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At A Glance

Toys For Tots

Once again Prairie Motors and Spearman Lions Club are sponsoring the TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN. In the last several years, this campaign has been a huge success in Spearman. Toys need to be new and they ask that you do not wrap the toys. The various clubs and organizations in Spearman can stop by Prairie Motors, Hwy. 207, Spearman, and give the donated toys to the family that they have chosen to support during Christmas. Any Lions Club member would be happy to pick your toys up and deliver them to Prairie Motors. Games, dolls, trucks, stuffed animals, or baby toys have been donated in the past for infants to about age 13. If you have questions or need more information about TOYS FOR TOTS, contact Dick Gillaspie, 659-2541 or Cindy Blackman, 659-3233.

Full Gospel in Perryton To Present "I'll Be Home For Christmas"

The Full Gospel Community Worship Center of Perryton, Texas, will present "I'll Be Home For Christmas" on Saturday, December 8th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 9th at 3 and 7 p.m. in the Perryton High School auditorium.

"I'll Be Home For Christmas" is a dramatic musical that is set from Thanksgiving Day of 1941 through December 8, the day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. You'll share the joys and trials of a family trying to make sense of the Christmas season when worldwide war appears "just around the corner." It is a touching story of hope and community, and how we can rediscover the Prince of Peace at Christmas, no matter what our circumstances.

There will be heart-warming music, "live" radio action and drama, and an atmosphere of hope that you won't want to miss.

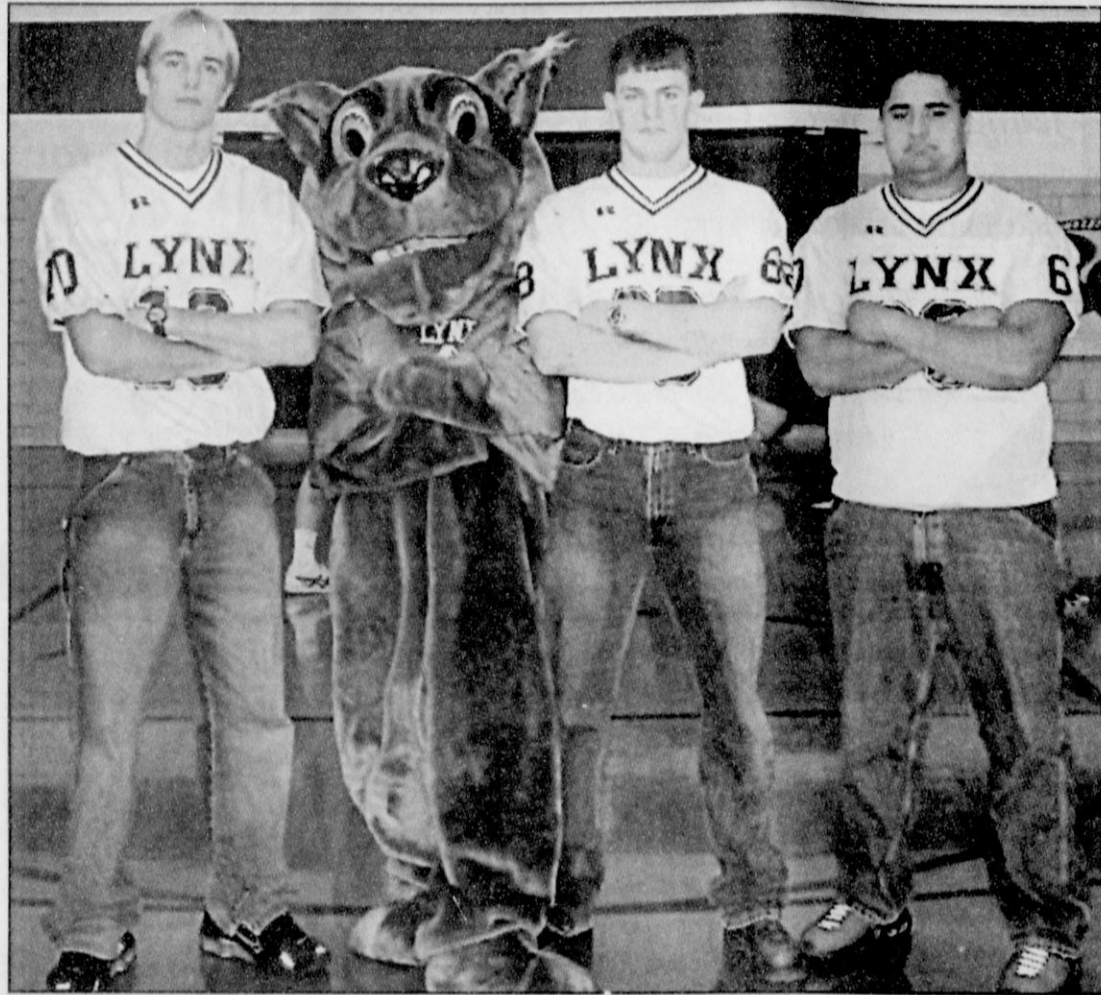
Admission is free. For more information, contact the Full Gospel Community Worship Center office at (806) 435-2506.

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- What to do if you smell gas:
 - Do not smoke. Do not use lighters or matches.
 - Do not turn on/off any switches or appliances.
 - Do not use your phone to call in a possible leak, go to a neighbors house, the voltage from a phone could ignite the natural gas.
 - Our personnel are available 24 hours a day to respond to any emergency call.

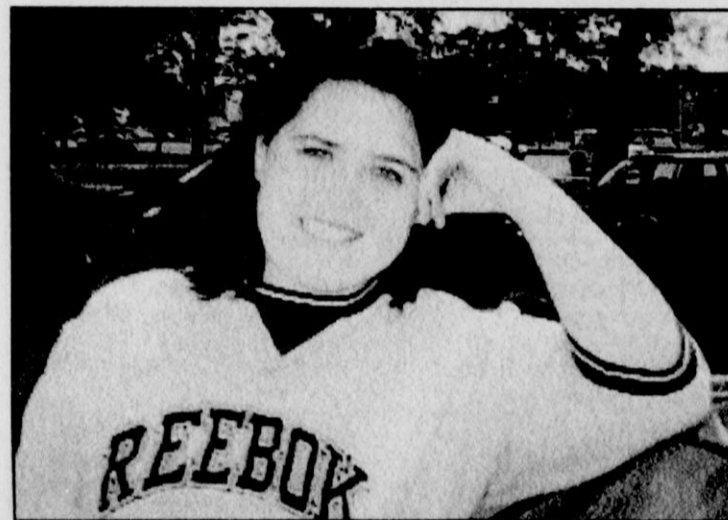


Lynx End Season As Area Champs

Spearman Lynx Captains John Brock (far left), Marty Miesner (second from right) and Homer Munoz (far right) are pictured at left with Louie the Lynx following Thursday night's pep rally.

The Lynx lost a hard-fought game to the Sonora Broncos on Friday night in Denver City, 21-28, bringing an end their 2001 football season. (A detailed story will be featured in next week's issue of The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman.)

Laxson Among WTAMU Students To Win At Regional Conference



Jennifer Laxson

Mass communications majors at West Texas A&M University brought home 25 awards from the National Broadcasting Society (NBS) Region 6 convention Nov. 17. Ten of those recipients qualified for national competition in spring 2002.

More than 100 students from Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas participated in the convention's video and audio production competition. Thirty-two students represented WTAMU, and they earned 25 of the 51 awards presented.

The University's Maroon Productions took a first-place award in music variety/special program and a third place in commercial/promo/PSAs in the video category and tied for third in commercial/promos/PSAs in the audio category.

Jennifer Laxson, junior mass communications/broadcasting major, received eight awards, including four 1st place awards. In experimental video, she received 1st place for WT End of Semester Video, in industrial/instructional video, she received 1st for Diamond Shamrock Safety Video, in documentary video she received 1st for Tops in Texas, and in music video she received 1st for "Hot Carl" by the Presidents of the United States.

All 1st place winners will automatically be entered in the National Broadcasting Society's National Convention Production Contest. Jennifer will travel to Atlanta, Georgia in late March to attend the three-day convention and awards ceremony.

Honoring Those Who Serve

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman would like to thank those who are actively serving in the military.

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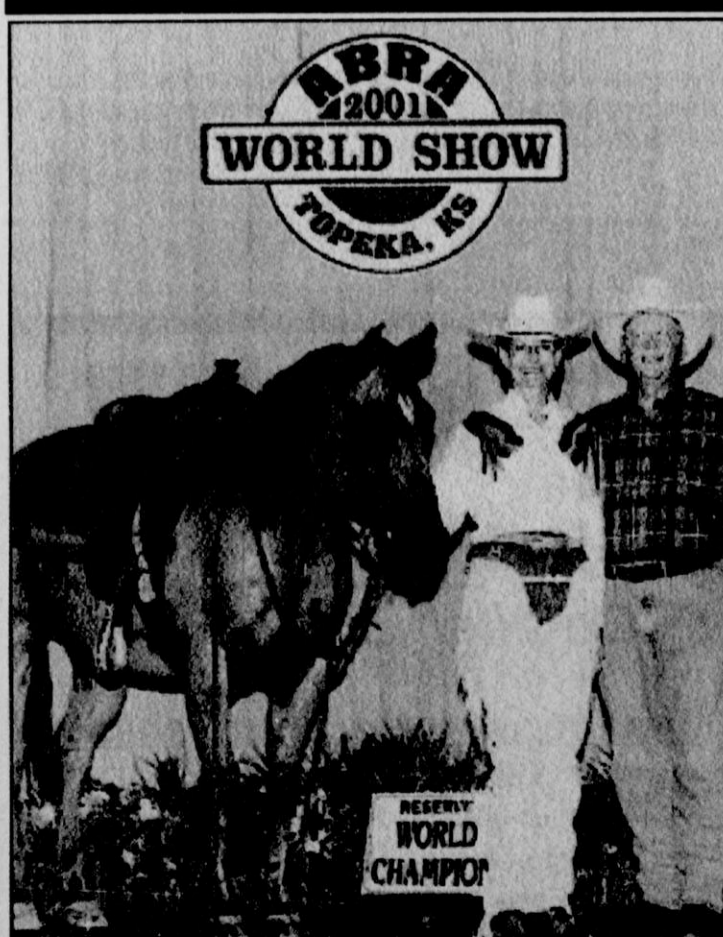
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Myrna Cooksey-Watson is pictured above with her husband, Ron Watson, and her horse, Mountain Comet. Myrna and Comet recently won Reserve World Champion in Amateur Reining in the American Buckskin Registry 2001 World Champion Horse Show.

See story on page 4

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

When this week's newspaper comes out, Gary, Clayton and I will be in Washington, DC celebrating an early Christmas with our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter.

With this in mind, I decided to share a poem that Bill Pittman sent me. It was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan. As you read it, please keep in mind all of those servicemen and women, as well as their families.

*Twas the night before Christmas,
He lived all alone,
In a one-bedroom house
Made of plaster and stone.*

*I had come down the chimney
With presents to give,
And to see just who
In this home did live.*

*I looked all about,
A strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, No presents,
Not even a tree.*

*No stocking by mantle,
Just boots filled with sand,
And on the wall pictures
Of far distant lands.*

*With medals and badges,
Awards of all kinds,
A sobering thought
Came to my mind.*

*For this house was different,
So dark and so dreary,
The home of a soldier,
Now I could see clearly.*

*The soldier lay sleeping,
Silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor
In this one-bedroom home.*

*The face was so gentle,
The room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured
A United States soldier.*

*Was this the hero
Of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho,
The floor for a bed?*

*I realized the families
That I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers
Who were willing to fight.*

*Soon around the world,
The children would play,
And grownups would celebrate
A bright Christmas day.*

*They all enjoyed freedom
Each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers,
Like the one lying here.*

*I couldn't help wonder
How many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas eve
In a land far from home.*

*The very thought
Brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees
And started to cry*

*The soldier awakened
And I heard a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry,
This life is my choice;*

*I fight for freedom,
I don't ask for more,
My life is my God,
My Country, my Corps."*

*The soldier rolled over
And soon drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it
I continued to weep.*

*I kept watch for hours,
So silent and still,
And we both shivered
From the cold evening's chill.*

*I didn't want to leave
On that cold, dark, night,
This guardian of honor
So willing to fight.*

*Then the soldier rolled over,
With a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "Carry on Santa,
It's Christmas Day - All is secure."*

*One look at my watch,
And I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas, my friend,
And to all a good night!"*

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 :)

NASCOE Salutes Combest As "Legislator of the Year"

During their annual Legislative Conference in Washington D.C., members of the National Association of Farm Service Agency Employees (NASCOE) bestowed upon U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, their prestigious "Legislator of the Year" award. Chairman Combest was presented the award for his leadership in ensuring that the necessary human and capital resources were available to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) employees to deliver the Disaster Relief Acts of 1999 and 2000.

Mr. Randy Cook, President of NASCOE, praised Rep. Combest, "The Chairman's dedication to rural America and to the FSA employees who serve our nation's farmers and ranchers has been shadowed by no one. The Chairman and his staff have been very sensitive to the needs of FSA employees in carrying out the mandates of Congress in the 2000 field offices across the nation." Mr. Cook noted that this is only the fifth occasion that NASCOE has recognized a legislator for his/her contribution specifically to Farm Service Agency (FSA)

employees. NASCOE has worked with hundreds of legislators over the past 40 years on a variety of FSA/ASCS issues involving employee benefits and USDA programs. During that time, NASCOE has been fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the legislative process and has truly valued the friendships and allies they have made. This year, on rec-

ommendation from the NASCOE Legislative Committee, the NASCOE Board of Directors approved two "Legislator of the Year" recipients- Chairman Combest and U.S. Rep. Joe Skeen (R-NM).

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Pastor - Scott Curry

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Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30 Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30 Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
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December 6
Birthday - Ryan Ramon, Penny Kruse, Coleen Brummett, Ed Dear, Mrs. Johnny Gaither, Cecelia Randall, Mayleea Castillo, Carolyn Harnden, Kelli Cummings, Lisa Keetch, Mary Venneman, Chevy Smith, Jerald Ray Scribner
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Texas Tech University Commencement Held
 At Summer 2001 graduation, Texas Tech University presented 1,014 students with degrees, including 754 bachelors, 211 masters, 43 doctorates and 8 laws. Those receiving degrees from Spearman were: Kimberly Frances Venneman - BS in Interior Design, and Rainey Ches Whittington - BS in Business Administration.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 Our beautiful country-side is about to lose its clean land, clean water and clean air - all in the name of progress!

At this time there are big plans in the making for a pig facility to be built in Southeast Sherman County. Approximately 2,000,000 hogs will go through this facility yearly.

I don't think it is progress when the water used by pig farms lowers our water level, lessening our irrigation and drinking water.

Nor is it progress when the effluent coming from the pig farms contaminate our land, leaving our air smelling "like a pig farm." If we thought the "aroma" from the feedlots was bad, just wait until the pig farms inch closer and closer to our homes and/or towns!

I, personally, don't think this is progress - and I hope that we, together, can stop now the desecration of our land, water and air in this our beautiful Texas.

Thank you,
 Patsy Burleson

very educational forum and many questions were answered and some were not.

A question I thought was very important, and will literally effect everyone in the Panhandle, not just the rural people, is the "clean technology" issue. We were told that they will continue to use the technology that they are using now. Updating you on this technology is open lagoons, hydrogen sulfides, ammonia, and fecal matter (which can cause all kinds of respiratory and neurological disorders) in the air and a high concentration of nitrates in the water.

Also, we learned at this meeting that they will be processing two million hogs (original information was one million) throughout the Panhandle. From 20,000 up to 40,000 hogs per section.

Were you aware of the fact that one hog excretes 2.5 times the amount of one human? You do the math. If we allow this to happen it will be like living in a graveyard of sewers.

Please become concerned about clean air and clean water. Contact Donnie Dendy, president of ACCORD, PO Box 250, Farnsworth, TX 79033, or 4-County ACCORD Ag. Inc., PO Box 396, Sunray, TX 79086. Or call Donnie Dendy at (806) 435-9536, Clarence and Marilyn Yanke at (806) 948-5696, or Mike and Kathy Hill at (806) 948-4498.

Sincerely,
 Kathy Hill

Dear Editor,
 I have learned a tremendous amount of information about Seaboard, the corporation that plans to build the hog farms here in the Panhandle. I, along with twelve other people had the opportunity to meet with the president and the vice president of the pork division for Seaboard. This was a

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Fund Established For Al Smith Family
 A dedicated fund has been established at First State Bank by the Fellowship Baptist Church to help the Al Smith family meet living expenses while Al fights leukemia. For information on how you may help, contact Gene Foster, 659-1713 (evenings) or Cecilia Foster, 659 2231 (Hansford County Library) during the day.

Medical Fund Established for David & Hershey Turner Family
 A medical fund has been established at Gruver State Bank by the First Christian Church of Gruver for David and Hershey Turner. Donations may be sent to Box 458, Gruver, TX 79040 or may be given to Margaret Ralston at Gruver State Bank.

E-Mail Addresses
 If you would like to be included on the Spearman High School e-mail list, please call the high school at 659-2584 and give Mrs. Pipkin or Mrs. Batton your e-mail address. E-Mail will be used throughout the year to communicate useful information to parents.

Satellite Basketball Chapter of Amarillo Seeking Referees
 If you are interested in being a basketball referee, you may contact Sheryll at (806) 435-2909. You must be at least 18-years-old, and out of high school.

Frank Phillips College Off-Campus Registration
 Frank Phillips College will hold Off-Campus Registration at Spearman High School on January 7, 2002. Classes offered at Spearman High School are as follows: Intermediate College Algebra, Mon.-Wed., 5:15-6:30 p.m.; Economic Principles, Monday, 6:45-9:30 p.m.; Rhetoric & Composition, Wednesday, 6:45-9:30 p.m.; Old Testament Survey II, Thursday, 6:45-9:30 p.m.
 For registration information, contact the Community Resource Office at Spearman High School, 659-3233.

Spearman ISD Winter Band Concert & Luncheon
 The Spearman ISD junior high and high school bands will have their annual Christmas Concert and Luncheon on Sunday, December 9, 2001.
 The luncheon, which is open to the public, will be held from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. The cost for the luncheon is \$4 for adults, and \$2 for students.
 The band concert will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Hansford 4-H Smoke Meats
 Hansford 4-H has smoked meats to sell for the holidays. Items available are: smoked turkeys - \$17, smoked hams - \$22, peppered turkey breast - \$16, smoked sausage links - \$13, peppered bacon - \$11, chicken and beef fajitas - \$10. Call the Extension office at 659-4130 or 733-2901.
 We would like to thank everyone for helping support 4-H and the programs that the money is used for.

Pheasant Hunter's Breakfast
 Alpha Mu Psi Sorority will serve breakfast to pheasant hunters from 5:30 - 7:30 a.m. in the Gruver School Cafeteria on Saturday, December 8. The cost is \$5 per person.

Morse To Host United We Stand/Freedom Appreciation Day
 Morse Post Office extends an invitation for a United We Stand/Freedom Appreciation Day, Friday, December 7, 2001, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The community is invited to join for refreshment as they say "thanks" to their local heroes who at one time or another have risked their lives and well-being for our freedom.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community To Meet
 The Rushing wind Emmaus Community will meet at the First United Methodist Church in Spearman, TX on Saturday, December 8, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.
 A special invitation is extended to all new members, Chrysalis members, pastors, family and friends. Sponsors' training will be offered.
 A potluck meal will be served and a nursery will be provided for the children.
 The Board of Directors will meet at the FUMC in Spearman at 4:30 p.m.

Toys For Tots
 Once again Prairie Motors and Spearman Lions Club are sponsoring the TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN. In the last several years, this campaign has been a huge success in Spearman. Toys need to be new and they ask that you do not wrap the toys. The various clubs and organizations in Spearman can stop by Prairie Motors, Hwy. 207, Spearman, and give the donated toys to the family that they have chosen to support during Christmas. Any Lions Club member would be happy to pick your toys up and deliver them to Prairie Motors. Games, dolls, trucks, stuffed animals, or baby toys have been donated in the past for infants to about age 13. If you have questions or need more information about TOYS FOR TOTS, contact Dick Gillaspie, 659-2541 or Cindy Blackman, 659-3233.

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GHS October Student of the Month

Gruver High School senior Judy Luciano has been selected the October Student of the Month. During high school, Luciano participated in basketball and track for one year, and cross country and tennis for two years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has competed in UIL spelling and vocabulary for three years.

She is the daughter of Salvador and Maria Luciano.

Spelling Bee Contestants Sought

The Amarillo Globe-News and West Texas A&M University are once again working together to sponsor the Regional Spelling Bee.

The process toward the regional bee is local spelling bees which will be held in your town or county seat. In order to compete in the regional bee, all county winners must be named by March 23, 2002. The regional spelling bee will be held in the West Texas A&M University Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall on Saturday, April 6, 2002. Awards will be presented to each county finalist with special award for some of the top finalists. First prize will be an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee.

The study booklet "Paidea" can now be ordered for \$1.00 each by writing: Jeane Bartlett, Bee Director, Amarillo Globe-News publishing Cop., Box 2091, Amarillo, TX 79166.

For questions, call Jeane Bartlett of the Globe-News at 806-345-3272 or Amy Gibbons at 806-651-2611, or contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233.

New Books in Our Library



- "An Ideal Marriage" Macomber / Nashborough
- "Encyclopedia of Science & Technology" Trefil
- "Living a Life That Matters" Kushner
- "Murder Boogies with Elvis" George, Anne
- "The Broken Hearth" Bennett, William
- "Are Your Parents Driving You Crazy?" Hardo
- "Guide to Pain Control" American Cancer Society
- "20,001 Names for Baby" Wallace
- "Knot Guide to Wedding Vows" Roney
- "10,000 Names for Your Baby" Ishizuka
- "Good Owners, Great Dogs" Kilcommons
- "The Jerusalem Scrolls" Thoen, Brock & Bodie
- "Encyclopedia of Extraterrestrial Encounters" Story
- "Sex, Drugs & Flunking Out" Epstein
- "Buffalo Valley" Macomber, Debbie
- "Too Close to Call: The 36 Day Battle to Decide the 2000 Election" Toobin

- "The Kiss" Steel, Danielle
- "Desecration" LaHaye, Tim
- "The Texan's Dream" Thomas, Jodi
- "Moon Medicine" Blakely, Michael
- "Billy Boy" Shrake
- "Blessing in Disguise" Snelling
- "Tender Mercies" Snelling
- "The Reaper's Song" Snelling
- "A Land to Call Home" Snelling
- "A New Day Rising" Snelling
- "Cosyology" Cosby, Bill
- "The No-Spin Zone" O'Reilly, Bill

- "Separation of Power" Flynn, Vince
- "Death in Paradise" Parker, Harold
- "Traveling Route 66" Feeth
- "The Core Program" Brill
- "The False Fat Diet" Haas
- "Kentucky Rich" Michaels, Fern
- "Cane River" Tadem, Lalita
- "Midnight Bayou" Roberts, Nora
- "Just Like Jesus" Lucado, Max
- "A Measure of Grace" Lacy
- "Fleeced" Higgins-Clark, Carol

Master Marketer Program

The Texas Cooperative Extension's popular Master Marketer education program will be returning to the Texas panhandle in January, according to Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension farm management economist.

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Now, nationally recognized, the Texas marketing training is an in-depth, intensive risk management education programs. Instructors teach participants how to develop marketing plans, evaluate marketing alternatives, manage production and price risk in addition to the skills and discipline necessary to execute the plan.

The 64 hour curriculum is offered as four, two-day sessions held every two weeks. It is the most intensive marketing and risk management training provided by Extension anywhere in the United States, say Texas Extension economists.

The instructors are top professionals from industry and universities around the country. A wide range of topics are covered to enhance marketing and risk management skills.

"We use case study examples and simulation exercises are used wherever possible," said Amosson. Students are able to gain experience using real tools that they will put into action on their own farm and ranch operations.

The Amarillo session will focus on the principle commodities of the area: wheat, feed grains and cattle. Results of a two year post surveys of the first five classes of participants suggests that using what they have learned has increased their gross revenues approximately 3-1 percent (or over \$30,000) on average, annually.

Statewide demand for the program continues to grow. The winter program slated for Amarillo will be held at the Texas Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The first two-day session will begin on January 16-17, 2002 with the following sessions on January 30-31, February 13-14 and February 27-28.

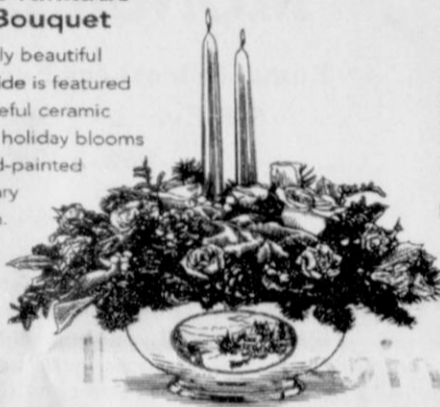
The registration fee is \$250. Participants must maintain a commitment to work with their county agent to try to start or revitalize an existing marketing club.

Program costs primarily are met by grants from sponsors including the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Cotton State Support Committee. Anyone interested in attending or learning more about this program can get more information by contacting their County Extension Agent. Specific questions can be addressed to Dr. Steve Amosson or Fran Bretz at (806) 359-5401.

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Cooksey-Watson Wins At Horse Show

The American Buckskin Registry 2001 World Championship Horse Show was held August 14-18 in Topeka, Kansas. Myrna Cooksey-Watson, the former Myrna Crum, a 1969 graduate of Spearman High School, won Reserve World Champion in Amateur Reining, riding her 16-year-old horse, Mountain Comet.

She has been competing in reining since 1998, and originally bought the horse for her husband. However, after taking the horse through one reining pattern, Myrna took him away from her husband. "I've had several horses that I've competed on, but there were always problems of one kind or another. This horse loves to rein, and I never make mistakes on him, because he knows what he is doing even if I don't! It makes competition fun to have a great old horse like Comet (nicknamed Joe Camel) that I can always trust to perform his best."

"We didn't know for sure if we

were going to get to make the trip to Topeka until the day before, because another one of our horses colicked, and had to go the vet at 9 p.m. Before we left town the next morning, we needed an additional health certificate for Comet to compete, so it was back to the vet again. We barely made it to Topeka in time for me to throw the saddle on, and go in and show, but it was worth it. It was even more fun, because we were probably the oldest horse and rider in the class."

Myrna resides with her husband, Ron Watson, in Coweta, OK, a suburb of Tulsa, where she is a vice-president for an insurance company. She and her husband also raise Quarter Horses. The horse she rode in the World show is double registered in the American Buckskin Registry and is also a registered American Quarter Horse.

Myrna is the youngest daughter of Jack Crum of Spearman.

Partners In Education

PIE Volunteer: Jackie Pearson,
4th Grade Math
Class: Mr. Winegarner's Math Class

"I try to help Mr. Winegarner's math class every Wednesday morning from 8:30-9:15. My being there gives Mr. Winegarner an opportunity to work with students who need extra attention or those students who finish their work early and want some extra work to advance their math skills. He sometimes works with his UIL number sense students while I help the other students. I would encourage anyone who has 45 minutes of time each week to volunteer (or even 45 minutes every other week). I sometimes think I can't find the time, but I always leave there feeling that I've made a difference in some student's life."

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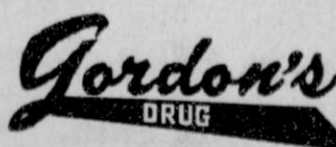
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Pringle-Morse Attends Academic UIL Meet

Pringle-Morse CISD attended an academic UIL meet on November 5, 2001. The elementary placed 4th overall, and the junior high placed 1st.

Listed below are the individual results for Pringle-Morse CISD.

ELEMENTARY

2nd Grade
Creative Writing: Alex Ramirez - 6th

3rd Grade
Storytelling: Haden Hart - 6th

4th/5th Grade
Number Sense: J.R. Sanchez - 5th

Ready Writing: Joani Ortiz - 6th

5th Grade
Number Sense: J.R. Sanchez - 5th

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Alisha Hedrick - tied for 5th

Dictionary Skills: Jenna Wilson - 5th, Amy Tolleson - 6th

Oral Reading: Brenda Mendoza - 2nd

Spelling: Alisha Hedrick - tied for 4th, Jesse Bucknell - tied for 6th

Ready Writing: Alisha Hedrick - 1st, Marisol Hernandez - 4th

3rd/4th Grade
Music: Pringle-Morse - 2nd

4th/5th Grade
Art: Pringle-Morse - 2nd

Music Memory: Pringle-Morse - 1st

JUNIOR HIGH

6th Grade
Calculator: Tara Shields - 4th, Eva McCloy - 6th

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Tarryn Dixon - tied for 2nd

Dictionary Skills: Tara Shields - 2nd

Oral Reading: Eva McCloy - 5th

Ready Writing: Tarryn Dixon - 4th

7th Grade
Mathematics: Jimmielee McCloy - 2nd

Number Sense: Jimmielee McCloy - 2nd, Marcus Wilson - 3rd, Elizabeth Martin - 6th

Calculator: Marcus Wilson - 3rd, Jimmielee McCloy and Chase Parks - tied for 4th

Science I: Elizabeth Martin - 2nd, Chase Parks - tied for 5th

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Jimmielee McCloy - 5th

Dictionary Skills: Elizabeth Martin - 2nd, Jimmielee McCloy - tied for 3rd, Trudy Hart - 5th

Listening Skills: Lauren Urban and Marcus Wilson - tied for 3rd, Elizabeth Martin - tied for 6th

Oral Reading: Chase Parks - 1st, Lauren Urban - 2nd, Austin Zimmer - 3rd

Impromptu: Marcus Wilson - 1st, Elizabeth Martin - 3rd, Austin Zimmer - 4th

Modern Oratory: Elizabeth Martin - 1st

Spelling: Beatriz Ortiz and Elizabeth Martin - tied for 4th, Jimmielee McCloy - 6th

Ready Writing: Trudy Hart - 1st, Jimmielee McCloy - 2nd, Elizabeth Martin - 4th

Editorial Writing: Trudy Hart - 1st, Elizabeth Martin - 3rd

8th Grade
Mathematics: Tyler Lane - 1st

Number Sense: Tyler Lane - 1st, Sammy Mendoza - 5th

Calculator: Jessica Schmidt - 3rd, Tyler Lane - 6th

Maps, Graphs & Charts: Trae Dixon - 1st, Tonya Hart - 4th, Jessica Schmidt - 5th

Dictionary Skills: Jessica Schmidt - 4th, Tonya Hart - 6th

Oral Reading: Jessica Schmidt - 2nd, Tonya Hart - 3rd, Tyler Lane - 5th

Impromptu: Trae Dixon - 4th, Blane Tolleson - 5th

Modern Oratory: Tyler Lane - 1st, Jessica Schmidt - 2nd, Tonya Hart - 4th

Spelling: Tonya Hart - 3rd, Jessica Schmidt - 4th

Editorial Writing: Tonya Hart - 1st, Jessica Schmidt - 3rd

Museum usings

by Joanne Eaton

It has been a while since I have reported as to what all is going on at the Museum. One of the main things is the new building that Morton Builders has built for us. This building is behind the Stationmaster's House on W. First Avenue and Archer Street. It looks much bigger on the lot than it did on paper. When you step through the entrance, you begin to wonder if it will ever get filled up. Then you remember how many women are on the Museum Committee. It will be filled up before you know it! At the present, electricity is being installed. Hopefully, a Spring Open House is what we are shooting for. All of the men on the Committee have done a great job with this building project. So far, we women just give advice!

Reba Hunter, who runs the museum, is recovering from surgery. We send all of our get-well wishes to Reba. Johnnie Lee, a member of the Historical Commission, has been graciously filling in for Reba. Johnnie said he had a lot of visitors during the Thanksgiving holidays. We want to thank Johnnie for helping during this time.

Remember the old Prince Albert tobacco cans? Bobby Heard, son of one of the past-depot agents of the Santa Fe Railroad in Spearman, H. L. (Hobb) Heard, brought one to give the Museum that his father used to amplify the telegraph keys. That was a new one for me! Those cans have been used to store children's treasures, painted with a flower arrangement put in them to hang on the wall, and stored every grandmother's sewing supplies, but I had never

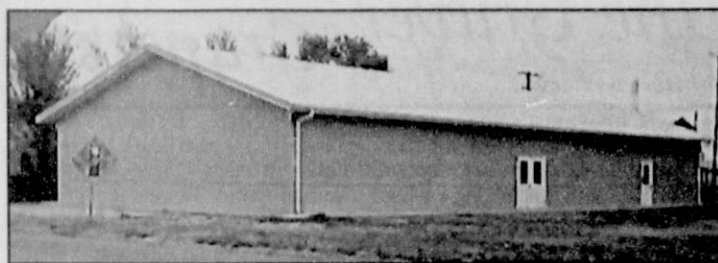
heard they were used to amplify telegraph keys. If you know of other ways these cans were used, please let me know. Thanks, Bobby, we were so glad to have a part of Hansford memorabilia. Hobb Heard was an agent in the 1930's and 1940's.

A new manger scene adorns the lawn at Zulu. Be sure to drive by at night to see it lit up. We at the Museum want to join in with the spirit of Christmas.

We still have copies of all three history books of Hansford County. The book by Doty Jones can be reprinted, but the other two cannot. Once they are sold out, that is all we will ever have. (Don't get started reading these books until your Christmas shopping is done. You can not put them down.) We also have note cards with an ink drawing of one of the Museum scenes. There are also various other books for sale. Any of these books would make excellent Christmas gifts for a person on your list.

Our annual Christmas dinner, for Museum Committee Members, will be held on December 6 at the Panhandle Diner N Deli. This is the first time the dinner has ever been held in Spearman. This is the one time a year that we get together and do not discuss business. It is a lot of fun!

Hopefully, all of you will include the Museum in your holiday plans.



Pictured above is the new building that Morton Builders built for the Stationmaster's House Museum. It's located on W. First Avenue and Archer Street.

Bring your visiting family and friends to tour. We would love to have all of you! Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Tarleton State University

Commencement Held

The August 2001 graduating class at Tarleton State University received their diplomas during ceremonies held Saturday, August 11 on the Tarleton campus.

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The Adventures of Bob

As you may know, Good Luck Charm Bob was the guest commentator at the game last week in Childress. He enjoyed it so much it's all he's been able to talk about. When he heard Lumpy was on vacation at Hi-Plains Auto Parts, Conversation Bob made a bee-line over there to ask if he could fill in for him. He figured that was a great place to talk football with all the locals.

Super Mechanic Bob was surprised at the extensive inventory of parts, the knowledge of the employees, and especially how quickly Hi-Plains can get a special order for just about any part you need. Booster Bob is very proud of the Hi-Plains football he received from the guys in support of the Lynx.

Since this article must be written by noon on Friday the 30th (last Friday) Prognosticating Bob will have to rely on his prophetic skills to relate his weekend experiences. So, after a delightful and talkative ride to Denver City with Gary Ellsworth, Traveling Bob was (will be) finally able to see the game. Predicting Bob reports that it was (will be) touch and go for a while but the Lynx marched (will march) to victory in fine fashion (especially after that great third quarter). Excited Bob talked (will talk) about the game ALL the way home. Victory Loving Bob will be primed for the Lynx's next game.

Early Bird Bob would like to take this opportunity to remind you to book your Christmas party early at the Panhandle Diner and don't forget those holiday pies!



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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Christmas Nears

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere in Gruver.

Lights and wreaths are appearing on houses throughout Gruver. Each of the Gruver schools have an adorned tree in their entry ways, and the GHS Student Council has entwined red lights on a large GHS in front of the high school.

City residents are reminded to make plans for the upcoming Gruver Chamber of Commerce Lighting Contest.

Deadline Approaching

All recipes for the benefit cookbook for the Hershey and David Turner medical fund are due December 14.

The book, being compiled by the ladies of the First Christian Church, will be printed and returned to Gruver for sale in the early spring.

Cake Sales to Benefit Charity



Young Greyhound fans (left to right) Korbin Irwin, Klaire Irwin, Sidney Clawson, Kalee Reed, and Karsten Irwin whoop up spirit for the Hounds at the winning tailgate display of Dave and Dixie Karlin. The tailgate contest was sponsored by the Gruver Greyhound Mothers.

The GHS National Honor Society is raffling homemade cakes at each Gruver home basketball game. Tickets are \$1 each, and all proceeds will go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

FFA Teams Fare Well

Four Gruver FFA teams all placed in the top ten in area competition.

Britt Morris took fourth place in Job Interviews. The Ag Issues team of Teal Armes, Chris Perez, Zack Christian, and Kasey Cazares placed seventh while the Junior Quiz Team composed of Colt Cluck, Lance Williams, and Mark TeBeest and the Senior Quiz Team made of Kade Carthel, Ricardo Flores, and Nick Slough, both took tenth place honors.

Gruver FFA Featured in Print

The North Plains Ag publication recently featured Gruver FFA in a story describing the many benefits students derive from the FFA

Program

Featured in the publication were FFA students Kasey Cazares, Eric Lopez, Kade Carthel, Britt Morris, and Joshua Abernathy.

Interviews with the students and their ag advisor Weston Born were also in the article.

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More great basketball players are probably made in driveways than school gyms. Practice does make perfect.

Two dedicated young Gruver players were recently seen in their driveway after dark shooting baskets with their dad's pickup maneuvered at just the right angle so the headlights illuminated the

goal.

The late night practice session might have depleted the battery in Dad's pickup, but fans someday will appreciate the extra effort of Tucker and Taylor Williams.

While many may travel hundreds of miles to watch their children in basketball games, gymnastics, or the like, Lee Wilhelm, her son Quentin Harper and his wife Kelly traveled to Wichita Falls recently to see their young bucking bulls perform in the Wichita Falls rodeo.

Volunteers Aid Elementary Students

Gruver Elementary is fortunate to have many willing individuals who donate their time each week to help students improve their academic skills.

The community would like to express appreciation to these dedicated and selfless volunteers: Rita Williams, Pat Irwin, Jackie Wilson, Kimberly Irwin, Sue

Teen Read Week Winners Announced

Hansford County Library, Spearman High School Library and Spearman Junior High Library jointly sponsored a promotion for Teen Read Week October 15 through 20. Each student who checked out a book in any of these libraries was eligible to register to win a pizza party.

At the high school, Kevin Beedy was selected and he will be able to invite nine friends to join him for pizza one day during the lunch period at school.

At the junior high school, ten names were drawn as winners to participate in a pizza party held during their lunch period.

Those winners include Mallory Paul, Austin Benton, Sonny Parker, Jesse Moreno, Jesus Morales, Brandon Cogdill, Junior Ortiz, Alyssis Anima, Kriztina Robledo and Sandi Barbajal.

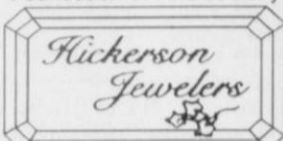
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Hound & Lady Hound Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 6-8	Sunray Invitational			TBA	TBA
Dec 11	@Hooker, OK	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Dec 14	@Turpin, OK	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Dec 20	Nazareth@WTAMU	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Dec 21	Goodwell, OK.	5:00	5:00	6:30	6:30
Dec 27-29	Canadian Invitational			TBA	TBA
Jan 1	Vega	1:00	1:00	2:30	4:00
Jan 3-5	Perryton 9th Tournament			TBA(9th boys only)	
Jan 8	@Happy	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 15	Happy	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 18	*Stratford	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 22	*@Booker	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 25	*Boys Ranch	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 29	*Booker	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 1	*@Stratford	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Feb 5	*@Boys Ranch	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00

*District Games

Gruver Junior High Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	7	8	9 B	9
Dec 10	Stratford (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Dec 17	Hooker (All There)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Jan 3	Texhoma (All There)	5:00	6:15	7:30	7:30
Jan 7	Perryton (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Jan 17-19	Spearman Tourn	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Jan 21	Booker (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Jan 28	Stratford (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15
Jan 31-					
Feb 2	Gruver Tourn	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Feb 4	Boys Ranch (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	5:00	6:15

Lynx & Lynxettes Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	JVG	JVB	VG	VB
Dec 6-8	@ Sunray Tourney			TBA	TBA
Dec 6-8	@ Hugoton Tourney			TBA	
Dec 6-8	@ Dumas Tourney	TBA	TBA		
Dec 11	Stratford - TBA			TBA	TBA
Dec 11	@ *Sunray	5:00		6:30	
Dec 14	*Highland Park	4:00		6:30	
Dec 14	Borger	5:15		8:00	
Dec 18	@ *West Texas	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Dec 21	*Clarendon	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Dec 27-29	@ Crosbyton Tourney				TBA
Dec 27-29	@ Caprock Tourney (Lubbock)			TBA	
Jan 4	@ *Wellington	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 8	*Canadian	5:15	4:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 11	@ *Panhandle	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 15	*Sunray	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 18	@ *Highland Park	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Jan 22	*West Texas	5:15	4:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 25	@ *Clarendon	5:00	5:00	6:30	8:00
Jan 29	*Wellington	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Feb 1	@ *Canadian	4:00	5:15	6:30	8:00
Feb 5	*Panhandle	5:15	4:00	6:30	8:00
Feb 8	@ *Sunray	5:00		6:30	
Feb 12	*Highland Park		5:00		6:30

*District Games

Spearman Junior High & Freshman Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	7	8	9 B	9
Dec 6-8	Dumas Tourn.			TBA	
Dec 10	Wellington (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	TBA
Dec 17	Stratford (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15		6:15
Jan 3-5	Perryton Tourn.			TBA	TBA
Jan 7	Canadian (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	7:30	6:15
Jan 14	Clarendon (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	7:30	6:15
Jan 17-19	Spearman Tourn.	TBA	TBA		
Jan 21	Highland Park (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	TBA
Jan 28	West Texas (B-H, G-T)	5:00	6:15	5:00	TBA
Jan 31-Feb 2	Gruver Tourn.	TBA	TBA		
Feb 4	Sunray (B-T, G-H)	5:00	6:15	7:30	
Feb 4	Stratford (H)				6:15



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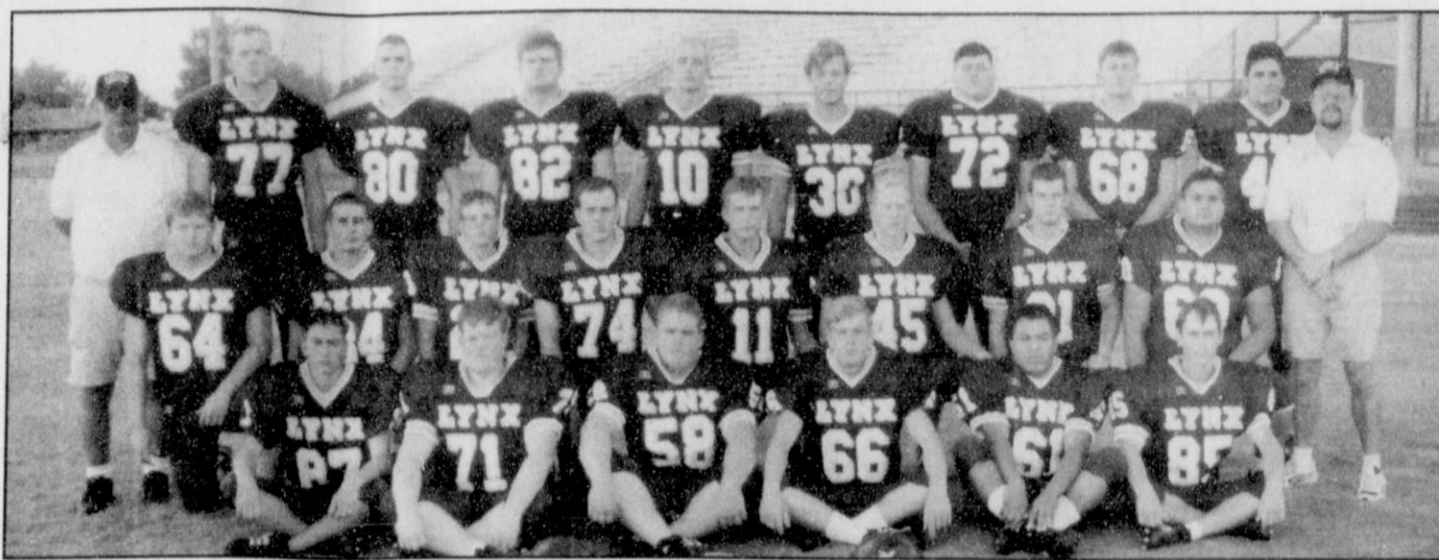
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No.	Name	Position	Weight	Grade
10	John Brock	RB-SEC	185	12
11	Kevin Beedy	QB-SEC	177	11
12	Garrett Martin	QB-SEC	160	10
20	Lance Smith	RB-SEC	146	11
21	Matt Dunihoo	RB-SEC	162	12
22	Daniel Longoria	REC-E	161	11
25	Colton Miller	RB-LB	186	11
28	Clete Vandenberg	RB-LB	198	9
30	Tanner Beedy	REC-LB	186	12
33	Marcus Vasquez	RB-LB	155	10
37	Michael Lozano	RB-LB	125	10
40	Eduard Vasquez	RB-LB	173	12
44	Gerardo Hernandez	RB-SEC	160	11
45	Lance Baker	RB-SEC	182	11
51	Marshall Hearon	T-T	232	10
58	Dustin Mackle	C-HG	239	11
60	Homer Munoz	T-T	265	12
61	Fernando Flores	G-LB	163	11
64	Coy Herrington	G-LB	217	12
65	Russell Sheets	T-E	181	10
66	Rodney Howell	G-LB	154	11
68	Harty Miesner	G-E	192	12
70	Zach Murray	T-T	221	10
71	John Thomas	T-T	231	11
72	Art Haesler	C-T	236	12
74	Jeff Swan	G-T	180	11
77	Chad Scarborough	T-T	207	12
78	Raul Zamora	T-E	181	11
80	Paul Bynum	REC-E	186	11
81	Ricky Garcia	REC-SEC	150	10
82	J.D. Shufeldt	E-E	249	12
84	Jared Lozano	REC-SEC	165	11
85	David Pipkin	RB-SEC	134	11
87	Jeremy Vera	REC-E	142	11
88	Scott Sauer	REC-SEC	155	11



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We are dedicated to improvement, innovation, integrity, and excellence in everything that we do. We will deal with everyone honestly and openly in all situations and with all issues. We will always protect the privacy of our patients.

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Above: Adam Cherry (23) looks on while Taylor Simpson (13) shoots for two during the basketball game between Gruver and Spearman on November 19th in Gruver.

Left: Russell Sheets (45) tries to block a shot by Kade Carthel. The Hounds defeated the Lynx, 61-56.

Successful Migrant Education Program Honored

Spearman Junior High School has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for successfully educating its migrant students. TEA's Division of Migrant Education has selected Spearman Junior High School as a winner of the 2001-2002 "Excelling Award" given to school campuses and school districts that achieved academic success with their migrant students. Statewide, 121 school districts and 584 campuses are receiving this recognition.

The purpose of the award is to recognize school districts and campuses that strive to meet the unique needs of migrant students and their families and that help migrant students to meet high academic standards. There are approximately 126,000 migrant children in Texas. Campus winners were ranked within four categories of Exceptional, Excelling, Promising and Acknowledged based upon migrant student performance on the TAAS and migrant student dropout data. Statewide, 48 campuses were distinguished as Exceptional, 175 campuses as Excelling, 188 campuses as Promising and 172 campuses as Acknowledged.

Spearman Junior High is recognized as Excelling for meeting or exceeding standards of 10 or more migrant students taking at least 1 TAAS Test (reading, writing and mathematics), a migrant student's passing rate of at least 80% in each subject area, and a migrant student dropout rate of 3% or less.

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