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Hansford County Stock Show Slated

The 2002 Hansford Stock Show will kickoff Friday, February 8, at 9:15 a.m. in the Gruver County Barn with the judging of lamb entries.

The steer show will begin at the conclusion of the lamb show on Friday to round out the day's events.

The swine show at 9:00 a.m. Saturday will usher in Saturday's events with a judging contest at 1:00 a.m. The 2002 Hansford County Stock Show Sale at 6:30 p.m. will conclude the weekend's event.

Weigh-ins for lambs and steers will begin at 7:00 a.m. Friday, February 8. Weigh-in for swine entries will begin immediately following the steer show on Friday at approximately 2:30 p.m.

David Jett of Laverne, OK, will judge the 19 steer entries while Tom Lamle of Beaver, Ok, will judge the 82 swine entries, and Bart Stover of Follett, the 52 lambs exhibits.

Farm Service Agency Allocates Funds For Socially Disadvantaged Applicants

Farm Service Agency reserves direct and guaranteed loan funds each year to help Socially Disadvantaged Applicants (SDA) buy and operate family sized farms and ranches. A SDA farmer is from a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of the group without regard to individual qualities. For purposes of the SDA Loan Program, socially disadvantaged groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asians and Pacific Islanders.

SDA loans are available for farm ownership and operating loans. Money is specifically targeted to assist these individuals. SDA farmers must meet the same loan eligibility requirements as traditional applicants.

People who think they may be eligible are urged to contact the local FSA Service Center in their area or contact Mike Heck, Farm Loan Manager for FSA at (806) 435-6597.

Amarillo Opera To Present Lift Every Voice Concert

Representative Helen Holt, announces Amarillo Opera's 8th annual Lift Every Voice Concert on Saturday, February 2, 2002 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

The evening is guaranteed to inspire, entertain, and renew the faith, hope, and spirits of all who attend.

Special guest artists include Hope Shiver, soprano, and her sister, Kay Pace, pianist. Ms. Shiver is a former Miss Alabama and Miss Congeniality with the International Beauty Pageant. She has performed in commercials for TV and radio as well as legitimate theater, musical theater, movies and opera. She has sung with major orchestras and opera throughout the world. Also, a playwright and composer, Ms. Shiver has won the coveted George Hawkins Playwriting Award. Kay Pace holds a Doctorate of Musical Arts from Peabody Conservatory of Music and a Doctor of Ethno-musicology from Pacific Western University. She has won numerous piano competitions and performed across the world including the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall.

General admission tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and can be purchased from local United Super Market stores or from Panhandle Tickets at the Amarillo Civic Center, 378-3096. Service charges are added at United and also by Panhandle Tickets. For VIP tickets, contact the Amarillo Opera at 372-7464.

H&S EMS Receives Service Award

H&S EMS, a volunteer-based ambulance service in Spearman, was honored with two awards at the 2002 Panhandle Emergency Medical Services System Banquet, held January 12 in Amarillo.

The service garnered the PEMSS 2001 Volunteer Provider of the Year Award while Beatrice Comp was named the PEMSS 2001 EMT-Intermediate of the Year.

PEMSS, a department of Northwest Texas Healthcare System, provides offline medical control through a number of emergency physicians, coordinates communications between hospitals and EMS providers as well as presenting educational opportunities for 28 counties in the Texas Panhandle.

"It can be taken for granted that when you need an ambulance, you call 9-1-1 and someone will come. Spearman and Hansford County, like many areas in the Panhandle rely on volunteers to staff an ambulance service around the clock," said Jeff Barnhart, Regional Marketing Coordinator for Northwest Texas Healthcare System. "The time committed by Spearman EMS providers can be equated to at least a part-time job."

Nominations for the award were submitted by members of the community, primarily from hospital staff and physicians who work on a day-to-day basis with EMS personnel. The PEMSS advisory board, consisting of 10 members representing five different regions in the organization, evaluated all nominations sent in from across the Texas Panhandle and made the final selection.

"It takes a great deal of blood, sweat and tears, by a lot of people, to make this thing work," Brent Thornton, paramedic and assistant EMS Director, said. "That includes not only the members but their families as well. The families are who makes the greatest sacrifice. This award is for them as well."

The service is comprised of 21 members, which includes nine certified or licensed paramedics, one EMT-Intermediate and 11 EMT's. In addition, three EMT's finished requirements for their intermediate certifications in 2001 and are presently enrolled in paramedic classes.

"There is no differentiation in the educational requirements of a paid provider versus a volunteers," Thornton added. "Volunteers generally already have full time jobs, which means training is generally done after work hours. The dedica-

tion of this crew has meant missed dinners, birthdays and anniversaries. Spearman and Hansford County are fortunate to have such a dedicated group."

The roster also boasts five Texas Department of Health certified instructors, one TDH-certified course coordinator six American Heart Association certified CPR instructors and two nationally-registered paramedics.

H&S EMS' members presented several trauma prevention programs for children, which included a bicycle safety program called "Skid Lids for Kids" that gave out over 100 helmets to children in the community. They also taught CPR to schools, the community and hospital staff at no charge and presented two EMT-Basic classes.

An optional incentive program, which pays a token amount to the technician for covering pager time, was also instituted in 2001 to help with call coverage.

Mrs. Comp was honored for her work in organizing a "Teddy Bear Program" to put new teddy bears on the ambulance for sick or injured children, donating countless hours to trauma prevention programs for children and helping teach CPR classes.

A wife and mother of four children, she is employed as a fulltime EMT-Intermediate for the City of Spearman and hopes to obtain her paramedic certification by June 2002.

"This award would not have been possible without the financial support of the City of Spearman, Hansford County or Hansford Hospital," stated Kevin McDonald, full-time paramedic and EMS Director. "Those entities played a huge role in making H & S EMS the organization it is now. We are very grateful for that support."

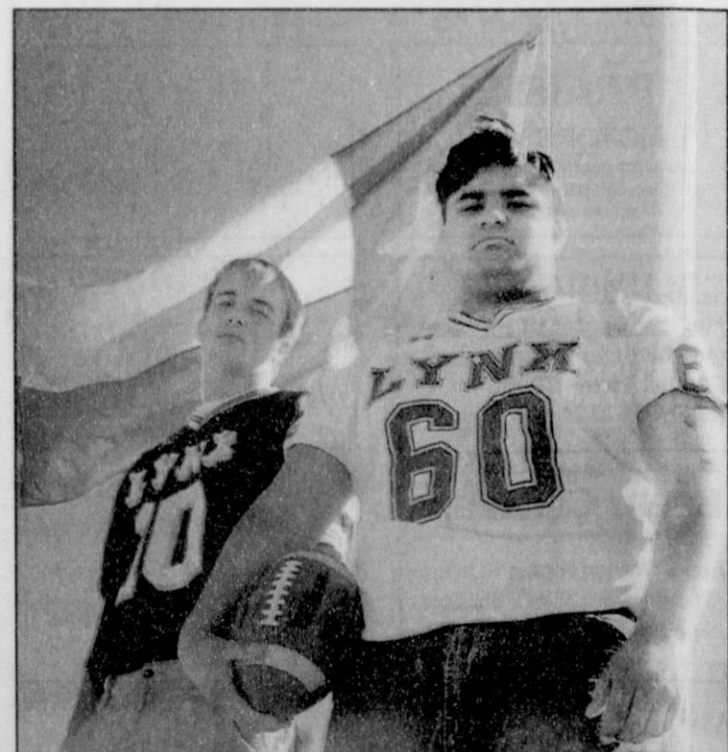
The remaining members include: Jorge Arenivar, Licensed Paramedic (LP); Jolaine Ball, EMT; Justin Boyd, LP; Dwayne Comp; Roger Close, EMT; Michele Davis, LP; Sara Hardwick, EMT; Kevin Harris, EMT; Brandie Jarvis, EMT; Jay Lamb, LP; Donna Miller, LP; Rodney Nickel, EMT; Tashi Schumann, EMT; Cynthia Scribner, EMT-Paramedic (EMT-P); Darrell Scroggs, EMT; Brent Thornton, LP and Assistant EMS Director; Jason Varnon, LP and Nationally Registered EMT-P; Karen Vasek, EMT; and Ryan Wells, EMT.



Hansford County EMS Volunteers pose with the sign they received upon being named "PEMSS Volunteer Provider of the Year." Pictured above are (Back Row, L-R) Jason Varnon, Beatrice Comp, Cindy Scribner, Brandie Jarvis and Rodney Nickel; (Middle Row, L-R) Dwayne Comp and Karen Vasek; (Front Row, L-R) Kevin McDonald (EMS Director) and Kevin Harris



Hansford County residents congratulate members of the H&S EMS on receiving the "PEMSS Volunteer Provider of the Year Award." Pictured above are (Back Row, L-R) Spearman City Manager Robert Patrick, City councilman Ron Antalek, County Judge Jim Brown, Tom Latta, Jeff Barnhart (Regional Marketing Director for Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo), Mayor Steve Benton and Hansford County Hospital Board member Randall Sauer; (Middle Row, L-R) EMS Volunteers Brandie Jarvis, Beatrice Comp and Cynthia Scribner; (Front Row, L-R) Jolaine Ball, Jorge Arenivar, EMS Director Kevin McDonald, Justin Boyd and Dwayne Comp.

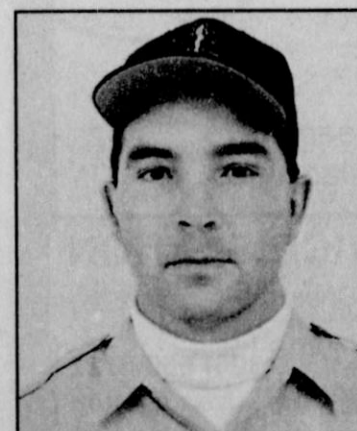


Standing Tall in Texas

John Brock (left), running back, and Homer Munoz, offensive lineman, have been named to the Class 2A All State Football Team, honorable mention list. Both young men were senior members of the Lynx football team which advanced to regional competition.



Kevin McDonald
H&S EMS Director

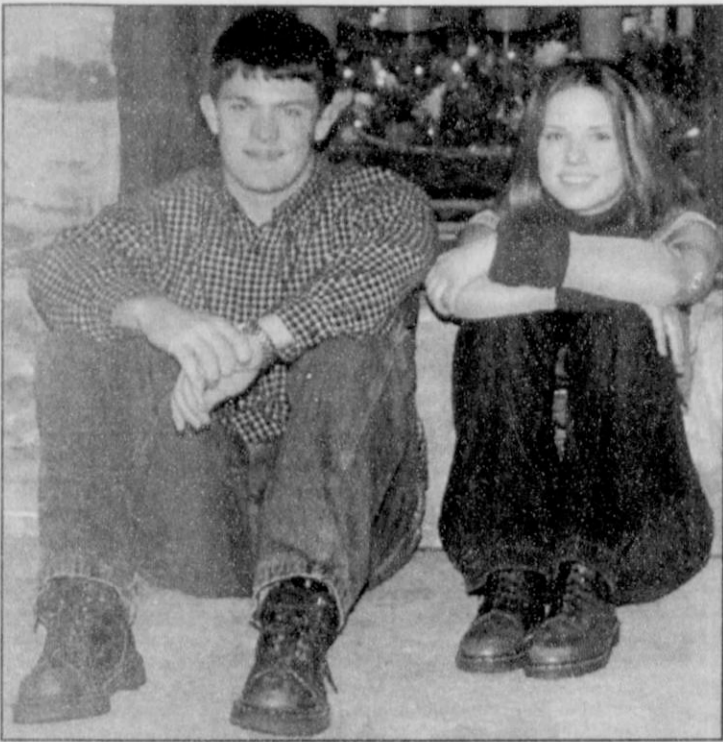


Brent Thornton
H&S EMS Asst. Director

Editor's Note

Due to miscommunication with our printer, several mistakes were made in last week's article featuring the H&S EMS.

We are reprinting this article with our apologies to those affected.



Marty Miesner and Erin Boxwell

SHS December Students of the Month

Erin Boxwell and Marty Miesner were named Spearman High School's December Student of the Month.

Erin has competed in the UIL One-Act Play for three years and earned the Best Actress award at district and made the Honorable Mention All Star Cast in area her sophomore year. In her junior year she was named Best Actress in zone competition and Honorable Mention All Star Cast at district. She has been chosen for the class award for Theater I, II and III. A member of the National Honor Society since her sophomore year, she now serves as secretary. She advanced to region in UIL Spelling her junior year and was a member of the student council her freshman and sophomore years.

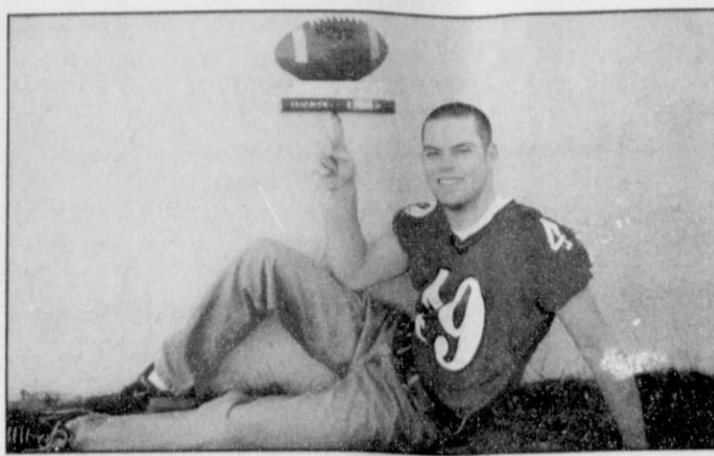
Boxwell also babysits for the nursery of the First Christian Church and works as a waitress at the Panhandle Diner and Deli.

Her future plans include going to college where she will study studio art and creative writing. Following college graduation, she plans to study fashion design in graduate school. She is the daughter of Candy and Bob Boxwell.

Marty is a member of the National Honor Society, has been listed on the All A Honor Roll, and has twice been selected academic all-district in football.

Serving as a captain of the Spearman Lynx football team, he was chosen second team all-district defensive end his junior year, and first team all-district defensive end and second team offensive guard his senior year. He was recently named honorable mention to the 2-A academic all state team.

The son of Jed and Lesa Miesner, Marty plans to attend college and major in either petroleum engineering or wildlife management. Following graduation, he plans to take over his dad's oil and gas business with his number one goal to be a part of the Rotary Club.



Balancing the Books

Texas Academic All State Football selection, Kade Carthel of Gruver, demonstrates the balancing act of academics and athletics that typifies members of the elite state honor. Selection was based on GPA, class ranking, ACT or SAT scores, school honors, and community and service honors.



Something to Toot About.

Three Gruver Junior High Band members were recognized at the recent all region band concert held on the campus of West Texas A&M University. Stephen Salazar, baritone; Brad Clawson, drums; and Kade Shoulders, tuba, were cited for their selection to the all region band for three consecutive years.

Hansford Hospice Meets

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers met on Monday night, January 14, 2002, at First State Bank Community Room, Spearman, Texas. Verna Lee Shirley, President, presided at the meeting.

The minutes were read and approved. Verna Lee Shirley gave the treasurer's report in the absence of the treasurer.

Verna Lee Shirley attended the Hospital Board Meeting in December. She reported that the Hospital consented to Hospice decorating an extra room at the Hospital so when there are two Hospice patients at the Hospital there will be two Hospice rooms. The extra room will be used by the hospital when needed. The committee to decorate the room is Verna Lee, Peggy, Doyle and June.

Verna Lee Shirley discussed goals for Hospice for the coming year and asked for suggestions. The Garage Sale was temporarily set for May 3 and 4. A sign-up sheet to serve on Committees for the coming year was passed around to the members. It was reported that the Hospice State Conference would be in Houston on April 6 and 7. The Bereavement Support Group that will be held this spring was discussed. Rosetta Barrera gave an explanation of the volunteer's report of hours form. The February 11th meeting will be at Gruver, at the El Vacquero, at 6:30.

Members were asked to bring recipes next time. Rev. Ken Cole led the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned.



Marriage Announcement

Marva Winger Burnam of Gruver and Danny Roselius of Panhandle were married Thursday, January 10, 2002 at Amarillo South in Amarillo Bob Setliff, minister, officiated the simple ceremony.

Marva is the daughter of Val and Marlene Winger of Gruver. She is the granddaughter of Pauline Winger of Spearman.

Danny is the son of Dale and Peggy Roselius of Panhandle. He is the grandson of Ida Roselius of Panhandle.

Attendants were Valerie, Mollie and Landrie Burnam, daughters of the bride, and Ashley Roselius, daughter of the groom.

After the wedding, the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Dallas.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

A shock to family and friends alike was the unexpected death of Blanche Green, 80, last Sunday.

Her services were held in the United Methodist Church here, with interment at Hansford Cemetery. She was laid to rest beside her husband, Everette E. Green, who preceded her in death in 1984.

Gentle, kind and helpful, Blanche will be sorely missed by her family, friends and associates.

Sympathy is extended to daughters and families of Joan Vernon, Oklahoma City and Wanda Eakin, Amarillo, as well as sister Rita Cluck, Gruver.

The passing of Virginia Head, 80, on Friday, January 25th, leaves a vacant chair; not only with her family, but in several organizations.

The ever active and capable Virginia was the main spring of many church, civic, and charitable organizations. Members had for years taken for granted that the needed tasks and supervision would be handled by Virginia.

All those who knew her from her devotion to her duties could be surprised by her intense interest in sports - especially the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Her husband, the late coach Garland Head, was a well-known athletic star when he was a student at Texas Tech, and is in the College's Hall of Fame. Virginia had been presented with a lifelong pass to the games.

Words seem empty in expressing condolences to family members, but her influence will go with them through life.

The Sunday Amarillo Globe-News carried an item and picture of Kevin Nelson, a partner with the law firm of Mullin Board and Brown. He was elected to the firm's partnership management committee. Kevin practices in the area of business transactions and real estate. The firm has 32 lawyers practicing in Amarillo, Lubbock and Dimmitt.

He and his wife, Ginger, visited in the home of his parents, Judy and Dennis Nelson, during the

weekend. They came for the funeral of Virginia Head.

They picked up their daughter, Madelyn, who spent the weekend with her other grandparents, Bob and Jackie Pearson.

Connie and Scott Ermis spent last weekend in Edmond, OK visiting his parents and his daughter.

Sybil and Billy Miller flew to Dallas on Tuesday for her to consult an eye specialist. Recently Sybil's eyesight has deteriorated rapidly.

All her friends are concerned and hope that the condition can be improved.

An accident Friday evening resulted in minor injuries to the driver and total ruin to the pickup. The driver was taken to Hansford Hospital, treated and released.

The accident occurred when he failed to control the vehicle at Haney and Kenneth streets.

Hansford County Sheriff's Department and Spearman Police Department worked the accident.

Dallen Scroggs, local manager of the West Texas Gas Company, attended a school of instruction from Monday through Wednesday. It was held at Oklahoma University in Norman, OK. The course dealt with catharsis corrosion production.

Ruth Bubliss sent a note expressing how much they enjoy keeping up with the happenings in Hansford County through the newspaper.

She stated that Dr. Bubliss' practice in Hobbs, NM is staying very busy. She also mentioned that she is now working in the office as co-manager.

She concluded her note with best wishes for everyone in Hansford County.

Weather for the week of January 21st through 7 a.m. on the 28th is as follows: High temperature was on the 26th at 78; Low was on the 25th at 21; no moisture.



Debbie Stopper, Leann Gillaspie and Marcia Shieldknight with Enhanced Health and Sports Performance Institute are pictured with Bob Henry, CEO of Mannatech, Inc. as they were recognized recently as Seven Star Presidential, one of the top leadership positions in the company.



Several members of Enhanced Health's team accompanied Marcia Shieldknight, Debbie Stopper, and Leann Gillaspie to Mannatech's home office in Coppell to share in the recognition. Pictured standing are George and Clarabelle Palmer of Perryton, Leann, Donna Williams of Gruver, Debbie, Bob Henry from Mannatech Inc., Karen Newton, Jason Walker, and Paula Walker of San Angelo. Seated are Stacey French of Perryton, Becca Christian of Gruver, and Marcia.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth-January 28, 2002-34.91 feet

Boats were out last Saturday, and we had one camper behind the dam. The fishermen are still not finding the fish.

Jim counted six eagles scattered around in the trees in the Lake this morning. On a walk Saturday he saw a sun-drenched bright red cardinal in a cedar tree that made a memorable sight.

When I read about the Jones children trapping hill rats, I became curious as to the nature of these rats. I called Joel Lee Lackey and found it was their name for pack rats. Having become mixed up on the difference between pack rats and kangaroo rats, I was helped to clear the differences by Joel Lee, the World Book, The Mammals of Texas, and the Harris family on the Palo Duro.

The pack rat belongs to the woodrat family that are native to America. The woodrat has cleaner habits than the brown and black Norway rats that were brought into this country by boats from Europe. It will not live in sewers or garbage dumps. As there are several kinds of woodrats, ours is known as the white-throated woodrat. They are cute in a way

with their big ears and large black eyes. The pack rat builds a house to surround its nest. If the nest is in a canyon, it will be in a hole with trash piled around it. Sometimes out in a pasture, a house may be found that is cone shaped and two feet high. They pack their building material from whatever is near. In Hansford County that may mean they use a good bit of prickly pear cactus and cow manure. If they reside near a home, all sorts of little goodies are found.

When I was a child, I was told that when a pack rat took some object, he always left another. This earned them the names of Trader Rats.

It turns out that the rat may be carrying an object in its mouth to use in the house building, when it spots something it decides is more desirable. The rodent just abandons the first object so he can carry the second one home. The worst enemy for these rats is snakes.

Kangaroo rats, as the name implies, have strong back legs and much smaller front legs. They are much smaller than the pack rats, and they don't build the trash houses. They are a little cuter than the white-throated woodrats.

Thank You

We would like to say thank you to everyone for the many kind deeds done for us during the death of our beloved sister, Betty Tucker Resch. Thank you for the flowers, food and prayers and other acts of kindness. Thank you to the Church of Christ members who sponsored the dinner for us at the Palo Duro Cafe, and to Georgie McLeod and all the girls who made sure that we were well taken care of.

Also, thank you to Floyd Dry for your help. At a time like this, words cannot express what is in our hearts. We do want to say thank you to everyone.

May God show his many blessings on each of you.
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School Boards Honored



Pictured above are the members of the Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees. They are (L-R) Bob Zimmer, Betty Womble, Alan Leach, Jerry Hart, Carolyn Shields, and Lonnie Clemmons. Not pictured is Monty Dixon.

Pringle-Morse CISD Recognizes Board of Trustees

by Linda Kay Barnhart, Pringle-Morse CISD Superintendent

Behind every excellent school is an excellent board of trustees. Pringle-Morse Consolidated Independent School District has been rated exemplary by the Texas Education Agency and Five Star by Texas Monthly and Just for the Kids. Success begins in the boardroom as trustees set district goals and policies, budget wisely, and attract and hire outstanding administrators and teachers.

The Pringle-Morse CISD Board members include President Lonnie Clemmons (1994-present), Vice-President Alan Leach (1886-1995 and 1996-present), Secretary Carolyn Shields (May 1996-present), Monty Dixon (May 1999-present), Jerry Hart (May 1997-present), Betty Womble (May 1992-present), and Bob Zimmer (May 2000-present).

Collectively our board has over 40 years experience serving the children of Pringle-Morse. These elected officials and others like them across Texas attend at least one school board meeting per month and sometimes several. Often district accomplishments that the Board has made possible go unrecognized; at times members are criticized for difficult decisions; and yet board members are not compensated. They go about their school business tirelessly as they pursue a quality education for the students of their district.

I have worked for Pringle-Morse for seven years and have been blessed with excellent boards who have striven to be free of hidden agendas and personal interests. Their commitment to excellence

has been the blueprint for the success of our school. They believe in serving all students. They believe in maintaining a facility that creates an environment for successful learning. They believe in maintaining a quality staff by providing excellent benefits and a warm and caring climate. They believe in protecting and maintaining their small rural community school where individual attention is the rule, not the exception.

I applaud the 2001-2002 Board of Trustees.

Above All, Students First

by Laura Blassingame, Gruver Schools Superintendent

A Call to Service. With an elective vote, citizens are transformed into Trustees, having to become instant, immediate experts in dealing with curriculum, school finance, instructional issues, personnel, student learning, state expectations, school law, and general governance. All of which is usually on the first board meeting! Every decision made will affect the lives of this community and the student population. The ripple effect from these decisions will form the foundation for future endeavors and goals. Tremendous pressure is placed into making the correct decisions. In this day and time, there are no clear-cut answers to the situations encountered by school board members.

Each board member brings a unique set of experiences to the board room, which allows for open, honest communication; valuing each other's opinions; and looking at issues from all sides before making informed decisions. Numerous times, when tough deci-

sions are being made, they always take the stand of "How will this affect and/or help the students?" by putting the welfare of all of the students first, their decisions are fair, impartial, and proactive. Knowing that every decision and deed will be analyzed, this can and does cause excessive stress, both personal and professional.

Gruver is indeed fortunate that we have citizens with the courage, wisdom and fortitude recognizable by so many, that the voters place the trust of policy making to this group of seven. By taking the oath to become a Board of Trustee, the choices that they have exhibited in their past, will now become part of the foundation for future choices.

I have been extremely rewarded, both personally and professionally, to have observed many years of school boards in Gruver. Never once, have they deviated from their "Call to Service." They are truly some of the most dedicated, professional, and compassionate people I know. The unifying force is and always will be, the educational achievement and environment for the children.

A great big thank you to the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees for a superior job in leading Gruver Independent School District. Even though January is reserved as Board Appreciation Month, the job they do throughout the year certainly is deserving of our appreciation. Please take the time to say thank you and job well done to the following Trustees: Mr. Terry Sherrill (President), Mr. Mike Yanke (Vice-President), Mr. Benny Wilson (Secretary), Mr. David Bergin, Mrs. Jody Irwin, Mr. Paul Stavlo, and Mr. Davin Winger. They have certainly earned it!



Members of the Gruver ISD Board of Trustees were cited for their service by Superintendent Laura Blassingame at their January meeting in conjunction with the observance of National School Board Appreciation Month. Honored were (front row, left to right) Mike Yanke, Terry Sherrill, and Benny Wilson. Back row, Davin Winger, Jody Irwin, Paul Stavlo, and David Bergin.

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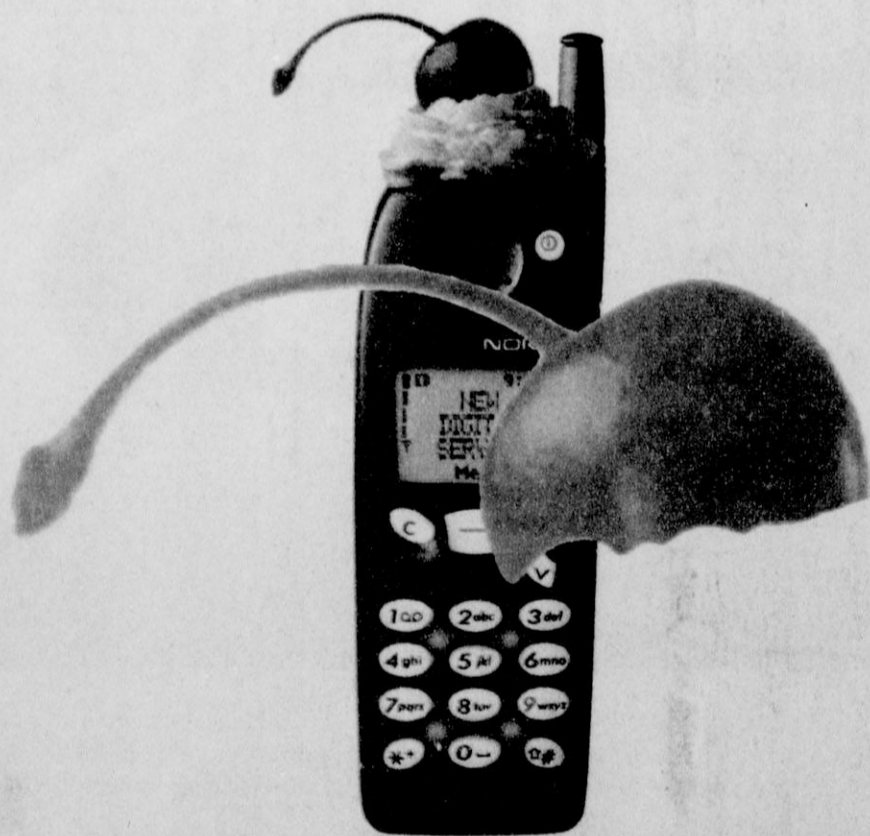
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