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IN THE NEWS

WORLD NEWS

Iran: Iraqis must vote
NEW YORK — Iran supports plans for elections in Iraq in January even if the violence there means they can't take place throughout the country, a top Iranian official said Wednesday.

Congress to shift Iraqi money
WASHINGTON — The Bush administration won Congress's permission Wednesday to shift \$3.5 billion from slow-moving Iraqi reconstruction projects to improving security and speeding job creation there.

Powell: Diplomacy impeded in Sudan
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell says commercial interests some countries have in Sudan were motivating their opposition to a U.S. diplomatic campaign to help the oppressed non-Arab community in Darfur.

2 get death for Cole blast
SANA'A, Yemen — A Saudi suspected of being an associate of Osama bin Laden and a Yemeni militant were sentenced to death by firing squad Wednesday for the bombing of the USS Cole four years ago, the first convictions in the al-Qaeda terror attack that killed 17 American sailors.

Iraqi proposal endorsed
WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell offered strong support Wednesday for an Iraqi proposal for an international conference to promote political stability in the country. It would be staged in the region, with the leading industrialized countries, the Arab League, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and possibly others attending, Powell said.

Clashes break out in Baghdad
BAGHDAD — A British hostage pleaded for his government to save his life in a new video aired Wednesday on Arab television after the release of two Italian women and 10 other hostages. In Baghdad, U.S. and Iraqi forces raided suspected insurgent hideouts, sparking clashes along a street in the heart of the capital.

Nigerian rebels end battle
ABUJA, Nigeria — The leader of militia fighters threatening to widen a battle for control of Nigeria's oil-rich south said Wednesday he agreed to a tentative deal with President Olusegun Obasanjo to end fighting in Africa's leading petroleum exporter that has riled global oil markets.

Cops: Plutonium seller busted
BISHKEK, Kyrgyzstan — A man was arrested for trying to sell plutonium in an undercover investigation, the Kyrgyz security agency said Tuesday amid rising worries of a growing black market trade in radioactive materials.

Palestinian rocket kills two
JERUSALEM — A Palestinian rocket hit an Israeli town near the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, killing two children, according to Israeli media. Soon after, witnesses said an Israeli helicopter launched two strikes near a Palestinian refugee camp in Gaza, wounding two Palestinians.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush surveys damage in Fla.
LAKE WALES, Fla. — President Bush, touring hurricane-battered Florida on his way to Thursday night's presidential debate, pressed Congress on Wednesday to approve his latest request for emergency federal aid for storm victims, this time for more than \$7 billion.

Latest no-fly name
WASHINGTON — Alaska Airlines earlier this month thought Donald E. Young, the chairman of the House Transportation Committee, might be Donald Lee Young, a person on the government's no-fly list, and told him he couldn't board his Anchorage-to-Seattle flight.

Fla. beaches hurting
This year's hurricanes have badly eroded many of Florida's beaches, one of the state's major attractions. Getting them back in shape is going to take time and cost millions.

FBI rounds up crime leaders
BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — A dozen people including an alleged underworld boss of the Gambino crime family were arrested Wednesday following an investigation into organized crime in Connecticut, Rhode Island and suburban New York.

One step closer
MOJAVE, Calif. — Ignoring a recommendation to abort the flight, SpaceShipOne pilot Michael Melville took the rocket plane on a corkscrewing, white-knuckle ride to the edge of the atmosphere, completing the first stage of a quest to win the \$10 million Ansari X Prize, which will go to the first craft that safely completes two flights to an altitude of 62 miles within a 14-day span.

Hidden bombs imminent threat
Suicide attackers armed with hidden explosives that can weigh as little as a cell phone pose a serious threat to the nation's aviation system despite billions being spent on new efforts to tighten security, according to more than a dozen members of Congress and security consultants.

Floridians remain in shelters
WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — In storm-battered Florida, more than 3,900 people were staying in shelters Wednesday while nearly 1.3 million homes and businesses were without power. In another sign of the toll of four hurricanes, at least one as-yet unidentified insurance company was seeking state help because it was overwhelmed by claims.

St. Helens blast within days?
MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. — Mount St. Helens began rumbling more intensely Wednesday, prompting scientists to warn that a small or moderate eruption could come in the next few days.

Jeanne heads north
LAKE WALES, Fla. — Floridians call it "blue roof syndrome." The term describes the bright blue, heavy plastic sheeting that covers damaged roofs in neighborhoods all across this hurricane-ravaged state. On Tuesday afternoon, about 60 people hoping to get the syndrome waited in line at a community center in this central Florida city, which has found itself right in the eye of three of the latest hurricanes.

For full coverage of these and other news events visit www.usatoday.com.

Spearman Booster Club provides link to the Lynx

by Harletta Carthel

Spearman fans will be able to listen to the Lynx and Lynxette athletic events on the internet or their television sets as early as Friday.

The first broadcast by the booster club is scheduled for Friday, October 1, at 7:20 p.m.,

when the Lynx clash with district rival Canadian.

It will be the first airing of a Spearman football game since the recent closing of KRDF radio station earlier this month.

"Many people had asked if there was some way we could broadcast Spearman games,"

Spearman Booster Club President Joe Vanderburg said. "We hope to do just that with the new equipment the booster club has purchased."

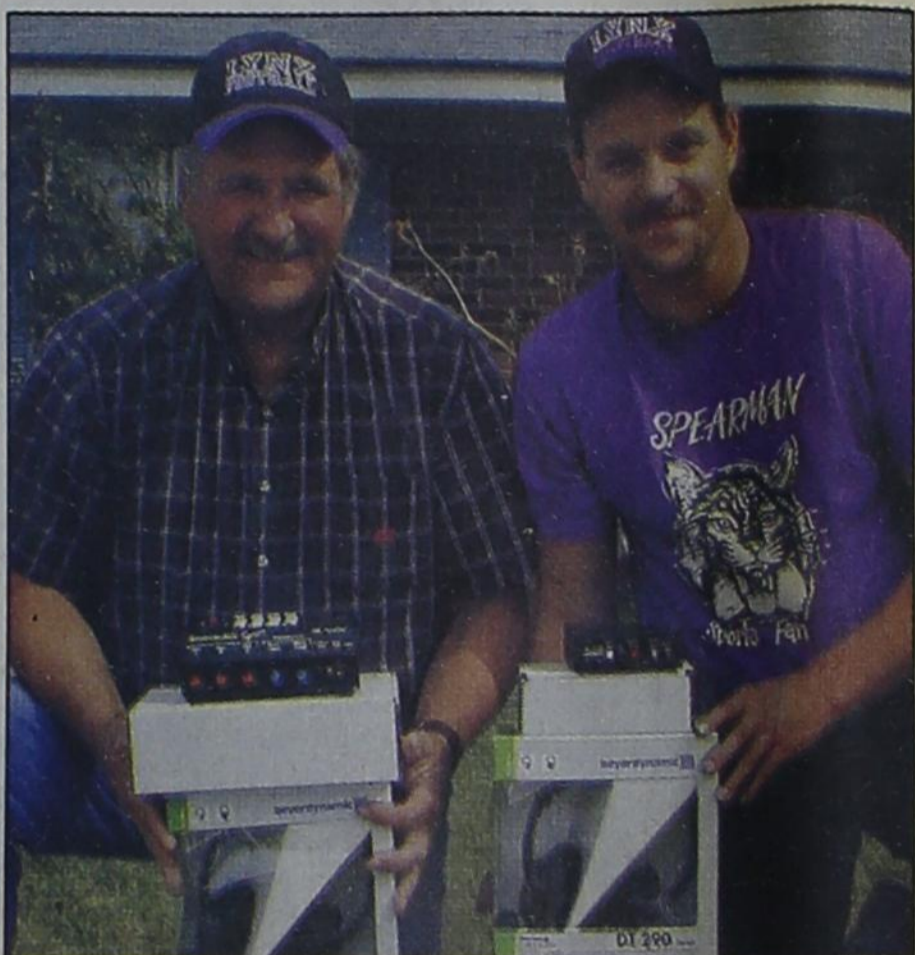
The \$2,000 system was shipped from Wilmington, Ohio and was received Monday by booster member Trace Worley. The compact system is composed of two headsets for two announcers plus equipment which will enable the system to feed into the internet and Spearman cable system through a cell phone hookup or a "land line" hookup.

There are two ways to access the broadcast. Those wishing to listen to the game on the Internet, should go to the Spearman Lynx and Lynxette website at <http://www.spearmanlynx.com> and then click on <http://www.tsrnsports.com/Broadcast/Broad-Spearman.htm> which will appear on the screen.

Those who are connected to the school cable channel on their television may tune to the school channel to hear the game.

"We plan to broadcast all the district football games and basketball games, whether home or away," Vanderburg said.

With the \$2,000 cost of the equipment, immediate donations to the Spearman Booster Club are needed. Donations may be mailed to Spearman Booster Club, P.O. Box 343, Spearman, TX 79081 or by contacting Joe Vanderburg at 806-959-2330 ext. 109.



The Spearman Booster Club will be giving fans a link to the Lynx with a newly-purchased broadcast system. Joe Vanderburg (left) and Trace Worley of the Spearman Booster Club display the new equipment which arrived Monday that will enable Spearman athletic events to be heard over the internet or the Spearman cable channel. The first broadcast will be Friday night, beginning at 7:20 p.m.



Couch Doug Bowles, superintendent secretary Lynell Williams and high school secretary Rhonda Baker were recently recognized by Mark Allen (right) and the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees for their perfect attendance during the 2003-2004 school year.

Playas . . . Gems of the Plains

A unique exhibit which illustrates the importance of playa lakes to the High Plains region opened August 23, 2004, at the Wolf Creek Heritage Museum. It can be viewed through October 22, 2004. Museum Hours are Monday thru Friday, 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday 2 pm to 4 pm.

Playas . . . Gems of the Plains is a traveling exhibit project of the Northwest Texas Museum Association. Major funding has been provided by the Amarillo Area Foundation, the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, the Meadows Foundation, and the Playa Lakes Joint Venture. It opened at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens in January, 2003, and it will visit 19 venues in five states during its three-year tour.

Research, design, and fabrication of the 360-degree, view-in-the-round exhibit have been under the direction of Drs. Susana and Paul Katz of Panhandle, Texas. They are the principals of PRIAM (Prehistoric Resources Identification, Assessment, and Management), an archaeological and museum consulting firm they formed in 1985. Collaborating with them from the beginning of the playa project has been architect/designer James I. Williams II of Amarillo.

"Playas . . . Gems of the Plains features 20 separate panels," says Dr. P. Katz, "which present information on the function of playa lakes, as well as history, geology, biology, ecology, and art. Display boxes attached to the panels include games, models, artifacts, and maps. As they walk, visitors will listen to play sounds."

Playa lakes are depressions on the landscape that are generally round and small, averaging less than 30 acres. They have clay-lined basins and fill with water periodically, mostly from precipitation. Playa lakes are formed through a combination of natural processes, most involving wind and water. The region's climate and geology encourages their growth. Occasional rains loosen the ground in small depressions. Strong winds pick up the loose soil from the dry playa basin. Over time, wind scours the playa surface, making it deeper and larger. Katz notes that playa lakes are not to be confused with sinkholes or salt lakes. "Playas have gently sloping sides," he says. "Sinkholes are also small, but they have an irregular shape and steep sides. Salt lakes are large, shallow, and have uneven shorelines."

About 96 percent of the world's playas are found on the High Plains, and there are more than 20,000 in northwestern Texas alone. Playa lakes also occur in eastern New Mexico, southeastern Colorado, western Nebraska, southwestern Kansas, and western Oklahoma.

Playas go through wet/dry cycles resulting in a highly diverse plant community. These plants produce large quantities of nutritious seeds essential for waterfowl and other birds which migrate and winter in the region. Playa lakes may be the most important wetland habitat type for birds in the High Plains region. More than 200 bird species are known to use playas during the breeding, wintering,

or migrating seasons.

"Playas have been a magnet for animals and their human hunters throughout prehistoric and into historic times," says Katz. "The first settlers, and then the region's first towns, focused on them."

"Furthermore, they are nearly the only way the Ogallala Aquifer is recharged. The Ogallala is the High Plains' major source for groundwater and is the largest groundwater system in North America."

The preservation of playa lakes is important to all of us. The Playa Lakes Joint Venture, comprised of 12 partners, is spearheading regional efforts to protect and preserve them. Representing the federal government are the USDA Fish and Wildlife Service and Forest Service. State conservation and wildlife agencies include the Colorado Division of Wildlife, Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, New Mexico Game & Fish, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, and Texas Parks & Wildlife. Nonprofit organizations include Ducks Unlimited, the Nature Conservancy, and Pheasants Forever. Industry is represented by Conoco/Phillips.

The exhibit has already won two national awards for its design and content: a 2003 Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for State and Local History and a 2004 Excellence in Exhibition award from the American Association of Museums.

For further information on the exhibit and for upcoming locations for Playas . . . Gems of the Plains, contact Drs. Susana and Paul Katz by telephone at (806) 537-5040 or online at Katzes-PRIAM@msn.com.

For more information about the PLJV or playa lakes, contact Debbie F. Slobe at (303) 926-0777 or visit www.pljv.org.



Alumni queen Doris (Dozier) Pinkerton (right) and her escort George P. Odum, both of the Class of 1954, were honored at pre-game ceremonies Friday night in Gruver.



2004 Gruver High School Homecoming Queen Laina Grotegut (center) was presented at Greyhound Stadium Friday night by her parents, Mike and Angela Grotegut.



Gruver High School 2004 Homecoming Royalty were (left to right) Yolanda Hernandez, Queen Laina Grotegut, and Patricia Gaspar.

No kidding, Banisters win goat cooking contest

by Harletta Carthel

While they may not know how to get your goat, Brent and Trudi Banister of Brady sure know how to cook it, according to judges in the World Championship Barbecue Goat Cook-Off at Goldwaite.

The win came as a surprise to the Banisters who with cooking partners Jessy and Melissa Estrada, had entered the contest for the first time "just for fun," and had not bothered to find a name for the team.

Even without a name, the four were judged the best of 150 cooking teams in the contest and were presented a Texas-sized trophy for their entry which was picked as the best-tasting meat.

The cooking contest was a part of the annual weekend celebration which included numerous other activities.

Brent is the son of Jerry and Jan Sheets and the late R. C. Banister, and the grandson of Ivan Allen and the late Maxine Banister.

Registration deadline for Nov. 2 general election is Monday

Monday, October 3rd, is the last day to register to vote in the Nov. 2 presidential election.

Those who are not registered with their county or have changed addresses must update their voter registration.

Hansford County residents may register from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Monday at the Hansford County Courthouse, #16 NW Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. A slight chance of thunderstorms then a chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent.

Thursday Night...Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms then partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Some thunderstorms may be severe in the evening. Lows in the mid 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 40 percent.

Friday...Partly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms then a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent.

Friday Night...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 15 to 20 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Saturday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

Sunday Night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith
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A friend sent me the following story written by Steve Goodier. I really enjoyed it and hope you do, too.

Powerful Lesson on Forgiveness

My father taught me a powerful lesson on forgiveness.

His own father was a mining engineer and his family lived in the Philippines prior to World War II. They were captured by the Japanese and incarcerated there during World War II. He, his mother and sisters were sent to a prison camp at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila where they remained until the Philippine Islands were freed at the end of the war. His father, an enlisted man, was separated from the family and imprisoned with captured military personnel.

My dad was a teenager at the time. He, like other prisoners, struggled to survive. To keep from starving, he learned to eat his small, daily rations of rice without first removing the carcasses of worms in the bowl. But he ate better than most prisoners - he worked as an orderly in the prison hospital and, on occasion, was able to finish leftover food from patients. Though almost six feet tall, when he was finally freed he weighed only 95 pounds.

Life was difficult there by any standards. Numerous prisoners became ill and many died. Anger and bitterness toward their captors abounded. For years, even decades, after their eventual release from the prison camp, the men and women of Santo Tomas (like other prisoners of war) felt a smoldering bitterness toward the people who incarcerated them.

My father lost almost everything. His family lost their home. They lost their possessions. And harder still, they lost their freedom. But he also lost his father. My grandfather did not survive his captivity.

Yet I never heard my dad express any anger or resentment toward the Japanese soldiers or the Japanese people. Just the opposite. He taught me to regard ALL people with respect. He taught me to honor people of all races, nationalities and religions. He knew that bitterness only kept his wounds open and infected. Like a disease, his festering resentments could even infect others. And they could kill.

Alexander Pope has said, "To err is human; to forgive, divine." But that is not accurate. It's better said, "To err is human, but to forgive is human, too." Forgiveness is not an option for human beings.

Forgiveness is essential for our health as individuals and necessary if we are to live together. To err is human, but to forgive is human, too. Perhaps to be perfect is divine. But to forgive is one of the most human things we can do.

And it's never too soon to do something so very human.

By Steve Goodier

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 :)



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YOUR VOTE MATTERS

The great American heroine, Susan B. Anthony once said, "Suffrage is the pivotal right." Today, voting is still one of the most significant rights extended to United States citizens. This presidential election year provides an excellent opportunity to exercise this right.

Under British rule, the American colonists were forced to pay taxes to Great Britain, yet they had no one to represent their interests in Parliament. The colonists rebelled against this policy of, "taxation without representation," fought a major war to win independence, and then founded the United States of America as a "Republic." This form of government would allow the citizens to elect people who would then represent their interests in Congress.

For many the new government was an improvement over British rule, but not all could enjoy this new, hard-fought right. Initially, only white, male, property owners could vote. It was nearly 200 years before all American citizens over the age of 18 had the right to vote.

Less than a century ago, women could not legally vote. The Women's Suffrage Movement, led by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton throughout the latter part of the 19th Century, argued women should also have a say in who represented them. In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution finally granted women the right to vote.

While black men were enfranchised by the 15th Amendment at the end of the Civil War, many African Americans still were obstructed from casting their votes in several states until the mid-1960s. A major element of the Civil Rights Movement focused on getting African Americans registered to vote and calling an end to tactics, such as poll taxes, and property ownership requirements, which created hurdles for many blacks from being able to vote. It was not until 1965, not quite 50 years ago, that African Americans were able to freely exercise their right to vote.

During the height of the Vietnam War, Americans expressed their concern over the idea that men could be drafted to fight in a war at 18, yet could not vote until they turned 21. With the passing of the 26th Amendment in 1971, nearly every U.S. citizen over the age of 18 could register to vote.

Surprisingly, however, less than half of the voting age population votes. Many Americans may have forgotten the historical significance of being able to vote or believe their votes don't matter. Others neglect to register in time to vote in an election. For instance, in Texas you must be registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the election. This means if you are not registered by October 3rd, you will have forfeited your right to cast a vote for our next president on Election Day, November 2, 2004.

Don't pass up your opportunity to vote. Registration is as easy as going to your local Department of Motor Vehicles. For information about polling locations and other local election details you can contact the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at www.sos.state.tx.us or call them at 1-800-252-VOTE.

If you know you won't be in your home district on Election Day, you can still cast your vote. Just be sure to contact your county or city election official in advance to request an early or absentee ballot. Also, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) serves military and non-military citizens abroad by helping them register and vote by absentee ballot. You may contact the FVAP via email at www.fvap.gov or toll free at 1-800-438-VOTE.

History is rife with tales of elections that were decided by close margins - even a single vote in some cases - so remember your vote does count. Voting is more than a right, it's a responsibility.

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Prairie Rivers Musical

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

Hansford Golf Club "Cash Ball"

Hansford Golf Club is making plans for its annual Golf Cash Ball. This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 2, at the O'Loughlin Center. The Vera Brothers Band will be the entertainment once again this year. Tickets which will be \$50.00 each will go on sale the first week in September and be available from any golf club board member. Each ticket will provide not only an evening of great food and entertainment, but also a chance at the cash prize drawings. Due to continuing liability issues for the golf club and the O'Loughlin Center, this year's event will be BYOB. If you have questions or would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Sheri Benton at 659-2231 or 659-3568 for more information.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S. Roland, in Spearman on October 25, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Thriftshop Posts New Policy

Effective immediately, Hansford County Library has a policy barring children under 12 from the Thriftshop and the surrounding area outside. No strollers or buggies of any type are allowed in the Thriftshop. This policy is due to overcrowding in a small area and continuing discipline problems. We ask shoppers to be considerate of our volunteers as well as other shoppers and leave children under 12 at home.

Fundraiser for Christ Redeemer Catholic Church

The Christo Redentor Catholic Church of Gruver is holding a drawing for a 2004 Chevy Aveo. Tickets are \$10 each, and all proceeds will benefit the Church. The drawing will be held on December 12, 2004. Tickets are available at Sergio's Body Shop, Annie's Fashions and Amigo's Cafe, or from any member of the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Norma Vargas at 659-2018.

Conversational Spanish for Beginners & Intermediate Level

Beginners: Now you can learn basic phrases to converse with fellow employees, neighbors, and acquaintances who speak Spanish. Returning elementary instructor, Dana Saylor, will guide you through the basics in acquiring this language. Intermediate Level: This course is designed for people who have a basic background in Spanish. (prerequisite - beginning conversational Spanish) It will also be taught by Dana Saylor. If you are interested in either of these classes, call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233 for more information. Days and times will be determined if the interest is there for a class.

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2005. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken to each school office.

Intermediate-Advanced Microsoft Word Computer Class

Have you ever wondered if there's more to word processing than just 'word processing'? There is! Come and learn to completely tailor MS Word to your needs and learn to make all of your word processing tasks easier and faster. (Prerequisite: Computer knowledge of MS Word and basic computer knowledge.) Call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Program, 659-3233 to sign up for this class. Class time and dates will be determined if the interest is there for a class.

Benefit Fund Established for Denise Volden Wylie

Denise Volden White, a 1974 graduate of Spearman High School, has been diagnosed with a rare blood disease, Coproporphria. This disease is life-threatening, and has already started to affect her liver and kidneys. Denise is being sent to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. on October 4 to see if a cure can be found. Due to mounting medical bills, her family is asking friends and community members to donate anything they can to help. Donations may be made at First State Bank, or placed in containers located at Palo Duro Cafe, Allsup's and Dreamer's Beauty Salon.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Church?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), Catholic inquiry classes, will begin soon. If you are interested, either Catholic or non-Catholic, and would like to participate in classes, please contact Davin Winger at 733-5259, Joe T. and Linda Venneman at 882-4635, or Diane McLain at 733-2860.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Gathering

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering on Saturday, October 9th at the Waka Christian Center. A pot luck dinner will begin at 6 p.m. A communion and worship service will follow at 7 p.m. Sponsors training will be held after that. Nursery will be provided. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

3rd Annual Buddy Walk is October 9th at Sam Houston Park

The Panhandle Down Syndrome Guild will host its 3rd annual Buddy Walk at Sam Houston Park on Saturday, October 9th. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the Walk begins at 10 a.m. The Buddy Walk is an advocacy walk/party to celebrate October as National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. The primary goals of the Buddy Walk are to celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome, promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome, and to raise funds for education, research and outreach programs. This year's special guest is Chris Burke, an actor with Down syndrome who played "Corky" on the hit TV series Life Goes On, and his friends Joe and John DeMasi. The trio will entertain the crowd by songs and the message of inclusion and acceptance. Information: 654-5790 or 468-9088.

Wesley UMC hosts 24th annual Festival of Arts & Crafts

The Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford will be hosting its 24th annual Festival of Arts and Crafts on December 4, 2004 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford. Only a limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. The booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained by writing or calling any of the following: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-0774; Jane Eggen, 126 Aspen, Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-5789; Wesley Methodist Church, PO Box 1743, Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-4419.

Senior Citizen's Book Exchange

For those who are 55 or older and are tired of reading the same old book, come to the Golden Spread Center and exchange your book for something more exciting. Don't have a book to exchange? That's okay, come and get one any way. We have mysteries, biographies, romance, Christian books, you name it, we've got it! 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Golden Spread Center, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, 659-3030 Donations appreciated.

Diabetes Series Planned

Ochilree County Extension will be offering a basic educational series for persons with diabetes. The series "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes" will meet once a week for seven weeks on Tuesday nights from October 5th to November 16th. Classes will be held at the Expo in Perryton from 6:30 p.m. each evening. Discussion time will begin at 6 with the lessons beginning at 6:30 p.m. The series will feature 12 lessons on self management and nutrition for persons with type 2 diabetes. Cynthia Shattles, Ochilree County Extension Agent, is asking those interested in attending to pre-register to assist in preparation for the series. There will be a one-time \$5 charge per family for the classes. Pre-registration may be done by calling (806) 435-3831.

Happy Birthday!

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.

September 30

Birthday - Aaron Boyd, Chile Favala, Kyle Williams, Tanya Adkins, Cindi Nash, Stan Seagler, Naomi Fryrear, Jana Tindell, June Spencer, Roger Jones, F.W. Thomas, Sandy Cummings, Jean West, Dixie Williams, James Whitaker, Patrick Jerman, Sharon Bailey, Jade Shaver, Chris Cudd, Jenn Schnell, Justin Parker

Anniversary - M/M Aaron Brown, M/M A.D. Reed Jr., M/M Leon Wilson, M/M Charlie Salgado

October 1

Birthday - Royce Mathews, Galen Slough, Merri Gale Sparks, Hector Nava, Beatrice Renteria, Brenda Pierson, Willie Clement, Sheila Watley, Colene Schaefer, Randall Schell, Angela Rodriguez, Laci Ortega, David Nash, Betty Perry, Robbie Dewberry, Jeff Shields

Anniversary - M/M Elwyn Young, M/M Charles Newcomb

October 2

Birthday - Kyler Barkley, Wayne Garrett, Jeremy Tunnell, Richard Wagner, Della Reed, Kathi Gilley, Kelly Trout, Angelita Cruz, Pamela Ring, Robbi Dewberry

Anniversary - Glen Ray & Laura Mackie

October 3

Birthday - Berniece Goodrich, Ruth Ann Jones, Lloyd Carroll, Doris Bateman, Brian Watley, Eulalia Blankenship, Teresa England, Timber Barkley, Chad Brown, Arlene Kennedy, Lynda Tunnell, L.A. Williams, Griffin George, Marsha Murphy

Anniversary - M/M Scott Davis, Jim & Linda Beeson, M/M Jeff Hawkins, Mr. & Mrs Dan Desimone

October 4

Birthday - Debbie Garrett, Jan Stedje, Pam Stork, Abbi Yanke, Theresa Johnson, Jeff Gresset, Monty Hawkins, Karl Smith, Kandy Martin, Adam Red Bennie Brogdan, Francisco Borunda

Anniversary - M/M Craig Vinson, M/M Andres Rodriguez

October 5

Birthday - Ernestina Salgado, Richard Lesly, Sue Felder, Kelly Harper, Gladys McIntyre, Carl Kizzar, Glenda Johnson, Kermit Boone, Kelly Cox

October 6

Birthday - Regina Barkley, Nell Evans, Doug Ferguson, Theron Pack, Brooke Mayfield, Janet Williams, Donna Burk, Myra Berner, Kenneth Brown, John Nichols, Adina Garza, Carrie McLain, Paulette Laxson, Haley Pletcher, Kylee Howard

October 7

Birthday - Rex Casdorff, Pat Dawson, David Miner, Juanita Herron, Kay Ivey, Juan Holgin, Julian David Rodriguez, Michael Cory Hendrick, Clara Gonzales, Wanda Arin, Kayla Carden, Donald Lane

Anniversary - M/M Rodney Dale Clawson, M/M Hack B. Johnson

October 8

Birthday - Harvey Atwood, Candice Casdorff, Gary Evans, Amber Gross, Wilma Holland, Tamra Seal, Letha Stewart, Kimberly Wagoner, Debbie Avila, William Jarvis, Paulina Nava, JoAnn Eaton, Bert Wofford, Maria Gonzales, Steven Flowers, Kathy Gillispie, Ella Raye Carter, Jill Hodge

Anniversary - Darrel & Linda West, Mike & Pat Cudd

October 9

Birthday - Angie Lopez, Tammie Osbourne, Rhonda Ward, Rosa Rojas, Shea Crawford, Jerry Hunt, Monty Black, Betty Hazlewood, Joe Archer Jr., Chris Cummings, Ronnie McCammond, Suellen Dahl, Joyce Johnson, Mark Matthews

Anniversary - Steve & Sheri Benton, M/M David Ames

October 10

Birthday - Matthew Brown, Jake Barkley, Kim Blevins, Steve Duncan, Jase Rudolph, Darrell Scroggs, Sherri Cook, Don McLain, Kortny Henton, Edwin Molina, Gary Flowers, Maribel Moreno, Mike Danell, Jesse Tindell, Cason Finley, McCaully Jo Hart, Verlin Hagerman, Lyn Woolley, Toby Thomas, Kevin Kenney

Our Deepest Sympathy

SALVADOR JAIME DAVILA

SPEARMAN - Salvador Jaime Davila, 37, died Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004. Services were at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, 2004 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Davila was born on August 25, 1967 in Tepechitlan, Zacatelas, Mexico. He had lived in the area for 20 years. Mr. Davila was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He worked for Cheyenne Drilling Co. in Woodward, Okla.

Survivors include his wife, Iva; four daughters, Maira Davila, Erica Davila, Veronica Davila and Yesenia Davila, all of Spearman; a son, Juan Jaime Davila of Spearman; his stepfather, Salvador Avila of Spearman; his mother, Juana Jara Valdez of Tepechitlan, Mexico; three brothers, Salomon Davila, Ricardo Davila and Salvador Davila Jr.; and five sisters, Marisela Davila Jara, Jovita Davila Jara, Glenda Davila Jara, Consuelo Davila Jara and Belinda Davila Jara.

EVALEE PLEMONS SHEETS

SPEARMAN - Evalee Plemons Sheets, 76, died Monday, Sept. 27, 2004.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004 in Gruver Church of Christ with Gaylord Cook, Flavil Ayers and Clay Lobley officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sheets was born Aug. 3, 1928, in Beckham County, Okla. She had lived in the area since 1964. She married Wiley Sheets in May 1973 in Spearman. She was a member of Gruver Church of Christ.

Mrs. Sheets graduated from West Texas State University in Canyon, and was a nurses aid. She was a loving wife, and enjoyed taking care of sick people, the elderly and children. She was a beloved sister, and a loving and devoted aunt. She was always ready for stories, tea parties and hugs.

She was preceded in death her parents, Virgil and Viola (Tallent) Plemons; a sister, Wanda Nidey; and two brothers, Lloyd Plemons and Clinton Plemons.

Survivors include her husband, Wiley; and two sisters, Betty Jo Kiser of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Patsy Immesoete of Moline, Ill.

The family suggests memorials be to Gruver Church of Christ, 209 King St., Gruver, TX 79040.

BEVERLY JO BENNETT

JACKSBORO, TX - Beverly Jo Bennett, 44, died on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2004 in Jacksboro, TX.

Services were held on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2004 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Jacksboro with Bro. Dale Berry and Bro. Dave Maher officiating. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Ms. Bennett was born on February 8, 1960 in Perryton to James and Ann (Blackard) Dorman. She married Dennis Bennett on May 31, 1980 in Gruver.

She was a teacher and a member of the First Baptist Church of Jacksboro.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis Bennett; a daughter, Carly Bennett; sons, Colby and Cason Bennett, all of the home; parents, James and Ann Dorman of Gruver; a sister, Dee Steed of Pagosa Springs, Colo.; brothers, Chris Dorman of El Paso and Stefan Dorman of Perryton; grandmother, Beulah Dorman of Bethalto, Ill.; and mother-in-law, Earlene Bennett Watkins and husband, C.A. of Bowie.

The family suggests memorials be to the First Baptist Church Children's Missions, % Coker Funeral Home, 152 State Hwy. 148, Jacksboro, TX 76458.

MARILYN HARRIS

ELK CITY, OK - Marilyn Harris, 53, died on September 23, 2004.

Services were held on Sunday, September 26, 2004 at 2 p.m. in the Martin Funeral Home Chapel of Elk City with Andy Taylor officiating. Interment was in Canute Cemetery under the direction of Martin Funeral Home of Elk City.

Ms. Harris was born on December 28, 1950 in Spearman to Frances C. and Joyce Ruth Jones. She graduated from Spearman High School, and had lived in western Oklahoma since the mid 1990's.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a granddaughter; a niece; and a sister.

Survivors include her companion, Les Brewer of Burns Flat; three sons, Hadley Harris of Roswell, NM, Jeff Harris of Burns Flat and Jebb Harris of Texas; five grandchildren; three sisters, Carolyn Hahn of Justin, TX, Donna McRee of Elk City and Nikki Clark of Weatherford, OK; and two brothers, Joe Bob Jones of Elk City and Scott Starr of Garland.

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Hansford County

Rodeo slated

A Tri-State High School rodeo will be held at the Gruver rodeo grounds, Saturday, October 9.

Subscribers write

Former Gruver resident Lee Roy Mitchell sent a note with his renewal check to the Reporter-Statesman.

Mitchell stated that he had now been gone from Hansford County for nine years and really enjoyed the paper.

Former Spearman resident Willie Faye Creamer also sent us a note.

She stated that she missed Helen Fisher's column, and asked "when Helen Fisher moved did everyone else move, too?"

She is concerned that no one responds to the Spearman newspaper to let others know what is going on (especially those who no longer live in Hansford County).

The Reporter-Statesman would like to hear from other former residents when they renew their subscriptions. Drop a note with your subscription and update us.

Send Us Your News

Anyone wishing to submit information (personal news, travels, events, etc.) for this column is invited to do so. You may bring or mail your information to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; fax it to (806) 659-3368; e-mail it to cathysmith@antden.com; or you may call (806) 659-3434.

Spearman

School holiday set

Spearman schools will enjoy a mini-fall break on Monday, October 11. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 12.

The Lynx will have an open week on Friday, October 8, prior to this holiday.

Bigs In School

Seven returning 'Bigs in School' matches have just completed their first six weeks with their students at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman. Many of the 'Bigs' are beginning their fourth year together.

Meeting weekly are BB James Cunningham and LB Marcos, BB Caleb Gillaspie and LB

Lonnie, BB Jeff Brock and LB Clayton, BS Tashi Schumann and LB Dillon, BS Carolyn McLeod and LS Kassy, BB Jascha Fishburn and LB Bill, and BS Stephanie Brock and LB Alan.

If you would like more information about the 'Bigs in School' program, contact Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Coordinator, at 659-3233.

Little Miss Beedy welcomed

Congratulations to Jeff and Shelly Beedy on the birth of their first grandbaby.

Berkeley Kay Beedy was born to Blake and Hilary Beedy on Wednesday, September 15th at 12:08 a.m. She weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 19 inches long.

Medical funds established

A medical fund has been established for Al Smith and family at the First State Bank of Spearman.

Smith recently learned his leukemia is no longer in remission. For information, call 659-5565.

A medical fund has been established for Denise Volden Wylie at the First State Bank of Spearman.

Wylie has been diagnosed with a rare and life-threatening blood disease. For more information, call 658-5565.

Winegarner injured

Peggy Winegarner was injured in a car accident recently on her way to Amarillo. Winegarner sustained bruises but no broken bones.

Investigation revealed the driver of the vehicle who hit Winegarner had fallen asleep at the wheel.

Community care concerns

Fred Shieldknight is recovering from knee surgery. He is home and doing well.

Gaylord Cook had two stints placed in his heart last week. He is now home and doing well.

Verna Brown recently had surgery on her heel to repair a tendon.

She will be staying with her daughter in Broken Arrow during her recovery and rehab.

Her address is: Mrs. Verna Brown % Patti McKinney 2433 Sweet Gum Ave Broken Arrow, OK 74012 918-307-9165

Gruver

Junior class wins contest

The GHS junior class won the homecoming decorating contest in competition last week.

For the first time, each high school class was responsible for homecoming decorations for a specific area of the school's interior.

Alumni honored

The classes of 1944, '54, '64, '74, '84, and '94 were honored at the 2004 Gruver Homecoming.

Doris Dozier Pinkerton of the Class of 1944 was crowned alumni queen. Her class escort was George Paul Odom.

Other nominees were 1954 - Donna Kindy Luttrull and Douglas Ballard, 1964 - Lillie Mae Smith and Jim Rice, 1974 - Donna Cearley Hill and Bill (Willie) Griffin, 1984 - Donna Woods Miller and Colton Collier, and 1994 Mika McLain and Lee Bob Harper.

School holiday slated

Gruver schools will enjoy a fall break when classes are dismissed at 12:20 p.m. Friday, October 1. There will be no school Monday, October 4. Classes will resume Tuesday, October 5.

Guest artist visits Gruver Elementary

Artist Brian Singleton recently visited art students at Gruver Elementary.

Singleton sketched one student in the each class as other classmates watched the portrait take form.

The portraits done by Singleton are on display in the Elementary Office along with

other artwork the children have produced. The display is open for viewing.

Cooper, Clemmons place

The roping team of Cass Cooper and Seth Clemmons placed sixth in the Dumas Tri State Rodeo September 18.

Cookbooks on sale

Alpha Mu Psi sorority has compiled a recipe book which they are selling for \$12.

The books can be purchased at Main Street in Gruver, or by calling Paula Clemmons 733-2301, or Shannon Lane at 733-5149.

Injured player's address

Several have asked for the address of Jason Henderson, the Panhandle football player who sustained a broken neck in the Gruver/Panhandle game to be listed again.

His address is Jason Henderson, 233 County Road A, Amarillo, TX 79108-8402.

Sympathy extended

Gruver graduate Beverly Dorman Bennett passed away last week in Jacksboro following a lengthy battle with cancer. Her memorial service was held on Sunday in Jacksboro.

Always sweet and cheerful, the lovely young lady had been in the prayers and hearts of the community for several years.

The community's sympathy is extended to her parents James and Ann Dorman and her family.

Community care concerns

Bonnie Bonham is experiencing some health problems.

Archie Nelson is recuperating from double knee surgery.

by Dorothy Hudson

Out At The Lake

Lake Level--September 27, 2004--33.68 feet (-0.04)

Jim reported 1.75 in the rain gauge for the big rain and then that there were two smaller ones. The Palo Duro Creek and Horse Creek both ran a little but not enough to sustain a rise this week.

The Spearman Boy Scouts camped in the Park this week-end under the direction of Scoutmaster George Young. Boats were out, but there were no fish stories.

As for bird migration, Jim saw a field full of hawks and noticed a lot more robins around.

The Alamo Ranch

A few weeks ago I mentioned wanting to learn more about the Alamo Ranch. While I still have many questions, I believe I do have some information to share as well. Fontaine Wright Hays of Guymon started me off in supplying information regarding the years that her great

uncle, Huff Wright, owned the ranch. It isn't clear when the ranch became known as the Alamo Ranch but Fontaine said her father, Tom Wright, always called his Uncle Huff's ranch the Alamo. Tom's father, Frank Thistle Wright, also homesteaded in the area that is now the Stavlo Ranch in the north east corner of Hansford County. Huff Wright's brother Melville Bond Wright also took up school land in what later became the Gus Coots Ranch.

In 1942 Emil Knutson traded his New Mexico Ranch to Gus Coots for the Coots Ranch in Hansford County. Mr. Knutson's grandson, Paul Stavlo, continues the family

ranch tradition.

When Huff Wright acquired his ranch in 1898 he officially named it The Homestead Ranch (since he was taking up school land to homestead) but seems to have called it the Alamo Ranch. While I have no proof of his reason for coming up with the Alamo name, I believe he used this more poetic term in honor of the cottonwood trees that lined the Palo Duro Creek to the east of the three room sod house that came with the property. My conjecture is that Huff, who had become the manager of the Coralitas Ranch in old Mexico in 1894, had learned the beauty of the Spanish language including the word that means cottonwood. The Coralitas Ranch owned 75,000 cattle and 3,500 to 4,000 horses. Before he resigned his position in 1897, he had brought 25,000 to 30,000 head of cattle out of Mexico to be sold in the United States.

When Huff came back to Hansford County, he found the homesteading laws were attractive and began looking for land on the Palo Duro. I haven't found out who built the 3 room sod house on the home section, but Huff added another large-sized room of sod construction to it. He painted 1898 under the peak of the gable. Leona Stavlo told me that after Emil Knutson traded for the ranch, he made it a point to see that the 1898 was kept painted because it was his birth year.

This ranch has gone thru many names. Now it is generally called the Knutson, the Stavlo or the Seven Bar, all good names, but there is something about the old Alamo Ranch that has a nice ring to it.

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Superintendent's Corner

School Finance 101 - Part I

by Rodney Sumner,
Spearman ISD Superintendent

Perhaps one of the most controversial topics facing public school education today is that of "school finance." Recently the way Texas schools are financed was ruled unconstitutional by State District Judge John Dietz. Judge Dietz ruling gave the legislature one year to fix the system or face the cut of state public school funding. I am sure that over the next year this topic will be heatedly debated and will dominate the news scene.

In order for you to better understand this complex issue of school finance, I thought that the next couple of installments of the Superintendent's Corner would center around "School Finance 101."

The current system of school finance has undergone several transformations since the Gilmer-Aikins Act of 1949 was passed. This Act established the Foundation School Program where public schools received state aid based on a sliding scale. The premise for this system was that the state would accept approximately 50% of the cost to fund public education.

In addition, local districts were able to raise additional enrichment funds through local property taxes.

This system worked pretty well until the early 1970's when a federal court in *Rodriguez v. San Antonio Independent School District* ruled the system of financing public schools in Texas to be unconstitutional. Additional litigation in the 1980's and 1990's also challenged the disparity between property wealthy districts and less wealthy districts with the state's over dependence on property taxes being the theme

of the argument.

The current system we often refer to as "Robin Hood" was created in 1993 due to the Texas Legislature passage of Senate Bill 7. This piece of legislation attempted to equalize property wealthy districts by having them share some of their wealth with property poor districts. This sharing mechanism was called recapture. Property wealthy districts were called Chapter 41 schools and property poor districts were called Chapter 42 schools.

What determined the status of being either Chapter 41 or Chapter 42 depended on how much local tax base you had compared to your WADA (weighted average daily attendance). A threshold amount of tax base per student was established, and anything over that amount was returned to the state for distribution to the so-called property poor school districts. In addition, property taxes were capped at \$1.50 for maintenance and operation and .50¢ for payment of the debt of the school district. Also, state aid to these wealthy districts was reduced, and as a result, these wealthy districts were required to offset their budget by setting a higher local property tax.

This system worked pretty well at first; however, as the state's share began to be reduced (from the 50% amount), the property poor local districts had to raise local property taxes to help meet their local budgets. Once they hit the \$1.50 cap, they were at a disadvantage with the Chapter 41 districts in the amount of local money they could raise. This problem is even more exasperated with the majority of the 1037 school districts now at

the \$1.50 property tax cap. On the other hand, the state's share has continued to dwindle to today's average of 37%. Again, this over dependence on local property tax created a disparity between the Chapter 41 and Chapter 42 school districts.

This brings us to where we are today with yet another lawsuit brought against the state this time by both the poor and wealthy school districts. The big question raised in this latest lawsuit is how much money a school district needs to provide the kind of education set out in the Texas Constitution. The question on "adequate" and "equitable" was at the center of the debate. After hearing arguments, the judge in the case sided with the poor districts and said that the gap between the "haves and the have nots" was too wide and therefore was unconstitutional. This brings us back to ground zero!

All this may not provide you with a clear picture of how schools are financed; however, in Part II of my Superintendent's Corner, I hope to explain in more detail our local budget and compare some of the local property wealthy districts in our area to Spearman ISD.

Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Baptist Church of Spearman. They unselfishly brought services to the Manor on the 19th and we all appreciate it.

Monday began as usual but it is never usual at the Manor. When you have a family as large as ours at the Manor there is always something new going on. We had a great Newscurrents program in the morning.

After lunch we had a very entertaining gentleman from New Mexico playing the keyboard, singing and telling tall tales for the residents. The most remarkable thing about him is that he himself is 78 years old and still travels across the states entertaining at nursing homes. Max Dunn comes to the Manor a couple of times a year and it is always a pleasure to see him.

The evening hours were filled with Bingo games to the delight of the residents. THANK YOU to the Lion's Club for hosting and THANK YOU to the Honor Society students that have been coming to help.

Ernestina led exercise class on Tuesday morning. It was really fun because she chose to play the music of THE King-Elvis to exercise to. Thank you to Mary Newman for the donation of tapes including Elvis!!

They will surely be worn out.

The afternoon was spent out in the courtyard. Residents and dirt was all over the patio as the residents planted fall plants to enjoy. There were beautiful mums, ornamental cabbage and flowering kale. The courtyard is looking beautiful.

Wednesday morning was filled with Bible study and fresh donuts. Yum - Yum !! What more could you ask for? Feeding on the word of God as well as fresh donuts!

The afternoon was spent in the activity room working furiously on painted quilt blocks to decorate the bulletin board in the dining room with.

Musercise started off the day on Thursday. Many feet were tapping, hands clapping and fingers snapping. What fun !!

The afternoon was spent in bingo games hosted by the auxiliary. THANK YOU to all auxiliary members!!

Friday morning we played kickball and other sport games. We love to play sports!!

The afternoon was spent at the monthly birthday party. THANK YOU to the auxiliary for all of the home-made pies you brought, helping serve, and the fellowship with the residents!! Verna Strawn played the

keyboard and sang for the residents. THANK YOU to Verna!! She put on a great program and sang many songs of times gone by. We appreciate all of the volunteers that help at the Manor. They put the quality into the lives of the residents!!

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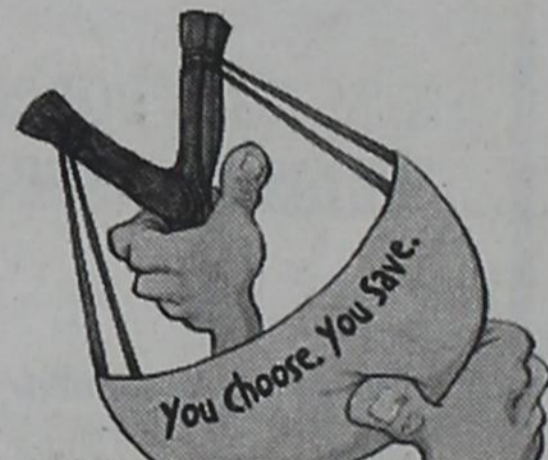
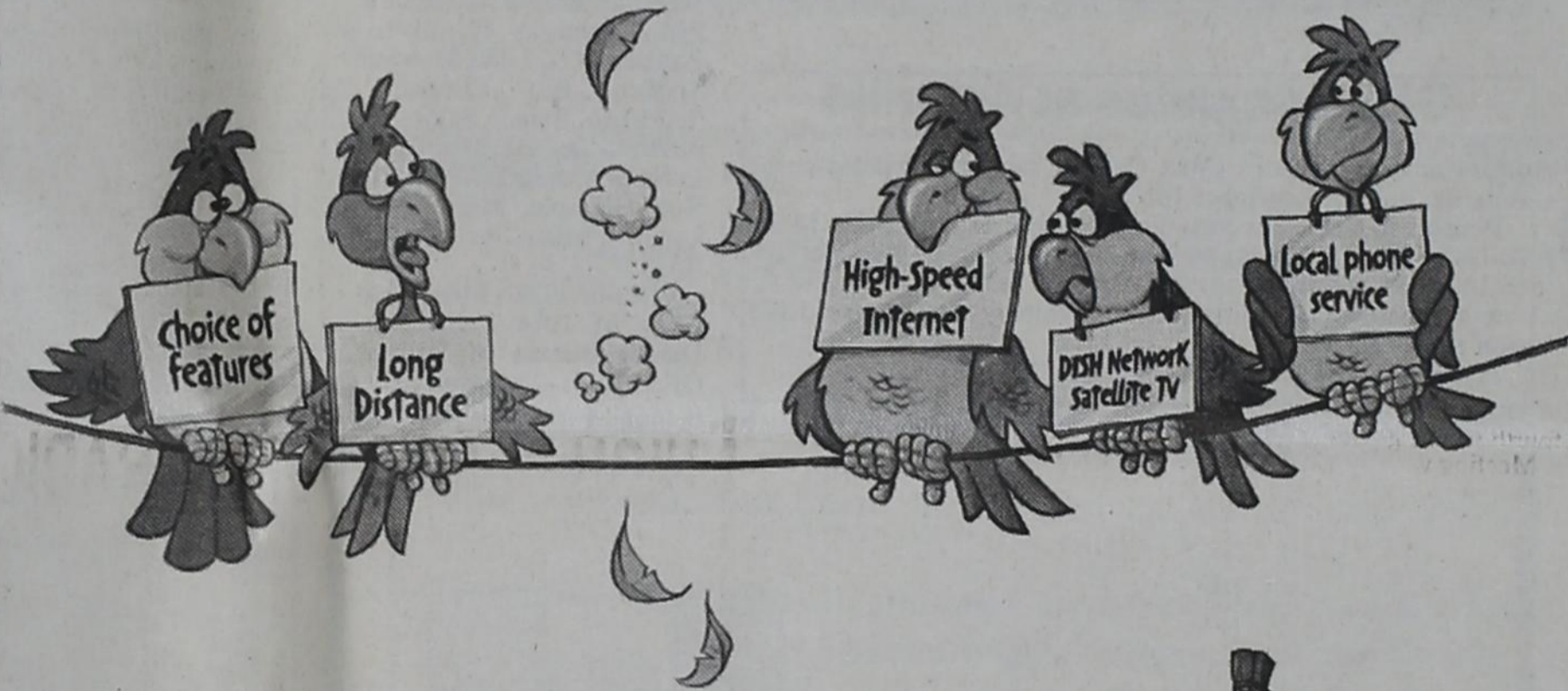
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Lynx take win from Commanches

by Harletta Carthel

It was not a pow wow but Lynx power that wowed the West Texas High Comanches, 34-14, in the opening game of district play.

Tied 7-7 with the Comanches at the end of the first quarter, the Lynx went on to take a decisive win, allowing West Texas High only 19 yards on the ground and 89 yards total offense.

Workhorse Brock Town churned out 238 yards on the ground in 29 carries while teammate Clete Vanderburg had over a hundred rushing yards (104) for the night in 16 carries.

Town opened the scoring in the first quarter with a six yard run. West Texas High answered with a 12 yard touchdown pass later in the quarter to knot the score at 7.

Quarterback Collin Gillaspie, who had 95 yards on six effort for the night, tallied on a one-yard run in the second period to give the Lynx an advantage they never lost.

Later in the period, Town's four yard run and Gerardo Ruiz's third PAT kick, put the Lynx up by 14 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Collin Gillaspie stymied any Comanche attempts at a comeback with a one-yard touchdown run while Vanderburg added the final victory seal with a six yard run in the fourth quarter.

The Comanches scored late in the fourth quarter, but the game was already in Spearman's column.

"We were pleased with the offensive and defensive effort against West Texas," Coach Ric Smith said.

The Lynx will travel to meet state-ranked Canadian Friday night in a 7:30 game.

Coached Smith biggest concern in the important district battle is the Lynx' ability to match up with the Wildcat's speed.

Score by quarters

Spearman	7	14	7	6	34
WT High	7	0	0	7	14

Game at a Glance

	SL	WTC
First Downs	20	9
Yards Rushing	399	19
Yards Passing	65	70
Total Yards	464	89
Com/Att/Int	4/11/1	8/16/1
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	1/1
Punts/Avg	1/65	5/43
Penalties/Yds	11/96	7/36

Rushing - Brock Town 20 carries for 203, Clete Vanderburg 16 for 104. Collin Gillaspie 6 for 95.

Passing - Collin Gillaspie 4 of 9 for 69 yards and one interception.

Receivers - Caleb Gillaspie 2 catches for 34 yards, Jeff Brock 1 for 12, Brock Town 1 for 23.

Players of the Week - Offense: Clete Vanderburg, 207-lb. senior fullback, scored 91% on film grade, rushed for 104 yards on 16 carries and scored 2 TDs; Eric Flores, 220-lb. senior tackle, scored 82% on film grade

Players of the Week - Defense: Jeff Brock, 231-lb. senior end, 2 unassisted tackles, 4 assisted tackles; J.J. Gallegos, 137-lb. junior secondary, 2 unassisted tackles, 6 assisted tackles

Hounds tame Mustangs

by Harletta Carthel

A capacity home crowd, a crisp autumn night, and a 41-0 trouncing of the Claude Mustangs, made a perfect homecoming for the Gruver Greyhounds.

Scoring on their first possession, the Hounds didn't wait to give the home crowd something to cheer about.

The early touchdown began on the hound 35 yard line and was fueled by a 36 yard run by Matt Messer who rolled right

and was stopped one yard from the end zone.

The Mustangs held for one down but were not able to stop Brock Irwin who scored on second and goal.

Irwin came back in Gruver's second possession with a 15 yard run to the Claude 41 yard line on the first play from scrimmage. The Hounds would advance to the 31, but two failed passes into the end zone gave the ball over to the Mustangs.

The Mustangs good fortune was short-lived as a hard-hitting tackle by Reid Winger for a seven-yard loss struck a blow Claude could not overcome at the quarter's end with the Hounds up 7-0.

In the second period, a 14 yard run by Crispin Borunda took the Hounds into Mustang territory but when a fourth down pass from Messer to Ryan Winger was just short of a first first, the ball went over again to Claude on their own 12 yard line.

Gruver followed with two pay dirt possessions. Mounting a drive from the Claude 45 yard line, Messer rambled 20 yards to the Mustang 25. Brock Irwin, with runs of seven and 13 yards, advanced the ball to the two-yard line with Ryan Winger adding the touchdown.

The Hounds final score before halftime began at the Gruver 26 with Brock Irwin heading the drive with a 10 yard carry for first down to the Claude 41 yard line. Messer's 28 yard-run on the next play set up a 12 yard touchdown pass to Cody Mac Been to give Gruver a 21-0 advantage.

The Hounds added two TD's in the third quarter. The first by Sergio Cruz at 7:52 in the third period on a one-yard run.

The second payoff was buoyed with a 28 yard run by Brock Irwin to the Claude 22, and Tyler Lane encoing for 13 yards. Messer capped the drive with a two-yard run to give Gruver a 35-0 third quarter

domination.

The Hounds' 41-0 shut out was completed with Sheldon Atwood intercepting a Mustang pass and returning it five yards late in the final period.

Coach Felderhoff lauded the Hounds for the hard play throughout the game.

"We are proud of the effort the boys have given so far, Coach Felderhoff said. "The kids are excited with the success we've had so far."

The Hounds will have an open date this Friday before beginning district play.

"We will use this week to get everyone back to 100% and then will open district play at Stratford on October 8." Coach Felderhoff said

Score by quarters

Gruver	7	14	14	6	41
Claude	0	0	0	0	0

Game at a Glance

	GG	CM
First Downs	27	5
Yards Rushing	467	0
Yards Passing	28	49
Total Yards	495	49
Com/Att/Int	3/7/0	7/27/1
Penalties/Yds	6/50	4/20
Punts/Avg	2/30	9/25

Rushing - Brock Irwin 13 carries for 128 yards, Matt Messer 10/98, Tyler Lane 8/94, Crispin 6/69, Ivan Briones 6/43

Receivers - Cody Mac Been 2 catches for 16 yards, Ryan Winger 1/12.

Gruver hosts alumni at homecoming event

The classes of 1944, 1954, 1964, 1974, and 1994 were honored at Gruver homecoming events last weekend.

Those who registered for the five classes being honored and out-of-town alumni from other classes were: Class of 1936 - Norma Jean Smith Stewart

Class of 1940 - Austin Stewart Class of 1944 - Doris Dozier Pinkerton, George P. Odom, Velma Harris DeWese

Class of 1954 - Betty Shapley Lewellen of Friona, Patsy Cluck Burleson, Val Winger, Don Morton, Carrie Neal (Beasley) Costner, Jimmie Vernon, Donna Kindy Luttrell, Marilyn Alexander, Pat Westerfield, Peggy Jones, Gene Wyatt, Doug Ballard, Flo Bennett

Class of 1956 - Earl Hardesty of Guymon, Carol Morton Tippe

Class of 1959 - Danny Kingsley of Lubbock

Class of 1964 - Wanda Hardesty Golsby of Wilcox, AZ, Roy Kauffman, Jon Jarvis of Stinnett, Day Williams Caddill of McKinney, Freda Womble Phelps of Amarillo, Patsy Johnson Flaniiken of Portland, TX, Lillie Mae Smith Walker, Bill Pittman of Spearman, Bonnie Sullins Nash of Trussville, AL, Don TeBeest, LaNetta Shapley, Carlita Clary, Bob Gillispie, Jim Cooksey, Lyn McClellan, Jim Rice, Linda Rice

Class of 1972 - Mike Weldon Class of 1974 - Jim Taylor Dianna Buxton of Stillwater, OK, Bart Thoreson, Cindi

Wallin January, Marsha Wallin Lowe, Barbara Davis Stavlo, Amy Stavlo TeBeest, Starrla Myers, Barbara Stedje Wise

Class of 1982 - Steve Been of Hartley, TX

Class of 1984 - Marshall Cator, Donna Wood Miller

Class of 1994 - Mika McLain, Robert Whitaker, Paul Renteria, Justin Carthel, Lee Stedje, Lee Bob Harper, Sara Jones Farmer, Steve Pando, Raymond Lewellen, Ruben DeSantiago, Wynn Maupin Essler, Donnie Mc Mahan, Chris Stork, Will Evans

Class of 1996 - KiKi Carthel Brabham of Temple, TX

J. C. Harris, Class of 1930 and Gruver's first graduate also attended the homecoming festivities.

GHS competes at Amarillo

Gruver High School's Cross Country runners competed at the Amarillo Relays, September 18.

Runners in the varsity girls division were: 18 Liz Lopez, 14:30, 20 Laci Fitzgearld 14:31, 66 Abbi Yanke, 16:13, 67 Eva McCloy, 16:14, 83 Sorrele Blevins, 17:10.

In the junior varsity girls division, Whitney Moffett placed 105 with a time of 19:39.

In the varsity boys division, Hugo Charvis placed 37th.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILTY RATING

The Spearman Independent School District will hold a public meeting on October 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library, 403 East 11th Avenue, Spearman, Texas 79081. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's performance under each of the 21 indicators of the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) for the 2002-2003 school year. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The FIRST ratings are based upon analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2002-2003 school year, and budgetary and actual financial data for the 2003 fiscal year (ending August 31, 2003). The FIRST rating system was developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of the FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the school district's financial resources.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 11, 2004
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Location: Spearman High School Library
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New Teachers at Spearman ISD

The Board of Trustees and the administration at Spearman ISD would like to introduce and welcome the following new employees.



CINDY ASHMORE

Cindy Ashmore teaches high school math.

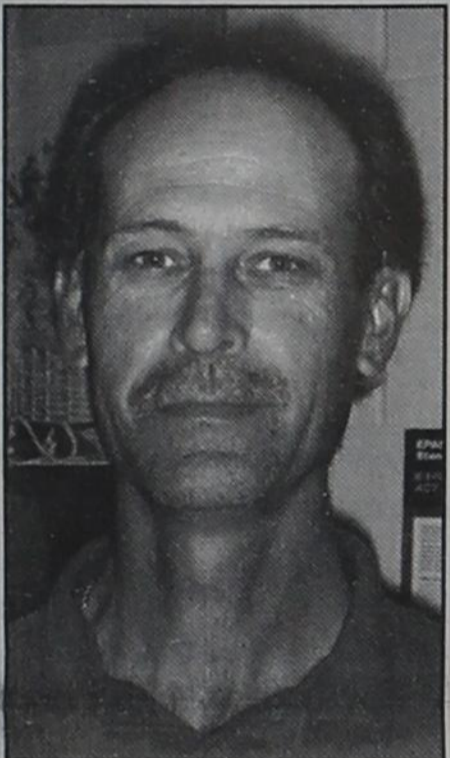
She and her husband junior have two children Jordan, an eight grader, and Morgan, a fifth grader.

Receiving her Bachelors Degree from Wayland Baptist University, she received her Masters Degree in math from Texas Tech.

She enjoys walking, and jogging with her poodle, and watching sports.

Teaching 18 years, she last taught at Plainview high School.

"It has been a great start to the school year. I love the size of the school and the town," Ashmore said.



JUNIOR ASHMORE

Junior Ashmore teaches high school history and is the head boys basketball coach.

He and his wife Cindy have two children Jordan, 14, who is in eighth grade, and Morgan, 10, who is in fifth grade.

He is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University where he played basketball four years.

With a total of 20 years of teaching experience, he last taught at Plainview.

"It's great to be a Lynx and we appreciate the warm welcome from the people of Spearman," Ashmore said.

Coach Ashmore's brother Kurt coached in Spearman several years ago.



SHERRY BOYD

Sherry Boyd teaches fifth grade reading and language arts.

She and her husband Willis have three children, Krista, 23, who is married to Christian Meride and lives in Tucumcari, NM, Amy, 14, and Nikki, 12.

Receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree from Oklahoma Panhandle State University, she was a member of Alpha Chi Honor society, was on the President's Honor Roll, and graduated magna cum laude.

She enjoys reading and children's sports activities.

Beginning her third year of teaching, she last taught at Sunset Elementary in Dumas.

"The school year is just wonderful! I'm having a blast because I have a group of really great kids," Boyd said.



DEBBIE DODD

Debbie Dodd is a sixth grade science and social studies teacher at Spearman Junior High School.

She and her husband Garry have two children - Talia, 23, a senior at University of North Texas in Denton and Bree, a third grade teacher in McKinney, and a new-son-in-law Kevin who is employed by Strokers Motorcycle Shop in Dallas

Receiving her Bachelor of Science degree from East Texas State University at Commerce, Dodd last taught at Fowler Elementary School in Mount Pleasant, TX.

She enjoys gardening, cooking, remodeling, and reading.

"What great kids I have to start my first year in Spearman," Dodd said "They're respectful, intelligent, and eager young boys and girls. Mr. Wiggins and my co-workers have welcomed me and have made my new beginning enjoyable. Also, the

community has shown such kindness and generosity. I'm certain I've gained weight from all the great foods that everyone has brought to our home to welcome Garry and me to Spearman. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."



BRENDA EVINS

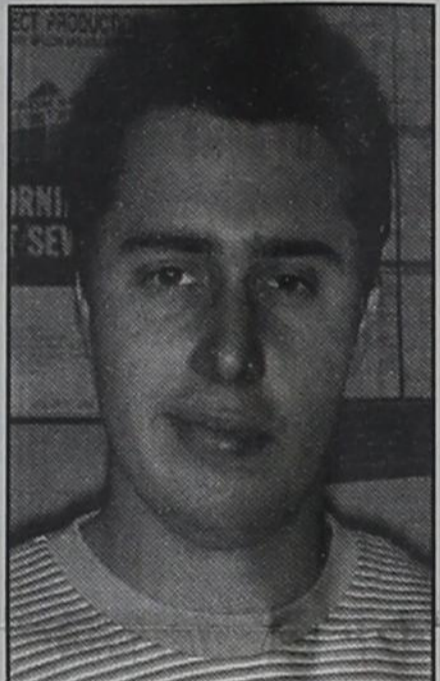
Brenda Evins teaches high school ESL (English as a Second Language).

She and her husband Derrel have a daughter Bethany, 18.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas State University and enjoys music such as singing, playing the piano, and playing the flute, and cooking.

With a total of 12 years in teaching, she last taught at Seminole Junior High.

"School has been a smooth beginning. Now the days are flying by," Evins said.



DOUG GUMFORY

Doug Gumfory teaches high school speech and theatre.

Doug is a 1996 graduate of Gruver High School and a graduate of West Texas A&M University.

His wife's name is Jonna.

His hobbies are acting, video games, reading, and spending time with his family.

"I know it's not Gruver, but I feel like I'm back home," Gumfory said.

He is the son of Sandra and Gary Gumfory of Gruver.



KATHRYN WIGGINS

Kathryn Wiggins teaches kindergarten.

She and her husband Bill have a daughter Erin, 6.

She is a graduate of West Texas State University and enjoys quilting, reading, and spending time with her family.

She has taught ten years, last teaching at West Texas Elementary.

"It's great to be back teaching such wonderful kids," Wiggins said.



TAMI HARGROVE

Tami Hargrove is the elementary and junior high counselor.

She and her husband Rick have three children - Dayne, 13, Brody, 10, and Gena, 8.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas A&M University and a Masters Degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Having taught for 11 years, she last taught at Floydada Junior High.



NORMA HINOJOS

Norma Hinojos teaches bilingual prekindergarten.

She received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Sul Ross State University.

Teaching for four years, she last taught at Pease Technology and Communication magnet School.

She enjoys reading, traveling, and scrapbooking.

"I look forward to having a wonderful year filled with success for all children," Hinojos said.

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GISD approves budget

The Gruver ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session Tuesday, August 24, 2004. Members present were Paul Stavlo, Curt Fitzgerald, Jody Irwin, Brent Stedje, Dwayne Thompson, Jeff Graves, and Superintendent David Teal. Board member Terry Sherrill was absent.

Visitors received were Shane Slover, Terry Felderhoff, Mike King, Mica Been, Debby Odom, Jill Watson, and Matt Branstine. In a report by Principal Branstine, 154 students are enrolled at Gruver Elementary while 124 are enrolled in the junior high. Principal King reported a high school enrollment of 129. He also discussed concurrent classes.

After the board had a budget workshop, member Stedje made a motion to approve the amended July 19th regular meeting minutes.

The motion carried 5-0-1 with member Graves abstaining. In a motion by Stedje to approve the minutes of the August 9, special board meeting, the motion carried 6-0.

A motion made to approve the budget for the 2004-2005 school year carried 6-0.

The tax rate was approved by a 6-0 vote at \$1.42. In other action, the board approved by a 6-0 vote the motion to authorize the issuance of Gruver ISD Maintenance Tax Note Series 2004 in the aggregate principal amount of \$774,830 for the payment of maintenance expenses. Approving a paying agent/registrant agreement and an investment and a commitment letter, and authorizing other matters related to the obligations.

In a unanimous vote, the board approved the budget amendment for the 2003-2004 school year. The substitute teacher list was denied in a 2-2-2 vote with Irwin and Thompson voting aye, Graves and Fitzgearld voting nay, and Stavlo and Stedje abstaining.

Three motions which passed by a 6-0 vote were the transfer student list, the changes to the DEC Local Policy, changes to the PMG Local Policy, and the NW Texas Shared Services Arrangement.

Discussion items were the setting of a special school board meeting for August 27, at 12:00 p.m., and the regular meeting for September 14, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., the hail storm repair update, the staff meal on September 9, 2004, and the financial report.

The board met in executive session from 8:35 p.m. until 9:55 p.m. before voting to adjourn at 9:56 p.m.

Gruver ISD discusses personnel issues

The special board meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Gruver ISD was held Friday, August 27, 2004.

Members present were Curt Fitzgerald, Jeff Graves, Jody Irwin, Terry Sherrill, Paul Stavlo, Brent Stedje, Dwayne Thompson, and Superintendent David Teal.

Meeting in executive session at 12:02 p.m., the board discussed personnel until 1:35 p.m.

Convening to open session, the motion was made by Paul Stavlo and seconded by Brent Stedje for a resolution of support for the superintendent in upcoming action. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Gruver ISD hires Wynn Essler as coach

Meeting in regular session Tuesday, September 14, 2005, trustees Paul Stavlo, Curt Fitzgearld, Jody Irwin, Terry Sherrill, Brent Stedje, Dwayne Thompson, Jeff Graves, and Superintendent David Teal, received the following visitors: Terry Felderhoff, Mike King, Mica Been, Debby Odom, Matt Branstine, Rin Hickman, Kevin Tidyman, Amber Holland, Rhonda Williams, and Sandra Gumfory.

Principal Mike King reported on changes in the high school student handbook for 2004-2005 while Principal Matt Branstine reported on changes in the student handbook for elementary and junior high for 2004-2005.

A motion to accept the nominations for LPAC committee carried by a 7-0 motion.

Discussion items were the setting of the next regular board meeting for October 12, at 7:00 p.m., an update on hail storm repairs, the attendance and enrollment, a report on the tax note, and the financial report of revenue and expenditures.

Entering into executive session at 7:45 p.m., the board entered open session at 8:31 p.m. and voted to accept a one-year teaching contract for Wynn Essler. The motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Pringle-Morse CISD budget workshop

The Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 15, 2004. Trustees present were: Jerry Crowl, Jerry Hart, James Lieb, Carolyn Shields, Jon Mark Tolleson and Robin Wilson. Trustee Clyde McCloyd was not present. Administration present were Superintendent Kent Hargis and Business Manager Paige Speck.

After a quorum was established, President Jerry Hart called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Superintendent Hargis and Business Manager Speck led the Board in a budget workshop for the 2004-2005 school year. Topics covered included certified property values for the District, rollback tax rate, budget function and line item. The Board also reviewed the rollback tax rate election procedures.

The Board approved the June 17, 2004 minutes and to accept Morse Implement's automotive fuel bid for the 2004-2005 school year.

No action was taken regarding student insurance. The Board approved an agreement with the Commissioner of Education for the purchase of attendance credits for the 2004-2005 school year, with James Lieb voting against.

The Board briefly discussed Pringle-Morse CISD junior high boys participating in the football program at Gruver ISD junior high. They then approved the transfer of Grasiela Moreno. The Board also approved a resolution authorizing bank signatures for check payment.

Goals for the Superintendent and Board of Directors for the 2003-2004 school year were reviewed.

In his report, Superintendent Hargis reported that most summer maintenance projects had been completed, discussed personnel vacancies and reported that his meeting with the Commissioner of Education was positive.

The meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:55 p.m.

City of Gruver approves fire protection agreement

The Gruver City Commission met in regular session on August 11, 2004 at 5 p.m. at the City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Mark Irwin, Commissioners Chad Logsdon and Johnnie Williams,

City Manager Linda Weller and City Secretary Mark Washburn. Also present were Police Chief Dee Mayfield, Robert Blount of the Department of Public Works, Chris Sharp of the Panhandle Region Planning Commission Jake McCullough of Diamond M Water Well.

The minutes of the last meeting held on July 14, 2004, and the bills for the month of July were approved.

The Commission approved a Fire Protection Agreement with Hansford County, an Engagement Agreement with Brown, Graham & Co. and an Interlocal Agreement with the TML Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool. The Commission also approved

a Resolution designating the Mayor and City Manager to act as authorized signatures for the purpose of the FY 2004 Texas Community Development Program Grant and designating the City Manager as the Chief Executive Officer and authorized representative for the purpose of the grant.

Other items approved by the Commission included a Proclamation designating September 2004 as Fair Housing Month and a Resolution prohibiting the use of excessive force in non-violent civil rights demonstration and providing penalties for violations thereof.

The Commission also approved the adoption of a

Local Opportunity plan to appoint a fair housing/equal opportunity standards officer, appoint a Labor Standards Officer and adopt complaint procedures for this purpose of the City's FY 2004 TCDP grant.

A budget workshop for the FY 2004-2005 Annual Budget was conducted.

A date of September 8, 2004 at 5 p.m. was set for a public hearing to adopt the FY 2004-2005 Tax Rate and Annual Budget.

The Board hired Trinity Roofing Co. to replace the city property roofs.

Discussion was also held on the 4th Street water well.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating


Gruver Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., October 12, 2004 in the High School Library 601 Garrett Street Gruver, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Gruver Independent School District's rating on the state's financial Accountability system.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: October 12, 2004
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Gruver High School Library
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Norway visitor drops in for surprise birthday party

by Harletta Carthel

A surprise birthday party usually means friends and neighbors gathering to ambush an unsuspecting honoree.

Maybe when it's a good friend's birthday, it doesn't matter that the surprise party is half a world away. At least it didn't seem to be a problem for Terje

Thorgersen of Norway who recently surprised Dwight Sumner on his 60th birthday.

The strong friendship between Thorgersen and the Sumner family began in 1982 when the Norway native was living in Spearman as a foreign exchange student.

During the school year, the

young Norwegian lived with Andy and Janet Scarbrough but resided with the Dwight Sumner family for two months in the summer of 1983, before returning home.

Through the years, the Sumner family has maintained their friendship and contact with Thorgersen who is now employed with Norsk Hydro in marketing, sales, and computer sales dealing with oil, gas, and aluminum.

Thorgersen married his wife Elisabeth in 1997, and the couple has three children, Linn Elisabeth, 8; Siri Karine, 6, and Hans Joergen 4.

"We had been planning to go to Norway this past summer," Anita Sumner said. "But when my health would not allow us to do so, we informed Terry and also told him about Dwight's birthday party."

Under the assumption he was picking up a relative's friend at the airport, Dwight Sumner was surprised when Thorgersen walked over to him at the airport and offered his hand for Sumner to shake.

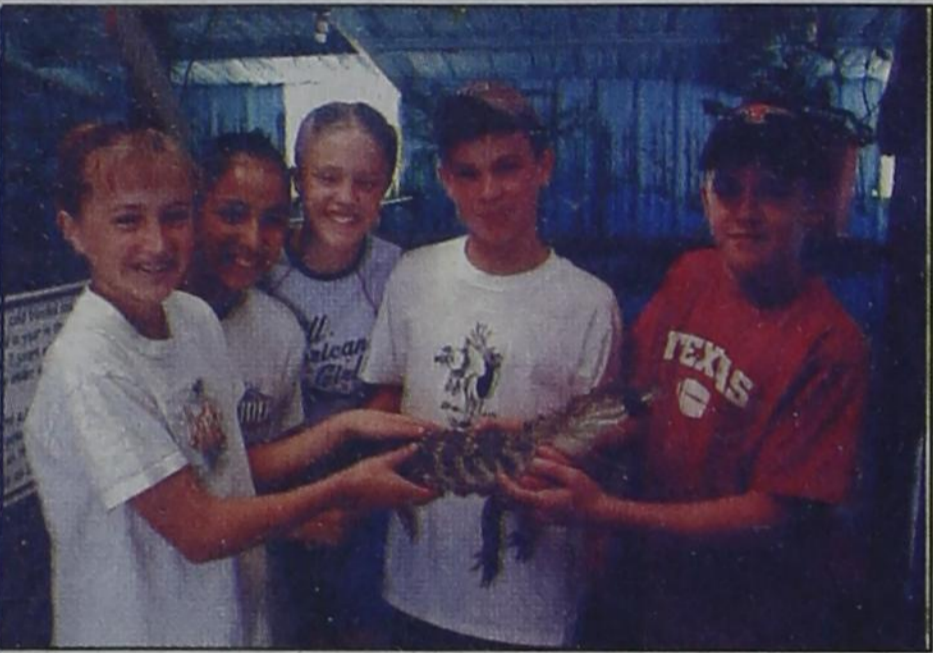
After attending Spearman High, Thorgersen attended Ostfold College of Engineering where he received an engineering degree and Norwegian Institute of Technology where he received his Master of Science Degree.

He has worked previously in positions in Norway in Comp. Science, Comp Security, electronic payment systems and cash management systems.

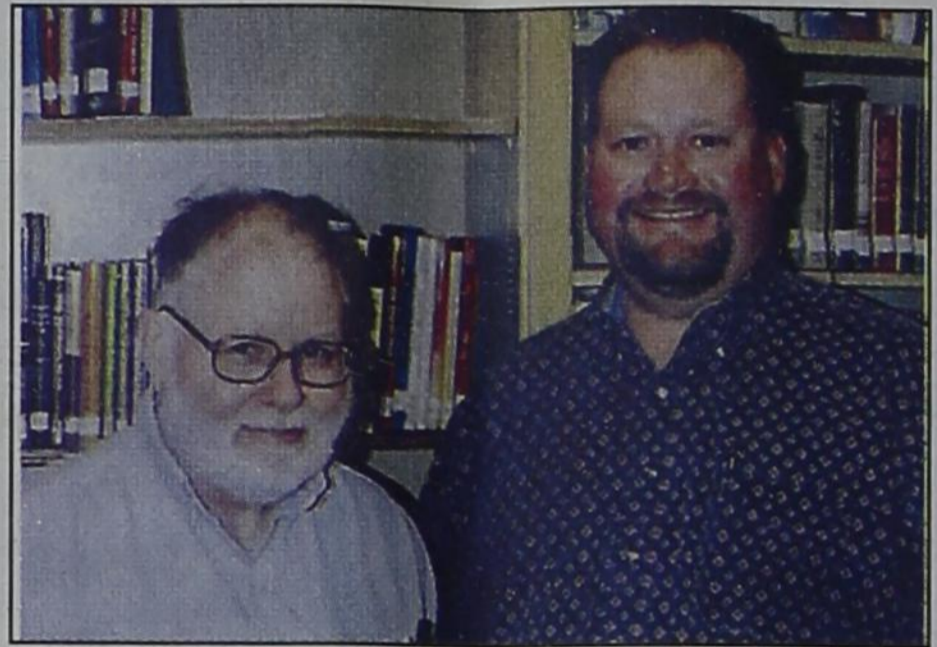
During his Spearman stay, Thorgersen enjoyed sightseeing and photographing different points of interest in the area.



Terje Thorgersen (front right), former exchange student at Spearman High School, returned for a surprise visit to celebrate Dwight Sumner's 60th birthday. Thorgersen stayed with Dwight (front left) and his wife, Anita (back, left) and their family. Also pictured are daughters Missie Bates and Sumner.



"See you later alligator," Sunray Seventh grader Colton Wilson says before departing the Texas Alligator Ranch. Colton and his seventh grade classmates (L-R) Kyndall Whiteley, Faith Trevino, Madison Hicks, Wilson, and Ty Dooley were visitors at the ranch on Tuesday. The two-year-old American alligator is two-and-a-half feet in length. He will reach full growth in ten years and will be 12 feet in length and weigh approximately 500 pounds.



Former KRDF radio personality Dwayne Smith (left) was recently honored by the Spearman ISD president Mark Allen (right) and the Board of Trustees for over 25 years of service to the Spearman schools.

Local media honored by Spearman Schools

Catherine Smith and Harletta Carthel of the Hansford County Reporter Statesman were presented certificates designating them as members of the Media Honor Roll, at the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees September meeting, Monday, September 13.

The Media Honor Roll is a statewide program by which schools can recognize media personnel who are noted for their fair and balanced reporting and their providing valuable information to the community about public schools, their students, parents, and patrons.

The certificates were presented for the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees by Spearman Superintendent Rodney who expressed his appreciation to the journalists for their service to Spearman schools.

Special recognition was also given to former KRDF radio personalities George Young and Dwayne Smith for over 25 years of service to Spearman schools.

The pair, who are best

remember for their broadcasts of Lynx and Lynxette athletic events, were presented plaques called "Holy Toledo" awards, the phrase used by the announcers to describe superior or surprising results in athletic contests.

The plaques Young and Smith were also inscribed with a humorous quote by Tom Canterbury, "the problem with referees is they just don't care which side wins."



Mike Schnell (right), president of First State Bank, welcomes new vice-president Tim Cooper.

FSB welcomes new vice-president

The First StateBank of Spearman would like to welcome Tim J. Cooper as new executive vice president.

Cooper, a Perryton native, is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Finance.

He comes to First State Bank from FirstBank Southwest in Perryton, where he has been employed for 18 years.

Cooper began his banking career at FirstBank Southwest in Perryton during college. Following graduation from Texas Tech, he moved to Dallas where worked at First Texas Bank for a year-and-a-half as an agent. He then moved to Levelland where he worked for three years in the trust department at the American State Bank. He then moved to Booker, where he worked for tow years in commercial lending, before moving to Perryton.

Cooper met his wife, Paula, while living in Levelland. They have two sons, John, a freshman at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, and Callie, an eighth grader at Perryton Junior High.

Cooper has been very active in the community while living in Perryton. He was a member of the City Council, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Board, served as President of the Lions Club, and was Chairman of the Board at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

During his free time he enjoys spending time with his family, water skiing, snow boarding and has recently become active in bike touring.

"I look forward to being a part of the community in Spearman," Tim Cooper said. "We are still looking for a house, but look forward to moving as soon as possible."

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