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Hansford Happenings

Hansford Hospice Volunteers' Chili & Stew Luncheon

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers will be hosting a Chili and Stew Luncheon, served with cornbread and homemade pie, on Wednesday, March 18, 1998 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall in Spearman. The cost is \$5.00 (children under 6 eat free).

Rotary Employee of the Year

The Spearman Rotary Club is now accepting nominations for the Rotary Employee of the Year. Business owners and managers may submit their nominations in written form to any Rotarian. Nominations must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 1998. The 1998 Rotary Employee of the Year will be announced during the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which will be held on Thursday, March 26, 1998.

Spearman Elementary G/T Nominations

Spearman Elementary School is now accepting nominations for the 1998-1999 school year G/T program. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students with above average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum. Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually or creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the elementary school office at 511 S. Townsend and complete the necessary form prior to the March 31st deadline. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure which requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Counselor's Office at 659-3519.

Pre-kindergarten Program

If you have or know of a child who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1st, he or she may be eligible for our Pre-kindergarten program for the 1998-1999 school year. Applications may be picked up at the elementary school office at 511 S. Townsend. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 659-2565. Si usted tiene un niño/nina o si sabe de un niño/nina que va cumplir 4 años antes del primero de Septiembre, el o ella puede calificar para nuestro programa de pre-kinder. Por favor venga ala oficina de la escuela elementaria la direccion es 511 S. Townsend y llene una forma.

Health Fair, Breast Screening Clinics Scheduled

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at the Methodist Church, 506 Broadway, Gruver on March 12 and 13. Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. The total cost is \$75. A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile screening unit to come to area towns. All exams are done by appointments only. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to make an appointment.

Gruver Health Fair

A Health Fair is slated for Thursday, March 12, in the Gruver Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The cost for services will include: Flu.....\$10.00, Tetanus and diphtheria (booster needed every 10 years)\$20.25, pneumonia\$24.00, and Hepatitis A&B.....\$50.00. Immunizations for babies and children will be available. Cost will be according to parent salary. Cholesterol tests and free blood pressure checks will also be available.

All Star Kids Pageant

All Star Kids is coming to Spearman! All Star Kids is having a children's pageant March 21, 1998 in Spearman at the O'Loughlin Center. Age divisions for Babies are 0-11 months, 12-23 months, 24-35 months, and 36-47 months. There is also a Talent, Beauty, and Beau competition for ages 4-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-15 years, and 16-18 years. All Star trophies, crowns, medallions, and banners will be awarded. For more information or to receive an entry form, contact Linda Lackey at 659-2672 or the National Headquarters at 214-319-STAR. Registration forms are also available at Gordon's Drug.

Booker FUMC Will Host Rushing Wind Emmaus

The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet in the First United Methodist Church in Booker on Saturday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 412 S. Eastern. An agape meal will be served followed with a service of praise, worship, and communion. All churches in the tri-state area are invited to participate. The public, family and friends are invited, and a nursery will be provided. Sponsor's training will be given at the end of the service for those who wish to participate.

Hansford Hospital Auxiliary

On Wednesday, March 25th, the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary will be celebrating 25 years of service.

Debt Elimination Program

Get totally out of debt in 1998. Learn strategies that will get you out of debt faster using the same money you are currently spending on bills every month. Also learn how you can make an additional \$450 per day or more. The meeting will be held upstairs in the Hansford County Library on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, please call (806) 935-2404.

Hansford Hospice To Hold Special Meeting

Hansford hospice will have a special program for their March meeting on Monday March 16 at the First State Bank at 6:00 p.m. Joe Weeks, pastor of First Christian Church will present a bereavement workshop for all Hospice volunteers as well as for anyone interested. This will be a valuable experience for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Understanding grief can lighten the burden on family and friends. Knowing what the common reactions that can be expected and proper ways to respond can be most beneficial to all concerned. If you have ever felt uneasy about your relationships with friends or family in traumatic situations this workshop is definitely for you.

Telephone Fraud Warning!

A new telephone fraud has been recently brought to our attention. People are receiving telephone calls by individuals saying they are testing their phone (or things similar to this) and asking the callee to press 9 - 0 - # and then hang up. By doing this, the callee is giving the caller access to their phone lines. The caller can then make long distance calls which will show up on the phone bill of the callee with no indication that the calls were not made from the that telephone. By simply hanging up, the caller does not gain any access, and is unable to make phone calls on the callee's phone line. Please beware of telephone fraud, and if there is ever any doubt, hang up and call the operator and the police to report the incident.

Hounds - State Bound

by Harletta Carthel

How sweet it is! After knocking on the state tournament door numerous times in recent years, the Hounds busted through that door with a 63-59 win over Whiteface. For the first time in 30 years, the Hounds will be in the state tournament as one of four elite teams representing Class A.

For fans and players, it was every bit as wonderful as had been imagined. Following the game and the regional trophy presentation, fans cheered and chanted "Houndball, Houndball." A group of high school girls, donned in T-shirts bearing the players numbers, began a rousing a cappella rendition of the Gruver fight song that never sounded sweeter.

The jubilant crowd remained for the traditional net cutting and cheered for each player as they held up their snippet of net. Fans lingered in the Texan Dome to congratulate players and coaches and bask in the victory before braving the wintry storm awaiting them outside.

After knocking off number-one-ranked Paducah on Friday night, state playoff dreams were already on the minds of many before the Whiteface game began. The game itself started in traditional Hound fashion with a Jim Potts' tip, this time to Brant Armes who promptly put the ball in for two.

The remainder of the first quarter, however, was not in the usual fashion as Gruver's shooting turned cold, and Hound players were quickly called for several fouls. Senior Buster McLain was tapped for two fouls in the period. The game suddenly began to take on an ominous look for the Hounds which was reflected in Whiteface's 10 - 6 lead at the conclusion of the first quarter.

The second quarter went better for the Hounds when the cold shooting that plagued the first stanza of play wore off, and five players added to Gruver's tally. The Hound's luck in the foul department though did not change, and Potts, Jared Johnson, and McLain were forced to spend some time on the bench.

At this point, Dallas Henson came in the game for McLain to assist in ball-handling duties. Henson was able to nab a rebound and add two for the Hounds with his put-back shot, Bray Armes came in to score three in the form of free throws, and Jason TeBeest swooshed in a long two.

In the waning seconds of the half, senior post Johnson tied the score with a quick put-back under the basket. With the score knotted at 24, fans were assured that Houndball was alive and well and anxiously awaited the second half.

At the beginning of the third quarter, Gruver suffered a bad blow early as McLain was called for his third foul of the game, and Johnson, also, was called later on his third. The first five minutes found the Whiteface Antelopes in the lead by two to four points until McLain took a lightning pass from Brant and nailed a lay-up to tie the game at 2:30.

With the second of his three-pointers of the night, Brant then put the Hounds in the lead by three. A steal culminating in a

(for want of a better description) backwards scoop shot by Brant capped off the third quarter with the score Gruver 38, Whiteface 35.

The final period again began on a downbeat for the Hounds when McLain and Johnson both were pegged early with their fourth fouls and Potts with his third. Gruver quickly accumulated 9 fouls to Whiteface's one which gave the Antelopes a huge advantage in the free-throw department.

But just at a time when Lady Luck seemed to be frowning again on the Hounds, Potts made a timely three-point play, and a rocket in the form of Brant Armes ignited. With a blazing display for artistry on the floor and a relentless aerial attack, Brant fired four three-point bombs on target leaving Whiteface players, coaches, and fans in a state of unbelief.

At 1:42, big post Johnson, who played a big part in the Hounds' defense, fouled out and was replaced by Bray Armes. Ironically, the Antelopes sought to use the device which had hampered the Hounds all night, fouls, to get them back into the game. Since Whiteface only had two team fouls late in the fourth, they were able to use the device to their advantage awhile before setting up a one-and-one situation. With the Hounds in the lead by four with 48 seconds remaining, Brant missed the front end of the first one-and-one for the Hounds, and Whiteface was still viable.

Although Brant netted two points in the next one-and-one, the Antelopes answered with a three and made the score Gruver 59, Whiteface 56 with 42.6 seconds left.

In two more one-and-one situations, senior Armes picked up two more points, and sophomore Armes added one. Gruver was then up by six, but the Antelopes, formidable foes to the end, netted a quick three at the eight second mark.

A final chance to tie the game was squelched when Brant sealed the Antelope's fate with a pass interception near mid court.

The final buzzer sounded, and the Gruver Greyhounds were the Region 1 Champions. The Hound bench joined the players on the court in a frenzy of celebration as Gruver fans celebrated in the stands. And, yes, it was everything we had thought it would be, and more.

Game statistics

Total points: Potts 5, Johnson 8, Hallum 2, McLain 5 (one 3-pointer), Brant Armes 29 (six 3-pointers), Henson 2, TeBeest 2, and Bray Armes 9.

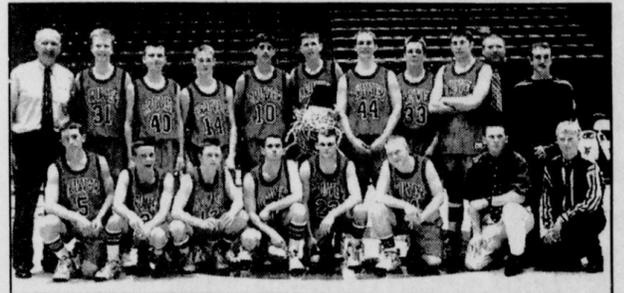
Rebounds: Potts 6, Johnson 3, Hallum 5, Brant Armes 3, Stavlo 1, Henson 2, TeBeest 2, and Bray Armes 2

Blocked shots: Bray Armes 1. Steals : Johnson 1, McLain 2, Brant Armes 2.

Assists: Johnson 1, Hallum 1, McLain 1, Brant Armes 4, Stavlo 2, TeBeest 5.

Shooting percentages:
Gruver: first half, field goals 3 -13, .231 % ;second half 7 -13, 53% , game .449 %.

Whiteface: First half, 4-7, .571%; second half, 5-14, .357%; game .550 %.



The Gruver Varsity Hounds are pictured above with their Regional Trophy. They will play Goodrich on Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. in Austin at the University of Texas Frank Erwin Center. This is the semi-finals of the state tournament.

Close Celebrates 90th Birthday



Fronye Close

The family of Fronye Close would like to invite all of her friends to join her in celebrating her 90th birthday. The informal come-and-go party will be held on Saturday, March 22, 1998 in her home at 501 Cooke Street, Apt. 6, between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The presence of her friends and family is the only gift requested.

Fronye was born on March 20, 1908 in Wichita Falls, Texas. She moved with her family to the Spearman area on June 6, 1919 and

attended the Holt School until completion of 8th grade. She then attended school in Spearman.

Fronye met and married Johnnie M. Close on January 7, 1923. They had three children, Elnora, Anita, and Joe.

After her husband's death in 1968, Fronye remained in Spearman, where she still enjoys visiting with her friends and family.

Fronye's daughter, Elnora Batson lives in Stinnett, Texas. Her other daughter, Anita, and husband Jerrel Harris, live in Olathe, Colorado. Her son, Joe and his wife Bettye Glee Close, live south of Spearman. Fronye has 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Her brother, Ervin and his wife Maresa Lamb, live in Tucumcari, NM. Her brother Bob and his wife Sue Lamb, live in Raton, NM. Her sister Ruby Collingsworth lives in Perryton, and her sister Juanita Jackson lives in Spearman. Many other relatives reside in the area and all join in wishing her a Happy Birthday!

Lenten Preaching Mission at Oslo

by Rev. John Chandler

Rev. Paul Bortnem will be the speaker at Oslo Lutheran Church March 15, 16, and 17, both at noon and at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the spiritual renewal meetings is "You are my Friends," a statement of Jesus Christ recorded in John 15:12.

Bortnem is pastor of the Slaton, Texas Lutheran Parish and has served in full-time counseling for 10 years at a hospital in Minnesota, as well as churches in Canada and S. Dakota.

The public is invited to any of the meetings. Special music and singing will be part of each meeting.

Hansford Hospice Volunteers Chili & Stew Luncheon

Cornbread & Homemade Pie

Wednesday, March 18, 1998
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall
Spearman, Texas
\$5.00 per Person (Children under 6 eat free)



For take-out orders, come by the Parish Hall by 11:00 a.m.

Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine Smith.

March 12
Birthdays - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, J.L. Griffin, Sammi Johnson
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hoel, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Henson
March 13
Birthdays - Fran Duncan, Bonnie Frick, Gene Leatherman, Brady Tidwell, Vernon Pipkin, Gary Pracher, Roy Flowers, Shannon Holton, Chuck Fletcher, Lynell Williams, Kevin Bynum, Gretchen Collinsworth, Jerry Garcia, Dolores Moreno, Larry Butts, Hadley Fletcher, LeAnn Sheets, Thomas Cain, Pam Mayfield
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Willie Vasquez, Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Acker
March 14
Birthdays - Sue Gerardy, Chris Johnson, Brandy Shelton, Buck Tidwell, Edward Papay, Steve Cook, Barbara Brown, Reagan Renner, James Ray Barimus, David Terry, Kelly Mills, Curtis Dudley, Mike Wilhelm, Madison Williams
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, Beth & Jim Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bishard
March 15
Birthdays - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Varnon, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Robertson, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bynum, Mr. & Mrs. Joe T. Venneman
March 16
Birthdays - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Sumner, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson
Anniversary - Carey & Denise Bridges, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Womble

March 17
Birthdays - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elwana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Joe Baca, Anna Soto
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ooley, Mr. & Mrs. Woody Gibner
March 18
Birthdays - Danny Henson, Bill Burger, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Peary, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bullard, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Banks
March 19
Birthdays - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Vera Mae Hays, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight
March 20
Birthdays - Mack Bevell, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Fronye Close, Ila Mae Buchanan, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Toni Vera, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Gary Hathaway, Lisa Tice
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. R. M. Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Benny McCullough, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Barkley
March 21
Birthdays - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nacy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarange, Maxine Bannister
Anniversary - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Rumford
March 22
Birthdays - Veta Alloway, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Key, Bob Miller, Payton Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Kelly Rauscher, Randie Renner, Roy Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, Tim Kizzar, Alice Miller, Michael Burke, Doug Gumfory, Tavo Borunda, Mrs. Sarah Hamilton, Jorge Soto, Reid Wilson, Carla Jones
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Benny Wilson

With Deepest Sympathy



William Lewis (Bill) Johnson

William Lewis (Bill) Johnson, 79, lifelong Oslo community resident, passed away late Friday evening, March 6, 1998 at Memorial Hospital of Texas County in Guymon, OK.

The son of Missie (Jones) and Clarence Johnson, he was born November 29, 1918 on the family farm near Oslo. He graduated from Gruver High School with the Class of 1937 and later attended Texas Technological College in Lubbock, TX. While at Texas Tech, he met and married Billie Joyce Walker on January 28, 1940. Later that year, the couple returned to the Oslo Community where they had made their home since that time. He was a member of the Oslo Lutheran Church.

Mr. Johnson had been active in farming and ranching and was a member of the Hansford County Soil Conservation District. He was also a pilot for many years.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Joyce Johnson of the home; a daughter, Eloise Carol and husband, Douglas B. Hackett of Greenville, TX; four sons, James Elton Johnson and wife, Karen, Charles Eugene Johnson, and Christopher Edward Johnson and wife, Melyn, all of Gruver, and Walter Eric Johnson of College Station, TX; one sister, Amelia Johnson of Austin, TX; six grandchildren, John Robert Hackett and wife, Kari, Susan Hackett and husband, Ray Runnells, Justin Johnson; Luke Johnson, Missy Johnson, and Lisa Johnson; one great-grandson, Dakota Mack Runnells; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday morning, March 11, 1998 at 10:30 a.m. at the Oslo Lutheran Church with Pastor John Chandler, officiating. Interment followed in Oslo Cemetery under the direction of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors of Guymon.

A Bill Johnson Memorial has been established for the Oslo Lutheran Church. Memorials will be accepted at the church or Henson-Novak Funeral Home, Box 1306, Guymon, OK 73942.

Aubrey Nicole Stewart

Aubrey Nicole Stewart, precious infant daughter of Douglas Walls and Melissa Stewart, passed away on March 4, 1998 in Childrens Hospital in Oklahoma City after a very short life of only 5 days. Aubrey was born on February 27, 1998 in University Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 1998 at the Fatheree-Albert Chapel, officiated by Mike Mong. Interment was in the Erick Cemetery under the direction of Fatheree-Albert Funeral Home.

Survivors include her mother, Melissa Stewart of Guymon; her father, Doug Walls of Guymon; grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stewart and Hazel Hogg of Spearman; three uncles, Bryan Stewart of Spearman, Thurman Stewart and Dewayne Stewart of Erick, OK; two aunts, Wanda Brinkley of Erick and Laneette Resor of Bloom, KS; and one cousin, Matthew Resor of Bloom, KS.

Thank You

A heartfelt thanks to everyone for the kindness shown to our family during this very difficult time. The cards, flowers, donations and food were all very much appreciated and helped us cope with the loss of our father.

Bill, Pat, Jenni and Jason Smith; John Deleo; Darlene, Wendy, John and Joe Smith; Ronnie and Corey Smith

Thank You

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<p>First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Kids Church: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 7 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m. Youth: 7:30 Wednesday Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church (Worships with Faith Lutheran Church) 1021 Cotter • 659-2033 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Buildings) Pastor - Beverly Cook</p>	<p>Church of Christ 209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:20 a.m. Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m. Wed. Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Evening Bible Study Worship: 6:30 p.m., Sun. Senior Minister - Joseph Weakes</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 (Worships with First Presbyterian Church)</p>	<p>First Christian Church 510 King • 733-2960 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:30 p.m. Youth: 6:30, Wednesday Pastor - Gary Gumfory</p>
<p>First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Children's Choirs: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Youth: 8 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Rick Patrick</p>	<p>First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m. Sunday Rainbow Kids Club: 3:00 Wednesday Pastor - Ken Cole</p>	<p>Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA) 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver 339-7709 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Pastor - John R. Chandler</p>
<p>Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: p.m. Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m. KRDF Radio Program Living With Christ: 7:50 a.m., M-F Minister - Willie Tollison</p>	<p>Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Bill Sparks</p>	<p>Gruver United Methodist Broadway & Garrett • 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. Evening Worship & UMY: 6 p.m. Pastor - Jerry Moore</p>
<p>Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Poland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m. Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. - English (9:00 a.m. Service on KRDF 98.3 FM) Sunday Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo Rector Rector: Rev. Scott Rael</p>	<p>Fellowship Baptist 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sunday Youth & Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - Gene Foster</p>	<p>Spanish Cristo Redentor Church Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m. Friday Evening Mass Summer - 8:00 p.m. Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Primera Mision Bautista 502 E. 7th • 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.; Evening: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Thurs. Vistation: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Morse Baptist Church 733-2757 Pastor - Mike Martin</p>	<p>In Morse ...</p>

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This week, for your reading pleasure, I submit to you part three of "Mom's Dictionary."

MOM'S DICTIONARY Part Three

- LOSERS:** See "Kids' Friends"
- MAKEUP:** Lipstick, eyeliner, blush, etc. which ironically make Mom look better while making her young daughter look "like a tramp."
- MAYBE:** No.
- MILK:** A healthful beverage which kids will gladly drink once it's turned into junk food by the addition of sugar and cocoa.
- "MOMMM!":** The cry of a child on another floor who wants something.
- MUSH:** 1. What a kid loves to do with a plateful of food. 2. Main element of Mom's favorite movies.
- NAILS:** A hard covering on the end of the finger, which Mom can never have a full set of due to pitching for batting practice, opening stubborn modeling clay lids and removing heat ducts to retrieve army men and/or doll clothing.
- OCEAN:** What the bathroom floor looks like after bath night for kids, assorted pets, two or three full-sized towels and several dozen toy boats, cars and animals.
- OPEN:** The position of children's mouths when they eat in front of company.
- OVERSTUFFED-RECLINER:** Mom's nickname for Dad.
- PANIC:** What a mother goes thru when the darn wind-up swing stops.
- PENITENTIARY:** Where children who don't eat their vegetables or clean their rooms eventually end up, according to Mom.
- PETS:** Small, furry creatures which follow kids home so Mom will have someone else to clean up after.
- PIANO:** A large, expensive musical instrument which, after thousands of dollars worth of lessons and constant harping by Mom, kids will refuse to play in front of company.
- PURSE:** A handbag in which Mom carries the checkbook and keys she can never find because they're buried under tissues, gum wrappers, a plastic container full of cereal, toys from a fast-food restaurant, a teddy bear, a football, wallpaper samples, a grocery list and several outdated coupons.

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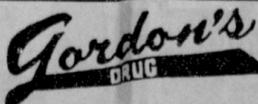
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Jean Marguerite Scroggs, 85, died Friday, March 6, 1998. Services were at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 1998 in the Union Church in Spearman with the Rev. Bill Sparks, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman.

Miss Scroggs was born in a tent near Dexter, NM. She was delivered by her father. She moved to the area in 1918 with her family in a covered wagon pulled by a team of burros. She graduated from Waka High School.

Miss Scroggs was a cafeteria cook and custodian at Waka School for many years. She was elected queen of the Waka Lions Club in 1997. She attended Waka Church of the Brethren.

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Thursday, March 12

Gruver Health Fair - Gruver Methodist Church
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Gruver ISD Staff Development Day - Student Holiday
8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
9:00 a.m. - Boys & Girls Golf Team at Dumas
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board Meets
7:00 p.m. - Hansford County Hospital Board Meets

Friday, March 13

Spearman ISD Staff Development - Student Holiday
Gruver Boys Golf Team at Booker
Gruver at Canadian Dual Tennis Tournament
Spearman & Gruver High School at Panhandle Track Meet

Saturday, March 14

Gruver Girls Golf Team at Booker
Spearman & Gruver High School at Panhandle Track Meet
7:00 p.m. - Rushing Wind Emmaus Community Meeting - FUMC in Booker

Sunday, March 15

3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - Apostolic Faith Church of Spearman

Monday, March 16

12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
7:00 p.m. - Hansford Hospice Meets at First State Bank in Spearman
7:00 p.m. - Gruver Band Parents Meet at Gruver Band Hall

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
9:00 a.m. - Spearman Boys & Girls Golf Team at Dumas
9:00 a.m. - Gruver Boys & Girls Golf Team at Sunday
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
7:30 p.m. - Spearman City Council Meets

Wednesday, March 18

9:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Service
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. - Hansford Hospice Chili/Slew Luncheon - Catholic Church Parish Hall in Spearman
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Co/C Women's Division Meets
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
7:00 p.m. - Trinity Fellowship offers "Family Issues" series

Thursday, March 19

8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out

Friday, March 20

Spearman ISD Staff Development - Student Holiday
Gruver Tennis at Dumas
Spearman High School at West Texas Track Meet
Gruver High School at Booker Track Meet

Saturday, March 21

Spearman High School at West Texas Track Meet
Gruver High School at Booker Track Meet
Gruver Tennis at Dumas
Gruver High School Jr./Sr. Prom

Sunday, March 22

3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - First United Methodist Church of Spearman

Monday, March 23

Gruver Performs One-Act Play At District Contest in Shamrock
10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioner's Court Meets
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
7:00 p.m. - Hansford Hospice Meets

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
9:00 a.m. - Boys & Girls Golf Team at Canadian
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
7:00 p.m. - Public Performance of SHS One-Act Play - High School Auditorium

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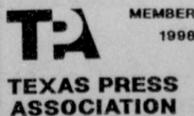
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Houston Stock Show
Hansford County FFA and 4-H youths did well at the "state championship of stock shows," the Houston Stock Show, last week. Of the 53 barrow entrants from Hansford County, 11 survived the rigorous sifting at Brenham, Texas, and advanced to the Houston competition.

The exhibitor's placings were: Tucker Williams, 11th place lightweight Hamp; David Parker, 24th medium Hamp; Kade Carthel, 11th light heavy Hamp; Jeramy Mackie, 6th heavy Hamp; Greg Slough, 16th medium heavy Duroc; Brandy Morris, 16th heavy Duroc; Timmy Bynum, 15th, Brad Holt, 7th heavy Cross; Hunter Beville, 22nd lightweight cross; Reagan Renner, 5th, medium heavy cross; and Taos Weldon, 15th medium light Cross.

The young swine showmen also brought home first and second place wins for Gruver FFA and Hansford County 4-H in the Herdsman Awards. This award is given to the group which keeps its assigned pen area neat and attractive and provides information to stock show visitors about the swine project. Hansford County 4-H and Gruver FFA have gained a reputation for being good herdsman and taking pride in their exhibits and have earned a place on the "show aisle" in the exhibit hall.

In the scramble heifer show, Kathy Slough exhibited the Grand Champion scramble heifer which was also the champion summer-yielding Maine Anjou Junior Breeder heifer.

The Hansford County 4-H livestock judging team consisting of Brad Holt, Kirby Johnson, and Greg Slough finished 79th from a

field of over 300 teams.

Winning honors in the steer division were Travis Brown, Reserve Breed Champion in the Angus division; Clancy Vanderburg, 3rd heavy Angus; Bailey Reid, 5th heavy Maine Anjou; and Rochelle Holt, 6th middleweight, Simmental.

The students who participated in the Houston show were not able to "hide from the TAAS tests. The eighth grade students who were scheduled to take the writing portion of the TAAS were given the test at Houston by school representative, Clay Montgomery.

College Corner

Junior Kaisi Foster has been selected pledge mistress of Alpha Chi Lambda social club at McMurry University.

Amber Murrell, Southern Methodist University freshman, was named to the fall honor roll. To be eligible for the listing, a student must achieve a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average. Amber was also recognized by the Golden Key Honor Society for her academic achievement.

McMurry University has announced its honor roll for the fall semester. Eligible students must take a minimum of 12 semesters hours and have a 3.5 or better GPA. Included on the list were Kasey Haenisch and KiKi Carthel of Gruver and Josh Winegarner of Spearman.

Citizenship Awards Announced

Citizenship awards have been announced for the fourth six weeks of school by Gruver Junior High. Students selected were Cristel Moreno, fifth grade; Garrett Miner, sixth grade; Bryn Lowe, seventh grade; and Kaylee

Holt, eighth grade.

The students were selected by their teachers for their good citizenship, proper attitudes, self-motivation, friendliness, and drive to succeed.

Condolences

Word has been received that funeral services were held last week in Wheeler for former resident, Foy Perkins.

Band Parents Meeting

Parents of band students in grades 8-12 will meet on Monday March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the band hall.

Flamingo Sightings

A pair of roving pink flamingos have been spotted in the yard of several Gruver residents. The curious pair are usually near election yard signs. So beware if you have an election sign in your yard, you may be visited by the phantom flamingos.

Sports

Congratulations to the Regional Champion Hounds, Head coach Glenn Hallum and assistant coach Lonnie Burnam! The Hounds left Tuesday on their way to the state tournament in Austin. The Hounds will play Goodrich at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. (Goodrich is south of Livingston and is located near Lake Livingston Reservoir.)

Bray Armes who sustained a cracked tibia in the Follett game has been released by his doctor and was able to play in the regional playoff games in

Lubbock. His presence will also be needed in the state playoff games.

Congratulations also to Coach Tim Garland, Doug Frick, and John Duncan who were coaches of the 1998 Hounds in previous years and also share in their success.

Caught Being Good

The GHS Houndball team and their coaches for the respect they showed during the National Anthem preceding the two regional games as they all stood at attention with hands over their hearts.

The Whiteface Antelopes who shook the hands of the Gruver players following their loss to them and respectfully stayed to watch the Hounds receive the regional trophy. (This is not seen at all playoff games.)

Go Hounds, You're the Best!
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Gospel Meeting

The Gruver Church of Christ is hosting a spring gospel meeting March 15-March 18. with Jimmy Jividen of Abilene.

Meeting times are Bible study 9:30 a.m. with worship at 10:20 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday. On Monday through Wednesday, meeting times will be 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Snacks and desserts will be served in the fellowship hall following Wednesday evening services.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The dangerous white-out on Saturday night in the entire Panhandle resulted in no serious accidents in Hansford County. Sheriff McFarlin was pleased to report. There were several "fender-benders" and drifting cattle caused problems, but motorists used caution.

Much interest has been expressed in the action of the Grand Jury last week. There were 13 indictments returned, including four sealed ones. Two of these remained sealed, one for possession, and one for forgery.

Indictments include, charges and bonds set for the following: one male, possession of controlled substance - bond \$25,000; one male, manslaughter - bond 100,000; one male, arson - bond 30,000; one male, manslaughter - bond 75,000; one female, forgery - bond 5,000 - bond made; one male, aggravated assault - bond 40,000; one male, auto theft - bond 10,000; one male, auto theft - bond 5,000; one male, auto theft - bond 5,000; one male, burglary of habitation - bond 10,000; All await trial, some have made bond, others remain in custody.

Recent new residents of Spearman are John and Laura Walser from Canadian. They are both natives of Canadian, so the stormy weather on Saturday night was not new to them.

They have been married three years and have no children as yet. John is employed by Bob Hohertz with the Tubular Inspection Company.

Laura doesn't plan to work out of the home, though for several years she has been employed by banks. She enjoys working in the yard and keeping house.

John is an avid hunter, mostly deer, but does mechanical work in his spare time.

The Walsers were members of the First Christian Church in Canadian. They have purchased the house formerly owned by John and Virginia White at #10 Golden Circle.

All the neighbors join in welcoming this couple to Spearman and hope their residence in Spearman will be permanent and contented.

Don and Lynanne Maize spent a long week-end with their daughter Gerri and Jeff Colvin in Dallas. Their main attraction was their four year old grandson, Carson. They drove a short

distance to Lake Cedar Creek and visited Don's cousin Jackie and Carl Raleigh.

A hitch-hiker, Worley Smith, rode with them. Worley spent the week-end with an old friend, Jack McKay, who lives on the Cherokee Shores Lake at Mabank, near Dallas.

One pleasant day he and Jack toured the casinos at Bossier City, Louisiana. Worley was mum as to whether he accumulated enough cash to pay his fare back home.

Victor and Debbie Schumann spent a restful few days in the Fredericksburg area last week. The trip had no purpose except for a change in pace, and as the weather was ideal and was very relaxing for them.

That area has much of historical interest which, with shopping opportunities and the excellent German cuisine, was all they could hope for.

One unpleasant experience was that Debbie developed a severe ear infection which required the services of a doctor. It has left her with distorted hearing and they are most hopeful that it will not be permanent.

Dwayne Smith reports the weather for the week of March 3 to March 9 shows the high temperature was on March 3rd at 66 degrees; the lowest was on the 9 at 14 degrees. Saturday night there were three inches of snow and during the storm, the wind reached gusts over 50 miles per hour; the chill index was way below zero.

Dwayne is aware that some weathermen have computers to do all the thinking for them; while others seem to still depend on their wives.

Karen Cargill of Denver City visited her parents, Helen and Ray Gibson, over the week-end. She is a teacher there and was on spring break. Her son, Jason Cargill, a student at WTA&M, also spent several days here as he is on spring break.

Notes from the ill:

Catherine White Hall, of Pampa, has been placed in Hospice #109 at St. Anthony's Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She is the mother of Aleta Jackson and sister of Virginia Head of Spearman.

Mrs. Gladys Russell returned to Hansford Manor on Tuesday and is having therapy, following a lengthy stay in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She was taken by ambulance on February 21st from the Manor. She

developed complications resulting from a stroke she had suffered last September.

Her son Tommy and Sandy Russell were with her during her stay in Amarillo.

Newell Allen is reported to show little change after two weeks in High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo following a stroke.

His sisters, Maxine Vernon of Springville, California and Norma Jo Peargin of Pismo Beach, California left Friday. They had been ten days in Amarillo with him. Dickie is staying there.

There are others with health problems, but relatives couldn't be contacted.

College News

Two Texas Universities have announced their honor rolls for the Fall 1997 semester.

The Texas Tech University academic honors include the President's List for students earning a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork and the Dean's List for students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9.

Those named to the Dean's List included Bailey Dayton Barkley, sophomore psychology major from Gruver; Cody Patrick Barkley, senior animal science major from Gruver; Kristin Amy Evans, freshman early childhood major from Gruver; Amy Diane Gillispie, freshman family financial planning major from Gruver; Jana Marie McCloy, junior pre-occupational therapy from Morse; Molly Marie Blackman, junior Spanish major from Spearman; Kelli Dawn Butts, senior multidisciplinary studies major from Spearman; Carrie Jane Pearson, senior petroleum land management major from Spearman; and Britt Clark Savage, pre-medicine major from Spearman.

Listed as students graduating from Texas Tech University for the Fall 1997 semester were Matthew Hanson Hoel, engineering technology major with a Bachelor of Science degree; and John Kevin Spivey, exercise and sports sciences major with a Bachelor of Science degree. Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1997 fall semester. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point average for the grading period while the Distinguished Student list recognizes students who earned a 3.25 - 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours.

Students making the Dean's List included Matthew Reid Archer, senior accounting major from Spearman; and Roxane Holt, sophomore biology major from Gruver.

Students named to the Distinguished Student roster included Tammie Wynn (Maupin)

Fannie and Mary E. Venneman enjoyed having Fannie's brother, Willoughby Sparks, spend a few days with them the first of the week.

They all went to Sunray one day to visit friends and relatives. Fannie especially enjoyed her grandson, Mark Davis, of Hooker who is teaching in the Sunray school.

Will lives at Midland and was up here with a grandson who has business interests in this area.

Helen Etter, member of the Hansford Hospital District Board of Trustees, attended the Spring forum of the Hospital Board of Trustees, Physicians and Administrators held in Dallas last week. The Forum was sponsored by the Texas Hospital Association.

The meetings convened at 8 p.m. and dismissed at 5 p.m. starting on Wednesday through Saturday noon.

So many changes are being made in medical laws, programs, requirements in all

fields, including family practice, the Forum was very informational and interesting.

Ann Snow, Hansford Hospital Administrator, also attended the Forum. She had been attending a meeting in San Antonio.

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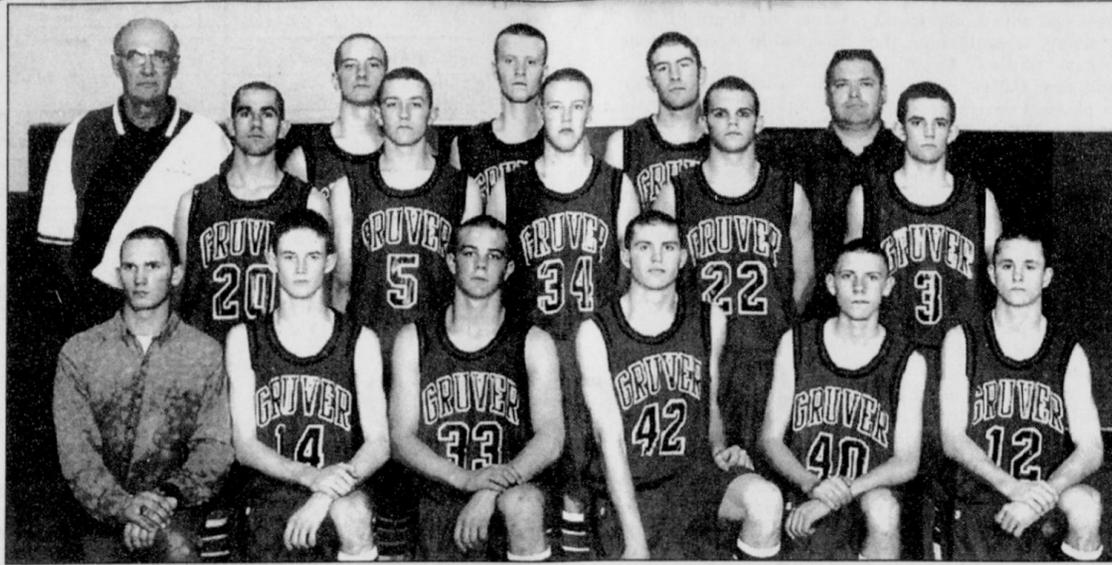
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Hounds Defeat Paducah

Hounds Slay Dragons
by Harletta Carthel

The Gruver Greyhounds went into their game with Paducah Friday night knowing three factors about the Dragons: they were tall, they were fast, and they were number one in the state. At the conclusion of the game, the Dragons were still tall and fast, but they were no longer number anything. For the second year in a row, the mighty GHS dragon slayers eliminated Paducah from regional competition.

The semi-final game with the Dragons began with Paducah getting the tip ball and quickly shooting an unsuccessful lay-up followed by an even quicker put-back. The Dragons did indeed look menacing.

Upon their first possession, Gruver used a spread offense which greatly slowed down the Hounds' usual pace. In the close first quarter of play, Brant Armes hit two three-pointers, Buster McLain hit a scoop shot under the basket and two free throws, and Jim Potts put up a basket for two.

Due to the Dragons' height advantage, it was surprising to see them attempting several outside shots in the period. The score at the end of the first quarter was Gruver 11, Paducah 10.

The Dragons scored quickly in the opening seconds of the second quarter. McLain then scored on a good second effort play by netting two when he rebounded his own blocked shot and followed with a free shot. Brant Armes then hit a long two, and Jared Johnson snagged a nice jump shot.

The Dragons experienced a setback when guard James McGrunder suffered a leg injury at

2:53 and was not able to return to the game. The halftime score found Gruver down by two, 23-25.

The Hounds were true to their game plan when they returned to the court and continued in their slowed flex offense. Even so, much of the third quarter found Gruver down by two to four points.

At 1:35, sophomore Lance Hallum hit a two to even the score. McLain then made a high baseline shot over a much-taller defender to put the Hounds up by two. The Dragons sought to tie the score, but neither of the two long shots in the final seconds of the third quarter found paydirt. The Hounds, themselves, were unable to get a shot off before the buzzer, and the period ended with Gruver 31, Paducah 29.

The decisive last eight minutes of the game began with a two under the basket by Hallum following a great pass from Brant. The Dragons next efforts were thwarted by Potts blocking a shot, and Johnson stealing the ball. The Hounds tallied on the other end with a lay-up by McLain.

In the Hounds next possession, McLain, amazingly dribbled the ball through a hard trip and fall to maintain Gruver's control. He then passed to Potts under the basket who drew a foul and chalked up two free throws, making the score at 6:08, 37-29, Gruver.

Paducah narrowed the margin with a three by Jason Potet. Potts retaliated with a beautiful jumper from the center of the paint.

Potts scored again when Brant found him alone under the basket and blitzed a long pass. The fierce Dragons still had fire in their

breath, though, and nailed a three.

The Hounds were then beset by two missed shots, a lane violation call, and a foul assessment. Although Paducah's Brad Flemons missed both free throw shots, the Hounds' bad luck was not over. McLain was called on a walk, and Potts was nabbed for a foul. This time the Dragon shooter swished both free shots, and the score at 1:32 stood Gruver 42-39.

When Gruver took possession again, the Hounds, in their spread offense, began to move the ball around to tick time off the clock and wait for the perfect shot. The expert ball-handling by the Hounds resulted in two fouls called on the Dragons but one less than enough for a one-and-one shot. At 45.4, the score remained 42-39.

Finally, at 33.5 seconds, Paducah garnered their seventh foul, but Brant was unable to hit the first shot. A surprising moving pick call on Gruver at 27.2 turned the ball over to Paducah, and the tension became nearly unbearable.

The feeling was mutual, though, and a high pass to a Paducah post waiting by the basket, gave the ball back to Gruver. As soon as Brant caught the in-bounds ball, a foul was called on the Dragons. Brant again was unable to hit the front end of the situation, and Paducah regained the ball. The Dragons, though, were called on a walking violation and then a foul.

For the third time, Brant stepped up to the line and calmly pegged the shot that gave Gruver the assurance that even a three-pointer would be of no avail to the Dragons.

In the final four seconds, the Gruver players clustered near mid

court and did not challenge the Dragons as they made a long pass to an awaiting player who put up an unsuccessful three. Another Dragon rebounded the ball, and in an action symbolic of the team's desperation, missed a short jumper with no Gruver players within 30 feet.

The tension of the final two minutes of play changed to exhilaration as the Hounds celebrated their 43-39 defeat of the top-ranked team in the state.

Final statistics:

Total points: Hallum 4, Potts 10, Johnson 5, McLain 13, Brant Armes 11.

Rebounds: Hallum 5, Potts 2, Johnson 6, McLain 4, Brant 4, Bray Armes 1.

Assists: Hallum 2, McLain 3, Brant 1, Murrell 1.

Steals: Hallum 1, Johnson 3, McLain 2, Murrell 1.

Blocked shots: Potts 2
Shooting percentages: Gruver, first half, field goals, 8-17, .471%; second half, 8-17, .471%; Game .471%.

Paducah, first half, field goals, 11-24, .458%, second half, 5-19, .263%; game, .372%.

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OUT AT THE LAKE
by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--Mar. 9, 1998--34 ft. 7 in. 38°

The bald eagles have not gone. They were just not visible last week. Ducks are still on the Lake, and deer are being seen more often.

I made a trip to the office last week to get the cards and stickers for the property tax permits. I took time to go by the R.V. Park, hoping to see some of the birds back. I could hear some, but not see them. While there, I noticed that a roofed over swing had been added for parents or grandparents to use while they watch the children use the playground equipment. Compliments to Jim and his crew for that thoughtful addition.

Much of my research on Hansford County history before the twentieth-century, has fallen on the area of the Park or the part of the county north east of the Park. Ira Neff, indicted for the first murder, the Rifle Pits, and James Harry McGee, first sheriff, were all near each other. At the time Ira Neff and J Harry McGee were neighbors, John DeLong had bought the improvements of the 777 Ranch, which my research points to being the same spot as the Rifle Pits, or at least very close to it.

For you that are not familiar with the Rifle Pits, that seems to be the name given to the site where in the winter of 1868-69 General Carr out of Fort Lyons, Colorado with a force of some 700 men made a semipermanent camp for the headquarters of a winter campaign. Buffalo Bill Cody was chief of Scouts and one account says saved the command from starvation by locating and killing a small herd of buffalo.

That spring Carr and his men were called back to Fort Lyons. They had to leave some equipment, because they had lost too many horses to take it all back. For some reason the site became the Rifle Pits--perhaps the soldiers had dug rifle pits for protection against the Indians. Some seem to think the soldiers buried rifles and thus the name Rifle Pits.

J. Evetts Haley mentions the Rifle Pits twice in his biography of George Littlefield, whose herd in 1877 came down from Dodge City by way of the Rifle Pits and Zulu. In Dec. of 1877, Phelps White was sent to Dodge City for food for the Panhandle ranches. He spent a night at the Rifle Pits with some men hunting wild horses.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WILLIAM B. SMITH were issued on March 9, 1998, in Cause No. 2213, pending in the County Court of Hansford County, Texas, to WILLIAM MARTIN SMITH, 23036 S.E. 220th Place, Maple Valley, WA 98038. All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 9th day of March, 1998.

John L. Hutchison
Attorney for the Estate

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