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Hansford County voters choose leadership through Tuesday election

Local races

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County Judge											
Eddie G. Martin-R	Election Day	152	22	65	136	118	154	11	27	685	785
	Absentee	33	1	2	10	21	28	0	5	100	
Jim Brown-D	Election Day	286	20	80	236	190	271	26	54	1163	1357
	Absentee	68	8	11	26	26	47	3	5	194	
Justice Of The Peace											
Omar Sutton-WI	Election Day	107	12	43	95	66	100	10	7	440	493
	Absentee	15	2	2	16	8	9	1	0	53	
Gary Ellsworth-R	Election Day	109	16	49	121	66	93	9	20	483	558
	Absentee	24	2	2	11	14	17	0	5	75	
Michele Davis-D	Election Day	217	13	52	144	167	225	17	49	884	1046
	Absentee	58	5	9	10	25	48	2	5	162	

Hansford County residents went to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 6 and made their choice for local and statewide leadership.

On the local level, the winners in the only two contested races were Jim Brown and Michele Davis. These results are according to the unofficial tallies released by the Hansford County Clerk's office Tuesday night.

In the two-candidate Hansford County Judge race, Democratic candidate Brown won the county judge office by getting 1,357 of the 2,600 votes cast in the race. His Republican opponent, Eddie Gale Martin, received 785 votes.

The other local contested race was the three-person Justice of the Peace race. In that race, Democratic candidate Michele Davis outdistanced the other two candidates by gathering 1,046 votes. The Republican candidate, Gary Ellsworth, came in second with 558 votes. Write-in candidate Omar Sutton got 493 votes.

For details on how each precinct voted in the local races, see the block accompanying this story. What follows is a listing of how Hansford County voted in the statewide and regional races.

Wm E. "Bill" Grisham-L 78
 STATE TREASURER
 Kay Bailey Hutchison-R 1325
 Nikki Van Hightower-D 564
 Suzanne Love-L 47

COMM GEN LAND OFFICE
 Wes Gilbreath-R 931
 Gary Mauro-D 801
 Richard C. Donaldson-L 45
 COMM AGRICULTURE
 Rick Perry-R 1425
 Jim Hightower-D 548
 Karen A Tegtmeier 40

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER
 Beau Boulter-R 1315
 Robert Krueger-D 649
 C W Steinbrecher-L 39
 CHIEF JUSTICE SUPREME COURT

Tom Phillips-R 1474
 Oscar H. Mauzy-D 455
 JUSTICE SUPREME COURT PLACE 1
 John Cornyn-R 1243
 Gene Kelly-D 548
 JUSTICE SUPREME COURT PLACE 2
 Charles Ben Howell-R 1012
 Bob Gammage-D 715

JUDGE COURT CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 1
 Joseph A (Joe) Devany-R 964
 Frank Maloney-D 691

JUDGE COURT CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 2
 Oliver S Kitzman-R 1037
 Sam Houston Clinton-D 595
 JUDGE COURT CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 3
 Bill White-D 973
 Carol Caul-L 129

JUDGE COURT CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 4
 David Berchermann-R 1002
 Chas (Charlie) Baird-D 623

JUDGE COURT CRIMINAL APPEALS PLACE 5
 Louis E Sturns-R 958
 Morris L Overstreet-D 838

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 88
 David Swinford-R 1286
 Guy Hazlett-D 611
 CHIEF JUSTICE
 7TH COURT OF APPEALS
 Charles L Reynolds 982

UNITED STATES SENATOR
 Phil Gramm-R 1677
 Hugh Parmer-D 347
 Gary Johnson-L 32
 U S REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 13
 Dick Waterfield-D 1284
 Bill Sarpalus-D 841
 GOVERNOR
 Clayton Williams-R 1495
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 Rob Mosbacher-R 1303
 Bob Bullock-D 653
 Tom Owens-L 58

ATTORNEY GENERAL
 J E "Buster" Brown-R 1218
 Dan Morales-D 650
 Ray E Dittmar-L 43
 COMP PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
 Warren G. Harding Jr-R 739
 John Sharp-D 968

Council discusses landfill, computer system

by JoAnn Morton
 Copy editor

Spearman's municipal landfill and computer system were discussed by aldermen at the Oct. 30 Spearman City Council meeting.

Jim Murray, city manager, told council members that the Hansford County Commissioners' Court had rejected a proposed contract with the City of Spearman which would have given Hansford County residents another year of service at the city landfill after the current pits are utilized. Under the terms of Spearman's proposed contract, Hansford County would pay \$14,000 as its share of the cost for future solid waste disposal at the Spearman municipal landfill.

The county commissioners offered to pay \$4,000 for future landfill use but the Spearman City Council, following Murray's recommendation, voted to decline the offer. His recommendation was based on two factors: first, after EPA regulations are published, Spearman will probably only have 18 months to come into com-

pliance; and second, the City of Perryton is considering an agreement to accept Spearman's solid waste after pit space at the Spearman landfill is utilized.

After discussion, the council voted to reject the county's offer dated Oct. 22, and negotiate with the City of Perryton to accept Spearman's solid waste.

In other business, the council considered a report by Frank Sayre, systems analyst, concerning the city's computer system.

The report contains recommendations for improvements to the computer systems and their management, together with a plan for the development of the computer systems over the next five years. Also included in the report are provisional budget estimates.

Council members voted to table discussion of the report until the next meeting in order to further review the report. In a related matter, consideration of a public works software package was also tabled. The report also includes a section concerning this type of software

package.

The council voted to accept a letter of resignation from Municipal Court Judge Albert Graves and appointed Associate Municipal Court Judge Steve Krug to full judgeship. Judge Graves is retiring due to health reasons. Murray advised the council to consider a replacement to fill the job of Associate Municipal Court Judge.

A report on the city's emergency management during the tornado of May 31 was accepted, and the city manager was authorized to seek bids for an emergency generator for the radio system, to be placed at the small elevated water storage tank.

Murray was also authorized to solicit bids for a telephone system for the fire and EMS station; and a janitorial service contract for city hall and the police department.

Aldermen voted to accept price quotes on two calculators from Southern Office Supply and to purchase a calculator of the customer accounts supervisor's choice for the city's financial administration

department.

The Spearman Independent School District was authorized by the council to seek bids for the sale of Lot 5, Block 24, OT Spearman. Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for the Hansford Appraisal District, had informed the city by letter that this property was struck off to the SISD in trust for the use and benefit of itself and the City of Spearman and Hansford County, and that the property may be resold.

Peddy also notified the city of the need to appoint a director to the appraisal district's board who would replace Roy Bulls. The council took no action on this matter.

Regular business for the council included setting meeting dates for Nov. 13 and 27; approving minutes of the Oct. 9 meeting; and accepting the revenue and expense report for September.

Attending the meeting were Mayor Burl Buchanan; Aldermen Wilson McClellan, Mike Cudd, Bob Boxwell, Don Reed and Ed Garner; City Manager Jim Murray; and City Secretary Cheryl Gibson.

Turkey Walk held

Saturday's inclement weather did not dampen the spirit of the hardy souls participating in the Hansford County American Heart Association's annual Turkey Walks in Spearman and Gruver.

Although the weather did have an effect on the number of participants in the Turkey Walk, money was raised for the benefit of the American Heart Association, according to Michele Davis of Spearman and June Barkley of Gruver. Barkley said a total of \$600 to \$700 was raised in Gruver.

The Spearman Turkey Walk was held in the junior high gym, while the Gruver Turkey Walk was conducted in the Activity Center.

Davis said four adults and seven children took part in the Spearman walk, and Barkley said four adults walked in Gruver. Cindy Ferguson of Gruver, who raised the most

money for the AHA, was proclaimed the winner of a weekend at the Harvey Hotel in Amarillo. Other prizes given away included a turkey to each person who raised at least \$50 for the AHA, and a t-shirt to each participant.

Hansford County residents who did not get a chance to be a part of the Turkey Walk due to the weather can still make contributions to the HCAHA, said Barkley. Anyone who signed up to walk can still collect pledges, she said, and anyone who wishes to make contributions can still donate. Pledges and contributions can be made by contacting Davis at 659-3411 in Spearman or Barkley at 733-2592 in Gruver.

The American Heart Association works to prevent heart disease, the number one killer in the nation, in Texas and in Hansford County. Last year, 21 Hansford County residents were victims of heart attack or related disorders.

WEATHER			
Day	Hi	Lo	Precip
Fri	74	58	0.00
Sat	38	33	0.18
Sun	37	28	0.30
Mon	67	28	0.00
Tue	40	33	0.00
Wed	-	25	0.00

Cathey selected for program

Tommy Cathey, superintendent at Gruver Independent School District, has been selected to participate in the 1990 training update of the Academy for Effective Schools Leadership.

"Tommy Cathey is one of approximately 750 participants from across the state named to the

academy," reports Dr. Ruben D. Olivarez, deputy commissioner for Accreditation and School Improvement at the Texas Education Agency.

The academy is a component of the Texas School Improvement Initiative (TSII) Program, which was established in 1988 by Dr. W.N. Kirby, commissioner of education, to promote high performance standards of educational quality at campus and district levels.

"The TSII program," Dr. Olivarez explains, "provides selected school districts, their principals, other administrators, and school board members an opportunity to be part of a statewide school improvement effort that integrates peer evaluation in the state's performance-based accreditation process."

"The 1990-91 school year," the Agency's deputy commissioner continues, "marks the first time that school board members will participate in the TSII program."

"Previously, participants included only superintendents, central office administrators, and secondary and elementary principals," he explains. "The addition of school board members to the program is the next logical step as we continue to provide participating school

districts and their administrators an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the improvement of education throughout the state. This involvement of school board members is aimed at producing educational effectiveness, systematic accountability, and fiscal responsibility."

The TSII training was conducted in Austin this past summer for school administrators in July and for school board members in September. Participants were divided into groups based on their experience in the program. All administrators received intensive two-day training in effective schools research, school improvement strategies, management techniques, and current educational legislative changes. Beginning participants also received initial training in the program to prepare them to be supplementary members of accreditation teams. Returning administrators received additional, comprehensive training aimed at increasing their responsibilities as supplementary accreditation team members.

School board members received training on characteristics of effective schools, affective governance operations of school districts and the accreditation process.

Drink taxes returned

The State Comptroller's office sent checks in the amount of \$342.35 to Hansford County and Spearman, representing mixed drink taxes collected in the third quarter of this year.

According to the Comptroller's office, total county tax revenue from mixed drink sales in Hansford County was \$3,027.42 in July, August and September. The revenue was collected from mixed drink sales in Spearman.

Statewide, State Comptroller Bob Bullock sent checks totaling almost \$12 million to 219 counties and 441 cities that tax mixed drink sales.

The checks represent the counties' and cities' share of the state's mixed drink tax collected during

July, August and September 1990.

Bullock said that the state collected \$54.6 million in state and local mixed drink taxes during the third quarter of 1990 with the state's \$42.8 million share deposited into the state's general revenue fund.

Counties received more than \$6.1 million compared to \$5.8 million received during the same three-month period of 1989. Cities received more than \$5.7 million, up from the \$5.4 million received last year during those months. The state's general revenue fund received the balance.

The mixed drink tax is collected by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission. City and county tax rebates are sent out quarterly by Bullock's office.

County jobless rate given by TEC

The September unemployment rate for Hansford County was 1.9 percent, according to the Texas Employment Commission.

TEC figures for the month of September revealed a total civilian labor force of 3,928 persons that month, of whom 3,853 had jobs. Only 75 Hansford County residents were unemployed during September, said the TEC.

Statewide, Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers of the TEC said "Well, here we are again!" as the state's jobless rate was released. "Texas posted a 6.2 percent unemployment rate for September and that is almost exactly where we have been since this year began," Nabers said.

Nabers, in explaining that there have only been slight variations, pointed to the monthly statistics:

January, 5.8 percent; February, 7.0 percent; March, 5.7 percent; April, 6.0 percent; May, 6.2 percent; June, 6.2 percent; July, 6.3 percent; August, 5.9 percent; and September, 6.2 percent. "It's almost a stagnant situation," Commissioner Nabers said.

"The number of unemployed Texans for the month was 525,600, an increase of almost 25,000 over last month. Ironically, the number of people actually employed also increased by 7,300 for the month. That tells us again that people are entering the labor force faster than jobs are being created," Nabers said.

The September rate of 6.2 percent is one-tenth of a percent below the September 1989 rate of 6.3 percent.

City sales tax rebates received

October's city sales tax rebates to both Spearman and Gruver were up from last October, according to the State Comptroller's Office.

Return city sales taxes to Spearman for October totaled \$10,891.10, up 8.27 percent over October 1989's receipts of \$10,058.89. Payments to date for 1990 total \$141,495.17 for Spearman, down 6.79 percent from payments received through October 1989, which totaled \$151,810.18.

October receipts for Gruver were in the amount of \$3,659.78, up 9.5 percent from the \$3,342.20 received during the same month last year.

Year to date receipts of Gruver city sales tax rebates total \$37,843.25, which is an increase of 1.08 percent over 1989 payments to date of \$37,320.

Statewide, State Comptroller Bob Bullock said that his office sent checks totaling \$93 million in monthly local sales tax rebates to cities and counties in Texas.

"Sales are staying strong throughout Texas and that means sales tax collections keep increasing at a steady pace," Bullock said.

Checks to cities totaled almost \$84 million, an increase of 16 percent over last October's rebates. So

far this year, rebates to cities are running almost 9 percent ahead of last year, Bullock said.

Rebate checks to counties totaled \$9.5 million this month for an increase of 19 percent over last year's payments to date. The sizeable increase is partly due to more counties collecting sales tax now, Bullock said.

This month's checks reflect taxes collected on August sales and reported in late September by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

Merchants collect the state and local sales taxes and send them to

Spiritually Speaking

by Lealand Grimmer
Apostolic Faith Church

I was reading in St. Matthew's gospel in the 19th chapter. In this chapter we find the account of the rich young ruler. He was a good young man who had kept the Lord's commandments the best he could. He felt that there was something missing so he sought Jesus to see if he (Jesus) could tell him what he lacked.

Jesus saw into the young man's heart and told him what was missing. Jesus told the young man to sell all he possessed, give all to the poor and he could have heavenly treasures.

However when the young man heard these words he was very sorrowful and went away disappointed because he was very rich. He felt the one last thing he was asked to do was too much of a price to pay.

Many people today experience the same feelings. They could turn over most of the rooms of their lives but there seems to be a room or so that they just can't release. So they too go through life disappointed.

Friends, there is nothing so valuable as to keep you separated

from a fellowship with Christ. All you need to do is surrender all your heart and life to the Lord and you too can have heavenly treasures.

In Acts the 26th chapter we find the account of Paul giving his testimony before King Agrippa, that King Agrippa's heart was touched and he said, "almost you persuade me to be a Christian." However Paul told him that almost was not enough and that he must go all the way before he could be blessed.

In the 24th chapter of Acts when Paul witnessed to Festus, Festus made the statement "go thy way for this time and when I have a more convenient time I will call for you." But as far as I know Festus never did call for Paul to come and talk to him again.

When the spirit of God deals with people today they admit that they should become a Christian sometime, but not now. They too never seem to find the right time to change their lives by becoming acquainted with Jesus.

My heart goes out to people who go through life not knowing the joy of serving Jesus Christ. God Bless you is my prayer.

FmHA selects safety project

PERRYTON - The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture, has selected the Farm Safety for "JUST KIDS" program as its public service project for 1990-1991, through its Wellness Program's Public Safety Campaign, according to James M. Heck, FmHA County Supervisor for Hansford, Lipscomb and Ochiltree Counties.

Farm Safety for "JUST KIDS" is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating parents and children about farm injury prevention. This organization stresses raising awareness levels regarding on-farm hazards. Each year, farm accidents result in the death of 300 young people and 5,000 serious injuries. The primary age group affected is 5 to 14 years old.

Heck stated, "FmHA's involvement in the program will enable Farm Safety for "JUST KIDS" to reach a national audience for the first time." Educational material including a film, safety fact sheet, warning decals and children's workbooks will be distributed by FmHA personnel throughout Texas. Over 13,000 FmHA employees, nationwide, will help spread the farm safety message to schools and the general public.

A Cornell University study reveals that children bear the brunt of farm accidents when the injury rate is adjusted to account for the time each worker is in the workplace. In 1988, 35.6 percent of farm accident victims were children ranging in age from 5 to 14 years.

There are three factors today which may be aggravating the dangers for children: (1) Increased mechanization; (2) New safety hazards - 50 percent of the ATV accidents (900 deaths over five years) have involved children; and (3) Stressful economic conditions.

Farmers Home Administration employees in Texas believe that they can make a tremendous contribution to the "JUST KIDS" organization by reaching thousands of children and young adults in rural areas that would have otherwise been missed.



(photo courtesy Teresa Kirk)

Spearman Cub Scouts held their annual Dad-Lad Cake Bake Oct. 23 at the Catholic Parish Hall and declared it to be very successful. A total of 52 cakes were auctioned off, raising approximately \$6,000 for the Cub Scouts. The Dad-Lad Cake Bake is the Cub Scouts' only fund-raising event of the year.

Winners of the cake bake included (l-r) John Gage, 5th; B.J. Hughes, 4th; Micah Edwards, 3rd; Landon Miller, 2nd; and Dib Kirk, 1st. The Scouts extended thanks to the businesses and individuals who contributed to make the event possible.

Tales from Burma

by Charles Ridge, M.D.

Today, an empty field in Rangoon gives the best picture of the country's politics.

The British ruled Burma until 1948, when they granted it independence. The nation had a parliamentary democracy patterned after the English system until 1962. That year, a General named Ne Win overthrew the government and set himself up as absolute dictator.

There was once a large building in Rangoon called the Burma Stu-

dent Union, a popular hang-out for college students. Once a month, many of the country's professors and intellectuals met there to discuss the nation's problems and propose solutions.

During their first meeting after Ne Win came to power, the building was cordoned off by soldiers who set up machine guns around it. Everyone inside the building was slaughtered. The structure was torn down brick by brick until nothing was left but an empty field.

Thus did Ne Win demonstrate to the nation that no ideas would be tolerated except his own.

His agenda was called "The Burmese Road to Socialism." A new constitution was written which, in essence, granted him total power. Burma was then closed, and, except for foreign embassies, no outsiders were allowed to enter the country. In 1982, the borders were opened to a limited extent in order to bring in foreign currency.

Hansford Happenings

Spearman PTA's Fall Festival will take place Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Spearman county barn from 7 to 10 p.m. Bring the whole family to enjoy booths, games, food and fun! Booth space is still available. Interested parties should call Marlene Miller, Fall Festival chairperson, at 659-2647.

A special Veterans' Day program is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. in the varsity gym at Spearman Junior High School. Guest speaker for the event will be Ed Garner. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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'Ghost' engaging, well done

"Ghost," starring Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg, is a sophisticated and extremely engaging melange of romance, comedy and suspense. It is a well-executed love story that also takes the line of comic relief while at the same time flirting with the supernatural.

Patrick Swayze plays Sam, a Wall Street investment broker, who shares an idyllic life with girlfriend Molly (Demi Moore), an artist.

They are very much in love, but just at the moment the two are ready to commit to each other Sam is killed by a mugger as the two lovers return home from the theatre one night. Molly is devastated as Sam lies dying in her arms.

Suddenly, Sam seems to be in two places at once: he's dying in Molly's arms and he's also standing over the scene, watching the moment of his own death. Sam, it

seems, is now a ghost, and not only is he helpless in knowing what to do about his new form; when he eventually discovers that he was killed by his sociopathic best friend Carl (Tony Goldwyn), he is likewise helpless in letting Molly know that she too is in danger.

Events take a turn and Sam, while chasing down the mystery of his own death, happens upon Oda Mae Brown (Whoopi Goldberg), a psychic medium no less than a charlatan, who is the only person able to feel Sam's presence and hear him speak. "Ghost" weaves in and out of melodrama, romance and mystery. Oda and Sam work together - with much comic farce and terrific throwaway lines - until they manage to let the steam out of Carl's murderous heist and manage also to make Molly believe in Sam's presence.

And while all this unfolds, the audience is tugged back and forth between the urge to weep (Sam's death and Molly's loss are genuinely sad) to the borders of belief in the possibility that loved ones can return in supernatural forms. Whoopi Goldberg takes the film and runs away with it. Her presence is anything but ghostly.

"Ghost" manages to do many things to its audience. Laughter is always on the rise, just as tears are especially impending. Special effects are especially effective and the photography is luminous. The film is rated PG-13 for muted sexuality.

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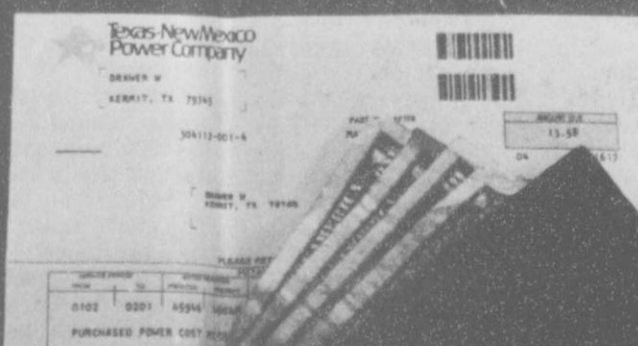
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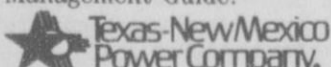
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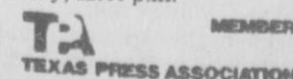
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SISD Sayso

Larry Butler, Superintendent Spearman I.S.D.

It is hard to imagine that the Thanksgiving holidays are only a couple of weeks away and then Christmas will be shortly thereafter. And, as the seasons and holidays fly by, so do the activities and happenings at school.

Unless you are a student, parent or school employee, one becomes amazed at the various activities that take place during the school year. The school year begins each fall with the beginning of football season. By the end of this week the regular season comes to a close for the great majority of high school football teams. Only a very few experience the elation and jubilation association with post-season playoffs. Friday night, November 9, the Spearman Lynx will make a bid to become one of the few, the proud, playoff teams.

To me, this is a tremendous feat in itself, when you consider the Lynx were predicted to finish at the bottom of the ladder in the district race. This alone is a tribute to the players and the coaches of Spearman I.S.D. To achieve this status of recognition, a great deal of time and hard work have gone unnoticed

by many. For people who have been associated with school systems, particularly school boards and administrators, you become amazed at the positive attitudes and the smoothness by which schools operate when the athletic teams are successful. I'm sure a few disgruntled individuals will tell you this is not true. However, after twenty years in public schools, and discussion with endless numbers of people across the state, I assure you, "winning makes for a good school year."

As Friday night, November 9, rolls around, let me encourage the entire community to attend the game against Stratford. It makes a world of difference for the participants to play before a standing room only crowd. Interest and active participation by the community lends to a winning tradition.

The young people of this community deserve our interest and support in all of their activities. Be involved! You have a responsibility to the young people and in turn we desperately need to strive for LYNX PRIDE!

Chamber Chatter

by Brett Whitford

Winter seems to have moved in from the North, and with it brings the hint of the Holiday season. Thanksgiving is just weeks away and Christmas is around the corner. We invite you to join us for the Holiday's Spearman Style Fashion Show and luncheon this Saturday at noon at the Catholic Church Parish Hall. The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is again putting together a fantastic show and luncheon. Tickets are available from any W.D.S.C.C. member or call the Chamber office.

This year we have many of our merchants that will either be showing fashions or will have a display of holiday items for gift giving ideas. It is just one of their many ways of showing you how important it is to shop in Spearman and what Spearman has to offer it's people. This holiday season, please

remember to shop at home first. Our money spent here, stays here and helps our community to grow and prosper.

Our new Directors election is complete and the new Directors will be announced soon! We will be having a Membership Luncheon in December to install the new Officers and directors of the Chamber. We will be letting you know the particulars on that soon.

The elections are behind us now, and we would like to say congratulations to all of newly elected officials in Hansford County. You will do a fine job representing us!

Be on the look out for the Retail Merchants Christmas kick-off! It's coming up soon and we will have a guest that will be in town to help us kick-off the Christmas Holiday's. Keep looking for a great season, and remember to keep warm!

The 'GISD' Of Things

by Bob Burgoon
Gruber Elementary Principal

I think it is time to pay tribute to the unsung heroes of our time, the ones who seldom enjoy the limelight, the ones who are on the action line every day - the classroom teachers.

Pick up any newspaper or view any telecast and you will undoubtedly discover that educational issues are making headlines from the national through the local scene. Terms such as "reform," "accountability," "funding," and "accreditation" grace the agendas of legislative bodies and appear on the dockets of almost every court in the nation. Irregardless of the terminology touted or the urgency of the issue at hand, irrespective of the political ploys or legal haranguing, someone must be responsible for the day-to-day business at the schoolhouse, and that someone is the classroom teacher.

Today's teachers are expected to "become all things to all men," according to the instruments which define their job description. They are expected to be facilitators, providers, evaluators, organizers, managers, definers, elaborators, reinforcers, directors, communicators, motivators, praisers, encouragers, growers, interactors, compliers, and promoters. These descriptors often defy the imagination; nevertheless, classroom teachers are expected to assume them every day.

Our public schools have myriads of critics who seem to delight in pointing the finger and who tend to

revel in elaborating on what the schools are not accomplishing while advocating their particular cures for the ills in education. These same critics sometimes fail to acknowledge that it was through the efforts of some hard-working, dedicated classroom teachers that they themselves enjoy the position, degree, and the necessary skills to serve as critics. Most of us, if we stop and seriously examine our station in life, can look back and thank a classroom teacher for having helped us attain our present successes. If we have not reached the acme of the American Dream, we can probably look back to unheeded advice and admonition of a dedicated teacher whose wisdom we ignored, and rue our actions.

I contend that there's not a person with more important influence on mankind, both now and in the future, than the classroom teacher who, day in and day out, endeavors to provide our children with the basic knowledge necessary to proceed toward higher and more noble challenges. Let us give credit to whom credit is due, honor to whom honor is due, and support to whom support is due - our classroom teachers. The really important decisions, the truly relevant happenings, and the lasting significances in education are not to be found in the legislative halls or the judicial chambers of our land, but in the classrooms of our nation's schools.

To teachers, wherever they are and wherever they are, my hat is off to them!

Waterfowl die-off reports requested

With the arrival of cooler weather and the shorter days of fall comes the migration of thousands of ducks, geese, sandhill cranes and other migratory wildfowl to the Panhandle and Southern High Plains of Texas.

The area is dotted with at least 19,000 playa basins, a few reservoirs and hundreds of man-made stock watering impoundments. The large number of playas, their natural aquatic plants and waste grain in surrounding fields make this region very attractive to migrating and wintering waterfowl and shorebirds.

But due to very widely sporadic rainfall amounts and drought conditions, as well as varying land use practices across the region, water is in short supply in most years and waterfowl are often dangerously concentrated where water is available. According to Jim Ray, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's waterfowl biologist for the Panhandle and Southern High Plains, warm, shallow playa lakes and adverse weather conditions can spell trouble for large concentrations of waterfowl in the High Plains.

"The very nature of a playa lake and the hot, dry climate of the Southern High Plains is very conducive to outbreaks of several waterfowl diseases," said Ray. "Playa lakes are generally very shallow," Ray continued, "and water sits warm and stagnant. Add to this large concentrations of migrating and wintering birds and a climate famous for temperature extremes, and you've got potential

for problems."

Avian Botulism and fowl cholera are, by far, the two most commonly reported waterfowl diseases in the High Plains. Both are bacterial diseases and can affect bird species other than waterfowl and possibly even mammalian wildlife. Botulism normally occurs from July through September. At this time, water levels are dropping and our climate is characterized by hot days and relatively cool nights; all favorable to outbreaks of avian botulism. At the tail-end of this period, waterfowl begin to concentrate in shallow, stagnant playas. If the botulism toxin is present, large concentrations of waterfowl and other birds can die rather suddenly.

"It is imperative that people report such a die-off so cleanup of carcasses can begin and other waterfowl be discouraged from using the site," said Ray. "Fly maggots scavenge on infected carcasses and build up concentrations of bacterial botulism toxins. Waterfowl readily consume them and receive concentrated doses of toxin. Botulism occurs almost yearly in the High Plains with extensive losses. This year is no exception, as we already have one die-off attributed to botulism."

Avian cholera is a highly infectious disease and the Texas Panhandle is one of the four major focal point areas for the disease in the United States. This disease occurs most often in late winter and die-offs seem to be triggered by stresses such as overcrowding, harassment from predators, and the severe cold fronts that the

Panhandle is famous for. According to Ray, "Under stressful circumstances 'explosive' die-offs can occur and have involved more than 1,000 birds per day in some cases."

Wildlife officials could go on and on about other diseases and each of their symptoms. But according to Ray, what is important to the general public is that when someone finds sick or dying birds around a playa, in any concentration, they should immediately leave the area and phone the proper officials. "The more delay in reporting the die-off the more birds can be exposed to the bacterium or whatever harmed them," said Ray. Ray continued, "In addition, carcasses are rapidly scavenged by predators, eliminating any evidence that a die-off has occurred."

If such a die-off is witnessed, people should immediately phone Buffalo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Umbarger, Texas, at (806) 499-3382.

The High Plains of Texas is a very important wintering area for the Central Flyway. One step in the right direction for High Plains migratory waterfowl management is the Playa Lakes Joint Venture of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

One of the foremost goals of the Playa Lake Joint Venture is to provide ample water areas across the High Plains of Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma so that when migrating or wintering birds arrive they'll have plenty of habitat to disperse themselves in, thus avoiding high concentrations and minimizing the impact of

diseases and other mortality factors.

"We don't want more than 2.5 percent of the migratory birds to be in any one concentration or to overlap another concentration's feeding area," Ray said.

For more information on the Playa Lakes Joint Venture, contact your local Texas Parks and Wildlife Department office or James D. Ray, Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4815 6th, Lubbock, TX., 79416, (806) 791-3040.

Pringle-Morse Menu

Nov. 12-16

LUNCH

Monday - Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans, salad, nachos, milk, fruit

Tuesday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, blackeyed peas, salad, rolls, milk, cake

Wednesday - Hamburgers, fries, trimmings, fruit, milk

Thursday - Spaghetti, salad, Texas toast, carrots, milk, ice cream

Friday - Thanksgiving dinner

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cereal, toast, juice, milk

Tuesday - Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk

Wednesday - Muffins, toast, juice, milk

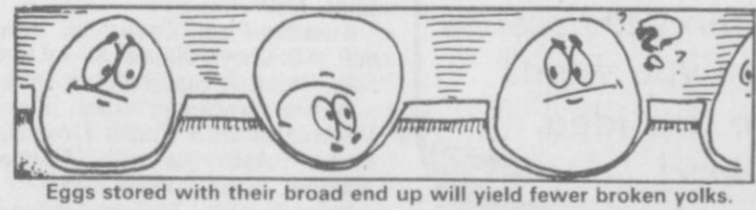
Thursday - Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk

Friday - Honeybuns, toast, juice, milk

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Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Mrs. Ruth Knudson is back from a months stay in Eagle, near Boise, Idaho. She and her sister, Mrs. Carman Roy of Gruver, were visiting in the home of Judy and Barry Goff. Judy and Barry are both former residents of Spearman and she is the daughter of Mrs. Knudson.

Sympathy is extended to Anita Anthony and Henry Babitzke on the death of their brother, Paul Babitzke. Services were held in Darrouzett on October 30.

Helen Etter returned last week from Lubbock where she had been visiting in the home of her brother, Arnold and Betty Richardson. Just prior to her visit she had flown to Kansas City and joined Andy and Ann Etter for a leisurely tour of the Ozarks. They especially enjoyed the fall foliage and the area around Branson, Missouri.

All the neighbors welcome new resident JoAnn Morton to Spearman. She was formerly the News Editor and Photographer of the *Guymon Daily Herald*, and is now the Copy Editor for the *Reporter-Statesman*. JoAnn has been living in Gruver for several months but is now living at 421 S. Hazlewood in Spearman.

She was raised and finished high school in Dumas, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morton.

JoAnn enjoys outdoor activities, including hunting and fishing and plays volleyball. She has two daughters, 9 year old Jennifer and 12 year old Kenna. They are attending school in Guymon.

As has been stated so often in this column, one of the many advantages of living in a small town is the consideration and personal thoughtfulness to the patrons of the local merchants.

Any one questioning this opinion need only to trade with the helpful and genial Judy Tindell and Sonny Kell and their place of business - B & B Sales - the True Value store.

Ila Mae and J.B. Buchanan came home late Friday from a few days in Phoenix, Ariz. They flew out for a visit with her niece, Lola Mae and Herman Teague and their family.

The monthly party honoring those with birthdays in October

was held at the Hansford Manor on October 26. The honorees were Vina Hawpe and Frank Massad.

Furnishing refreshments and acting as hostesses were members of the Auxiliary - Beth Phelps, Rosalie Butt, Lorene Kunselman, Barbara McClellan and Verna Gail Keim.

The large gathering enjoyed the music graciously furnished by Laquita Evans.

New residents of the Manor are Betty Williams of Hedley, an aunt of Molly Holton; Virginia Godfrey, Borger; Clifford Wyrick from South Texas, a relative of Jo Ann Whitaker of Gruver; and temporary resident, Altha Townsend Kirk.

Apologies are extended to City Patrolman Steve Schmidt-Witcher whose name was misspelled in this column last week. One can only hope that he doesn't retaliate by writing one's name correctly on a traffic ticket.

Sure sorry, Officer, Sir.

An ideal vacation was that that just ended for Gloria and Don Knox - exploring places they hadn't been - seeing sights they hadn't seen.

Week before last they drove to Kerrville after a short stay with son David and family at Hart. After seeing and enjoying the beautiful area of Kerrville and Fredricksburg and places of historical interest, they drove to Austin, then San Antonio.

They explored it thoroughly, on local tours, on foot, by cab - seeing all the missions, the Alamo, the Tower of the Americas, the River Walk - and many more.

The leisurely, restful week was marred by the sudden but serious illness of Don which required a short hospital stay, but he recovered and the next day resumed their sight-seeing. The Knoxes were impressed and grateful for all the considerations of the police, cab drivers and tour guides.

A surprising coincidence occurred at Sea World when they ran across Dr. David McClellan and family. Dr. David, now of Temple, was in San Antonio attending a medical conference.

On last Saturday the Knoxes stopped in Odessa and helped son Danny and family celebrate little four year old Julie's birthday, and came home late Sunday.



Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cook of Spearman announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelly Ann, to Ronald Schadegg, son of Mary L. Schadegg of Breese, Ill. The bride-elect is a graduate of Spearman High School and is attending Panhandle State University. The prospective groom attended Southern Illinois University and graduated from Panhandle State University. He is presently the sports editor at the Borger News Herald. A January 5 wedding is planned, and the couple will reside in Borger.



Jerry and Jackie Womble of Morse announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Cindy DeAnn, to Timothy Morgan Buechner, son of George and Carol Buechner of Parkersberg, W.Va. The bride-elect is a 1987 graduate of Spearman High School and is a recent graduate of Common Wealth College of Virginia, where she was graduated summa cum laude in travel and hospitality management. She is the granddaughter of Dora Womble of Spearman. The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Parkersberg South High School and in October was honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force, where he was named 1989 Airman of the Year. He is presently employed by Sentara Medical Corporation. The couple plans a Dec. 27 wedding, set for 7 p.m. at Morse Baptist Church. They plan to reside in San Antonio.

Lions open fund

The annual Coat and Shoe Fund to benefit the youths of Girlstown, U.S.A. is again being conducted by the Lions Clubs of District 2-T1.

The Coat and Shoe Fund, established in 1969, began with the promise that every Girlstown girl would receive a coat and a pair of shoes. This year, close to 100 girls from the campuses of Borger and Whiteface will be in Amarillo Nov. 16 and 17 to again shop for clothing made possible by the Lions of the Panhandle area.

Because of a generous discount from Mervyn's Department Store in Westgate Mall, the Lions are able to make their dollars go further. Each girl will be given a credit limit with which to buy clothing needed for chapel, school or social wear. They will be assisted in their shopping by Lions Club members, their spouses, and staff members from Girlstown.

Serving his fifth term as chairman of the Coat and Shoe Fund is Keith Christie of Dumas. While

most contributions come directly from the Lions, other gifts arrive from friends who wish to help the girls directly. "Every penny received is used toward the purchase of girls' clothing," Christie said.

Since 1987, Girlstown has been affiliated with Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. According to Board President Ted Lokey, "The Coat and Shoe Fund has become a meaningful way of providing happiness at Christmastime, and we are fortunate to have this support from the Lions and others who help."

As with a similar suit fund project for the Ranch's boys, the clothes for Girlstown's youths serve as a year-round reminder of the generosity of others. Contributions to the Girlstown Coat and Shoe Fund may be mailed to Keith Christie, Hartley Route, Box 4, Dumas, Texas 79029. Gifts may also be mailed to Girlstown, U.S.A., P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, Texas 79174.

Satellite Center has arts, crafts festival

PERRYTON - The Perryton Satellite Arts and Crafts Committee will sponsor the 20th annual Satellite Arts and Crafts Festival Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 and 18.

More than 200 booths will feature handmade items, from a six state area. The Festival will be open Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Food and refreshments will be provided by Wheatheart Shrine Club. REACT will provide night

watch services. Lions Club will help with set-up, accounting and clean-up. These clubs have been helping with the Festival for years and have always done an excellent job.

The Satellite Center, a sheltered workshop for adults with mental retardation, will receive 10 percent from the total table sales. The funds collected from the sale will help support the Satellite Workshop activities, and operation of the workshop.

Spearman menu

- HIGH SCHOOL MENU**
November 12 - 16
- Monday-Beef Stew, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Salad Bar, Cake, Milk
 - Tuesday-Pizza Casserole, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Salad Bar, Bread Sticks, Milk
 - Wednesday-Sloppy Joes, Salad Bar, Sweet Potato Pie, Orange Juice, Milk
 - Thursday-Hot Turkey Sandwich or Turkey Pot Pie, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Milk
 - Friday-Hamburger, Fries, Salad Bar, Cookie, Milk
- Jr. High/Elementary Menu**
- Monday-Beef Stew, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Purple Plums, Cake, Milk
 - Tuesday-Pizza Casserole, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Sliced Carrots, Bread Sticks, Pudding, Milk
 - Wednesday-Sloppy Joes, Fresh Vegetables with Ranch Dressing, Sweet Potato Pie with Whipped Topping, Orange Juice, Milk
 - Thursday-Hot Turkey Sandwich with Gravy, Green Beans, Bread Slice, Pears, Milk
 - Friday-Hamburger-elementary,

Turkey Fritter on a Bun, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Cookie, Milk

Panhandle Events

ALL STAR KIDS - AMARILLO

An "All Star" children's pageant is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Amarillo Kingston Hotel. Competition is open to both boys and girls in the baby division (age 0-35 months) and boys and girls ages 3-18. Information and entry forms can be obtained by calling (806) 354-9411 or (214) 494-4299.



THANK YOU

The family of Jo Ella Jones would like to express sincere thanks for everything which was done for her during her many hospital stays and after her death.

The many prayers offered on her behalf, and ours, were strength for all of us. We will always cherish the Christian love and support we received.

Thank you to the many people who loved Jo Ella and to those who called, sent cards, flowers, and food so many times. To all the members of First Baptist Church, Laureate Gamma Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and Holt Extension club, thank you. All the acts of caring and sympathy are sincerely appreciated.

A special thank you goes to Rev. Russ Gibbs and Vicki, the members of First Baptist Church Choir, and all the others who made the memorial celebration of Jo Ella's life a beautiful and comforting service for all of those she loved.

Sincerely
Billy J. Jones
Sherry & Bruce McGinnis
Angela & John
Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kelley
& family
Mrs. Willie Brackett

Hospital notes

- Thursday, November 1**
Admissions: Sherman Johnson
Dismissals: None
- Friday, November 2**
Admissions: None
Dismissals: Sherman Johnson
- Saturday, November 3**
Admissions: None
Dismissals: None
- Sunday, November 4**
Admissions: William Innis, Clara Shieldknight, Agustin Munoz

- Dismissals: Evelyn Mackie
- Monday, November 5**
Admissions: None
Dismissals: Agustin Munoz, Clara Shieldknight
- Tuesday, November 6**
Admissions: Elsie Watley
Dismissals: None
- Patients in the hospital are Elsie Watley, William Innis and Marguerite Jenkins.

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There is so much pain and heartache when you lose a loved one. You feel so helpless and numb, but in Spearman you never feel lost or alone.

The family of Virgil Lee Reynolds would like to thank each and every person who came by and or brought food, phone calls, their prayers and sent cards.

The sorrow is great but it's somehow eased by the thoughtfulness, care and love from all the wonderful friends of Spearman.

The family of Virgil Lee Reynolds

- Lyla & Kristy Reynolds
- Cecil & Ellen Reynolds
- Becky & Tasha Hall
- Katherine & Mark Coventry
- Mattie Reynolds
- Atta Lou Chisum

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On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

Say! Did you see the T.V. show the other night where a national network camera crew secretly filmed the members of Congress while on pleasure/business trips paid for with the taxpayers money? Seems like the pleasure hours far surpassed hours spent on business unless it was with the lobby people trying to gain some favors. Of course, we know all this goes on and will continue as long as we sit back and don't get involved with protesting.

Since we are having elections this week, I thought I would throw a little "exam" at you and see how knowledgeable we really are. These mainly refer to presidential elections etc.

1. How often is a presidential election held and how is the date determined each year for such an election?

2. True or False. If a person is at least 21 years old, he or she is eligible to seek the office of president.

3. Who is next in line for office if the president and vice-president are unable to perform their duties?

Well, my "first" of November started our month off with a big bang and we are going from bad to worse (as usual). M.H. had a big chunk of skin cancer cut out just below his eye and to go along with the first snow of the season, our hot water heater went out over the weekend and then the belt broke on my vacuum cleaner. If this keeps up, I'll not be ready for Christmas until next Valentine's Day. Anyhow, speaking of cancer, are you getting ready for the Great American Smokeout sponsored by the American Cancer Society for November 15? Also, do you remember that I reported that almost \$3,000 has been used for Hansford Co. patient services over the past year from money donated to ACS by residents of Hansford County?

I hope all of you are through with harvest and are getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving. Gruver is already having visitors and we are happy to welcome Winson and Del Heath here for a few days. They are here to conduct some business and attend the gospel meeting going on at the Church of Christ. Both of them are enjoying their life over in Missouri and are staying pretty

busy.

Another frequent visitor, Velma Renner, is enjoying a few days with son B.J. and Glenda. Speaking of Renners, one of our favorite Marine's was assigned the job of body guard to President Bush in Hawaii recently. Tough assignment but after all someone has to do it and Ross Renner just takes these jobs in stride (probably never even complained of making the long trip).

The Keith Millers have had his sister Mary Ratliff from Amarillo as guest this past weekend.

UMC had as guests Harry Burton-Lewis and three co-workers from Japan for pot-luck supper and a program about mission work in Japan. These three men pastor Methodist churches - Mr. Yoshida is in Ushiku, Mr. Niwa, pastor at Mitsukaido and Mr. Kawamata pastors a small congregation in Shimodate.

Several of our sick people have been able to return home or are in the process of coming home. Those known are Reta Gross, Marilyn Gains, Carolyn Hicks and Will Evans. Rosemary McKee has begun chemotherapy treatments and will be taking them every 21 days for a series of four plus the medication tamoraphen. Steven Fry, son of Margaret and Ed Fry has been diagnosed as having diabetes and was hospitalized in order to get his insulin regulated. My Dad, Arthur Cox of Purcell, Okla. also is now being treated as having diabetes. Amanda Taylor, daughter of Victor and Kathy Taylor has been in the Perryton hospital being treated for ulcer problems. Hopefully, she will be able to come home soon.

Weldon and Elene Green made a trip to Abilene for ACU Homecoming. While there, they had a chance to visit Mittie, Ron and other classmates. Ronnie Williams also made a trip to Abilene accompanied by Stacy Williams and Trent Seagler.

Florence Kruse has also been a patient in Perryton Hospital but expected to be released Sunday or Monday. Debbie Chisum remains there at Perryton but I was able to visit a few minutes with her and she seemed pretty chipper to me.

Spivey stage manager for PSU production

GOODWELL, OKLA.—The Panhandle State University Drama Department will perform "Greater Tuna" as their fall production. Auditions were held Sept. 24 and rehearsals began Sept. 26. The play will be performed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8 and 9 in the Hughes-Strong Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m.

"Greater Tuna" is an off-Broadway production directed by Brenda McClellan of Stratford, a Speech, Theater and Humanities instructor at PSU. The story satirizes the stereotypical denizens of the third smallest town in Texas, "Tuna." Steven Smith, freshman from Friona, plays Thurston Wheelis, a not-very bright dee jay of the radio station OKKK. The second not-so bright dee jay is Arles Struvie, played by Greg Crane, senior from Springfield, Colo.

Cast members from Oklahoma included Sonja Manning, sophomore from Goodwell; Aron Dillahunt, junior from Goodwell; Robyn Woolman, Junior from Boise City; and Jackie Mathis, freshman from Guymon. Cast members from Texas are Jeff Hunt, sophomore from Dalhart; Darby Norman, sophomore from Amarillo; and Brenda Sale, freshman from White Deer. From Ulysses, Kan., Paula Sue Wayland, senior, will also be performing in

the play. Behind-the-scenes members are critical to every production. The stage manager is Annita Spivey, senior from Gruver; and the crew includes Chad Hughes, freshman from Keyes, Okla.; Carla Farrand, junior from Fort Supply, Okla.; Dee Ann Carter, sophomore from Keyes, Okla.; Shawna Hooley, freshman from Texhoma, Okla.; Kelly Purvine, freshman from Taloga, Okla.; Richard Hein, sophomore from Dalhart; Tommy Roger, junior from Perryton; Rosalva Anaya, freshman from Bovina; Sacora Belknap, freshman from Perryton; Christi Wood, junior from Plainview; and B.J. Smith, freshman from Ulysses, Kan.

McClellan said, "Everyone that is familiar with small town life, has an 'Aunt Pearl' or a 'Judy Buckner' in his or her assortment of strange relatives, will recognize kinfolk and maybe even himself as these characters come to life. If you need a laugh come and see our production of 'Greater Tuna.'" Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.



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Hospice month in Gruver declared

November was recently proclaimed "National Hospice Month" in Gruver by Gruver Mayor Keith Gibson. The proclamation signed by Gibson was entered on the official minutes of the City of Gruver Nov. 5.

The proclamation declares "Whereas, dedicated men and women who provide hospice care help terminally ill patients to face a natural death without feeling alone and unprepared.

Whereas, these programs are helping to ensure that hospice care remains a positive, viable alternative for terminally ill individuals

of their loved ones.

Now, therefore be it resolved, the Gruver Commission joins with President Bush in proclaiming the month of November, 1990 as National Hospice Month, and to encourage recognition of and support for hospice care in Gruver and the region."

Hospice Certified patient care volunteers in Gruver are Carolyn Hicks and Jo Alice Clawson. Those in class or doing clinical training include Evi Meyer, Linda Venturian, Opal Wallin, Trixie Holt, Georgia Holt and Marilyn Hart.



(photo by Joy Henderson)

Gruver Mayor Keith Gibson signs a proclamation declaring November to be "National Hospice Month" in Gruver. Looking on as he signs the document are hospice volunteers (l-r) Opal Wallin, Marilyn Hart, Trixie Holt, Jo Alice Clawson and Evi Meyer.

Houndsound band competes in contest

by Gretchen Lowder

The Gruver High School "Houndsound" Band competed in the 1990 UIL Marching Band Contest Saturday, Oct. 27 in Borger stadium, and received a good rating in a difficult contest.

This year the band, under the direction of director Todd Parker, received a division 3 at Borger, the same rating as last year. At marching contest last year, however, a 3 was the lowest rating given, while this year several 4s were given.

The band members felt good about their performance Saturday and the majority felt that a division 3, coming from this year's panel of judges, was nothing to be ashamed of. "We've done better this year than we have in the past," said Brice Goldsmith, one senior band member. Another senior in the band commented, "Unfortunately, band contest is a one-shot deal. In athletics you can have a bad day, or a bad play, but at contest, you get one chance to do it. There's no second chance."

Students in the band are not letting their ratings at contest diminish their feelings of accomplishment. They have listened closely to the judges' comments on tuning and blending problems which often accompany such a young band, and are hoping to use the criticism in a constructive way so that they will be prepared for future contests this year and in the

years to come.

The band is planning to attend Solo and Ensemble Contest in February and Concert Band Contest in April. With what they have learned from this experience, the band is looking forward to those contests and expects to continue to grow and improve.

Many people in Gruver have commented on the band's improvement this year, and are surprised by the performances on the field. The band members feel that they have received much more support from the town than in the past, and even the younger children are looking up to the high school band and planning to be a part of it in the future. The 5th, 6th and 7th grade band members supported the band at contest, and many of the high school band members were grateful for the encouragement.

The band has also begun their magazine sale. If enough funds are raised, they will be taking a trip this May to attend a band festival competition. The students are excited about the opportunity and have already begun to sell in the hope of having the "biggest band trip yet."

The Gruver High School Band is proud of the accomplishments they have made so far and have high expectations for the remainder of the school year. One band member commented, "I think in the near future that Gruver High School will have a band to be proud of."

Gruver Menu

- November 12 - 16
- Monday-Cheese sandwiches, tater tots, fruit, milk
 - Tuesday-Western burgers, corn, tossed salad, jello, milk
 - Wednesday-"Thanksgiving Dinner", turkey and dressing, carrots, mashed potatoes with gravy, apple cobbler, hot rolls, milk
 - Thursday-Stew, fruit, brownies, corn bread, milk
 - Friday-chili cheese dogs, french fries, fruit, chocolate chip cookies,

- milk
- Breakfast
- Monday-Cereal, fruit or juice
- Tuesday-Cowboy bread, fruit, peanuts, milk
- Wednesday-Blueberry muffins, fruit, peanuts, milk
- Thursday-Toast, peanut butter, jelly, fruit, milk
- Friday-Cinnamon rolls, fruit, peanuts, milk

Lookin' Back

5 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, Nov. 7, 1985
Danny, Earlene and Tiffany Cochran entertained at the Gruver Music Club.

10 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, Nov. 6, 1980
Jan Sratcher was awarded honorable mention for a poem entered in a contest sponsored by the Poetry Pageant Press of Albuquerque, N.M. There were 10 winners and 70 honorable mentions

from the entries from across the United States.

15 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, Nov. 6, 1975
The 1975 senior play "Seventeenth Summer" included the following cast members. Tina Clawson, Jeanette Schad, Kelly Hadley, Tami Miller, Clara Grotetgut, Nanelle McCloy, Monty Cassidy, David Beville, David Andersen, Brian McMellian, and Scott Barkley.

November 15... Smokeout set

AUSTIN--American Cancer Society volunteers around the state are readying efforts to challenge smokers to "Leave the Pack Behind" during the Society's 14th Annual Great American Smokeout November 15.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the Great American Smokeout is a fun-filled, light-hearted celebration held each year on the third Thursday in November to encourage smokers and tobacco users to quit the habit for 24 hours. The effort is the largest health promotion event in the country.

Last year's Smokeout triggered 10.5 percent of the nation's smokers—5.2 million Americans—to give up cigarettes for 24 hours. One to three days later, according to a Gallup poll, 3.9 million were still abstaining from tobacco. According to the poll, 17.9 million smokers participated in the Smokeout by quitting or cutting down for the day.

Judy Oskam, Austin, chairman of the Texas Smokeout campaign, said, "The American Cancer Society is hoping this fourteenth annual Great American Smokeout will help smokers across the state to stop smoking. We especially are working to help women, teens and underserved populations quit their tobacco habits."

The Smokeout helps advance the Society's ongoing battle against cancer. "Smoking is responsible for 87 percent of lung cancer cases, and that means 87 percent are preventable by choosing not to smoke," Oskam explained. "We hope at least one in five Texas smokers will join the Smokeout this year. Texans could make a big step toward better health on November 15."

To reach out to smokers across the state, Texas volunteers are pulling out all stops to encourage tobacco users in their communities to participate in the Great American Smokeout, Oskam said.

"Each year, the Smokeout grows more successful in involving tobacco users in the day's activities," Oskam said. "In Texas, the Smokeout is a winner because we have hundreds of American Cancer Society volunteers in large and small communities around the state working to make sure that the Smokeout day is filled with fun, exciting and supportive events."

For more information about the hazards of tobacco, or for more information about local Great American Smokeout activities, contact your local American Cancer Society office. For tips on quitting, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

Ask Bob Bullock

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Lynx try for state playoff spot Friday

The Lynx varsity football team will have a lot riding on their last game of the season with Stratford Friday night. If they win or tie the game they will have a spot in the post season state tournament. If they win, the Lynx will have a possible district championship.

According to coach Don Mullins, if the Lynx can at least tie Stratford they will finish in the second spot for district and will play the first place finisher in District 2-AA. If the Lynx win they could be district champs, if Boys Ranch beats West Texas at Stinnett. Otherwise, it's second place.

If the Lynx should lose to Stratford they could still get into the playoffs on a coin toss if Boys Ranch loses to West Texas. But Mullins doesn't want to think about that.

Mullins listed three keys for a Lynx victory on Friday night. The first is to keep the ball out of Stratford's hands. The second is for the Lynx to score early and force Stratford out of their regular game plan. Finally, on defense the Lynx need to stop Stratford's "cloud of dust and three yards offense."

Mullins elaborated on his first key by saying the Lynx offense needs to control the ball. In order to do this, Mullins said, the Lynx have been working this week on having quarterback Khris Kelp rolling out and making short passes. Mullins feels this increased passing, along with good running from backs Tim Dooley and Brian Beck, will help the Lynx offense stay on the field and keep the Stratford offense off the field. He also stated that this increase in passing might enable the

Lynx to get some early scores.

When the Stratford offense does get the ball, Mullins feels it is important that the Lynx defense control the line of scrimmage. He stated that Stratford's standard offense is to run their backs off tackle on the right side of their line, and move down the field a few yards at a time. Mullins stressed that the Lynx defensive line must control the right side of the Stratford line, allowing the linebackers to stop the runners at the line of scrimmage.

When the ball is kicked off at 7 p.m. Friday at Lynx Stadium, there will be a lot riding on the outcome for both teams.

Fishing For Results?



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8th, 7th and JV games . . .

Spearman takes best of three

by Bob Bort

The Spearman Lynx and the Gruver Greyhounds got together for three games Thursday evening November 1 in Gruver, and it was the Lynx who came away with two victories out of three games played.

In the 8th grade game, the question was, do you take speed or power in a running back? The answer Thursday was the awesome speed and quickness of Radar Garcia over the brute power and strength of Aaron Frick. The Lynx jumped out to a 22-0 lead in the first half, thanks largely to the running of Garcia, who racked up 244 yards on 19 carries for the game. In addition, Garcia caught two first-half passes from Lynx field general Chad Wilkerson, good for 36 yards.

Meanwhile, Aaron Frick started the Hounds on the comeback trail with 2 seconds left in the first half, when he tossed a gorgeous 30 yard spiral on the halfback pass to Ryon Atwood, and the Hounds trailed 22-6 at halftime.

Frick is a strong running back, and he carried the ball 31 times for 224 yards, to bring the Hounds back to a 22-22 tie. When Grant Odom recovered an onside kick with a little over four minutes left in the game, it looked like the Hounds would be victorious. But penalties backed them up, and again the brilliant speed of Radar Garcia came through. He scored two touchdowns in the last minute of the ball game, one on a beautiful 55 yard interception and return, that he snatched out of the air with one hand. Victory to the 8th grade Lynx, 36-22.

Unlike that ball game, the 7th

grade game was a defensive struggle all the way. The Lynx dominated the first half statistics, with three drives deep into Gruver territory, but as has been the case all year, the Gruver defense stopped the opposition short of points. Spearman quarterback Martin Sanders directed two of those drives to the 5 yard line, but the passing game failed them, as Gruver flooded the area with defensive backs.

The second half belonged to the Hounds. The Hounds started a long drive late in the 3rd quarter, that would turn out to be a 10-play, 76 yard drive for the only touchdown of the game. The last play of the drive started out of the Power-I formation, Max Frick, the I-back passed the ball down the field on a 34-yard play to a wide-open Daniel Bort, who carried the ball the last 20 yards or so into the end zone. Hounds win, 6-0.

A Sammy Renteria interception ended a last ditch Lynx effort. For the game, the Hounds Wylee Maupin carried 7 times for 65 yards, and the Lynx Phillip Sanders carried 11 times for 62 yards.

In the junior varsity game, it was a Lynx rout. Quarterback Toby Thompson directed a near-flawless rushing attack, and Spearman overwhelmed Gruver 36-8. Spearman running backs Brandon Vanderburg and Lonny Gallegos were a tandem to behold! Vanderburg had 166 yards on 19 carries, but Gallegos outdid him by one yard, with 17 carries for 167 yards. Both backs broke out with some very long runs.

Hounds field general Jeffrey Price completed 5-11 passing, with three of those catches by Kenton Odom. Running backs Raul Villegos and Victor Lopez had good ball games, but Hound turnovers frustrated Gruver more than once. Villegos had 131 yards on 21 carries, and Lopez had 84 yards on 9 carries, but those statistics didn't translate into very many points on

the scoreboard.

Here are the scoring summaries:

LYNX	7	0	0	0	0	-	0
HOUNDS	0	0	0	6	-	6	

G-Daniel Bort 34 pass fm Max Frick (run failed) 3:53 4Q
 LYNX 8 8 14 0 14 - 36
 HOUNDS 0 06 8 08 - 22
 S-Wilkerson fumble covered in end zone (Radar Garcia run) 6:27 1Q
 S-Garcia 4 run (pass failed) 6:38 2Q
 S-Garcia 40 run Justin Arnold pass fm Wilkerson 4:38 2Q
 G-Ryon Atwood 30 pass fm Aaron Frick (pass failed) 0:00 2Q
 G-Frick 41 run (Frick pass fm Rosalio Arreola) 2:04 3Q
 G-Frick 1 run (Frick run) 4:27 4Q

S-Garcia 10 run (run failed) 0:37 4Q

S-Garcia 55 interception return (Garcia run) 0:18 4Q

LYNX JV 8 6 8 14 - 36

HOUNDS 0 0 0 08 - 08

S-Lonny Gallegos 1 run (Brandon Vanderburg run) 3:10 1Q

S-Vanderburg 79 run (pass failed) 9:18 2Q

S-Clay Scribner 24 pass fm Toby Thompson (Gallegos run) 1:39 3Q

S-Gallegos 23 run (pass failed) 8:59 4Q

S-Vanderburg 41 run (Bob Shields pass fm Thompson) 5:04 4Q

G-Raul Villegos 28 run (Kenton Odom pass fm Jeffrey Price) 3:29 4Q

Winter snow, ice pose special hazards

There's nothing more beautiful than a fresh blanket of new-fallen snow. Unless, of course, you're driving in it. Winter snow and ice pose special problems for even the most experienced driver, and are more hazardous than most people realize. Major Vernon Cawthon, commander of the Department of Public Safety's Region Five, said, "Safe winter driving, when it's all said and done, is largely the application of common sense to some basic driving facts."

The Department of Public Safety offers the following winter driving precautions:

The mistake that breeds the most trouble is too much speed on slippery roads. We must adjust our driving habits to fit the weather and road conditions. Trips on icy roads are going to take longer, so we need to face the facts, don't be in a hurry. If the road is covered with ice or snow, start your vehicle moving slowly and gently. When stopping, apply the brakes lightly and much earlier than usual. When turning, slow your speed and turn

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When the temperature drops to near freezing, roads may hold only water, but ice can quickly form on bridges and overpasses. With no soil as insulation, a bridge is five to six degrees colder than the road and freezes faster. Try not to accelerate, change lanes, or brake while crossing a bridge or overpass under these conditions.

Icy roads, also, call for more driving preparation. Before you drive, completely clean your windows - front, rear, and side. Don't peephole drive!

Bags of sand or kitty litter can be helpful, if stuck on snow or ice. Throw handfuls of either under the tires to get the traction you need to pull away from an icy patch.

As an added caution, don't use cruise control, if your car has that option. The reason being, if you hit ice with your cruise engaged, your speed and the danger will increase.

Avoid any travel during icy weather, unless absolutely necessary. But, if you must drive, prepare for possible emergencies. Keep a shovel, blankets, flares, a flashlight, ice scraper, and gloves stored in your car. If you do become stranded, stay in your car. Run your motor for only 10 minutes out of each hour. Make sure your exhaust is clear of snow and keep a window cracked open while running your engine to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

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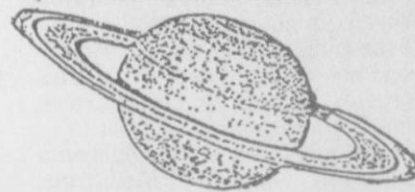
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After 6-0 win . . . Playoff hopes still alive

by Bob Bort
"It was not a very well-played football game, by either side - we were fortunate to win."

Those are the comments of Hounds head coach David Steele made Saturday after the Hounds had travelled to Claude to meet the Mustangs in a football skirmish Friday, Nov. 2. The Hounds prevailed with a fourth quarter touchdown, winning 6-0.

"It was a very big win for us though, and keeps our playoff hopes alive," Coach Steele said. "We have to beat Booker, and however they settle a tie, we will live with it as long as we beat the Kiowas," Coach Steele added. "Then we will have done our best."

Geronimo Ortega scampered 11 yards for the one touchdown, with key blocks from J.J. Renteria and Marty McCloy. Claude had turned the ball over to Gruver inside the 25, to set up the game winning drive. Claude had five turnovers.

"There was not a lot of offense in the game, but there was a lot of good defense," Coach Steele com-

mented. "For most of the game it was three downs and punt for both teams."

Gruver's awesome defense sacked the Claude QB eight times.

The Hounds are now 3-6, 2-2 in district play. If they beat Booker and Shamrock beats Claude as expected, then the Hounds, Kiowas and Irish will finish tied with 3-2 records. Wheeler is unbeaten and the District 1-A champion.

As always in the case of ties, there will be some hard feelings as to how it is decided. District 1-AA (Spearman's district) would settle such a tie with a coin flip. But District 1-A (Gruver's district) has set rules for breaking a three-way tie. They are complicated, however, and even Coach Steele is not sure of all the angles.

Suffice it to say that if Gruver beats Booker by 10 points or more and outgains the Kiowas in first downs, then Gruver would put themselves in a position to be the "choice."

If all procedures, score-penetrations-first downs, come out

without a clear choice, then a coin flip may yet decide the tie.

It should be pointed out, however, there is not yet a tie, and Gruver still must beat the Kiowas, who will be solid favorites over the Hounds. First things must come first.

Here are the stats:
G 0 0 0 6 - 6
C 0 0 0 0 - 0

G-Geronimo Ortega 11 yard run (kick failed)

GRU	CLD
9	8
124	76
29	46
153	122
4	6
18	16
1	1
8-32	6-38
1-1	5-4
7-55	5-40
Rushing yards: Geronimo Ortega 32 carries 65 yards	
Quarterback Sacks (8): Geronimo Ortega - 3; Carey Kaufman - 3; Max Davis - 1; Billy Crawford - 1.	

On to state . . . Lady Hounds finish third

by Bob Bort

"We're not happy with the regional results at all," states Lady Hounds cross country head coach D.D. Bradshaw, after the Gruver ladies finished third to Nazareth and Irion County at the Regional Meet at Lubbock Saturday, Nov. 3. She goes on, "We are ranked number one, and we should have finished first. We were physically ready, but not mentally ready."

Cora Meyer ran an outstanding race, finishing third with a time of 13:01. But three Nazareth girls stayed fairly close to each other, and finished ahead of the next Lady Hounds runners. That is where Coach Bradshaw will focus a change in strategy for the State Meet at Georgetown, just outside of Austin, this Saturday, Nov. 10.

"It is now a grudge match between Gruver and Nazareth," says Coach Bradshaw. "We beat them at regionals last year, then they beat us at state. We will try to reverse that this year. I am going to have Brendy, Elda and Kasey pick a name and focus in on beating

each of those three Naz girls, and we are going to win at state. Irion County just slipped in at regional, but we are going to have to focus on taking care of Nazareth and those three girls who finished 6th, 7th and 11th."

Coach Bradshaw continues, "It was cold, but it was cold for everyone. Maybe it is better for this to happen now, so we can prepare better - mentally - for state. We will have to run a hard first mile to stay up with those three Naz girls that we couldn't catch at Lubbock, and then gut it out for the remainder of the race. We only have 5 to 7 seconds to make up in order to finish as State Champs, and I know we can do it."

Here are the team standings and individual results:

TEAM STANDINGS	
1. Nazareth	60
2. Mertzon-Irion County	67
3. Gruver	81

4. Claude	127
5. Guthrie	150
6. Anton	179
7. Balmorhea	264
8. Munday	273
9. Sudan	275
10. Roscoe	275
11. Texline	279
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INDIVIDUAL	
3. Cora Meyer	13:01
19. Brendy Brown	13:55
20. Elda Pando	13:55
23. Kasey Davis	13:42
35. Meredith Runyon	14:06
41. Monica Ward	14:11
57. Jennifer Hart	14:38

GHS Basketball . . . Girls set for new year

by Bob Bort
The Gruver High School girls basketball teams had a rough year in 1989-90 but this is another year, and head coach Mike Banks sees the silver lining in this and in the years to come.

"Our number one goal this year is to win district," says Banks. He continues, "everybody in the district has nearly everyone back but us. Booker should be the favorite, and Follett and Darrouzett are going to be better. But we're definitely going to be better also."

Mike Banks graduated from Channing High School, and he is also a Texas Tech graduate. This will be his third year here in Gruver. He has been coaching 11 years now - he coached the boys at New Home, then was at Meadow High School for six years before coming to Gruver.

Gruver's varsity girls were 17-13 and district champions in 1988-89, then dropped to 10-19 last year and out of the playoffs. "Last year was a tough year for everyone," says Banks. He adds, "but this year our kids have put in a lot of time over the summer, and we will definitely be a better all-around shooting team."

"Our strengths will be hustle, desire, attitude and leadership," Banks predicts. He goes on, "we will also be a good shooting team. Our weakness, if you can call it one, will be the number of young girls - inexperience early in the season."

Banks will be the head coach, and D.D. Bradshaw will be back as assistant coach for her second year in Gruver. She will again coach the seventh grade and the junior varsity teams. Jim Davis, a veteran of

Gruver athletics, will coach basketball for the first time this year, taking care of the chores for the eighth grade team that finished 15-0 last year as seventh graders.

Returning from last year's varsity squad will be six girls, seniors Eva Babbs, Jennifer Hart and Marci Roberts; and sophs Holly Veneman, Traci Crawford and Cora Meyer. Then it will be up for grabs among the other girls eligible, with some freshmen in the competition. This year's freshmen group was a combined 28-2 over their two junior high years.

"They're going to be a good group," notes Banks, "and some of them could possibly contribute quickly. Some will step in this year. I expect it."

Banks initiated Gruver's first girls basketball camp the summer of 1989, and this past summer was his second camp. He had over 70 girls participate each year. "They will only get better and better," says Banks of the girls who have participated in his camps. "and I see a lot of good talent and progress our young kids will make into the future."

Banks has something special to look forward to this year with his incoming seventh graders. In 1988-89, the seventh graders lost one game; in 1989-90, they were 15-0. "Our seventh graders this year are going to be another good group," says Banks, "and they will make it three straight years of very good talent."

Banks notes that his girls have already been working toward the season since early September, with cross country and basketball drills. In early November, he hopes the girls will be ready to start a district championship season.

'Houndball' to be back

by Bob Bort

"I can't emphasize enough how excited I am about the upcoming basketball season," says Gruver High School boys head coach Tim Garland. "I have a group of kids who are going to work hard and continue the tradition of 'Houndball' that has made the past two seasons so successful."

Coach Garland, a graduate of New Deal High School and Texas Tech, has been at Gruver seven years. He served five years as understudy to former head coach Royce Blackshear (now at Perryton) and the past two years as head coach. Garland's two-year record at GHS is a stunning 58-9, with two straight regional tournament teams. He returns only three players from last year's team, but don't feel sorry for Tim Garland. The JV team was 21-1 last year.

"We had good kids these past two years, but I think we could be the big surprise this year," notes Garland. He adds, "Everyone is going to see who we lost and will think we are going to be down this year, but these kids this year are going to mature quickly."

Geronimo Ortega, Chris Spivey and J.J. Renteria, all seniors, are the only players returning. But Garland has high hopes for players such as Marty McCloy, Matthew Hoel, Chad Brown, Luke Miller, Trent Seagler, and Ryan Mathews from last year's outstanding JV team. There may be others. "We won't be able to go 14-15 deep like last year," says Garland, "but we could go 10 deep."

"Our major strengths will be

quickness in the guard position, which will cause the opposing defenses problems, and versatility. We will be able to play both the slow down game and the up-tempo ball game. We will be a more patient group than in the past couple of years."

According to Garland, "Our major weaknesses will be size and inexperience."

Garland adds in the same breath, however, "... the program is going like we want it to go, and I think we have the ability to make it back to Levelland and the regional tournament."

Garland also spoke about goals. "One goal is always to try to win district. We may not have the win-loss record that we have had in the past couple of years, but district is the only record that counts. That means something. Our ultimate goal would be to reach the state tournament in Austin."

Looking at the District 1-A competition, the Gruver coach sees it this way: "We ought to have a quality ball club." He adds, "Follett will be strong - they finished as runner-up last year - and Booker will be young, but they also could be strong."

Gruver plays a stretch of games in late December and early January that will give Coach Garland a good idea of how his team will fare this year. "We play in the Canadian Tournament, then Berger, then in the Stratford Tournament. Again, we play a tough schedule, so our record might not

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Hounds try massacre of favored Kiowas

by Bob Bort

Despite a series history that shows the Hounds in the lead 14-3-1 since 1958 in the 18 games these two teams have played, the Booker Kiowas will still be solid favorites. A victory would assure the Kiowas of second place in District 1-A and a playoff berth. A victory by the Hounds would probably create a three-way tie among Gruver-Shamrock-Booker, and then it will be up to the powers-that-be to break the tie.

The feeling is that if Gruver beats Booker by 10 points or more and leads in first downs, the Hounds will have put themselves in the position to be the playoff "choice," based on the district's tie-breaking procedures. But nothing is certain.

The Kiowas, under head coach Ron Pinckard, have had a surprisingly good year. They were 4-5 last year, and picked to finish fifth of the six teams in District 1-A this year. This year the Kiowas were 3-2 in non-district competition and 3-1 in 1-A competition thus far, losing only to district champion Wheeler while beating Claude, Shamrock and Memphis.

Pinckard is in his eighth year at Booker, and he has been in coaching 18 years. He graduated from Follett High School and Northwestern Oklahoma State at Alva.

Prior to the season, Pinckard jokingly downplayed the Kiowas' chances this year, saying they

would be in the position to play spoiler. He is obviously a good coach who knew all along they had a legitimate chance to make the playoffs, especially with returning running back Rafael Tudon, who has been outstanding this year. He may be the best back the Hounds will have faced all year, and that is saying something, when you consider the Stratford backs.

Other top players for the Kiowas are quarterback Chad Phillips; fullback Brady Miller; receiver-defensive back Jose Tudon; guard-linebacker Kyle Hughes; and center-tackle Travis Floyd.

Last year the Hounds had a surprisingly easy time with Booker in Gruver, winning by 28-7 count. The Kiowas will have that game on their mind when they come to Greyhound Stadium this Friday, and revenge will be a factor.

The Hounds will still be nursing some nagging injuries in their game with Booker Friday, Nov. 9. Crockett Tidwell and Dan McCloy have ankles twisted and Billy Crawford has a shoulder injury.

Whichever of the three teams, Gruver-Booker-Shamrock, wins the playoff berth this week, the following week will be something to consider. The second place playoff team from District 1-A plays the District champion from District 2-A - is none other than the powerful, third-ranked Farwell Steers, with their awesome offense.

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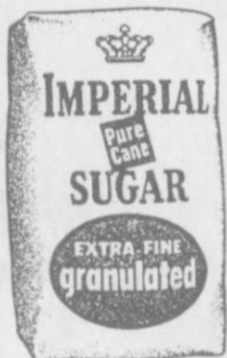
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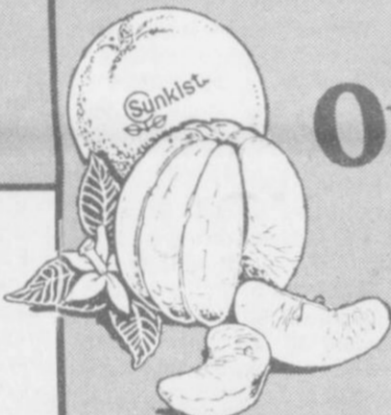
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the personal touch

Karen's Kozy Korner

by Karen Babitzke

1990 TREND

A major pattern catalog cover presents a major statement on the art of print dressing. The focus is on Vivella wool/cotton blends, Vivella Wool challis and the new scarf squares by-the-yard. Motifs are a rich cultural mix of Eastern-inspired prints and colors, including yarn-dyed tartans. The "feeling" is rich, dark, luxurious, toney, even a bit grandiose.

Have a Safe Halloween

Much of Halloween safety begins with everyday common sense. Review the following points of safety with your children and others who will be celebrating Halloween.

- Costumes should be made of flame-retardant materials. They should be large enough so that warm clothing can be worn underneath if it's cold outside.

- Be certain that costumes allow children to walk easily without tripping and entangling their feet.

- Children should wear comfortable, well-fitted shoes or sneakers. Do not let them wear mother's high heels.

- Use light colors, reflective tape or decals so that children are visible to night motorists.

- The mask should be properly ventilated with holes for nose and/or mouth and large eye-holes for good visibility.

- The elastic should be permanently attached to the mask, and there should be no sharp points on the ends of the elastic or the mask.

- Tell children to wear the mask on top of their heads when walking and pull it over their faces only when reaching their location.

Lap Travel Is Not Safe

Some parents think they can protect infants and young children from being injured by holding them in their laps. They cannot.

In a 30 mph crash, for example, a child may be thrown forward with a force equal to 30 times its own weight. If you are wearing a safety belt, the child can be torn from your arms and hurled into the dash or windshield. If you're not wearing a safety belt, both you and your child will fly forward with the probability that your child may be crushed between you and the dash.

Holding your child in your lap is not safe. The best way parents can protect children in automobiles is to buckle them up. Children need to have the crash forces spread more evenly over their fragile bodies, and that's what child safety seats do. They are fastened to the car by the safety belt already in your car, and in a crash they protect children from colliding with the car's interior. Remember to use a seat that fits the child, fits the car, and is fastened according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The safety of your children is your responsibility. Small children cannot decide for themselves to buckle up. They depend on their parents to protect them from harm, so buckle them up.

Can You Be Seen?

If you are involved in jogging, walking, or bicycling, think about the clothing you wear, not for looks but safety.

Accidents can happen because you cannot be easily seen by drivers of automobiles. It is especially critical for you to be seen at dusk or when it is dark. Also, remember foggy days limits a motorist's visibility.

Whether or not you can be seen depends on how much the colors in your clothing contrast and if you are wearing light colors. In addition, adding a small piece of reflective tape will make you more visible to others. Wear colors that contrast with the background you will be seen against.

During the day the color you wear is most important. Be sure to wear light colors, also these reflect light so you will feel cooler. Think about the colors that fire fighters and traffic control people wear—bright, bright yellow-green, bright orange or bright yellow. These colors can easily be seen, which is important in their line of work.

At night, wear colors that contrast with the dark of night.

If you don't have light or reflective color garments, buy some reflective tape to add to your "fitness" garments. You want to stay fit, but you also want to be safe. Wear highly visible clothing so you can be easily seen.

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SPS gets CEO

AMARILLO - The Board of Directors of Southwestern Public Service Company elected company President Bill D. Helton to the additional post of chief executive officer.

The board elected Senior Vice President Coyt Webb to the additional post of chief operating officer, which had been held by Helton. The board elected Executive Vice President Doyle R. Bunch II to the additional post of chief financial officer. It is the first time the board has designated a chief financial officer by title.

The officer changes are transitions preparing for the planned retirement next year of SPS Chairman of the Board W.R. Esler. Esler had been chief executive officer as well.

Helton was president and chief operating officer since 1989. He began with SPS in 1964 as a distribution design engineer. He subsequently held positions in marketing and in financial services. He was elected financial vice president in 1983, vice president of corporate services in 1986 and executive vice president in 1987.

Helton is a registered professional engineer and a graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is vice chairman of the Southwest Power Pool and a member of the board of directors of the North American Electric Reliability Council. He is a member of the boards of directors of the Amarillo and Texas chambers of commerce, and has held leadership positions in several civic and professional organizations.

Webb has been senior vice president and controller since 1986. He also is president of Quixx Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of

SPS. He began with SPS in 1964 as an auditor. He later was supervisor of internal auditing and then administrative assistant. He became SPS's director of accounting in 1979 and controller in 1980.

Webb is a certified public accountant and a graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is a member of the boards of directors of the Amarillo Credit Association and the Children's Rehabilitation Center, and is a member of the Amarillo Downtown Rotary Club.

Bunch has been executive vice president since 1987. He began with SPS in 1976 as executive assistant. He was elected assistant secretary and assistant treasurer in 1976, secretary and treasurer in 1979 and financial vice president in 1986.

Bunch is a certified public accountant and a graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is a director of the United Way of Amarillo and the Amarillo Symphony. He is a member of the Amarillo Executive Association, past president of Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Amarillo, and former director of the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Amarillo.

Bunch is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs.

Southwestern Public Service Company primarily provides electric service to a population of more than 1 million in a 52,000-square-mile area comprising eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Corporate headquarters is in Amarillo.

For the Short of it

by Bob Bort

Kudos to 7th grader Jason Ward! In my haste to put out a story on the Spearman-Gruver football games this past Thursday night, and in my excitement because my son Daniel had scored a touchdown, I completely missed a tremendous block thrown by Jason, number 85, which freed Daniel to score the touchdown. His name should have appeared in the article on the games, but I am putting it here in my column. I am not very skilled at catching key defensive blocks and tackles, but I shouldn't have missed the block by Jason Ward.

Here is some current information on Brian Hoel - a member of the Texas Tech Red Raiders football team. Brian was afforded quite an honor three weeks ago for the Arkansas game (a 49-44 Tech victory). Brian was selected as the defensive scout team player of the week, and he received a plaque at the team meeting.

The Red Raiders are eight deep at all positions, and Brian is the No. 5 player at cornerback. The top 4 players make up the travelling squad, so No. 5 through No. 8 make up what is known as the "scout teams." Brian, a sophomore academically, is in his first year of eligibility for football - he has three more years of eligibility after this one. As the No. 5 player at cornerback, Brian can expect some good things next year and in the years to come as a Red Raider. Brian is a 1989 GHS graduate.

The first down statistics in last week's Reporter-Statesman were incorrect - the official report after the game had Gruver with 19 and Shamrock with 18. That is important, because if Gruver now beats

Boys from page 7

look as good, but we will be ready for district season in January," notes Garland.

Beyond that, Garland says the strongest teams in the region will be Farwell, who steps down from AA; Spur and Paducah from the same district; Lorenzo; and Chillicothe, who returns all its starters from last year's regional team.

Tim Garland conducted the first-ever Gruver boys' summer basketball camp this year, and he notes that that will help the Gruver basketball program in the future as the kids get older.

"Work on the fundamentals helps the kids to try to better themselves," says Garland, but he notes, "It will be a few years before we start seeing the effect."

Besides head coach Tim Garland, the rest of the coaching staff includes Shane Reagan, who will be coaching the JV and the eighth grades, and Doug Frick, who will be coaching the seventh grade team.

The Houndball season is officially scheduled for tipoff with a home game against Miami on Nov. 13.

TEXAS
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New area code set

At 12:01 a.m. on Nov. 4, telephone customers in 200 Northeast Texas communities served by area code 214 began being served by the nation's newest area code-903.

Customers in Dallas and in 33 Metroplex municipalities immediately surrounding the city will continue to use the 214 area code.

"Programming to accommodate the new area code was activated at 12:01 a.m. on November 4, 1990," said James A. Spriggs, GTE Southwest vice president - general manager, northern operating unit. "Hopefully, most-if not all-of our business and residential customers who need to make modifications in their telephone equipment or service to accommodate the 903 area code have already done so. These modifications are needed so that features like Speed Dialing, Call Forwarding and Route Selection will continue to operate properly."

But the company has also taken precautionary steps to avoid call completion problems for customers who have not made these changes, Spriggs emphasized. "From November 4, 1990 to May 4, 1991, our switching equipment will still allow calls to the new 903 area code to be completed - whether the caller used the new, correct area code or the former 214 area code."

"This will allow customers additional time to make equipment and service changes, as well as to inform friends, relatives and business associates outside the new 903 area," Spriggs stressed. "After May 4, callers will not be able to complete calls to the new 903 area without dialing the correct area code. If they mistakenly use the former 214 area code, they will hear a recorded message instructing them to dial the new 903 area code."

Below is an alphabetical listing of the 52 GTE Southwest exchanges that were changed to the 903 area code on Nov. 4, 1990: Annona, Avinger, Beckville, Ben Wheeler, Blooming Grover, Bonham, Canton, Clarksville, Collinsville, Daringfield, DeKalb, Douglassville, Ector, Frost, Gilmer, Gladewater, Gordonville, Grand Saline, Gunter, Hallsville, Henderson, Howe, Hughes Springs, Jackson, Jackson-

ville, Kilgore, Leary, Leonard, Linden, Lone Star, Marietta, Mt. Vernon, Myrtle Springs, Naples, Nash, New Boston, New Summerfield, Oakland, Quitman, Rusk, Sherman, Sulphur Springs, Talco, Texarkana, Trenton, Turnertown, Van, Van Alstyne, Wake Village, Whitesboro, Winfield and Winnboro.

To further increase caller awareness of the area code change, notice was recently sent to media throughout Texas and in the surrounding states of Oklahoma and Arkansas. Additionally, the GTE Everything Pages Directories printed prior to November carry a reminder about the area code change on the covers.

GTE Southwest and 10 other local telephone companies who provide service in Northeast Texas announced early last year the need to add another area code to the region served by the 214 area code. The additional area code is needed because continued residential and business growth in the 214 area led to a shortage of available telephone number combinations.



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Sylvia Robertson, of the Hansford Historical Commission, holds the Hansford County Christmas ornament that will hang on the Christmas tree in the Governor's Mansion. The ornament was hand painted by Beth Phelps (r) and Ruth Bryan (l).

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185/80SR13	49.95	215/75SR15	66.95		
185/75SR14	52.95	225/75SR15	62.95		
195/75SR14	53.95	235/75SR15	69.95		

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Obituary

Jo Ella Jones
Jo Ella Jones, 54, died Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Mrs. Jones was born in Bennington, Okla. She had lived in the Spearman area for 15 years, moving from Eunice, N.M. She married Billy J. Jones in 1954 at Bennington. She was a former director of the Eunice Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and Laureate Gamma Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Survivors include her husband, Billy of the home; a daughter, Sherry McGinnis of Amarillo; her mother, Willie Brackett of Hobbs, N.M.; a sister, Ann Kelley of Hobbs, N.M.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Nov. 3 in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Russ Gibbs, pastor, officiating. Interment was in Holt Cemetery.



Employees at First State Bank of Spearman show their Halloween spirit by dressing in costume for work on October 31.

Lookin' Back

5 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, Nov. 7, 1985
The PSU Concert Choir is rehearsing for their fall semester concert. Jeff Burress of Spearman is a member of the tenor section.

10 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, Nov. 6, 1980
"Celebrate," under the direction of Travis Angel, presented a program at the Spearman Music Club.

20 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, Nov. 5, 1970
The Spearman High School debate team won top honors in a debate workshop at Muleshoe. Competing with 10 other schools, Spearman had the "Best Boys" and the "Best Girls" teams. Members of the winning teams were Camille Baggerly and Jean Porter and Buddy Dossett and Richard Tracy.

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Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor Director, PSBDC

The car slows to a crawl in front of the retail store as the driver peers intently at the building. The faded sign on the front is hard to read. The clutter of merchandise behind the streaked window and the huge sale signs posted everywhere make it impossible to tell if the store is open. There are weeds growing in the sidewalk and trash in the doorway. The car picks up speed as the driver pulls away.

Across town, a customer enters a small cafe. A cardboard sign says "Seat Yourself." The customer walks past several dirty and cluttered tables before finding a clean one in the corner. The customer sits down and looks around expectantly. Two waiters are talking near the kitchen door. One takes a deep pull on a cigarette and exhales a cloud of smoke before heading toward the customer's table. He hands the customer a soiled menu and sets down a glass of water with a lipstick smear on the rim. "What'll it be, Champ?" he says. The customer mumbles something about not being very hungry and heads for the door.

Pardon me, but your image is showing. In each of these situations potential revenues and profits were lost due to the image created by the business.

First Impressions
An important point in creating a positive image is the first impression a potential customer receives from your business. Many retailers spend large sums on advertising, while virtually ignoring the little things that contribute to a positive first impression.

To improve your image, begin with a simple evaluation of the outside of your business. Go across the street, walk up and down the sidewalk and try to look at your business objectively. Imagine that you are seeing it for the first time. Are you happy with the overall appearance? What things can be changed easily that would give your first impression a boost?

Some of the most common image problems have simple solutions. Weeds and grass can be removed

easily from sidewalks. Peeling paint, faded awnings, cluttered sidewalks and display windows are simple to remedy. Partially lighted signs with broken or missing panels can be repaired.

Outdoor signs should be readable from a distance of 100 to 200 feet. Signs should include your business name and indicate the type of business you operate.

If the initial impression of the business is bad enough, it may also be the customer's last impression. Your competitor will gain a customer.

The Inside Story
A visual inspection also should be made of the inside of your business. Eliminate cluttered entrances and displays. Clean windows and floors daily. Make certain the lighting is good. Cleaning exposed fluorescent bulbs can increase their candle power by as much as 25 percent. If you have public restrooms (and you should), they must be spotless. Once the customer enters your business, your personnel play a strong role in building a positive image. Each customer should be greeted with a smile and called by name, if possible. One successful retailer has a person stationed at the front door whose sole responsibility is to greet customers properly. If this method is important to Sam Walton, it should be important to you.

Over the years, significant research has been done to determine why people do business where they do. In survey after survey, the number-one reason that people return to a business is because of how they are treated. A courteous, friendly staff can pave the way to building a better business image.

There are two natural laws concerning potential customers. The first law states that customers always go where they get good value. The second law is that customers always go where they are treated well. Providing a clean, attractive appearance and courteous service will enhance the image that customers have of your business.

Police Files

A traffic accident resulted in injuries to a Spearman youngster Sunday, Nov. 4 at 3:45 p.m.

According to the Spearman Police Department, 7 year old Amanda Bowman of Spearman sustained a broken leg and abrasions while trying to stop a rolling vehicle.

The vehicle, a 1987 Chevrolet belonging to George Young of Spearman, was left running and occupied by Justin Bowman, age 3; and Amanda Bowman, age 7. The 3 year old put the car in gear and the 7 year old fell out trying to stop the car, according to the SPD. The vehicle struck a dumpster and a 1979 Chevrolet.

The girl was transported to Hansford Hospital and later transferred to a Pampa hospital, according to police.

Young was cited for failing to stop the engine of an unattended motor vehicle. Investigating officers were Alex Gonzales and Steve Schmidt-Witcher.

Officer Gonzales arrested a 23 year old male Oct. 30. The arrest was for outstanding DPS warrants, according to another SPD incident report.

Report of Condition

LEGAL TITLE OF BANK: First State Bank, PO Box 247, Spearman, Texas 79081
STATE BANK NO: 1107-37
FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO: 11 13 17844
CITY: Spearman, COUNTY: HANSFORD, STATE: Texas, ZIP CODE: 79081
CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE: September 30, 1990

ASSETS	Dollar Amounts in Thousands	Bil	Mill	Thou
1 Cash and balances due from depository institutions:				
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	2,345			1 a.
b. Interest-bearing balances	100			1 b.
2 Securities	36,392			2.
3 Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:				
a. Federal funds sold	-0-			3 a.
b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell	-0-			3 b.
4 Loans and lease financing receivables:				
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	26,803			4 a.
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	453			4 b.
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	-0-			4 c.
d. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)	26,350			4 d.
5 Assets held in trading accounts	-0-			5.
6 Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	1,197			6.
7 Other real estate owned	166			7.
8 Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	-0-			8.
9 Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	-0-			9.
10 Intangible assets	-0-			10.
11 Other assets	1,710			11.
12 a. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)	68,260			12 a.
b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)	-0-			12 b.
c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 12 a and 12 b)	68,260			12 c.
LIABILITIES				
13 Deposits:				
a. In domestic offices:				
(1) Noninterest-bearing	5,447			13 a (1)
(2) Interest-bearing	50,761			13 a (2)
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:				
(1) Noninterest-bearing	-0-			13 b (1)
(2) Interest-bearing	-0-			13 b (2)
14 Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:				
a. Federal funds purchased	-0-			14 a.
b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	-0-			14 b.
15 Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	-0-			15.
16 Other borrowed money	-0-			16.
17 Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	-0-			17.
18 Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	-0-			18.
19 Subordinated notes and debentures	764			19.
20 Other liabilities	-0-			20.
21 Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)	56,972			21.
22 Limited - In preferred stock and related surplus	-0-			22.
23 Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding)	-0-			23.
24 Common stock (No. of shares a. Authorized b. Outstanding)	200,000			24.
25 Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)	1,000			25.
26 a. Undivided profits and capital reserves	2,000			26 a.
b. LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities	8,351			26 b.
27 Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	53			26 c.
28 a. Total equity capital (sum of items 25 through 27)	11,288			28 a.
b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)	-0-			28 b.
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 28 a & 28 b)	11,288			28 c.
29 Total liabilities, limited - In preferred stock, equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28 c)	68,260			29.

MEMORANDA Amounts outstanding at Report Date

1. a. Standby letters of credit: Total 13 1 a.
b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1 a conveyed to others through participations -0- 1 b.

NOTE: This report must be signed by an authorized officer(s) and attested by not less than three directors other than the officer(s) signing the report. We, the undersigned officer(s), do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Robert C. Schnell, Assistant Vice President
DATE SIGNED: 11-5-90
NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: Robert C. Schnell, Assistant Vice President
AREA CODE/PHONE NO: (806) 659-5565

We, the undersigned directors, attest the correctness of this Report of Condition and declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with official instructions and is true and correct.

SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: [Signature]
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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1. An annual Janitorial Service Contract for City Hall and the Police Department; and
2. A Telephone System for the Fire and EMS Station.
The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.
All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope the type of bid enclosed.
Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the City Manager, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081. S02-2tc20.55

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF E.B. BOYD, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of E.B. BOYD were issued on 5 November, 1990, in Cause No. 1971, pending in the Probate Court of Hansford County, Texas, to:

CHARLENE SPIVEY
The residence of such Executrix is Gruver, Hansford County, Texas. The post office address is:
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HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT & WEST ARRINGTON) Hunton Arrington CJM, Inc., #10 West Turkey Track (3634 ac) 625' from North & 2425' from East line, Sec. 4, H&G, 10 mi NE from Stinnett, PD 8500' (Box 608, Canadian, TX 79014)

OCHILTREE (WILDCAT & HOCKING Lower Morrow) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #1A Albert '31' (653 ac) 933' from South & 1200' from East line, Sec. 31, 10, HT&B, 1 1/2 mi north from Booker, PD 8900' (Box 2267, Midland, TX 79703)

OCHILTREE (ELLIS RANCH & DUTCHER Cleveland) Hondo Oil & Gas Co., #4 J.H. Jines (654 ac) 1920' from North & 1150' from West line, Sec. 47, 43, H&TC, 14 mi SE from Perryton, PD 9900' (Box 2208, Roswell, NM 88202)

SHERMAN (WILDCAT & PALO DURO CREEK) Virgil Phillips Petroleum Co., #2 Drusilla (645 ac) 467' from South & 547' from West line, Sec. 6, 3-B, GH&H, 24 mi SE from Stratford, PD 4500' (Box 358, Borger, TX 79008)

SHERMAN (WILDCAT & PALO DURO CREEK Penn. Lime) Phillips Petroleum Co., #3 Wells 'A' (645 ac) 1320' from North & 2530' from East line, Sec. 9, 3-B, GH&H, 25 mi SE from Stratford, PD 5620'

Oil Well Completions

LIPSCOMB (TROSPER Tonkawa) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Trospen, Sec. 43, 14, H&TC, elev. 2457 gr, spud 8-26-90, drlg. compl 9-4-90, tested 10-18-90, pumped 10 bbl. of 41 grav. oil + 29 bbls. water, GOR 1000, perforated 6962-7014, TD 7135', PBTD 7096'

MOORE (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Comstock Oil & Gas, Inc., #1-41M Bivins, Sec. 41, 0-18, D&P, elev. 3636 rkb, spud 1-1-89, drlg. compl 1-6-89, tested 9-19-90, pumped 7 bbl. of 34.1 grav. oil + 13 bbls. water, GOR 8283, perforated 1994-2094, TD 2343', PBTD 2280'. Form 1 filed in Pacific Energy Supply Co.

MOORE (PANHANDLE Red Cave) Comstock Oil & Gas, Inc., #7-41M Bivins, Sec. 41, 0-18, D&P, elev. 3636 rkb, spud 5-24-88, drlg. compl 5-28-88, tested 9-19-90, pumped 5.5 bbl. of 28 grav. oil + 22.8 bbls. water, GOR 4545, perforated 2000-2172, TD 2400', PBTD 2345'. Form 1 filed in Baker & Taylor Drlg. Co.

ROBERTS (LIPS Cleveland) Hondo Oil & Gas Co., #10 Charles Lips, Sec. 2, 1, BBB&C, elev. 2805 gl, spud 8-20-90, drlg. compl 8-28-90, tested 10-5-90, pumped 16 bbls. of 37 grav. oil + 9 bbls. water, GOR 3000, perforated 7091-7152, TD 9200', PBTD 8480' - Plug-Back

Gas Well Completions

HANSFORD (HANSFORD Middle Morrow) OK-J&T Operating Co., Inc., #1 Banister, Sec. 33, 4-T, T&NO, elev. 3058 gr, spud 8-18-90, drlg. compl 9-3-90, tested 10-11-90, potential 2600 MCF, rock pressure 1381, pay 7488-7544, TD 7815'

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT) Mash Operating Co., #4-14 Mathers, Sec. 14, A-2, H&G, elev. 2979 kb, spud 6-12-90, drlg. compl 6-24-90, tested 9-24-90, potential 3400 MCF, rock pressure 1298, pay 4612-4664, TD 4908', PBTD 4850'

MOORE (TEXAS HUGOTON) Kerr-McGee Corp., #1R Boulware,

Sec. 15, M-2, Charles Cole, elev. 3615 rkb, spud 7-26-90, drlg. compl 8-1-90, tested 10-8-90, potential 97 MCF, rock pressure 50.3, pay 3148-3330, TD 3400', PBTD 3364' -

Plugged Wells

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Beta Tex Corp., #50 Parker Fee 'A', Sec. 15, H.A.W. Wallace, spud 12-4-84, plugged 9-18-90, TD 2938' (oil) - Form 1 filed in W.C. Bradford

GRAY (PANHANDLE) Beta Tex Corp., #51 Parker Fee 'A', Sec. 16, H.A.W. Wallace, spud 9-13-85, plugged 9-26-90, TD 2878' (oil) - Form 1 filed in W.C. Bradford

HANSFORD (SHAPLEY Morrow) Amoco Production Co., #2 Shapley Unit R/A 'B', Sec. 39, P, H&G, spud 12-22-60, plugged 6-5-90, TD 7300' (oil) - Form 1 filed in Pan American Petroleum

ROBERTS (SHREIKEY Morrow) Chevron, U.S.A., Inc., #2 The Mother Bear, Sec. 28, B-1, H&G, spud 2-11-79, plugged 9-24-90, TD 11150' (gas) - Form 1 filed in Baker & Taylor

SHERMAN (CARLANDER Mar-maton) Phillips Petroleum Co., #6 Carlander, Sec. 199, 1-T, T&NO, spud 4-18-90, plugged 4-20-90, TD 1625' (junked) -

SHERMAN (CRAIG RANCH Morrow) Phillips Petroleum Co., #3 Wanda, Sec. 71, 1-C, GH&H, spud 6-21-90, plugged 8-1-90, TD 6714' (dry) -

WHEELER (THORNDIKE Atoka) Robert W. Brown, #1 H.B. Taylor, Jr., Sec. 4, A-2, H&G, spud 5-10-66, plugged 4-17-90, TD 11951' (gas) - Form 1 filed in Ananda Energy, Inc.



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