

Ruby McCullough . . .

Dedicated employee for over 30 years



Ruby McCullough, one of the most pleasant checking customers out for her last time this employees of Thriftway grocery store will be Saturday as she begins her retirement.

Many Spearman residents will soon miss the presence of Ruby McCullough when they go grocery shopping. She has been an employee of Cut Rate Thriftway grocery for over 30 years. Her friendly, attentive service was many of the customers favorite encounters at the grocery store.

Ruby and her family came to Spearman in 1952. Six years later, Ruby went to work for Pete Fisher at his grocery store located on Highway 15 just across the railroad tracks to Gruver.

She has worked there ever since, and August of this year made 30 years of service to the store.

Ruby has been there to witness changes in the grocery business. She remembers when the store was moved from the location on Hwy. 15 to the present location of Plains Shopping Center in 1961. She says, "I was thrilled to help with the moving of the merchandise. It was such a joy to have so much room for new merchandise. It wasn't long, however, before we were again full of merchandise, and it was difficult to fit new items on the shelves."

During the time she has worked at Thriftway, Ruby has been in charge of non-food department

nearly since she started working there. And a large part of her duties included running the cash register as shoppers checked out. Her warm smile was a special bonus to most of the customers she served.

Ruby says she has enjoyed all aspects of her work at Thriftway. "Things are a lot easier when you enjoy what you are doing." She took a lighthearted approach to those customers that were particularly hard to please.

Besides her work, Ruby has greatly enjoyed her membership and the fellowship at First Baptist Church in Spearman. She has helped out in the church's nursery for 30 years also.

Ruby decided that it would be a good time to retire now, and she will be going back to the area where she was raised, Alvord, Tx. It's located between Wichita Falls and Fort Worth. She has three sisters and two brothers that live in the area, and her oldest daughter lives in Fort Worth.

Ruby reports that she knows it will take lots of adjustment changing from a lifestyle where you have a specific place to go so many days a week, to a lifestyle that will be more casual. But, she says, "I will

have more time to do one of the things I really enjoy most, visit with people I care a lot about."

"I will definitely miss the people of Hansford County," she says. "Especially my co-workers who have meant so much to me, and the people at the First Baptist Church. Pete and Alta Fisher have also been so good to me. They have been wonderful to work for."

Ruby states, "I'm not the type to spend my time idly. I will keep busy. I like to sew, and now I will have a lot more time to do that. I also like to do handwork and canning." Ruby said that she intends to come back to this area often. Two of her children live in Gruver area, and when she comes back to visit them, she will also make it a point to come see her friends in Spearman.

Ruby's family will be hosting a reception in her honor this Sunday afternoon in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. All of her friends are invited to come and share fellowship with her. It will last from 2 to 4 p.m. so be sure to stop by and wish her well. Ruby has loved the people of the community and would love to see all of you.

County Fair Committee arranges entertainment

The Hansford County Fair Committee and the department superintendents of each fair exhibit category met for their final meeting before the fair, Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Chamber of Commerce office. Plans were made, wrapping up the last details of the County Fair.

The following exhibits will be presented at the Hansford County Fair: agriculture, antiques, art, baked goods, food preservation, clothing, flowers, horticulture;

Needlework, tote painting, crafts and hobbies, photography, children's petting zoo, dog show and other entertainment.

At the meeting, each department was reviewed and a list was made of the supplies needed to set up the displays. Troy Morris was put in charge of locating the lumber and white paper used to cover the boards for the displays.

Harry Stumpf and Cora Queener reported on the clubs and organizations and businesses that had requested a booth space in the fair. A fee of \$25 was agreed upon as rent for booths, with an extra fee of \$5 added for each non-food item the organizations wished to include in the booths.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, Linda Butt and Laquita Evans will be putting on a rendition of the Grand Ole Opry at the fair. There will be an admission charge of \$1 for the event. They are selling \$10 radio ads to local merchants to cover fair expenses.

The fair committee appointed Doris Armes and LaVon Reid to put

up posters to promote the fair in Gruver and Morse.

Committee members and superintendents will meet Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 in the County Barn to begin setting up displays and booths. Joel Lee Lackey and his band members will be on "stage" there with Laquita Evans and Joe T. Venneman to entertain those present. Some clubs and organizations will have their booths already set up so those attending will be able to eat at the County Barn. Those having booths and participating in the fair are reminded to come help set up Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:30.

Participating in the Saturday night entertainment are Brenda Dahl, Betty Chisum, Robin Karlin, Thelma Tindell, Leroy Farris;

Candy Boxwell, Kent Guthrie, Laquita Evans, Joe Mack Cherry, Verlan Winegarner;

Joe T. Venneman, The Barkleys, Jan Stedje, plus a few surprises, and the announcer for the evening will be George Young of KRDF-FM radio station.

They will be performing live music or comedy, and there will be a special guest, Amber Pennington, and a local band, Country Cookin' also performing.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Gordon's Drug, Spearman Drug, First State Bank, or First National Bank. Proceeds from the event will go to the Hansford County Fair Association's fund for next year's fair.



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Lynxette cross country team takes third in meet

The Spearman Cross country teams traveled to Plainview last Saturday to participate in a run starting at the City Park there. The varsity Lynxette team took third in the event. They followed Perryton who took first place and Canyon, second. 12 teams participated in the 2-A varsity division.

The junior varsity Lynxette cross country team placed second in the event behind Amarillo High. There were 15 teams competing in their division.

In individual scoring Krista Kirkland took 8th place, Haley Shieldknight took 9th, Heather Murrell placed 25th, Carley Shieldknight took 32nd;

Shannon Holton placed 42nd and Michelle Cook took 60th. There were approximately 150 runners in the varsity division.

The junior varsity individual

placements were Jill Lusby 6th, Joy Gafford 28th, Sonya Nitschke 29th; Suzanne Sanders 32nd and Mary Cook 40th. There were over 200 entries in the junior varsity division of the competition.

Only one boy from Spearman participated in the event, Jerold Blan. He took 23rd in the boys varsity event.

The cross country teams can take a 'breather' this weekend without competition. Then they will head to Amarillo on Saturday, Oct. 1 where they will begin competition at 10 a.m. in Thompson Park.

'Just Say No' club walks

The "Just Say No" Club of Spearman scheduled a 'Walk' last Tuesday for Republican candidate for state senator, Teel Bivins. Bivins was scheduled to come talk to the kids Tuesday, but was unable to attend due to another meeting with a planning commission set in Amarillo.

Bivins will make a personal donation to the "Just Say No" Club. He is scheduled to talk to the kids when he makes an appearance at the County Fair next Saturday. The club would like to inform the public that they are bi-partisan. The would be available to walk for other candidates also.

The "Just Say No" Club has scheduled a trip for fun this Saturday. They will be traveling to Amarillo to enjoy a day at Wonderland Park.

Kids that participated in the 'Walk' include Adam Queener, Kory Brown, Troy Brown, Grady Cline, Clay Scribner, Kara Farris, Mandy Hetzler;

Lori Wattier, Traci Martin, Molly Blackman, Barbara Ring, Jason Swink, Mark Parker, Amy McCubbin, Leslie Swan, Todd Marshall, Nick Renteria, David Rodriguez, Damron Queener;

Toni Snow, Christy Taylor, Jason Genn, David Parker, Josh Winegarner, and Alan Hutchison.

Teen leaders for the group were Ted Miller, Cindy Melton, Marci Womble, Wayne Thomas, Stacy Gardiner, Traci Scribner and Cecely Porter.



Mayor Bob Pearson is shown here talking to some of the first graders. He went to the Spearman Elementary School last Monday to talk to the whole first grade about what it takes to be a good citizen. The kids offered their ideas on what they thought made a good citizen and identified things that citizens might do that would be of ill effect on the community. The kids reviewed the 'golden rule' that would contribute to their being a good citizen themselves.

Hergert Motors purchases Ford Motor in Perryton

Don Hergert, of Hergert Motor Company, purchased Johnson-Cooke Ford Lincoln Mercury at Perryton on September 12. They were closed the 12th, 13th, and 14th in order to clean the eight year old dealership.

Hergert, a 40 year veteran of the car business, is real excited about taking on the Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury franchise. "Customer satisfaction has always been our No. 1 priority....and always will be! Hergert Pontiac, Buick & GMC in Spearman and Don Hergert Motors in Perryton both have excellent "customer satisfaction indexes" with General Motors. We plan to build Hergert Ford's "customer satisfaction" the same way," says Hergert.

"We have hired Bill Phelps to be our service manager," says Hergert. Bill was service manager for Hergerts in Spearman from '74 to '80. Bill has been in Seymour Tex. the last five years where he was the service manager at a Ford dealership for two years and at a General Motors dealership for three years.

Many people in Hansford County have bought Ford cars and trucks, Lincolns, and Mercurys from the Johnson-Cooke dealership. "We stand ready to honor the warranties on these vehicles. We plan on having a Grand Opening sometime in the near future. If you are in Perryton drop by and visit with us! We'll keep the coffee pot warm," says Hergert.



These are the "Just Say No" Club members that participated in the walk for Teel Bivins Tuesday. They walked most of the prominent streets in Spearman distributing material for Teel Bivins campaign. After the walk they gathered at the home

of Jerry Pat and Gina Davis for refreshments and fun on the trampoline and swing set in the backyard. Some of the kids that participated in the walk are not shown here, as they had to leave early.

Staff photo by KAREN GOODMAN

Speaker & McKay exchanged vows

Stacey DeWitt Speaker and Perry John McKay exchanged double ring wedding vows in a Saturday morning ceremony at the Calvary Baptist Church of Dumas, Tx.

The bride is the daughter of Leroy and Jewel McCalman of Spearman and the groom is the son of John and Joyce Francis of Roswell, N.M., and Franklin McKay of Melrose, N.M.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. The Rev. W.R. Lawrence read the vow exchange.

Matron-of-honor was Billie Robinson. Best man was Ed Stiffler. Amanda Theresa McKay and Amber Dawn Speaker were flower girls.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall after the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Spearman High School and is employed by the Moore County Appraisal District.

The groom is an employee of the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The couple will reside in Dumas.

Obituary

Vida Townsend

A Hansford County resident since 1908, Vida Townsend died Monday, Sept. 19.

Graveside services are today (Thursday, Sept. 22) at 11 a.m. in Hansford Cemetery. Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor of the First United Methodist Church will be officiating. Burial arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Townsend was born in Hartford City, Ind. She married Everett Townsend in 1910 at Old Hansford. He died in 1918. They moved from Old Hansford to Vernon in 1914.

She moved back to Spearman in the early 1940's. She was a Methodist. Her son, Russell Townsend, died in 1966.

Survivors include daughters Altha Townsend Kirk of Spearman, and Joyce Townsend of Denver, Colo.; two grandsons, Charles R. Townsend of Tulsa, Okla., and Lt. Col. Kenneth Townsend, retired,

of Newport News, Va.; two granddaughters, Charlotte Townsend Lefert of Madison, Wis., and Mary Townsend Sharp of Denver, Colo.; 12 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two nephews and one niece.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Ammie Lee Murray

Ammie Lee Murray, 85-year old mother of Lenell Cummings of Spearman, died Monday, Sept. 19.

Services were held Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Steve Vernon, pastor, officiating. Burial was at Panhandle Cemetery by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Murray, born in Moore, Okla., had lived in the Panhandle area 85-years. She graduated from Panhandle High School and taught there. She married J.O. Murray in 1927 at Panhandle. He died in 1982.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Panhandle, a charter member of Tony Ridge Home Demonstration Club and Panhandle Order of the Eastern Star 760. She was also a member of Women's Fellowship Sunday School class, WMU and Golden Age Fellowship.

She was a homemaker. She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Ollie Ruth Hedrick and Dixie Nell Meacham, and a grandson, Bobby Lynn Murray.

Survivors include three sons, R.J. Murray of Ruidoso, N.M.; and Bill Murray and Jerry Murray, both of Panhandle; a daughter, Lenell Cummings of Spearman; a brother, Roy R. Cheatham of Dallas; 12 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to be to St. Anthony's Hospice.



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Among the Neighbors

Helen Fisher

Coming from great distances, the brothers and sisters of Betty Gaines came to observe her birthday last Thursday. Her brother and five family members came from Madison, Kan.; two brothers and two sisters came from various California locales. With their families, there were nine of them.

On Thursday evening including local relatives, a total of 27 honored her with a birthday supper at Ivy's Hungry Cowboy.

This is the first time in many years that members of the Walter Beck family have been together. All of them spent the weekend at the home of Betty and Richard Gaines.

Mrs. Stella Cummings, Joyce and Kristopher, spent last week in Dallas and Richardson visiting her brothers and sisters. They saw many places of interest but Kristopher found the most interesting to be the zoo. They returned on Sunday driving through some cloud bursts in some areas.

J.B. and Ila Mae Buchanan visited in the home of her sister and family at Cleo Springs, Okla. for a couple of days last week.

On Saturday morning Spearman people were delighted to see an

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excellent picture of an old friend in the Amarillo paper. Mrs. Jessie Tompkins, spry and alert as ever was observing her 103rd birthday.

Christy and Todd Brock, with daughter, Meg, returned to their home in Dallas on Sunday, after a weeks visit. Meg entertained her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Brock and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Collier, while her parents spent a few days at Red River.

Dick Finchum, Misti Kohart with Cooper and Kami, of Meade, Kan. visited Mr. and Mrs. John Allen on Saturday. Misti is their granddaughter.

Mildred and Elvin Martin and Charlotte Ford spent the weekend at Camp Billy Joe near Kenton, Okla. They attended the Gore family reunion at which there were 68 present. Of interest was that of the 16 children of the original Worth Gore family, the 15 living members were all in attendance. Elvin's mother was the daughter of Amos Gore.

Last Sunday a group of friends gathered at J & J's Cafe for a birthday dinner for Darlene Howell. Those helping her to blow out the candles were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pendergraft, Wesley Jenkins, Maudine Patterson, and Edna Cunningham of Perryton.

At Hansford Manor all those having birthdays during September were honored at a party on Friday. Refreshments were prepared and served by the Hospital Auxiliary.

The guests were delighted by the music furnished by Ted Scroggs on the guitar and his daughter, Lesa Deakin, on the piano.

The honorees were: Margaret Shedeck, Richard Shedeck, Jewell Pearson, Evelyn Hale, Edith St. Clair, Bill Russel, Evelyn Hiller and Viola Graves.

Another event enjoyed by those

at the Hansford Manor was a relaxing, pleasant afternoon on the patio of the Leslie and Sharon Barkley home in Gruver. The Barkleys graciously provided refreshments and all enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship.

Since several live at Gruver, the van took them to their homes and also drove through the farming countryside.

Those taking advantage of this opportunity were: Nina Evans, Mabel Edwards, Maxie Stayton, Dale Womble, Evelyn Hiller, Harvey Johnson, Orville Smith, Ruth Young and Edna Bayless.

House guests of the Norman Bracks over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Brack, Lawton; Mr. and Mrs. Kaci Jones and daughter, Tullia; Mr. and Mrs. Riley Brack, Wichita, Kan.; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hungerford and family of Kansas City, Kan.

They all gathered to attend the wedding of Lyle Brack in Stratford on Saturday.

Sybil and W.R. Underwood of Albuquerque were in Spearman recently visiting old friends. They had been to a funeral at Pampa. Sybil is the former Sybil Bailey.

Former Spearman residents, Clyde and Martha Maize, are spending a couple of weeks here with his brother, Don and Lynanne Maize and other relatives.

On Sunday, Don and Lynanne hosted a dinner for a number of relatives. Those attending were Idros and Guy Shields, Satanta, Kan.; Billy and Wanda Close of Sunray; Tammi and Lance Simpson of Amarillo; Hollie and Earl Railey, and Maurine Garrard of Spearman.

The Clyde Maizes are from San Diego, Calif. and both are now retired.

Friends of Mrs. Louise Sampson are distressed to hear that she suffered a broken left wrist in a fall at her home last Sunday.

The break is a complicated one and she has been a patient in St. Anthony's hospital. Monday she entered the Hansford Manor for several weeks of convalescent care.

Mrs. Nina Evans returned to Hansford Manor after a couple days in Amarillo to be near her son, Don Evans, of Gruver. She reports that he is recovering from surgery performed Saturday at Northwest Texas Hospital. She accompanied another son, Billy Joe Evans, from Satanta, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dossett breathed a sigh of relief when their son, Buddy and family, notified them that they had escaped injury and bad damage with the passing of the hurricane, Gilbert. They live at San Benito which is 26 miles from Brownsville. They remained in their home after boarding it up.

The Dossetts were also relieved a few days previously when their other son, Bernard and family, escaped damage from the tornado in Amarillo though they live in the area.

Friends of Doug Hohertz will be pleased to learn that he graduated with honors from Texas Tech in August. His Masters Degree was in science and business administration in finance. He also had received his BBA degree from

Texas Tech.

Doug has accepted a position with Western Geo-Physical and will report to Houston on Sept. 26. After three weeks, he will be sent to Botago, Columbia--this is in the Andes mountain area.

Marva and Bob Hohertz will find it difficult to commute from Texas to Columbia to Australia to visit their children. Lynn is still in Geelong, Australia where she is associated with a newspaper.

With the passing of Mrs. Vida Townsend, the oldest known link with those old settlers and the town of Hansford is gone. In the memories of those who were natives of Hansford, she will be remembered as part of it. Her obituary is carried elsewhere in this issue.

AHA's food festival is success

American Heart's Food Festival was a huge success in Spearman and Gruver in its third annual Food Festival this September.

A large number of shoppers and residents in Hansford County were reached with the nutritional message that the three area stores were promoting.

Burke children will honor parents with reception

The children of Bob and Wanda Burke will honor their parents with a Come and Go 40th Wedding Anniversary Reception Sunday, Sept. 25, in the Spearman Union Church from 2 to 4 p.m.

Bob owns and operates the Corner Service Station. Wanda is a homemaker.

Bob married the former Wanda Jean Stewart of Berger on Sept. 25, 1948. They have made their home in Spearman for the past 40 years.

All friends and relatives of the couple are invited to the reception. Couple requests no gifts please.

Children of the couple are Ronnie Burke of Amarillo, Sandy Clements of Perryton and Terry Burke of Woodward, Okla. The couple has five grandchildren.

The local stores that participated in Food Festival were Thriftway and Jack & Jill in Spearman and G&G Foodliner in Gruver.

The Hansford County Heart Association expresses their appreciation to the local store for their help in this promotion.

Hansford County Hospital District Public Notice

In compliance with Section 10.03 of the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District has adopted the following rules and procedures for the Hansford County Hospital District Indigent Health Care Program:

Application for Indigent Health Care can be requested from Hansford Hospital between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact the Hospital Business Office for assistance.

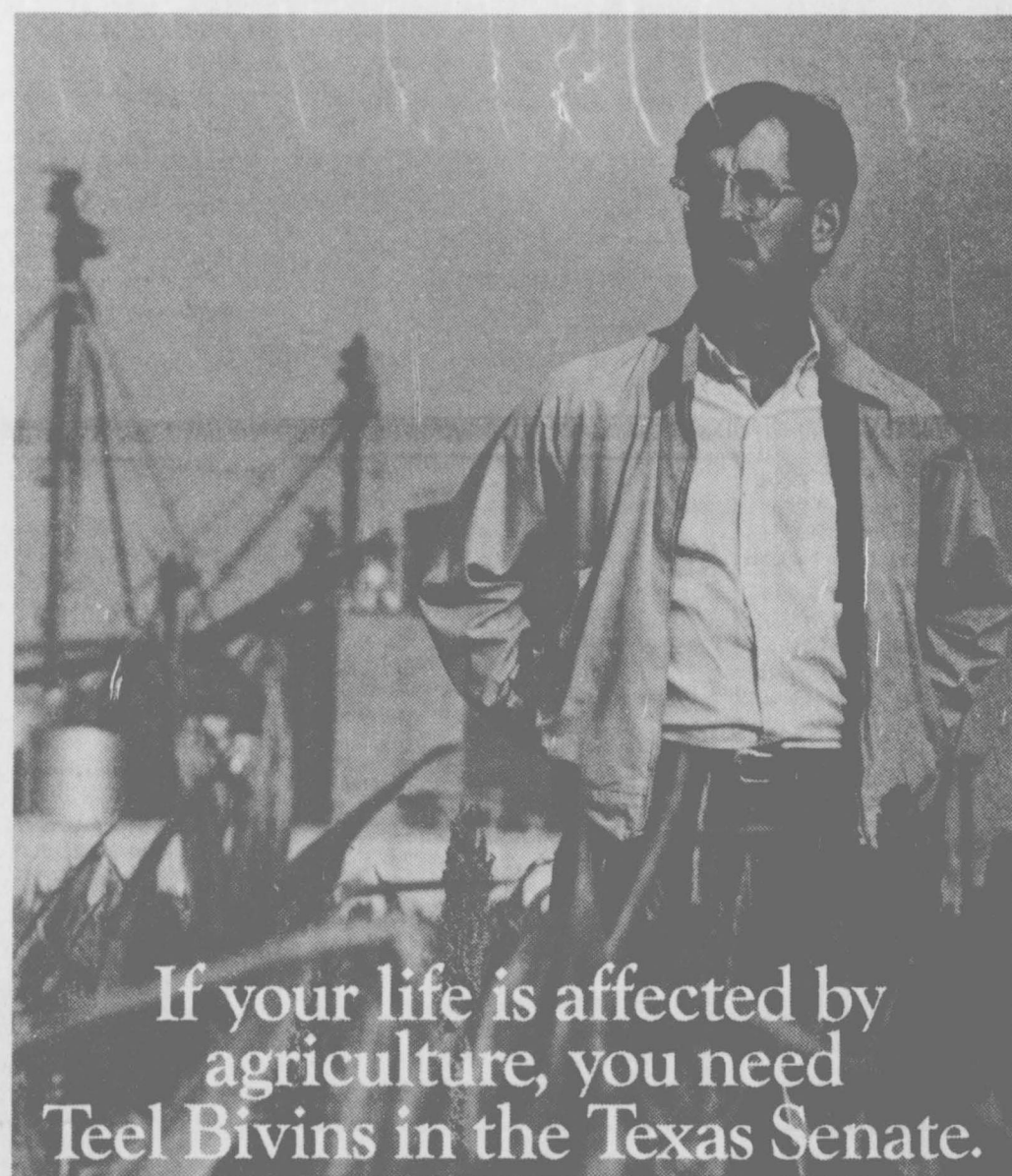
Hansford County Hospital District will use rules and procedures established in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Human Services.

In summary these rules are as follows:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out.
2. Verification of Income, Termination of Income, Residence Household composition, and Resources is required, if questionable.
3. Net Income cannot exceed the Maximum Income Standards listed in the Income Standards Chart below.
4. Liquid resources assets cannot exceed \$1500. The equity value of a car greater than \$1500 is counted against the \$1500 limit. Personal property and home-stead are exempt assets.
5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Hansford County.
6. Applicants must provide requested information and documentation requested or application will be denied.
7. Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

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Hergert adds new salesman



Hank Sutterfield

Donnie Hergert, Hergert Pontiac, Buick & GMC, is pleased to announce that he has hired Hank Sutterfield for new & used car & truck sales. Hank's parents are John and Pat Sutterfield. John has been selling implements at Hansford Implement for 20 years. Pat is the bookkeeper at H & H Water Well.

Hank grew up and graduated in Spearman. He is married to the former Betsy Jones, another long-time Hansford County resident.

If you are in the market for a new or used car or truck, come by and see Hank!