn fought lung problems and finally succumbed to heart failure due to the overworking of the organ in response to his severe lung problems. The infant's memorial services were held in the Christian Church of Texhoma on Sunday, October 15. Korbyn's mother, Shannon, was a 1996 graduate of Gruver High School.

Band Competes in Canadian · The GHS Marching Houndsound Band received a Division II rating and was named the top A band in competition in the Fall Marching

Contest in Canadian on Saturday. The band will compete in the district marching contest in Amarillo Saturday, October 21 at 10:45 a.m. in Dick Bivins Stadium. There is no chance of the band advancing to area competition since bands from A schools only compete for advancement in the odd-numbered

Get Well Wishes

Odis Blount is hospitalized in Amarillo. A report has not been received on his condition this week, but he is waiting for an infection to clear before surgery can be sched-

Senior Hound Bradley Duncan sustained a pulled hamstring muscle in the Gruver/White Deer game on Friday. He is doubtful for play in this week's game with Wheeler.

Edith Wright is recovering from her recent surgery.

Henry Grotegut is in serious condition in Hansford Hospital.

Carolyn Hicks recently underwent shoulder surgery and is now recovering at home.

Dr. Cobb Addresses Group

My daughter, KiKi, was quite surprised to find that she knew the speaker at recent meeting of the Christian Health Providers of the

Cobb. The area director of the Dallas/Fort Worth Christian Medical and Dental Society, Dr. Cobb mentioned Hansford County several times in his message to the

Accelerated Readers Honored Seventh grader accelerated readers who achieved their accelerated reader points this six weeks were honored with a pizza party on

Honored were Timber Barkley, Brad Clawson, Matt Messer, Sarah Mireles, Rafael Perez, Mary Jane Rivera, Stephen Salazar, Sheldon Atwood, Lauren Bergin, Otisabel Flores, Colby Griffin, Samantha Myatt, Joey Patterson, Allison Reid, Josepha Trejo, and Reid Winger.

"Fireworks" Noted

Gruver residents, including those attending the football game in Greyhound Stadium, saw a fireworks display, not of human -mak-

ing in the early evening From a vapor trail which extended in an arc from the southern sky, a series of bright streaks and "stars," much like a Fourth of July firework, made its way to the north.

Sightings of the apparition were also reported in Amarillo and other

area towns. There was no immediate explana-

tion for the observation. The event, coincided with a full moon and a Friday the 13th calendar date.

School Board Meets

In regular session of the Gruver School board, the motion to appoint Terry Sherrill as director to serve on the Hansford County Appraisal District Board as a representative of Gruver/Hansford County was Gruver/Hansford County was approved by a 5-0 margin with member Sherrill abstaining.

Approved by a unanimous vote of was the approval of the textbook committee for the 2000-2001 school year, the approval of the High School Improvement Plan, the Technology Committee for the 2000-2001 school year, and the approval of the budget amendment.

A motion to nominate Terry Sherrill to serve on the Technology Committee passed by a 6-0-1 vote with member Sherrill abstaining.

The board entered into executive session from 6:50 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. before paying bills with the exception of Gruver Farm Supply in the amount of \$274,232.93 by 0-2 vote with members Sherrill and Bennie Wilson abstaining.

The group then voted to pay Gruver Farm Supply in the amount of \$560.81 by the vote of 5-0-2 with members Mike Yanke and David Grotegut abstaining.

Discussion items included the sixth grade trip April 27, 2001 to Mount Capulin, New Mexico; the

gifted/talented trip May 11-13, 2001 to Colorado Springs, Colorado; the policy alert on bloodborne pathogen exposure control financial report, TASA/TASB Convention Evaluation Survey; the TEA Certificate of Commendation for Gruver Elementary and Gruver Junior High of Migrant Students: TEA recognition of GISD Texas Migrant TAAS score, attendance rate, and dropout rate; and the leg-

islative report of TASB. In the superintendents' report members were told of the TNRCC proposal to increase air-conditionng costs, the child ID program, the Region XVI tax rate survey, TAAS scores, and enrollment figures.

Bucks Slip by JV

The Gruver Junior Varsity Hounds fell in a close game with the White Deer Bucks on Thursday in White Deer by the score of 14-8

Gruver's lone touchdown came on a three-yard run by Gabriel Lopez. Quarterback Hunter Bevill connected with Hutch Reid for the two

The junior high will host the Wheeler Mustangs Thursday at 5 p.m. in Greyhound Stadium. Since Wheeler has no junior varsity, it was not known at press time who the junior varsity's opponent would

"Bonfire" Slated

The burning of the GHS and a pep rally has been scheduled for Thursday following the games in Greyhound Stadium.

The bonfire was rescheduled due to to high wind conditions the evening preceding Homecoming.

Holt Posts Wins Kaylee Holt tied for the best all

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around girl in the Tri-State Rodeo at Boys Ranch over the weekend. Holt was second in breakaway roping, fourth in barrel racing, second in pole bending, and first in goat tying. Courtney Moore, granddaughter of Fred and Georgia Davidson, was fourth in breakaway roping.

Stavlo Nominated

Leona Stavlo has been nominated for the second time as a Gruver Good Guy. The nominating person saw Leona hard at work picking up trash at the football field parking lot to make our community a neater place for Brandon Slay's visit.

Rodney Dale and Angie Clawson have also been selected Gruver Good Guys of the Week for their efforts in the community's adoption of Brandon Slay.

Through their work, our children learned many lessons, and our community was able to share in Brandon's dream and experience the Olympic Spirit.

Gambler G Clues Found

I received several calls on the beginning of the Gambler G (the capital letter G with the state of Texas cut from the middle) as a symbol of Gruver.

Misty Paine found that the first use of the G appeared in the 1988 edition of the high school yearbook. She suggested the symbol was brought to Gruver by Royce Blackshire, then boys basketball coach.

Another fan agrees Misty's timing may be accurate but believes that Diane Sparks was the one who brought the symbol to Gruver.

Hopefully, we will have a definitive answer next week.

You're Invited

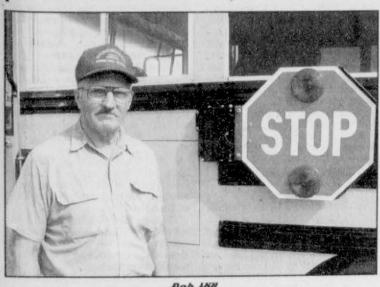
Texas Fiddler, Randy Elmore, will be in Spearman October 24-30. If you play a musical instrument, young and old, you are invited to join in the jam sessions. These jam sessions are open and will be held at the following times and locations:

- Wednesday, October 25th, 8:30-10 p.m. at the Panhandle Diner & Deli;
- . Thursday, October 26th, 7:30-9 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center (Golden Spread Senior Center);
- Friday, October 27th, 7:30-9:15 p.m. at the Panhandle Deli & Diner;
- Saturday, October 29th, 7-9 p.m. at the Panhandle Diner & Deli.

Bring your musical instrument and jam with one of the greatest fiddlers in Texas history. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 659-5555.



Superintendent's Corner



Bob Hill Spearman ISD Transportation Director

The week of October 15-20 is School Bus Safety Week. This is a time to reflect on an important role of our school district and that is the safe transportation of our students to and from school and all across the Panhandle for extra-curricular activ-

If you are like me, I often take for granted how our children get to school. In Spearman, 90% of our students live in town and are not provided any bus transportation. These students get to school by walking, riding bike, driving at the high school level or being dropped off by their parents. The other 10% of our students living beyond a 2-mile limit are provided bus transportation to and from school

portation to and from school.

According to Transportation
Director, Bob Hill, we drove 59,500
miles on five routes during the 19992000 school year. These bus routes
head all directions into the country
from school and cover approximately 450 square mile of school district
territory. We did all this without any
accidents. However, driving a bus
can often be a treacherous chore

because of weather conditions. From icy roads to reduced visibility because of early morning fog, our drivers have to constantly be aware of the conditions around them. The safety of the students they are entrusted with depends on their actions.

With all the risk, you might wonder why anyone would want to drive a school bus. Drivers are required to have an annual physical, a commercial driver's license (with a bus attachment), a Bus Driver's Permit good for three years from the Education Service Center and submit to the Department of Transportation (DOT) drug and alcohol test. According to Business Manager, Larry Murphy, all these steps help us focus on the safe transportation of our students. Larry added that we have some outstanding route drivers. They are Wynell Hager, Ellen Graham/Edwin Pearcy, Trantham, Verlan Richard Winegarner and Bob Hill. These individuals start their day before the break of dawn and drive into early evening to safely transport our stu-

In addition to our daily routes, we also drove 64,500 miles this past school year on extra-curricular activities. From athletic events to field trips, we traveled from Kentucky as far south as the Rio Grande valley. Bob Hill stated that on a typical Friday night, we might have seven or more school district vehicles out on the road. Students in these activities are either on a regular school bus or other district transportation. Drivers for these extracurricular activities have the same requirements, as do the other regular route drivers. In the case of more athletic events, they drive late at night, sometimes into the wee hours of the morning after having already put in a full day's work at school. They do a remarkable job! Our other drivers are Jerry Bass, Brian Beck, Doug Bowles, Alvin and Becky Byers, Greg Gibson, Kent Hargis, Robert McGaha, Caroline Kenealy, Dwayne Mitchell, Wendell

Frances Pipkin, Andy

Scarborough, Ric Smith and Cheryl

Whitefield. With as many miles as we put on our vehicles and in every direction they go, day and night, we are fortunate to have an outstanding Transportation Director to make sure these vehicles are in top shape. There is never a time that we put a vehicle on the road that has not been checked, serviced and scrutinized by Bob Hill. Bob Hill goes beyond the call of duty to make sure our buses are clean and in top-notch condition. He is the first one on duty in the morning and during the winter is often up at 4 a.m. driving the roads to determine if it is safe to send buses out on their routes. During the day, he spends his time servicing the buses and other district vehicles by checking belts, replacing tires and making sure the gas tanks are full. Bob does this all by himself. He is one of the most dedicated individuals I've ever seen. He takes his job seriously and doesn't leave anything

to chance. Bob has as much to do with our safety record as do our drivers. Bob has worked for Spearman for 14 years and during this time we have only had one bus accident. This is a remarkable feat due to the number of miles and the weather conditions we are exposed to

This week is School Bus Safety Week. I encourage each of you, the next time you see one of our buses on the road, to give them a wave and marvel with me on how safe it is to ride on a school bus. I also ask that you slow down when you see a bus on the road and remember NEVER pass a bus when loading and unloading passengers. The only thing we must leave to chance is the other people driving on the roads. We can do our part to be safe, however with out other drivers driving courteous, we risk the safety of our very valuable passengers. I ask that you join me in recognizing our bus drivers and expressing a sincere appreciation to them for putting the safety of the students they transport foremost.

Blowin' In The Wind

by Dwayne Mitchell

A windmill must live up to its name in every way. Not only does it need wind to turn its blades, but it seems only right that it be erected on a windy day. Right? Hardly. Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association put up number eight in the windmill park in a rather gusty wind leading to several anxious moments.

The windmill god smiled charitably, however, and the Dempster No. 4 was finally installed in its permanent place in the park. A truck, pick-up and tractor were left tied to the mill until the cement around the legs had time to set.

The mill is an "umbrella" mill in that the wheel folds out of the wind. The mill has no tail but is "vaneless." By centrifugal force the mill is governed by weighted levers. In winds up to a certain speed, the wheel sections remain in a position where they present their full surface to the wind, but as the velocity increases, the sections pivot out of the wind sufficiently to reduce the wheel surface and yet the wheel turns at a uniform rate. The gover-

nor weight (not the horse shaped weight), but the square black iron weight, counteracts the tendency of the sections to incline away from the wind, pulling them back to the more exposed position as the wind subsides.

The Dempster No. 4 is one of the original mills of the J. B. Buchanan collection. The mill needed restoration because of storm damage and the length of time since Mr. Buchanan had restored it. The mill was found without a wheel near Bryan's Corner, Oklahoma, by Mr. Buchanan who rebuilt some of the metal parts, built a wooden wheel and erected it as part of his collection at his farm.

The mill was disassembled at the farm last spring and brought in pieces to the SPWA barn. Metal parts were rebuilt, bearings were repoured, and the wheel rebuilt. A new tower was also built.

The wheel is the most obvious part of the restoration. It is of cypress wood, painted white with red tips. It is made up of eight sections that will fold out to catch the full force of the wind. At the time of this writing, it has not been allowed to unfold.

SPWA members involved in the restoration were Orville Latham, Don Reed, J. D. Wilbanks, Wanda Reed, Burl and Roger Buchanan. Rue Sanders and Joey Woolley donated welding and metal repair.

The Dempster No. 4 is denoted by the short tailed horse that stands on the counter weight.

The next mill to be restored and put in the park is a Leader. It has a fixed wooden wheel with two wooden tails. It also will be a white painted wheel with red tips and blue gear box. It is also from the J. B. Buchanan collection and will be a beautiful addition to the park.

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Randy Elmore, Western Swing Fiddler, will be participating in a community residency in Speaman during the week of October 24-30. Mr. Elmore will educate and entertain all of Speaman, sharing his tradition as a Western Swing Musician. Events will be held in a variety of verus. All presentations are free to the public and is made possible by funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

9-9:45 AM 10:50-11:45 AM Noon-1:00 PM 1:30-2:30 PM 4-5 PM 6:30-8 PM Tuesday, October 24
6th Grade Choir & Band
Kindergarten Choir
Lions Club
SHS Band
KidzKorner
Mariachi Practice

Presentation/Teaching Time
Music Appreciation
Program
Presentation/Teaching Time
Practice for Concert
Practice with Locals

9-9:30 AM 10-10:30 AM 1-2 PM 2:15-2:45 PM 4-5 PM 7-8 PM 8:30-10 PM Wednesday, October 25
People on the Go @ KRDF
KidzKorner
SHS Choir
3rd Grade Choir
Hansford County Library
First United Methodist Church
Panhandle Diner & Deli

Interview
Preschool Presentation
Presentation
Music Appreciation
History of Music
Choir Practice
Practice with Locals

10-10:30 AM 12:15-12:45 PM 1-1:30 PM 1:45-2:15 PM 2:30-3:30 PM 5-6 PM 7:30-9 PM Miss Donna's Little School 5th Grade Math 5th Grade Math 5th Grade Math Workshop Concert in Eska Park O'Loughlin Center

Thursday, October 26

Presentation
Music & Fractions
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Lesson w/ Jimmy Greene
Concert in the Gazebo
Jam Session w/ Golden Spread
Senior Citizens

9:30-10 AM 10:15-10:40 AM 1:15-2 PM 2:30-3:30 PM 6-8 PM 7-7:15 PM 7:30-9:15 PM 9:30-10 PM Miss Donna's Little School 4th Grade Choir People on the Go @ KRDF Hansford Manor SHS Cafeteria Spearman Football Stadium Panhandle Diner & Deli First Christian Church

Friday, October 27

Halloween Party
Presentation
Interview
October Birthday Party
Frito Pie Supper
National Anthem
Jazz Session Practice
5th Quarter

10:30-11:30 AM Noon-1 PM 2-3 PM 7-9 PM Saturday, October 28
Workshop
Hansford Manor
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Panhandle Diner & Deli

Lesson w/ Debbie Schuman Concert Luncheon Special Music Jazz with Juleda

8:30-9:30 AM 10:45-11:30 AM 2-3 PM 6-7 PM 7:30-9:30 PM Sunday, October 29
First United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church
Juan Avila Show @ KRDF
First Baptist Church
Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Special Music Special Music Interview Special Music Mariachi Night

Monday, October 30



Proclamation Stinson Gibner/Enron Day October 17, 2000

To the Citizens of Spearman, Texas

Whereas, Stinson Gibner was raised in Spearman and is a graduate of Spearman High School, and now resides in Houston; and

Whereas, Stinson has since cared for his home town library and given many donations over the years; and

Whereas, Stinson and his employer, Enron, has established an endowment fund named after Stinson's mother, the Mary Alice Gibner Endowment, for which she has been on the Hansford County' Library Board for thirty years; and

Whereas, Stinson and Enron will match every dollar locally raised (up to \$20,000) four to one. For local donations to meet this goal would give the library and endowment for \$100,000.

Now, therefore, I, Steve Benton, Mayor of the City of Spearman, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2000 as

"Stinson Gibner/Enron Day"

in and for the City of Spearman, and encourage all citizens to take the funding challenge and to continue to help our library in the future.

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Spearman.

Dated the seventeenth day of October, Two Thousand.

Program To Offer Ideas For Entertaining

Ideas for decorating, entertaining and gift-giving will be highlighted during the "Celebrate 3" program to be presented by area Family and Consumer Sciences Agents Thursday, October 26, at the Texas A&M Extension and Research Center, 6400 Amarillo Blvd. W. in Amarillo.

The program will be presented twice on the 26th with the first session beginning at 1:30 p.m. and the evening presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Advance tickets for the program are now available for \$8 each from the Extension office at the Courthouse in Spearman. Local ticket sales will end at 5 p.m Wednesday, Oct. 25. tickets will be sold at the door on the 26th at a cost of \$10 per person.

Carol Ritchie, host of the cable television program "Cooking' with Carol", will present a lively and educational demonstration of holiday ideas with an Australian flair. She will also offer ideas for decorating a holiday table, insights into latest cooking trends, and tips inspired from her trips "down under." Through her weekly TV shows and classes, Ritchie teaches basic cooking techniques including classic food preparation, ideas for the quick-cook and heart-healthy fundamentals. A resident of Arlington, she has traveled extensively, featuring her cooking skills at live events throughout Texas and the Midwest. Ritchie has appeared on PBS, the TV Food Network, CBS's Saturday Morning Show and PAX cable network and a variety of local talk

In addition to Ritchie's presentation, 21 Extension Agents from the

Panhandle District will display tables of prepared foods, decorating motifs and entertaining notions. Party ideas for all seasons will be featured including Election Celebrations, Autumn Harvest, Christmas and New Year's, Beach Parties, Mother's Day, The

Outdoorsman's Birthday, Easter, St. Patrick's Day and more. Guests will have the opportunity to sample a variety of main dishes, desserts and appetizers. 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 26th.

The "Celebrate 3" 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 to improve quality of life for Panhandle citi-

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

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

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by Harletta Carthel

"Everything I Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" was on the New York Times Best Seller list several years ago. It is the account of life's little lessons discovered in a kindergarten classroom.

If I ever write a best seller, I'd probably call it "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned on a Farm." In it, I tell all the truisms I've learned as a city girl who became a farm wife.

For example, (1) Weeds grow ten times faster than trees. The universal truth of this observation - things that last take time. Good things don't come quickly or cheaply; they need love and care to materialize.

(2) You can't keep the attention of horses when the feed bucket is empty. In other words, popularity is short-lived. Enjoy it while you can but don't depend on it.

(3) If you want more eggs, get a new rooster. Lesson learned, a little flattery goes a long way.

(4) You can make it home on an empty tank of gas if you don't look at the gauge. Underlying meaning: You gotta believe! Make a decision, give it all you have, and don't look back.

(5) A pheasant is never happy being on one side of the road. Truth imparted - unhappiness can kill you. Bloom where you are planted.

(6) Anyone can give a pig a shot the first time, the second time takes an acrobat or a vet. Lesson taught: Be the first to volunteer. The first to attempt any feat is always the best - at least until someone else tries.

(7) The older a cow gets the longer her tail and the shorter her temper.

Universal truth: De - tails are more important than you think.

(8) A rattlesnake is more afraid of you than you are of it. Wisdom gained: don't' believe everything you are told.

' (9) You can castrate a billy goat with a simple rubber band. Lesson conveyed: It's not what you got: it's what you do with it.

(10) A rainy summer grows lots of good farmers. Teaching learned: When the good Lord sends his blessings, don't forget to give Him thanks.

Notice

The deadline to submit news and advertising to The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5:00 p.m. Items accepted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit. Publication of all items is at the discretion of the editor.

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NOTICE

The Spearman Housing Authority is now accepting applications for residents. Eligible applicants will be placed on a community-wide waiting list. Rents are based on family income, minus allowances for children and elderly occupants.

Income limits for the Spearman Housing Authority are as follows:

FAMILY SIZE	FAMILY INCOME	
1 Person	\$12,900	
2 Persons	\$14,700	
3 Persons	\$16,550	
4 Persons	\$18,400	
5 Persons	\$19,850	
6 Persons	\$21,350	
7 Persons	\$22,800	
8 Persons	\$24,300	

For more information, contact Gary Ellsworth at the Spearman Housing Authority office located at 201 S. Brandt, or call (806) 659-2524. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. The Spearman Housing Authority does not discriminate based on race, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin, or other classification protected by



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Lynx Clobber the Comanches

by Jeff Beedy

It was Friday the 13th and a full moon, but the Spearman Lynx didn't let that affect them as they took the next step toward a district championship against the West Texas Comanches. The Lynx held off the Comanches by score of 34-28 in another exciting game at the Lynx Stadium.

If the full moon had anything to do with the way Colton Miller played, then we need one every week. Officially, Miller carried the ball 30 times for a total of 160 yards rushing and scored four touchdowns. Miller was named the offensive player of the week.
The "Wrecking Crew" defense

held West Texas to only 8 yards rushing for the entire night. WT tried to stage a comeback, but the ynx would not let it happen.

Marty Miesner was the defensive player of the week. Marty sacked the quarterback three times and had one fumble recovery, plus numerous assisted tack-

Spearman improves to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in district play and they are atop the district with Canadian

It was a beautiful fall evening with clear skies, cool tempera-tures and a light southwest wind. West Texas won the toss, but deferred to the second half, so the Lynx elected to receive from the east end of the field. Both teams exchanged punts their first possessions since neither could move the ball downfield. The Lynx started their second possession of the WT 39 yard line. On 3rd and Kevin Beedy threw a strike to Steven Vasquez on a post route for a big first down that took the ball to the 17 yard line. After getting penalized 15 yards for blocking below the waist on the next play, Beedy hit West over the middle and he ran it in from 32 yards for the touchdown. Eduard Vasquez' PAT kick was good and

the Lynx led 7-0. West Texas took their second possession, not wasting much time in scoring. They started from their own 38 yard line. They converted on a big 3rd and 10 and moved the ball down to the Lynx 12 yard line with 3:40 left in the first quarter. On 3rd and 4, Riley Smith hit Brandon Snider in the end zone for a WT touchdown. The PAT was good and the scored was tied at 7.

Both teams exchanged punts again. WT started their next drive on their own 16 with 7:38 left in the half. On the second play from scrimmage, WT fumbled the ball and Miesner was there to recover it at the Comanche 25 yard line. Spearman drove to the WT 5 yard line where they had a first and goal. On 3rd and 1, Eduard Vasquez ran up the middle for the touchdown with 2:15 left in the 2nd quarter. Vasquez's PAT kick was good and the Lynx led 14-7.

by Harletta Carthel

er at Greyhound Stadium.

in the fourth period.

victory hopes

70 yard, five-first

Friday the 13th brought a bag of bad luck for Gruver as the White

Deer Bucks slipped past the Hounds 21-19 in the district open-

Although the Hounds scored on the opening drive, the Bucks retal-

iated with two touchdowns in the

second quarter and one in the

third. With White Deer ahead 21-

7, the Hounds made it a nail-biter

game by sooring two touchdowns

With the game on the line, the

Hounds sought to knot the score

late in the final period with a two-

point conversion attempt. Stopped short of the line, the Hounds

watched the clock tick away their

The Hounds' first score capped a

opening kickoff with Aaron Weller scampering the last eight yards.

The Hounds were up by seven at midpoint in the first quarter after a

Returning the Hounds ensuing punt to the 50 yard line, the Bucks

connected on a pass to the Gruver 25. When a 22 yard run gave

White Deer a first and ten on the

three yard line, the Bucks and

Hounds both fell victims to the curse of the 13th - the Bucks by

losing a fumble on the one-yard

line and the Hounds by failing to

gain points on the effort. Like

opening Pandora's box, the worst

was yet to come for Gruver as the

Bucks scored on their next posses-

sion with a two-yard run by Aaron

McKeon. Misfortune continued asthe Bucks interecepted a pass on the White Deer 30 to end the

Hounds next possession. Then

by Jeff Beedy
The Lynx and Lynxette Cross

Country teams ran at Canadian on

Saturday. This was the last meet

before district which will also

take place at Canadian. This meet

was a good chance for the teams

to run on this course so they will

know what to expect next week.

The district meet will take place on Monday, October 23 at the Canadian Golf Course. The jun-

Cory Schneider PAT kick.

West Texas with 2:09 left in the half, started from their own 29 yard line. They threw deep and although Steven Vasquez had the interception, it looked like the receiver took the ball away from him after they hit the ground. They gave the reception to WT and that kept their drive alive. On the next play, they threw to the far side and both WT defenders fell on the ground. A Lynx defender tipped the ball and it fell in the lap of one of those receivers on the ground at the Spearman 15 yard line. It looked las though the Comanches would prevail, but with :03 left in the half, the Lynx came up with a huge sack of the quarterback to end the half.

Even though WT deferred to the second half, they gave the ball to the Lynx. Spearman did not waste any time on their first possession of the second half. On the first play from scrimmage from their own 42, Beedy threw deep to Eduard Vasquez who dove for the ball and made a super catch at the WT 40. On the next play, Miller ran off-tackle down to the 15 yard line. Two plays later, Miller ran up the middle from 3 yards out for the TD with 9:30 left in the 3rd quarter. The PAT kick was good and the Lynx increased their lead 21.7 increased their lead 21-7.

WT started their first possession of the second half from their own 44 yard line. After several plays, the Comanches converted

on a big 3rd and 15 when Smith found a receiver deep at the 10 yard line. Three plays later, Smith scrambled out of the pocket and ran it in for a touchdown with 4:22 left in the 3rd quarter. The PAT kick was good and Spearman's lead was cut to 21-

Eduard Vasquez had a nice return to the WT 42 yard line and the Comanches were flagged for a late hit that moved the ball to the WT 27 yard line. Beedy made a big first down on 4th and 2 from the 18 when he ran a quarterback keeper around the left end. Four plays later, Miller ran off-tackle from 2 yards out for the TD with :08 left in the 3rd quarter. The PAT kick was good and the Lynx

The Comanches, threatening to score again, moved the ball down to the Spearman 33. On 2nd and 10, Miesner and Richard Varnon sacked Smith back at the WT 40 yard line. WT threw incomplete on 3rd down and Miller intercepted a Smith pass at the Lynx 21 yard line with 10:20 left in the

The Lynx looked like they had the game in hand until disaster, struck. They had the ball on their own 35 with 3rd and 6. The Lynx tried to run a reverse and fumbled the ball. WT picked it up and ran it back for a touchdown still with 6:26 left in the game. For some unknown reason, WT went for

two and did not make it and Spearman's lead was cut to 28-

Most teams would've folded under the pressure that was mounting, but the Lynx took the ensuing kick-off and Vasquez had another good return to the Lynx 47 yard line. A few plays later, Miller bounced to the outside and raced 43 yards for his fourth TD of the night with 4:12 left in the game. The PAT kick failed and Spearman led 34-20.

The Comanches fumbled on

their next possession, but the Lynx could not move the ball and had to punt back to WT with 2:31 left in the 4th quarter. They moved the ball down to the Spearman 36 as time was winding down. WT's Smith avoided a sack and found a receiver open in the end zone for the TD with 1:50 left in the game. The two point conversion was good and the

score was Spearman 34 WT 28. WT tried an onside kick, but was not successful and the Lynx ran out the clock. The final score was Spearman 34, West Texas 28.

The Lynx beat a good WT foot-ball team Friday night, but it is time to focus on Clarendon. Clarendon threw the ball 41 times against Canadian, so the Lynx secondary has a major challenge facing them.

Good luck on Friday against Clarendon!

Spearman vs. West Texas Offensive Stats

Rushing

Colton Miller 30-160 yds. 4 TD; Eduard Vasquez 9-20 yds.; Kevin Beedy 8-22 yds.; Steven

Vasquez 1-(-1yds) Rushing Total: 48 carries 201 yds.- 4 TD

Passing
Kevin Beedy 5-9-77 yds. 1 TD

Receiving
Ty West 1-29 yds. 1 TD; Steven
Vasquez ·1-22 yds.; Eduard
Vasquez 1-21 yds.; Timmy
Bynum 1-9 yds.; Colton Miller 1-

Total Offense
278 yds. 5 TD; 17-1st downs
Defensive Stats

Rushing

18 carries 8 yds... Passing 17-26-242 yds.-2 int.

Fumble Recovery by Spearman Homer Munoz-2; Jimmy Gaytan-1; Eduard Vasquez-1

Players of the Week Offense - Colton Miller -Interceptions

Defense - Marty Miesner - 1 fumble recovery and 3 quarter-

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Bad Luck and Bucks Trip Hounds another blow fell: an interception by James Crow and was nullified by a face mask call on the Hounds.

> Hound punt was deflected to give White Deer the ball on the Hound 33. After trading penalties, the Bucks scored from one yard out. The Hounds were then called for penalties twice on the Buck's PAT kick tries. On their third try, the Bucks successfully ran for two to

Gruver's troubles continued as a

lead at halftime, 15-In the third quarter, the Hounds staged a goal line defense for three downs before the Bucks passed for

six on final try. The Hounds sought a comeback on a drive from their 40 yard line. After good runs by Weller and Schneider and a pass completion to Jason Shoulders, Weller found line, but a personal foul call on the

Hounds ended the effort. The fourth quarter brought better times for the Hounds. Two successful passes to Crow and Schneider made way for a twoyard touchdown run by Schneider. After a high snap and an unsuccessful PAT kick, the Hounds

trailed by eight. On the following kick-off by Brady Hart, in his first appearance of the season due to a ankle injury, the Bucks bobbled the ball. Pouncing on the ball, Kade Carthel gave the Hounds excellent position on the White Deer 30. After a pass to Carthel and a nice run by Schneider, Weller punched the ball over from the three.

With the game at stake, the Hounds tried a two-point conver-sion to tie the score. When the attempt fell short of the goal line,

the Hounds looked for hope in a on-sides kick effort. A successful coverage of the ball by the Bucks ended the Hounds hopes

Game at a Glance Gruver White Deer

First downs	19	14		
Yards Rushing	191	181		
Yards Passing	92	56		
Tot. Yds.	283	229		
Comp/Att/int	5/11/1	4/10/0		
Punts/Avg	5/20	5/40		
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/2		
Penalties/Yards	89/43	7/45		
Leading Rushers: Aaron Weller				
27 for 132; Cory	Schneid	ler 16 for		
65; Bradley Duncan 2 for 6				
Anthony Vllalobos 5 for 8; Zack				
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Christian 1 for 1 Receivers: Schneider 1 for 27; James Crow 1 Aaron Weller 1 for 11; Jason Shoulders 1 for 27

District 1-1A Team Scores

White Deer 21, Gruver 19 Booker 6, Shamrock 0 Wheeler 2, Claude 0

What's Next

The Hounds will travel to Wheeler for a 7:30 p.m. meeting

with the Mustangs.
According to Coach Frick, the Mustangs have size and some speed with running back Caleb Finsterwald. Bret Goad may be one of the top defensive players in the district. The Mustangs run more than they pass. Other teams have been able to pass on them. Childress was also successful in running a sweep on them.

JV Lynx Wallop West Texas

by Jeff Beedy

The Spearman Lynx JV, and junior high teams traveled to Stinnett on Thursday night and swept the West Texas Comanches in all three games. The JV won easily by a score of 34-14. The 7th grade beat previously unbeaten WT by a score of 14-0 and the 8th grade coasted by a score of 34-12. The 7th grade had been outscored (not defeated) by WT earlier in the year. All three teams did a great job and we are proud of everyone!

The JV got off to a slow start when they drove down to the WT 6 yard line in the first quarter but could not score. WT took over on downs. The defense held and WT went three and out. The first quar-

ter ended in a scoreless tie.

In the second quarter, the Lynx got things rolling with Fernando Flores score on a draw play from 27 yards out with 9:00 minutes left in the half. The two point conversion by Lance Smith was good and the Lynx led 8-0. The Spearman defense held once again forcing WT to punt again. Flores did not waste any time as he scored again from 31 yards out with 3:11 left in the 2nd quarter. The PAT failed and the Lynx led 14-0. The Lynx defense once again stopped WT's offense from moving the ball and WT had to punt. Spearman took over at the WT 46 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Paul Bynum ran the end around from 46 yards out for another TD with 1:57 left in the half. Lance Smith ran the PAT, which was good, and Spearman increased their lead to 22-0. Dustin Mackie recovered a fumble on WT's next possession and Flores did not waste any time as he score from 7 yards out to make the score 28-0 at half-time.

West Texas resorted to trickery in order to score on the stingy defense of the Lynx. With 8:46 left in the 3rd quarter, WT ran the old "hook and lateral" and scored from 44 yards out. The PAT failed and the score was 28-6 in favor of the Lynx. Neither team could move the

ball the rest of the quarter and the Lynx led 28-6.

The Lynx had the ball with 9:16 left in the game and Marcus Vasquez scored from 11 yards out. The PAT failed and Spearman led 34-6. With 6:45 left in the game, WT requested that the clock run continuously. That is when you know your are defeated or you give up. But when WT got down to the Spearman 15, they began using their timeouts as time was running out. They had to once again resort ed to trickery to score. They ran the "TD special" this time in order to score. They split several receivers wide and the quarterback threw a lateral pass to one of the receivers. This receiver in turn threw downfield to another receiver who was open in the end zone for the touchdown with 15 seconds left in the game. The final score was Spearman 34, WT 14.

The Lynx defense played very tough and shut down WT's offense. The Lynx offense did a terrific job to get things rolling. All three teams played well. Keep up the good work and continue to improve

Cross Country

ior high girls and boys will start at 4:00 p.m., junior varsity girls at run, Wayne Gibson and Jacob Jones placed 2nd and 3rd respec-

4:30, varsity girls at 5:00, and the varsity boys at 5:30. tively in their age groups. Local celebrities, Karla Flowers, Denise Harbour, and Chandler Short all Everyone did a great job Saturday with several age groups and even had some local celebriparticipated. Karla came in 3rd in her age division. Chandler Short came in 2nd place in her division. Way to go Chandler! Good luck to all the cross country teams next ties participating. In the 5k run, Adam Cherry placed 4th in his age group. In the 2 mile run, Chelsea Nollner came in 3rd in week! Win district on Monday! her age group. Also in the 2 mile

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Place

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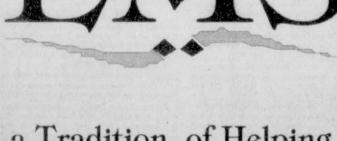


JoNell Sheets is pictured at Tiananmen Square in Beijing, the



Pictured above is the entrance to the Great Wall of China where Jo Nell and Claude visited. Jo Nell made the trek to the top





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by Sara Eisfeld

Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz tale, JoNell and Claude Sheets entered a world nearly opposite of home in Spearman, TX when they visited China last month.

From September 12 until October 2, they traded steak for sticky rice. the Plains for high rise apartments and pickups for bicycles during their tour of China. And they found the massive country to be very differnt yet abundant with history and cul-

Upon first arriving in China, they boarded the Wuban, a Russianowned, Chinese-staffed cruise ship heading up the Yangtze River to Chongquing, a city of about 30 million. There they viewed the largest hydroelectric dam to ever be built, the Three Gorges Dam.

"They displaced 1-1/2 million people there and built them new homes," said Claude.

It was at their next stop in Xi'an that the two travelers realized the people are much different in many ways than the government.

"It's all going to capitalism," said

JoNell noted that this was evident by the attitudes and clothing of the younger generation.

But the older generation they visited pointed out a bridge where the U.S. Flying Tigers had landed during World War II to protect them from the Japanese.

"This gives the older Chinese a good feeling about America," said

But ancient history also resided in Xi'an at the Museum of the Oin Emperor, the first emperor of unified China, extending back two millenniums. The emperor, concerned with the security of his body after his death, had thousands of terra cotta soldiers constructed to be positioned around his tomb.

"In 1974, a farmer discovered it," said JoNell of the shrine of soldiers, each of whom have unique facial features.

In Beijing, the Sheets visited Tiananmen Square, that was lavishly decorated with flowers.

'None of them were growing in the ground," said JoNell. "They were all potted flowers."

Hong Kong, recently returned to

the Chinese from the British, was the most lavish place they would

"We've been in all of the states [in the U.S.] and this was the nicest," Claude said.

But aside from simply observing the sites in China, JoNell and Claude noticed the variances in culture that make China very different from the Panhandle of Texas - some good and some not.

"They are really superstitious," noted JoNell. "In the shrines, they'd have a little step - so the devil couldn't get over it.'

Many of the shrines, they noticed, seemed to be focused on God and Heaven, but in a little different aspect than most in Spearman, Texas do.

"They find a chunk of jade and whip 'em up a Buddha and worship it," said JoNell, although only 8% claim to be Buddhist. Over 80% do not claim any religion at all.

During the cultural revolution in 1972, Mao Tse-tung implemented his Red Guard to stop the westernization of his country.

The younger generation point to

this as putting China in reverse for 10 years, said Claude.

But today, China has gained a great expanse of influence and

"China," Claude notes, "is a country to be reckoned with in a few

The Sheets did appreciate how the Chinese honor and value their elders. They found it especially interesting that the grandparents raise their grandchildren, while the child's parents are involved in their

They all raise a child, but it's not their own child and not when they are young," said JoNell.

But the two world travelers are glad to be back home.

"We both got our belts up two notches while we were there," noted JoNell. "The Chinese food over there isn't as good as it is here."

Although Spearman composes only a fraction of the people that the cities they visited claimed, they appreciate where they live.

We really have a nice place to live - in the Texas Panhandle," Claude said.

