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Weather

Day	Hi	Lo	Precip
Thu	81	58	.00
Fri	81	54	.00
Sat	87	56	.00
Sun	86	59	.00
Mon	87	59	.00
Tue	83	55	.00
Wed	--	60	.00
Total Precipitation			4.35

Hansford Co. pioneer wrote of "good old days"

You will think you are slipping back in time when you read the following article that appeared in "The County News" in 1932. It is recollections of pioneer Hansford County resident Mrs. W.B. "Maggie" Hart. She and her family came to the county in 1902 and had the privilege and sometimes hardships of early settlers.

Don Hudson of Gruver was going through articles his mother, Mrs. C.E. Hudson saved and showed this writing to his wife Dorothy, a granddaughter of Mrs. Hart. There are several of Mrs. Hart's descendants still living and improving the quality of life in this county.

While attending the dedication of the new Community Church of Gruver, Sunday, Feb. 21, my mind went back to the first Sunday in April 1903.

On that day I heard my first sermon in Hansford County. We had fixed a box of dinner, climbed into a big wagon and started early for old Hansford to attend "preaching all day and dinner on the ground." After following dim wagon tracks across unfenced prairies for twelve miles, we came to the courthouse where the services were held. That same courthouse, which has been moved to Gruver and built into a permanent place of worship, was then used for gatherings of every kind.

I can not remember the pastor's name, but he was one of the self-sacrificing men of the M.E. Church, who, with other pioneer men and women of this plains country, fought the fight and endured the pain to develop this - the finest country on earth.

At that all day meeting a Sunday school was organized with Mrs. Ace Powers, mother of Doug Pow-

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City approves contract with West Texas Gas, Inc.

A decision to purchase the city's natural gas from West Texas Gas, Inc. (WTG) was made during the regular meeting of the Spearman City Council Tuesday, May 17.

In 1987 the city signed a ten year contract with High Plains Natural Gas (HPNG). West Texas Gas, Inc. is now purchasing the transmission system, gas contracts and other assets belonging to High Plains Natural Gas.

Richard Hatchett, of WTG explained to the council that the contract previously signed with HPNG would not change. After discussion of the matter, council members voted unanimously to purchase the city's gas from WTG once they have acquired the contract from HPNG.

City secretary Cheryl Gibson gave the oath of office to Don Reed and Charles Elliott who were recently re-elected. Reed then nominated Mike Cudd to serve as Mayor Pro-tem. Ed Garner seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The motion was made and approved to pay bills in the amount of \$173,211.43.

In other business the city approved contracts with Hansford, Hutchinson and Ochiltree counties for fire protection and rescue services. Mayor Pro-tem Cudd ex-



Major & Ruth Lackey

Lackeys chosen as Old Settlers' royalty

Major and Ruth Lackey will be crowned Pioneer King and Queen Saturday at the Old Settlers' Reunion, part of the Hansford County Roundup activities.

The Reunion will be at the Zulu Stockade on Townsend and the ceremonies will begin at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 29.

Ruth Murphy was a school teacher for two years until she married Major Lackey. They were married in 1930. On July 19, they will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary.

After her children were older, Mrs. Lackey did some substitute teaching. Once she was called on to substitute at Panhandle Eastern school and stayed there "substituting" for three years.

The Lackeys were farmers in the county. He remembers plowing in the Dust Bowl days when the dust was blowing so thick he couldn't see the front of the tractor. She remembers him coming in so covered with dirt that his eyes were almost closed.

Farming was hard then, but they

stuck with it. Lackey said, "That was the only thing I knew how to do." Sometimes, though, he wondered if he shouldn't have let Mrs. Lackey keep on teaching to support him, he jokes.

Mr. Lackey said that when he was 18 or 19, he worked for two winters for \$30 a month. "Now some people make that in one hour," he said.

He says that the only time he was in the hospital was after he had a penicillin shot.

Lackey said, "I've been a Panhandle resident 93 years and only moved once." However, the Lackeys are trying to sell their house here and move to Lubbock to be near a daughter.

Mr. Lackey is 94 years old and Mrs. Lackey is 87. He believes he is the third oldest resident in the county.

They have five children, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The Lackeys stay active now. "We like to play games and do things," Mrs. Lackey said.

Ropin', rodeos, pioneers part of Roundup activities

The Hansford County Roundup starts off in high gear with the team roping contest Friday night, May 27. The action will be at the Oscar Archer Arena in Spearman. Books open at 6:00 p.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. when roping begins.

Cooers numbers will be used. Numbers will be checked before payoff in roping. If you don't have a number, one will be assigned. Slack will be Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

First roping: #6 - 3 for \$30
Second roping: #3 1/2 - 3 for \$30
Money will be paid to winning teams Friday night. Top five teams will rope a fourth steer in the Hansford County Rodeo performance for Yellowhair Buckles.

Buckles donated by: Hansford Co. Vet. Clinic, First National Bank of Spearman, Phillip & Lynna Renner, Earl's T.V. & Appliance, B&B Sales Co., Palo Duro Supper Club, C.O.'s Supply Co., B&B Farm Industries, Golden Spread Sales Co., Agco of Spearman, Bob & Jackie Pearson and Cellular Communications.

To enter, you must live or work in Hansford County.

For more information, call Cindy Blackmar at the Chamber of Commerce office in Spearman, 659-5555.

The Boy Scouts will operate a concession stand at the arena Friday through Sunday.

Sidewalk sales begin at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 28, and will run all day.

Games and other fun stuff begin at 2:00 p.m. on Main Street. Cowpatty bingo, tricycle races, a dunking booth and rollerblade races are a few of the activities that will be going on.

The Outlaws, a western shoot-'em-up group from Amarillo, will perform throughout the afternoon. They come complete with their own old west town as a backdrop.

The Old Settlers' Reunion begins at 2:00 p.m. at the Zulu Stockade. The historical committee will be serving refreshments and that will be an excellent place to see the

parade. Major and Ruth Lackey will be crowned Pioneer King and Queen.

The parade will begin lining up at 3:00 p.m. at the elementary school parking lot, proceed down Townsend to Kenneth, then to the courthouse and down Main Street. The games will resume after the parade.

Beginning at 4:30 p.m., barbecue will be served on the courthouse lawn. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 12 and under.

The High Country Chevy Rodeo begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Oscar Archer Rodeo Arena. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for ages 6-12. Children under six get in free.

Event sponsors for the rodeo are: First State Bank, Hansford Implement, H&H Water Well, Palo Duro Supper Club, Five Star Equipment, Spearman Cattle Feeders, Gillaspie Auto & Truck Center and Frontier Feeders.

The street dance begins at 8:00 p.m. in the 200 block of Main Street.

The dance is for the whole family and there is no charge. The Comin' On Band will play. Sponsors are: Stan Cobb, Mission Cable, Coca Cola, Earl Novak, White House Lumber and Interstate Savings and Loan.

Sunday, May 29, the rodeo for kids begins at 1:30 p.m. It will feature mutton bustin' followed by a boot scramble, goat ribbon race and a cow patty toss.

At 2:00 p.m. is the final performance of the High Country Chevy Rodeo. Former Spearman resident "Texas" Bill Thorpe will bring his wild west show to the arena.

The All Around Cowboy and Cowgirl awards will be given at the end of the rodeo. They will receive a pair of spurs made by Kevin Burns and furnished by First State Bank.

So plan to come on out and enjoy the fun this weekend!

Texas Bill brings wild west act to Roundup

The days of wild west shows will come alive Sunday when rodeo performer Texas Bill Thorpe brings his Cowboy Comedy Club and trained animals to the Hansford County Roundup. Thorpe will present his Brahma bull Cherokee Charlie, trick horse Kokomo, and two dogs in feats of the fearless and farcical.

Charlie will show off his agility and bravery by jumping through a hoop of fire.

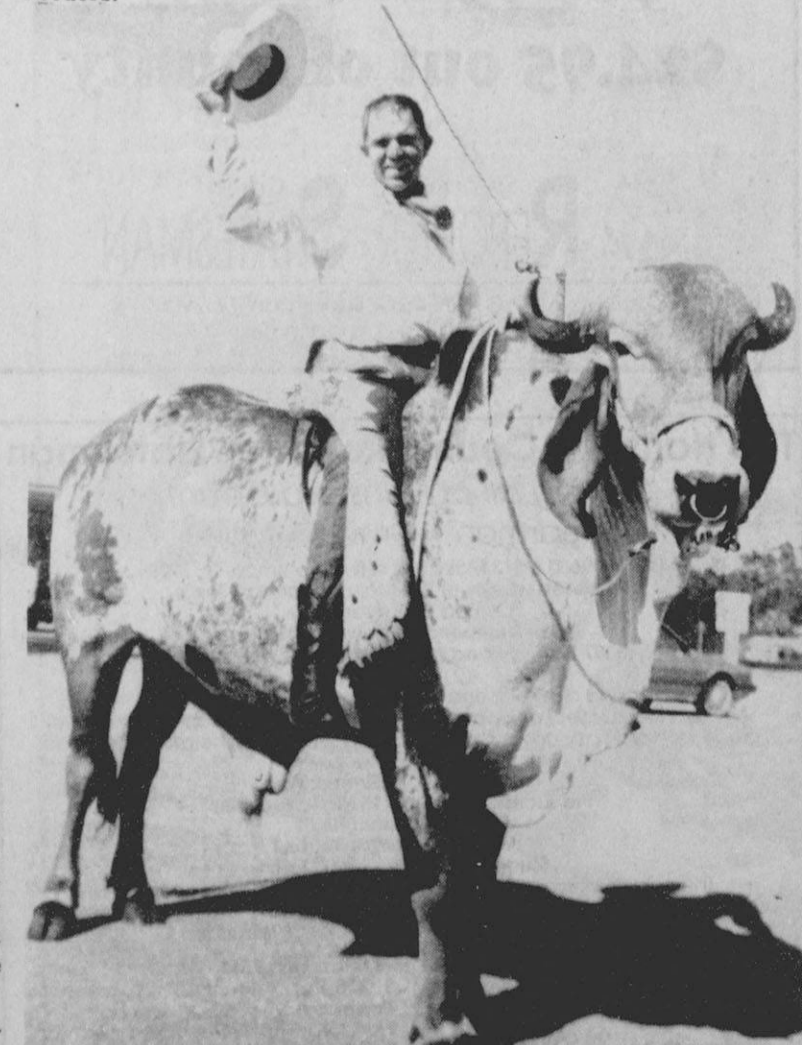
Thorpe attended Spearman High School in 1961-64 and played football for the Lynx. He attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University then moved to Florida and performed in Ringling Brothers' Wild West Show at Circus World in Orlando.

"It's been 20 years since I've been to Spearman and I'm looking forward to coming back," Thorpe said.

Thorpe rode broncs and bulls for 10 years and has 29 years experience as a professional rodeo clown. He has performed twice at the International Finals Rodeo.

Aside from being a full-time rodeo performer, Thorpe is the Florida spokesman for the International Professional Rodeo Association and helps young performers get in contact with associations and stock contractors to get a start in the rodeo business.

The rodeo begins at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Oscar Archer Arena in Spearman and will conclude the Roundup events.



Texas Bill Thorpe

"Good old days"

ers, elected superintendent. As the county was so thinly populated, travel so slow, and storms so severe, that this Sunday school was to be held only through the summer months. I can't remember all the people I met that day, as all were strangers to me, but I do remember the Powers family, the Curtis girls, and Mrs. Gus Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Ward then lived on the ranch which is now known as the Richardson place. The Douglas family, Frizzell's and Billie Christian's, all neighbors of ours, were also there. This was before the people had learned that the great staked plains, defined as a "barren region," would produce feed crops. Feb. 24th of that year begun what old timers refer to as "the big snow." For three days and nights the snow fell, leaving 30 inches on the level. For three weeks or more the only mode of travel possible was by horseback. Thousands of cattle and horses, and great herds

of antelope died for want of food. That was the last winter stockmen tried to winter cattle on the grass. Settlers came, fields were fenced, sod broken, and row crops were planted. For five or six years crops were unusually good. Then wheat was tried. J. H. Harris had brought a horse power threshing machine from the south plains when he moved into our neighborhood. We bought our place in July, 1902, and moved onto the land Sept. 4. It was six miles south of where Spearman now stands. At that time there were only two families in our county seat, Grandpa and Grandma Ward, and Dr. Omar Moore, wife and small son. The Wards lived in a dugout, but had a small store consisting of general groceries. Dr. Moore and his wife were wonderful people and a great asset to the country. His health had broken under heavy hospital work in

Springfield, Mo. Some friend persuaded him to come to this county, where people were seldom sick. Each family in the county paid him \$25, sick or well, for full time medical attention during the year. His wife, being a graduate nurse, made it very convenient in case someone made a long trip in for medicine or advice, and the Doctor was away. Sometimes he was called to an adjoining county. She could issue medicine from the stock the Doctor kept in his office at the courthouse, and furnished to his patients at wholesale prices. Dr. and Mrs. Moore made the little school house in which they lived the community center for the young people for miles around. As the people were so scattered they didn't try to have school during the coldest months. In the spring we had a term of four months, and then another in the fall. There was not a school house out on the "flats," as the level country was called, and

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there were only three or four on the creek. Three trustees served the entire county. In the fall of 1902 the men of our community hauled lumber from Channing and built a house known as the Micou school. We didn't get it all finished or have school until the spring of 1903. In the town of Hansford the courthouse served as their educational center. If the beams, brick and stone of the old courthouse could talk, what stories of the past they could tell of weddings, funerals, meetings for church, Sunday School, and court trials for the life and liberty of men. People for many miles around met there in social gatherings. I have been told how they would plan for a big meet, boil hams, cook turkeys and everything else that was good, take all the children, and make a night of it. Children that were too small to enjoy the music, dancing and visiting were put to bed in one of the office rooms. Sometimes, owing to storms they had to stay more than one night. One storm kept them three days and nights. It took almost a week to go to the railroad for supplies, and longer if the roads were bad. Roads were not worked and there were no bridges. This same old courthouse used to be a boon to freighters in cold or rainy weather as there were stoves to keep them warm and a dry place to spread their camp beds, otherwise it would be on the ground. It is not strange when we think of the hardships they endured that many of the pioneer men were the first to pay the debt we all must pay. May our Community Church stand for all and more than the old courthouse stood for. May it be a place to worship God and teach our young people the way of right living and high thinking. May it be a community center where we all feel at home, meeting our problems as friends, one with another, showing the same true Western hospitality of the pioneers.



Gruver Scout pack 550 picked up trash during Earth Week as a community service project.

Vision 2000 will highlight Methodist conference

United Methodist Churches including Spearman UMC will be represented in Midland for the Eighty-Fifth Session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference June 6-9. Bishop Alfred L. Norris will preside at the session at First United Methodist Church, 305 N. Baird in Midland. Representing the Spearman United Methodist Church in Midland will be Rev. Jeff Lust who is a clergy member of the Northwest Texas Conference and Rich and Helen Melton, lay members of the conference. Dr. James Moore, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, will be the conference preacher. Bishop Norris will preach for the Service of Ordination and Consecration on Wednesday evening.

"The Northwest Texas Annual Conference Session is a time for area United Methodists to be in celebration as the people of God as well as a time for us to conduct the business of the Conference," explains Louise K. Schock, Northwest Texas Conference Director of Missions and Administration. A special VISION 2000 Celebration barbecue meal and rally are planned for Tuesday evening, June 7, in the plaza of Midland Center. The rally will feature special music from a variety of traditions and preaching by Dr. Moore. Other worship services, events and meals are planned throughout the week. Displays of church boards and agencies as well as related church programs will be available throughout the four-day session.

Gruver Lions install officers

The Gruver Lions Club installed officers for the 1994-95 year at their annual banquet at the First Methodist Church in Gruver. Sid Shaw, district governor-elect from Hereford, administered the oath of office to the new officers. Shaw said, "Lions are lucky people. They get to make the world a brighter place and have fun while they're doing it." Four men were given the Melvin Jones Fellow award. Corky Chapman, Roy W. "Skeez" Riley, E.G. "Sonny" Riley and J.C. Harris were given the honor, one of the highest awards a lion can receive. It is given by the chapter in which the honoree serves. Officers installed were: Ronnie Williams, program chairman; Bill Hunter, lion tamer; Corky Chapman, secretary-treasurer; David Armes, second vice president; Mike Floyd, first vice president and David Bergin, president. Amber Weller provided entertainment for the group. The Williams family catered the banquet.

At the movies...

Showing at the Lyric Theatre in Spearman Friday, May 27, through Tuesday, May 31, are "Schindler's List" on screen #1 at 7:00 p.m. and "Major League II" on screen #2 at 7:30 p.m. "Schindler's List", is a true story about a German businessman, Oskar Schindler, who saved the

lives of more than 1,000 Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland. "Schindler's List" is rated R. Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen and Corbin Bernsen star in the comedy "Major League II" where the triumphant Cleveland Indians find themselves back in the doldrums. "Major League II" is rated PG.

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Hometown News

Henderson recognized by National Merit Scholarship

Salee Henderson has been recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation because of her high selection index score on the PSAT. She will have an opportunity to advance in the competition for Merit Scholarships in 1995. Salee attends Sherman High School, and is the 16-year-old daughter of Brenda and Alva Henderson. Her grandparents are Farene and L.A. Williams of Gruver and Nell Henderson of Morse.

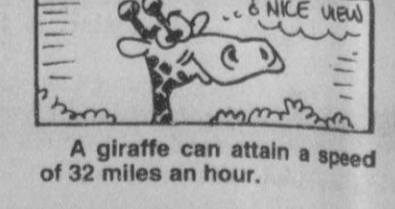
Associate degrees in nursing presented to Kauffman, Jackson

More than 700 diplomas were presented during the recent 64th annual Amarillo College Commencement exercises in the Cal Farley Coliseum at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Candidates for graduation included Edith Kauffman of Gruver and Tammie Jackson of Spearman. Kauffman and Jackson both received associate degrees in nursing.

Morris receives degree in academic studies

Lacey Kay Morris, of Spearman, received a degree in academic studies from Sam Houston State University during the Spring 1994 commencement exercises. Sam Houston State University, with 12,500 students and 400 faculty members, is located in Huntsville, Texas.



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S.J.H.S. treble choir receives outstanding in concert award

Over 80 First Division medals were awarded to students from Borger, Perryton, Spearman, and West Texas Jr. Highs this past weekend during the Spearman Choral Festival. The festival is held every year for Elementary, Middle School, and Jr. High School students only. This year choirs from Borger, Perryton, Spearman (including the Jr. High and Gus Birdwell Elementary) and West Texas competed for ratings and awards. Perryton Girls, Gus Birdwell, and Spearman all received I's in concert. Perryton Boys and West Texas received Division II's in concert. Borger received Division I's in both Concert and Sight-Reading which awarded them a Sweepstakes Trophy.

Each year there are two traveling trophies awarded for the Outstanding Groups. This year Borger Middle School received the Outstanding Overall Trophy under the

direction of Johnny Miller and Spearman Middle School received the Outstanding Concert Trophy under the direction of Denise Bridges.

Spearman also received 9 First Division Medals for Vocal Solos and Piano Solos. Receiving Medals for vocal solos were Cari Alvarado, Kristal Burkhammer, Dawn Loomis, Landree Woodward, and Crystal Zimmerman. Piano solo medal were awarded to Jocelyn Edwards, Christen Ferguson, Kathryn Murphy, and Sydney Woodington. Receiving a Division II Certificate for a vocal solo was Becky Porter.

Congratulations to all of the participants and especially to the Spearman Jr. High students and the Treble Chorus. Also a very special thank-you to Denise Bridges for all of her hard work and Cheryl Meek for accompanying the choir.

Spearman second graders visit museum

The Second Grade Class of Spearman Elementary School went on a field trip to Canyon on May 12 where they toured the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum. Although this was not their original field trip plan, it was a great experience and enjoyed by the 60 students and teachers who went. In the fall, the classes had made reservations to attend a musical theater production at the Amarillo Civic Center called "Dinosaur Mountain Musical." The teachers were notified fifteen minutes before they were scheduled to leave that the play had been cancelled. The theater company called informing them that the truck carrying all the sound equipment for the production had been in an accident and all the equipment was destroyed.

So...what to do with 55 excited 8

year olds who are standing with sack lunches ready to go on the field trip they had planned for months? What could they do that would not cost any more money and would not need advance reservations?

Some quick calls were made and arrangements checked and the field trip was still on! It was decided to take the students to Canyon for a visit to the museum at WTAMU.

Upon arriving at the museum, it was discovered that several other schools had the same idea. There were buses from several other Panhandle towns who had also had Dinosaur Mountain reservations and had chosen to come to the museum instead.

Our thanks to Dr. Partney and Spearman I.S.D. for allowing the second graders to go ahead with their field trip. A special thank you



The Hansford County Showtime Car Club was awarded the Cub Scout Pack 578 Volunteer of the Year Award. They volunteer their time and efforts on the Pinewood Derby races each year.

Levelland basketball camp to be held

Spaces still remain for Lady Texan Basketball Camps at SPC

LEVELLAND - A few spaces still remain for all girls interested in attending Lady Texan Basketball Camp, which will be held in June and July at South Plains College.

A second week has been added this year to accommodate the increased demand for the growing camp, open to all girls in fifth grade through high school.

The camps, under the direction of South Plains College women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin, are open to all girls in fifth grade through high school.

"We feel we have one of the better camps around," said South Plains College women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin, director for the camps which will be held June 19-24 and July 17-22.

"We try to keep a small ratio between instructors and campers. It's a good environment to learn fundamentals."

The purpose of the camps is to provide an opportunity for girls and young women to improve their bas-

ketball skills in a fun environment. The fundamentals of basketball are stressed, with sportsmanship, team play and self-confidence emphasized as well.

"We're not going to make them great players in a week," Hardin said, "but we give them a good foundation. We're going to work hard on basketball skills. It's not a recreational camp, but they have fun too."

The camps will be held in Texas Dome on the SPC campus. Other facilities for use by the campers are an indoor swimming pool, indoor racquetball courts and tennis courts. In addition, campers also may spend time at the SPC Student Center, which features a video arcade, pool and ping pong tables and a giant-screen television.

Camp participants may commute daily from their homes or spend the week on campus in a college residence hall.

The cost of the camp is \$200 for overnight campers, \$165 for day campers who eat in Texas Hall and \$100 for day campers who do not eat in the dining hall.

Included in the camp fee is instruction, insurance, awards and entertainment, as well as certificates, a personalized camp t-shirt and a basketball for each participant.

The camp schedule will include ball handling, dribbling, passing and shooting drills, along with scrimmages, tournament games and individual instruction.

Time also will be devoted to "Let's Talk Basketball," a session which will stress attitude, desire, leadership and enthusiasm.

Assisting Hardin with the camp will be Joy Muller, assistant women's basketball coach at SPC. Other members of the camp staff include current and former members of the SPC women's basketball team, in addition to other outstanding area high school coaches and college players. Previous camps have included appearances by former Lady Texan Sheryl Swoopes.

"We just have a great staff," Hardin said. "They do a great job of teaching fundamentals. The girls get a lot of individual attention."

Hardin, in his 11th season at the SPC helm, was named the Junior College Coach of the Year by the Texas Basketball Coaches Association in 1992. During the 1993-94 season, he recorded his 200th career victory at South Plains.

The veteran coach previously has been associated with camps at Texas Tech University, West Texas State University, Wayland Baptist University and Texas Women's University, in addition to camps at Canyon and Tulia high schools.

Camp applications will be accepted as they are received and should be returned as soon as possible. A \$75 deposit should be sent with the application, and the remaining balance will be due at the time of registration.

Registration will be held on June 19 and July 17 at 2 p.m. in Gillespie Hall, with camp activities concluding at 3 p.m. on June 24 and July 22.

Letter to the editor

To the public:

The new entrance and fence at the Hansford Cemetery will be in use for Memorial Day.

The Board of Trustees of the Hansford Cemetery Association are grateful to several who have made this attractive addition possible.

The primary contributor is the late Willoughby Douglas, who by his will, left the residue of his estate for this purpose.

Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, Executor, has made every effort to implement the terms of the will.

Some earlier contributors had previously given toward this purpose. Still others giving generously of time, effort or materials are:

Ralph Blodgett for the brick; Don Maize and Ron Willis for removing the old fence; Roscoe Nelson for his time, advice and guidance; Verlin Hagerman for various efforts and labor; Doug Cummings and his troop of Boy Scouts for cleaning the paper and trash from the fences.

It is suggested that those placing wreaths at the cemetery keep the boxes and waste paper rather than placing it in the barrels. Being on the hill top and with the high winds, the trash blows out against the fences.

The Members of the Board express sincere appreciation to each of the above.



The giant panda eats chiefly bamboo shoots.

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Sincerely,
Dr. Charles Ridge
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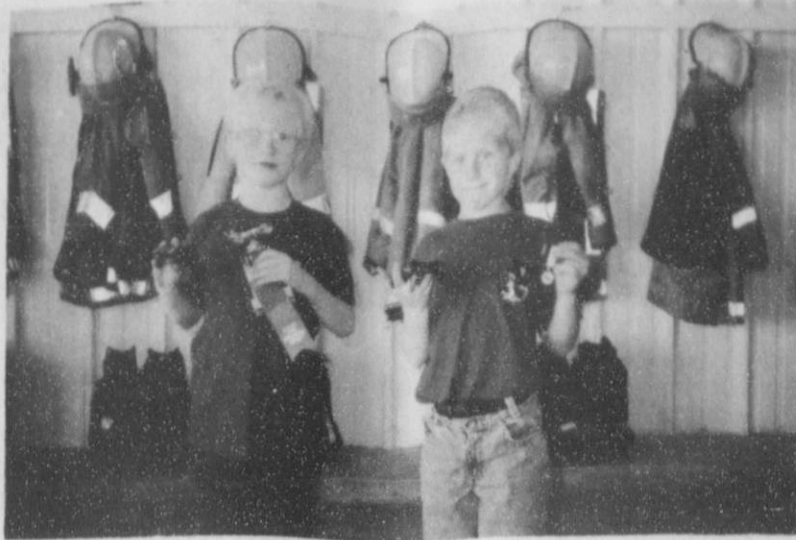
4-H Clubs hold meeting

Hansford County 4-H clubs met recently with a family picnic for each club. There were 88 members and their families present.

Officers were elected for the 94-95 year. Serving for Spearman will be Ronda Renner, president; Leah Mackie, 1st vice president; Ashley Brown, 2nd vice president; Darla Black, 3rd vice president; Jana Ellsworth, secretary; Lena Harbour, treasurer; Jeremy Thomas, reporter; Kacee Smith, parliamentarian; and Candice Pipkin, council delegate.

Elected as officers for Gruver 4-H were Kimberley Wagner, president; Kim Venneman, 1st vice president; Cori Lowe, 2nd vice president; Scott Stedje, 3rd vice president; Autumn Bateman, secretary; Galen Slough, treasurer; Kathy Slough, reporter; Kyle Deeds, parliamentarian; and Brandy Morris, council delegate.

Special thanks to Chelsea Nollner, Ty West, Troy Brown, Coy Herrington, Kade Carthel, and Jamie and Wendell Ralston for refreshments.



Winners of the Gruver Tiger Cub Pinewood Derby were Ben Williams (left) 1st; Cass Cooper (not pictured), and Scott Winter, 3rd.

Bridal shower held in honor of Mrs. Kyle Irwin

A bridal shower honoring Mrs. Kyle Irwin was held in the home of Mrs. Benny Wilson on May 8th.

A white rose corsage was presented to the bride, Kimberly, white rosebud and daisy corsages were presented to the bride's mother, Susie Wynn, the groom's mother, Pat Irwin, the groom's grandmother, Jane Irwin, the groom's Aunt, Doris Pinkerton, and the bride's God-mother, Pam Lehman.

Out of town guests included the bride's mother; Mrs. Susie Wynn, her sister; Tracy, Mrs. Pam Lehman and daughter, Mary Pat, all from Booker. Mrs. Bill Park; Canyon, Mrs. Arbery Russell; Panhandle, Mrs. Jr. Allerd; Texhoma, Mrs. Lewis Hill and daughters, Tiffanie and Trisha from Stinnett.

Refreshments were served by the groom's cousins, Tiffanie and Trisha Hill. Gifts were listed by Diane Brown and Fran Duncan.

Hostesses for the occasion were Jackie Wilson, Loree Hart, Rosalie Grotegut, Linda Venneman, Kathy Logsdon, Lanetta Shapley, Rita Williams, Diane Brown, Chole Favela, Anna Beth Wood, Barbara

Stavlo, Kathy Stedje, Ila Jo Hart, Teague Winger, Amy Babbs, Phyliss Hoel, Christy Johnson, Marian Shapley Tomlinson, Opal Wallin, Marsha Lowe, Marlene Winger, Rosemary McKee, Pat Dawson, Shirley Lowe, Kelly Hart, Paula Williams, Gyene Spivey, Wanda Wagner, Teresa Barkley, Carla Gurfory, Julie Stedje, Karen Sparks, Mary Alice Thomas, Sadie Goodall, Darlene Hoel, Brenda Hart, Carolyn Hicks, Margurite Nelson, Carol Tolleson, Mavis Hart, Sharon Seagler, Judy Virden, Evi Meyer, Helen Wood, Charlotte Bergin, Mickey Maupin, Fran Duncan, Sally Jones, Lee Wilhelm, Nell Dean Bagwell, Linda Pat Ferguson, Judy Park, Lisa Salmans, Ann Dorman, June Barkley, Alexa Thoreson, Margaret Ralston, Marilyn Hart, Marilyn Been, Juanita Logsdon, Mary Jane Henson, Lera Beasley, Sandy Tebeest, Cynthia Henson, Donna Ross, Melba Rasor, Sue Smith, Reatta Gammon, Tonni Yanke, Gerry Davis, Josefa Royval, Angela Grotegut, Judy Stedje.

Farm Credit District reports decline in high-risk loans

AUSTIN--The Tenth Farm Credit District reported today a \$16.3 million decline in high-risk loans during the first three months of 1994, reflecting on-going improvement in district loan quality.

"Topping the good news this quarter is the fact that high-risk assets continue to decline," said Farm Credit Bank of Texas Chief Executive Officer Arnold R. Henson. "The 19 percent reduction in nonaccrual loan volume this quarter marks the beginning of our fourth consecutive year of improvement in credit quality and, likewise, in many of the agricultural economies we serve."

The Tenth district comprises the Austin-based Farm Credit Bank; 48 Federal Land Bank Associations in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas which make long-term land and housing loans; and 18 Production Credit Associations in Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas which make short- and intermediate-term operating loans. The bank and associations are cooperatives, owned by the borrowers with whom they do business.

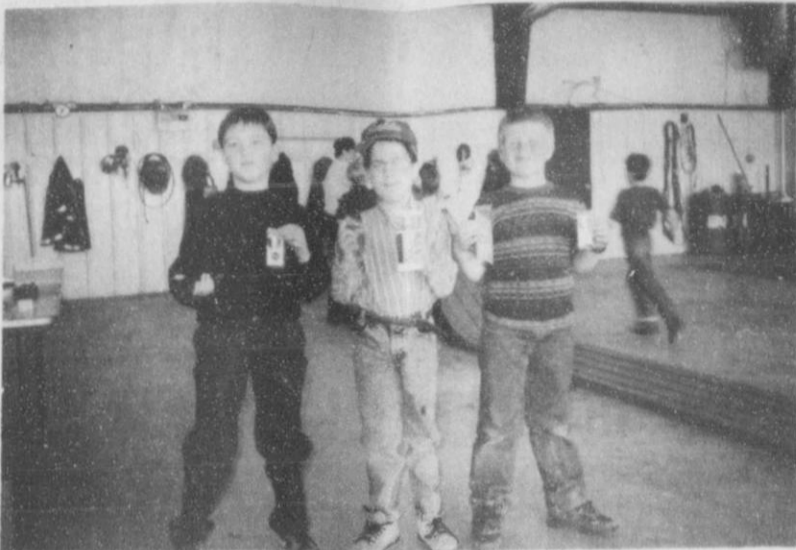
As is typical for the first quarter, loan volume dropped slightly - by 2 percent - due to seasonal crops and repayment patterns inherent in agricultural lending. Some of the decline in volume also was a result of the reduction in nonaccrual loan volume. Loan volume was \$3.55 billion at March 31.

District net income totaled \$23 million for the three-month period, compared to \$37 million for the same period a year ago. Increases in short-term rates by the Federal Reserve resulted in narrowing spreads between the district's cost of funds and its return on loans, thereby affecting net income, Henson said.

"We are keeping a close eye on the changing interest rate environment, as well as some potentially serious weather conditions in the district, in particular the drought

hampering the Texas High Plains cotton crop," Henson said. "We want to do everything we can to remain sensitive to our borrowers' needs, yet maintain the momentum we've achieved in improving credit quality."

Nationally, the Farm Credit System reported combined net income of \$280 million for the quarter ended March 31, 1994, as compared with combined net income of \$397 million for the same period last year. The System's accruing loan volume was \$52.956 billion at March 31, 1994, as compared with \$52.449 billion at December 31, 1993.



Winners of the Gruver Cub Scout Pinewood Derby were (l/r) Nathan Watkins, 2nd; Christopher Clawson, 1st; and Nicholas Slough, 3rd.



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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Joyce McGuire visited her daughter Joyce and Don Davidson and family for three weeks this month. During the time she went to Corpus Christi for a short stay with grandchildren, David and Tammy McGuire and their mother, Ann McGuire.

After her return to Spearman, her granddaughter, Patty McGuire, came for the weekend. She brought a friend, Travis Jermer; both are from Garden City.

With few exceptions the entire community is indebted to, and grateful, to the Trustees of the Hansford Cemetery Association. They have devoted so much time, thought and effort in the construction of the new entrance and fence at the cemetery.

Their thanks to other volunteers is carried elsewhere in this issue but this is the community's thanks to them. All three trustees, Ray Phelps, Freeman Barkley and Paul Hazelwood have health problems, but even so, they have spent many hours at the cemetery and in conferences in the completion of this project.

Gentlemen - Thank You.

Mrs. Nina Evan's son, Billy Joe and Patsy Evans, of Satanta, Kansas stopped for a brief visit with his brother, Don, in Gruver. They are former residents of Gruver and were enroute to Muleshoe. They attended the funeral of her father, Henry R. Scarborough, 82, on Monday.

Gertrude Archer returned Saturday from two weeks in Lubbock with her daughter, Patton Ann and Dick Hamilton.

She attended the graduation exercises at Texas Tech where her granddaughter, Kristi Hamilton, received her Bachelor of Science Degree in zoology. Kristi's brother Bart and his family of Plano were also there for the occasion.

A happy occasion was that of the family observance of the 81st birthday of Mrs. Dora Olivarez on April 21.

Mrs. Olivarez came to Spearman in 1973 and her husband, Jesus Olivarez, is now deceased. She was reared in Roma in the Rio Grande Valley and was the daughter of Timotheo Garza. He appeared in a number of Mexican movies and two American movies with Anthony Quinn and Marlon Brando. The films were produced in the valley.

Mrs. Olivarez's daughter, Maria Cole, of Sweetwater, and a granddaughter, Maria Casas of Hale Center came for the birthday. Mrs. Olivarez was delighted when another daughter, Gloria Sanches, and family showed up. They live at Marietta, Oklahoma.

Other family members enjoying the day were Estella Arjona and family, also twin sons, Noel and Joel Olivarez, another son, Joe Olivarez of Waka, and all their families.

Mrs. Olivarez left on April 24 for Sweetwater, and then will go to Marietta.

Her family is expressing the hope for a safe and joyful return.

Many are looking forward to the Old Timers Reunion on Saturday at 2 p.m. Adding to the usual interest is that it will be held at the Zulu Museum so even those who are too young to exchange reminiscences will be fascinated by the many ex-

hibits. Refreshments will be served.

Remember, also, the dedication of the historical marker at the Holt Cemetery at 6:30 Saturday evening.

No one was more surprised than Pearl Pierce on Saturday when she tripped and fell in her home, breaking her hip. She was taken to High Plains Baptist Hospital by ambulance.

Idella Randall spoke with her on Sunday morning and she was in good spirits. Her grandson, Linn, also reports that she is doing fine. She is in room 787.

Pearl is surely missed as she is constantly busy in making life easier and seeing to the needs of the elderly.

Paul and Adela Lopez, former Spearman residents, have been in Pampa last week, househunting. Paul was in Spearman Friday visiting friends. He is the manager of Lowe's Market at Muleshoe, but has been made manager of their new store in Pampa. Adela has been employed by a florist in Clovis. They are looking forward to returning to this part of the Panhandle.

Guests of Maxine Banister during the weekend were her niece, Cathy Crawford Herring and daughter, Cristi. They are from Denver where Cathy is a teacher.

Lou Howk, daughter of Mrs. Wilma Clark, is a teacher at the Carver School where the sickening vandalism occurred Thursday. She was interviewed by the Amarillo News for the Saturday issue. According to her statement the glass breakage was unbelievable, and shocking to the children.

Andrew Cummings, 11-year-old son of Linda and Doug Cummings, may have lost some of his enthusiasm for being a major league baseball player. Recently at the little league park, he was struck by a pitched ball and his nose crushed.

Now, good sport that Andrew is, and probably remembering what happened to the player who charged the mound when struck by a pitched ball by Nolan Ryan, (he got his

knob scobbed) Andrew kept his poise.

Andrew will have to undergo reconstructive surgery when school is out.

Tim and Dorothy Welch returned home Sunday for his recovery from recent surgery.

Early in the month they had gone to Houston where he, an employee of Enron, had attended a several day company meeting. Enroute and also on the return trip to Houston, they stopped in Irving for a visit with their son Paul. Paul, a graduate of Spearman High, is employed as a computer draftsman for the SunBelt Company in Irving.

Mr. Welch became ill and she brought him to Spearman and consulted a doctor. She then took him to St. Anthony's Hospital the same night and he underwent surgery the next morning, Tuesday.

Their daughter Tammy and Matt Herrington met them and were at their side through the entire ordeal. Tammy, a Spearman graduate, is a teacher in Amarillo.

"There's nothing to do" how often that is heard relative to life in a small town. Not so in Spearman this week as there are so many activities. The end of school proceedings - concerts, award ceremonies, parties, graduations, in addition the annual Celebration this weekend.

There is an activity for every age - from the youngsters to the Old-Timers, beginning early and ending late.

Then there is Memorial Day - a long weekend, and the Holt Cemetery dedication.

The volunteers who plan to carry-out these functions spend many, many hours on the planning, assembling necessary materials, contacting proper persons and through it all trying so hard to please one and all; soothing hurt feelings, making explanations; making changes.

No doubt late, when their heads, finally, hit their pillow at night, they ask - why, oh why, did they ever get involved.

But surprisingly, Cindy Blackman, with the Chamber of Commerce, sees it as enjoyable and even fun! Thanks, Cindy.

Sara Dossett had a delightful weekend with her grandson, Ricky Neely and his family. They came from Longmont, Colorado. His mother Diana and Buddy Carter came up from Lubbock to be with them.



Marcus Vasquez won Choice at the Hansford County Showtime Car Club Pinwood Derby held by Cub Scout Pack 578 March 19.



For best appearance at the Spearman Cub Scout Pack 578 Pinewood Derby were (l/r) Chad Scarborough, 1st; Jeremy Burch, 2nd; Jake Burch, 3rd; Joe Burch, 4th; Wayne McCubbin, 5th.



Cub Scout Pack 578 held their Pinewood Derby March 19. Pictured are (l/r) Jake Burch, 1st; Russell Sheets, 2nd; Eric Vasquez, 3rd; David Sharp, 4th; Scott Saver, 5th.

Out at the Lake

This column will be abbreviated this week as space is limited.

Jim Derington, Manager at the Lake, sees more of the wild life than the casual visitor. Last week, one morning he met a mother badger and her baby ready to cross the road south of the office. Jim quickly snapped a picture. The mother left the little one and trundled off as quickly as short-legged badgers can, while the young badger stood his ground, hissing and snarling at Jim.

More about the badgers later.

Recently there were 60 in the group of home schoolers and their families using the shelter and enjoying other facilities. The older children played volleyball and baseball and the smaller children made use of the playground equipment.

The group shelter was used by the Waka Lions Club on Sunday. The Spearman Moose Club used it for a gathering one evening. They enjoyed a variety of activities in addition to the meal and socializing, including a dance. Many spent the night in tents and R.V.s.

One group of Girl Scouts conducted some tests and training one day. The telephone number is 806 882-4401.

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Gruver honors "Out of this World" Athletes

Gruver honored its stellar athletes Saturday night at the annual athletic banquet. The theme for the event, sponsored by the Greyhound Mothers, was "Greyhounds — Out of this World."

Coaches recapped their seasons and added special remembrances of players and games. Each coach recognized his or her team and players by having them stand or come to the front.

Different coaches presented the special awards to the athletes.

Myatt, presenting girls basketball awards, announced that Wynn Maupin and Mika McLain were nominees for District 1,2,3 - A "Player of the Year," an award given by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Awards winners are:
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 Justin Carthel
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Bob Bailey Fighting Heart Award
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 Boys Tennis Josh Mayhew
 Girls Tennis Traci Smith
 Boys Golf Jason Ward
Girls Golf Award
 Kelly Boone
Boys Track Fighting Heart Award
 Joe Bravo
Girls Track Fighting Heart Award
 Wynn Maupin
Greyhound Spirit Award
 Wendy Rodriguez
 Jace Dawson
Bob Bailey Memorial Award

Outstanding Achievement in Athletics
 Julie Myer
 Tek Ferguson

The Bob Bailey Fighting Heart Award is given in memory of Gruver newspaper man Bob Bailey. Bailey came to Gruver and started a newspaper here in the 1960s.

"He wrote wonderful articles about Gruver sports and about the whole town," said Marion Tomlinson, Gruver resident. "He was the biggest supporter of our town and our youth." Bailey was killed in a car accident in 1964.

The Rex Shapley Fighting Heart Award is given in memory of Gruver athlete Rex Shapley. "Rex loved sports, he lived sports," said Mrs. Tomlinson. She is Shapley's widow. "Rex grew up in Gruver and played football here. The school retired his football jersey number."

After his death, Mrs. Tomlinson gave trophies to the school to honor athletes in sports not already honored by the Bob Bailey award.



Gruver's annual athletic banquet Saturday night honored special athletes and teams. Individual award winners were: (front row) Justin Carthel, Joe Bravo, Kelly Boone, Josh Mayhew, Jason Ward, Sara Jones, Traci Smith, Tisha Ralston, Julie Myer; (back row) Ted Ferguson, Chris Stork, Robert Whitaker, Hart Derington, Wynn Maupin, Wendy Rodriguez, Jace Dawson, Mika McLain, Kenton Odom.

For The Sport Of It

by Bob Bort

Well, it's back to writing for me. The athletic banquet this past Saturday, May 21, was a huge success. I had spent 15 days at St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo following surgery, only two days removed, and I was very weak, but I wouldn't have missed it for the world. Unfortunately, I was just too weak, and couldn't stay for the whole banquet. I had to leave about 9:30 and missed the awards.

The food was excellent, with the steak, baked potato, salad, roll and desert. Coach Sheila Watley of the Lady Hounds was the hit of the show with her voodoo doll of Coach Steve Myatt, with the heel broken. And Coach Myatt thought it was an accident!!!

The Greyhound Mothers did an outstanding job of putting together the athletic banquet. It is the showcase event of the whole year, and this year's event was enjoyed by all. Congratulations Greyhound Mothers on a super effort!

All are encouraged about the prospects for next year. The boys football team, the cross country team, the boys and girls basketball teams - all could be playoff bound. It should be an exciting year.

I weighed 96 pounds a couple of weeks ago when I was taken to St. Anthony's. For six years, they have done tests on me at various locations to find out why I couldn't keep food down, and couldn't find anything wrong. At St. Anthony's they found the problem - the opening to my stomach was closed, and they did surgery to open it. Hopefully I will get over the soreness in the next few weeks. Dr. Dillman did the surgery - he is young, but probably the best surgeon in Amarillo. That is what I am told by those who know.

Lying there recovering following surgery, my brother Arthur, who lives in Amarillo and has worked at the downtown Amarillo Public Library for years, and I got together and made a list of the 15 best restaurants in Amarillo, as I was very hungry, and looking forward to eating out soon and enjoying a meal for the first time in six years. Here is that list:

1. Olive Garden 2. Harrigan's 3. Marty's 4. Red Lobster 5. Shoney's (1-40 and Ross; there are two Shoney's in Amarillo, according to Arthur. One is very good, the other is very bad. The one at 1-40 and Ross has good service.) 6. Taj Mahal 7. Via Veneto 8. Kabuki Japanese Steakhouse 9. La Frontera 10. Peking 11. My Thai 12. Los Insurgentes 13. Calico County (an addition by Rev. Larry Miller) 14. Back to Eden Gourmet Restaurant 15. Pazzi's.

Hopefully, my children and I will test several of these restaurants, and I will make a report to you. As I said, I have been afraid to eat out for six years. What a miracle that St. Anthony's found the problem! St. Anthony's is an excellent hospital, with excellent staff.

The National Basketball Association playoffs are going on and there are four teams left - Indiana

Pacers, New York Knicks, Houston and the Utah Jazz. My pick to win it all is Houston's Rockets, with Akeem Olajuwon earning MVP. I have to admit - I don't follow the NBA very closely. It is exciting for some, but not so much for me. Give me high school basketball any day! I would rather attend a Gruver-Spearman game than a New York Knicks-Chicago Bulls game any time.

The National Hockey League playoffs are also going on, with four teams left - New York Rangers, New Jersey Devils, Vancouver Canucks and Toronto Maple Leafs. My pick to win it all, for the first time since 1940, is the New York Rangers. Hockey is a brutal game, and I have been watching more of it lately on ESPN. I would take it over the NBA any day. Look for more Canadian teams (?Calgary, Winnipeg?) to move south to the States. Last year, the Minnesota North Stars moved south to Dallas to become the Dallas Stars, so interest in this area in pro hockey has picked up.

Speaking of sports, the greatest sporting event in the entire world, held every four years, is coming to the United States next month. I am talking about the World Cup. A recent survey showed that 75 percent of all Americans do not even know what sport the World Cup is. Eighty-two percent of all Americans do not even know that it is being held this year. The World Cup, of course, is soccer. It should be a tremendously exciting event this year, held at eight sites across the U.S., and I will really be following it. It is really close to being a reality for the first time in the U.S. It, of course, pits country versus country, and only in the U.S. is it not the most popular sport.

The College World Series, with the eight regional winners meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, in early June is also coming up. I saw the World Series in Omaha back in the 1970's when I was stationed in the Air Force in Omaha, and I took my son Lee to see Texas play Arkansas. That is a tremendously exciting event coming up. Regional play begins this week, with the World Series following.

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S.H.S. athletes honored at banquet

The 1993-94 Athletic Banquet was held Friday night, May 20, at the Spearman High School Cafeteria to honor 112 athletes for the hard work and dedication they have displayed throughout the year. The theme for this year's banquet, "Look at Us," showcased in large letters, every sport represented. The "Spearman Sports News" flashed headlines around the entire room and featured action pictures of the athletes throughout the year.

The evening began with the invocation, given by Rev. Ray Cook. Immediately following the invocation, a video was shown that highlighted each varsity sport and the athletes that participated in them and ended by showing a baby picture of each Sr., followed by each one's Sr. picture. An added touch to the video this year was showing a picture of each of the coaches and their baby pictures as well.

Spearman Booster Club President Allen Varnon then welcomed everyone to the banquet and turned the program over to the coaches, who presented the awards. Ric Smith, Head Football Coach, began by introducing and thanking the entire coaching staff and their wives for all the effort they had put in over the past year. Senior Brad Law was then given the opportunity to come forward to present a plaque to the Spearman Booster Club for all the help and support they had given to him over the past year. The plaque was received by Allen Varnon.

Coach Smith then presented the first 3 awards of the evening. The Outstanding Offense Award for football went to Brandon Vanderburg, who was voted as a 1st Team All-District Running Back. Brandon was also voted as a 2nd Team Defensive Player this year. The Head Hunter Award for Defense was awarded to Jason Varnon, who was a 1st Team All-District Safety and also received 1st Team Quarterback honors. Chad Gardiner was honored by receiving the Fighting Heart Award. Chad, in spite of a severe shoulder injury which would have sidelined many players, continued to give it his all every week, earning 1st Team All-District honors in the Guard position, both offensively and defensively.

Coach North, head Cross Country and Basketball Coach, recognized Marissa Rodriguez for her outstanding efforts in Cross Country. Marissa, a freshman, was the only cross country runner representing Spearman this past year and she qualified for Regionals. The Outstanding Lynxette Basketball Award this year went to Sophomore, Kara Townsen, who led her team in points and went on to be selected as All-District and 3rd team All-Region. The Lynxette Fighting Heart Award went to Sr. Carrie Pearson, who was also an All-District Selection.

The Most Valuable Lynx Basketball Award, presented by Coach Wendell Neff, went to Jason Varnon, who led his team in points, rebounds, steals and was 2nd in assists, and was an All-District Selection. Toby Thompson, another All-District player and team leader in assists, was honored with the Lynx Basketball Fighting Heart Award.

Moving on to the Spring Sports of Golf, Tennis and Track, Coach Jeff Rowland presented the annual Girl's Golf Award to Rainey Whittington for the 4th straight year. Rainey won the 1st place Individual Medal at the District Meet and went on to play in the Regional Meet in Abilene. The Boy's Golf Award went to Cass Lasater and Toby Thompson this year. At District, Cass won the 1st Place Individual Medal and Toby won the 2nd Place Individual Medal, both of which went on to Regionals where they and the rest of their teammates were sitting in 3rd Place, only 7 strokes out of 2nd Place, when the Meet was called because of rain. The Girl's Golf Team also competed at Regionals where they finished in 8th place.

This year's Tennis Awards, presented by Coach Ryan Rhoades, went to the boys and girls that made up both Doubles Teams. The Girl's Doubles Team of Sr. Carrie

Pearson and Sophomore Kara Townsen made it to the Regional Quarterfinals as did the Boy's Doubles Team of Jr. Chad Wilkerson and Sophomore Bill Pittman. Coach Rhoades expressed how valuable these 4 outstanding tennis players were to the program in Spearman and is delighted in the fact that 3 of the 4 will be back again next year, better than ever.

The Outstanding Lynxette Track Award was next on the program for the evening for Coach North and was given to Kara Townsen and Ashly Shieldknight for their impressive representation of Spearman at the District and Regional Track Meets in the discus. The Outstanding Lynx Track Award was presented by Head Track Coach Jerry Bass to Jason Varnon, who placed 2nd at District and finished 3rd at the Regional Meet in the 110 M High Hurdles, running the fastest time of his life in the prelims, a 14.8. Jason had previously set a new school record in the triple jump earlier in the year.

Coach North then presented the 2nd ever Krista Kirkland Fighting Heart Award. In order to receive this award, a Lynxette has several criteria to meet in order to qualify. The recipient must have high moral standing, be a good academic student, and have participated in at least 2 varsity sports. As Coach North stated, "It seems the criteria was written for this year's winner of this Award, Carrie Pearson."

Kandi Wolf, Cheerleading Sponsor, presented the Cheerleading Letters to Sr.'s Tommi Latta and Nikki Strawn, Jr.'s Molly Blackman, Mika Pipkin, (Head Cheerleader), Traci Martin, Soph. Kara Townsen, and Fresh. Samantha Beasley and Mandi Lusby.

Coach Ric Smith concluded the awards portion of the banquet by presenting The Purple Pride Award to Allen and Peggy Varnon. This award is given by the coaching staff and on behalf of the athletes for dedication and service to athletics at SHS.

Joe Vanderburg, the incoming President of Booster Club, again honored Allen and Peggy Varnon by presenting them a plaque from the Booster Club for "having gone the extra mile, contributing endless hours of service toward the success of the Spearman Booster Club."

The next order of business was the naming of the recipients of the Booster Club Scholarships. The Booster Club traditionally awards four, \$500 Scholarships. Recipients of those Scholarships were Chad Gardiner, Jason Varnon, Rainey Whittington, and Toby Thompson. Booster Club also awarded a Scholarship in the amount of \$100 to Kory Brown from money donated in memory of Louis Lemons by his wife, Betty. Mr. Lemons was always an avid sports fan in Spearman and the Booster Club and Mrs. Lemons felt it fitting to use the money to help further the education of a Spearman Athlete.

The Banquet was concluded by having the 1994-95 Cheerleaders lead everyone in the singing of the School Song. The 10 young women that will represent Spearman High School during this next school year are Sr.'s Mika Pipkin, head cheerleader, Molly Blackman, Ashly Shieldknight and Amanda Burress, Jr.'s Carrie Burton and Kelly Shieldknight, Sophomore Samantha Beasley and Freshman Jennifer Neff, Mascots will be Cari Babitzke and Sandy Rich.



Awards given at the annual Spearman athletic banquet held Friday, May 20 were (l/r) Carrie Pearson, Lynxette Basketball Fighting Heart, Outstanding Girls Tennis, Krista Kirkland Fighting Heart Award; Rainey Whittington, Outstanding Girls Golf; Ashly Shieldknight, Outstanding Lynxette Track; Kara Townsen, Lynxette Basketball Most Valuable Player, Outstanding Lynxette Track.

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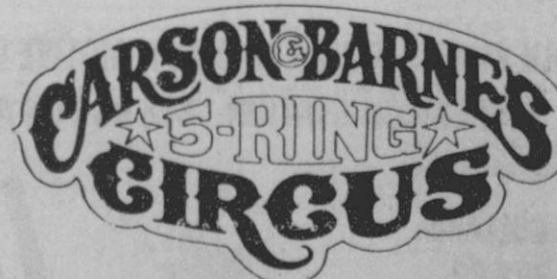
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Awards given at the annual Spearman athletic banquet Friday night were (l/r) Toby Thompson, Lynx Basketball Fighting Heart & Outstanding Boys Golf; Chad Gardiner, Football Fighting Heart; Jason Varnon, Football Head Hunter, Lynx Basketball Most Valuable Player, Outstanding Lynx Track; Brandon Vanderburg, Football Outstanding Offense; Chad Wilkerson, Outstanding Boys Tennis; Bill Pittman, Outstanding Boys Tennis; Cass Lasater, Outstanding Boys Golf.

High school rodeo finals to be in Amarillo

The Tri State High School Rodeo Association Finals will be held in Amarillo, June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Performances will be held at the Tri-State Fair Grounds. Over 100 contestants who qualified in the top 15 in each event will be competing in boys and girls events. There will be bareback riding, saddlebronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, ribbon roping, girls breakaway roping, barrel racing, girls goat tying, pole bending and team roping. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. nightly, Thursday the 2nd, Friday the 3rd with the finals Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices are \$4.00 for general admission and box seats are available. Come see these high school athletes compete for year end awards as well as qualification for the State High School finals to be held in June in Abilene, Texas.

For further information and box seats sales, contact the Tri-State Fair Office at 376-7767.

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Cancer survivor speaks to Hansford Hospice volunteers

Hansford Hospice Volunteers and area guests met Monday night, May 23, 1994, at the Gruber Methodist Church.

Cindy H. Melancon of Amarillo, who calls herself a cancer survivor, presented a very informative program. She was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in January of 1992. She writes a newsletter which is sent to over 70 other women who have cancer giving encouragement and sharing suggestions for improving quality of life. She gave helpful ideas from her own experience on how to help someone with a terminal illness. If anyone with ovarian cancer is interested in the newsletter, contact Hansford Hospice at 659-2535 for Cindy's address.

President, Verne Lee Shirley,

presided at the meeting. It was reported that Orville Latham has built a screen for patients and Lyn Woolley would be making the curtain filler for the screen with The Twentieth Century Club paying for the expense. The treasurer's report was given by Muriel Boyd. Members were reminded to turn in their volunteer hours.

LoRee Booth won the door prize which was prepared by Opal Wallin. Thirty-one members and guests were in attendance.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 20, at 7 p.m. in the First State Bank of Spearman. A program on Stress Management by Regina Partain of Perryton will be presented.



Gus Birdwell Elementary Academic UIL winners pose with their awards.

Local ACS remembers Memorial Day

Memorial Day. It is a time for remembrance. It can also be a time to turn losses into victories.

By making an American Cancer Society Memorial donation, you will be helping fund the Society's fight against cancer. Your contribution will help fund a balanced program of research, education and patient services.

"We call them Living Memorials," said Arbeta Nobles, Treasurer of the Hansford Unit of the American Cancer Society. "A gift today can help spare others tomorrow."

American Cancer Society Memorial envelopes will be mailed in local bank statements sometime during late May and June.

Contributions to the American Cancer Society fund programs and materials used in Hansford County. In the 1992-93 fiscal year, \$1,764 worth of patient services, \$22,962 of public education and \$50 of professional education was returned to county residents.

"The American Cancer Society is the community-based, voluntary organization dedicated to controlling cancer through research, education and service," Nobles said. "Our programs and materials are

managed by local volunteers. That's important for people to know when they contribute to this important cause."

Contributions should include the name of the deceased in whose name the memorial is being made, along with the name and address of the person who should receive acknowledgement of the contribution.

For more information on making a Memorial contribution, contact Nobles at 659-5544 or the Amarillo American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society offers this four-week seminar and support group, without charge, to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years, regardless of the cause of the loved one's death. Dealing with the death of a loved one is one of life's most difficult and stressful experiences. Often people feel lonely and confused because friends and family expect them to be over the death, yet their grieving continues. People may feel angry, guilty, or depressed. Many people find it helps to meet with others who understand. That includes others who are dealing with the death of a

loved one, and professional counselors experienced in helping people work through their grief.

In the safe and supportive atmosphere of a small group, Life After Loss offers the opportunity to talk about experiences and hear from others in similar circumstances. Participants can begin to understand the grief process, their emotions, and how to deal with them. They can get ideas that may help them day-to-day, week-to-week, and long term.

The American Cancer Society offers Life After Loss as a community service, at no charge to participants. Sessions meet for one and one-half hours, once a week for four weeks. It is recommended that participants plan to attend all sessions to receive full benefit of the program.

For more information on this and other American Cancer Society programs and services, please contact the Amarillo office at 353-4306. The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to controlling cancer through research, education and service.

The American Cancer Society and Crown of Texas Hospice will hold a Life After Loss Seminar during the month of June at the American Cancer Society Office, 3915 Bell in Amarillo. Sessions will be held on Tuesday nights, June 7, June 14, June 21 and June 28 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Public Notice

On March 23, 1994, GTE and Contel ("The Companies") filed applications with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") to restructure the Companies' Switched Transport rate category and reduce the Carrier Common Line (OCL) charge of its Switched Access Service. The tariff sheets in GTE and Contel's applications, if approved, will bring the Companies' state access tariffs into structural parity with their interstate tariffs for the Local Transport rate category, which became effective on December 30, 1993.

GTE and Contel propose to implement the new tariffs on a revenue neutral basis. The Local Transport category of GTE and Contel's Switched Access Service is primarily for interexchange carriers.

Persons who wish to intervene should file a motion for intervention with the PUC by June 17, 1994 with reference to Docket No. 12866 (GTE) and/or 12865 (Contel). Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757, or call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.



Baby-sitting course offered in Perryton

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and American Red Cross will be offering a Baby-sitting Workshop June 1 and 2 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. each day at the Exposition Center in Perryton. It is for boys and girls who will be in the sixth grade or older. They must have completed the fifth grade, and there will be a \$5.00 pre-registration fee to cover supplies due May 27.

The 8-hour course will be taught from Red Cross Baby-sitting Course-work and Extension materials. At the end of the class they will be certified Red Cross Baby-sitters. During the workshop we will discuss baby-sitting responsibilities, growth and development of children, selection of toys, supervision, safety and emergency preparedness, feeding, basic care, and how to get a job. The course is planned to give child care instruction, give youth a skill, and help them use the skill to earn extra income. There will be a variety of learning experiences including hands on care.

For more information, call Cynthia Shattles at the Ochiltree County Extension Office, 435-3831.

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Herd also recommends chair exercises for people older than 65. A daily routine of these simple calisthenics can improve range of mo-

tion in most joints and make it easier to get around.

Books about chair exercise are available at bookstores and libraries.

Stressful exercises such as running, tennis or rowing can strain the cardiovascular systems of people who do not exercise regularly. Anything other than simple calisthenics, walking or chair exercises should be discussed first with a physician.

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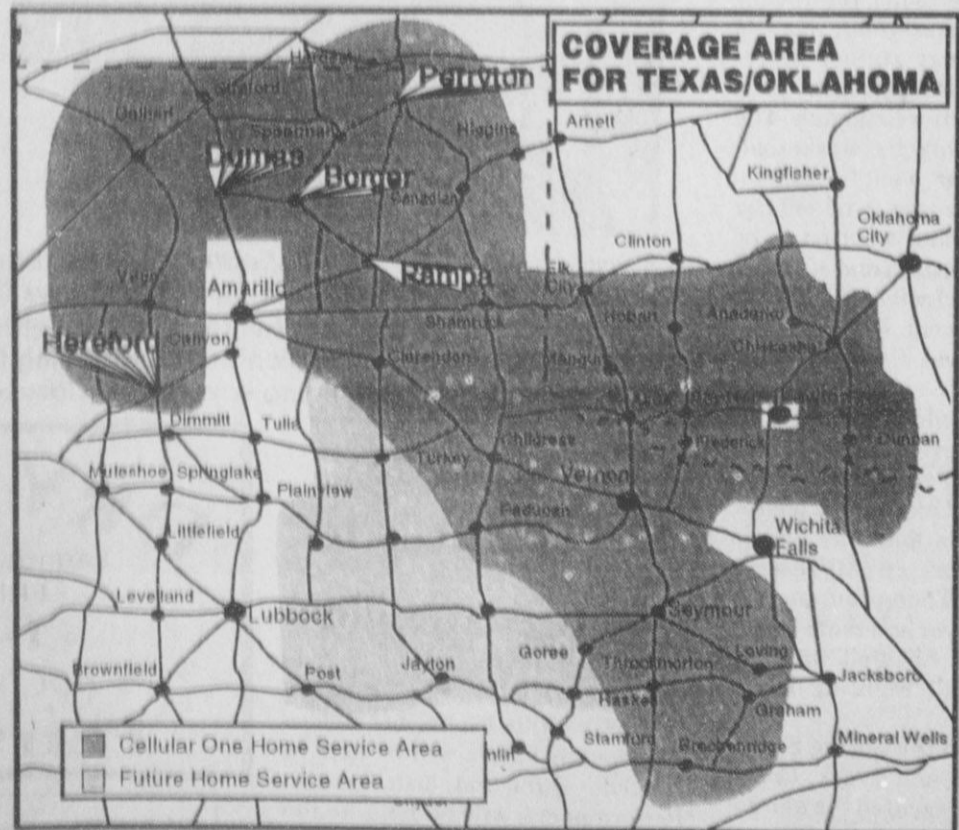
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He is the fortress in which we find protection from our enemies. JESUS says...The closer to Me you come, the clearer you see the battle lines. I have called you to be part of My army against the spiritual forces of wickedness, the centers from which sin, sickness and grief come. In My protection you are commissioned to destroy the fortresses of every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God.

Many years ago it seems now, Jane and I and Our children were in Pakistan and we were able to see many things that other people were not able to see. One of the most amazing things was the fortresses in the frontier of Pakistan. The country was so wild that every family that was wealthy had a fort. Wealth didn't mean money but wealth was measured in children, wives and animals as well as broth-

ers, sisters, and uncles and aunts all lived together in this forts. The one that I was privileged to be a quest in, was about 2 acres square and the wall was 20 feet high and was 8 feet wide at the top with the base measuring 20 feet. The entrance was protected by a door made of timbers approximately 10 inches thick.

On top of the wall was towers, set so that the guards were able to see great distances in the direction the enemy was most likely to appear even then there were times the enemy was able to get close enough to shoot at the people in the fort. Evidence of this was the many bullet holes that you could see in the walls of the forts. Now we as human beings and Children of His love and Jesus is the tower of strength that watches over us, but the enemy will try to get close enough to shoot at us but the Fortress of Gods Love and the Tower of strength, "Jesus", protects us from the enemy. So if you are being pursued by the enemy, run to the Fortress of Gods Love and put your trust in the Tower of Strength who is Jesus and remain there for your protection.

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Obituaries

Charlie N. Knight GRUVER-Charlie N. Knight, 70, died Tuesday, May 17, 1994.

Services were held Friday, May 20, in the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lewis Holland, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman.

Mr. Knight was born in Blanchard, Okla., and had lived in Gruver 52 years, moving from Tuttle, Okla. He married Vireta Tomlinson in 1942 at Spearman. He was a veteran, serving in the Navy during World War II.

Mr. Knight was precinct road foreman for Hansford County from 1958 to 1990. He was a member of United Methodist Church and the Methodist Men's Quartet, and served many years on the United Methodist Church Administrative Board.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Dale Knight of Plano and Bruce Knight of Arlington; a daughter, Carlita Clary of Garland; two sisters, Reacie Elliott of Burlington, Colo., and Bertie Zellner of Farmington, N.M. and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to United Methodist Church, Harrington Cancer Center or a favorite charity.



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The Farmers Home Administration (FHA) county committee election this year will be held on JUNE 30, 1994. The ballot below must be filled out, detached and mailed and received or returned in person to FHM, 800 N. MAIN, FRYDEN, TX not later than JUNE 30, 1994. If you do not vote in person you should mail your ballot inside a blank envelope marked ballot to ensure a secret ballot. This blank envelope should be placed inside the envelope you use to mail your ballot. Your name and address must be legible on the outer envelope. Failure to provide this information will render your ballot invalid. Only one ballot may be voted in person or by mail by any voter. Votes in envelopes containing more than one absentee ballot will not be counted. Ballots and envelopes may also be obtained from your local FHA office.

The state of nominees for HANSFORD, LUSKREEB & CHILDEE are listed in the ballot below. The qualifications of persons voting are described in the "Voter Certification Statement." For further information regarding voting and voter eligibility, see the County Office listed above. FHA elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation, marital status, sex, and/or handicap.

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"Now you may turn your tassels." As each hand touched the mortarboard, the world was about to become a reality. Each candidate for graduation was about to receive that coveted diploma complete with all its "rights and responsibilities".

Yes, it could have been your son or my daughter. This time, it was my daughter. The blossom had shown its true colors and proved to be beautiful. As you worship this Sabbath, please pray for her and for each of our graduates as they turn their tassels into reality.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts 2:1-21	Acts 2:22-42	Acts 2:43-47	Acts 10:34-48	1 Kings 17:8-24	1 Kings 18:1-40	2 Kings 4:8-37

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Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sun.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Pastor James Brown

First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wednesday Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor Ray Cook

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Women's Bible Study: 2 p.m. Wed.
Youth: Wed. 6 p.m. & Sun. 5 p.m.
Pastor LaVern Draper

First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Jr. High Youth: 6 p.m. Wed.
High School Youth: 7 p.m. Wed.
Youth Choir: 6 p.m. Sun.
Pastor Kyle Henderson

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed. 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
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Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sunday
Youth & Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed.
Pastor Rick Fincher

Primera Mission Bautista
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
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**Faith Lutheran Church
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1101 Bernice • 659-2252
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1021 Cotter • 659-2033
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Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates
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407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sun.
High School: 6 p.m. Sun.
Pastor Jeff Lust

Union Church
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. Wed.
Pastor Billy Stanford

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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 pm.
Wed. Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Minister Bob Setliff

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2960
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 6:30 Wednesday
Pastor Gary Gumfory

Oslo Lutheran Church (ECLA)
West of Gruver on Hwy 15 & N. FM 1162
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
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