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IN THE NEWS

WORLD NEWS

Ivan devastates Grenada
 ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada — Hurricane Ivan made a direct hit on Grenada with ferocious winds, causing "incalculable damage" and killing at least nine people as it turned concrete homes into rubble and hurled hundreds of the island's landmark red zinc roofs through the air, officials said Wednesday.

Russia offers cash for tips
 MOSCOW — A wounded Russia threatened Wednesday to strike against terrorists "in any region of the world," offered a \$10 million reward for information leading to the killing or capture of Chechnya's top rebel leaders, and criticized the United States for its willingness to hold talks with Chechen separatists.

Mine fire in Turkey kills 19
 ANKARA, Turkey — A fire raged through a copper mine in northern Turkey on Wednesday, killing 19 workers and injuring 17 others. Rescuers were searching the smoke-clogged shafts to make sure no one was left inside. The miners were trapped nearly 500 feet beneath the surface.

Iran, Europe hold nuke talks
 TEHRAN, Iran — Iran confirmed Wednesday it was holding talks with Europe on freezing some nuclear activities but said it won't give up its plan to control the whole nuclear fuel cycle, from mining uranium to enriching it.

North Korea warns of 'arms race'
 SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea on Wednesday warned of a "nuclear arms race" in Northeast Asia following the recent revelation that South Korean scientists enriched a tiny amount of uranium four years ago, a news report said.

120 defy head scarf ban
 PARIS — Some 100 to 120 girls have defied France's ban on Islamic head scarves in school, the education minister said Wednesday, and at least five boys from the country's tiny Sikh community have been barred from class for refusing to remove their turbans.

U.S. warplanes rock Fallujah
 FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. warplanes hammered suspected militant strongholds in Fallujah on Wednesday after a suicide bombing there and a series of attacks in Baghdad pushed the number of U.S. military deaths in the Iraq campaign past 1,000.

Death toll brings home pain
 DERBY, Kan. — As the death toll for U.S. personnel in Iraq passed 1,000 Tuesday, much of the nation was transfixed by hurricanes and presidential politics.

Juan Valdez for sale
 BOGOTA, Colombia — The Colombian Coffee Growers' Federation plans to offer \$23.5 million in stock in its Juan Valdez coffee shop chain on the Colombian Stock Exchange, taking the company public, the head of the country's Coffee Federation told Reuters Wednesday.

Tensions rise in Caucasus
 BESLAN, RUSSIA — Grief is turning to anger and deepening tension here in the Caucasus as Russia Tuesday took a second day of national mourning — and the residents of Beslan buried another 100 loved ones. For people throughout this small town, the school-hostage tragedy is viewed through the lens of a brutal historic rivalry.

WASHINGTON NEWS

Bush backs intel
 President Bush told members of Congress on Wednesday he supports giving a new national intelligence director strong budgetary authority over much of the nation's intelligence community, a key provision in the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations.

Greenspan upbeat
 Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Wednesday the economy has "regained some traction" after a late spring slowdown that was triggered by a sharp spike in oil prices.

Shuttle costs top \$2B
 NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe said Wednesday the cost of fixing all that ails the space shuttle fleet could top \$2.2 billion — double the estimated price tag given to Congress a year ago.

Doctors blast Medicare cuts
 Proposed cuts in Medicare payments for cancer drugs will be nearly double Bush administration estimates, potentially limiting access to care, according to a survey of cancer doctors.

Detainee to go free
 A U.S. military panel has determined that one detainee at the U.S. prison for terrorism suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, was incorrectly classified an "enemy combatant" and will be allowed to return to his home country, Navy Secretary Gordon England said Wednesday.

TEXAS NEWS

Texans say war necessary
 Houston — Most Texans still say that the war in Iraq was necessary, but the level of support has dropped, according to the Texas Poll. Fifty-six percent of the 1,000 adults asked last month said the situation in Iraq was worth going to war over. In May, a similar poll found that 62% agreed with President Bush's decision to launch the war.

South Texas college students copying textbooks
 Brownsville — South Texas college students who want to save money are heading to Mexico to copy their textbooks before returning them for a refund. For about \$13, students can copy an entire 300-page textbook in Matamoros. New books cost from \$20 to more than \$100 in Brownsville. A dean at the University of Texas at Brownsville said students could face disciplinary action for copying the texts. Duplicating copyrighted material violates federal law.

For full coverage of these and other stories, visit www.usatoday.com.

HCHD Designated Level IV Trauma Center

After many months of hard work, preparation, education, and most of all, dedication of the hospital staff, the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Bureau of Emergency Management has designated Hansford County Hospital District (HCHD) as a Level IV Trauma Center. What this says about Hansford Hospital Physicians and staff is that they have met an extensive list of eligibility criteria for treatment of emergency room trauma patients. The qualifying criteria include Physicians and Nursing staff obtaining certification in trauma care.

All of HCHD physicians who cover the ER are Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) certified and all RN nursing staff covering the ER are Trauma Nurse (TNCC) certified. Additional criteria includes: obtaining appropriate equipment, documentation requirements, and timeliness of the care provided. Various policies and procedures were developed for the provision of care of trauma patients.

TDH states that the survival rate of trauma patients increases if Level IV Trauma facilities like HCHD are prepared to stabilize and transfer all major and severely injured trauma patients to a higher level of care.

"I am very proud of our Hospital District," states Joann Schneider, RN Director of Nursing/Trauma Coordinator. "Without the support of the Board of Directors, Physicians, Administration, and most of all the hospital nursing staff (they are the best around) this would not have been possible. Becoming Level IV Trauma designated has been a goal of mine since I went to work for HCHD two-and-a-half years ago, and I would like to say thank you to all for helping me to reach this goal."

"We are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated medical staff, clinical support and leadership team here at HCHD," states Steve Hartgraves, District CEO. "This milestone achievement will serve Hansford and surrounding counties for years to come."

"Hansford County Hospital has made significant strides in the last three years in improving and updating their healthcare system," states Dr. Mark Garnett, DO. "The Level IV Trauma designation shows that HCHD is on par with other hospitals in the ability to provide quality emergency healthcare to the residents of our county. I am excited and proud to be a member of this healthcare system."



The LifeStar helicopter transfers a patient from Hansford Hospital to an Amarillo hospital.



H&S EMS are a vital part of the care received by patients in Hansford County. Three members of the EMS personnel are (L-R): Jason Kirksey, Bea Comp and Kevin Harris.



Hansford County Hospital District staff obtaining certification in trauma care include (L-R) Dr. Abhu Sharma, Joann Schneider (RN Director of Nursing/Trauma Coordinator), and Dr. Mark Garnett.



LaNelle Poling proudly displays a limited edition framed print that she has donated for a raffle to benefit the Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum in Fritch.



Kylie McGaha (64) Eric Flores (60) clear the way for Isaac Herndon as he gains a first down for the Lynx in their 46-6 victory over the White Deer Bucks on Friday.



Gruver's Ivan Briones runs for the goal line in the Hounds 13-0 win over Texhoma.

Fritch celebrates 'Howdy Neighbor Day'

The Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum will be hosting a Chili Cook-off on Howdy Neighbor Day, September 18, 2004 at the Fritch City Park at 1 p.m.

"Last year we had something similar and it was a great success," Shelda Pingree, museum director stated. "This year we want to give folks the same opportunity to support the museum while having a little fun in the process."

Pingree said there is a \$10 entry fee and a form to fill out prior to the contest. First prize is a limited edition, handsomely framed print by national award winning local artist, LaNelle Poling entitled 'Out Behind the Barn.'

"There will be no more of these prints," Pingree said. "The artist has retired and this one was some of her best and most popular work."

Each participant must have his/her entry at the Fritch City Park by 1 p.m. and draw for a number. Judging will begin about 1:45 p.m. and all leftovers will be sold to the public for a

small fee to benefit the Aquatic Rehab Project.

Pingree said that the rebuilding of the aquatic exhibits is going well thanks to Home Depot of Amarillo who have a team of experts working weekly to rebuild the exhibits.

"The Aquatic Rehab Project is making great success," Pingree stated. "We are hoping to continue to get more funding through raffles, the cook-off, and the bouncy house we will have at Howdy Neighbor Day to help make it easier for people to support the aquarium project."

The raffles include a Remington Model 11-87 Premier autoloading shotgun and a pair of Z-Coil shoes (size to be determined by winner) donated by Dr. Bard Rogers. Tickets for either are available at the museum and in the Fritch City Park on Howdy Neighbor Day.

Pingree said to get a form for the chili-cook off just call 857-2458, or go by the museum at 101 N. Robey (under the water tower) in Fritch and pick one up.

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.
THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 15 to 20 mph.	SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s.
FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.	SUNDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s.	SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 50s.

ET CETERA

Hansford County

"See You At The Pole"

All three county school districts will be observing "See You at the Pole" day, Wednesday, September 15. Pringle Morse students will gather at 8:10 a.m., Gruver students at 7:45 a.m., and Spearman at 7:00 a.m.

Cross Country

Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes and the Gruver Greyhound Cross Country teams will compete in Perryton on Saturday, September 11. The meet will begin with Junior High running at 8:30 a.m.

Gruver

Cluck to be Honored

Gruver fans will want to arrive early at the Gruver/Panhandle game Friday night. There will be a jersey presentation to the family of Colt Cluck at 7 p.m.

Cluck who would have been a senior on the Hound football team, was on two young people killed in an SUV accident in early summer.

Lions Club Guest Announced

Seth Clemmons and the to-be-announced September student of the month will be Lions Club guests September 15.

Hounds to Host Panhandle

The Hounds, playing at home for the first time this season, will host the Panhandle Panthers in a game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A fifth quarter gathering will be hosted by the United Methodist Church in the fellowship hall. All high school students are invited.

Spearman

Spearman Lynx @ Stratford

The Spearman Lynx will play the Stratford Elks on Friday, September 10, with kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

SHS Homecoming

The Spearman High School will celebrate Homecoming on Friday, September 17th. Homecoming activities will be held throughout the week at SHS. The Lynx will play the Texhoma Red Devils on Friday, with kick-off at 7:30 p.m. Pre-game activities will begin at 7 p.m. The FFA will host a meal at the school cafeteria beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinic @ SISD

An Immunization Clinic will be held at Spearman Jr. High on Tuesday, September 21st from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m.

Morse

Election Set

The Pringle Morse School District will have a rollback tax election Saturday, September 11, at the school building.

Class To Visit Newspaper

Pringle Morse Junior High will visit the Amarillo Globe newspaper, Thursday, September 16.

Gifted/Talented Day Slated

A gifted and talented day in language arts is set for Friday, September 17, at Pringle Morse School.

Say, Cheese, Please

School pictures will be taken Monday September 20.



Mrs. Joshua Vincent

Julie Anne May of Gruver and Joshua Franklin Vincent of Hartley were married on Saturday, August 14, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Gruver. Bro. Scott Curry officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Marlos and Rebecca May of Gruver. Grandparents of the bride are Mattie Hodges of Olton and Lois May of Lubbock, both of whom attended the wedding, the late Johnny Hodges and the late Archie May. Great-grandparents of the bride are Athol Light of Olton and the late Ruby Light.

The groom is the son of David and Becky Vincent of Hartley. Grandparents of the groom are Nona Goodman of Hartley, LaDean and Chuck Jameson of Checotah, Okla., both of whom attended the wedding, the late Dennis Shulz and the late Calvin Vincent. Great-grandparents of the groom are Bessie Vincent of Dalhart and Letha Cosper of Checotah, Okla.

Matron of Honor was Janie Vincent, sister of the bride. Bridal attendants were Kristina Christian and Sammi Johnson, friends of the bride, and Chloe Hodges, cousin of the bride. The attendants wore turquoise floor-length dresses made by the bride's mother, and carried hand-tied bouquets of white stock.

Best man was Stephen Vincent, brother of the groom.

May, Vincent wed

The groom's attendants were Jason May, brother of the bride, Hank Vincent, brother of the groom, and Trent Gates, friend of the groom.

Flower girls were Hannah Vincent, sister of the groom, and Kaylee Brogden, niece of the bride. They wore white tea-length dresses and carried baskets filled with flower petals. Ringbearers were Casin Hodges, cousin of the bride, and Colton Brogden, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Andrew Gehm, friend of the bride, Darren Elliott and Brooks Thompson, friends of the groom. Candlelighters were Tracy May, sister-in-law of the bride, and Jenna Steinle, friend of the bride. Guests were registered by Amy Watley, friend of the bride.

Music selections were sung by Mark and Heather Hodges, uncle and cousin of the bride - "The Prayer;" Stephen Vincent, brother of the groom - "In You;" and Stephen and Becky Vincent, brother and mother of the groom

- "Take My Life." A special song, "I'll Always Be Your Baby," was recorded and sang by the bride, Julie. Prelude and wedding arrangements were played by Jennie Hodges, aunt of the bride.

The bride was escorted by her father and wore a strapless floor-length formal gown of white satin and chiffon. The bodice and train were adorned with lace, sequins and beads designed by the bride's mother. The elbow-length veil was also adorned with white beads. A separate headpiece of white pearl beads and rhinestones was made by the bride's mother. The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of white with pink-tipped roses arranged by the bride's cousin. The bride had the traditional something new, old, borrowed, and blue.

The reception was held in the First Baptist Church Activities Building. Reception attendants were Bryn Lowe, Amy Watley, Lisa Johnson, and Tracy Dillon, all friends of the bride.

The house party consisted of Debra Ball, Rosemary McKee, and Melba Rasor. The traditional bride and groom's cake with punch and coffee were served.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Gruver High School and is currently taking online classes through West Texas A&M University.

The groom is a 2003 graduate of Hartley High School and is a member of the United States Air Force.

The couple will be living in Tucson, Arizona following a honeymoon trip to Angel Fire, New Mexico.

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We will be closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day.



Andrea and Felipe Navarette wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Brianna Grace. Brianna was born at 6:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2004. Brianna weighed 9 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She was welcomed by her four-year-old big brother, Isaiah.

Proud grandparents are Patsy and Xavier Barrera and Anna and Felipe Navarette. Also welcoming Brianna were Aunt Toby, cousin Bailey and Uncle Mark.

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating the 80th Birthday of our Dad and Papaw, Alton Ellsworth

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It's a boy!

Dressed in blue and oh, so dear... Larson's baby brother is finally here!

Landon Monte Beck
June 26, 2004 at 7:56 a.m.
7 pounds, 14 ounces
20 inches

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Lynx skin Bucks, 46-6

by Harletta Carthel
The Spearman Lynx gave a new meaning to domination with a 46-6 rout of the White Deer Bucks Friday night in Lynx Stadium.

Compiling a 33-0 halftime lead, the Lynx put on a show for the Parents night crowd.

Setting the tone for the night, Brock Town scampered 65 yard run on the first play of the game. Following an 18 yard pass completion from Collin Gillespie to Jeff Brock, Town scored on a two yard run at 10:32 in the first quarter.

Halfway through the opening period, Town encoered with a three yard run to cap a Spearman drive.

The Lynx scored their third touchdown late in the quarter with a 38 yard run by Clete Vanderberg.

The Gillespie/Brock air show accounted for two touchdowns in the second quarter. The duo

teamed up to score on passes of seven yards and 22 yards.

With the game under the Lynx command, Spearman scored in third quarter on a five yard run by Vanderburg and in the fourth quarter on a one-yard run by Isaac Herndon.

The Bucks lone score came early in the fourth period on a 19 yard pass play.

"We were very pleased with the Lynx performance," said Coach Ric Smith. "They showed vast improvement over the opening game against Sunray, particularly on the defensive side of the ball. We hope to build on the White Deer game through the non-district games."

The Lynx will travel to Stratford Friday for a 7:30 meeting with the number one-ranked team in Class A.

"We are excited about having the opportunity to play the number one Class A team in the

state," said Coach Ric Smith. "Stratford is a very good football team and the Lynx look forward to the challenge."

Score by Quarters

Spearman	21	33	39	46
White Deer	0	0	6	6

Game at a Glance

	SL	WDB
First Downs	23	5
Yards Rushing	322	22
Yards Passing	117	119
Com/Att/Int	7/13/0	11/26/0
Total Yards	439	97
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	1/1
Punts/Avg	1/10	8/31
Penalties/Yds	12/95	7/56

Rushing Leaders

Brock Town	11 carries for 148 yards, Clete Vanderburg 12 for 135., JJ Gallegos 4 for 49.
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Defensive Leaders

Jeff Brock	5 catches for 60yards, Caleb Gillespie 1 for 35, Clete Vanderburg 1 for 30.
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Hounds give the Devils their due

by Harletta Carthel
While Gruver's running game put the points on scoreboard, it was the Hounds' defense that kept Texhoma off the scoreboard in their 13-0 win Friday night.

The Hounds struck early in the first quarter with a forty-yard run by Tyler Lane at 5:30, to take a lead they never relinquished.

Gruver mounted two unsuccessful scoring attempts in the second period. A drive deep in Red Devil territory lost momentum on an illegal procedure call while just before half time a field goal try from the 14 yard line came up short.

A stalwart Hound defense kept the Red Devils at bay in the first half with a Sheldon Atwood fumble recovery on the Hound 12 yard line and a pass interception by Lane.

Although the Hounds were thwarted on their first drive of the third quarter when a fourth and ten effort failed on the Texhoma 35, Lane's second interception of the night gave the Hounds a second chance. Returning the ball twenty yards to the Texhoma 25 yard line, Lane pave the way for Ivan Briones touchdown run at 4:35

in the third period. Texhoma's next possession was cut short by a fumble recovered by Reid Winger on the Red Devil's 30, following a pounding hit by Atwood. The Hounds effort was squelched with an interception just short of the goal line.

The Gruver defense turned up the heat in the fourth quarter with a tackle for loss by Brock Irwin to end a drive inside the Gruver 20, and a fumbled kick recovery on the Gruver 27

Coach Felderhoff praised his defensive and cited linebackers Ryan Winger with 13 tackles, Sheldon Atwood with 12 tackles, and Crispin Borunda with 8 tackles.s

"Tyler Lane also had two interceptions for us, and Ivan Briones had a good game on offense with 12 carries for 84 yards and one touchdown," Coach Felderhoff said.

"We do need to make sure we finish of drives on offense. Twice we got inside the ten yard line and mistakes or penalties force us to come way without point."

The Hounds will play their first home game of the season Friday when they host the Panhandle Panthers at 7:30 p.m.

"Overall, we are proud of the boys and the progress we have made." We face another tough opponent, Panhandle, this week," Coach Felderhoff said. "They are a good team and are certainly better than their 0-2 record indicates."

Score by Quarters

Gruver	7	0	7	0	14
Texhoma	0	0	0	0	0

Game at a Glance

	GG	TD
Yards Rushing	230	116
Yards Passing	0	63
Com/Att/Int	0/6/1	3/9/2
Total Yards	230	179
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	2/2
Punts/Avg	3/33	4/29
Penalties/Yds	7/45	6/50

Rushing Leaders

Ivan Briones	12/84, Tyler Lane	2/47, Matt Messer	12/41, Brock Irwin	12/35.
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Defensive Leaders

Ryan Winger	with seven solos and 6 assists, Sheldon Atwood with six solos and six assists, Crispin Borunda with 5 solos and three assists. cody mac Been with five solos and 2 assists, and Brock Irwin with four solos and three assists.
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Cross Country teams shine in Borger meet

The Spearman Lynxettes captured second place in the Borger Cross Country Meet. School placings were 1. Canyon with 15 points, 2. Spearman with 60 points, and 3. Borger with 68 points in a field of eight teams and 86 runners.

Individual placings and times for the Lynxettes were 7. Tara Shields: 12:51, 8th Christy Lang 12:53, 11. Melissa Lesly 12:59, 19 Jessica Diaz 13:24, 20. Sony Parker 13:25, 24. Tabitha Shields 13:40, 30 Rosilyn Bulls 13:57, 35. Macy Harbour 14:17. In the junior varsity division,

the Lynxettes placed third behind Canyon and Borger.

Individual placings and times were 2. Amy Brown 13:31, 4. Amy Boyd 13:50 11. Aleisha Sweat 14:08, 15. Tonya Hart 14:28, 49. Caitlyn Garcia 16:16, 50. Tarryn Dixon 16:21.

In the junior varsity boys division, Javier Freyre placed 31st with a 21:21 while Osvaldo Lomeli was 34th with 21:31.

The Spearman Junior High girls took first placed with 31 points while Gruver placed second with 67 points and West Texas third with 82 points.

Individual placings and their times. were. Leanna Espinosa 13:17, 2. Bond Pittman 13:34, 6. Courtney Chambers 13:54, 13. Ashley Close 15:05, 16. Julia Diaz 15:18, 18. Vicki Renteria 15:24, 19. Chastity Thomas 15:25.

The Gruver and Spearman Cross Country teams will compete in the Puritan meet at Wolf Creed Saturday. The junior high girls will run at 9:00 a.m., the junior varsity girls at 10:00 a.m., the junior varsity boys at 10:30 a.m., and the varsity girls at 11:00 a.m.



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Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District

August 27, 2004

To the Registered Voters of Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District:

The Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D. Administration and Board of Trustees make every effort to be good stewards of your tax dollars and pledge to continue to do so in the future.

The Board of Trustees has proposed a 2004 tax rate of \$1.40 per \$100 valuation, which is 10 cents less than 2003's rate of \$1.50. Although the rate is less than last year, it is still above the rollback rate of \$1.12. The rollback rate is determined by the State based on previous year's revenues. The State says the District should be able to raise enough revenue to operate the school at the rollback rate, but it is simply not possible. The District, therefore, is forced into the rollback process. Extreme fluctuation in oil and gas values from year to year triggered this process.

The Board has proposed a tax rate of \$1.40 per \$100 valuation in order to meet the needs of the District. Besides salaries and routine maintenance, the budget includes a bus and a \$275,000 wealth equalization payment to the State. The effective tax rate of \$1.12 will not raise enough revenues to meet the budget.

This letter is to request your support in the September 11 rollback election. The election will provide Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D. voters with the opportunity to approve the tax rate set by the Board of Trustees. **This is a very important election for the school and the community.** If the tax rate is not approved, the school will tax at the \$1.12 rate and will expend \$350,000 of the District's fund balance. The School Board zealously maintains the fund balance in order to ensure financial stability for the District.

Early voting began on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at the school office. Realizing how important the school is to the community, we know we can count on your support in the rollback election on September 11. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions regarding this very important matter. Thank you for supporting Pringle-Morse C.I.S.D. with a vote for the ad valorem tax rate.

Respectfully,
Kent Hargis Superintendent

Card of Thanks

THANK YOU

A "great big thanks," again, to the Spearman EMS team, the whole hospital staff and Dr. Garnett and his staff. May the Lord richly bless you all, Marie Leight

Texas Crop, Weather Report

by Stephanie Jeter

With sunflower harvest just beginning, producers in the Texas Panhandle are looking forward to high yields, according to Texas Cooperative Extension. The Panhandle has received more than twice the normal amount of rainfall for the year, and, due to attractive selling contracts within the county, more sunflowers were planted.

Dr. Travis Miller, Texas A&M University associate department head for soil and crop sciences, said sunflowers are used three ways in Texas:

- Confectionary sunflower seeds are typically salted and roasted, and used in salads and other dishes.
 - Oilseed sunflowers are processed for cooking oil. The remaining meal is used for livestock feed.
 - Some sunflower seeds are used in wild bird feed. According to Ragland, sunflowers help rebuild the soil.
- Sunflowers are subject to many diseases and pests, Miller said. Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist said, "The sunflower moth is the single most important insect pest reducing sunflower production in Texas."

Crop rotation, modified planting dates, weed control, wild sunflower control and tillage help reduce insect problems. However, Patrick said, insecticides are often required in Texas.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: soil moisture was short to adequate. Temperatures were slightly below average but rose to above average late in the week. Isolated thunderstorms with scattered showers were reported. Corn was rated fair to excellent. Silage harvest was under way with good reported yields. Sorghum was rated fair to good. Some late-planted dryland fields may not mature before the first freeze. Headworms were reported in the western portion of the region. Cotton was rated fair to good. The crop needed additional heat to mature. Bollworm infestations were reported. Sunflowers were rated good. Sunflower moth infestations were reported in late blooming fields. Wheat stands were rated good. Soybeans and peanuts were rated good and had no major pest problems. Cattle were rated in good condition.

Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Baptist Church of Gruver for bringing church services to the Manor. You are a very important part of our lives.

Monday started off with our weekly Newscurrents program.

The afternoon was spent in Life Enrichment class. It is a very good teaching by Gary Smalley on relationships.

The Gladiola Flower Club hosted bingo that evening after supper for the residents. Bingo is the number one activity of the residents. Thank you to the Flower Club.

Tuesday morning was spent limbering up, stretching, and strengthening with exercises. The music was fun and the exercises are fun.

After lunch residents met in the activity room to catch the bus to MurMurs for snowcones to enjoy while they took a ride around town and in the country in the new van. It was refreshing to see the countryside and we always enjoy looking at the windmills at Windmill Park. They had erected a new windmill that we had not seen before.

Wednesday morning Bible study was led by the able Ann Whitaker. Thank you Ann!! We appreciate all of the volunteers that help make the resident's quality of life so good here.

The afternoon was spent in the activity room as the residents continue to work on the ceramic pieces that they have in progress. They are coming along very nicely.

Thursday morning rocked with Musercise in the living room. The music was resounding all through the halls. It always give all of us a lift.

The afternoon was spent playing bingo hosted by the auxiliary. Thank you to all of the auxiliary members that help each and every week of the year. They are so very faithful.

Friday morning Janie led Sing Along in the living room as the rest of the staff worked on preparing for the 25 cent sale in the afternoon.

After lunch the activity room was set up with tables and racks full of items available for 25 cents apiece. The residents had a great time garage sale-ing. What fun!! What bargains!! We have had many donated items through the years and the residents thoroughly enjoy spending those bingo quarters. We had a really fun afternoon.

Saturday afternoon we had a crew of Hansford Heroes leading Crazy Bunko. The residents had a great time vying for the prizes! Thank you to the Hansford Heroes!



Staff members from the Activity Department at Hansford Manor (L-R) Janie Kunselman, Ernestina Salgado, Sandi Foster and Merry Sparks prepare to load Louis Flowers into the new van purchased for Hansford Manor.

Hansford Manor's New Wheels

The residents and staff at Hansford Manor are wheeling around on cloud nine. On the 24th of August they accepted delivery of the new handicapped equipped van. The lettering and striping for the van have been ordered under the able hand of Steve Hartgraves, HCHD's CEO. The activity department immediately put it into action on the same day since they were trolleying residents back and forth to the alligator ranch the day that it arrived.

The delivery of the van is the culmination of over a year's study and search for the right vehicle. We at the Manor are very appreciative of the administration, the hospital board, maintenance department, families of the residents, and the community at large for their support of the needs of the residents of the Manor. The activity department would like to thank one and all that had participation in this project.

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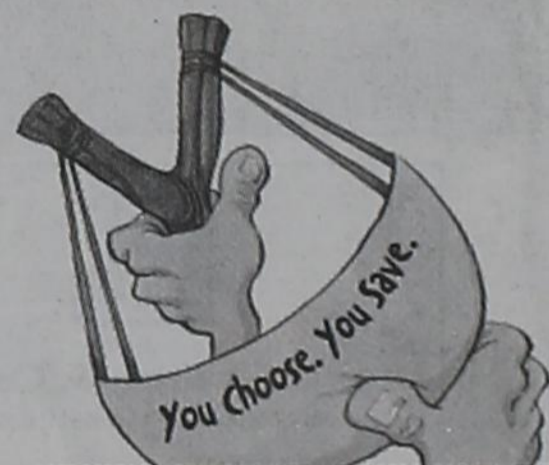
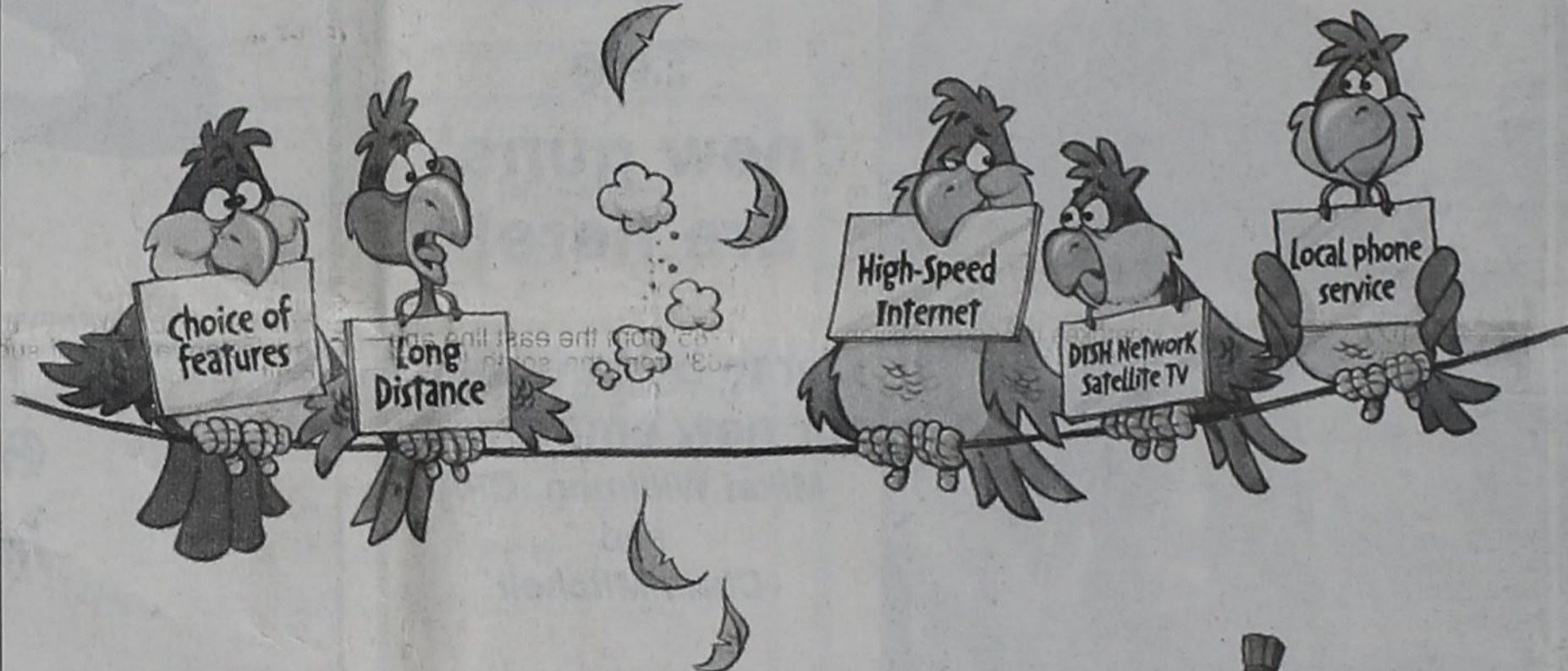
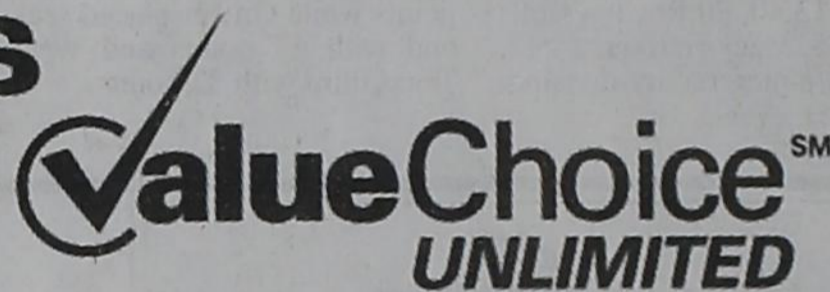
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Farmer finds fertile ground in country music field



Rodney Clawson's song "Sweet Southern Comfort" broke new ground on country music charts for the Gruver songwriter.

by Harletta Carthel

He may be the only farmer who plows to his own country hit on his tractor's radio.

Rodney Clawson produces not only wheat, corn, and sorghum but also country songs.

Although farming and music have always been a part of Clawson's life, composing songs is not something he envisioned.

"I have sung and played all music all my life, but writing music is something I never planned," Clawson said.

The seed to compose was planted in Clawson's mind by a high school friend and classmate, Andrea (Whitaker) Tucker. The two friends had been in both band and choir together and had competed at the regional and state level during their days at Gruver High School.

"It was in 1994 or 95 when I was talking to Andrea on the phone. After college, she got a job with a Christian music publishing company where she had contact song writers and recording artists," Clawson said. "She made the remark to me 'You are a song writer, and you don't even know it.' Then she encouraged me to write something and send it to her."

It took Clawson two years to take Tucker up on her offer. He began to send his songs, and she, in turn, would send her thoughts and suggestions on the songs to him.

"Looking back on my first efforts, I can't believe how unbelievably bad they (the

songs) were," Clawson said.

But the fledgling composer persisted, and was rewarded when his song "I Will Wait" was selected in 1998 for recording by Gary Chapman, a Christian recording artist and star of the T&M Prime Time Country Show.

Other successes followed. "Amarillo Sky," for one, was recorded by McBride and The Ride in 2001.

The Gruver farmer's next song cut resulted from a conversation with John Rich, a young man Clawson had coached at San Jacinto Christian Academy, who is now a part of "Big and Rich," a duo taking new form country music. "When John and I visited, he took some of my demos with him. Artists are always looking for material," Clawson said. "Good songs are always in demand."

Singer Rick Stewart of the group Richlow was one searching artist who heard Clawson's "I Can't Be Your Friend" and chose the song for himself.

The song stuck a chord with country music fans, and soon appeared on the top 40 list.

"I was driving a tractor when I heard the song had made it to the top 40. It was the first time I felt like I had arrived as a songwriter," Clawson said.

But it was last year with the release of "Sweet Southern Comfort," a song Clawson wrote with friend Brad Cister that Nashville's inner doors opened.

At the suggestion of Traci Geerson of Sony Records, the song was sent to recording artist Buddy Jewell.

The song shot to number three on the country music charts where it stayed for six weeks.

"The success of the song was phenomenal. It went from writing to recording to topping the charts in 15 months," Clawson said. "The time frame is usually much longer. It can take from 1-2 years after a song is written before it is finally cut (recorded) on an album. Then a song may make it on its own as a single a year later."

At its height, the song was played 60,000 times a week on radio stations across the United States with Clawson receiving a royalty for each playing.

Although the song reached gold record status with 500,000 copy sales, for which Clawson received a gold record,

it has now sold over one million copies.

"Nashville's perception of me has greatly changed. Having a song in the top ten opens doors for you that weren't open before," Clawson said.

Building on his success, Clawson spends an average of 10-12 days each month in Nashville writing songs. Although he is a member of the extreme Writers Group, he also writes alone or with one of two other writers.

"I usually average writing five songs a month," Clawson said. "I cut demos of the songs which are then marketed to artists and record labels. I had 83 demos last year and 30 or 40 more that never made it to a demo."

As a commuting song writer Clawson is a rare breed.

"I've been told that I am one of only three or four successful song writers who do not live in Nashville," Clawson said. But I write more than the average writer. I just find it easier to do there (Nashville) because I don't have to worry about shutting down the irrigation sprinklers on the farm or picking kids up."

The farmer/song writer has hopes for a good "harvest" from his song "Johnny Cash" recorded on Tracy Byrd's CD to become a hit as a single and "Stomp" a song recorded by Chris Cagle.

"Usually five of a dozen songs on an album will be made into singles for play on the radio," Clawson said.

Still other seeds this farmer is sowing is a series of songs just completed setting New International Version Bible verses to music for children to memorize, appropriately called Seeds of Courage and Seeds of Faith. He is currently composing for two additions to the series, "Seeds of Praise" and "Seeds of Purpose."

"The series is composed of songs using the NIV word for word," Clawson, a member of the Gruver First Baptist Church, said.

Clawson's Christianity and his rural background are often reflected in his songs.

A vivid example is "In My Blood," which has been chosen as the theme song by the Preserving Rural America, a non-profit organization to help farmers in the legal aspect of the

profession.. Clawson will appear as a spokes person for the group in Wisconsin in early fall.

"Of all the songs I've written in song form, "In My Blood." is probably the closest to being about me," Clawson said.

In the song, Clawson tells of his farming legacy through his grandfather and farming and the joys of planting, harvesting, and raising a family on the farm.

While Nashville beckons, Clawson maintains his home in Gruver and passes much of his time in a tractor.

"I'm kind of a novelty in N.Nashville. When someone calls me from there, they are amused that I'm on the tractor and have to tell them to wait until I'm at the end of the row or turn the tractor off to talk to them," Clawson said.

But while Nashville beckons, Clawson maintains his rural roots. Maybe as his songs "Real" says, it's the "Southwest wind in my hair, and I love the way those dirt roads make me feel. Man, that's real!"

IN MY BLOOD

Any man with any common sense would've left this farm long time back

When the markets went to hell and the ground dried up and cracked

But every year's gonna be the year we're gonna make it all back And I stand as living proof that it never works out like that So why haven't I had enough Must be because it's in my blood

CHORUS:

It's not the money that keeps me drivin' this beat up John Deere—down the rows

Not just my love of the land or my farmer's tan it's out of my control

Can't keep from plowin' the ground or plantin' the seed or prayin' for the rain

Cause the dreams of my Dad and Grandad are still runnin' through my veins

It's in my blood—I can't give it up—It's in my blood

From growin' up in the Dust Bowl days Grandad wasn't scared of anything

And after fightin in World War II—he settled down to grow'n' corn and beans

What more could any man want than a farm—a beautiful wife and a son

Walkin' through the fields in the morning dew And swingin' on the porch when the day is done

And stickin' it out when times get tough Ain't so wonder why—it's in my blood

BRIDGE:

Sometimes it's a curse—Sometimes it's a blessing And the truth hurts—but it needs confessing

Wanna stay so bad—wanna leave so much The only reason I'm still here is—it's in my blood

by Rodney Clawson



With his roots in farming, and home in Gruver, Rodney Clawson's dual career as a composer make him unique in Nashville.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The City of Spearman will hold a meeting at 7:00 AM on September 21, 2004, at the City Hall Council Chambers; 30 SW Court; Spearman, Texas, to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2004. The proposed tax rate is \$0.4725 per \$100 of value.

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Steve L. Hartgraves

CEO/Administrator