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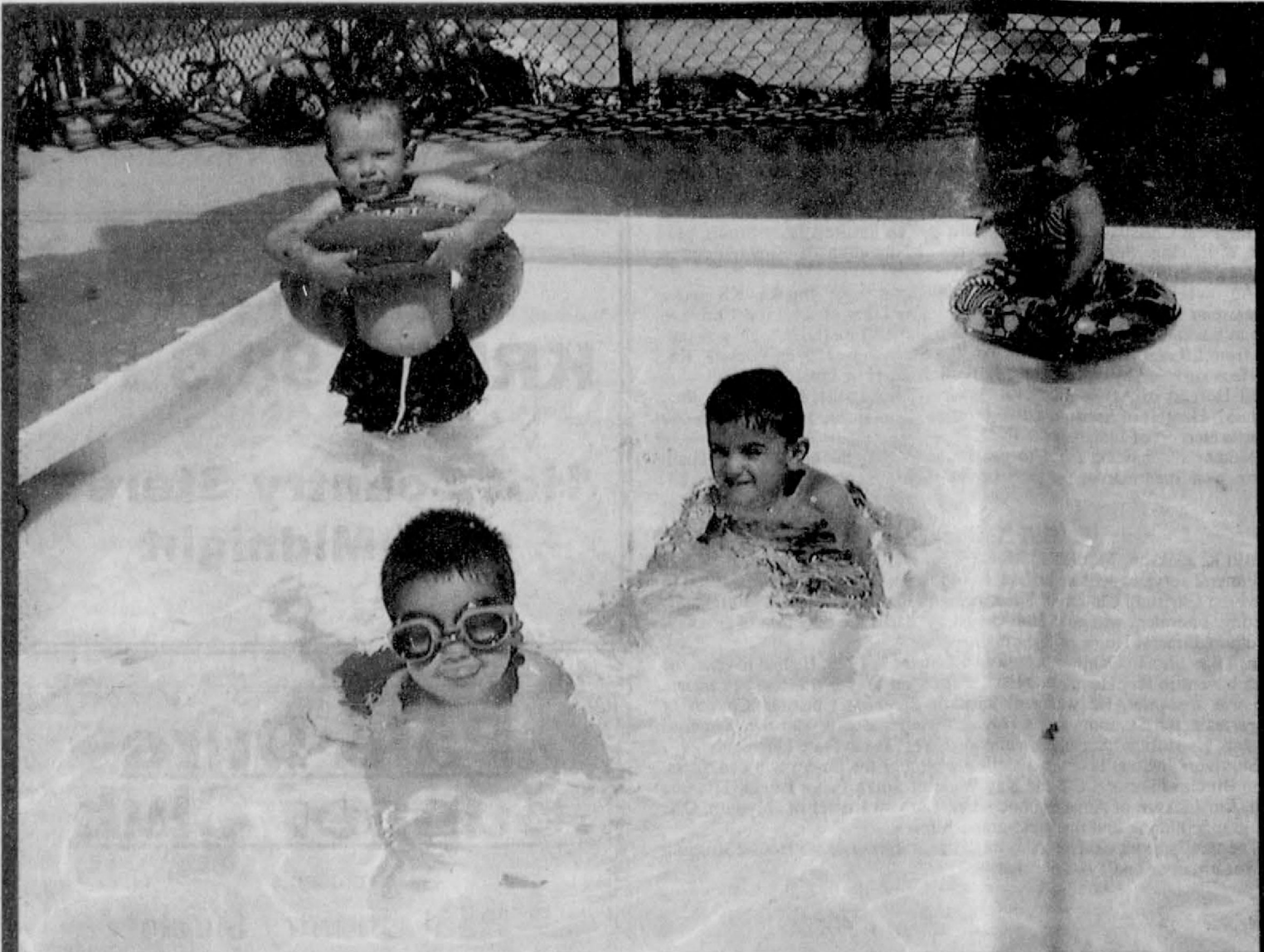
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Ready, set, go - it's summer!

With goggles and floaty bobbles, future Olympic swimmers practice their strokes on a hot Tuesday at the Spearman City Pool.

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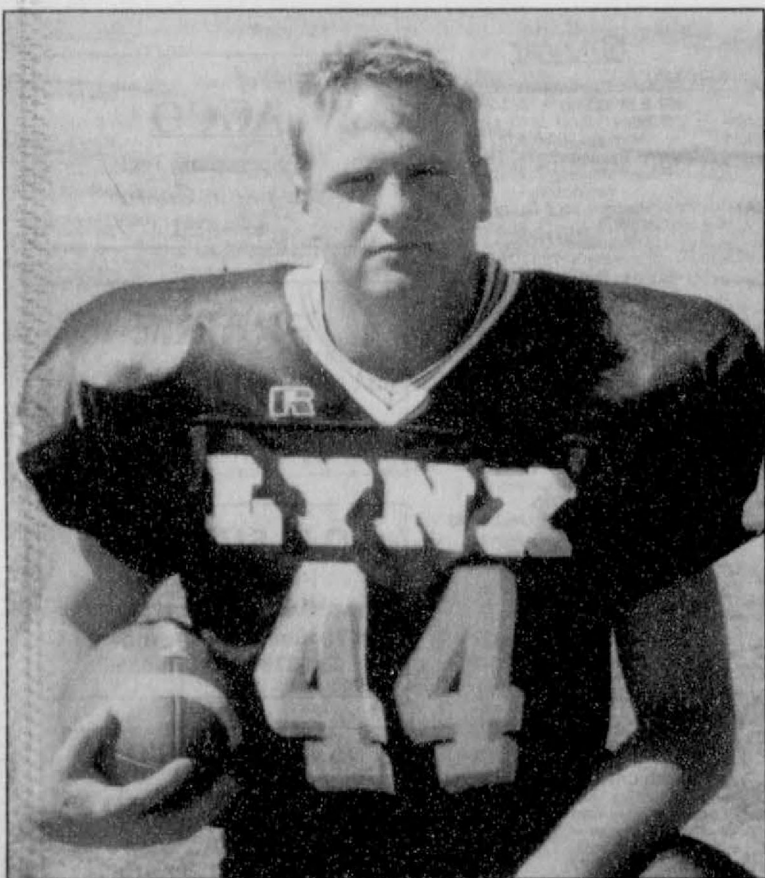
Ramon Places At State

Three Spearman High School students qualified for state in UIL academics this April at the UIL regional meet held in Abilene. Chelsea Nollner advanced in Newswriting by placing second. Angela Pipkin broke to quarters, semi-finals and finals in Lincoln Douglas Debate and advanced to state by winning first place. Amber Ramon qualified for state in Extemporaneous Persuasive speaking by placing in the top three at regionals.

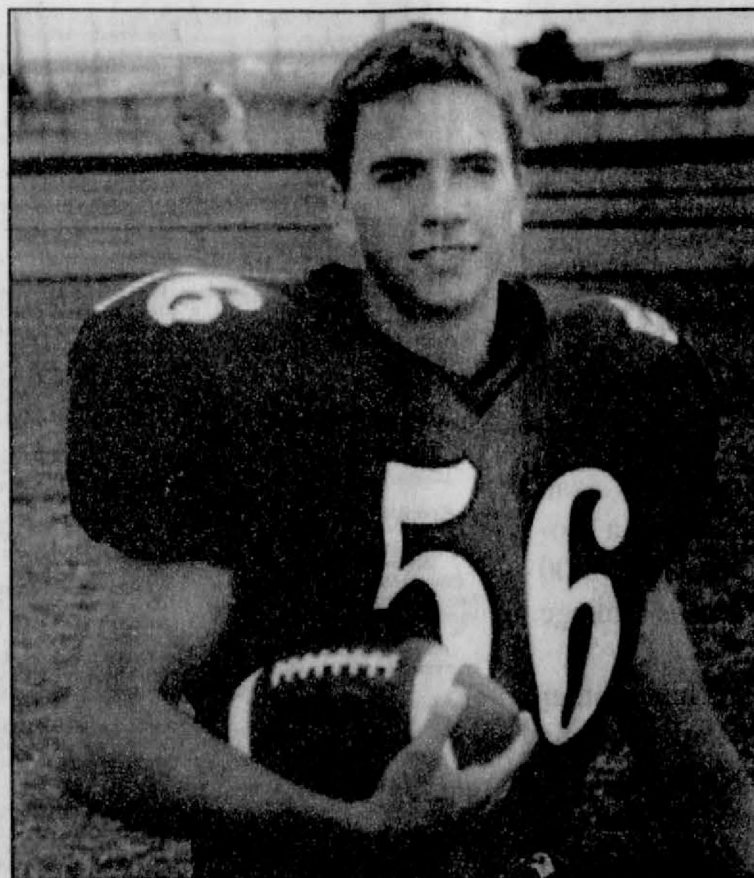
While in Austin at the state meet held at the University of Texas, Amber Ramon broke to final round in persuasive speaking and went on to place fifth at the state level. Congratulations to Amber for this impressive accomplishment! Amber has competed in informative and persuasive speaking throughout her high school career.

Amber stated, "This is something I have worked towards for four years; and I'm very proud to have finally reached my goal. I thank Mrs. Pipkin for all of her hard work. She definitely helped me to get that far."

Greenbelt Bowl Participants



Outstanding Spearman Lynx Dusty Barber has been chosen to play in the annual Greenbelt Bowl Football Classic at Childress on Saturday, June 10 at 7 p.m. Dusty was an all district offensive pick as running back and an all district line-backer selection in defense. He was named to the Class AA all state team honorable mention list. Dusty's queen candidate for the event will be Brooke Lesly. Both students are 2000 graduates of Spearman High School.



Outstanding Gruver Greyhound Kyler Barkley has been selected to play in the annual Greenbelt Bowl Football Classic at Childress. Barkley was named to the all district list as offensive center and was also cited on the academic list. He was an Class A honorable mention all-state offensive center pick. Kyler's queen nominee will be Lindsay Barkley, former Gruver resident, now of Amarillo. Kyler is a 2000 graduate of Gruver High School while Lindsay is a 2000 graduate of Amarillo High School.



Gruver High School science teacher, Amy TeBeest, is congratulated by principal Kip Bullock on her selection as a grader for the College Board's Advanced Placement Program in the AP Biology Reading section. TeBeest will receive an expense-paid trip and salary to Clemson University in South Carolina for the June 3-9, 2000 grading session. At that time, TeBeest will be part of 4,700 chosen college faculty and advanced placement teachers from around the world who will gather at six university sites to score approximately four million free-response answers on advanced placement tests. TeBeest has served as the GHS Advanced Placement Biology teacher for three years.



Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

Friends Tommy and Sandy Russell sent me the following "Words of Wisdom from Andy Rooney," and I thought they were worth passing on to you. I hope you enjoy them.

Words of Wisdom from Andy Rooney

- I've learned... that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- I've learned... that when you're in love, it shows.
- I've learned... that just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.
- I've learned... that having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- I've learned... that being kind is more important than being right.
- I've learned... that you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I've learned... that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- I've learned... that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- I've learned... that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- I've learned... that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
- I've learned... that life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
- I've learned... that we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- I've learned... that money doesn't buy class.
- I've learned... that it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- I've learned... that under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- I've learned... that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?
- I've learned... that to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- I've learned... that when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- I've learned... that love, not time, heals all wounds.
- I've learned... that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- I've learned... that everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- I've learned... that there's nothing sweeter than sleeping with your babies and feeling their breath on your cheeks.
- I've learned... that no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- I've learned... that life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- I've learned... that opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
- I've learned... that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- I've learned... that I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- I've learned... that one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- I've learned... that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- I've learned... that I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.
- I've learned... that when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- I've learned... that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- I've learned... that it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life-threatening situation.
- I've learned... that the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

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 :)



Engagement Announcement

Shonna Morley of Gruver and Richard Gammon of Ohio announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather to Donnie Walton. Walton is the son of Kathy Whitely of Amarillo and Jo Woelfle of California. The couple plans to be married June 24 in the First Baptist Church in Gruver. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Fund Established for B.J. Parker
A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for B.J. Parker.

St. Jude's Benefit Team Roping
A Benefit Team Roping will be held on Sunday, June 11, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the Oscar Archer Arena in Spearman, TX. Books open at 12:30 p.m. Prizes will go to the high money winners. For more information, please contact Kathi Gilley at 659-2690.

Palo Duro Cowboy Camp Meeting
The 15th annual Palo Duro Cowboy Camp Meeting will be held June 8 - June 11, 2000 at Old Hansford on Highway 15, seven miles west of Spearman. Thursday's schedule includes 6:30 p.m. - supper, 7:30 p.m. - singing and special service, and 8:00 p.m. - preaching service. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday's schedule includes 6:30 a.m. - breakfast, 7:00 a.m. - Bible study, 11:00 a.m. - morning service, 12:30 p.m. - lunch, 5:30 p.m. - prayer time, 6:30 p.m. - supper, 7:30 p.m. - special singing, and 8:00 p.m. - preaching. Also on Saturday, there will be a trail ride at 9:00 a.m. On Sunday, there will be a team penning at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to the inter-denominational services and all events.

4-H Fishin' & Fun Tournament
A 4-H Fishin' & Fun Tournament will be held at Greenbelt Lake on June 6, 2000 from 4-8 p.m. The goal of the program is to introduce kids to the life-long sport of fishing. Those registered will be involved in basic fishing classes on safety, tying, baiting and casting. In addition, participants may enter the fishing tournament. This fun activity is for the beginning and the expert angler. Registration is \$4.00 per angler, and the deadline is May 31st. Each participant is asked to bring their own sack lunch, drinks will be provided. Call your local county extension office for specific tournament rules and registration materials.

Indoor Camp Meeting 2000
The Spearman Union Church, 31 S. Endicott in Spearman, will host Indoor Camp Meeting 2000. Services will begin at 7 p.m. on June 5th. Three services will be held daily, June 6th-8th, at 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 7 p.m. Meals will be served at the following times: Breakfast - 8 a.m., Lunch - 12 noon, and Evening meal on your own (snacks will be served after the 7:00 service). A limited number of accommodations are available in the Fellowship Hall (provide own linens and towels). For reservations or more information, contact Bill Sparks at 659-5073, or Marlon Sparks at 435-3476 or 435-9592.

Cowboy Church
Y'all come join us for Cowboy Church each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Oscar Archer Arena in Spearman for Christian fun and fellowship outdoors. Come as you are - boots and hats optional. Refreshments follow the service. For more information, contact Tom Latta or Keith Hight at 659-5959.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Picnic
The Rushing Wind Emmaus Annual Picnic will be held on June 3, 2000 at 4 p.m. at the Palo Duro Lake, located north of Spearman. A picnic for family and friends will be served at 6 p.m. and praise and worship service will start at 7 p.m. Hamburgers, buns, trimmings, and soft drinks will be supplied by Rushing Wind and other volunteers with apple and cherry pies from McDonalds of Perryton. All individuals are encouraged to bring chips and dips for all to share. Family, friends, and members of all area churches are invited to an evening of fellowship and worship!

Heritage Days Parade
If you are interested in participating in the Heritage Days Parade, please contact Lynanne Maize at 659-3082, Kathy Bryant at 659-3030 or Gina Gillispie at 659-5555.

Heritage Days 2000 Schedule of Events
The Heritage Days 2000 Schedule of Events is as follows: Rodeo - June 3rd & 4th; Cowboy Camp - June 4th-9th; Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant - June 6th at 7 p.m.; Cowboy Camp - June 4th-9th; June 10th: Jr. Ranch Rodeo - 10 a.m.-12 noon, Parade - 11:30 a.m., Barbecue - 12:30 p.m., Grassland Gunfighters - 1 p.m., Adobe Walls Dancers - 1:30 p.m., 4th Annual Hansford County Steak Eating Contest - 2 p.m., Amarillo Rattlers Hockey Clinic - 3 p.m., 1st Annual Panhandle Diner & Deli Invitational Egg Drop - 4 p.m., Street Dance - 9 p.m.

Samuel Benjamin Sheets Reunion
The 65th reunion of the Samuel Benjamin Sheets Family will be held on June 3, 2000 at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall in Spearman. Call 659-3338 or 659-2010 for reservations for the noon meal.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The recent trip to Hawaii taken by Verna Brown and family as reported could double for a travel commercial. On May 15th, Verna and her daughter, son-in-law, and 15-month-old granddaughter, of Guymon, and Verna's sister from Rolla, KS flew to Tulsa. There they were joined by another daughter and son-in-law, with their son and daughter and their spouses, all of Tulsa.

The group of 12 then flew to Dallas and on to Honolulu. There they boarded a plane, on a Hawaiian line to Maui, their destination.

They rented a house there where the entire family could stay. The spacious house, with a swimming pool and beautiful grounds, was close enough to the beach where some of them could enjoy snorkeling, swimming, and the sand. Various other activities kept the group pleasantly busy with golfing, sight-seeing, an interesting trip on a sugar cane train, visiting a large aquarium, etc.

One highlight was attending the Feast of Lele-a luau. The cuisine was certainly a variation, but tasty. After the entertainment, a dance with grass skirts and the hula lived up to its reputation.

Verna reached home late last Thursday; this was her second trip to Hawaii.

On Thursday the ambulance was called to Lowe's Marketplace for Millard Tucker, who had suffered a fainting spell. After thorough tests at Hansford Hospital, he was sent to Amarillo Baptist St. Anthony's for further examination. At this writing (Monday) the diagnosis was not complete and a biopsy was being made.

His sister here, Vi Hornsby, is keeping in close touch through their two sisters who live in Amarillo.

Margaret and Kenneth Evans attended the funeral services for Beatrice Wilbanks, 86, in Dumas. She was the widow of the late Henry Wilbanks, who was reared in Spearman, and was a brother to Margaret's father.

Andrew Cummings returned home Friday from Albuquerque with his parents, Linda and Doug.

He had undergone a very rare and complicated bone graft surgery to correct an oral birth defect. Bone was taken from his hip to provide bone that was missing on his upper jaw. Surgical plates were implanted, and in a very complicated procedure, a locking device was installed.

The operation was pronounced successful and is the first of three surgical procedures needed. The next two can be done on an outpatient basis.

Doug and Linda were guests of Jeff and Dacia Lust in Albuquerque.

He was formerly a pastor of the United Methodist Church in Spearman.

Andrew has finished his junior year at Spearman High, where he has been an excellent student. On May 14th he was awarded the hard to earn Eagle Scout Badge in a ceremony held at the Waka Christian Center.

Ronnie and Della Head of Carlsbad, NM and daughters were here to attend the Brian McLaughlin - Lesly Widener wedding. They were guests of his mother, Virginia Head. Among the other guests were Dean and Jerry Sparks of Gruver and Frankie and Troy Sloan of Breckenridge.

Dorothy Roden is a patient in Baptist St. Anthony's since a week ago Thursday when she was taken by ambulance.

Some weeks ago Dorothy had knee replacement surgery, spent time in rehab at IHS and came home. She did not recover as fast as was expected and was admitted to Hansford Hospital Sunday a week ago.

On Thursday she was taken by ambulance to BSA with what appeared to be a respiratory problem. It was later diagnosed as renal failure.

Her prognosis is undetermined at this writing. Her brother, Howard, and his wife of Eufala, and her sister Anita of Dallas are in Amarillo.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Branch Sheets were their son, Dan and Mrs. Sheets and their daughter. They are from Tipton, OK.

Those late Friday night sounds of revel originating at IV's were the celebration of Tommie White's birthday. The count is lost of which birthday but it was past the 39th, regardless of what he claims.

He and Sue had come up from Greenville to attend graduation exercises for grandsons, Tyson Diffy of Dumas and Tommie Dewberry of Spearman, and also the wedding of Brian McLaughlin.

They were guests of John and Wanda Brown. After the Friday graduation exercises, they went to eat at IV's. Tommie was flabbergasted by a large number of family and friends gathered for his birthday.

The entire list is too long for this space, but among those former Spearman folk were: Tommie and Doug Holmes and four children of Amarillo; Traci White of Birmingham, AL; Terri and Robbie Dewberry of Eastland; Lori Johnson and three children of Wimberly; Sharla Diffy and three children of Dumas; Elizabeth Caraway and Gary of Amarillo; Wendy

Woolley of Denton; Frankie and Troy Sloan of Breckenridge; and Mike Melton of Stinnett.

Helen Prachar had a busy but enjoyable weekend with graduation, birthday party, and guests.

Tommie Dewberry, her grandson who has made his home with her the past year, graduated with honors from high school Friday evening. He plans to enter S.M.U. in Dallas.

His parents, Terri and Robbie Dewberry of Eastland, were guests as were Tommie and Doug Holmes with four children of Amarillo. Helen's son, Ken, of Dallas, who is a professional photographer, was here and took excellent pictures of the graduation exercises.

Rubyjo and J.D. Wilbanks spent a cool few days at their condo in Santa Fe.

They returned Sunday evening.

Dwayne Smith's weather records show for the week of May 22nd to 7 a.m. on May 29th, the highest temperature was 105 on the 23rd; the lowest was 56 on the 22nd; on the 25th, rainfall was .92, and .75 on the 26th.

The marriage of Brandie Coke

and Bob Jarvis was solemnized in Clayton, NM on Friday, May 26, 2000. Judge Betty Parker presided. Casside, daughter of the bride, and Bryce Jarvis, son of the groom were attendants and signed as witnesses.

Brandie is the daughter of Deena Parker, Dalhart, and Mark and B.J. Parker Spearman. Bob is the son of Tom and Dora Lee Jarvis, Stinnett. Grandparents of the bride are Richard and Jean Bust, Dalhart, and for the groom, Louise Vaught of Amarillo.

Late sad news is that of the passing of Bill K. Jackson, life time resident of this community. He is survived by his wife, Estelle, and three children. Deepest sympathy to Estelle and family is extended by all the neighbors.

An Associated Press picture in the Sunday Amarillo News shows a couple of cowboys roping - with the headline "Bringin' Him Home" and included in the write-up says "the brothers worked together to rope a cow that got loose on the campus-- and captured him." Probably the Associated Press doesn't have a beginner's course in animal gender.



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--May 30, 2000--47.73

The office rain gauge showed 2.63 inches of rain from both storms, but only a little runoff came from Horse Creek and none from the Palo Duro.

This Memorial Day weekend was a little slower than last years, although the number of RVs at the peak time, Saturday night, was the same--24 north of the dam. There were only 3 on the office side, and not as many tent campers.

This morning a yearling buck was sleeping off the effects of a shot from a tranquilizer gun in the hands of Billy Beasley, animal control officer of Spearman. The young buck with his 4 inch antlers in the velvet had made it into Spearman where he ran afoul of Billy. He was brought out to a spot north of the office to recuperate.

The picture is from a stereoview of a cattle drive from one of the double picture cards meant to be seen in a stereoscope which is an optical device that makes objects appear to have three dimensions. It is called Palo Duro Ranch, Palo Duro, Texas and that is what caught the eye of L. D. Pierce, son of Juanita Pierce of Spearman, who before her death was one of the leading county historians. Mike Schnell bought the picture from the Internet Auction Ebay and has donated it to the Stationmaster Museum.

I am in hopes that someone will recognize the area from the skyline of the picture. Although the Palo Duro Ranch, also known as the 777 and the Rifle Pits Ranch, had its headquarters just north of the dam on what is now the Buschman Ranch, they also had a camp for awhile near Zulu. This ranch was considered the biggest ranch in the area for a time as they claimed the northeastern quarter of Hansford County but extended south and into Ochiltree County.

The picture is not dated, but notice that the cattle appear to be Herefords. Perhaps Carl Archer or someone else knows when the first whitefaces entered the county.

Nothing has surfaced to tell us where the little settlement of Palo Duro was. My first reference was from the Dodge City Times in September of 1877. "The little town of Palla Dora is situated 21 miles north of Adaby Walls, on the straight road to Lakin [Kansas]..."

My next reference was April 1, 1887 from the Diary of R.S. Cutter who was hunting a homestead. He came to the Paladoria store near the creek, but instead of staying, went back to Ochiltree County, where the family is numbered among their pioneers. Later a grandson, Charles Cutter, did move to Gruver and a great grandson, Richard Cutter married Phyllis Fletcher of Gruver.

Open Letter

To Whom It May Concern,

It came to our attention today that one of our seniors was left out of the ceremony and festivities of graduation.

Because of an error in judgment, and we have all made them at one time or another, she had to change from regular to alternative school. She attended regularly, finished early with good grades, and also held a job.

When the Powers That Be were asked why she received no notice as to what she needed, or when, the excuse was that she was "lost in the cracks". When her mother called about at least getting her a tassel, she was given an address and told to order it herself. This is not acceptable!!! This senior was not included in the graduation ceremony. As far as good old SHS is concerned, she doesn't seem to exist. I can almost understand someone getting lost in the cracks somewhere like New York City, but in Spearman!!!

I don't think so. Does our school not have counselors, teachers, etc. who know enough about what is going on with the students to at least inquire when a student does not respond to such an important occasion in their life.

Or maybe the students and parents are just supposed to automatically know what is needed without being informed. It seems to me that it would take more effort to lose someone in the cracks than it would take to be sure that everyone is included.

Alternative school is a wonderful thing, and it IS connected to the regular school, therefore it seems to me that students attending the alternative school should be informed of all activities and treated the same. This young person has missed out on one of the most important events of her life.

Would a little effort, concern, or even human kindness have been too much to ask?? I guess so, and I am very sorry.

Bonnie Cox, Angelica Rosales, Missie Sumner and Anita Sumner

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Vacation Bible School Slated
2000 Ark Avenue will be the theme of the vacation Bible school of the United Methodist Church of Gruver. The series will run from Monday, June 5 - Friday, June 8 with ages three years through sixth grade invited.

Former Resident Update
Roy Don (Bubba) and Tamra (Stedje) Gammon and their children Heath and Ashley will be making their home in Vancouver, Canada where Roy Don will be the manager of American Airlines in that city. The family has been living in Amarillo.

John and Kathy (Nelson) Dumbauld of Dripping Springs announce the birth of their daughter Caroline Elizabeth (Callie). The little miss weighed seven pounds and was 21 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Archie and Marguerite Nelson. She joins twin brothers Clay and Nick. The Dumbauld will be moving to Phoenix, Arizona in the near future.

Get Well Wishes
Kay Hobbs had knee replacement surgery this week in Amarillo.

Beverly Dorman Bennett is scheduled for her regular MRI scan followed by an evaluation in California.

Bill Been had heart bypass surgery on Thursday, May 24.

Corby Chapman recently underwent a procedure to clear arteries in his neck.

Harvey Atwood had bypass surgery in Amarillo last week.

Spiveys Celebrate New Arrival
Bradley Creed Spivey greeted the world on Thursday, May 8, 2000. The new laddie weighed 6 pounds and 6 and 1/2 ounces and was 19 inches in length. His proud parents are Chris and Eva Spivey. Grandparents are Brad and Gyene Spivey and Mike and Amy Babbs. Creed was also welcomed by his sister, Hadlee.

Bodacious Line Continued by Family
The notorious bull of rodeo, Bodacious, died last week. A legend in his lifetime, the bull had only been ridden six times during his rodeo career. The Bob Cluck and Mike Wilhelm families, who began a herd of Bodacious bucking bulls by artificial insemination over three years ago, now find themselves in possession of a now-limited famous bloodline. The young bulls raised by the families are currently a part of the Oklahoma Rodeo circuit and have also been noted for their virtual unriddability, as was their famous

sire. The families have enjoyed their venture into the rodeo stock business and may find their investment in greater demand with the demise of the great Bodacious.

Condolences Extended
Sympathy is extended to the family of Bebe Miller whose services were last week.

Sympathy is also extended to Tisha Moore and her family in the loss of her father William Borth of Amarillo.

Junior High Posts UIL Results
Gruver Junior High took second place with 430.5 points compared to first place Wheeler with 470.1 points in the spring UIL Academic Meet. Teams and individuals placing in the competition included:

Fifth Grade
Art team - Kellyn King, Bonnie Frick, Austin Zimmer, and Mason Fletcher, 2nd; Dictionary Skills - Kellyn King, 3rd; Charlie Slough, 6th; Listening - Travis Hodge, 4th; Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Justin Thompson, 3rd; Charlie Slough, 4th; Number Sense - Justin Thompson, 2nd; Brian Johnson, 6th; Oral Reading - Tucker Williams, 1st; Drew Grotegut, 2nd; Conrad Curry, 3rd; Ready Writing - Victoria Vela, 2nd; Kellyn King, 3rd; Justin Thompson, 4th; Spelling - Samantha Myatt, 4th

Sixth Grade
Calculator Applications - Rachele Holt, 4th; Lindsey, Cliff, 6th; Dictionary Skills - Rafe Perez, 3rd; Stephen Salazar, 5th; Listening Skills - Kelly Jones, 1st; Lindsey Cliff and Earl Griffin, tied for 6th; Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Justin Horton, 2nd; Number Sense - Samantha Myatt, 4th; Oral Reading - Timber Barkley, 2nd; Ready Writing - Lauren Bergin, 2nd; Kelly Jones, 3rd; Samantha Myatt, 4th

Seventh Grade
Calculator Applications - Mark TeBeest, 1st; Blythe Finley, 4th; Impromptu - Laina Grotegut, 1st; Brittanie Osbourne, 2nd; Ben Williams, 3rd; Maps, Graphs, and Charts - Mark TeBeest, 1st; Chris Abernathy, 2nd; Lance Williams, 4th; Math Brent Bechthold, 3rd; Brittanie Osbourne, 6th; Modern Oratory - Laina Grotegut, 3rd; Ben Williams, 4th; Brock Irwin, 5th; and Number Sense, Lance Williams, 5th; Oral Reading Ben Williams, 1st; Laina Grotegut, 3rd; Greg Garrett, 4th; Ready Writing - Ben Williams, 1st; Science - Jessica Montgomery, 3rd

Eighth Grade
Calculator Applications - Courtney Goad, 5th; Dictionary Skills - Kristie Balderrama, 1st; Kalee Crawford, 4th; Listening - Garrett Miner, 2nd; Nick Slough, 5th; Impromptu - Carley Bryson, 1st; Courtney Goad, 3rd; Maps, Graphs, and Charts - David Puebla,

5th; Math - David Puebla, 5th; Garrett Miner, 6th; Modern Oratory - Carley Bryson, 1st; Jenny Hart, 2nd; Cassie Myatt, 3rd; Number Sense - Nick Slough, 2nd; Teal Armes, 4th; Number Sense - Cassie Myatt, 5th; Oral Reading - Jenny Hart, 1st; Keisha Barton, 5th; Ready Writing - Cassie Myatt, 3rd; Science - Hutch Reed, 5th

July Fourth to be Celebrated July First

The Gruver biennial July the Fourth celebration has been set for Saturday, July 1st. Events begin at 8:30 a.m. with the popular tricycle races. A noon time barbecue lunch by the Gruver Lions Club will be available.

A special added attraction of this year's event will be a performance by the Kwahdi Indian Dancers of Amarillo at 1 p.m.

Fireworks are scheduled for Tuesday, July 4th at Lake Palo Duro.

Houndball Camp Slated

A basketball camp for boys who will be in 3rd through 9th grades has been set for June 12-16. Coach Troy Seagler who led the Hounds to the regional finals last year will direct the camp. There will be a 8:30 to 11:30 session for incoming 3rd through 6th graders with a 1-4:30 p.m. camp slated for incoming 7th through 9th grades. To register, call Coach Seagler at 733-2197 as soon as possible. The cost of the camp is \$50.

Family to Move to Austin

Joyce and Cayla Simon will be moving to Austin where Joyce is being employed as the elementary secretary for a new elementary school, Elm Grove, of Buda. Cayla, a 2000 GHS graduate will be enrolling at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in the fall. Simon's daughter Steffany is a student at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Simon has served as high school secretary since January of 1994.

Wouldn't It Be Nice

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are there, the holder is there, and the location is great. Wouldn't it be nice to have a "Welcome to Gruver" sign (as many towns now have) in the location of the former Yanke Landscaping sign on the east entry into Gruver. This would be an excellent time to proudly proclaim and recommend our town to the world

FFA Receives \$4,000 Rebate

Due to the magic of rebates, Gruver FFA turned 1,333 Dectomex lids from area entities into \$4,000 for chapter use.

McCloy Feeders, Hansford Feeders, Hansford County Vet Hospital, and Frontier Feeders faithfully saved the lids of Dectomex (which is used in cattle processing) during the past two years for the Gruver chapter. The chapter, in turn, boxed the collected lids and sent them in for rebate early this spring.

The Gruver FFA is greatly appreciative of the efforts of the businesses and will use the proceeds for chapter expenses in the year. Since the rebate will continue in the coming year, area ranchers or businesses who deal with cattle and use the Dectomex product are asked to save the lids for the chapter. Each lid is worth \$3 to FFA. More information may be obtained by calling the ag office, 733-2081, or by contacting Clay Montgomery.

Band Honors Listed

Solo and ensemble rankings have been listed for the fifth and sixth grade band students who competed in the Dumas Music Festival.

Fifth grade soloist who received a Division I rating included:

Noe Soto, Bailey Bryson, Bonnie Frick, Rebecca Abernathy, Kellyn King, Charlene Lopez, Britney Montgomery, Kasha Lewis, Travis Hodge, Conrad Curry, Austin Zimmer, Drew Grotegut, Saul Pandley, Charlie Slough, Mayra Hernandez, Gloria Lora, Neslie Hernandez, Baldomero Garcia, Caleb Shults, Travis, McDowell, Brian Johnson, and Diego Luciano. Receiving a Division II rating was

Eddie Villanueva.
Sixth grade soloists who received a Division I rating were: Matt Messer, Reid Winger, Cesar Ortiz, Earl Griffin, Jessica Vela, Ofelia Rodriguez, Laci Fitzgerald, Allison Reid, Ryan Perez, Rochelle Holt, Colby Griffin, Kelly Sue Jones, Liz Lopez, Brad Clawson, Felicia Bettis, Maria Guevara, Ivan Briones, Maria Ruiz, Mary Wheelock, Timber Barkley, and Sara Ann Mireles. Division II ratings were awarded to Crispin Borunda, Otisabel Flores, Lauren Bergin, Steve Villegas, Rafeal Perez, Mike Lora, Josh Alvarez, and Joey Patterson.

Fifth grade ensembles winning Division I awards were Rebecca Abernathy, Bailey Bryson, and

Bonnie Frick, Kellyn King, Charlene Lopez, Britney Montgomery, Kasha Patterson, Victoria Vela, and Baldomero Garcia; Conrad Curry, Diego Luciano, Drew Grotegut, Charlie Slough, Tucker Williams, and Austin Zimmer.

Division II winners included Travis McDowell, Caleb Shultz, Justin Thompson, and Brian Johnson

Sixth grade division I ensembles were Rochelle Holt and Kelly Jones and the group of Brad Clawson, Liz Lopez, Sarah Mireles, Matt Messer, Ryan Perez, and Earl Griffin. Awarded a Division II rating was the ensemble of Allison Reid, Laci Fitzgerald, Timber Barkley, and Lauren Bergin.



Donna Trantham's Little School Preschool toured the Hansford County Library the week of May 15th-19th. Pictured above are: (Front Row, L-R) Lonnie Born, Kyla Walker, Geoffrey Patrick, Erynn Saenz and Halli Mans; (Back Row, L-R) Ron Antalek, Kylee Porter, Cole Underwood, Katy Miser, Librarian Sheri Benton, and Paige Pierson. Not pictured is Mabry Sutterfield. During their tour, the children watched as Mr. Antalek worked on one of the computers in the library.

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Wedding Announcement

Kristy Lyn Babbs was united in marriage to Justin Lee Miller on Saturday, May 20, 2000 at the Highland Baptist Church of Lubbock. Kristy is the daughter of Chris and Judy Babbs of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Ellen Babbs of Gruver, and the late Eddie Babbs. Kristy is also the granddaughter of Faerin Mitchell of Tulia and the late Chuck Mitchell.

Community Resource Coordinator Sets Summer Computer Classes

Community Resource Coordinator Cindy Blackman has scheduled Summer Computer Classes. The following classes will be offered:
 E-Mail - Internet: (must have an e-mail address) June 6th, 7th & 8th, 10-11:30 a.m.; June 26th, 27th & 29th, 7-8:30 p.m.; Instructor - Lisa Short
 Quicken 2000: (learn the basics and special options of this program) July 10th, 11th & 12th, 7-8:30 p.m.; Instructor - Mandy Derington
 E-Mail - Internet: (must have an e-mail address) July 27th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; 9-11:30 a.m. instruction; 1-3 p.m. lab; Instructor - Mandy Derington
 Word 2000: (four night class) August 15th & 17th; August 22nd & 24th, 7-8:30 p.m.; Instructor - Lisa Short
 Excel: Scheduled in August; Instructor - Mandy Derington
 The fee for the classes will be \$50 each. To register, or for more information, call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233.

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant Slated

Women's Division Spearman Chamber of Commerce is presenting "Groovin' to the Future." That is the theme this year for the Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant. The pageant will be held on June 6, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Spearman High School Auditorium. The master of ceremonies will be Joe Frank Wheeler of Borger, who is the Chamber Administrator of the city of Borger. Joe Frank also announces at the Dilla's games and does a mean Wolf Man Jack!
 This year's contestants are: Little Miss Hansford (4-6 yrs): Halli LeeAnn Mans, Rebekah Lee Jones, Kelsea Maree Miller, Victoria Megan Temple, Malory Jane Martin, Mabry Rachele Sutterfield, Erynn Rynee Saenz, Dedee Vaquera, Mary Grace Guthrie, Morgan Gonzales and Len Batton. Junior Miss Hansford Contestants (7-9 yrs): Makenzie Rae Crane, Ashley Close, Cha'tae Avila, Kali Jo Oltman, Andi Linn Scarborough, Channing Burgess, Jessica Rose Bueno, Whitney Holli Maestas, Amy Lee Boyd and Nikki Jo Boyd. Miss Pre-teen Hansford Contestants (10-12 yrs) Emily Da~ Hood, Kasha Lewis, Maribel Aurora Moreno and Saylee McCall Flowers. Miss Teen Hansford Contestants (13-16 yrs): Holly Hart, Brianne Burkhammer, Chambrey Leigh Cox, Claudia Vaquera, Nicole Sander, Kaley Dru Barnes, Jessica Freeman and Nicole Ramon. Miss Hansford Contestants (17-21 yrs): Denise Marie Paschel, Jennifer LeaAnn Whitefield, Haley Lombard, Kathryn Murphy and Cristina Alvarado.
 After intermission there will be a drawing for a \$300.00 Spearman shopping spree. Tickets available from any Women's Division member or at the door the night of the pageant. Need not be present to win. Should you have any questions please contact any of the committee members: Jodie Hight, (chairman), Sandi Pearson, Cindy Walton, Cindy Blackman, Cindy Avila, Donna McCubbin, Kathy Boyd, Rhonda Baker and Maria Ochoa.

Lake Fryer Kid's Fishing Tournament

Miniature Anglers are invited to the Wolf Creek Advisory Board's 5th Annual children's Fishing Tournament, to be held at Lake Fryer Saturday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Children from toddlers to 14 years of age are encouraged to participate. NEW! This year there will be four age groups instead of three. This means even more prizes than before! Prizes will be awarded for each age group as well as several overall prizes. The age groups will be the following: 0-5, 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14.
 Some of the winning categories will include Most Fish Caught, Largest Fish, Smallest Fish, First Fish Caught and Weighed, Most Unusual Thing Caught or Found, and Ugliest Fish.
 Officials from the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife will be present to weigh the fish and assist participants.
 The Lobo Restaurant located at Lake Fryer will be open.
 Tournament rules include:
 All children must be accompanied by an adult. No fishing license is required for children fishing in the tournament or parents assisting children fishing. Adults wishing to fish on their own must have a fishing license. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM. Registration tables will be set up at the pavilion. All fish must be caught from Lake Fryer. There is a \$3.00 entry fee per child.
 For more information contact Peggy Cudd at 435-5263 or Darrell Hickey at 435-3249.



Representing Dodge trucks Dick Gillaspie (left) and Jeff Beedy (right) present a check to Keith Hight of the Spearman Rodeo Association to help sponsor the Dodge Truck Rodeo slated for Friday, June 2, and Saturday, June 3 at 8 p.m. each evening at the Oscar Archer Arena in Spearman.

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Thank You

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the many residents of the Spearman community, who helped out with the "Christmas in April" project. Our thanks seems so inadequate to all of you who sacrificed your time and labor, as well as those who donated food, money and supplies. Your labor of Christian love has blessed us immeasurably. Thanks to all of you for your help in renovating our family home.
 God Bless All of You!
 Mrs. Avo Tope Gray and Children

It's A Boy!

Amy and Clint Dear of Perryton are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ashton Jake, born on May 15, 2000 at 5:55 p.m. at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Ashton weighed eight pounds and 4 and 1/4 ounces and was 20 and 1/4 inches long. He is welcomed home by his brother, Riley Thomas, age 4 and 1/2, and grandparents Shorty and Odie Dear and Mike and Linn Riley, all of Perryton. Ashton's great-grandparents are Dickie Allen of Spearman, Skeeze and Cease Riley of Gruver, Joette Riley of Amarillo, and Mabel Wilson of Balko. Great-great-grandparents are Pauline Winger of Gruver and Florence Riley of Gainesville.

Thank You

Thank you, dear friends and family, for all of your thoughts and prayers, the phone calls, visits, cards and food that you showered me and my family during my recent surgeries. A special thanks to Dr. Bublis, Kay McFarlin and all of the staff at Hansford Medical Clinic. Your quick action, love and concern was truly a blessing. Another special thanks to Mary K. Harbour, Paula Clemmons and Joyce Jennings for being my chauffeur. To Dot Zimmerman, Dwayne Smith, Rochelle Lacy, Cindy Blackman, Leonard Harper, Gary Ellsworth, Annetta McIver and Dawn Loomis for taking care of writing and producing the senior profiles and other duties so the station would continue to run smoothly. I am blessed to live in such a caring community and have such good friends.
 God bless you...We love you,
 Carolyn, Wayne and Kelli Cummings

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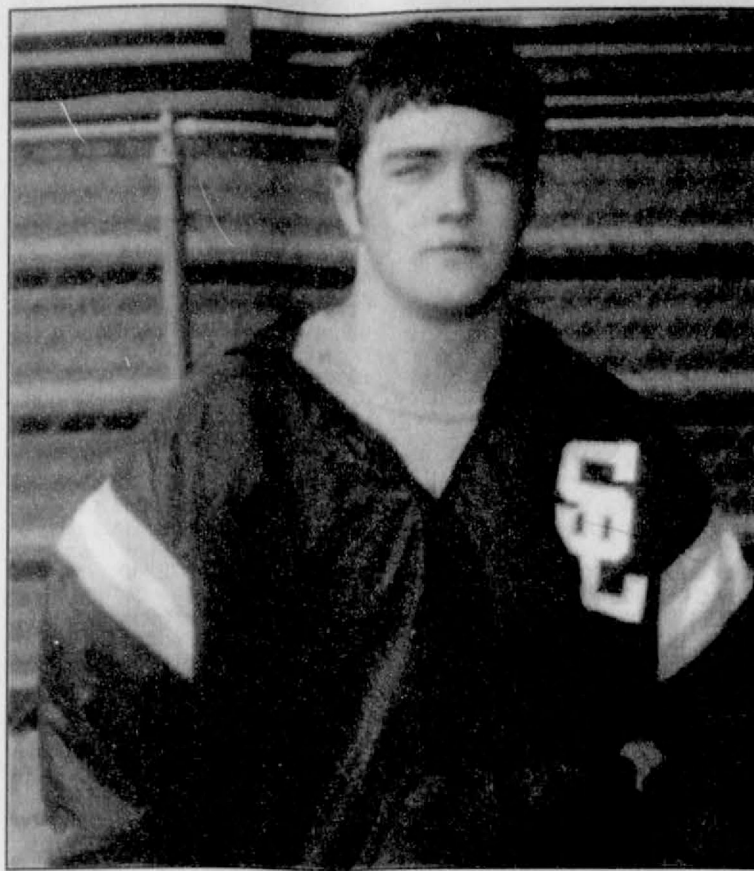
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Jarvis Honored At A&M

Scott Jarvis was honored with three major awards in ceremonies at Texas A&M University. At the annual Corp of Cadets Association banquet, Jarvis was selected for the "Corps of Cadets Spirit Award" and presented a signed painting by Aggie artist Benjamin Knox. During the All University Awards ceremony, Jarvis received the "Best Corps of Cadets Staff Officer," and was honored with a plaque and a \$250 stipend. He also was given a wrist watch for the "Buck Weirus Award" which is given to student leaders for their outstanding contributions to student life programs at the university.

Jarvis is the son of Jon and Johnette Jarvis. He is a 1996 graduate of Gruver High School and a public relations major at Texas A&M University where he will graduate in December 2000.



Richard Varnon competed in the Regional Track Meet on April 29th in Abilene. He placed 3rd in the Discus with a throw of 154'9".



Longtime Gruver High School athletic boosters Jack and Sue Henson of Fritch were honored for their loyalty and support at the GHS athletic banquet by being named Gruver Greyhound Outstanding Boosters of the year.

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