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## In The News

### Filing Time Opens For School Board Elections

The deadline to file for the May 3, 2003 school board election is Tuesday, March 18th at 5 p.m. all three Hansford County school districts.

Three seats will be decided in Gruver. Two seats, those of Bennie Wilson and Mike Yanke, are for full terms (three years) while the seat of Buddy Lowe, who was appointed to fill the seat of David Bergin, is for a one year term. All three incumbents have filed for reelection.

In Morse, the seats of Bob Zimmer and Jerry Hart are expiring. Both incumbents have filed for election to the three year seats.

Spearman will fill two seats in the upcoming election. Both incumbents Mark Sheets and Mark Allen (who was appointed to fill the seat of Craig Schumann) have filed to run for the three year positions.

Those interested in filing should do so at the business office of each school district. All three schools will be on spring break next week, but Gruver candidates may contact Randy Reid, Gruver Schools business manager and those interested in filing in Morse may sign up by calling a number to be displayed on the front door of the school. Spearman signees will need to sign up during regular school hours. The Spearman business office will be closed during spring break.

### Conservation District Announces Essay Contest Rules

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District would like to announce the rules and deadline for its annual scholarship contest.

The contest is open to all high school students (freshmen through seniors) who reside within the Water District. The District includes all of Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties, as well as most of Dallam, Hartley and Moore counties and the northern portion of Hutchinson County.

By writing an essay emphasizing the importance of water conservation, high school students are eligible for scholarships up to \$1000 a year for the college of their designation. Each essay must be more than 1,000 words but fewer than 1,500 words in length and must be typewritten and double-spaced. The essays will be judged on accuracy of information, originality, neatness, arrangement, subject matter, grammar and spelling. Additional points are awarded for each applicant's scholastic record, school activities, community involvement and future plans.

All essays must be received by the District Office located at 603 E. First (P.O. Box 795) in Dumas by 5 p.m. on April 1, 2003. Any essay which is found to be a resubmission of a previous winning essay will be disqualified.

The prizes to be awarded are as follows: 1st place - \$1000 scholarship per year for 4 years = \$4000 total award amount; 2nd place - \$750 scholarship per year for 4 years = \$3000 total award amount; 3rd place - \$500 scholarship per year for 4 years = \$2000 total award amount.

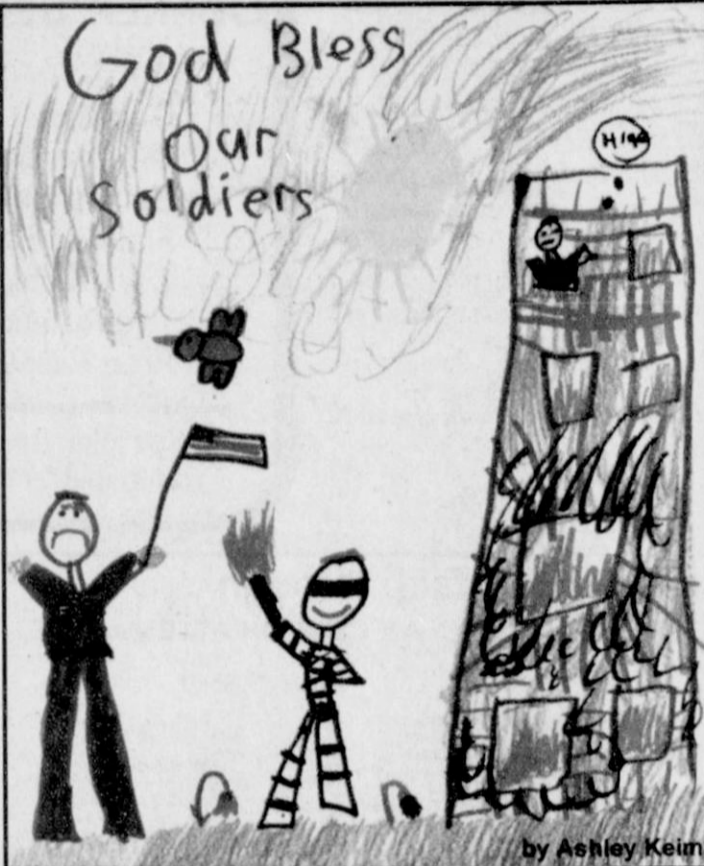
These scholarships are to be paid to the college of the winner's choice and applied toward his/her education. Each initial scholarship amount award will be renewable for three additional years as long as a minimum of a 2.75 Grade Point Average and 12 course hours per semester are maintained.

Any students who are interested in entering the contest may obtain additional contest and resource information from the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

### World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer 2003 will be held Friday, March 7th at Sacred Heart Church, 901 Roland. Registration will be from 9:30 - 10 a.m. with the service at 10 a.m.

This year's theme for the service is "Holy Spirit, Fill Us. Everyone is invited to attend. For questions, call Anita Sumner, 659-5046.



by Ashley Keim

## Supporting Those Who Serve -

Several people have inquired about the mailing address for Hansford County servicemen and women. Several school classes and individuals are wishing to offer their support and thanks to these people during this time of conflict.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is asking family members of military men and women to submit the name, branch of service, rank, address, e-mail, and location (if possible) for their loved ones. This list will be published and will also be distributed to the schools in Hansford County.

Please submit names even if the address has not changed. Names will not be released without permission from a family member.

Thank you in advance for you help.

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The Class A, Division I Silver Medalists Gruver Lady Hounds display the spoils of their victories. (Front row, left to right) Cassie Myatt, Amy Watley, Lisa Johnson, and Teal Armes; (Back row, left to right) Meagan Knight, Laina Grotegut, Brandi Griffin, Coach Steve Myatt, Christi Clift, Ashleigh Sherrill, and Blythe Finley. see related story on Page 10

## Gruver Business Changes Ownership

by Harletta Carthel

G&G Foodliner has a new owner and will soon have a new name.

The Main Street grocery store owned by Billy and Karen Kelly, has been purchased by Pat and Pam Harris. The two families are currently working together in the transition of the business, which will be known as The Grocery Store.

The Kellys' association with G&G Foodliner dates back to 1967 when Billy Kelly began to work for the store's owner Keith Gross. After a ten year association with the business, the Kellys were employed in Hartley for five years. They returned in 1982 as business partners with Gross in the Gruver food store.

Following Gross's retirement shortly after the Kellys return, the Kellys have run the business as a family entity, with children Billy Kelly Jr. and Paula. Although ownership of the business will change, the business will continue to be run as a family business.

Billy and Karen Kelly plan to retire in Gruver where they look forward to having more time for visiting friends and relatives as well as pursuing personal interests.

"I will probably take off a year



Longtime Gruver grocers (L-R) Billy and Karen Kelly welcome new owners Pam and Pat Harris. With the retirement of the Kellys, G&G Foodliner in Gruver will now be known as The Grocery Store.

or two and then find a job," Billy Kelly said. "I just have to be busy." "It has been rewarding to own my own business, and to have made it a success. I appreciate the support that the community has given," Kelly added.

The Harris family plans to continue as their predecessors in meeting the needs of the community. They are also making plans to upgrade the facility and introduce new products.

Broadsted foods, a specialty of the store, will continue with Pam Harris obtaining the necessary license required for the preparation

and sale. The new owners also plan to implement a delivery service designed for the elderly or others in need. A suggestion box will be placed in the store to assure customers the opportunity of getting products they desire.

"We look forward to seeing members of the community each day," Pam Harris said. "We are so appreciative of the support everyone has given us."

An open house in association with Affiliated Foods is being planned for The Grocery Store in the near future.

## Spearman Wins Regional Academic Competition

On February 1, 2003, students from Spearman High School participated in the Small Schools Area Academic Competition at Coleman High School. To participate in the contest, a school must be class AAA or smaller and be an institutional member of the Texas Association of Community Schools. A team is composed of one "A" student (93-100), one "B" student (82-83), and one "C" student (82-below). (Only the subjects of English, mathematics, science and social studies are averaged to the above grade ratings.)

At the contest, students are asked questions derived from the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) of high school courses in science, English, math and social studies. Each student on the team competes against students from other schools in their grade average classification. Students are asked questions and given 15 seconds to circle the correct answer. After five questions are answered, the next team member representing the next grade average classification (92-83) will compete using the same format until all three team members have participated. The contest lasts a



(L-R) Michel Huffaker, Ashlee Flowers, Russell Sheets, Scott Sauer and Ross Daigle

total of four rounds, with the team with the most total points declared the winner.

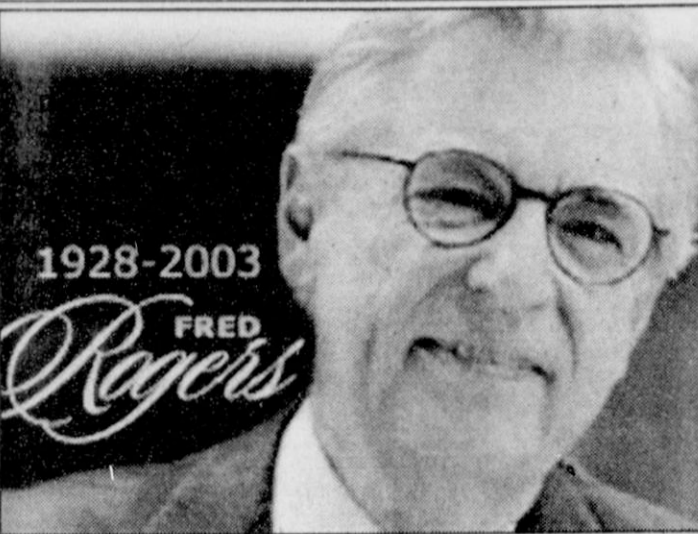
The Spearman team composed of Russell Sheets, Scott Sauer and Ross Daigle, with alternates Michel Huffaker and Ashlee Flowers, placed first at the Area 6 Contest. Schools competing in the contest were: Comanche, Grape Creek, Rotan, Brooksmith, Coleman and Winters. Tony Sidwell helped coordinate and coach this year's Spearman team and was assisted by Sandra Blankenship, Sherry Johnson, Mollie Holton, Diann Crawford, Doug Murdock and Brian Holt.

According to Mr. Sumner, what made this feat even more spectac-

ular was that this was the first time a team from Spearman has ever participated in this contest. He added, "It has been my desire to enter a team from Spearman in this type of academic contest, and I appreciate Mr. Sidwell's acceptance of the task."

As a result of their first place finish, the team garnered a total of \$1,751 in scholarship money to the college of their choice, and an additional \$1,800 to Howard Payne University in Brownwood, TX. In total, they earned \$3,551, and qualified for the state contest to be held at Mary Harden Baylor in April, where additional monies can be earned.

# FAREWELL, NEIGHBOR



All over the country yesterday, grown children were getting calls from their parents with the sad news that Fred Rogers had died. Together they commiserated over the loss of the great, good friend they used to watch together in a neighborhood that knew no boundaries and drew no distinctions.

Sally Kalson, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
Friday, February 28, 2003

It is difficult to mourn someone you "knew," but never met. I was one of those grown children who lost a hero and friend when Fred Rogers, 74, died on Thursday, January 27, 2003 to stomach cancer.

I was part of the first generation who grew up in Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. I always felt I had a personal connection to Mister Rogers. Not only did they look alike, but they had many of the same qualities. Both continually told me that I was special and that I was capable of becoming whatever I wanted to become. (For as long as I can remember other kids have called my dad "Mr. Rogers.")

Over the last week I have read many articles about Mister Rogers, and they all said the same thing - He was a kind, gentle spirit - on and off the screen.

Mister Rogers had the unique ability to "talk" to millions of people through television, while making each feel he was talking directly to them.

Hearts were awakened and came alive by his unconditional acceptance. "Everybody longs to be loved and longs to know that he or she is capable of loving," Mister Rogers said.

He called it "loving someone into existence." And Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was his way of answering God's call to "broadcast grace throughout the land."

"The underlying message of the Neighborhood," said Mister Rogers, "is that if somebody cares about you, it's possible that you'll care about others. You are special, and so is your neighbor—that part is essential: that you're not the only special person in the world. The person you happen to be with at the moment is loved, too."

"God, in his great mercy, accepts us exactly as we are. Who could ever stand if God's faithfulness did not endure?"

Mister Rogers once wrote, "A neighbor, is someone who has helped you see beyond the obvious . . . perhaps a person who, like many of us, longs for deep friendships and reaches out to others in response to that longing—just as our God reached out to us through Jesus the Christ our Lord."

During his career of service to children and their families, Rogers was the recipient of two Peabody Awards, four Emmys, a "Lifetime Achievement" Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

A library of 900 Mister Rogers' Neighborhood episodes will continue to be available for broadcast on PBS stations around the country. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood is the longest-running program on public television.

The Rogers family requests that memorial contributions be made to the "Fred Rogers Fund" of Family Communications, the non-profit organization that Fred Rogers founded and led for the past thirty-two years. It is their wish that Family Communications carry on his philosophy, vision and mission by continuing to produce materials to encourage the healthy emotional, social and intellectual development of children, their families, and those who support them.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Family Communications; 4802 Fifth Avenue ; Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

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 :)

## Quotes from Fred Rogers

"People say to my wife, 'What's he like?' - What you see is what you get. It's just who I happen to be."

"I feel the greatest gift we can give to anybody is the gift of our honest self."

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

"I have really never considered myself a TV star. I always thought I was a neighbor who just came in for a visit."

"I have a very modulated way of dealing with my anger. I have always tried to understand the other person and invariably I've discovered that somebody who rubs you the wrong way has been rubbed the wrong way many times."

"There's a generous current in the American spirit. And if we can simply give voice to that once in a while, I think it's a good message."

"You know, you don't have to look like everybody else to be acceptable and to feel acceptable."

"Of course, I get angry. Of course, I get sad. I have a full range of emotions. I also have a whole smorgasbord of ways of dealing with my feelings. That is what we should give children. Give them ... ways to express their rage without hurting themselves or somebody else. That's what the world needs."



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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
Youth: 7:30 Sunday  
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.  
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Gary Gurfory

**Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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Worship: 11 a.m.  
Pastor - Paul Fiske

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Pastor - Jerry Moore

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# Happy Birthday!

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**March 6**  
**Birthday** - Brenda Hart, Charlie Slough, Marcie Womble, Bobby Archer, Tommy Barkley, Travis Patterson, Janet Reger, Doran Dulana, Kenneth Slough, Lindsey Clift, Nancy Evans, Mick Sharp  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Cazares

**March 7**  
**Birthday** - David Imke, Dee Dee Shelton, Mike Garnett, Molly Turner, Bernice McBride, Viola Body, Donald Lane, Dalwayne Whitefield, Beulah Harris, Howard Thompson  
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**March 8**  
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**March 9**  
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**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Mosier

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**Anniversary** - Buddy & Amber Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Brummett

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**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hoel, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Henson

**March 13**  
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## Our Deepest Sympathy

### FAYE CLUCK

GRUVER - Faye Cluck, 91, of Gruver died March 2, 2003 in Spearman.

Services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Gruver on Thursday, March 6, at 2 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Cluck was born August 8, 1911, in Washita County, Oklahoma, to Henry and Birdie Goines. She attended Rockport School and graduated from Port Consolidated School in 1928. Mrs. Cluck attended Oklahoma College for Women and Southwestern State Teacher's College, where she earned a permanent teacher's certificate. She taught at Carter and Port schools for several years before marrying



Samuel Ralph Cluck of rural Gruver on March 3, 1922, in Elk City, Oklahoma. Following her marriage, she moved to Sherman County and taught at Lone Star School where she was the only teacher and her husband drove the school bus. Mr. and Mrs. Cluck made their home southwest of Gruver in Sherman County for nearly fifty years where they were active in farming and ranching. To them were born four children: a son, Ralph Delano, and three daughters, Patricia Faye, Sammie Kay and Mary Lou. Following Mr. Cluck's death, she moved to Gruver in 1984. Mrs. Cluck had resided at Hansford Manor in Spearman for the past 2 1/2 years.

Mrs. Cluck was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother and was active in her community. She was a longtime member, and former president, of both Gruver Music Club and the Gruver Parent Teacher Association. Mrs. Cluck was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Gruver where she taught Sunday School and attended Women's Missionary Union. She was instrumental in organizing the Cowboy Camp Meetings at Old Hansford. Mrs. Cluck, a loving, elegant lady, will be deeply missed by her family and by a host of friends, many of whom knew her as "Miss Faye."

Mrs. Cluck was preceded in death by her husband in 1982, two brothers, Jim Goines and Doyle Goines, and two sisters, Ethel Ward and Maude Edwards. She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Dessica Faye Hurt in 1967 and a great-granddaughter, Samantha Kay Ivey, in 1992.

Mrs. Cluck is survived by her children, Del and Barbara Cluck and Pat and Andy Burleson, all of Gruver, Sammie and Mike Hurt of Amarillo and Mary Lou and Steve Mathews of Spearman. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Nanette and Tom Haines of Roswell, NM; Brad and Mary Cluck of Amarillo; DeDe and Tim Cummins of Mesquite; Marcy and Scott Tow of Garland; Esther and James Gibson of Carizzo Springs; Kristy and Mat Bratovich of Richardson; Matt Hurt of Dallas; Robin and Billy Snider and Paige and Bret Burgin, all of Spearman; Jana and Cole Ivey of Dumas; Rhonda and Ronnie Williams of Gruver; and Mark Mathews of Lubbock. Twenty-four great grandchildren also survive: Bennett and Maision Haines, Samuel and Maddie Cluck, Jessica and Andrew Cummins, Hayley and Hogan Tow, Chris and Jill Bratovich, Rebecca, Tara, Luke, Brittney and Matt Ryan Bratovich, Amanda and Meghan Snider, Cody, Courtney and Kelsey Ivey, Ashley and Carson Williams and Jaci ad Carter Burgin. One great-great grandchild, Ian Bratovich also survives her. Mrs. Cluck also leaves behind Shafia Royal of Gruver, her dear friend and devoted care-giver of thirteen years.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, First Baptist Church of Gruver, Dumas Area Crisis Pregnancy Center, or a charity of one's choice.

### JAMES STEDJE

GRUVER - James Arthur Stedje, 93, longtime Hansford County farmer and rancher, passed away early Sunday morning, March 2nd, 2003 in Guymon, Oklahoma.

James was born September 2, 1909 in Leland, Iowa and was the son of Clara (Johnson) and Jens Michael Stedje. The Stedje family moved in 1921 to the Oslo community where he was engaged in farming and ranching. James served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a member of the 88th Infantry Division, 88th Signal Company in North Africa and Italy from 1942 to 1945. He was united in marriage to



Ada Joyce Spivey on February 3, 1946 at the Oslo Lutheran Church. Mr. Stedje served as treasurer of the Oslo Lutheran Church for 29 years. He was a past member of the Gruver School Board.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Ada Joyce Stedje of the home; daughter, Marilyn and husband, Jack Doege of Dallas, TX; two sons, Mike J. Stedje and wife, Judy and J. Lynn Stedje and wife, Jan, all of the Oslo community; eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Cora Knutson and Marie Stedje; and two brothers, Gordon Stedje and Clifford Stedje.

Funeral services were Wednesday afternoon, March 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the Oslo Lutheran Church with Pastor Paul Fiske, officiating. Interment followed in Oslo Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.

Memorials may be to the Oslo Lutheran Church and may be accepted at the church or at Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### Bereavement Support Group Begins

Hansford County Hospice is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group that will begin on March 17, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the parlor of the the Church of Christ in Spearman. This group is for anyone who has lost a loved one or friend. It is part of the on-going services provided by Hansford County Hospice. Please call 659-3244 or 659-3098 if you have any questions.

### AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions from February 4th through April 15th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, call 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit their web-site at [www.aarp.org/taxaide/](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide/), or contact Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

### Single Parenting Seminar - "In His Steps"

A special seminar will be held for single parents entitled "In His Steps." This seminar will offer hope and encouragement in building a healthy home. The seminar will be held Saturday, March 8, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Paramount Terrace Christian Church. The cost is \$10, and scholarships are available. Adult workshops will be offered as well as children sessions. Lunch will be provided. Child care is by reservation only. To RSVP, call Penny at 806-353-6615.

### Meet Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

Join Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs at an open forum on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 5 p.m. at First Bank Southwest, 115 South Main, Booker. Issues that are affecting Texas agriculture and rural communities will be discussed, including: the current legislative session, rural economic development, water, agricultural marketing, trade, labor and regulatory issues. For more information, contact John McFeran, TDA Producer Relations Specialist, at (512) 463-4879.

### Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2003 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises on Friday, May 23rd. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in the final "Class of 2003" memory, making this project special, please call Kristi Ramon, 659-3086 or Colleen Burkhammer, 659-2616. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Breast Cancer Survivors

In cooperation with the Amarillo Breast Health Coalition, Texas Cooperative Extension has a tremendous opportunity to increase awareness about the importance of breast health and early detection of breast cancer. If you are a breast cancer survivor and are willing to share your story, please call Peggy Winegarmer, Hansford County Extension Agent, at 659-4131 or 733-2901. We will share with you plans being made for "Modeling the Cure" and how you can be a part of this educational opportunity in Hansford County.

### Boy Scout Fundraiser

Harry Stumpf, financial chairman of the Spearman Boy Scouts, began the annual Boy Scout Fundraising Project on Monday, March 3, 2003. Donations may be mailed to: Boy Scouts, 301 W. 12th, Spearman, TX 79081.

### 55-Alive Defensive Driving Class

James Cunningham will teach a 55-Alive Defensive Driving Class on March 18th and 20th from 6-10 in the First State Bank Hospitality Room. This class is open to anyone age 50 or above. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required, and may be done by calling James Cunningham at 659-3549. Class fees are \$10. Class participants will be eligible for a 3-year 10% discount on their vehicle insurance.

### "Get To Know You Party"

The local Woman of Faith Bible Study Group is hosting a "Get To Know You Party" on Friday, March 14th at 7 p.m. at the Hungry Cowboy. All interested women are encouraged to come see what all the excitement is about! Call 659-1741 for more information.

### Rushing Wind Emmaus To Meet At Waka

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet on Saturday, March 8th at the Waka Christian Center in Waka. A potluck meal will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a praise and worship service. A sponsor's training will be given after the service, and a nursery will be provided. Friends, families and those interested in the Walk to Emmaus are welcome to attend.

### Texas Department of Health Immunization Clinic

An immunization clinic will offer vaccines that give protection against childhood diseases on March 17th from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m. at the Spearman school.

### You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

### Register Tapes for Education

The Spearman 7th and 8th Grade Gifted & Talented class will be accepting register tapes from Lowe's Marketplace from September 1, 2002 until March 31, 2003. These tapes will be turned into valuable and important educational equipment, free of charge, for the Spearman Junior High campus. Tapes may be given to any Spearman Junior High student, or may be taken to the Spearman Junior High office.

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 S. Roland, in Spearman on March 24, 2003.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All examinations are done by appointment only. Call (806)-356-1905 or toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

### Hansford County Library Memorial Fund Established

A Memorial Fund has been set up at the Hansford County Library for the purpose of purchasing a microfilm reader/printer for student & genealogy research at the library. If you would like to donate to this fund please contact Sheri Benton at 659-2231.

### "One on One" Computer Classes

Spearman ISD Community Resource Program is always searching for the next step in community education. To better target the needs of the community and the surrounding area, we have come up with "one on one" computer classes. When a customer needs a specific type of computer training, we simply match them to one of our computer instructors. Clients who cannot attend a regular class will appreciate this for its flexibility and focus. Simply by calling Cindy Blackman at the Community Resource Office, 659-3233, you can meet at your convenience with an instructor who will sit down with you and help with any application problems you are having. Class time can range from 1 hour to several sessions, depending on your needs and/or skill level. The cost for a 1-hour session is \$15.00. Instructors will be Lisa Short or Mandy Derington. If you want to learn about the computer at your own time, we can make that happen!

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### Engagement Announcement

Diana and Clemente Jr. DeLaCruz of Spearman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy DeLaCruz to Scott Vantine. Scott is the son of Marilyn and Ken Vantine.

Stacy is a 1998 graduate of Spearman High School. She is currently attending Weatherford College to further her nursing education. She is a nurse for Hansford Hospital District.

Scott is a 1998 graduate of Weatherford High School. He earned a mathematics degree with minors in computer science and coaching at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. He is a math teacher at Peaster Junior High in Peaster, Texas.

A June 7, 2003 wedding is planned at the First Christian Church in Spearman with a reception to follow. The couple will reside in Weatherford.



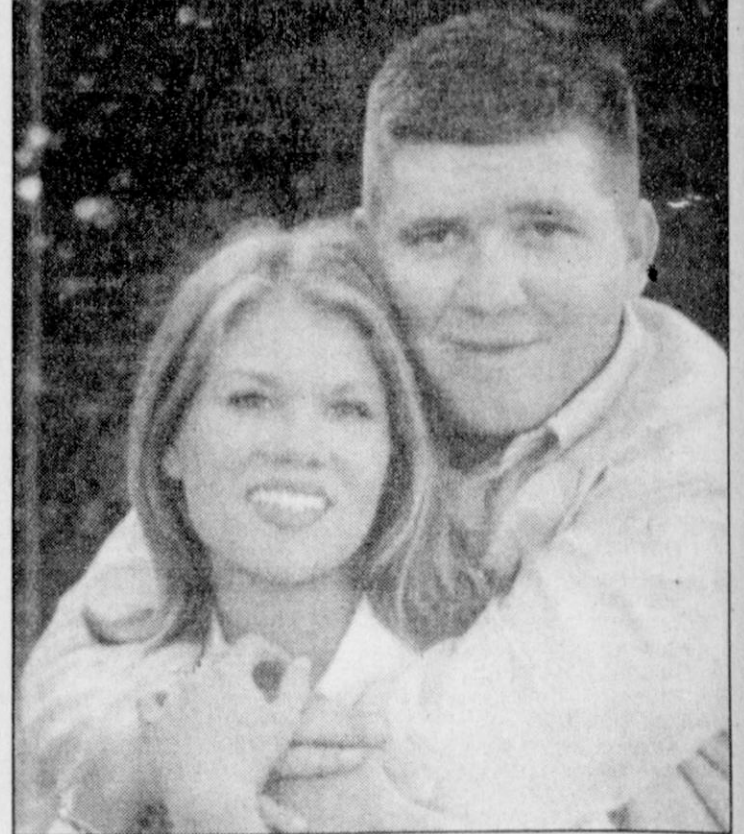
### Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Foster of Gruver wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kaisi Foster of Canyon, to Andy Cunningham of Gulf Breeze, Florida.

Kaisi received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from McMurry University, and a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. She is currently finishing work on a Master of Counseling degree, and serves as the Director of the Wesley Foundation at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Andy received a Bachelor of Arts in English and History from the University of Mississippi. He will receive a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in May of 2003. Andy is the Worship Leader and Youth Director at Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church.

The couple will marry on May 10, 2003 at Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo. They plan to reside in Gulf Breeze, Florida.



### Engagement Announcement

Billy and Joan Brown wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Brown to Adam Lowe. Adam is the son of Frank Lowe and Kay Lowe of Del Rio, Texas.

Ashley received her Bachelor's degree in Higher Performance Management with an emphasis on health and will graduate in May with her MBA/Health Organization Management from Texas Tech University. She is currently working at the Community Health Center in Lubbock as the Preventative Collaborative Coordinator.

Adam graduated from Texas Tech University in 2000 with a degree in Finance with an emphasis in Real Estate. He is presently employed with Alamosa PCS where he is the Commissions Administrator.

The wedding is set for June 14, 2003 at the First Baptist Church on Broadway in Lubbock, Texas. They plan to live in Lubbock.

### It's A Boy!

Cori Cook and Lindsey Brown announce the arrival of their new baby brother, Kyler Cloy Cook, born February 26, 2003 in Amarillo. Bob and Shelly Cook of Pampa are the proud parents. Happy grandparents are Lynn and Sharon Cook of Spearman and Jimmie Thompson of Pampa. Cloy and Mary Long of Miami are the proud great-grandparents.

### Hansford Hospice Met

Hansford Hospice Volunteers met on Monday, February 10, 2003, at the First State Bank Community Room in Spearman.

President Verna Lee Shirley called the meeting to order. Carolyn Hicks introduce Peggy Winegarner who gave a very informative program on Food Safety and gave tips on preparing food for Hospice families and

patients. The minutes were read and approved. The Hospice conference in Albuquerque was discussed. It will be March 14-16.

Verna Lee Shirley reported on the Hospice Minister's class in Amarillo.

It was discussed that the Volunteers are interested in the program presented by the

American Cancer Society representative on driving patients to Amarillo for treatment. It was discussed that we check into the training for this program.

It was reported that the Bereavement Class is now meeting and that there will be nine sessions.

Carolyn Hicks reported that Glenda Renner will present the March program. It will be entitled "Learning to Forgive." The program will be in Gruver at the El Vaquero Restaurant, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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### Agency Proposed Actions for the Foundation School Program to Reach Available General Revenue

The following actions are proposed to reduce the appropriations required from General Revenue for the foundation School Program Equalized Operations Strategy:

- Lower the basic allotment to \$2467 (currently \$2537) and lower the equalized wealth level to \$300,500 (currently \$305,00)
- Eliminate funding for the New Instruction Facilities Allotment
- Eliminate funding for declines in average daily attendance
- Avoid overpayments in 2005
- Eliminate funding for the \$10K additional exemption hold harmless
- Eliminate funding for the 1999 salary increase transition
- Eliminate funding for the state aid gain hold harmless

Statutory changes would be needed in the following areas:

- Amend Texas Education Code (TEC) §42.101 to reduce the basic allotment
- Amend TEC §41.002 to reduce the equalized wealth level
- Amend TEC §42.2522 and §42.2531 to allow the avoidance of overpayment to be recovered as savings to the state.

Remaining reductions in funding would be imposed by either rider or amendment of general law. This proposal would reduce general state aid or increase recapture repayments in all school districts. In addition, several school districts would be impacted more significantly through the elimination of funding for various hold harmless programs. There are 485 districts that receive some assistance for the 1997 change in the homestead exemption, although half of those districts receive less than \$10,000. There are 234 districts receiving 1999 salary transition assistance, although nearly half of those districts receive less than \$10,000. There are approximately 200 school districts receiving state aid gain hold harmless.

At this level of state aid, the percentage of state funding would likely decline further to about 38%. The funding reduction would be equivalent to about 12,000 professional staff positions in school districts, although school districts would have substantial flexibility in how they accommodated the reduced state support. Other expenses could be reduced, or local taxes could be increased in some cases. Approximately biennial value of each action described above is:

Lower the basic allotment to \$2467 and lower the equalized wealth level to \$300,500	\$725,000,000
Eliminate funding for the New Instruction Facilities Allotment	\$50,000,000
Eliminate funding for declines in average daily attendance	\$22,000,000
Avoid overpayments in 2005	\$300,000,000
Eliminate funding for the \$10K additional exemption hold harmless	\$118,000,000
Eliminate funding for the 1999 salary increase transition	\$88,000,000
Eliminate funding for the state aid gain hold harmless	\$58,000,000

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

The Texas Legislature is one-third through the course of this session. School finance continues to make headlines. At Legislators' request the Texas Education Agency constructed a proposal that would reduce appropriations required from the General Revenue for the Foundation School Fund. The proposal cuts the State's share of public school funding to a mere 38%.

Public schools cannot slash their budgets anymore. By law many districts cannot raise the local tax any higher. Taxpayers cannot remain silent on this issue or the Capitol will see TEA's proposal as an acceptable way to reduce their budget by \$1.361 billion. Contact your friends and representatives at the state level. It's time for the State to step up to the plate and fund Texas public schools.

Sincerely,  
Kent Hargis

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by Dorothy Hudson

Max Taylor and Charlie Laxton with a recent catch.

Lake Level--March 3, 2003--28.98 feet

The series of cold fronts made for another quiet week at the Lake. Maybe the fishing will pick up this coming week if we get the predicted warmer weather.

Jim counted 14 eagles twice. We can expect them to migrate soon. There are more ducks and a very small number of geese.



### Engagement Announcement

Albert and Sheila LaRochelle of Townshend, Vermont, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alisha Lynn LaRochelle to John Nicholas Danchak of Lewisville, Texas. John is the son of Nicholas and Virginia Danchak, also of Lewisville, Texas.

Alisha is a 1994 graduate of Spearman High School. She graduated magna cum laude from Texas Christian University in 1998 with a degree in Broadcast Journalism and went on to attend Texas Tech University School of Law. She received her J.D. magna cum laude in 2001. She is currently a litigation associate at the Dallas office of Jackson Walker L.L.P.

John is a 1992 graduate of Lewisville High School. Like Alisha, John attended Texas Christian University. He received his B.B.A. in marketing from TCU in 1996.

John and Alisha will be married on March 22, 2003, at Las Colinas Country Club in Irving, Texas. Following the wedding, the couple will reside in Dallas, Texas.

### Thank You

The family of Paula Avila would like to thank all their friends for the food, cards, flowers, visits and prayers during our recent loss. Thank you so much to our Sacred Heart Catholic Church family for the rosary and funeral dinner. What a blessing all of you are. We can't thank Hansford Manor and Hospice enough for the wonderful care that Paula received during her 10 years at the Manor. The community of Spearman once again showed their wonderful caring spirit. May God bless all of you. Joe Avila; Rudy & Carol Avila & Family; Raul & Lydia Franco & Family; Roy & Molly Avila & Family; Joey & Wendy Avila & Family; Albert Avila & Family; Alfred & Cindy Avila & Family

### Thank You

The family of Bertha Brown would like to express a sincere thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers, food, memorials and acts of kindness shown during our recent loss. We would like to thank the First United Methodist Church for the wonderful meal and services. We would like to extend a special thank you to the Hansford Manor and Hansford Hospital for the care Bertha received. Doug & Cathy Brown & Family; Wes & Pat Brown & Family; Kathi Smith & Family

### Thank You

What a great place to live! Thanks to so many who visited with my recent necessity of needing your assistance. Your care and concern plus professionalism was top-notch. We'll be eternally grateful.

Norman & Holly Brack

### Thank You

Thank you for the cards, gifts, flowers, prayers, food and visits while I was in the hospital and after I came home. Thank you to the nurses and doctors of the care they have given me.

With love,  
Christina Babitzke

### LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges, if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not-recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$ .99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

### AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con setecientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto, para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporales no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporales. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carhel

## Spring Break Nears

Gruver schools will enjoy a spring break March 10 through March 14. School will resume Monday, March 17.

## GJHS Citizens of the Six Weeks

Gruver Junior High has announced citizens of the fourth six weeks. The students were chosen for exemplifying the qualities necessary to being a good citizen of proper attitude, self-motivation, friendliness and the drive to succeed.

Honored were fifth grader Allen Chambers, sixth grader Lynn Vela, seventh grader Yadira Garcia, and eighth grader Lauren Urban.

## McLain Continues Winning Ways

Buster McLain placed fifth at the Indoor Big Twelve Conference Meet in Lincoln, Nebraska over the weekend with a vault of 17 feet.

McLain and his fellow Texas Tech pole vaulters did well, placing four vaulters in the top eight at the meet.

McLain will compete in Iowa this weekend.

## Condolences Extended

The community is mourning the loss of two members of the Gruver area who have played a part in its legacy and heritage: James Stedje and Faye Cluck.

Mr. Stedje died early Sunday morning, and his memorial service was at the Oslo Lutheran Church on Wednesday.

He and his wife Ada Joyce were noted for their devotion to each other, their family, and the Oslo and Gruver communities.

Faye Cluck passed away Monday, March 3.

Her service will be Thursday, March 5, in the Gruver Baptist Church. Mrs. Cluck was a gracious lady who was active in school, civic and church activities.

Services for Buck Tidwell's aunt were held in Sayre, Oklahoma Wednesday, March 5.

Pat Barkley's mother Mary Griffin, passed away February 20, 2003, in Amarillo.

## Save Those Box Tops and Labels

Gruver Elementary is collecting Campbell's Soup labels and General Mills Box Tops for Education to be used to purchase

school items.

The labels and box tops may be placed in a box outside the elementary office.

## Former Resident Update

Jennifer (Anderson) Morris was in attendance at the state basketball tourney. She and her four children live in Seminole where she is a teacher and a seventh grade girls coach.

Former Gruver coach Glenn Hallam and his wife Kay were also at the state tourney. Hallam is coaching both boys and girls at a Class A school. The Hallam's son Lance is a student at Lubbock Christian College where he is majoring in math to be a high school teacher and coach.

Janice and Darrell Harvey were in attendance at the Gruver game in Austin. The Harvey's drove three hours to see the Lady Hounds play.

## 'Jump Rope' Rescheduled

Due to the Lady Hounds' playing at the state basketball tournament last week, the Jump Rope for Heart has been rescheduled for Friday, March 7, with kindergarten through second grade from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. and third and fourth grades from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

## Gruver Good Guys Named

A group of young ladies have been nominated for the Gruver Good Guy Award. In their nomination, the Gruver citizen stated that the Gruver High cheerleaders have gone beyond the call of duty in their support of the Lady Hounds.

"They have encouraged our team in countless ways behind the scenes. They even decorated the players' rooms and doors at the state tourney. They have been outstanding," the nominator said.

For their dedication and selfless contribution, Gruver salutes Gruver High School cheerleaders Bryn Lowe, Kristina Christian, Meagan Knight, Jenny Hart, Julie May, Sammi Johnson, and their advisor Rhonda Ward.

## Lady Hounds Take Silver in State Meet

The Lady Hounds fell just short of a state championship with a 47-52 loss to LaPoyner Thursday in Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

Leading for three quarters of the game, injuries and fouls plagued the Lady Hounds in the fourth quarter and gave LaPoyner the margin of victory.

Finishing the season with a 30 and 3 record, the Lady Hounds became the first girls team in school history to compete in the UIL state championship basketball game.

Each member of the team, the coaches, and managers were presented silver medals by the Texas UIL at the conclusion of their game.

Members of the team are Amy Watley, Lisa Johnson, Teal Armes, Brandi Griffin, Meagan Knight, Ashleigh Sherrill, Blythe Finley, Ashleigh Grotegut, Christi Clift, and Cassie Myatt. They were under the direction of Head Coach Steve Myatt and assistant coaches Jim Davis and Wynn Essler. Team managers are Madeline Reed, Christie McDowell, and Katie Jones.

Playing their final game for Gruver were Johnson, Clift, Griffin, Sherrill, and Watley.

The Gruver community salutes the 2003 State Silver Medalists, the Gruver Lady Hounds!

## Lady Hounds Are Unique

Last week I received a call from the Austin American Statesman newspaper.

"What is something special or unique about the Gruver Lady Hounds?" a reporter asked.

Hurriedly material was gathered and sent to the paper. Printed in the Austin paper were these "specialties." The Gruver Lady Hounds are possibly the smartest team in the tournament with each girl on the team having an A average.

Two members of the team have had a parent on a state championship team, Amy Watley whose mother Sheila Patterson Watley was a member of the 72 and 73

Spearman Lynxette state championship team and Cassie Myatt whose dad Steve Myatt was a member of the Dimmitt Bobcat state championship team in 1975.

Gruver's usual way of sending off teams for big games is a semi-truck salute where farmers and ranchers bring their rigs to town and line Highway 136 on both sides. As the school bus passes through the "honor guard," the drivers blare their air horns.

Since the tournament another interesting fact has been discovered, Teal Armes and both of her brothers, Brant and Bray, have played in the basketball state championship tournament.

## Armes Sustains Injury in Game

Teal Armes suffered badly stretched ligaments in her ankle during the fourth quarter of the state championship game. She was benched briefly for what was thought a turned ankle, but at a strategic time late in the game, her ankle was taped and she was able to return to the game.

Seconds after Armes' injury, Brandi Griffin was sidelined with an injury leaving Gruver without the services of both players during a crucial period.

## Tournament Tidbits and Trivia

Teal Armes was number two on the list of top rebounders in the Austin American-Statesman on Friday, February 28, following the first day of state tournament play.

Armes had 10 rebounds during the LaPoyner game. At this time, it is unknown if Armes was on the top ten list following the Friday and Saturday games. Even so, Armes' efforts deserve acclaim.

The correct name for the school that Gruver played in the state championship game is LaPoyner. It is a consolidated school district composed of LaRue and Poyner. LaPoyner has been to the state tourney for eight years with their win this year giving them their first state championship.

Other teams in addition to Gruver that made their first

appearance were Hedley, Schulenburg, and Hightower High Schools. The team appearing the most times at previous tournaments this year was Canyon with 18 state trips.

Gruver, 557 miles from Austin, was the team who came the furthest to the game.

Priddy, who beat Hedley to take the Class A, Division II championship and then defeated LaPoyner to claim the Texas Cup title, has a high school enrollment of 34, a population of 215, and is the smallest school in Texas playing girls basketball.

The Priddy team was quite interesting. With ten girls on the team and five others working with the team, virtually, if not all, the female students of Priddy were involved in basketball.

Three starters on the team were sisters. The Hoertz sisters consisted of a senior, a sophomore, and a freshman.

Two other sisters were on the team, and one player had the last name of Priddy.

## Talk of the Town

Sitting away from the Gruver cheering section in the area reserved for the press at the state tourney, I was privy to several interesting comments by those around me who did not know I was from Gruver.

One group commented on the excellent support the Lady Hounds received from the high school boys. A group of boys on the front row of the cheering section wore T-shirts that spelled out "State bound." The young men chanted words of encouragement and support throughout the game.

Another comment was made on Gruver's cute mascot.

The mascot was Jessica Schmidt who was wearing a Greyhound costume of the professional quality seen at other schools. Jessica's costume, however, was created and made by the young lady herself as a 4-H project.

Several years ago Greyhound Mothers inquired into a Greyhound mascot costume only to learn the cost was nearly \$1,000.

## PANHANDLE PLANNER

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### CPR Class To Be Offered At OPSU

Guymon Red Cross will be offering a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class to the general public on March 12, 2003 at Oklahoma Panhandle State University. Classes to attain initial certification will be held from 8 to 11 a.m. The recertification class will run from 1 to 3 p.m. Both classes will take place in the ballroom of the Student Union Building and the cost is \$15 per person, certification or recertification. Students will also learn the new Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Protocol. PreEnrollment will be in the Student Health Clinic, Room 2 of the Student Union, or call 580-349-1434 and speak to Peggy Sutton.

### Meet Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

Join Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs at an open forum on Thursday, March 13, 2003 at 5 p.m. at First Bank Southwest, 115 South Main, Booker. Issues that are affecting Texas agriculture and rural communities will be discussed, including: the current legislative session, rural economic development, water, agricultural marketing, trade, labor and regulatory issues. For more information, contact John McFerrin, TDA Producer Relations Specialist, at (512) 463-4879.

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However, due to financial strains, Kid's Korner, Inc. can not continue to function and will close March 14, 2003 at 6 p.m. It is with much regret that this must happen, but the Board believes there is no alternative. It has been a privilege to serve Spearman and the surrounding area with quality daycare.

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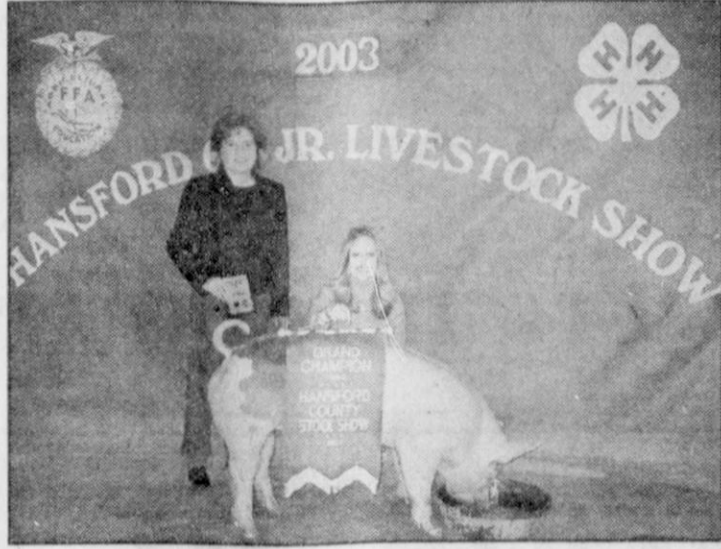
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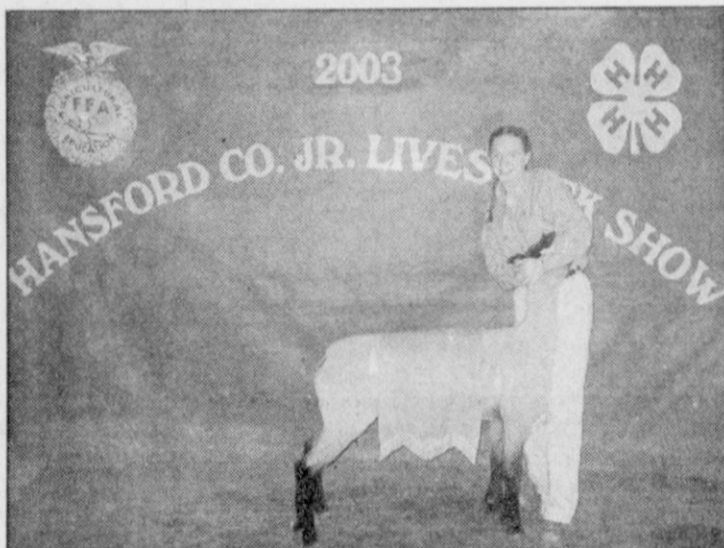
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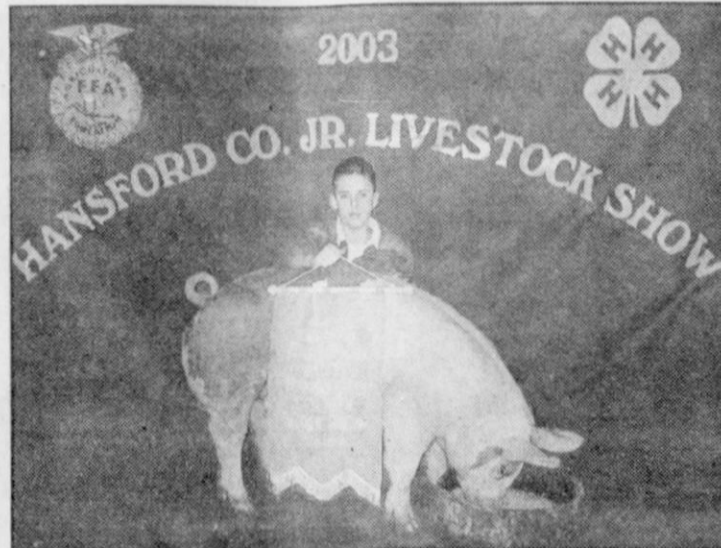
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# Gruver Falls to LaPoynor; Takes Silver Medal

The free throw line was the winner's circle for LaPoynor who took a 52-47 win and state title from the Lady Hounds at Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

After leading for three quarters by as many as 10 points, the Lady Hounds saw their advantage lost in a three point shot by LaPoynor at 3:20 in the final period.

With both team scoring only a basket each in the final three minutes, LaPoynor sank seven of eight free throws to Gruver's four of six free throws.

LaPoynor's Sarah Hilton was four of four at the line while Sha Shead was three of four in the final three minutes of play.

Gruver missed four of five shots (three three-pointers) in the decisive three minutes. Gruver's lone basket in the declining fourth quarter was a Lisa Johnson put back followed by a free throw.

While LaPoynor led Gruver in shooting percentage 44.4 to 39.1 in the first half of play and 40 to 30.4 in the second half, Gruver made 11 points on turnovers in the first quarter to LaPoynor's one, and six points in the second quarter to the Flyers' two.

Even though the Lady Hounds led by as much as 9 at the midpoint of the third quarter, LaPoynor was able to convert turnovers into three points while Gruver points on turnovers fell off from the first half to two points.

In the fatal fourth quarter, LaPoynor made nine points on turnovers as Gruver scored four points on turnovers.

LaPoynor opened the first quarter by scoring a quick opening basket, but the Lady Hounds retaliated with back-to-back three pointers, one by Christi Clift and one by Amy Watley.

At mid-quarter, Gruver led 9-4 when a charge was called on Brandi Griffin who countered seconds later with a three point play before both teams exchanged a round of turnovers.

Griffin picked up her second foul at the opening of the second period. Post Lisa Johnson, who was called for fouls at the six and five minute mark, sandwiched a steal and layup between calls. Amy Watley encoered with another steal and layup.

Griffin tallied five points late in the period with an outside jumper and a three point shot from a assist by Christi Clift.

A lay up by Flyer Courtney Shead in the final seconds cut Gruver's margin to eight. A steal and miracle shot at the two second mark by teammate Samantha Tobin diced Gruver's one-time 10 point lead to six (28 - 22) at the half.

Gruver, tough on defense and the boards, in the first half of the third quarter, built their lead to 9 (31-22) at 4:45 before their momentum stalled. While LaPoynor racked up seven points in the next two minutes, Gruver added only two to its total for the quarter.

Another blow for the Lady Hounds was a fourth foul call on Johnson near mid period, sending her to the bench. Two turnovers

and three missed shots left Gruver with a narrow four-point lead to end the period.

After an early basket in the fourth quarter by Clift, the Lady Hounds' were stone cold for nearly three minutes while the Flyers scored seven - two goals and three free throws - to move ahead for the first time since the opening basket of the game, 38-37.

Baskets by Watley and Griffin put Gruver back in the lead until LaPoynor's three point goal at 3:20, gave the Flyers' the fourth lead change of the quarter and an edge they never relinquished.

The largest margin LaPoynor held in the game was the final score. In free throw statistics, LaPoynor led in both percentage and number of free throws. The Flyers shot 6 of 8 free throws in the first half, 75 %, and 13 of 14 in

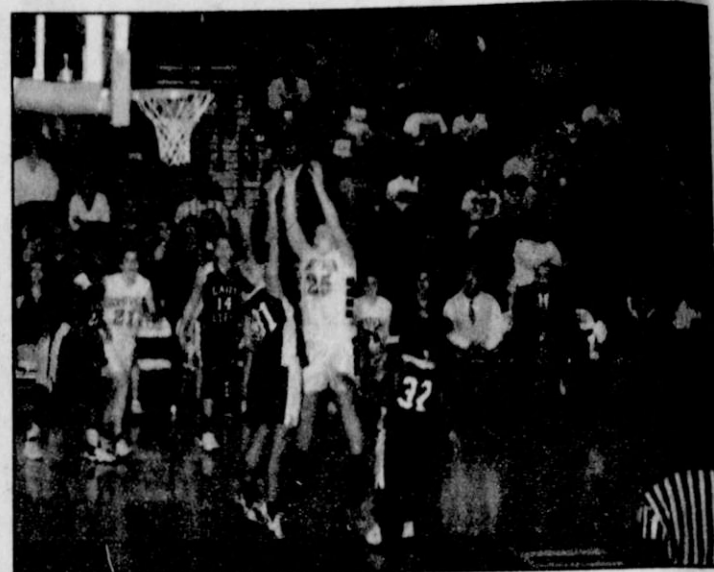
the last half with an impressive 92.9 percentage.

Gruver shot 7 of 10 free throws in the first half for 70 %, and 5 of 8 in the last quarter, 62.5 %.

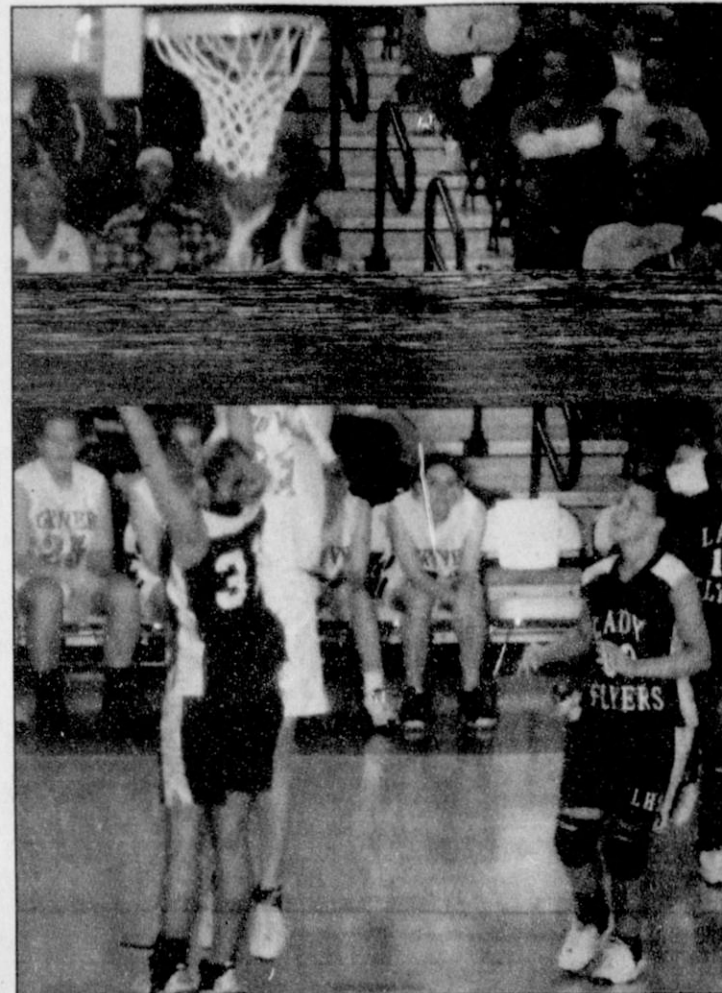
Individual Statistics: Teal Armes - 1 of 7 field goals, 4 of 7 free throws, 6 points total, 10 rebounds, 2 steals, 27 minutes of play; Christi Clift - 2 of 6 field goals, 0 of 0 free throws, 5 points total, 3 rebounds, 2 assists, 22 minutes of play; Amy Watley - 4 of 8 field goals, 4 of 7 free throws, 13 total points, 3 rebounds, 1 steal, 2 assist, 30 minutes of play; Lisa Johnson - 4 of 9 field goals, 4 of 4 free throws, 12 points total, 6 rebounds, 1 block, 4 steals, 23 minutes of play; Cassie Myatt - 1 of 6 field goals, 0 of 0 free throws, 2 total points, 2 assists, 5 rebounds, 30 minutes of play; Brandi Griffin - 4 of 10 field goals, 0 of 0 free

throws, 9 points total, 4 rebounds, 4 steals, 3 assists, 19 minutes of play; Blythe Finley - 0 of 0 field goals, 0 of 0 free throws, 0 total points, 9 minutes of play.

Final Records: Gruver - 30 wins, 3 losses; LaPoynor - 32 wins, 6 losses



Lisa Johnson takes a shot during the state championship game against LaPoynor last Thursday in Austin. Photo by Charlie Johnson



Amy Watley goes for two points during the state championship game against LaPoynor in Austin last Thursday. The Lady Hounds won 2nd place in the state tournament. Photo by Charlie Johnson

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