

McFarlin Marks 25 Years As Sheriff



Sheriff R.L. McFarlin

by Harletta Carthel

Hansford County Sheriff R.L. McFarlin recently marked a quarter of a century as sheriff of Hansford County.

McFarlin's association with law enforcement in the county began in February of 1967 when he was named deputy under Sheriff J.B. Cook. Following Sheriff Cook's death in 1973, McFarlin was selected from twelve candidates to succeed as the county's top peace officer and was sworn into office on September 24, 1973.

McFarlin's career in law enforcement dates back to 1962 when, following three years in military service, he returned to his hometown of Dumas to serve in the Dumas Police Department, then, as an undercover officer in the South Plains before becoming chief of police in Canadian from August 1970 to December 1972.

Since that time, McFarlin has distinguished himself among law enforcement officers. In 1985-86, he served as President of the Texas Sheriffs Association, and in 1988-89, he headed the Texas Panhandle Peace Officers Association. He was the 1989 recipient of the Tom Tellepsen Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Texas Sheriff. His department has five times been awarded the grand jury's commendation.

In his tenure, McFarlin states the crime rate and type of crimes in the county has not changed to any degree. He, however, notes that the age of perpetrators has decreased. The greatest change he has observed has been in the areas of officer training and the use of technology.

"The education and training of law enforcement officers has increased 100 fold" Thanks to the Texas commission on Law Enforcement and Standards, officers are knowledgeable and well-prepared to begin service. With many new laws and regulations affecting law enforcement, officers must be well-prepared when they assume duty.

Technology used in law enforcement has shown the most drastic changes. When Sheriff McFarlin began his duties in Hansford County, the sheriff's office had only a single telephone and one radio. Information often took a week or more to receive, but with the advent of computers and related technology, obtaining information and records is now nearly instantaneous.

When asked to relate a memorable case in his tenure, McFarlin relates details of the "Junkyard Murder" which occurred in the late 1970's. The case involved two brothers and a third unrelated man. The brothers killed a man who was out on bond himself for murder. Their plan was to put the body in a wrecked car and crush it with the business's car crusher and then bury the car. However, when the car crusher refused to work due to a faulty battery, the unrelated man informed McFarlin's office of the crime. The details he gave were greatly distorted, and when Sheriff McFarlin, his officers and additional officers made their mover rather than finding heavily armed and belligerent men, they found one brother passed out in the yard and the other passed out in a bed in the business's office.

When the case went to trial, one brother was released on a technicality. The man's freedom was short-lived, though, as he was killed in a car/truck accident in Fort Worth the following day.

The Hansford County Sheriff's Department currently has three deputies and five employees who work as either jailers or dispatchers.

McFarlin and his wife Kaye have been married for 37 years. They are both graduates of Dumas High School. Kaye is the nursing supervisor of Hansford Hospital.

The couple has two children Kellye Cator of rural Amarillo and Robbie Lynn Pulley, also of Amarillo and six grandsons. Their son Greg died at age nine. A memorial in his name, the Greg McFarlin/Max Banks Texas Lawman of the Year, honors an outstanding lawman each year at the Texas Sheriff's Association's annual meeting.

As Sheriff McFarlin begins a new milestone in his career, he states that the satisfaction of helping other people has been and continues to be his greatest reward.

P-MCISD Recognized

Pringle-Morse Consolidated I.S.D. has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency for successfully educating its migrant students.

TEA's Division of Migrant Education has selected Pringle-Morse School as a winner of the 1998 Excelling Award, given to school campuses and school districts that had high TAAS

passing rates among their migrant students. Statewide, 73 school districts and 391 campuses are receiving this recognition.

Each year the Migrant State Conference Planning Committee discusses and selects the criteria for district and campus awards. The committee includes state, regional and district migrant educators.



Spearman City Manager "Roberta" (Robert Patrick) is pictured above with Perryton City Manager "Daisy" (David Landis) as they make their way to the Spearman/Perryton football game on Friday night, October 2nd. The City Managers dressed as cheerleaders for the First Annual Sister City Tailgate Party & Feed. This year's event was held in Spearman, with approximately 450 people attending from both communities.

Hansford Hospice Seminar

Hansford Hospice will host a stress seminar entitled "Coping with Loss and Stress During Holiday's" on Monday, October 19, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. The seminar will be presented by Dr. John Southern.

Dr. Southern is a licensed professional counselor. He served as Coordinator of Bereavement Counseling for 6 years at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo. He has been in private practice for 15

years at West Pine Psychiatric Services, and is also a consultant for Hospice of the Panhandle in Pampa.

For those who have lost someone through death or divorce, all holidays can be very difficult. Therefore, Dr. Southern will give suggestions for making these times less stressful. Dr. Southern welcomes questions and dialogue during his presentations.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Brock Continues Swimming Career

Janna Brock was recently invited to participate in the 1999 World University Games in Palma de Mallorca, Spain to be held July 4-9. The National team will travel to Spain on June 24 and return to the US on July 10.

Janna was recently named "All America" for having one of the top swims in the US in the 200 breast.

She received an invitation to

participate in a National team meet in Chicago in November and will be part of an autograph session for the "Make a Wish Foundation" taking place in Michael Jordan's restaurant.

She also received an invitation to compete in the US OPEN and the WORLD CUP meet, which will take place in College Station in early 1999.

Ferguson Wins Contest

Christen Ferguson of Hansford County took first place at the District 1 4-H Better Bake Show conducted September 19 at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

The Better Bake Show co-sponsors are the Tri-State Fair, Texas Wheat Producers Association of Amarillo and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

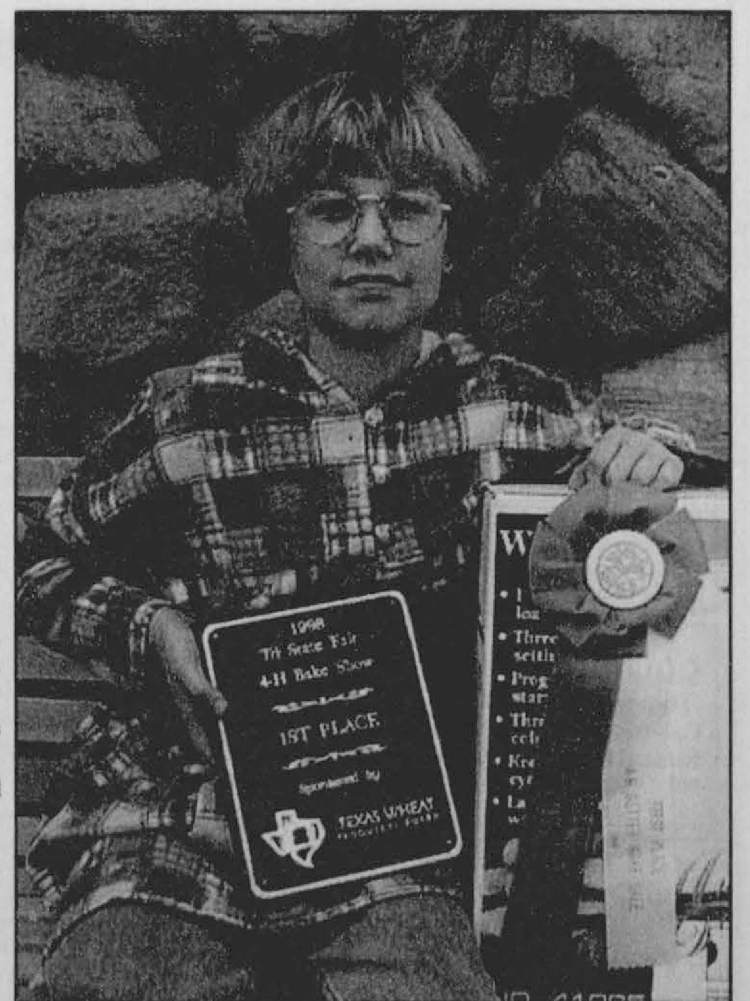
Christen received a rosette and bread machine from the Tri-State Fair and a plaque from the Texas Wheat Producers Association.

The bake show promotes the use of wheat, which is one of the Panhandle's leading agricultural

commodities. In addition, 4-H members have learned the techniques necessary to make nutritious and delicious baked products from wheat flour as well as the importance

Of grain products in a healthy diet, according to information from Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent--Family and Consumer Sciences.

For the contest, 4-H members prepared a yeast roll recipe of their choice. Products were evaluated on appearance, color, moisture content, texture, lightness, flavor and nutrition.



Christen Ferguson

FB To Hold County Convention

Hansford County Farm Bureau will hold their annual county convention on Saturday, October 10, 1998, at the Gruver High School Cafeteria in Gruver, beginning at 7:00 p.m. A meal will be furnished. Speaker for the

evening will be Gene Hall, of Texas Farm Bureau in Waco, Director of Information and Public Relations. All members are invited to attend. (The meeting has been changed from the Golden Age Center to the Gruver High School Cafeteria.)

Laugh and Live



by Gary C. Smith
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I do not remember when, but sometime in my past, I listed some want ads that had been printed in other newspapers. I was asked about this during this past week, so I decided to give some of them to you again.

Actual Want ads

- Illiterate? Write today for free help.
- Auto Repair Service. Free pick-up and delivery. Try us once, you'll never go anywhere again.
- Tired of cleaning yourself? Let me do it.
- Our experienced Mom will care for your child. Fenced yard, meals, and smacks included.
- Stock up and save. Limit: one.
- Semi-Annual after-Christmas Sale
- 3-year old teacher needed for preschool. Experience preferred.
- Girl wanted to assist magician in cutting-off-head illusion. Blue Cross and salary.
- Dinner Special -- Turkey \$2.35; Chicken or Beef \$2.25; Children \$2.00
- For sale: antique desk suitable for lady with thick legs and large drawers
- Have several very old dresses from grandmother in beautiful condition.
- Vacation Special: have your home exterminated. Get rid of aunts. Zap does the job in 24 hours.
- Man, honest. Will take anything.
- Used Cars: Why go elsewhere to be cheated. Come here first.
- Christmas tag-sale. Handmade gifts for the hard-to-find person.
- Wanted. Man to take care of cow that does not smoke or drink.
- Wanted. Widower with school age children requires person to assume general housekeeping duties. Must be capable of contributing to growth of family.

P.S. This Tuesday night I really wanted to watch a special on ABC called "The Power of Belief," but I was working late on the newspaper and missed it. If any of you happen to have a recording of it, please let me know. Thank you very much. GCS

Until Next Time,
May God Bless
GCS

50th Anniversary Celebration

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Burke of Spearman celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with friends and family in the reception room at the First State Bank in Spearman. Hosting the event were the couple's children and their spouses. Bob married the former Wanda Jean Stewart on September 25, 1948 in Borger, TX. The couple has resided in Spearman for 50 years.

Bob was the owner of the Corner Service Station until he retired in August 1996. Wanda has been a homemaker. They are members of the Union Church in Spearman. Children of the couple and their spouses are Ron and Sally Burke of Dumas, TX; Sandi and Charles Clements of Pampa, TX; and Terry and DeNelda Burke of Hobbs, NM. The couple has two granddaughters and four grandsons.

Days To Celebrate 50th

On October 24, 1998, Glenn and June Day will observe their 50th year of marriage. Although they recently moved from Spearman to San Angelo, they spent almost 40 years in Spearman and still consider it home. Their family is putting together a book of letters to present to them. If you would like to participate in this celebration by contributing a personal letter, you are invited to do so. Please mail the letter to Carrol G. Day, 11606 Creekhurst, Houston, TX 77099. Please mail by October 20, 1998, so that the letters can be included in the book.

Thank You

There are no words that can express our gratitude for the love and care that was shown to our family during the recent loss of our loved one, Pablo Perez III. We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, flowers, cards, wonderful food, and for being by our side in this time of need. We pray God will bless each and everyone of you. Thank you to the people in the community of Gruver, Spearman, and Perryton. May God Bless everyone of you.

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Wesley UMC 18th Annual Festival Of Arts & Crafts
Wesley United Methodist Church will be hosting its 18th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts, December 5, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Community Center in Hereford. Only a limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10.00. Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045, or call (806) 364-0774.

Becky Porter Memorial Fund Established
The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department has established a memorial fund in memory of Becky Porter at the First National Bank and First State Bank. Anyone wishing to make donations is encouraged to do so.

Brian Shaner Medical Fund
A fund has been established for Brian Shaner at First National Bank in Spearman to help defray medical costs. Donations may be mailed to First National Bank, c/o Brian Shaner Medical Fund, Box 337, Spearman, TX 79081.

Panhandle Crisis Center
The Panhandle Crisis Center offers services free of charge to men or women who are victims of domestic violence, whether physical or verbal. The Panhandle Crisis Center offers counseling, support, and information to these victims, plus a shelter to those who feel themselves to be in danger at home. Help is available 24 hours a day, at 435-5008. For more information, call from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For those who must call long distance, the toll-free number is 1-800-753-5308.

Win A Handmade Quilted Wall Hanging
A beautiful wall hanging was handmade by the ladies of the Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center and will be given away on December 17, 1998. Chances are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. All proceeds will go to the Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center. To see the wall hanging or purchase tickets, please come by the center at 502 S. Brandt, or ask any participating member.

9th Annual Mini Bazaar
The Ninth Annual Mini Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 24, 1998 at the Ochiltree County Exposition building in Perryton, TX, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 8 ft. by 8 ft. spaces are still available for \$15.00 per space until October 1st. After October 1st they will be \$20.00. We invite you to join us. Mark your calendars and plan now to join us for some early Christmas shopping or just something nice for yourself. For information call: 806-435-4515, 806-435-2104, 806-435-3893, 806-435-3874 or Linda at 806-659-3888.

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Hansford Hospice Volunteer Training Course
Hansford Hospice is offering a 30 hour Hospice Volunteer Training Course beginning Tuesday, October 20th. The class is being offered through Frank Phillips College and will be taught by Karen Thompson. The cost will be \$37.50 per person. To sign up, or for more information, call 659-2535, extension 3107.

Khiva Shriners State Band From Amarillo
The Gruver Music Club is sponsoring a performance by the Khiva Shriners Stage Band with Joel Lackey and former Gruver band director Damon Ladd. The performance will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gruver High School Auditorium. The public is encouraged to attend. There is no charge for admission, but donations for travel will be accepted at the door.

Rushing Wind Emmaus To Meet At Waka Christian Center
Rushing Wind Emmaus will be held on Saturday, October 10, at 7 p.m. at the Waka Christian Center in Waka. An agape meal will be served at 7 p.m. followed with praise, singing, worship, and communion. The services are ecumenical and members of all churches in the area are invited to participate. A nursery will be provided.

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Hansford Hospice will host a stress seminar entitled "Coping with Loss and Stress During Holidays" on Monday, October 19, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. The seminar will be presented by Dr. John Southern. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Red Cross Schedules Course
The American Red Cross will conduct a Community First Aid and Safety course on October 19th and 20th at the Ochiltree County Courthouse, in the first floor break room. The adult CPR portion of the class will be held October 19th from 6-10 p.m. The infant and child CPR portion will be October 20th from 6-7:30 p.m., with first aid from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up call the Red Cross office weekday mornings at 435-8024.

Spearman Boy Scout Leadership Needed
The Spearman Community Boy Scout program is in need of volunteer leadership. Leadership is needed in all levels of scouting; Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Explorers. If you are willing to help in any of these programs, please contact any of the following persons: Don Reed, Troop Committee Chairperson - Office: (806) 659-2596, Home: (806) 659-2891, FAX: (806) 659-9814; Randall Sauer - Office: (806) 659-5565, Home: (806) 659-3275, FAX: (806) 659-5292; Loyall Turner - Office: (806) 659-3165, Home: (806) 659-3134, FAX: (806) 659-5357.

Children With "Special Needs"
Do you know of a child age 3 through 21 who does not learn easily and is not in school? Call the special education director in your school district, Marsha Murphy at 435-4412, Mike Lee at 658-4559, Rex Reeples at 624-2221, or Mollie Howell at 653-2301.

Are You A Potential Community Education Instructor?
Do you have a talent or skill you would like to share? Call Cindy Blackman, Community Resource Director, at 659-3233. The goal is to bring people together who want to share learning experiences with one another. Subjects like genealogy, computer, cooking, sponge painting, or any other fun and/or educational activity have been requested.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Anyone who has ever made a trip has hopes for plans to work out, congenial associate, leisurely driving, good weather, time to stop to at any place or when any thing appeals, no dead lines - the ideal trip. Exactly the 3500 mile trip just concluded by Helen Etter and Maxine Vernon on Thursday.

On Monday, September 14, Maxine flew here from Springerville, California, and after she visited relatives and friends, she and Helen left on Thursday.

They drove north and west to Salt Lake City, both were very sensitive to the variety and beauty of that part of the U.S. After three days of touring the places of interest, Temple Square, etc., they drove farther north. They were impressed by the clean, well kept appearance of every town in Utah.

West to Boise, Idaho they explored the Snake River Canyons, before eventually reaching Portland, Oregon. Taking the sea coast roads and absorbing the Oceanic atmosphere they reached Coos Bay, then turned east. They noted that motels were few - there were long stretches of highway with few towns. At Eureka, Utah the highway signed noted that it was the loneliest highway and town in the country. They toured the Zion National Park which was fascinating.

They turned homeward to Flagstaff and Albuquerque, where Maxine took a plane back to California.

Driving back by way of Dalhart, Helen was amazed that the road was covered with high water, closed, and requiring detours. When she left on the trip, the area was drought stricken. Before she reached Gruver, she had to detour around five places of high water. The Coldwater creek, the Palo Duro and Farwell Draw were all out of banks. There was 7 1/2 inches of rain reported in the area west of Gruver.

Abbe Steger, sophomore at McMurry College in Abilene, spent the weekend with her grandparents, John and Virginia Trindle. She was accompanied by a

friend, Heath Henderson. They are both from Graham. They also visited other relatives during the weekend.

Guests of Ila Mae and J.B. Buchanan for a few days last week were her sister-in-law and niece, Eula Pierce of Lamont, and Bonnie Garner of Aileen, Oklahoma.

Two 92 year old men met and discovered they had more in common than their ages - interest in windmills.

George Wilton Ray, 92, of Sedalia, Missouri, a cousin of Roscoe Nelson, drove alone to visit the Nelsons and stayed three days. He then drove on to Albuquerque to be with a son.

He was interested in seeing the Buchanan windmills after seeing an article and picture in a paper. J.B. Buchanan is also 92; neither of them demonstrated their agility by climbing the mills!

Another visitor of the Nelsons and also Charles and Joanne Eaton was their son, Chuck, of Arlington. He was here over the weekend. He has recently undergone knee surgery and is on crutches, but was able to drive.

Elsewhere in this issue is an account of the observance of the 25th year of the tenure of Sheriff R.L. McFarlin. Certainly all the plaudits are well deserved. Sheriff keeps a low profile, so few, other than his staff, are aware of the results of his ability, knowledge and perseverance. He has earned the respect of other law enforcement agencies in the state.

The fall issue of the Texas Lawman, publication of the Sheriff's Association, carried an account and the picture of Sheriff McFarlin and George Perez, Jr. He is the 1998 Greg McFarlin/Max Banks Texas Lawman of the Year recipient. The award was presented at the Annual Awards Banquet of the association.

This award was established in August, 1985 in memory of Greg McFarlin, son of Sheriff and Kaye McFarlin, who died in an accident at the age of nine.

Officer Perez was commended for his outstanding work as an undercover officer for the past two years. He made over 200 narcotics cases while working for the Drug Task Force. He has never lost a court case in which he has testified.

George (Punk) Jackson and Charlene were mighty glad to get back home on Saturday after his hospitalization.

On Tuesday he and Dean Sparks were hauling round bales of hay on his farm near Hansford. He was on a round-bale trailer when he slipped falling on the spikes. They penetrated deeply between the 9th and 10th ribs. The ribs were separated but not broken, no organ was punctured, but muscles and tendons were ripped apart.

Dean brought him to Hansford Hospital and he was taken by Medivac to Northwest Texas hospital in Amarillo.

The Tri-State High School Rodeo Association report of the contest held at Pampa last Saturday included only these of interest to Spearman: Monty Eakin - Ribbon Roping-1st; Calf Roping-4th; Marty Eakin - Ribbon Roping-4th; Calf Roping-10th, saddle bronc-1st.

The rodeo this past Saturday at Boys Ranch listed: Monty Eakin - Calf Roping-2nd, Steer Wrestling-1st; Marty Eakin - Calf Roping-2nd.

Services for Nell Lawson Burke were held on Saturday. Sympathy is extended to all her family.

That book of subtle humor "You Just Can't Reason With a Chicken" by Marvin Jones has been well received, and those hoping to get a copy can do so from the Hansford County Historical Society. The books are in stock at the Zulu Stockade. Other books available at the museum are in a new shipment from Bob Izzard. Included is his latest - a booklet "Custer, Hickock and Cody," among the others are "Red River Wars" and "Mobettie."

The museum will be closed for about a month for painting and repairs to the interior of the Station House Museum - which is badly in need of them. The moving and handling of all of the exhibits will be very tedious and time consuming.

Any one wanting a book or other services will find the telephone numbers of those who will assist posted on the front doors.

The Buchanan family is grieving over the second death in recent weeks. Dana Adams, 34 year old daughter of Mary Louise and Ned Mauldin, passed away Saturday night. She is the granddaughter of Paul and Ollie Wallin Buchanan of Pampa. Services and interment were in Round Rock, Texas which is where they live.

Why are some of the county roads marked with a letter and others with a number? Is it because the lettered roads run east and west, and the numbered roads run north and south? No - checking them out dispels that. Is it that numbered roads are paved and lettered are unpaved? No, checking dispels that idea.

Ask ten people, and ten people don't know - nor do they know where the roads are. These are county roads - so wouldn't it be sort of a thoughty gesture if some wise county official would publish a county map?

Commissioner Albert Clark returned from Baptist St. Anthony's hospital on Friday. He had been hospitalized there since Monday morning with a serious illness, but feels that he is making recovery at home.

Dwayne Smith attended the reunion of his high school class in Pampa on Saturday held during the Pampa homecoming. It was the 40th anniversary of the class graduation and there had been no reunion since their 25th. They voted to have one from now on every five years. There was much interest in this reunion - with members coming from as far away as Vancouver, British Columbia and South Carolina.

Saturday afternoon Maxine Banister was taken to Hansford Hospital, then by ambulance to Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo. The report on Monday morning was that she is in CCU unit #19 in critical condition. She is not yet stable enough to make tests.

The weather report for last week shows the highest temperature was on September 29th at 97 degrees; the lowest on October 2nd at 46; moisture was on the 2nd with .85.

One unofficial report was of rainfall of 11 inches near Sunray. Weathermen, even though they see the dawn of a bright new day - they

are still in the dark --- they collect all the facts, then draw their own confusions!

As this column is turned in comes word of the passing of John R Collard Sunday evening at 6 p.m. at the Hospice Unite at Baptist St. Anthony's hospital.

Gladiola Flower Club News

by Verna Brown

The Gladiola Flower Club met Thursday October 1st in the home of Charlsie Baker. President Virginia Trindle called the meeting to order with roll call answered by giving our "Favorite Club Trip."

Minutes were read and approved, and Treasurers report was given.

Denise Carter was in charge of the program and gave an interesting demonstration on "Making Paper!"

Flower winners were: Specimen - Wanda Brown and Potted Plant - Charlsie Baker.

Refreshments were served to members: Dickie Allen, Charlsie Baker, Verna Brown, Wanda Brown, Denise Carter, Betty Davis, Virginia Head, Estelle Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Jo Larson, Judy Martin, and Virginia Trindle.

The next meeting will be October 15th with Betty Davis.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Info

Rushing Wind Emmaus will be held on Saturday, October 10, at 7 p.m. at the Waka Christian Center in Waka. An agape meal will be served at 7 p.m. followed with praise, singing, worship, and communion. A short sponsor's training will follow the service. The services are ecumenical and members of all churches in the area are invited to participate. A nursery

will be provided. Rushing Wind Emmaus is sponsoring a women's Walk to Emmaus November 5-8 at the First United Methodist Church in Perryton with Vicki O'Gorman as lay director and Bruce Given as spiritual director. A men's walk will be held December 3-6 with Mike Gardiner as lay director. Applications are being received for both of these walks.

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- Thursday, October 8**
9:00 a.m. - Friendship Quilters Quilt Guild Meets - FUMC in Perryton
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch
12:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Childhood Development Center Board Meets
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meet
4:30 p.m. - Gruver Junior High vs. Claude - T
5:00 p.m. - Spearman Junior High vs. Boys Ranch - H
7:00 p.m. - Gruver Junior Varsity vs. Claude - T
7:00 p.m. - Musical Jamboree at Golden Spread Center, 502 S. Brandt
8:00 p.m. - Spearman Junior Varsity vs. Boys Ranch - H
- Friday, October 9**
Hansford Hospice Garage Sale - Across From Gordon's Drug
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Bridge
7:30 p.m. - Spearman Varsity vs. Boys Ranch - T - District
7:30 p.m. - Gruver Varsity - Open Week
- Sunday, October 11**
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Gruver Church of Christ
7:30 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study - Gruver First Christian Church
- Monday, October 12**
8:30 a.m. - Moms In Touch - Gruver Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioners Court Meets
12:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Lunch
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Progressive Pitch
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
2:00 p.m. - Museum Board Meets - Ft. Zulu Museum
7:00 p.m. - Spearman 4-H Meeting - County Barn
7:30 p.m. - Weigh Down Workshop - Spearman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, October 13**
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's
2:00-4:00 p.m. - Hearing Aid Checkup at Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center
2:00 p.m. - Palo Duro River Authority Board Meets
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
7:00 p.m. - Gruver 4-H Meeting - County Barn
7:00 p.m. - Senior Parents Seminar - High School Library
- Wednesday, October 14**
6:30 a.m. - Mug 'n' Muffin Women's Fellowship - First Christian Church, Spearman
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
9:45 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Center Food Service
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber of Commerce Women's Division Board Meets
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - "42"
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
5:00 p.m. - Gruver City Council Meets
- Thursday, October 15**
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts & Covered Dish Lunch
12:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Childhood Development Center Board Meets
4:30 p.m. - Gruver Junior High vs. Booker - H
5:00 p.m. - Spearman Junior High vs. Sunray - T
7:00 p.m. - Gruver JV vs. Booker - H
8:00 p.m. - Spearman JV vs. Sunray - T
- Friday, October 16**
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Bridge
7:30 p.m. - Gruver Varsity vs. Booker - T
7:30 p.m. - Spearman JV vs. Sunray - H
- Saturday, October 17**
Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Trip to Canadian for Fall Foliage Tour, Arts & Crafts Show & Home Tour
- Sunday, October 18**
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Spearman First Christian Church
7:30 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study - Gruver First Christian Church



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First Christian Church of Spearman

by Rev. Joe Weeks

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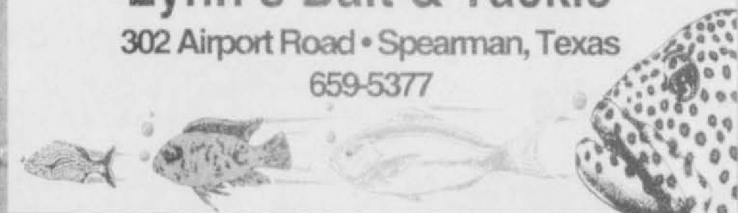
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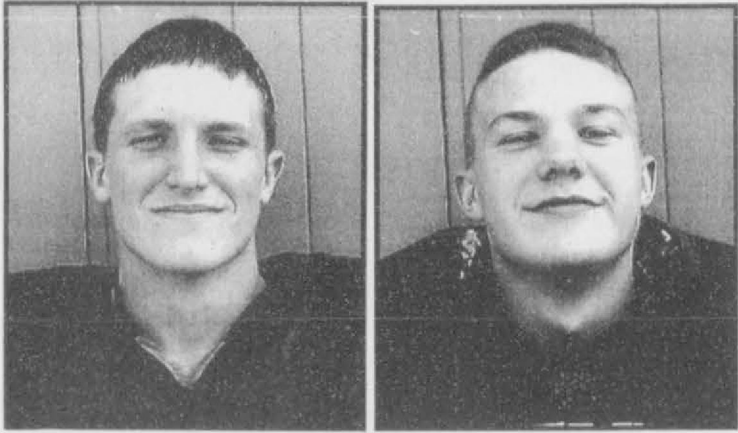
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Spearman JV News



Aaron Witten, #37, is a Senior at Spearman High School. He plays Running Back/Defensive Secondary for the Lynx. He is the son of Stan and Rhonda Witten. Kelsey Henton, #68, is a Senior at Spearman High School. He plays Tackle/Defensive End for the Lynx. He is the son of Kerry and Jane Henton.

The Spearman Lynx played an outstanding game against the Perryton Rangers last Friday night defeating them with a 34-12 victory. This brings the Lynx season record to 5-0.

A very large crowd watched, as the Lynx proved themselves to be strong both defensively and offensively.

It was a close first half, but the Lynx took off in the 3rd quarter and never looked back.

After a very close first half, the Lynx were able to shut down the Perryton offense.

As in several games earlier in the season, this Lynx team gained momentum and played stronger, harder football as the game progressed.

The Lynx managed 286 rushing yards and 120 passing yards, while holding Perryton to a total of 112 yards-- 80 rushing and 32 passing.

Michael Lusby rushed for 145 yards on 25 carries and was named Offensive Player of the Week. Michael scored two touchdowns on

runs of three and 50 yards.

Defensive Players of the Week were Clancy Vanderburg and Chuck Grayson. Clancy had five unassisted tackles and nine assisted tackles. Chuck had 13 assisted tackles and an interception which he returned for 35 yards.

Aaron Witten had 15 carries for 119 yards, Aaron Winegarner had three carries for seven yards, Jordan Brock had one carry for eight yards and Chuck Grayson had one carry for seven yards.

Aaron Winegarner completed five of 11 passes for a total of 120 yards. Aaron Witten had four receptions for 67 yards and Carlos Hernandez had one reception for 53 yards.

Said Coach Ric Smith, "It was an exciting game-- a great way to end pre-district play. Our kids showed a lot of character. They came back in the second half and executed well."

The Spearman Lynx face Boy's Ranch, there, this Friday night at 7:30 pm.

by Landon Miller, SHS Sports Editor

The Spearman Lynx JV was defeated Thursday, October 1st at Stratford, 29-6.

The Elks' rushing attack was too much for the Lynx to handle totaling 243 yards on the ground. Stratford's passing game was held

to only forty-five yards. For the Lynx, Edward Vasquez gained eighty-nine yards on nine carries. John Brock put the only points on the board for the Lynx with a three-yard touchdown run.

The Lyn gained only 122 total yards of offense with only eight of those yards in the air.

Spearman 8th Grade Football

by Garrett Griffin

The Spearman eighth grade football team came out on top Thursday, October 1, 1998. The final score was 30-6.

In the first quarter, Colton Miller scored on a short run, and he also scored the two-point conversion. The victorious Lynx scored again in the first quarter on a 35-yard run by Mathew Francis. Colton Miller

scored the two-point conversion. In the second quarter, Colton scored again on a 43-yard run. The conversion was unsuccessful. Lance Baker scored on a 50-yard run later in the quarter. Lance Smith scored the two-point conversion.

The third quarter was scoreless and in the fourth quarter, Stratford scored.

The Lynx's record is currently 2-1-1.

Spearman 7th Grade Football

by Garrett Griffin

The Spearman seventh grade football traveled to Stratford on Thursday night, October 1st.

The first and second quarters were scoreless.

In the third quarter, the Stratford Elks scored a touchdown, to go up

6-0. Like the 1st and 2nd quarters, the fourth quarter was also scoreless.

The seventh grade fighting Lynx's record is currently 0-4. The Lynx have lost three out of their four games by 6 points or less.

SHS To Perform "Grease"

by Mandy Vernon

Spearman High School is proud to announce its production of Grease! Since this is the 20th anniversary of the first Grease production, Spearman is extremely excited to have the play underway at their school. The cast and crew is pumped up and ready to perform for the community and surrounding area. We have five veterans in the cast (Jennifer Laxson, Matt Davis, Kathryn Murphy, Holly Pipkin, and Mandy Vernon). As for the rest, new talents have star-studded the stage and are ready for performance night.

The cast includes many of the high school students including: Tommy Dewberry as Danny Zuko, Erin Boxwell as Sandy Dumbrowski, Angela Pipkin as Frenchy, Albert Vargas as Roger, Jennifer Laxson as Jan, Art Maestas as Doody, Mandy Vernon as Marty, Evan Cudd as Sonny, Cristy Alvarado as Rizzo, and Matt Davis as Kenickie. Other cast members are Kathryn Murphy as Mrs. Lynch, Holly Pipkin as Patty, and Julian Villarreal as Eugene. Supporting actors include

the Chorus, the infamous Teen Angel (Mark Mathews as Frankie Avalon) and his angels, the Rydell High Boys, and the Live-Jive Band. The stage crew is made up of seven individuals, along with two dance instructors.

Grease is directed by Frances Pipkin, co-directed by Candy Boxwell, and choreographed by Diane Crawford. These three individuals are helping to make the play incredible.

With the unbelievable talent in the cast, the outstanding directing, and the fabulous energy of the actors/actresses, this 20th Anniversary production of Grease is well worth the seeing. Come and relive the 50's with the Spearman High School theater department on the nights of November the 21st and the 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Spearman High School Auditorium. The admission is \$5.00 per person.

The cast and crew hope to see everyone on those November nights for an extraordinary experience and flashback to the 1950's!

Cross Country Results

The Spearman High School Cross Country Team attended the Wheeler Cross Country Meet on Saturday, October 3, 1998. Listed below are the results.

Junior High Girls (2 miles) - Ashley Flowers - 4th place, Mindee Gillaspie - 12th place; also running - Meggan Whitworth, Jentry Edwards, Sami Cazares, Tiffany Hand, Chambrey Cox, and Dusty

Payne.

Junior High Boys (3 miles) - Colton Miller - 1st, Ryan Dewberry - 5th, Tanner Hand - 7th Varsity Girls (2 miles) - Hallee Beasley, Chelsea Nollner, Cheryl Gibson, Misti Hand, Stephanie Bynum

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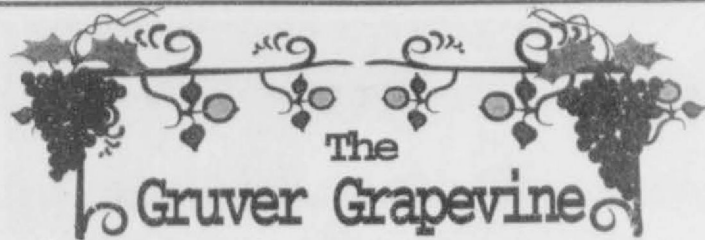
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

The newsmaker of the week in Gruver was rain. The infrequent visitor brought 4.75 inches of moisture in the city of Gruver. Over six inches of rain was recorded at Babbs Welding, one mile west of Gruver while David Grotegut's gauge registered 7 1/2 inches. Mack Bevell reported 5.70 at his home.

The torrential rain halted the fall harvest and spilled over many bridges in the county. Area farmers and cattlemen were especially hard-hit by the deluge

Sports

GJH Seventh Grade by Carley Bryson

The seventh grade Gruver Greyhounds blew away the Memphis Cyclones 14 - 8. In the first quarter, Gruver had an offensive turnover, but it didn't slow them down. When the Cyclones fumbled, #21 David Puebla was quick to respond. After that, #40 Salavador Luciano made the first touchdown of the game. From then on, it was all Hounds. When the Cyclones made a bad pass, #61 T.Jay Sherrill made a huge interception. #22 Jose Rodriguez scored a touchdown in the third quarter making the score 12 - 0. To top it off #7 Colby Weldon got the conversion points. Memphis only scored once, in the late fourth quarter. To sum it all up, the seventh grade Hounds played with the determination that Memphis just didn't seem to have.

GJH Eighth Grade by Carley Bryson

Even though the eighth grade played with heart and determination, Memphis beat them in a close game with a final score of 28 - 26. The hounds played very well with # 28 David Hernandez scoring all four of their touchdowns. Their defense played with integrity, but couldn't quite stop Memphis. Even though the game didn't turn out as well as planned, the Hounds intend to put it behind them and beat the Claude Colts in the game this Thursday.

Junior Varsity

In contrast to the cold, rainy night last Thursday, the GHS junior varsity Hounds were hot as they racked up a 41 - 6 victory over the Claude Junior Varsity.

In the opening stanza, Taos ramblbed 25 yards to the Claude 30 yard line where Cory Schneider took over to score Gruver's first touchdown on a 30 yard scamper. Kirby Johnson added two on the conversion attempt. On the ensuing kickoff, Anthony Villalobos recovered a fumble on the Claude 40 yard line. After the Mustangs were charged with a 15 yard face mask penalty and a 22 yard Weldon run, Schneider scored the Hound's second TD on a two yard plunge.

Minutes later, Villalobos did an encore recovery on the Claude 35. Greg Ehrenberg celebrated his sixteenth birthday by advancing the ball 15 yards which enabled quarterback Villalobos to carry the ball in for the TD on the next play. An unsuccessful PAT attempt ended the first quarter.

Sean Cone scored for the Hounds in the second quarter with a 25 yard pass play. Weldon tallied two on the JV's famous swing gate play.

A Chad Clift fumble recovery on the Claude 15 yard line failed to yield points when Villalobos' pass was intercepted in the end zone.

The Hounds' next possession was more fruitful as Schneider returned a punt from the Claude 37. A Schneider kick added the bonus point. Halftime score 35 - 0.

The Claude Mustangs began the second half with their only touchdown of the night.

The Hound's final score came as a result of a drive in which Bradley Duncan and Schneider alternated in a series of good runs before Duncan pushed the ball into the end zone. The PAT attempt failed.

The game ended with a fumble recovery by Chase Lamb on the Mustang 28 yard line. The junior varsity boasts a 5 - 0 record. The team travels to Claude for a rematch with the Mustangs on Thursday. There is a change in the JV's schedule for October 15. The Hounds will take on the Fritch

Eagles at 6 p.m. at Greyhound Stadium. A game with Booker had been scheduled at that time. Please note this change.

Get Well Wishes

Sophomore Kaycee Howe suffered a knee injury in basketball practice on Friday. She will undergo surgery in Amarillo on Thursday to repair a torn ACL ligament and cartilage damage. Kaycee is the daughter of Cari Howe.

Tucker Williams, son of Ty and Paula Williams, sustained a broken arm in a playing mishap at his home.

Bob Nobles is currently in Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo.

Rosie Cator is scheduled for a chemotherapy treatment this week in Amarillo.

Former Residents Updates

David Lopez, former Gruver student, was a member of the Panhandle Panther Band which performed in Greyhound Stadium on Friday night.

Kyle Winter, son of Richard and Lori Winter, is a student at Texas Tech and is the roommate of Cody Cazares.

Santos Rivera, Jr., West Texas A&M University senior, was a solo performer of the WTAMU band in the homecoming halftime show on Saturday.

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High School Highlights

The junior class will be previewing senior rings on Monday, October 12 at 2:15 p.m.

The Quilters, the GHS all school play, will be presented on Friday, October 9, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

A quilt especially made for the performance will be given away during the evening. Each admission ticket will provide a chance on the hand-tied quilt which was made by the women of the community.

The deadline for ordering 1999 Gruver yearbooks is November 6. The cost of the yearbooks is \$30 and may be paid in full with the order or \$15 now and \$15 when the books are delivered in the summer. There will only be a limited amount of unreserved books ordered, and the cost of these books will be \$35.

Lucas Johnson, GHS senior, has been announced as a commended student in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. Some 34,500 commended students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the 1997 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The Gruver Booster Club sponsors a replay of Friday's varsity football game each Monday night at 7 p.m. in the GHS library.

Junior High Happenings Open House Slated

Gruver junior high will host an open house for parents and students on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. All junior high parents are urged to attend the event with their children.

New Arrivals

Brian and Stacey French of Perryton proudly announce the birth of their son Braydon Sawyer French. Master French was born Thursday, September 24, 1998 at 9:46 a.m. at Ochiltree General Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds and measured 18 1/2 inches long.

His grandparents are Ronnie and Donna Williams of Gruver, and Ron and Karla French of Rowllins, Wyoming. His great-grandparents are Ina Terrell of Ralls, Boots and Imogene Williams, all of Gruver and Lois Pfeiffer of Forgan, Oklahoma, and Melvin and Muriel French of Liberal, Kansas.

Braydon has a big brother, Brennon who is 22 months old.

Klint and Traci Venneman of Canyon proudly announce the birth of their daughter Kennedy Jade. Miss Venneman was born in Amarillo. She weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. The little miss is the granddaughter of Joe T. and Linda Venneman of Gruver and Linda Koch of

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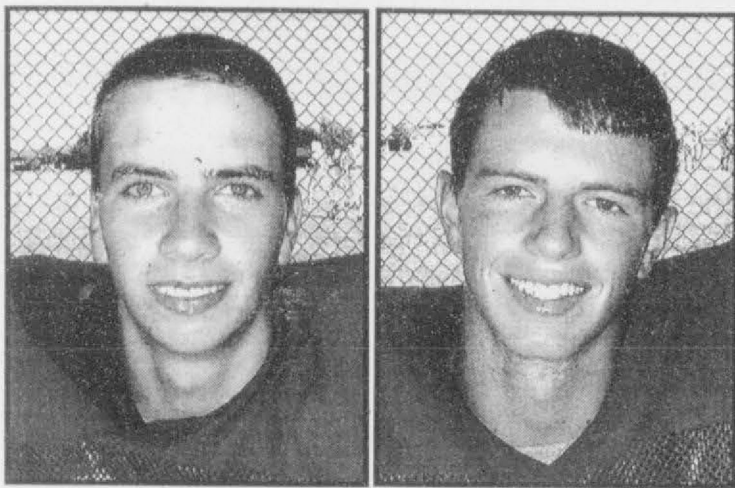
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Hounds Crush Panthers



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Jason Pool, #82, is a Senior at Gruver High School. He plays Right Wing/Defensive Back for the Hounds. He is the son of Gary and Patrice Pool.

The Gruver Greyhounds proved their strength and finesse by shutting down the Panhandle Panthers at Greyhound Stadium, last Friday night. The Hounds walked away with a powerful 39-8 victory.

The Hounds scored six touchdowns, four of them coming on their first five possessions, demonstrating their offensive prowess.

Bray Armes put the Hounds on the scoreboard with a two yard run, followed by Garrett Pool with a 68 yard run.

Jim Potts took the ball across the goal line on a one yard run and then completed a 46 yard pass to Pool for another touchdown.

Derek Grotegut scored on a 15 yard run and later finished the Panthers with a one yard touchdown pass to Greg Slough.

Jim Potts completed three of nine passes for 61 yards and Garrett Pool completed one of one.

Jason Pool had two receptions for 15 yards and Garret Pool had one reception for 46 yards.

Garrett pool carried the ball nine times for 110 yards. Bray Armes had 12 carries for 64 yards. Aaron Weller had eight carries for 30 yards. Daniel Hernandez had five carries for 34 yards and Jim Potts had two carries for six yards.

There is no game scheduled for this Friday night, but the Hounds begin district play the next Friday night against Booker.

Gruver Grapevine

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Dimmitt. Her great grandparents are Fanny Venneman of Spearman and Bud and Johnnie Gray of Fredonia, Kansas. She is also the great-great niece of Clementine Renner of Spearman. Kennedy was welcomed home by big sister Morgan.

A Cowboy's Tall But True Tale

(the names in this true tale have been deleted to protect the guilty)

The torrential rain of last Thursday morning was the source of several wet cowboys and many soggy stories, but the true tale of two cowboys several years ago in another deluge is so unique that it is legend in Gruver.

It seems that two Gruver cowmen when checking their stock following a panhandle downpour found a small bunch of cattle marooned in the corner of a dry lake bed pasture. Like Gilligan's crew, the drenched doggies stood on their isolated island. Spying a gate in the corner of the field near the beleaguered bovines, the cowpokes assessed the easiest way to rescue their wards would be to free them by opening the gate to the bordering pasture.

One problem which immediately presented itself was crossing the great expanse of water to reach the gate of freedom. Since one of the cowboys had served in the Marines, the idea to use a small paddle boat to reach the gate was quickly adopted. Paddling to the gate proved to be the least challenging part of the rescue mission. As the two sailors in Stetsons maneuvered near the gate, the non-Marine encountered some trouble opening the passage way. Whereupon, the Marine left his seat and made his way to the front end of the boat to assist his companion. This is when Water Rule Number 23 - two cowboys on one end of boat, no float - took effect. With their boat submerged, the cowboys found themselves up to their bandanas in cold, deep water. Surveying their surroundings, the two noticed that some of the debris swirling around them was moving in a peculiar way. Some of those floating corn stalks about them had heads - and bodies - and yes maybe even rattlers. Yes, those stalks were snakes! Suddenly the steers' safety became secondary to the cowboys' survival. They began to swim for all they were worth across the vast expanse of water. Traversing the

vast expanse of water was hard enough but paddling in cowboy boots was like trying to swim with buckets of water strapped on their feet, and drowning began to loom as a possibility.

When the two finally reached terra firma and pull their exhausted bodies out of the water, they lay on the ground panting for breath. When his air returned, the dirty, drenched cowboy inquired in a rather rude way, why, an ex-Marine do such a stupid stunt as sinking their boat. To which the Marine replied, "Well, I was in the Marines, but I was in the submarine division, and we were SUPPOSED to be under the water."

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NPEC Appoints Board Member

North Plains Electric Co-op (NPEC) General Manager Pat McAlister announced that the Board of Directors has appointed Perryton resident Johnny Scribner to fill the vacancy created last spring when long time director Jerry Barnett passed away. Scribner will serve as a director for the unexpired term that ends in April 1999.

Scribner is manager of Cactus Feeder's Wolf Creek Feedyard. He has also served as manager of Frontier Feedyard, near Spearman. He has been with the Cactus organization for over eight years. Johnny and his wife Penny have been Perryton residents since 1985. They have two daughters; Kelly, (15) a sophomore at Perryton High

School and Sandy, (12) a seventh grader at Perryton Junior High.

NPEC is a cooperative distributing electricity in Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties. Formed in 1944, it serves 5156 meters and maintains 3420 miles of electrical line. It is owned and controlled by the members it serves. NPEC board of directors are elected by the membership and are the governing body of the cooperative. Other Board members include Ira Harbour and Jimmy Green (Spearman), Lyndon Imke (Follett), David Sell (Booker), Rickie Gheen (Perryton), Dorsey Schad (Gruver), Jerel Norris and Craig Young (Canadian).

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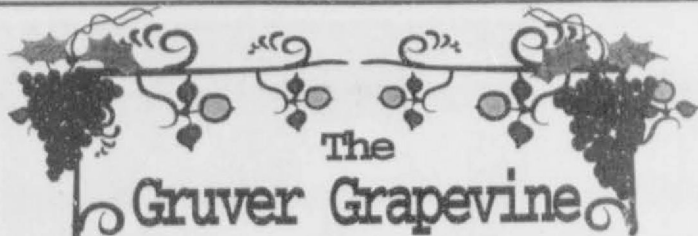


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by Harletta Carthel

Junior Varsity

The newsmaker of the week in Gruver was rain. The infrequent visitor brought 4.75 inches of moisture in the city of Gruver. Over six inches of rain was recorded at Babbs Welding, one mile west of Gruver while David Grotegut's gauge registered 7 1/2 inches. Mack Bevell reported 5.70 at his home.

The torrential rain halted the fall harvest and spilled over many bridges in the county. Area farmers and cattlemen were especially hard-hit by the deluge

Sports

GJH Seventh Grade
by Carley Bryson

The seventh grade Gruver Greyhounds blew away the Memphis Cyclones 14 - 8. In the first quarter, Gruver had an offensive turnover, but it didn't slow them down. When the Cyclones fumbled, #21 David Puebla was quick to respond. After that, #40 Salvador Luciano made the first touchdown of the game. From then on, it was all Hounds. When the Cyclones made a bad pass, #61 T.Jay Sherrill made a huge interception. #22 Jose Rodriguez scored a touchdown in the third quarter making the score 12 - 0. To top it off #7 Colby Weldon got the conversion points. Memphis only scored once, in the late fourth quarter. To sum it all up, the seventh grade Hounds played with the determination that Memphis just didn't seem to have.

GJH Eighth Grade
by Carley Bryson

Even though the eighth grade played with heart and determination, Memphis beat them in a close game with a final score of 28 - 26. The hounds played very well with #28 David Hernandez scoring all four of their touchdowns. Their defense played with integrity, but couldn't quite stop Memphis. Even though the game didn't turn out as well as planned, the Hounds intend to put it behind them and beat the Claude Colts in the game this Thursday.

In contrast to the cold, rainy night last Thursday, the GHS junior varsity Hounds were hot as they racked up a 41 - 6 victory over the Claude Junior Varsity.

In the opening stanza, Taos rambled 25 yards to the Claude 30 yard line where Cory Schneider took over to score Gruver's first touchdown on a 30 yard scamper. Kirby Johnson added two on the conversion attempt. On the ensuing kickoff, Anthony Villalobos recovered a fumble on the Claude 40 yard line. After the Mustangs were charged with a 15 yard face mask penalty and a 22 yard Weldon run, Schneider scored the Hound's second TD on a two yard plunge.

Minutes later, Villalobos did an encore recovery on the Claude 35. Greg Ehrenberg celebrated his sixteenth birthday by advancing the ball 15 yards which enabled quarterback Villalobos to carry the ball in for the TD on the next play. An unsuccessful PAT attempt ended the first quarter.

Sean Cone scored for the Hounds in the second quarter with a 25 yard pass play. Weldon tallied two on the JV's famous swing gate play.

A Chad Clift fumble recovery on the Claude 15 yard line failed to yield points when Villalobos' pass was intercepted in the end zone.

The Hounds' next possession was more fruitful as Schneider returned a punt from the Claude 37. A Schneider kick added the bonus point. Halftime score 35 - 0.

The Claude Mustangs began the second half with their only touchdown of the night.

The Hound's final score came as a result of a drive in which Bradley Duncan and Schneider alternated in a series of good runs before Duncan pushed the ball into the end zone. The PAT attempt failed.

The game ended with a fumble recovery by Chase Lamb on the Mustang 28 yard line. The junior varsity boasts a 5 - 0 record. The team travels to Claude for a rematch with the Mustangs on Thursday. There is a change in the JV's schedule for October 15. The Hounds will take on the Fritch

Eagles at 6 p.m. at Greyhound Stadium. A game with Booker had been scheduled at that time. Please note this change.

Get Well Wishes

Sophomore Kaycee Howe suffered a knee injury in basketball practice on Friday. She will undergo surgery in Amarillo on Thursday to repair a torn ACL ligament and cartilage damage. Kaycee is the daughter of Cari Howe.

Tucker Williams, son of Ty and Paula Williams, sustained a broken arm in a playing mishap at his home.

Bob Nobles is currently in Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo.

Rosie Cator is scheduled for a chemotherapy treatment this week in Amarillo.

Former Residents Updates

David Lopez, former Gruver student, was a member of the Panhandle Panther Band which performed in Greyhound Stadium on Friday night.

Kyle Winter, son of Richard and Lori Winter, is a student at Texas Tech and is the roommate of Cody Cazares.

Santos Rivera, Jr., West Texas A&M University senior, was a solo performer of the WTAMU band in the homecoming halftime show on Saturday.

Gumfory in WTAMU Play

Doug Gumfory, WTAMU junior and the son of Doug and Sandra Gumfory, will be performing in the production of "Blood Wedding" in the university's Branding Iron Theatre this month.

High School Highlights

The junior class will be previewing senior rings on Monday, October 12 at 2:15 p.m.

The Quilters, the GHS all school play, will be presented on Friday, October 9, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

A quilt especially made for the performance will be given away during the evening. Each admission ticket will provide a chance on the hand-tied quilt which was made by the women of the community.

The deadline for ordering 1999 Gruver yearbooks is November 6. The cost of the yearbooks is \$30 and may be paid in full with the order or \$15 now and \$15 when the books are delivered in the summer. There will only be a limited amount of unreserved books ordered, and the cost of these books will be \$35.

Lucas Johnson, GHS senior, has been announced as a commended student in the 1999 National Merit Scholarship Program. Some 34,500 commended students throughout the nation are being honored for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the competition for Merit Scholarship awards to be offered next spring. Commended students placed among the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the 1999 Merit Program by taking the 1997 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The Gruver Booster Club sponsors a replay of Friday's varsity football game each Monday night at 7 p.m. in the GHS library.

Junior High Happenings
Open House Slated

Gruver junior high will host an open house for parents and students on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. All junior high parents are urged to attend the event with their children.

New Arrivals

Brian and Stacey French of Perryton proudly announce the birth of their son Braydon Sawyer French. Master French was born Thursday, September 24, 1998 at 9:46 a.m. at Ochiltree General Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds and measured 18 1/2 inches long.

His grandparents are Ronnie and Donna Williams of Gruver, and Ron and Karla French of Rowles, Wyoming. His great-grandparents are Ina Terrell of Ralls, Boots and Imogene Williams, all of Gruver and Lois Pfeiffer of Forgan, Oklahoma, and Melvin and Muriel French of Liberal, Kansas.

Braydon has a big brother, Brennon who is 22 months old.

Klint and Traci Venneman of Canyon proudly announce the birth of their daughter Kennedy Jade. Miss Venneman was born in Amarillo. She weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. The little miss is the granddaughter of Joe T. and Linda Venneman of Gruver and Linda Koch of

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Ratliff Honored

by Harletta Carthel

A.J. Ratliff, Gruver City Manager, was named the Panhandle's outstanding public administrator at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's (PPRC) annual banquet. The award, known as the Goodwin Regional Public Administrator Award was established six years ago by the PPRC to recognize a Panhandle area public servant for his contributions to the region.

Ratliff, a native of Ranger Texas, and a graduate of Sam Houston State University with a degree in criminal justice, has had 32 years of experience in municipal government. His public service career began as a patrolman and dispatcher for the Ranger Police Department while still attending Ranger Junior College. He later served as a patrolman in Hamlin and Merkel, Texas. In 1973, Ratliff moved to the Panhandle to continue his law enforcement career as a deputy sheriff for the Hansford County Sheriff's Department. He was appointed chief of police in 1974 for the Fritch Police Department. He also served as a volunteer in the community's EMS and fire departments. He served as the Gruver Chief of Police in Gruver until he was appointed city

manager in 1977.

As city manager, Ratliff has led the city in the purchase of its gas distribution system, reconstruction of much of the city's public utilities system, and modernized the city's personnel and financial operations.

He has been very active in regional issues and has served the PPRC as a member of the grant review and comment committee, the solid waste management advisory committee, and the economic development advisory committee. Serving on the board of directors of the Texas Gas Association, Ratliff is also active in the work of the Panhandle City Manager's Association.

In the Gruver community, Ratliff serves as the president of the Hansford County Shriners, is past president of the Gruver Lion's Club, a volunteer for the Gruver EMS and volunteer fire departments, and is a past member of the Gruver United Methodist Church. He was the Gruver citizen of the year in 1977.

A host of Gruver city representatives were present at the banquet as Ratliff was honored as the outstanding Panhandle public administrator by Childress County Judge Dean Decker.



Gruver City Manager A.J. Ratliff was recently named the Outstanding Panhandle Public Administrator by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

by Wilma Clark

The first meeting of the 1998-99 year for Hansford Retired School Personnel was held recently at the high school library.

Raymond Birchfield, Vice-President, introduced Georgianne Hutchinson, who was the guest speaker. She has traveled extensively, and gave a program of very helpful information on how to prepare for a trip and things to watch for while traveling.

Others present were: Mrs. Raymond Birchfield, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Freriks, Olga Gafford, Pauline McGee, Donnie Mitchell,

and Wilma Clark, who introduced her house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lutz of Silver City, New Mexico. Roger is also a retired teacher, having been Professor of Mathematics at Western State University at Silver City.

Beef Cattle Workshop

With moisture short and pastures in decline, the questions on the minds of many beef cattle producers right now is how they will take their stocker cattle through the winter, and keep them healthy.

Dr. F.T. "Ted" McCollum, beef cattle specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be presenting in-depth information and tips for stocker cattle survival in a 3-part workshop series scheduled on October 5th, October 20th, and November 3rd. Each meeting will begin with a meal at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program on October 5th covered utilization of alternative feeds as supplements for stocker cattle; comparison of the value of added weight gain with the cost of added gain; and the use of implants and feed additives for stocker cattle management.

The October 20th seminar will be held in Perryton at the Ochiltree Exposition Center. The topic will

be management to optimize performance of cattle grazing wheat pasture.

The November 3rd program will be held at the Hemphill County Exhibition Building in Canadian. The topic will be management programs for stocker cattle on grass. It will focus on nutritional management during the winter and summer months.

All Panhandle area cattle producers are encouraged to attend. The series is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and hosted by the following counties. For more information, contact: Dan Cornett, Hemphill (806) 323-9114, email: d-cornett@tamu.edu; J.R. Sprague, Lipscomb (806) 862-4601, email: j-sprague@tamu.edu; Tom Benton, Hutchinson (806) 878-4026, email: t-benton@tamu.edu; Scott Strawn, Ochiltree (806) 435-4501, email: s-strawn@tamu.edu; Burt Williams, Hansford (806) 659-4132, email: b-williams@tamu.edu.

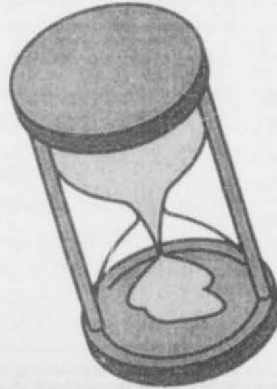
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The Hansford Soccer Association would like to thank the following businesses for making the opening day of Soccer League a complete success:

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Open Letter

Open letter to the property owners of Spearman,

Local homeowners, were you aware that the average homeowner's insurance in Spearman will see an increase of 24% in the coming year upon renewal? We would like to explain how this came about, and what is being done to solve the apparent problem. The first 14% will come directly from the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), as a standard increase in premium, which we have no control over, leaving 10% that we might have an effect on.

As of 1998 the Texas Department of Insurance adopted a new system to determine property insurance rates. Texas had been operating under a key rate system governed by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP). We are now governed by

the Insurance Service Offices, Inc. (ISO). Under the TCFP key rate system, the City of Spearman was classified as a 28 on a scale of 1-100, with 1 being the best. With no changes in the policies or procedures of the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, we have gone to a 6 rating, on a scale of 1-10, with 1 still being the best.

When ISO took over the TCFP rating, communication was poor between the two agencies. Therefore, ISO made assumptions on the quality of fire protection. This was the case in Spearman. We would like to present the following facts to assure you that the fire protection rating we have received is unearned.

Fact One: Spearman Volunteer Fire Department has an aggressive training program. We have a minimum of two drills per month,

which are active hands on training or classroom lectures. We send an average of four volunteers each year to Texas Municipal Fire Training School at Texas A&M. Throughout the year, there are several regional fire schools that we send an average of 10 or more to. All of the training sessions and lectures are geared toward each volunteer attaining basic firefighter certification in the State of Texas. We currently have 10 Basic Firefighters, three Intermediate Firefighters, two Advanced Firefighters, and one Master Certified Firefighter. Currently we have 30 volunteer firefighters on the roster.

Fact Two: We have the capability of pumping 3,750 gallons per minute at any structure fire with our existing equipment. We have three city pumpers and two county pumping units. With this equipment, we can theoretically extinguish a fully involved 3,300 sq. ft. building in one minute with no assistance from another fire department.

Fact Three: We have developed, practiced and utilized a "Tanker Shuttle System" that enables us adequate water supply for rural structure fires.

Fact Four: None of the aforementioned facts are recognized in the ISO rating. Their source of information is a City Inspection in 1988. The Fact is that the last City Inspection was conducted in 1996, and resulted in a lowering of the Key Rate at that time.

As of today, the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department has organized a committee to address the issues we have described above. Our estimate is that Spearman should be, at worst, rated a four on the ISO scale. In the State of Texas, there are NO #1 ratings, and only two #2 rated towns. We are compiling reports and plan on presenting our case to the ISO as soon as possible. If we are successful, we will reduce the across-the-board rate increases for many property insurance premiums in Spearman.

In closing, we were compelled to address the facts of this issue with you, the Spearman homeowner. The facts are listed above. Even though we are a "Volunteer Department," we take our job very seriously and plan on continuing to provide the best fire protection possible. If you should have any questions concerning this issue, please contact Keith Goodman, Fire Chief or Robert Patrick, City Manager, at City Hall.

Informatively,
Bret Burgin and Randy Kirk
Spearman Volunteer Fire
Department



Cindy Blackman (right), Partners In Education Coordinator looks on as Martina Miller (center), Cargill Industries, presents a donation to Martha Jones, Gus Birdwell Elementary Librarian. The money will be used to purchase books and materials for the library.

Panhandle-Plains Literacy Day

Panhandle-Plains Literacy Day was celebrated at Gus Birdwell Elementary in Spearman on Friday, September 18, 1998. The theme was "Texas Reading Round-Up - So Much Reading and So Much Community Participation!"

The event was held to celebrate literacy, and was sponsored by Cargill Industries throughout the Panhandle. Community volunteers who read to students were: 5th

Grade - Gary Ellsworth, First Christian Church; 4th Grade - Sheri Benton, Hansford County Library; 3rd Grade - Gina Gillispie, Chamber of Commerce; 2nd Grade - Richie Fletcher, First National Bank; 1st Grade - Terri Hart, First State Bank; and Kindergarten - Lee Schubert, Hansford Manor.

Horseback greeters and pledge leaders were Jon Garnett, Will Jarvis and Carl Curry.

TFB Names Hall As Director



Gene Hall

awards. He joined the staff in 1978 as assistant director of Radio/TV.

Before coming to the Texas Farm Bureau, Hall was farm director at radio station KTXO in Sherman, and a news reporter for KFDM-TV in Beaumont.

During his career at Farm Bureau, Hall has received 14 information awards from the American Farm Bureau Federation, for news reporting, video production, public relations and editorial writing.

Hall is a member of the Public Relations Society of America. He received the PRSA's prestigious "Accredited in Public Relations" (APR) designation in January of 1995.

Raised on a farm in Newton County, he attended Lamar University and received his bachelor of science degree in agricultural journalism from Texas A&M University.

Texas Farm Bureau publications, video services and Internet communications are all part of his area of responsibility.

He and his wife, Ernette, have three sons, Roger, Steven, and Chad. The Hall family lives in Lorena, just south of Waco.

Gene Hall was appointed Director of the Information and Public Relations Division on Dec. 1, 1990. In this position, Hall heads a staff of 13 and is responsible for the publication of Texas Agriculture and Texas Neighbors. He also oversees the Radio/Television Department, the newsletter service, graphics services, and media relations.

Prior to his appointment as Information Director, Hall was director of Radio/Television since 1980. Under his direction, the department has received several

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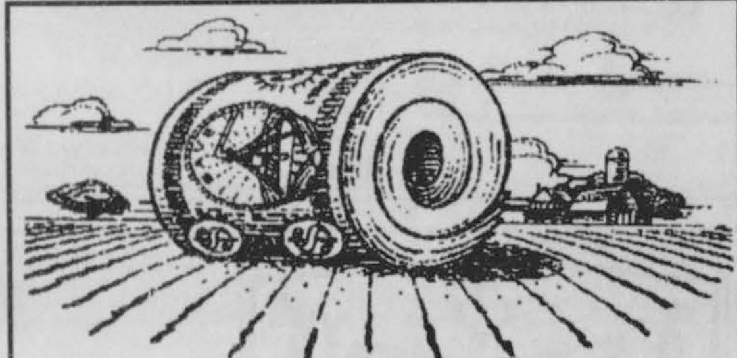
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Out At The Lake



by Dorothy Hudson
Lake Depth-Oct. 5, 1998-39 ft. 1 in.

The picture is of Rex Reid with his record-breaking 17.5# blue catfish, caught on shad last Saturday afternoon. Many others caught large catfish, as Jim estimated he personally saw over a half a dozen catfish that weighed over 10#.

The rise in the Lake was 9 ft. 6 in. That's a big rise, but Jim said another time we had a 17 ft. rise on top of a 3 ft. one. This rise still leaves the bridge over the Palo Duro above water, but it did cover some of the caliche roads around the Lake. He suggested the boat

ramp on the office side was easier to use than the one on the north. Also, be careful at the edges of the Lake, as the ground will look dry but some people will get stuck. Be cautious.

The rain gauge at the office only showed a total of 1.40 inches from 3 rains. The largest amount was 11 inches at DGC, southwest of Gruver. Horse Creek had very little water.

A record broken this weekend was the number of RVs. Out of the 26 spaces, 25 were taken. Clarence and Jean Zabel of Hitchland had reserved 3 the slots for the Amarillo Travel Club. They also had the shelter for Friday and Saturday.

If you think you spotted a white dove in the Park, you are correct. The Rex Williams family used white doves at the wedding of a daughter. Finally they decided to turn them out at the Park. Ramon Cantu has spotted one.

A huge flock of buzzards (possibly a 100) were seen at the Lake riding the updrafts. Later a huge flock was seen Saturday evening soaring gracefully over Gruver. A similar thing happened with migrating monarch butterflies.

The neighbors of Carolyn and Richie Fletcher helped them view a butterfly tree. Carolyn said a monarch was hanging from almost every leaf. One of the sororities of Spearman had the same experience in Dedication Park last week.

by Garland Hopper

Update: Depressing though it was, the trip to the Tri-State Fair was canceled. Perhaps next year more will feel the pull of the Fair Way!

The excursion to the Panhandle Museum was enjoyed by eight of the "Out to Lunch Bunch." During that week they did a display of the artifacts from a ship sailed by LaSalle and the processes involved in bringing the ship to surface. On the way home, the Sirloin Stockade in Borger was the place for lunch.

The First State Bank on the 29th of September served the Senior Citizens the usual delicious fish. Thank you to the First State Bank and the employees who helped.

The second monthly Jam Session was attended by nine musicians and

A Center Piece

one singer. Musicians were from Gruver, Perryton, and Stinnett. The singer from Stinnett, along with a guitarist from Gruver, entertained with several solos. Kimmy and Donetta Green sang a few duets. It seemed the musicians were enjoying themselves as much as those who attended just to listen. Thank you to all the jammers and singers for listening pleasures from the GSSC membership. Remember that November 5th is the next scheduled session. Hope to see you then.

The next scheduled unusual activity is for the Foliage Tour in Canadian on Saturday, October 17th. Anyone 55 or over and able to care for themselves, if interested in joining the group, should contact Sherry Taylor at 659-3866.

Saturday, October 31st, the GSSC will host a Bean Bag Both at the Halloween Carnival. The event will be held at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, from 7-10 p.m. Sherry needs helpers for the evening. Please join our weekly activities or call Sherry to offer your help.

Tickets are available for the beautiful "Basket of Flowers" wall hanging. It was made by the Thursday Ladies Group. Cost of the tickets are \$2.00 each, or three for \$5.00. Most members of the GSSC Board or membership have tickets to sell. The hanging is on display in the GSSC, 502 S. Brandt.

Watch the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman for more to come!
May God Bless Our Country



A ribbon cutting was held on Thursday, October 1, 1998 in Gruver for My Mother's Garden. My Mother's Garden is a flower shop located at 502 Main. It is owned and operated by Carrie Guthrie and Tracy Bevell. Pictured above are: (Front Row, L-R) John Haynes, Carrie Guthrie, Tracy Bevell, Trisha Fitzgearld, Kim Blevins; (Back Row, L-R) Joyce Simon, Carla Johnson, Margaret Ralston, Annette McCloy, and A.J. Ratliff. (photo submitted)

Classified Ad Rates & Deadlines

Classified ads are \$5.00 a week for 25 words or less, and 10c for every word over 25.

The deadline to submit a classified ad is Tuesday at noon on the week of publication.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioner's Court will receive bids until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 1998 on air conditioning system for the Courtroom of the Hansford County Courthouse. There are no bid specs. Bidders can contact the County Judge at 1-806-655-4100 for information. Bids should be submitted to the Hansford County Judge's office, Box 367, Spearman, TX 79081. Bids will be opened on Monday, October 12, 1998 during the Commissioners' Court meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Bidders must show copies of liability insurance and worker's comp.

Hansford County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Jim D. Brown
Hansford County Judge

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the sale of real property being described as Lot 9, Block 14, Original Town, City of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, address being 309 Main Street, will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, until October 26, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. and then publicly opened and read.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.

Further information and bidding documents may be secured from City Hall, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081.

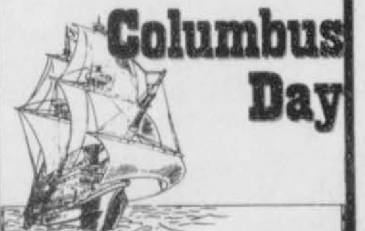
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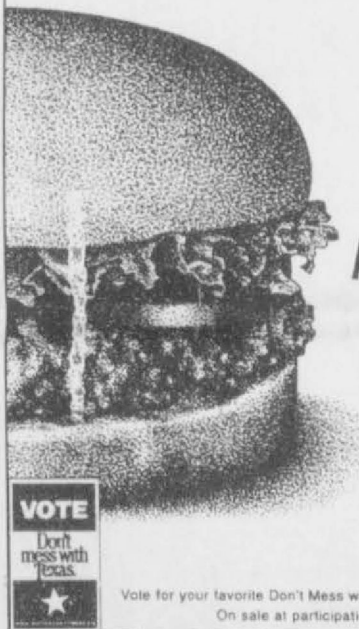
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Brad and Dodie raised all three of their children, Scott, Jeff, and Kyle in Spearman. They have been members of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants Association, and have served on various boards



in the First United Methodist Church, where they are members. Brad served one term on the Spearman City Council and was a member of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board.

Upon their retirement, they would like to travel, but have no definite plans. They plan to stay in Spearman, and to remain actively involved with their children and grandchildren.

Brad and Dodie have seven grandchildren, Ashley, Avery, Blake, Brittni, Tanner, Kristin and Kevin.

"We would like to thank Spearman, Hansford and the surrounding counties who have been so good to us," stated Brad. "We have had a very successful business, and we hate to see it end. We would love to see another furniture store open in Spearman."

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman would like to congratulate Brad and Dodie and wish them much happiness in their retirement.

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