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## NOTICE

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be CLOSED November 21st-23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for publication in the Thanksgiving issue will be Monday, November 19th at noon.

The Hansford County Reporter Statesman office will also be closed the week of December 3rd-7th.

The deadline for information to be included in the November 29th and December 6th issues of the Hansford County Reporter Statesman will be Monday, November 26th at noon.

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434.

## At A Glance

### Five-State Honor Band Auditions Held

Twenty-two students from the Spearman High School and Spearman Jr. High went to Guymon on Saturday, November 10th to compete with approximately 500 students from other schools in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Students successfully competing for positions in the Honor Band will meet again in Guymon on December 8th, for a full day rehearsal and concert with a well-know clinician. It is a great opportunity to meet students from the five-state area and to become acquainted with music they would normally not be able to play in their own schools.

The Spearman High School students who competed were: Jessica Blan, Megan Dorton and Birdie Ortiz - clarinet; Emily DeLaGarza - flute; Katie Reed - tenor sax; Carlos Hernandez and Rudy Zamora - trumpet; Adriana Mendoza - baritone; and Gerardo Ruiz - trombone.

Spearman Jr. High students participating were: Hannah Haddock and Joanne Tang - flute; Jessica Brown, Melissa Lesly and Tabatha Shields - clarinet; Megan Evans, Josh Chambers and Alejandro Rios - alto saxophone; Anthony Renteria and Clayton Smith - French horn; Cesar Macias - trombone; Jarick Howard - baritone; and Matt Younger - percussion.

"This was the first time Spearman students have participated in several years," commented Anna Marie Holland, Spearman ISD Band Director. "I was very pleased that five of our students were placed in the Honor Band."

Jessica Blan was the only high school student selected to the Honor Band. Joanne Tang, Tabatha Shields and Josh Chambers made the Honor Band for Junior High, and Jarick Howard was selected as an alternate.

The music they played stretched their playing abilities and took a great deal of time and practice to accomplish.

They each deserve congratulations for a job well done!

## Cougar Sports News

by Paige Speck

The Pringle-Morse Cougar junior high basketball teams defeated Goodwell during the Hardesty Tournament on Monday night. The boys battled and came from behind during the last three minutes for a 24-21 victory. The girls controlled the floor during their game and won 40-23. The tournament continues Thursday, November 15th at Hardesty.

Over the weekend, the Cougar boys and girls teams defeated Teline, Hartley, and Channing to win the Hartley Tournament. Tonya Hart, Tyler Lane, Sammy Pena, Marcus Wilson, and Lauren Urban were named All-Tournament.

The Cougar boys are 5-0. The Cougar girls are 5-0.

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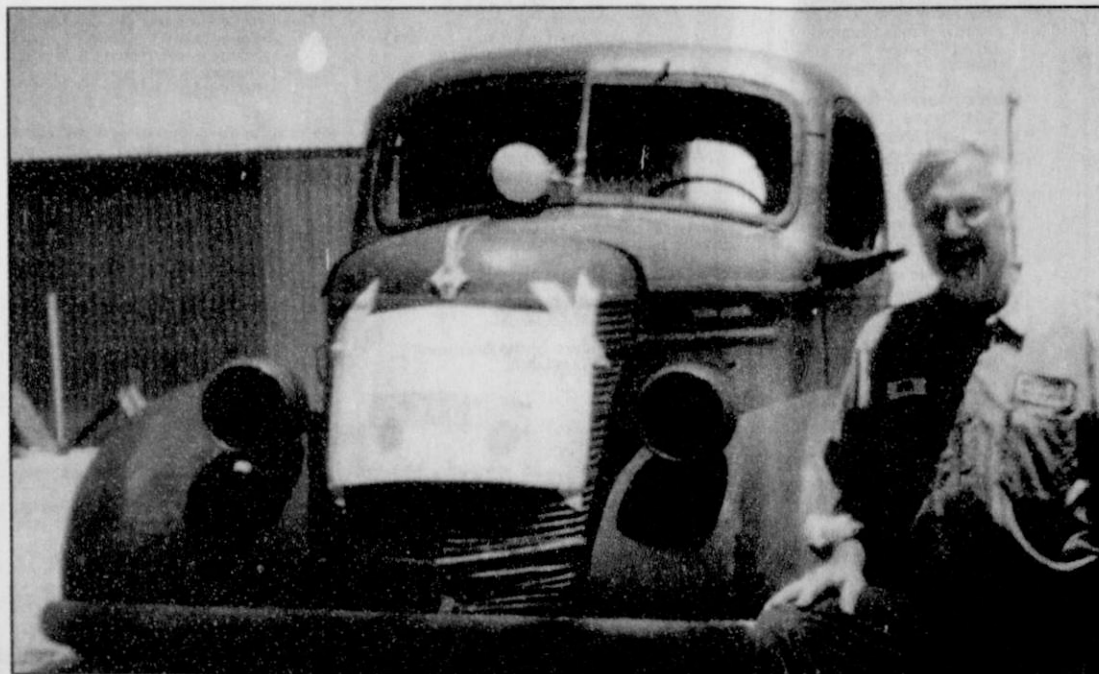
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finger food for fellowship after the service.

## Morse Community To Celebrate Tom Dortch Car Collection



Tom Dortch of Morse is pictured above with one of the cars from his antique car collection.

by Harletta Carthel

To some, the gift of a rusty 1938 International pickup on your 68th birthday might be considered a gag gift, but for Tom Dortch of Morse, it's a treasure.

Like a magic time machine, Dortch will transform the aged piece of metal into the shiny vehicle he knew in his youth.

Dortch admits to "a love of wheels" since his early years spent in his father's business, Morse Implement, which opened in 1945.

It was there that Dortch "restored" his first vehicle, a second-hand bicycle. The project was a difficult one as tires, tubes, and other supplies were rare in that World War II era. But Dortch's ingenuity as using old greased rags for bearings would see the job to completion.

Little did Dortch know that his first car, an abandoned 1935 Ford, would be the start of many auto restorations in his future. At that time, however, Dortch's "restoration" was limited to merely getting the vehicle to run in order to make the drag down Morse's Main Street.

In the years ahead, Dortch would

give new life to a 1937 Ford Coupe, a 1939 Mercury Club Coupe, a black and white 1955 Crown Victoria, a 1964 XL Club Coupe, a 1935 Ford Sedan, a maroon 1939 Mercury Sedan, a turquoise and white 1955 Ford Crown Victoria, a rare blue and white 1957 Ford Retractable Hard Top, and a 1966 Red Mustang convertible.

The dream car of Dortch's collection may be his white 1955 Thunderbird, the first year of their manufacture.

Although Dortch is a perfectionist in his restorations, having every detail true to the original, he is most generous in sharing his treasures. Daughters Teresa (Kirk) and Vicki (Urban) drove his dream Thunderbird to high school in Spearman, many of his cars have carried homecoming queens and pioneer queens of Hansford County, and his grandsons have used them to escort their dates to prom.

But perhaps Dortch's cars are best known from the Great American Race. His first entry in the race was in 1993 when he drove his 1935 Ford Coupe from



## Lynx - District Champions

In an effort to prove why they are District Champions, the Spearman Lynx (L-R) Jeremy Vera (87), Lance Smith (20), Coy Herrington (64) and Lance Baker (45) converge on a Panhandle Panther during Friday night's game in Panhandle. The Lynx defeated the Panthers with a score of 32-19.

The Lynx will face Hale Center on Friday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. in Bi-District. This game will be played at Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. Spearman will be the visiting team.

## Hansford Division Honored By American Heart Association

The American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, honored its Hansford County Division at its annual meeting in July in Dallas.

The Division received a "Heart and Torch Award." This is given to divisions that achieve 13 cents or more per \$1,000 in household income in their area.

"The Hansford County Division is a leader in our fight against heart disease and stroke in Texas," Martha Gallier, 2000-2001 Chair of the Texas Affiliate, said. "They are an outstanding example of local volunteers making a difference in the battle against our state's number one killer."

The American Heart Association spent about \$337 million during fiscal year 1999-2000 on research support, public and professional education, and community programs. Nationwide, the organization has grown to include more than 22.5 million volunteers and supporters who carry out its mission in communities across the country. The association is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke

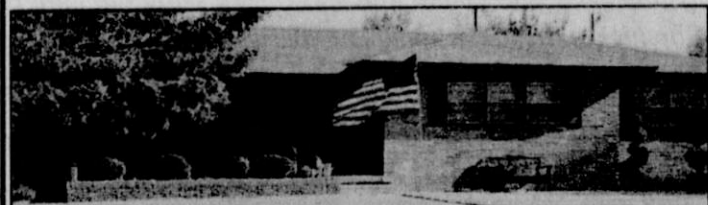
and other cardiovascular diseases, which annually kill about 950,000 Americans.

Missy Bates displays the plaque presented to the



Hansford Division of the Heart Association.

## Gladiola Flower Club Annual Home Tour



The home of Brian and Gina Gillispie, 1107 S. Barkley, is one of the houses that will be featured in this year's Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour.

The Annual Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour will be held on Sunday, December 2nd.

The home of Brian and Gina Gillispie, 1107 S. Barkley, was built in 1956 or 1957. It was a Lubbock home purchased and moved by Major and Ruth Lackey.

Brian and Gina purchased the 2973 sq. ft. Ranch-style home in 1997. It has a living room, dining room, kitchen, den, garden room, utility room, three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The house was remodeled by Brian and Gina from 1997-2001 using John Scott and Chad Knowlton. Brian and Gina did the painting.

Special interest and collections are artwork and wood carvings from Africa, India, Mexico, Jamaica, Paris and Rome. The original artwork includes artists: Ruby Barkley, Vera Beth Hicks, Kackie Ruprecht, Nelda Sheets, Ruth Bryan, T. Denuer and Koko the Gorilla (this water color entitled "Love" was painted and signed by Koko the Gorilla, the first gorilla that was taught to use sign language and able to communicate with humans).

Other interests are a backyard pond, hardwood floors, vivid colors, large windows, rock fireplace and antiques.

Other homes that will be featured in this year's tour are as follows: Jim and Martha Jones, Gina and Brian Gillispie, and Bill and Lil Turner.

Baked goods will be for sale at the home of Dorothy Buzzard. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Gladiola Flower Club, or at any of the homes for \$5.00 each.





by Dorothy Hudson

## Out At The Lake



Picture is of Bobby Mosier and Ramon Cantu extending boat ramp at Lake Palo Duro

Lake Depth--November 12, 2001--37.5 feet

As the Lake level drops, Bobby Mosier and Ramon Cantu add concrete footings that they make and then finish with the metal landing ramp. This is the only boat ramp on the Lake that is being used now. It is north of the office at the spot Horse Creek runs into the Lake.

As Jim and Mandy took the weekend to help daughter Erin move to a location in Dallas only 5 minutes from her work, we don't have many fish stories. Charley Laxton did report to Jim that Friday Max Taylor and Red Byrd, who were fishing together, caught a 14-pound catfish.

Joe McDonald, cement contractor from Dumas, has had another good catch-- an 8-pound and a 18-pound catfish.

The sand hill cranes are still enjoying the shallow water near the bridge, but the geese have moved to the north side of the Lake.

Bob Cluck had a fun experience this morning. He was driving west of Gruver near the USA Feedlot when a mature bald eagle flew ahead, weaving back and forth in the road in front of Bob's pickup. The sun was on the big white head and white tail, giving them a radiance. It made me wish I had been along.

Bob and I discussed at what age the bald eagle gets the white head and tail. I thought 4 years, and he thought 5 years. One of my bird books said the change was made at 4 or 5 years. Another book said they kept the dark head for 4 years and changed at 5. The third book said they do not get their adult plumage until their 4th year. I'm still confused!

The mountain lion, or maybe it should be one of the mountain lions, was seen last week south of Gruver. This is the first report for that area in some time.



Troy James was recently honored with being named 2nd in the nation in Life Insurance Sales for American General. The figures were for those from January 1, 2001 through the end of August 2001.

### It's A Boy!

Jimmy and Shanna Kenney wish to announce the birth of their son, Barrett James Kenney. Barrett was born on November 5, 2001 at 10:55 p.m. in Borger. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Barrett was welcomed home by his four-year-old brother, Hunter, and two-year-old sister, Halston.

Proud grandparents are Billy and Cynthia DeArmond of Spearman and Deanna Kenney of Spearman. Great-grandparents are Myrtle DeArmond of Spearman, Rose Hendrix of Hardesty, OK and Bernice Goodrich of Gruver.

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## Soil & Water Conservation District Board Elections Held

In an election held in October, Arnold Stork was elected to the Hansford County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors. Arnie and his wife, Pam, have two sons, Chad of Dalhart and Chris of Goodwell.

Stork has farmed in Hansford County for 26 years. He farms approximately 3000 acres and has both dryland and irrigated cropland. Stork also currently serves on the board of directors for Lakeside Gas and has been alternate to the FSA County Committee. He has also been on the board of directors for the Catholic Church of Spearman.

Stork was elected to represent Zone 5 of the SWCD Board of Directors. Zone 5 boundary lines begin at the northwest corner of Hansford County and go east along the Texas-Oklahoma border to its intersection with FM 1262, then south along FM 1262 to the intersection with FM 2535 then east along FM 2535 to the intersection with SH 136 to FM 2018 then west to the intersection with the Hansford-Sherman County line and north along the county line. In order to serve as a director, a person must be an eligible voter who owns land within the numbered subdivision from which the person is appointed to and must be actively engaged in the business of farming or animal husbandry. Soil and Water Conservation district directors serve a term of four years.

Stork will take the place to Elmo Dahl, who has served on the board since 1973 and has served as vice-chairman since 1974.

The Hansford SWCD board of directors meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in conservation programs is encouraged to attend.

You are invited to a  
**Wedding Shower**  
 for  
**Dallas & Deborah Trosper**  
 on Saturday, November 17, 2001  
 from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
 in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall  
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You are invited to a  
**Baby Boy Shower/Brunch**  
 for  
**Jill (Lusby) Butler**  
 on Saturday, November 24, 2001  
 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.  
 in the Country Home of Marti Garnett

## Bridal Registry

Deborah & Dallas Trosper - Nov. 17th  
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# Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Last week this column included an item about Foot and Mouth disease and its apparent demise. The very next day the issue of Progressive Farmer arrived and carried a long article about its current ravages in Europe, Asia and Africa and its increase in South America. It has devastated the livestock industry in England and in Argentina, the world's 4th largest exporter of beef cattle—all its exports have ceased.

In the Sunday Amarillo News-Globe an article about the Panhandle Cutting Horse Association's annual awards banquet at the Heritage Center on November 3 pictures Boyd Rice and Haley Rice. Another picture was of their daughter, Trey, and a little Tullia boy.

At the banquet in the youth division-Tarin Rice received a second and Tatum Rice received a fourth.

The brief obituary of Freda Sheets, 95, last week was too late for this column. Her services were Thursday with interment at Hansford, beside her husband, Bruce Sheets.

An obituary of any length couldn't begin to list the impact Bruce and Freda had on Spearman and Hansford County.

Freda, ever gracious and cheerful, came here with Bruce as owners of the Spearman Drug. They lived in the back of the store for awhile.

They were active in the church, school and civic affairs. Bruce served as mayor for many years. Freda also participated in the arts, including oil and china painting, earthen ware, etc. Some of her work is in the museum here.

Bruce's greatest impact may have been during those sad, tense days of WWII. On somber Main street, Bruce always came up with some prank on some one (usually with your neighbor on the receiving end) that chased away the gloom and some of the anxiety.

They touched many lives and live in the memory of all who lived here during their many years here.

Danny Knox of Evanston, Wyoming returned Saturday after several days here with his parents, Gloria and Don Knox. He came to hunt quail with his dad, but the birds were scarce and the bag wasn't bragging material. Don, expert hunter that he is (a fact direct from him) did most of his shooting from the pick-up.

Weekend guests of Barbara and Joey Sharp were his sister, Sara and Hilous Hargrove, of House, NM.

David Sharp, a freshman in the Seward County Community College at Liberal came home for the weekend. He brought a friend, Amber, from Guymon also.

Welcoming a new arrival, Shanna and Jimmy Kenney announce the birth of Barrett James Kenney on Monday, November 5, 2001. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 3/4 inches long.

He joins a two year old sister, Halston, and four year old brother, Hunter. His grandparents are Billy and Cynthia DeArmond and Mrs Deanna Kenney of Spearman. Great grandparents are Myrtle DeArmond, Spearman; Mrs Rose Hendricks, Hardesty, OK, and Bernice Goodrich, Gruver.

Clint DeArmond is indeed fortunate that he is already at home after he was in a vehicle accident in Perryton Sunday afternoon. At an unmarked intersection on the outskirts of town, his pick-up was struck from the side and rolled over twice. Clint was ejected and unconscious, and taken by ambulance to Ochiltree General Hospital. His injury was a head injury and concussion, otherwise he was not injured and is expected to recover completely in a couple of weeks. Clint is unable to remember the accident due to the head injury. He is optimistic about his recover with the TLC provided by wife, Emily.

A fascinating but fast trip was that taken by Lynda Lackey and Mary Anne George when they attended the award ceremony for the Grand Ole Opry last Wednesday. They stayed at the Grand Ole opry hotel and returned

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Thursday. The Country Music Awards ceremony was impressive and the ladies enjoyed seeing the stars close and how the live T.V. was handled. Their stay was so short they had no opportunity to do any sight-seeing.

They were fortunate in getting tickets. Lynda's long time friend, Amber Pennington, formerly of Stinnett, who is employed by the Grand Ole Opry organization, sent her the tickets.

Pictures of the smiling Kaylee Holt, Travis Brown and Britt Morris in the Sunday Amarillo News-Globe are justified as they had been awarded the highest 4-H awards at the annual 4-H Gold Star Banquet at West Texas A&M University on Saturday.

Kaylee is the daughter of the Kevin Holts, Gruver; Travis Brown is the son of Billy and Joan Brown, Spearman and Britt the son of Joe and Nancy Morris of Gruver.

Year old Brice McLaughlin is mad at the world on account of the four stitches in his chin. He was bravely trying to learn to walk and fell, striking some furniture, with a bad cut result. He is the son of Leslie and Brian McLaughlin.

Virginia Head returned Friday from a tour trip to Branson, MO. She left Monday with other tour members: Elizabeth Carr and son, Gary and Zane Hall of Pampa. They enjoyed several shows, including Mel Tillis. The foliage was spectacular.

Weather report for week of November 5th through 7 a.m. November 12th: the high temperature was on the 7th at 83 degrees; the low was on the 9th at 33. Moisture was .11 inches.

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# Hounds Maul Kiowas

**by Harietta Carthel**  
Determined to end with a win, the Gruver Greyhounds came back in the second half to squelch the Booker Kiowas, 28-14, in the final game of the season.

After a sluggish first half, the Hounds, trailing Booker 0-7, scored 14 points in both the third and fourth quarters to take the district win.

Booker took a seven point lead at 3:24 in the first quarter, scoring on their first possession.

Seeking to even the score the Hounds marched three times in the half into Booker territory before turning the ball over on downs at the Kiowa 38 and the 33, and suffering a pass interception on the 39.

Two big hits, one by Kade Carthel for a 19 yard loss following the interception and one by Oscar Cruz on the opening kickoff of the second half were an omen of what was ahead for the Kiowas.

Taking the ball on their own 24 yard line on their first possession of the third quarter, Zack Christian ripped off a 70 yard scoring run. A swinging gate PAT for two put the Hounds ahead 8-7.

The Hounds tallied again only one minute later following a Cruz interception on the Booker 47. Good runs by David Puebla and David Hernandez gave the go-ahead for Puebla's three yard scor-

ing run. Booker tied the game at 4:02 in the third quarter on their next possession as they capped off a long Kiowa run with a one-yard touchdown.

Beginning the final period with a scoring march from their own 44, the Hounds used Puebla, Hernandez and Christian to draw to the Booker 20. On a big fourth down play, Hernandez broke lose to gain a first on the Kiowa 5 and carry it in for the score on the next play at 10:48 on the clock for the go-ahead touchdown.

The icing on the victory cake came at 4:14 in the fourth quarter. Starting deep in Greyhound territory on the 15, Puebla scampered 45 yards to the Booker 40 when two back-to-back penalties threatened the Hounds possession. A long pass to Carthel netted a first to keep the threat alive. An encore pass to Carthel fell just short of

another first which Christian secured with a run to the Booker 11 followed by Puebla carry for the Hounds final score.

Game At a Glance		
	Gruver	Booker
First Downs	20	14
Yards Rushing	332	232
Yards Passing	49	67
Total Yards	381	299
Comp-Att-Int	13-5-1	12-3-1
Punts-Avg	2-35	4-30
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-55	7-45

**Rushing:** David Puebla 13 carries for 110, Oswaldo Santillan 7 for 49, Zack Christian 10 for 110 David Hernandez 13 for 57 Gabriel Lopez 2 for 6

**Passing:** Hunter Bevell 5 completions of 13 passes for 49 yards

**Receiving:** David Puebla 1 for 1 Ryan Abernathy 1 for 14, David Hernandez 1 for 9, Kade Carthel 1 for 27

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**The Adventures of Bob**

Reporter Bob spent most of last week at our wonderful community paper the Hansford County Reporter Statesman. His first job was to learn to make coffee. Catherine and Harietta drink a lot of coffee when they are working on the paper. Health-nut Bob decided to curb their caffeine consumption by helping out with the newspaper production duties. Catherine said he was a veritable Stephen Hawking at the computer until he deleted her hard drive. Eyewitnesses reported that it was actually Catherine who entered "yes" when prompted by the question "are you sure you want to permanently delete your drive?" The dynamic trio worked diligently and were able to deliver the papers on time despite the setback. In-control Bob relieved Catherine of her editing duties on Friday since it was her birthday and he takes full responsibility for any mistakes in this week's paper as a birthday present to her. All in all Tickled-pink Bob had a wonderful time and is very proud of the press pass he earned.

Be sure to watch for Unpredictable Bob as he continues on his big adventure!

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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## Veterans Program Well Received

The second annual Veterans Day Program, coordinated by the GHS National Honor Society and their sponsor Cathy Potts, drew a large gathering on Friday.

Keynote speaker for the event was Ross Renner, GHS graduate and former White House Guard and United States Secret Service Agent.

The Gruver Elementary Choir and the fourth grade choir under the direction of Debby Mayhew and GHS choir under the direction of Kristi Holt presented patriotic musical selections.

Joshua Abernathy read the poem "An Old Soldier's Prayer" while Sarah Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Kade Carthel, who introduced the speaker, related the biography of Renner from his home in Hansford County to his White House duties and his work in the secret service.

Eighth graders Matt Messer and Sheldon Atwood presented the colors, preceding the program.

Veterans attending were presented small hand-painted ceramic flags made by the GHS art class of Kay Hobbs.

## Basketball Season Arrives

The round ball season began in Gruver on Monday, November 12 with the seventh and eighth grade girls and boys hosting White Deer.

High school games began on Tuesday, November 13, with games at Vega.

A special pep rally has been slated for 3:00 p.m. Friday, November 16, to kick off the upcoming season.

Gruver's basketball district includes Stratford, Booker, and Boys Ranch.

## High School Count Submitted

Gruver High School submitted an official count of 129 students to UIL. This number will be used in determining the alignment of districts for sport and athletic events for the 2002-2004 school years.

## Community's Condolences

The sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Garcia whose infant daughter Leslie was stillborn on Friday, November 9.

Services and burial were Monday, November 12.

## Thanksgiving Closures Announced

Gruver schools will dismiss for the Thanksgiving holiday on Tuesday, November 20, at the regular dismissal time. Classes will resume on Monday, November 26.

Gruver City Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for the holiday.

## Messer on Junior College Team

Lindsay Messer, 2001 graduate of GHS and an outstanding player on the 2000-2001 Lady Hound basketball team, is a member of the Redlands Junior College team in El Reno, Oklahoma.

Messer is playing point guard for Redlands.

## Junior High Football Wrap-Up

The Gruver eighth grade Hounds compiled a 7-1-1 record during the 2001 season. The team's one loss was to Wheeler, 10-6.

The Hounds tie was with Shamrock early in the season. At a later meeting with Shamrock, the Eighth Grade Hounds gave the Irish a 40-0 trouncing.

The Seventh Grade Hounds compiled a 0-5 record for the season. Their final game was with Stratford. The Hounds fell to the Elks 28-14.

Gruver's scores came on a 15 yard pass interception by Tucker Williams with Diego Luciano tacking on the two-point PAT.

Brian Johnson scored the Hounds' second touchdown on a 10 yard pass from quarterback Conrad Curry.

## Lights, Flags Show Patriotism

The home of Kenny Red has drawn the attention of many.

The local resident used lights of red, white, and blue to adorn his home.

A handsome new flag pole has been erected in front of the junior high building.

The pole, which features a rectangular base that tapers as it rises, was made by Gruver FFA with special assistance by Leon Bagwell.

It has been several years since the junior high has had its own flagpole. The addition is a welcome sight to the school and to those who travel down Broadway Street.

## Freshman Post Highest Attendance

The GHS freshman class posted the highest attendance rate in the high school for the second six weeks of school. For their efforts, they were treated to a coke party served by members of the junior class.

## Gruver to Host Academic Meet

Gruver Elementary and Junior High will host the district UIL academic meet Friday, November 29.

All Gruver schools will dismiss for the day as classrooms and teachers are needed for the meet.

## Irwin Elected to Regional Office

Kyle Irwin of Gruver State Bank has been elected to the board of directors of the the Texas Panhandle Regional Development Corporation.

The Texas Panhandle Regional Development Corporation is a United States Small Business Administration Certified Development company wish serves the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

Through the Small Business Administration 504 Loan Program, TPRDC enables expanding businesses or business start-ups to secure long-term, fixed rate financing for fixed assets, such as land and buildings.

## Get Well Wishes and Prayers

Gaylord Cook has been admitted to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital with possible pneumonia.

Opal Wallin injured her shoulder in a recent fall.

Don Heddins was scheduled for heart surgery this week in Amarillo.

Beverly Dorman Bennett's recent MRI indicated that she may require treatment for a brain tumor. She has a future appointment scheduled for the week after Thanksgiving.

Gordon Fraize, the husband of former resident Becky York, has been diagnosed with a malignant melanoma.

## GJHS Citizens Selected

Gruver Junior High has announced the selection of four students as "Citizens of the Six Weeks." A student who best exemplifies the qualities necessary to being a good citizen is recognized in each class.

Chosen for the second six weeks honor are fifth grade - Skyler Bettis, sixth grade - Alexandra Aquilar, seventh grade - Victoria Vela, and eighth grade - Cesar Ortiz.

## Open House Slated

Gruver merchants will be participating in a Christmas Open House Sunday, November 18, from 1-5 p.m.

## Gruver Good Guy Award

The GHS National Honor Society, upon recommendation of their sponsor Cathy Potts, presented a program in November 2000 to honor veterans of the armed services in the community. The program was received with accolades and requests for its annual continuance.

A near-capacity gathering was presented last Friday as the second Veterans program was presented.

Participation had grown to include elementary students and the high school art class, with a greater number of community members and veterans present.

For many veterans, it is the first time they have been honored publicly as one World War II veteran present for the event stated.

For their recognition of the need to honor our veterans and their work in making it possible, Cathy Potts and the National Honor Society are selected as Gruver Good Guys.



In a blast to the past, Gruver High School cheerleaders (left to right) Beth Yanke, Sarah Moore, Julie May, Bryn Lowe, Kristina Christian, and Jenny Hart, donned vintage fifties outfits and delighted fans with cheers dating back to the fifties and sixties in their pep rally preceding the Gruver/Claude game.

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"The people in Hansford County are very friendly. When asked who she admires most, Pam answered, "My mom and dad - for everything they have taught me." When not working, Pam enjoys reading. She is also a Nascar and World of Outlaw Racing fan. Congratulations, Paulette - First National Bank's October Employee of the Month!

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# Lynx Claw Past Panhandle

by Jeff Beedy

The Lynx traveled to Panhandle on Friday night to play the Panthers and to try to end up district play with a perfect 7-0 mark. The Lynx had to come from behind in order to defeat a fired up Panhandle team.

Neither team could move the ball their first two possessions and the first quarter ended in a scoreless tie. The Lynx started their third possession from their own 35 yard line. A few plays into the drive, John Brock broke through the middle for a 23-yard gain down to the 1 yard line. On the next play, Kevin Beedy ran a quarterback sneak in for the touchdown with 8:31 left in the 2nd quarter. Eduard Vasquez' PAT kick failed and Spearman led 6-0.

The Lynx held the Panthers on 4th and inches on Panhandle's next possession and took over at the Panther's 37, but then the Lynx fumbled the ball a couple of plays later and gave the ball back to Panhandle at the Lynx 41 yard line. After a couple of penalties, the Panthers had a 2nd and 19 from their own 46. They threw a pass and their receiver broke a couple of tackles and ran 54 yards for the touchdown with 3:36 left in the half. The PAT kick failed and the score was knotted at 6 apiece.

Neither team could move the ball the rest of the second quarter and the first half ended in a 6-6 tie. Panhandle came out in the second half knowing that they could win this game and they had fire in their eyes!

Spearman was penalized 15 yards on the kickoff for an unsportsmanlike conduct foul. Panhandle started this drive on the Lynx 39 yard line. On 3rd and 27, Panhandle broke loose for a long run down to the Spearman 30. On 4th and 1, the Panther's QB ran up the middle from 30 yards out for the touchdown with 8:46 left in the 3rd quarter. The PAT failed and the Panthers led 12-6.

The Lynx answered on their next possession that started on their own 34 yard line. They moved the ball down to the Panhandle 41. On 1st and 10, Brock ran around the right end behind some great blocking and raced 41 yards for the touchdown with 8:10 left in the 3rd quarter. The PAT kick failed

once again and the score was tied at 12-12.

The Lynx held the Panthers on their next possession and they lined up to punt. The snap went over the punter's head and Spearman recovered at the Panhandle 17. Spearman was once again backed up for a personal foul and they were facing a 3rd and 21. Kevin Beedy threw deep to Colton Miller for the touchdown with 4:42 left in the 3rd quarter. The PAT was good and the Lynx led 19-12.

The Panthers started their next drive on their own 31 yard line. On 3rd and 14, they threw deep down the middle for a first down at the Lynx 45. Then Spearman got called for pass interference, which moved the ball to the 26. On 4th and 3 from the 7, Panhandle threw a pass out for the TD on the first play of the 4th quarter. The PAT kick was good and the score was once again tied at 19.

The Lynx had to punt on their next possession, but they pinned Panhandle deep in their own territory and then forced them to punt back to the Lynx. Brock made a great return on the punt and ran it down to the Panhandle 9 yard line. Three plays later, Brock punched it in from 1 yard out with 5:14 left in the game. The PAT kick was good and Spearman took the lead for good 26-19.

Panhandle went 3 and out on their next possession and Spearman got the ball back on their own 32 yard line with 5:04 left in the game. The Lynx moved the ball down to the Panther's 26 yard line with time running out. It looked like the Lynx were going to run out the clock, but on 3rd and 5, Brock broke loose from 24 yards out for another TD with :28 left in the 4th quarter. The PAT kick failed, but the Lynx increased their lead 32-19, the final score.

This was a hard game for the Lynx to get up for because it did not have much meaning to it.

The Lynx will have to be focused and ready to play on Friday as they will play Hale Center in Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon. This is like a new season and you have to be ready to play each and every game or you go home and start playing basketball.

Lynx, get mentally and physical-

ly prepared for the Texas High School playoffs and bring home a state championship! We are all behind you!

### Offensive Stats

**Rushing:** John Brock 25-165 yds 3 TD's, Colton Miller 7-71 yds, Eduard Vasquez 6-33 yds, Kevin Beedy 5-11 yds 1 TD; **Passing:** Kevin Beedy 4-10-58 yds 1 TD; **Receiving:** Colton Miller 2-34 yds 1 TD, John Brock 1-19 yds, J.D. Shufeldt 1-5 yds; **Total:** 338 yds 20 1st Downs

### Defensive Stats

**Rushing:** 31-96 yds; **Passing:** 4-6-87 yds; **Total:** 183 yds 10 1st Downs

### Players of the Week

**Offense** - John Brock  
**Defense** - Eduard Vasquez

### This Week

#### Lynx Play Hale Center in Canyon Friday for Bi-District

The Spearman Lynx will travel to Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon to play the Hale Center Owls at 7:30 p.m. in the first round of the Texas High School Playoffs. The Lynx will be the visiting team and will sit on the east side.

The Owls, who are 6-4 overall, 5-1 in district, got off to a slow start at the beginning of the year, but seem to be on quite a roll now. In non-district, the Owls went 1-3, but in district play they went 5-1 to come in second behind Abernathy.

They are led by junior quarterback Jacob Rieff. Rieff's favorite targets are Joseph Bernal and Larry Espinosa. The Lynx will have to stop Hale Center's work horse running back, junior all-district Willie Joe Johnson. Johnson has rushed for over 100 yards in several games this year. The Lynx will also have to stop running back Mark Espinosa. He is also a favorite target of Rieff's.

This will be Hale Center's third playoff appearance in four years. They just missed the playoffs a year ago. The Owls are an experienced team that is loaded with juniors and seniors. The Lynx will have to be mentally and physically prepared in order to come out on top.

Make plans to attend and cheer the Lynx on to victory. We need a great crowd on Friday!



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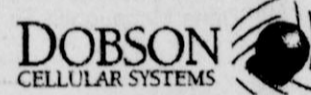
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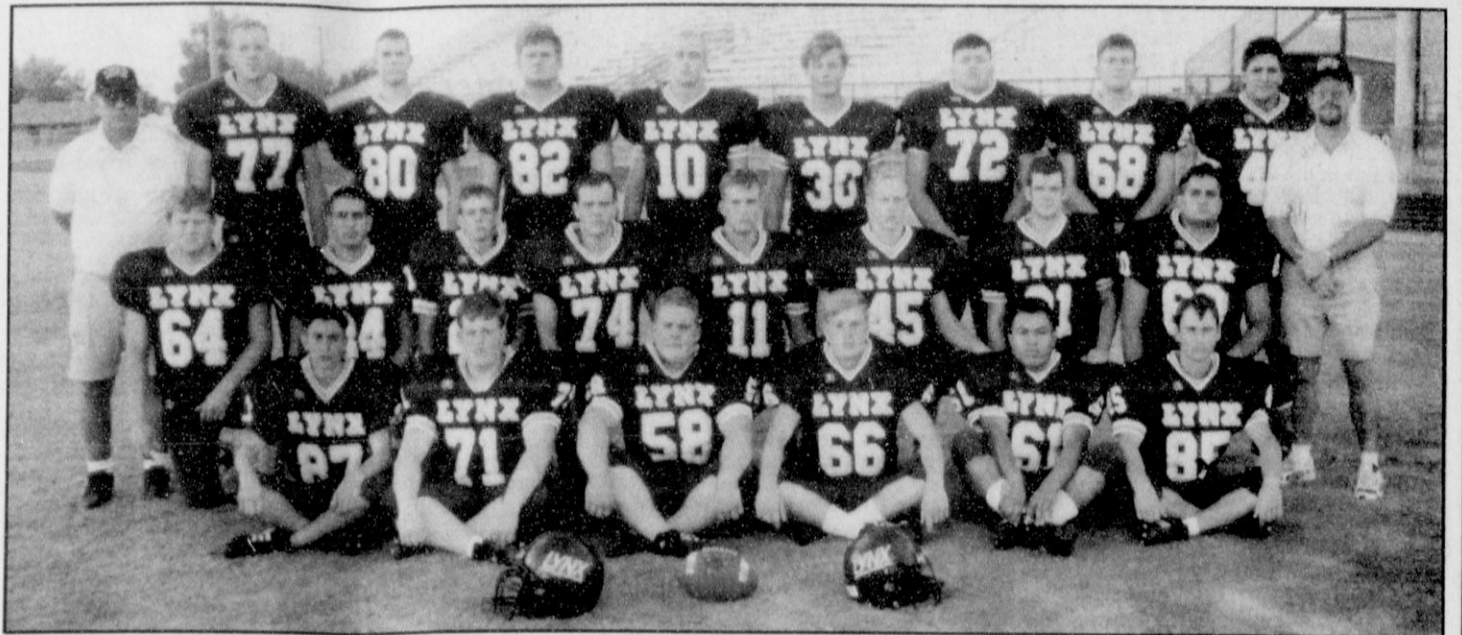
## 2001 Spearman Lynx

No.	Name	Position	Class
10	John Brock	RB/SEC	SR
11	Kevin Beedy	QB/SEC	JR
20	Lance Smith	RB/SEC	JR
21	Matt Dunnihoo	RB/SEC	SR
25	Colton Miller	RB/LB	JR
30	Tanner Beedy	REC/LB	SR
40	Eduard Vasquez	RB/LB	SR
45	Lance Baker	RB/SEC	JR
58	Dustin Mackie	C/NG	JR
60	Homer Munoz	T/T	SR
61	Fernando Flores	G/LB	JR
64	Coy Herrington	G/LB	SR
66	Rodney Howell	G/LB	JR
68	Marty Miesner	G/E	SR
71	John Thomas	T/T	JR
72	Art Maestas	C/T	SR
74	Jeff Swan	G/T	JR
77	Chad Scarborough	T/T	SR
80	Paul Bynum	REC/E	JR
82	J.D. Shufeldt	E/E	SR
84	Jared Lozano	REC/SEC	SR
85	David Pipkin	REC/SEC	JR
87	Jeremy Vera	REC/E	SR

**Head Coach:** Ric Smith; **Assistant Coaches:** Jerry Bass, Brian Beck, Doug Bowles, Greg Gibson, Wendell Neff

**Managers:** Nicholas Benton, Sr. and Eric Vasquez, Jr.

**Cheerleaders:** Clara Shieldknight, Sr. (head); Tashi Schumann, Sr.; Jessica Crossland, Jr.; Sami Cazares, Soph.; Jentry Edwards, Soph.; Macy Harbour, Fr.; Cayla Smith, Fr.; Dana McLaughlin, Fr.; **Mascot:** Miranda Paul, Fr.



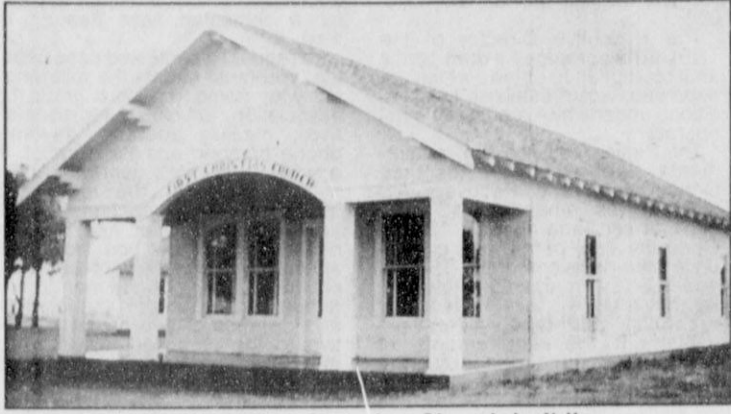
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During evangelistic meetings held in the Union Church and the I.O.O.F. Hall in November and December of that year, the following signed up as charter members: Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hull, Floyd Hull, Mrs. Jesse Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Winder, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Price, Mrs. Fannie Richardson, Mrs. M. E. Latham, Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Whitson, William J. Whitson, Jack Whitson, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Bennett, Mrs. Charles Beck, Mrs. A.D. Reed, W.H. Platt, Mrs. Elmo McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. D.O. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Shive, Mrs. Hix Wilbanks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drensen, Mr. J.L. Young, Mrs. Victor Ogle, Mrs. O.A. Tomlinson, Thelma Gwin, Mr. and Mrs. I. Brizendine, Mondell Brizendine and June Young.

A committee of seven served as a Board in charge of the organization of the church. A Sunday School Superintendent was chosen to

begin Bible study classes.

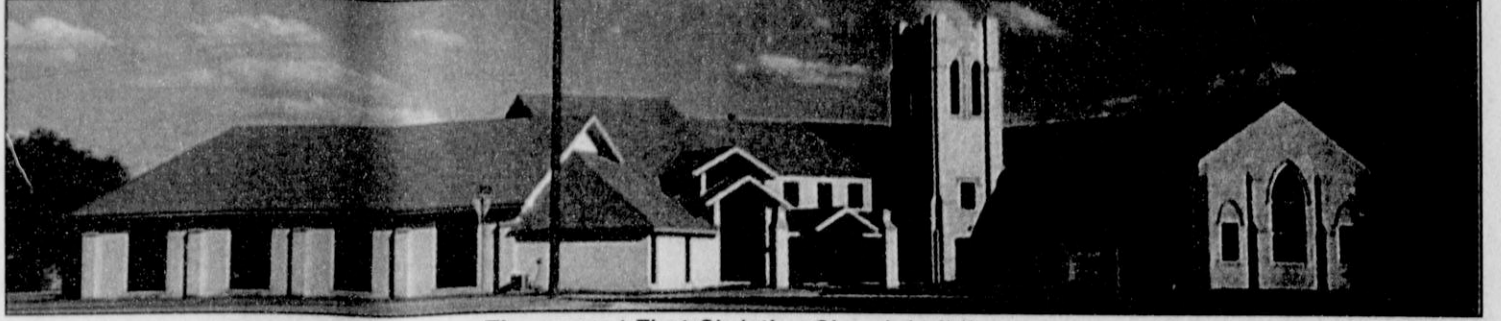
The first Annual Meeting was held at the Presbyterian Church in 1928, a total of forty-six members composed the roll. An official board was appointed at that time. During that year the old First National Bank Building was purchased and remodeled it into a church.

Rev. Jasper Bogue was the first regular pastor. He served the church until 1934, when Rev. McClure filled the pulpit.

Rev. Eulis H. Hill followed him in 1938. He resigned to return to TCU. Bro. George Bradford served the church for a short time and was followed again by Bro. Hill, who served until 1940. Between 1940 and 1942 the church was served by visiting ministers. In 1943, D.F. Bastion became the minister and served until 1946.

Many improvements were made to the church building, including the addition of a small stucco structure which served as four classrooms. During 1944, a four-member orchestra provided music for services and in 1947 a choir was organized by Mrs. Bill Masters. Bro. Masters was serving the church as Student Minister while attending Phillips University.

In 1949, the old church building was sold and moved from the lots to make room for the new church, which stands today at 29 S.



The present First Christian Church building

Bernice. It was completed and dedicated in 1949.

The First Christian Church held their final services in the old church building on August 27, 1950. The service marked the close of 24 years of service for the building.

Opening services for the new Christian Church building were held on September 3, 1950. Rev. Jasper Bogue, minister at the time of the inception of the church in 1926, assisted in the Sunday morning services.

The building was constructed at a cost of nearly \$63,000, and contained a sanctuary seating 156, 13 classrooms, and a kitchen.

Bro. Clifford Parker served the church from 1950 until 1952, followed by Ellis Veal, who ministered here until 1954. In 1954, C.J. Van Dyke became the minister and served through 1957, when Donald Cox took over the duties and served until 1960. John Waddell came to serve the church in 1961. In 1962, the new parsonage was built at 1002 S. Barkley.

Graham Pugh became the minister in 1963. During his ministry here, his son, Fred Pugh, served the Gruver First Christian Church as their student minister. In 1966, Dayle Schnelle became the minister, serving until 1970. Vernon Stagner served as interim minister until Don Worsdorfer came in August of 1970 and served until August of 1981. Luther Brines served as interim minister during 1981 and 1982. Martin Foster followed him as minister in July of

1982 until 1987. Mike Wolfe was here from 1987-1989, followed by Laverne Draper from 1990-1996, and Joe Weaks from 1997-1999. The present minister, Gary Smith, began serving the church in April of 2000.

The First Christian Church has been an institution of great

strength and its doors are open at all times to welcome all into its services.

Since 1927, many changes have been made in the church and in the community it serves, but one thing remains the same: the God of our early founders is the God of the present disciples - and will be the

same God for all who follow after. May all things be done to glorify Him and may we continue to serve in whatever ways He leads this Body of Christ, The Church.

This church has grown in spiritual depth over the years, and continues to grow in its faith.



Charter Members of the First Christian Church of Spearman, 1928: (Back Row, L-R) Frank Drensen, Mrs. Frank Drensen, Trixy Wilbanks, Ella Hull, Mattie Reynolds, Mrs. Charles Beck, George Whitson, and Mr. John Winder; (Middle Row, L-R) Jack Whitson, Bill Whitson, Thelma Gwinn, W.H. Platt, Carl Hull, Mr. A.R. Hull, Bro. Jasper Bogue; (Front Row, L-R) Dallas Reynolds holding Olanda Reynolds, George W. Price, Elizabeth Price, Mrs. A.R. Hull, Mrs. L.M. Shives, Mrs. George Whitson, Mrs. Fannie Richardson, and Mrs. John Winder.

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*Monday, Nov. 19th: Evening Worship - 7 p.m., followed by refreshments*

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