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Hansford County Library Receives Grant

Hansford County Library received notification recently that they would be receiving a grant from the Tocker Foundation again this year. The Tocker Foundation's goal is promoting libraries in communities of 12,000 or less. Over forty library projects were reviewed for this grant cycle for the benefits to be provided to the respective community.

This year's grant to the Hansford County Library is in the amount of \$2,335, and will be used to purchase additional shelving for expansion of the audio book collection and a new set of World Book Encyclopedias for the reference shelf.

The Tocker Foundation has provided grants to our local library for the past six years and has funded various projects totaling over \$30,000. Library Director Sheri Benton noted that without the help the library has received from the Tocker Foundation, they would not be able to provide the quality of service or the variety of materials that they can now give the patrons of Hansford County.

The Panhandle Singing Men

The Panhandle Singing Men will present a gospel music concert Thursday, September 19th at 7 p.m. in the evening at First Baptist Church in Spearman.

The Panhandle Singing Men is a choir made up of primarily Ministers of Music and Music Directors from churches in the Panhandle. It also has other church staff members and retired members. The group usually performs one concert each month at a local church as well as other ministry opportunities such as area prisons, retirement centers and regional Baptist events.

The Panhandle Singing Men, formed just six years ago, is the newest of six satellite choirs of The Singing Men of Texas. Because of the size of Texas, the Singing Men of Texas has always been divided into regional choirs. Sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Singing Men of Texas was formed in 1975 and recently observed its 25th anniversary.

There is no admission charge but a freewill offering will be taken to purchase new music for the group to sing. Each member pays his own expenses to and from each concert.

The concert program includes: *Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out; Shout to the North, Grace; Swing Down Chariot; Goodbye, World, Goodbye; No Turning Back; Make a Joyful Noise; Create in Me; I Must Tell Jesus; Above All; Wade in the Water; Almighty Father; and God Bless America.*

SHS Band To Host Mexican Pile-On

The Spearman High School Band will host a Mexican Pile-On on Friday, September 27th from 5-6:30 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria. Prices will be \$5 for adults, and \$3 for preschoolers.

Las niembros del club de la Banda de Spearman High School Les hacemos una Cordial Invitacion a una cena que se llevara a cabo el Viernes 27 de Septiembre de las 5 a 6:30 de la tarde en la cafeteria de high school. Precios \$5 - adultos, pre-escolares - \$3.

Family Sees Home, Possession Vanish In Early Morning Fire

by Harletta Carthel

A rude awakening proved to be a lifesaver for a family of five early Monday morning.

Roused from their sleep by the smell of smoke at approximately 3:30 a.m. Monday, Ricardo and Isabel Flores and their three children fled their mobile home just minutes before it was engulfed in flames.

Members of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) who answered the call state that the Flores mobile home, its contents and an adjacent mobile home 1/4 mile north of Highway 15 in the Harris addition outside the city limits of Gruver were totally unsalvageable.

Ricardo Flores said that he observed a small fire in the northwest corner of his home when he returned to the mobile home after evacuating his family.

"I went into the yard and pulled a water hose through the front door to put out the fire," Flores said. "It was then that I noticed my other mobile home, which was just two feet from my home, was completely on fire."

According to Flores, he had planned to connect the second mobile home to enlarge his family's dwelling. Although the vacant mobile home was not hooked to electricity of gas, Flores believes the blaze began there and spread to his mobile home.

The family was able to escape into the night with only their bed clothes. Robert Blevins, Gruver Fire chief stated that the vacant mobile home was fully involved and the family's dwelling was two-thirds involved when firefighters arrived.

"The cause of the fire will be investigated by the State Fire Marshall's Office," Blevins said.

Gruver fire-fighters who were assisted by the Spearman Fire Department were at the scene until approximately 6:45 a.m.

Flores was able to move the family's vehicle which was parked next to the mobile home and to free the family's Dalmatian which was tied to the vacant mobile home, but none of the family's possessions were able to be saved.

"I wanted to go back inside and try to get some things out, but my family would not let me go," Flores said.

Gruver High School Principal Mike King was working Monday morning to gather clothes for the Flores family which includes two GHS students and a fourth grader. All three Gruver schools are involved in efforts to help the Flores family with cash cans located in the junior high and high school offices and a canned food drive in the elementary.

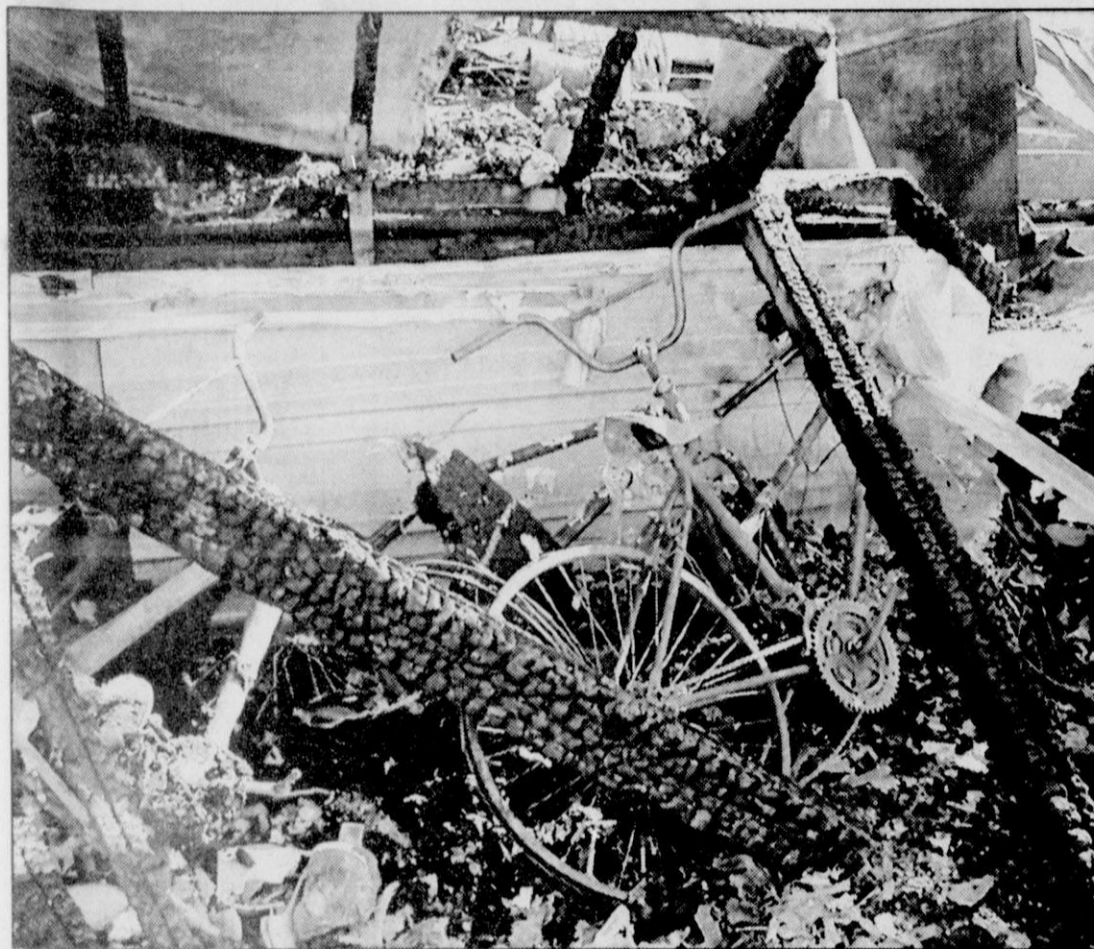
The Flores's two oldest children, Suehuay and Ethel are students at West Texas A&M University and are not in need of clothes as most of their personal belongings are in their dorm rooms.

Ricardo Flores stated that both the mobile homes were paid for but that neither was insured. The family was provided shelter by Victor Lopez of Gruver who offered a vacant house for the Flores family to use.

Late Monday afternoon, the Flores family were being consoled by friends as they sat at a picnic table outside the charred remains of their home.

Community members wishing to make a donation to the Flores family may contribute at any of the three Gruver schools offices. The family is also in need of clothing, bed linens, and towels which will be accepted at the schools. Canned goods may be donated at the elementary school. Larger household items must be delivered directly to the Flores family.

Family members and their clothing sizes are: Isabel Flores - slacks size 16, blouse size large, dress size 16; Ricardo Flores - pants size 38/30, shirt size 16 1/2; Ricardo, (high school junior) - shirt size men's medium or large, pants size 30/30 or 16, shoe men's size 8-8.5; Ortisabel (high school freshman) - shirt size medium girls, pant size 3, and shoes women's size 6; Abraham (fourth grade) - shirts boys small, pants boys size 7 or 9, shoes boys size 2.



The road to ruin for a trio of bicycles was the heat from the fire that destroyed the Ricardo Flores Home.

Keeping Patient Information Confidential:

Hospital Patient Information Will Soon Be More Restricted To The Public

by Steve L. Hartgraves, CEO/Administrator, Hansford County Hospital District

What's the best part of being the new hospital Administrator? Meeting the helpful and caring people in the communities we serve. What's the worst part? Breaking news that you know people aren't going to like.

Because of compliance with new federal regulations, patient information that was once volunteered by most hospitals will soon be restricted to only those individuals who provide health care services. Unfortunately, this means that popular local media outlets like KRDF and The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be limited in the information they can obtain from the hospital concerning patient information.

Five years ago, a new law was passed that significantly changed the healthcare industry. Though the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) was hailed as one of the most successful accomplishments of the Clinton Administration, the ultimate ramifications of this new law adversely affected U.S. hospitals, even beyond the original projections of lawmakers.

The first phase of the BBA focused on reducing reimbursement to hospitals through the

Medicare program. Many people don't know that most hospitals are reimbursed by Medicare at a rate of about 38 cents on the dollar. In other words, for every dollar the hospital bills Medicare, they pay us 38 cents. Under BBA, this amount was reduced even greater. Meanwhile, the actual cost of providing care to hospital patients continues to rise at an alarming rate.

The second phase of the BBA, which will soon be implemented, is designed to protect patient confidentiality. This phase is called the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). HIPAA regulations require that patient health information be treated with the highest level of confidentiality.

Is this restriction to patient information specific to Hansford County? No. HIPAA guidelines apply to all hospitals in the U.S.

The good news is that since the first phase of the BBA was implemented, lawmakers have realized their shortsighted approach to reducing governmental spending and have created new relief legislation for hospitals in rural communities. The bad news is that in the very near future, Hansford County Hospital District will no longer be able to release certain

patient information to the public. Why is this bad news? Many local churches and other organizations have created formal visitation and prayer programs around the list of current hospital patients. Initial privacy regulations set in place seem very strict to most people, and like the first phase of the BBA, may be changed at some point in the future. However, in order to comply with the established HIPAA guidelines Hansford County Hospital District will voluntarily cease release of certain patient information on September 17, 2002.

One final note... I sincerely hope that you, the residents of Hansford County, will continue to support Hansford County Hospital District in its mission to improve the health of individuals and families in the communities served by the District. I also ask that if you have questions about this new privacy requirement to please contact me personally. I will be happy to discuss BBA or HIPAA with you. My contact information is listed below for your convenience: Steve L. Hartgraves, CEO/Administrator, Hansford County Hospital District; 707 S. Roland; Spearman, TX 79081; (806) 659-5858; stevehartgraves@hchd.net

A Stitch In Time

Davis Exhibits Third Grand Champion Quilt

by Harletta Carthel

Master quilter Gerri Davis took first place in the quilt division and was named overall Grand Champion in Domestic Arts at the Texas County Fair in Guyman.

The win marked the third year for the Gruver quilter to gain the grand champion title at the annual event.

The fair also marked the first judging of Davis' heirloom crazy quilt, a project which took her 14 months to complete by working several hours per day.

The award-winning quilt has many unique features. Tatting and lace made by Davis' mother-in-law as a young woman as well as tatting made by Eva Dozier is utilized in the design.

Davis spent many hours embellishing the quilt with intricate silk ribbon embroidery, seed beads, old buttons from her mother-in-law, and lace.

Davis displayed her newest champion quilt and other prize-winning quilts recently to the residents of Hansford Manor as she presented a program on quilting.

The quilt will eventually be given Davis' youngest granddaughter Michela Davis as the quilt features several pictures of the young girl and her family.



Winning quilter Gerri Davis exhibits her heirloom Victorian Crazy Quilt which was named the Grand Champion at the Texas County Fair.



HCHD Awards Scholarship Loan

Kenda Boyd, L.V.N., shown at left with Steve Hartgraves, Hansford County Hospital District CEO, was recently approved by the Hospital District's Board of Directors to receive a scholarship loan to further her education in nursing. Mrs. Boyd is working as an LVN at Hansford Hospital while attending Amarillo College to pursue her R.N. She has been employed by the District since April 2000.

Kenda enjoys working in this community because it is small enough for the nursing staff to really get to know their patients. Kenda and her husband, Justin, are proud parents of 15-month-old Thaxton.

Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

I received the following poem that was written in remembrance of the tragic events on September 11, 2001. I hope we can continue to remember these words and live by them.

One

As the soot and dirt and ash rained down,
We became one color.

As we carried each other down the stairs
of the burning building,
We became one class.

As we lit candles of waiting and hope,
We became one generation.

As the firefighters and police officers
fought their way into the inferno,
We became one gender.

As we fell to our knees in prayer for strength,
We became one faith.

As we whispered or shouted words of encouragement,
We spoke one language.

As we gave our blood in lines a mile long,
We became one body.

As we mourned together the great loss,
We became one family.

As we cried tears of grief and loss,
We became one soul.

As we retell with pride of the sacrifice of heroes,
We became one people.

We are:
One color
One class
One generation
One gender
One faith
One language
One body
One family
One soul
One people

We are The Power of One.
We are United.
We are America.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Catherine :)

Odom, Weller Wed



Mrs. William Weller

Jill Ann Odom of Gruver and William Ryan Weller of Kingwood were married Saturday, August 24, 2002 at Gruver United Methodist Church. The Rev. Jerry Moore officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Debby Odom of Gruver and George Odom of Dalhart. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Irwin and Mr. and Mrs. George P. Odom, all of

whom attended the wedding. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Fenner Weller of Kingwood. Grandparents of the groom are Betty Atwill, who attended the wedding, the late William Atwill and the late Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Weller.

Maid of honor was Katy Hagler. Bridal attendants were Erika Salmans, Weslyn Thacker, Lindsey Savage, Julie Hurlbut and Amy Wisian.

Best man was Reese Weller, brother of the groom. Groom's attendants were Kyle Sparkman, cousin of the groom, Nate Nespoli, Tyler Stanton, Eric Lusceze and Jim Enderby.

Flower girl was Klaire Irwin, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Karsten Irwin, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Kenton Odom, Grant Odom and Dan Odom, brothers of the bride, Steve Hutto and Brandon Hamilton. Candlelighter was Korbin Irwin, cousin of the bride.

Courtney Clayton read selected Scriptures. Soloist was Lauren Weller, sister-in-law of the groom.

The bride wore a gown of ivory matte satin, which was traditionally styled with details on the ball-gown silhouette and encrusted with sequins and bridal pearls. It featured a strapless neckline and

bugle-head trim. The bodice was attached to a cathedral-length train.

The colors were black and white. The bride chose calla lilies for her bouquet.

The wedding reception was held at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. House party attendants were Mary Jane Irwin, cousin of the bride, Lauren Green, Suzanne Noonan, Lindsey Bilhartz, Annie Peters, Carma Jordan and Steffany Ward.

The bride is a graduate of Gruver High School. She graduated magna cum laude from Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a

bachelor of science degree in accounting and a minor in Spanish. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. She is a staff one auditor for Ernst & Young, LLP in Houston.

The groom is a graduate of Kingwood High School. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in finance from Texas Tech, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is an analyst for JP Morgan Chase in Houston.

The groom planned a surprise honeymoon for the bride. They will reside in Kingwood.

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Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine

September 12

Birthday - Linda Haight, Evi Meyer, Carrie Ann Guthrie, Deanne Gilley, Connie Shields, Issabella Hermselino, Peggy Varnon, Ty Martin, Quincy Graber, Roland Graber, Chasidy Thomas, Charles Elliott

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Kruse

September 13

Birthday - Alice Alvarez, Mindy Davis, Aaron Frick, Pam Harris, Kevin Holt, B.J. Renner, Jimmy Beeson, Carol Hergert, Hadley Reed, Terry Cook, Jim Baker, Burt Williams, Charolette Jackson, Jack McWhirter, Keri Holt, Kalib Nash

September 14

Birthday - Max Clawson, Justin Duncan, William O'Connell, Johnny Dunnihoo, Allen Hart, Robin Snider, Ken Schneider, Gregg VanBuskirk, Clayton Williams, Velma Sanders, Doug Holmes, Steven Salazar, Joel Stark, Debbie Canto

September 15

Birthday - Les Barkley, Laura Blasingame, Dan Ralston, Karen Durham, Becky Byers, Misty Dawn Villarreal, Matt Jones, Audrey Winegarner, Debbie Dingman, Amanda Bowman, Matthew Jones, Arturo Huerta, Gary Vasek

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September 16

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September 17

Birthday - Hugh Bell, Krystle Deeds, Pablo Perez, Glenda

Renner, Johnny White, Jan Allen, Helen Melton, Joe Wattier, Teresa Ford, Myrtle Eller, Janna Brock, Robbie Cochran, R.D. McLain, Judy Fredrick, Mario Molina, Dale Wofford, Andrew Cummings, Kayla Swink

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September 18

Birthday - Jason Haefner, Betty Davis, Alton Ellsworth, Pat Jackson, Scarlett Jackson, Cary Cates, Mrs. Don Ladd, Jamie Pierce, Donna Phillips, Van Hamilton, David Baca, Jamie Townsen

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September 19

Birthday - Sally Holt Meek, Carol Hester, Sue Jackson, Tildon Sparks, Don Kunselman, Jim Jones, Amadita Vargas, Alberto Vargas, Randy Kirk, Tammy Woodward, Julie Pittman, Cassidy Taylor

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. Tindle Ramon

September 20

Birthday - Tiffanee Crane, Jerry Overbey, Karen Archer, Charles Shieldknight, Mrs. Jimmy Watson, Dee Mayfield, Edrie Jones, Jessie Francis, Lance McMahan, Dora Salgado, Chris Womble, Beverly Vinson, Pedro Garza

September 21

Birthday - Amber Murrell, Teresa Sue Dodson, Mrs. Ola Davis, Lisa Pipkin, Sharon Craig, Millie Craig, Gary Thomas, Karen Goodman, Arthur Cantu, Cathy Brown, Paul Mahaffey, Ashlee Flowers, Allene Bayless, Callie Cazares, Francis Murrell, Jacie Baker, Mike Ladd

September 22

Birthday - Charlotte Bergin, Chelsie Beth Hicks, Leon Wilson, Robert Womble, Bobby Evans, Ray Brewer, Junior Avila, Terry Delozier, Lance Harnish, Sterling Alana Brown, Amber Conley, Janice Riley, Bonnie Cox

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Jackson

Our Deepest Sympathy

ETHEL ORA WINDSOR PITTMAN

SPEARMAN - Ethel Ora Windsor Pittman, 96, died Wednesday, September 4, 2002.

Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 6, 2002 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Cole officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Ethel Windsor was born November 3, 1905, at the family farm north of Turpin, Okla. She graduated from Liberal High School in 1923. Ethel received her teaching degree from Panhandle A&M College in Goodwell, Okla., in 1925.

She taught school in Turpin and Hardesty, Okla., and nearby Union School, where she met her future husband, Erlis Pittman. After a seven-year courtship they married on May 21, 1933, and moved to his farm in Hansford County.

She, her husband and his brother, Wendell, were partners in the farming business until Wendell left on the first bus of World War II draftees from Hansford County. Ethel worked side-by-side as a partner with Erlis in their farming and ranching business.

They lived in the same house nine miles northwest of Morse, Texas for 54 years until they moved to Spearman in 1994. Electricity came in early 1950 and a telephone in 1960.

Erlis claims that he never saw a horse that Ethel could not ride or a weed she did not want to pull. She was active in Cub Scouts as a den mother, she taught Sunday School, was active in 4-H Club, and was a life member of Parent Teacher Association. She taught each of her seven grandchildren to read.

Ethel was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Margaret Windsor; a brother, Lee; a sister, Edna; and a grandson, Kip.

Survivors include her husband, Erlis; her friend and caregiver, Marilyn Anderson; a brother, Chet Windsor of Liberal, Kansas; a sister, Minnie Hiatt of Wichita, Kansas; two sons and their wives, Frank and Lucy Pittman of Morse and Bill and Ginger Pittman of Spearman; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford County Library, 122 Main St., Spearman, TX 79070; or a favorite charity.

JULIA HIBBS FAUS MCMANUS

GAGE, OKLAHOMA - Julia Hibbs Faus McManus, 90, died Sunday, September 8, 2002.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 3 p.m. in Ochiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Ms. McManus was born in Beaver County, Oklahoma on September 20, 1911. She had lived in the area her entire life.

She was a boot maker. She worked many years as a volunteer at the hospital in Shattuck, Oklahoma. She loved to work with crafts and carpentry. She was always there for her family.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Lawrence Hibbs; a sister, Ruth Reardon; two daughters, Rosa Steele and Juanita Pierce; and three grandsons.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Harry and Betty Faus of Fountain Valley, Calif.; three daughters, Bertha Ilene Willison of Gage, Okla., Ruby Saltness of Lubbock, TX, and Phyllis and Leeroy Mann of Gage, Okla.; 22 grandchildren; and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Children's Home, % of the Church of Christ, 121 S. Haney, Spearman, TX 79081.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Pringle-Morse CISD Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Pringle-Morse CISD will be providing a Pre-Kindergarten program for all students who will be four years old by September 1, 2002. The program is free to all children living in the district who meet the age criteria. The program serves all children, regardless of economic status or language ability. In addition, any four-year-old, non-district student may apply for transfer and upon approval, enter the pre-kindergarten program free of charge. Pringle-Morse also accepts transfer students in kindergarten-8th grade. Upon meeting the criteria and being approved, students may attend Pringle-Morse school tuition free. To enroll, or for additional information, call (806) 733-2507.

Commissioners' Court Warns About Penalties For Destruction/Theft of Signs

Due to numerous signs being taken or destroyed in the County, the Hansford County Commissioners' Court would like to make it's citizens aware of the penalty for this action. This is a Class B Offense, punishable with a fine of up to \$2,000 and a possible jail term of up to 180 days.

"Digging For Your Roots - Genealogy Seminar"

A "Digging for Your Roots - Genealogy Seminar" will be held October 25-26 in Guymon. The mail classes will meet in the Pioneer Showcase at 502 N. Main with one internet class being held at the Guymon Public Library. Classes are being taught by three employees of the Oklahoma Historical Society and several local people. Registration fee for the seminar is \$20 and is due by October 17th. For more information, call Melyn Johnson at 580-338-5838 or e-mail at MelynJ@ptsi.net. The seminar is sponsored by the High Plains Chapter, DAR, Guymon Public Library, and Guymon Convention and Tourism.

All Amphibious Shipmates Sought

The Texas LST/Amphibious Association invites all shipmates, past and present, to the amphibious reunion to be held in San Angelo, Texas October 10-13, 2002. A good time will be had by all. Please contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52, Box 362, Hemphill, TX 75948, or email him at TexasLST@aol.com.

Texas Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing

The Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has several programs for people with deafness and hearing loss. In order to see if you qualify, please contact Mark Dickson, Regional Specialist at C.S.D. of Texas, 4310 Lola Street, Lubbock, TX 79407, or call (806) 788-8940.

Gruver First Christian Church Cookbooks

The cookbooks being sold by the First Christian Church in Gruver have all been sold. We are taking special orders now for the people that wanted to purchase some for Christmas gifts. Because the reorder price more than doubled on us, the cost for the books will be \$12.00 unless we can order more than the minimum of 100. Orders may be turned in to Alice Peady, Pat Morley, Pat Bratton, Sandra Gumfory, Margaret Ralston or any other church member.

Rushing Wind Emmaus

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet at the First United Methodist Church in Follett, Texas on Saturday, September 14th at 6 p.m. A potluck meal will be served, followed by a praise and worship service. Members, family, friends and visitors from area churches are welcome to attend. A nursery will be provided. The Board of Directors will meet at First United Methodist Church in Canadian on Monday, September 16th at 7 p.m. Rushing Wind Emmaus will sponsor a Women's Walk at the Waka Christian Center in Waka on September 26-27. Pam Lehman of Booker will serve as lay director and Larry Holder of Booker will serve as spiritual director. Please contact Debbie Symons, registrar, at 806-435-2816 for more information.

Area Agency on Aging Seeks Volunteers

The Nursing Home Ombudsman program of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is actively seeking individuals to serve as advocates for residents of area nursing homes. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the Panhandle. Ombudsmen promote resident rights, quality of life and quality of care by identifying and resolving complaints by or on behalf of residents. To learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Jeff Price or Tanya Mock of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at (800) 642-6008.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society Announces Moore County MS Walk

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Panhandle Division is pleased to announce this year's Moore County MS Walk. The Panhandle Division serves some 640 MS families in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles and the four eastern counties of New Mexico. The event will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2002, with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the Walk getting underway at 10 a.m. The first Moore County MS Walk was held last year, raising in excess of \$18,000. The Walk concludes with a great hamburger cookout as a small token of thanks to all the walkers and volunteers. Ralph Bynum, the MS Walk Coordinator, extends a cordial invitation to everyone in Hansford County to join Dumas, Sunray, Cactus/Etter, Stratford and Dalhart walkers in this year's fundraising effort. Details for forming a Walk Team and other volunteer activities can be obtained by contacting Bynum in Dumas at 935-4208, Kevin Bynum at 659-2162, or the Amarillo office of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at 468-7500. Anyone who is interested in participating is urged to call Kevin Bynum at 659-2162 for more information.

Check Out Your Closets!

The Spearman band department is looking for instruments that have been checked out to students over the past 10 years. With the amount of director turnover, it was hard to keep up with check-outs and some instruments were not returned. If your child was in band, check under the beds and in the back of the closet for a lost instrument. Maybe you have an instrument they have forgotten about. If you do, please return it to the office at the high school or junior high. Thanks, and good hunting!

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office

Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) now has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. Jamie Casdorff, Outreach Caseworker, is scheduled to be at that location each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and Children's Advocate, Marsha Neely, will continue to be in Spearman each weekday. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services.

Public Education In Texas

Public education in Texas is for every child. Don't leave any child behind. The children of Texas come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and abilities. They do not all learn the same way, but they ALL do learn. Do you know of an infant, child, or young adult who does not learn easily or has an impairment that might affect his/her success in life? Do you know that public school programs can serve these children from birth to age 21? For more information, call Marsha Murphy, Special Education Director, at (806) 435-4412.

Child Find

Child find is the ongoing process of locating children (ages infant-21 years) with disabilities for special education services. If you know a child who shows signs of development delay, ongoing behavioral or medical problems that interfere with learning, find out how you can help by calling Gruver ISD at 733-2031, Spearman ISD at 659-2565, Pringle-Morse CISD at 733-2507, or the Child Find coordinator at Region 16 Education Service Center at (806)376-5521.

Power Wheelchairs Available

Miracle on Wheels makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (65 years old & up) usually at no out of pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required. The electric wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self propel a manual wheelchair in their home or independent living quarters and who meet the additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. Please call 1-800-749-8778 or visit our web site at www.durablemedical.com for more information on the details of this program.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Cathy,

I'm sending a huge "thanks" to Spearman for its generous support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Labor Day weekend! Because of your help, our MDA Telethon raised a record \$58,276,118 in contributions and pledges.

It was heartwarming to see people across the country - from celebrities to unsung heroes - coming together to help families affected by neuro-muscular diseases. As our nation marks the first anniversary of Sept. 11, it's clear that we remain true to our most cherished values.

I want to thank you not only for calling in pledges, but for supporting MDA programs throughout the year, including Shamrocks Against Dystrophy sales, MDA Lock-Ups, and Fill-the-Boot drives by fire fighters.

Your support makes it possible for MDA to keep the engines running at full speed on worldwide research seeking treatments and cures. We've made so many significant gains in recent years! Besides research, your donations fund other vital programs, including some 230 clinics, help with medical equipment and - the favorite of "my kids" - summer camp.

If you'd like to get involved with these great MDA programs year-round, call your local MDA office; call our national headquarters at (800) 572-1717; or visit our Web site at www.mdausa.org.

Spearman, you're the best! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Love,
Jerry Lewis
National Chairman
Muscular Dystrophy Association

Gladiola Flower Club News

The Gladiola Flower Club went to Amarillo and Hereford on September 5th.

Barbara Herrington, a gifted and talented gardener, showed her many varieties of flowers. After seeing her home and enjoying coffee, she took the Club to see the Texas Panhandle War Memorial that she had helped landscape.

On the way home, the Club went to the lovely remodeled home of Bodil Bradley in Hereford (the home was featured in the July issue of Style magazine). The backyard featured a beautiful garden area, which had a free-standing covered sitting room with a fireplace. Club members were served a delicious lunch in the sitting room of the garden.

Those attending were: Ann Flowers, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Davis, Estelle Jackson, Verna Brown, Kathleen Sutton, Margarette Evans, Lorene Kunselman, Virginia Trindle, June Jackson and Judy Yarbrough.

Blowin' In The Wind

by Dwayne Mitchell

After a very successful and exhilarating International Windmills' Trade Fair in Spearman during the first week of June, Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association members recessed for the summer and turned to getting caught up on "honey do's," family reunions, recovering from a high dive off a cattle truck and sundry other activities.

To look backward to June 5-8, SPWA hosted about 350 windmillers from 23 states and Canada in what was termed by more than one windmill "best trade fair ever."

Spearman did itself proud in making everyone welcome to the Trade Fair. Thousands of dollars in windmill parts changed hands, old acquaintances were renewed, and Swimming Pool Park and the O'Loughlin Center were filled with windmill parts and related merchandise.

The 2003 International Windmills' Trade Fair will be in Rochester, Minnesota, and the 2004 will be in Shattuck, Oklahoma. 2005 is up for grabs.

The SPWA about a week before the Trade Fair erected a truly eye-catching Duplex umbrella mill at Golden Spread Sales. The mill was yellow and green on a white tower and was very pretty (as far as

windmills can be pretty), but Mother Nature sent a micro-burst and blew it into pieces so SPWA members are presently restoring the mill once again, and it should be back to its original beauty fairly soon.

Summer 2002 was not all play for SPWA members as you have seen the ten-foot Perkins solid wooden wheel mill that is on the Hansford County Courthouse lawn. That mill was bought at Leedey, Oklahoma, and was partially restored, but SPWA members had to finish the restoration, assemble the wheel and build a tower. The Perkins is the kind of mill that was in the yard of the Spearman Hotel while at Old Hansford.

Last, but not least, the memorial wall is to be completed with all the brick and tile to be installed in the wall. Go by and look at the progress.

Clearly, even though the International Windmills' Trade Fair is over, the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association has much work to do to put together the best collection of windmills anywhere. The Perkins is up, the Duplex will soon be back on its tower, an oil-bath Dempster umbrella is to be erected at the corner of 11th and Roland, and the number of mills around Spearman approaches forty in number.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Turkeys in the park behind the dam.

Lake level--September 10, 2002--32 feet

Jim didn't have much news on the fishing, but he had seen one 15 pound catfish. There were 2 campers on the office side and some tent campers in the Park.

Ramon saw a bald eagle and an immature one on Friday, but they haven't been seen since. This may be early for them to come for the winter.

This is hummingbird migration time. Beth Wood told me she had one that would come to her yard for a certain flower. After a short stay, it would move off to an unknown neighbor. Dearyla Stedje

has been entertaining several of these little hovering birds at their feeder in Oslo.

Trumpet vines with the beautiful orange flowers are still one of the most important hummer flowers. The salvias, coral honeysuckle, and cardinal climber are also good ones.

Most people that are trying to attract the little birds, put out feeders through September and October. The formula they use is one part sugar added to four parts of boiling water. Cool, then store any extra in the refrigerator. Change every 3 days when the temperature is warm. Now they say to leave the red food coloring out, as most feeders have red on them.

Thanks to you who brought books or bought books at the signing party the County Historical Society had Monday for Cleon Roberts, author of the biography Charley Newell Shot! Ruby Jo Wilbanks and Helen Boyd ably supervised it.

If anyone missed the signing, but wants one of the books, the Museum kept 10 to sell.

Thank You!

To the People of Spearman:
The family of Tina Pinkerton and Shaun Pillow would like to extend their heart-felt thanks for the outpouring of kindness and love during this, our time of sorrow. Within hours of our loss, all of you stopped your lives to come and help. Please believe that your love and prayers were needed and felt. They have helped us through this rough part, but we still need them. Tina and Shaun will always be missed, but they would have been so pleased and proud to see all the help you gave.

Once again, thanks and God bless you all. You are in our prayers also.

James, Ashley, Mark, Jimmy Pinkerton; Ron & Esther Smith

Thank You!

A sincere thank you is extended to our community for opening their hearts and arms to comfort us in our time of need. We appreciate the prayers, flowers, phone calls, visits, food, and love that have been given. Gruver--we love you!

A special thanks to the Gruver EMS, Dr. Sharma, the Hansford Hospital staff, Aaron Weller, Bryn Lowe, and our Greyhound family. Peggy and Bonnie Frick; Aaron and Kristi Frick.

Max and Wendy Frick, Hannah and Caleb; Ouida Frick; Charlotte Mullins; Ronnie Frick

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Hector Diaz is the First National Bank's September Employee of the Month.

Hector is a Teller at First National Bank, a position he has had for three months.

Hector is the son of Julieta and Hector Diaz. He has a younger brother, Eric Diaz and two sisters, Jessica and Julie Diaz.



Hector commented, "I enjoy my job - it's fun and I get to meet a lot of people."

Hector stated that he admires his parents "because they are always there to help me. No matter how big a problem I have, they always find a solution for me."

Hector stated that his personal motto is "The professional in anything was once a beginner."

When not working, Hector enjoys playing soccer. Congratulations, Hector - First National Bank's September Employee of the Month!

Jascha Fishburn is the First National Bank's September Employee of the Month.

Jascha is the Network Administrator at First National Bank, a position he has had for four months.

Jascha is married to Anna, and has two children, Lance and Sydney.

Jascha commented, "I enjoy my job because I work with great people. A job is always better when you have good people to work with. I enjoy the constant challenge - it makes it interesting"

Jascha commented that he enjoys Hansford County. "Coming from a larger city, it is refreshing to see such a friendly community, and also to be a part of one."

Jascha stated that he admires his mother "because she has had all the determination to bring me along through life, and I am very proud of who I am today."

Jascha stated that his personal motto is "Treat people the way you would want to be treated."

When not working, Jascha enjoys spending time with his family.

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Jeffrey and Frances Davis wish to announce the birth of their son, Alexander Flynn Davis. Alexander was born on August 16, 2002 at 12:40 p.m. in Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Alexander was welcomed home by his six-year-old big brother, Jackson.

Proud grandparents are Alexandra Girardeau of Montreal, James Wilson of Las Vegas, Nevada, Alia Jean Davis of Wheeler and the late Harvey Davis.

Bridal Registry

Michelle Schick & Wayne McCubbin - Sept. 21 (Spearman)

Krista (Boyd) Dement & Christian Mericle - Sept. 28

Terri Schroyer & Evan Stubbs - Oct. 26

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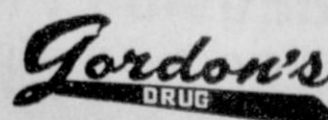
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Homecoming Approaching

With homecoming 2002 fast approaching, three young ladies of the GHS senior class have been selected as candidates for Homecoming Queen by the football team. The nominees will be voted on by the student body, and the homecoming queen will be crowned in pre-game ceremonies Friday, September 20 in Greyhound Stadium.

The nominees for Homecoming Queen are Bryn Lowe, Christi Clift, and Amy Watley.

See You At The Pole

Wednesday, September 18, is See You At The Pole Day. Students, faculty, parents, and community members are invited to gather at the GHS flagpole to share in a time of prayer for our world, country, community, and schools.

Open House Slated

Gruver Junior High has slated an Open House for Monday, September 17 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Parents of junior high students are asked to meet in the library for a general session before visiting each of their student's classrooms.

Immunization Clinic Set

Gruver School Nurse, Kathy Lindsay, has announced a Texas Vaccines for Children Immunization Clinic on Monday, September 17 from 10-12 and 1-4. Parents are requested to bring a copy of their child's most updated immunization card with them to the clinic.

The varicella (chicken pox) vaccine as well as all childhood vaccinations will be available at that time. Price for the vaccinations will be \$5.00 per person. The clinic is open to the public.

Questions may be addressed to the school nurse, 733-5415 or the Texas Department of Health in Dalhart, 806-249-6090.

Junior High, Junior Varsity Teams Make Debut

In their first game of the 2002 football season, the Gruver Junior High combined team fell 32-0 to Stratford while the Gruver Junior Varsity bested the Stratford 2-0.

The Hounds game-winning safety came on an unusual play in which a Stratford receiver took a punt deep in the end zone, took a step out of the end zone, and then stepped back into the end zone, warranting the safety call by officials.

The junior varsity will travel to Wellington for a 4 p.m. game Thursday, September 12. The junior high will have an open date this week.

Frick Memorials Directed to

GHS Weight Room

The family of Coach Doug Frick have asked that memorials be made to the GHS weight room fund.

This is a most fitting suggestion. Coach Frick, realizing the need for new training room equipment and more space, had organized two fund-raising efforts last year directed toward that end. Many may remember the coupon books which were sold last year for discounts at various restaurants.

For all those wishing to make a memorial, gifts may be mailed to GHS Weight Room Fund, Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040. A list of those contributing is being compiled and will be given to the Frick family.

Coach Max Frick Posts Win

Max Frick, a 1996 graduate of GHS, posted his first varsity win as a member of the coaching staff of Breckenridge High School. The 3-A school won their first game of the season with a 41-0 score.

Max and his wife Wendy have two children Hannah, 4, and Caleb, 10 months.

Get Well Wishes

Sue Henson is recovering from heart valve replacement surgery. She is building strength daily.

Donnie Thoreson underwent a heart cath on September 4.

Gaylord Cook has returned home after being diagnosed with an ulcer.

Nick Holt has returned home from his recent heart bypass and gall bladder surgeries.

GHS Class Officers Elected

Class officers for the 2002-2003 school year have been selected.

The senior class will be led by president Eric Lopez with Christi Clift serving as vice president, Amy Watley as secretary, and Sammi Johnson as treasurer. Student council representatives will be Eric Lopez, Hunter Beville, and Lori Swink.

Junior class officers will be president Hutch Reed, vice president Carlos Borunda, secretary Nick Slough, and treasurer Meagan Knight. Student Council representatives are Hutch Reed, Nick Slough, and Jenny Hart.

In the sophomore class Ben Williams will serve as president with Brock Irwin vice president, Patricia Gaspar secretary, and Cody Mac Been treasurer. Student council representatives will be Ben Williams, Greg Garrett, and Brittanie Osbourne.

Freshman class leaders will be president Stephen Salazar, vice president Orisabel Flores, secretary Kelly Sue Jones, and treasurer

er Matt Messer. Student council representatives are Stephen Salazar, Tanner Irwin, and Allison Reid.

Student council officers for the year are president Amy Watley, vice president Christi Clift, and secretary/treasurer Ben Williams.

Community Describes Perfect Superintendent

In a series of meetings with faculty, parents, students, and the community, a list of desirable qualities for a new Gruver Schools Superintendent was compiled.

The definition of a superintendent is the chief executive officer who is accountable to the Board of Trustees. The superintendent is expected to be the education leader of Gruver ISD. The person chosen will work closely with the board of trustees to develop and carry out the vision of the district.

These are the characteristics listed by the staff, parents, students and community as those they desire in a new leader.

Professional Qualities: Effective communicator. Has demonstrated the ability to work in partnership with the board, staff, parents, students, and community in building a climate of trust and cooperation. Treats all employees as equal partners in the education process. Will be visible on campus and interacts frequently with staff and students. Is a visionary leader with the ability to build consensus in support of district goals. Does not micromanage yet maintains accountability. Makes and defends difficult decisions. Will make changes only after careful study and involvement of others who will be affected. Is flexible yet structured. Maintains an open-door policy. Is approachable, accessible, and a good listener. Is consistent, fair, and maintains confidentiality. Has demonstrated sound fiscal practice. Is knowledgeable and stays abreast of school laws, regulations, and federal requirements. Actively supports all district academic and extracurricular programs.

Personal Qualities: Is family oriented and possesses strong moral values, honesty, integrity, and trust. Has an understanding of small schools and family. Is adaptable to the Texas Panhandle. Is a people person. Is a professional in appearance and lifestyle. Is consistent and fair. Values and respects all people. Has a sense of humor. Is visible on campus and in the community. Is active in community affairs.

Duncan Runs for OPSU

Elizabeth Duncan, Oklahoma Panhandle State University freshman, finished 28th in the Wayland Baptist Cross Country Meet last weekend.

Duncan, a four year member of the GHS cross country team, is a 2002 graduate of GHS and the daughter of John and Elizabeth Duncan.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Interment at Hansford Cemetery on Saturday morning for Ethel Pittman marked the conclusion of decades of memories for so many friends and family. Her considerate and cheerful contacts with each always left one in better spirits. The rooms in the house where she and husband, Erlis, of 64 years, raised their two sons could be a testimonial to happiness, sadness, pride, economic ups and downs - all the phases of life which they shared.

Ethel will always be remembered as a gracious, thoughtful lady. Deepest sympathy is extended to Erlis and other members of her family.

Many years ago five girl graduates made a pact to meet annually after their graduation from Panhandle State University. For 30 years, the pact was observed. Now three are left. One of them, Helen Gray of Ulysses, Kansas was brought to visit another one, Babe Pendergraft. The third is no longer able to travel.

Mrs. Gray's daughter, Lurita Patrick, of Garden City, brought her for the "sentimental journey."

Brenda Annen of Celina, Texas spent three days here with her aunt and uncle, Sybil and Billy Miller.

She also visited her son, who lives near Stinnett, and works at the local Equity elevator.

Kim and Stephanie Brock are back now after several days in Houston, where their son, John, had been hospitalized. He is a student at Rice University and was in Hermann Hospital with a staff infection in his knee. It was the result of a football game injury. At first the treatment was ineffective until his medication was changed.

He is back in school now and is expected to resume his sports activity.

Fred Mayfield is recovering at home now after what could have been a fatal accident. He suffered a broken neck in a fall from the top of a ten-foot ladder at their home last Tuesday. The break was the vertebra identified as C2. He was taken by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and was in ICU for two days. He will have to wear a neck brace for up to six weeks. (His boot shop will remain open.)

Mary and Perry Dixon are proud of a new grandson born to Amber and Monte Dixon on July 28, 2002. Detrich Dobler Dixon arrived at Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces. He joins a brother, Trae, and sister, Tarrin Dixon.

Other grandparents are Joyce Dixon of Borger, and Dr. and Mrs. Fred Dobler of Minnesota.

500 names are on the list of potential jurors called for duty Tuesday, September 10th to hear evidence in a murder case. It is the first murder here in many years. It involves a man and a female victim.

The first reunion of cousins and grandchildren of the late Gertie and Bob Archer was held at the Fairfield Inn in Amarillo on September 8, 2002. Many of the guests are still residents of this area. Carl Archer is now the patriarch of the well-known family.

The reunion was arranged and organized by grandchildren Kathy Patterson and Mattie Lou Peterson. Attendees from Spearman were:

Carl and Peggy Archer, Bob and Toni Archer, Mary ad Perry Dixon and Kathy Patterson.

Others were: Carla Johnson of Morse; Patton Ann and Dick Hamilton, Julie Gumfory of Lubbock; Mattie Lou and Larry Peterson of Ft. Walton, Florida; Danna K. Archer of Higgins; Andrea Archer Claire and family of Irving; Matt Archer of Houston; Joan Hackley Crum of Amarillo; and Carlee Montgomery and son Kyle of Dallas.

Helen Pracher enjoyed the recent weekend with guests as did Nelva Snow. Nelva's daughter, Terrie and Robbie Dewberry, spent a few days here. They now live in Eastland where both are employed at (different) hospitals.

Their son, Tommy, who finished high school here, is attending the University of Arlington. Ryan is a senior at Eastland High School.

August activities for the Hansford County Sheriff's Office, Spearman Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and Gruver Police Department are as follows: Possession of Marijuana - 2, DWI - 5, Public Intoxication - 3, Drug Paraphernalia - 1, Disorderly Conduct - 1, Assault w/Bodily Injury - 1, Assault - 1, Fugitive from Justice - 5, Bond Surrender - 1, Bond Jumping - 1, DVMV - 1, Ins Holds (immigration or Border Patrol - 4, for a total of 27 arrests. 33 civil papers were issued and 30 were served. 9 warrants were issued and 5 were served.

Weather report for the week of September 2nd through 7 a.m. on September 9th: highest temperature was on the 2nd at 98; low was on the 9th at 63; no moisture.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Spearman will hold a meeting at 7:30 PM on September 17, 2002 at the City Hall located at 30 SW Court; Spearman, TX to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2002. The proposed tax rate is 0.4762 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in City of Spearman by 2.98 percent.

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Lynx Outrun Bucks, 27-6

The Spearman Lynx defeated the White Deer Bucks 27-6 in their first home game of the 2002 football season.

The Lynx received the opening kick-off, and started on their own 20-yard line. After 13 plays and 80 yards, Colton Miller scored with an eight-yard run. The point-after-touchdown (PAT) by Cleve Vanderburg was good.

The Lynx then kicked-off to the Bucks. Zack Ballard received the ball on the 10-yard line and returned it 52 yards, to the Lynx 38-yard line. The Bucks were able to score with a 19-yard pass from Brian Knocke to Garrett Travis. The point-after-attempt was blocked by Paul Bynum.

Miller scored in the third quarter on a one-yard run. The PAT was good.

Later in the third quarter, Kevin Beedy scored on an eleven-yard run for a touchdown. The PAT was good, bringing the score to 21-6.

Beedy intercepted a Knocke pass in the fourth quarter, returning it 42-yards into the endzone, but the play was called back due to a penalty. Miller was later able to score on an eight-yard run. The PAT failed, leaving the final score at 27-6.

Colton Miller rushed for 164 yards on 29 carries and scored three touchdowns. All of Spearman's 258 total yards were on the ground. In addition to Miller, Lance Baker had 47 yards rushing.

White Deer was led by quarterback Brian Knocke. He was 12 of 28 for 134 yards and had 11 carries for 47 yards. (He accounted for 181 of White Deer's 203 total yards.)

White Deer was hit with eight

penalties for 80 yards, while the Lynx had 20 yards on four infractions.

Offense

Rushing: Colton Miller - 29 carries for 164 yards, 3 touchdowns; Lance Baker - 9 carries for 47 yards; Kevin Beedy - 7 carries for 14 yards, 1 touchdown; Lance Smith - 3 carries for 32 yards; Cleve Vanderburg - 1 carry for 4 yards;

Total: 47 carries for 258 yards, 18 first downs

Defense

Rush: 30 carries for 42 yards

Pass: 12 of 27 for 92 yards, 1 interception

Total: 57 plays for 176 yards - Kevin Beedy - 1 interception, Dustin Mackie - 1 sack

Players of the Week

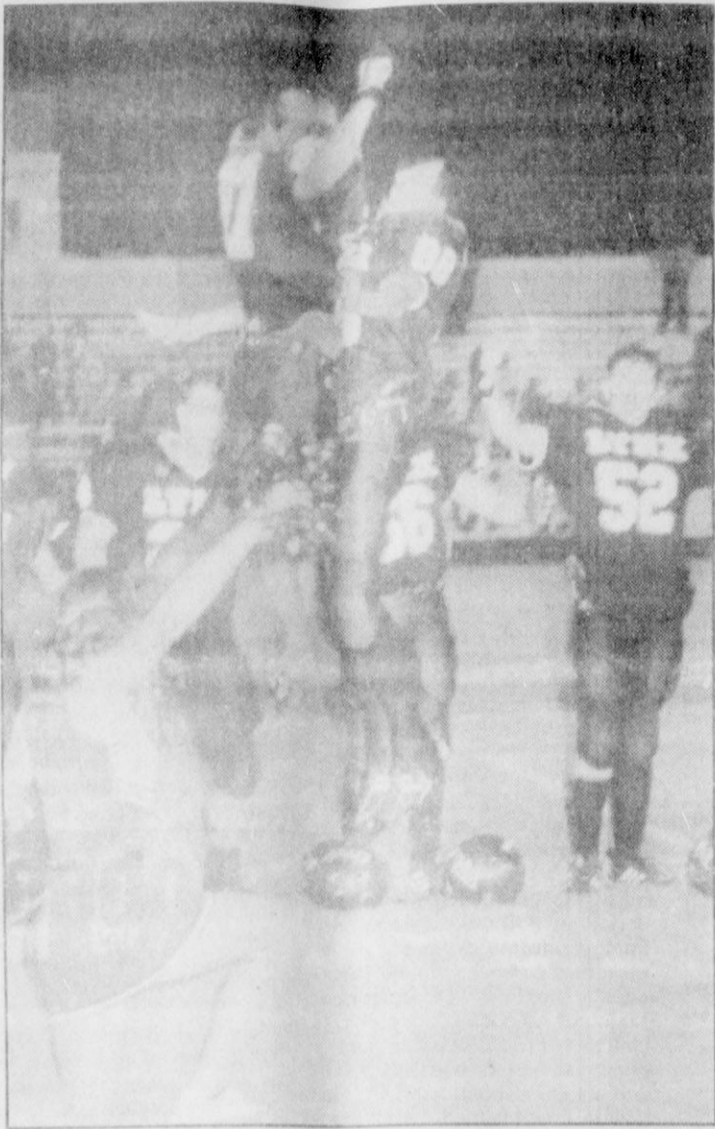
Offense: Jeff Swan - 210-pound Sr. Strong Tackle, graded 90% and was instrumental in the Lynx offense rushing for 265 yards.

Defense: Colton Miller - 185-pound Sr. Linebacker, was in on 7 assisted and 4 unassisted tackles, knocked down 2 passes; Dustin Mackie - 200-pound Sr. Defensive Tackle, had 1 sack and hurried the QB 4 times, 6 assisted and 2 unassisted tackles.

This Week

September 13th: The Lynx will play Stratford in Stratford this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Spearman is coming off a good couple of good wins over Sunray and White Deer. Stratford is coming off of a win against Dalhart. This should be another great pre-season game.



Jeremy Vera (87) and Scott Sauer (88) come together in a "victory jump" following Friday night's Spearman Lynx game against the White Deer Bucks. Spearman defeated White Deer 27-6.

Photo by Allen Varnon

Texhoma Bedevils Hounds



Gruver Greyhound Jose Rodriguez runs out of reach of a Texhoma Red Devil in an effort to gain yardage in Friday night's game in Texhoma.

Photo by Charlie Johnson

by Harletta Carthel

With no place to run, the Hounds' air attack was not enough as the Texhoma Red Devils rolled to a 21-0 win over Gruver Friday night.

Despite the lack of a rushing game, a lost fumble, and an interception, the Hounds remained in striking distance trailing by only seven at the end of the first quarter and 13 at halftime.

But the Hounds came up empty on two scoring efforts in the second quarter - one after a 63 yard pass play to the Texhoma 20 from Hunter Bevell to Salvador Vega and another on a pass interception by Bevell on the Red Devil 48 doused Gruver's comeback hopes.

An early Red Devil touchdown in the third period upped the score to 21-0. Texhoma virtually sealed the Hounds fate.

Gruver would have one final chance to score late in the game. The good fortune came in the form of a fumble recovery on the

Texhoma 31 by Hound Wade Stewart. After a follow-up pass to David Puebla, the drive seemed to stall when a roughing the kicker call was made. The Hounds' enlivened march was short-lived as the Red Devils recovered a Gruver fumble snap on their 20 yard line on the next play.

Defensively, the Hounds were led by Bevell and Aaron Boyd.

After their first two games on the road, the Hounds seek their first win as they host Panhandle Friday night in a non-district game.

STATISTICS

	Texhoma	Gruver
First Downs	3	16
Yards Rush	33	247
Yards Pass	70	124
Total Yards	37	371
Comp-Att-Int	6-10-1	5-12-1
Punts-Average	5-24.4	2-24
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yds	2-10	10-90

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"Remembering September 11, 2001"

by Rep. Larry Combest's

It has been one year since the September 11th attacks on our country brought us into the war against terrorism. Although it has been one year since the cowardly attacks on New York and the Pentagon, the images of that day remain etched vividly in our memories.

We will never forget where we were when we heard of the attacks or saw them unfold on our televisions. We also will never forget the images we saw on that day. Most importantly, we will never forget the thousands of Americans who perished during the attacks. The changes in our country since that day have been remarkable. Some of those changes are symbolized by the increased visibility of the American flag compared to recent years, which signifies our nation's growing strength.

The evil actions of terrorists have cost so many Americans the loss of their family members and friends. Our hearts and prayers went out to those families one year ago, and remain as strong with them today. We share in our fellow citizens' losses and anguish. It is our nation's responsibility to ensure that those who wish us harm are prevented from doing so, and that they are stripped of their tools to do the same again.

The nation's leaders in Congress also have an important role to play

in ensuring that our nation heals and moves forward after last year's tragedies. The House of Representatives passed a bill creating the Department of Homeland Security, which will consolidate responsibilities now shared by more than 100 government agencies into one department. This will dramatically improve our information-gathering abilities, and is one of the most important steps that Congress has taken since September 11th to help ensure that our country does not again fall victim to the will of terrorists.

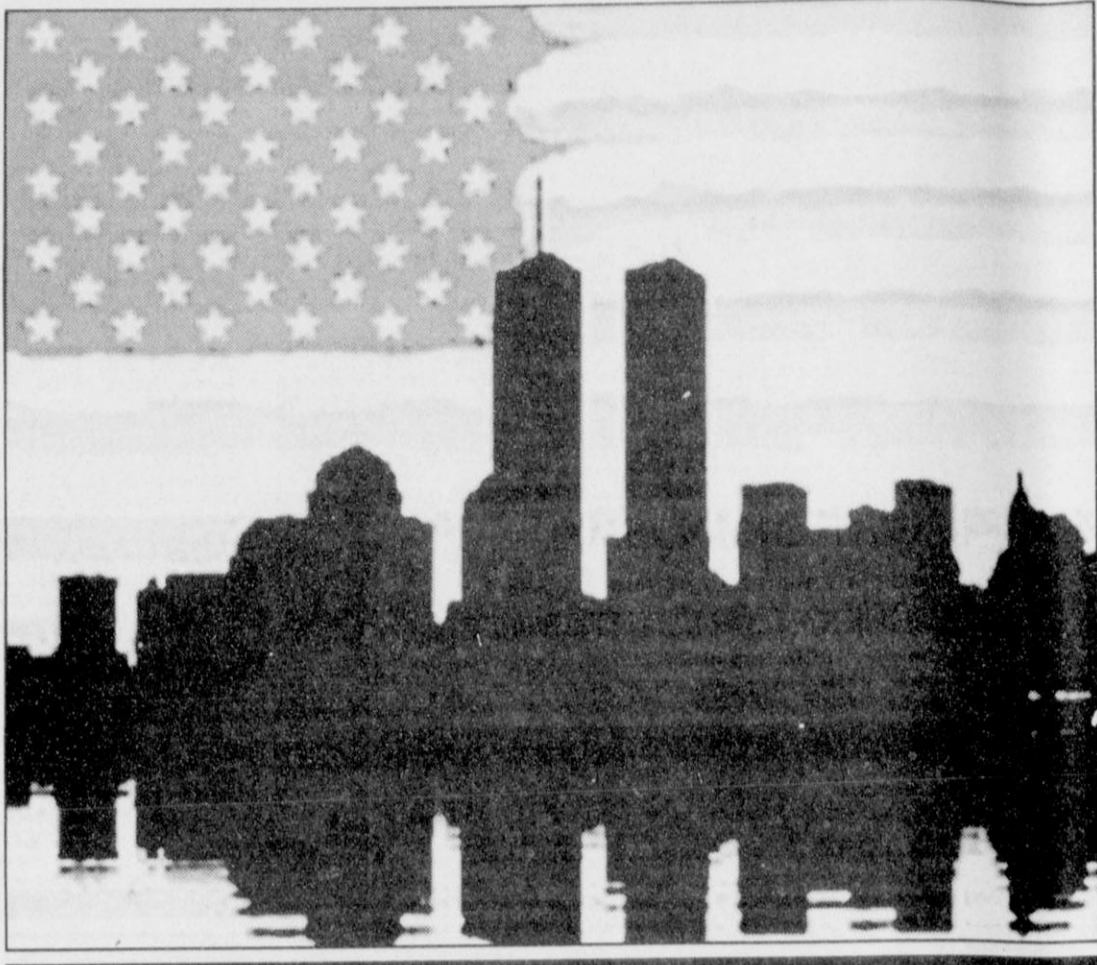
September 11th sounded a wake-up call to our country to reduce our vulnerabilities to terrorists. Since then, we also have taken measures to better protect our borders. The House of Representatives also strengthened our nation's defense by passing a bill to significantly boost the Department of Defense's budget. More still needs to be done to ensure that Americans can live their lives without fear.

Americans should take much pride in this country's response to the September 11th attacks. Citizens rushed to the aid of others at ground zero, donated record amounts of money for victims, and others farther away rushed to give blood or other needed items to those affected by the attacks.

Americans continually rise to meet our challenges. The one which we face today will take a long time to overcome. The images from September 11th which we will never forget are the only reminders all Americans need for what is on the line. As with the firefighters who shrugged off exhaustion to find survivors at the site where the World Trade Center collapsed, we must have the resolve to ensure that the war on terrorism continues until its mission is accomplished.

September 11th this year will cause sadness for the many citizens who lost loved ones during last year's attacks on our country. We should keep them in our thoughts and prayers on the anniversary of this tragedy. The anniversary hopefully will also enliven the feeling of joy we should feel that we live in a country where fellow citizens stand beside each other in times of tragedy, and when the opportunity arises to defend the freedoms this country affords us all.

There are many important dates in our nation's history. September 11, 2001, was added to that list, for that was when all Americans realized that our freedoms need not only be cherished, but also protected.



Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

Spring, Summer Sessions

The Hansford County 4-H Livestock Judging Team has completed their spring and summer sessions. Coming off of a national contest win at Denver in January, the team went through a rebuilding year. The Senior team, consisting of Dustin Mackie, Nick Slough, Clete Vanderburg, and Bailey Reed, began the year at San Angelo in March. The team placed first in the senior division, with a 4th place finish overall. Dustin had a solid day, placing 7th overall and 10th in reasons. In swine, Dustin and Nick placed 3rd and 4th respectively. Next, the team traveled to Clarendon. Clete was unable to make the trip so Kyna Shields filled in. The team had a more consistent day at Clarendon even though they earned another 4th place finish. Once again, the team placed 1st in swine but improved in the other categories by placing 3rd in reasons and 5th in both cattle and sheep. Individually, Kyna placed 5th overall garnering 1st place honors in swine and 6th place in reasons. Dustin placed 10th overall with a 4th place finish in swine and 9th in reasons. Nick just missed the top 10, placing 8th in swine and 10th in reasons.

The Junior team, consisting of Casey Cator, Charlie Slough, and Brenna Reid, also competed at Clarendon. The Jr. team ended up 7th in cattle. Individually, Casey placed 4th in sheep. In April, the team traveled to eastern Oklahoma to compete in 2 contests. Bailey was unable to attend so Kyna once again was persuaded to travel. At the Connors Contest in Warner, OK, the team nailed down their first win of the season. Individually, Dustin placed 2nd overall with a 1st in cattle, 6th in reasons and 8th in sheep. Kyna placed 6th overall with a 1st in reasons, 7th in sheep, and 10th in cattle. Nick had a strong day in the reasons category placing 4th. Two days later, the team competed at the NEO contest in Miami, OK. The sheep classes gave the Hansford County youth some trouble as they finished 2nd in cattle, 4th in swine and 9th in reasons en route to a 3rd place finish. Individually, Kyna placed 5th overall, winning 1st in swine and finishing 8th in cattle. Dustin placed 8th overall with a 9th place finish in cattle. Nick had a strong day in cattle finishing 6th. The next stop was at the Seward Contest in Liberal, Kansas. Nick,

Clete, and Bailey made this trip. Bailey placed 10th overall to lead the team to a 5th place finish.

Finally, it was time for the District Contest held at West Texas A&M. Juniors making this trip were Tucker Williams, Taylor Williams, Charlie Slough, Austin Benton, Cody Benton, Dakota Cator, and Casey Cator. The two junior teams placed 3rd and 7th in swine with the first team placing 8th overall. Individually, Casey finished 3rd in sheep and Tucker placed 3rd in swine. The Senior team consisting of Nick, Dustin, Clete and Bailey placed 2nd in reasons, 2nd in swine, 3rd in cattle, and 3rd in sheep on their way to a 3rd place finish overall and 8 points short of a trip to state. Individually, Nick placed 6th overall with a very solid day. He placed 4th in reasons, 7th in swine, 8th in cattle and 10th in sheep. Dustin placed 10th overall, finishing 2nd in reasons, 4th in swine and 9th in cattle. Bailey placed 3rd in sheep and Clete placed 9th in reasons.

This summer, the team traveled to Stillwater, Oklahoma, for the OSU Field Days, a 3 day contest. Nick Slough, Clete Vanderburg, Bailey Reid, and Casey Cator made this trip. The team finished 4th in cattle and Clete had an individual 9th place finish in Swine. More importantly, the three days of solid judging and practice will help the team as they prepare for the next season which starts up this month.

Panhandle Exposition

The Hansford 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team placed 1st overall in the Panhandle Exposition in Guymon on Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and 25, 2002.

Nick Slough won High Individual, Clete Vanderburg won 2nd High Individual, Kyna Shields won 3rd High Individual, Dustin Mackie won 4th High Individual and Bailey Reid won 5th High Individual.

The Junior Livestock Judging Team also placed 1st. Casey Cator won 2nd High Individual, Austin Benton won 5th High Individual and Charlie Slough won 8th High Individual. Other Junior Livestock Judging team members were Cody Benton and Dakota Cator.

Several 4-H members also participated in the Steer Show.

Saturday Show - Tucker Williams won Prospective Champion Chianina, Reserve Grand Champion Overall, Progress Reserve Grand Champion and Progress & Reserve Champion Junior Showmanship. Taylor Williams won Prospective Champion Maine Anjou and Lance Williams placed 3rd in Shorthorn.

Sunday Show - Tucker Williams won Prospective Champion Chianina, Reserve Grand Overall and Progressive Reserve Grand Champion and Taylor Williams won Champion Maine Anjou.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT Special Election NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Explanatory Brief for HJR 2

HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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