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At A Glance

Spearman Pioneer Contributes To Book Of Texas Legends

There are the early Texans and the old-time Texans. Nova Schubert Bair, member of one of Hansford County's pioneer families and of Spearman High School's class of 1928 would be one of those dubbed as "an old-time Texan".

Author Mackey Murdock identifies a generation of individuals, the "old-time Texans", who began the last century as teenagers and endured World War II as adults. In his book, "Last of the Old Time Texans" (Republic of Texas Press, \$17.95, softbound), Murdock includes memoirs on the social life, customs and development of Texas according to Mrs. Bair and other "old-time Texans".

Mrs. Bair, a longtime Amarillo resident, is renowned as a poet, teacher and composer. In recent years, she moved to Garland, TX, a suburb of Dallas where she teaches a writing class at the Garland Senior Citizens Center and attends meetings of the Poetry Society of Texas. She is author of two volumes of Scriptural prose, *Journey to Jerusalem* and *Where Jesus Walked*.

Miss Amarillo Area Scholarship Pageant Scheduled

The original award-winning Miss Amarillo Area Scholarship Organization is searching for the next Miss Amarillo Area. If you are 17-24, never been married, are interested in scholarships and a great experience, call Patty Stapp at 359-6690 or 353-3937.

Orientation is September 10th. The pageant will be held November 4th at the Amarillo Civic Center. The Miss Amarillo Area Organization gave over \$20,000 in cash last year.

They are also taking applications for the Mrs. Amarillo Pageant and the Junior Amarillo Pageant which will be September 17th at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Waka Church of the Brethren's Mini Bazaar Set

The eleventh annual Mini Bazaar will be held on Saturday October 28, 2000. This show is sponsored by the Waka Church of the Brethren and will be held in Perryton, TX at the Ochiltree County Exposition Building. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We are expanding the show to include a wider range of interests this year. We will be open to arts & crafts, small entrepreneurs, antiques, collectible stamps, coins, rocks, guns or even cars. If you have an interest and are interested in participating, give us a call and we will talk about it. No live animals please.

We have a one day Saturday show. We have a congenial, relaxed atmosphere and we welcome your participation. Spaces rent for \$15.00 each for an eight-foot by eight-foot space.

This is an annual fund raiser that our Church sponsors and proceeds are used mainly for capital improvements. If you need information call: 806-435-

Heart Association Receives Awards

The American Heart Association Hansford Division received recognition for their work in fundraising, organization and team achievement.

Missie Sumner-Bates, 2000-01 President and Anita Sumner, last year's President attended the annual awards dinner on July 21 in Corpus Christi to receive the awards.

For their stellar performance in successful recruitment of Chairmen for all their standing committees, for their increase in fundraising over the past three years as well as for their high Board of Directors' participation rate, attendance and area representation, Missie Sumner received the Outstanding Division Award in Level One for the Hansford Division.

The second award honored the Hansford Division's efforts to raise money for the organization. They received one of the three awards given in this area.

The Heart and Torch Award honored the Hansford Division's efforts to exceed their best fundraising of the past three years.

Hansford Division's Missie Sumner-Bates, President, Charlotte Bergin; Darlene Pierce; Kay Hobbs; Sharron Swan and Penny Ralston are a few of the dedicated volunteers whose efforts made the 1999-00 year successful.

The American Heart Association spent about \$327 million during fiscal year 1998-99 on research support, public and professional education, and community programs. With more than three million volunteers, the association is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases which annually kill more than 950,000 Americans.

Amarillo Symphony To Begin New Season

The Amarillo Symphony will begin the 2000-2001 season with the first of seven Civic Center Auditorium subscription concerts on Saturday, September 23 at 8 p.m. This concert marks the beginning of the Symphony's 76th season - a year that features a yearlong Beethoven Festival.

"We begin our Beethoven Festival with his beautiful Pastoral Symphony made famous to the mass public by Disney's *Fantasia*", said Music Director and Conductor James Setapen. "We also have three excerpts of a genre that people may not realize he wrote for - the march.

The featured soloist for the September 23 performance is Icelandic violinist Judith Ingolfsson. A native of Reykjavik,

Iceland, she studied at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and the Cleveland Institute. She plays the 1683 Stradivarius formerly owned by Josef Gingold and currently on loan from the International Competition of Indianapolis.

Up until Monday, September 18, the Amarillo Symphony is selling only complete season tickets for the entire seven concert series. Starting September 18th, single tickets for the opening concert will be available. Single tickets for remaining subscription performances will go on sale on Monday, September 25. For more information, call the Symphony office at 376-8782 or visit our website at www.amarillosymphony.org.



Anita Sumner and Missie Sumner-Bates proudly display the awards received by the American Heart Association Hansford Division.

Thank You!

The Board and Staff of the Hansford County Library would like to thank the following people who have made donations to the Mary Alice Gibner Endowment Fund for our library as of Monday, August 28th:

The Hansford County Library has begun a local matching fund drive for the Mary Alice Gibner Endowment. The goal for local donations of \$20,000 will give the library an endowment of \$100,000 or more after the matching grants.

Total collected to date: \$14,025.00
Amount needed to meet goal: \$5,975.00

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If you would like to make a donation to the Mary Alice Gibner Endowment fund or if you have questions, please contact any of the staff at the library - Sheri Benton, Margaret Ruttman or Cecilia Foster - or anyone on the library board - Myrna Biggers, James Cunningham, Kim Brock, Wanda Jones, Mary Alice Gibner, Wanda Archer, Marsha Murphy, Jo McLaughlin or Mae Wofford.

Producers To Receive Transition Payment

submitted by Larry Combest

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest (R-TX) recently confirmed that financial help approved by Congress is ready to go to producers as scheduled during September. Anticipating producer needs from multiple years of low market values for crops, Congress directed that producers receive an additional transition payment between September 1 and September 30, equaling their 1999 transition payment. Producers may also lay claim to their regularly scheduled 2000 transition payment under the Agricultural Market Transition Act (AMTA). Delivering the additional \$5.466 billion payment through the AMTA structure ensures financial assistance to the greatest number of producers quickly and efficiently, prior to the end of fiscal year 2000.

"With low crop prices and high fuel costs, many producers will not make back the cost of preparing, planting and delivering the work of an entire season," said Combest. "September's additional transition payment delivers on our financial commitment to producers with a timely and meaningful result."

Throughout three years of unprecedented weather and market losses, Congress has directed a total of \$21.7 billion in supplemental agricultural assistance to producers.

Zulu Trading Post Days

The 4th Annual Zulu Trading Post Days has been set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 15, 16 & 17.

Saturday's events will include a City-Wide Garage Sale, Garden Tours and a Golf Tournament to benefit the Stationmaster's House Museum.

To include your name listed in the City-Wide Garage Sale, contact Gina at (806) 659-5555. All those listed will be included in the advertising, and will have their name placed in the hopper for a chance for \$100 in Hansford Bucks.

The Golf Tourney will be a Best Ball Scramble (4-man teams), with a 2:00 p.m. tee-off. The cost is \$50.00 per person, and \$20.00 for carts. Mulligans will be \$2.50 per nine pays on 7 and 16 and 4 and 13. The payout will be 1st - 50%, 2nd - 30%, and 3rd - 20%. For more information, contact Charlie at (806) 659-2233 or Gina at (806) 659-5555.

Listed below are some of the activities planned.

- Many Feathers Indian Market from the American Indian Cultural Center - 306 Hancock @ Dreamers Salon - Estate Jewelry, Indian Artifacts, Leather clothing, moccasins, much much more!
- R&L Attic Treasures - 613 E. Kenneth - Antique trunks, some

- restored; Cabbage Patch Doll collection; 2 Rice Patty Babies. Painted and decorated furniture; Quilts and old bed spreads; Old costume jewelry in excellent condition.

- Hansford County Library - 122 Main - Books, Books, Books!

- Zulu Golf Scrambles to benefit the Stationmaster's House Museum - Hansford Golf Course - Call 659-2233 to enter

- Angela's Pigs - 613 E. Kenneth - Over 12 years of collecting Danbury Mint, Enesco, Crushed Pecan shell, resin, ceramic, brass, marble, stuffed odds and ends. Some old.

- Hospice Annual Garage Sale - 313 Main - Friday 9-2
- Dollar General - 723 W. 7th - Sidewalk sale

- Marva Delk - 1016 S. Haney - Cloth books, crocheted towels, aprons, baby bibs, Barbie clothes, sale table, crocheted doilies. Other craft items.
- Grace Davis - 1107 S. Barkley - General Garage Sale Items

- Stationmaster's House Museum Flea Market - 30 S. Townsend (lot behind the museum) - Spaces available to use for YOUR garage sale/craft items. \$10 per space. Call Ruby @ 806-659-3260 or Ruby Jo @ 806-659-3084. 10' X 30' spaces. September 11 Deadline. Limited Spaces left. Setup no later than 8:30 am. Lot clean and vacant

by 5 pm.

- Garden Tour @ the Lenis Simpson's home - 27 Golden Circle - Pool, pool house, vine covered gazebos and beautiful patio area.

- Margaret Evans - 103 Townsend - Furniture, cooking equipment, clothing, arts & crafts, and collectibles. Books, (history from 1924 to Romance Novels), 1940-50's records. Open at 8:30 a.m.

- Garden Tour - Linda and Randy Coombs - 613 E. Kenneth - Older rock home with shady backyard pond

- Jo's This N That - 214 Main - Quilts and Crafts
- Doris Beck and Dorothy Buzzard

- Debbie's Ready or Not - 315 1/2 Main - Pink Tag Sale on cake supplies, candy supplies, Wilton products, upcoming holiday items, and wedding supplies.
- Celebrate - 203 Main - Many Items on sale!!

- Ray's Furniture - Kenneth & Hancock at the Family Laundry - Odds and ends and used furniture
- Kay & Bobby Evans - 620 1/2 Bernice (Old Snoopy's Day Care) - Wood crafts, crochet items, vests, and miscellaneous items

- Kid'stuff and Lady Fair - Old Video Hut @ Plains Shopping Mall - Hwy 207 S - Ladie's, children's clothing and shoes

Laugh and Live



by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com

My dear friend Sally Desimone sent me the following story. I don't know who wrote it, but it really made me think; especially the last paragraph. Just think of what kind of world it would be if everyone lived their life this way!

Nothing Is More Important

I sat next to the bed of an old man, a friend for over twenty years, and held his hand. Hal was dying. We both knew these next few days would be his last. We spent time reminiscing about his long and fruitful career as a church pastor. We talked about old friends. We chatted about his family. And I listened as he offered sage wisdom and advice to a member of a "younger generation."

At a lull in the conversation, Hal seemed to carefully consider what he was about to say next. Then he squeezed my hand, gazed intently into my eyes and whispered, just loud enough for me to hear, "Nothing is more important than relationships." I knew that this was somehow near the pinnacle of his life's learnings. As he considered all of his experiences — personal, professional, spiritual and family, this one ultimate observation surfaced above the rest: "Nothing is more important than relationships."

"Don't get overly caught up in your career," he seemed to be saying to me. "Likewise, don't use people in order to achieve your goals, then throw them away. No project, no program, no task should be pursued at the expense of friends and family. Remember, I heard him saying, as clearly as if he were speaking the words, "that in the end, only your relationships will truly matter. Tend them well."

Writer Og Mandino puts it this way: "Beginning today," he said, "treat everyone you meet as if he or she were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness, and understanding you can muster, and do so with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again."

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



According to market research data, businesses lose as much as 30 percent of their potential revenue due to poor customer service. If you're like most, you could use a 30 percent increase in sales. Many small-business owners are quick to boast about their customer service. However, if you talk to their customers you may get a different story. Some customers don't rate the level of service nearly as high as the business owners do.

Can you define the difference between customer service and customer satisfaction? If you have to think very long, you may need to read the rest of this column.

Served or Satisfied?
Charles often buys breakfast at a fast-food restaurant. Last week, he visited one store three times. On Monday, he waited 11 minutes for his order. On Tuesday the fast crew was at work and he was out in three minutes flat. Unfortunately, when he went to eat his breakfast, what he had was not what he'd ordered. On Wednesday it took nine minutes to get his order. He had to ask for napkins and a straw and then wait another minute while the cashier went to find more one dollar bills. Was Charles served or satisfied?

Mary's car was hard to start. She took it to a neighborhood auto mechanic who promised to do a complete tune-up by 5 p.m. When she picked the car up, it started quickly. On the way home the engine began to make a strange noise. Mary's husband found that one of the sparkplugs had loosened and blown out of its hole. He replaced it and tightened the others. The following morning the car started quickly and ran well. Was Mary served or satisfied?

Dave hired a contractor to paint his house. The contractor had the highest bid, but justified his price by giving a one-year guarantee and pointing out that the high-quality paint he would use should last for 10 years more. Fifteen months later, Dave noticed peeling paint. Was Dave served or satisfied?

Karolyn needed new glasses. After the eye exam, an office assistant helped her select new frames. Karolyn tried on several frames and one of the least expensive felt quite comfortable. When Karolyn tried to select these, the assistant insisted that she try on several of the more expensive designs. The assistant stressed how much better the more expensive frames looked. Karolyn really couldn't tell much difference, but the assistant was adamant, so she finally bought the higher priced frames. Was Karolyn served or satisfied?

Sonny bought a new suit. He asked to have the pants cuffed. The young salesman made a face and shook his head no. "You don't want cuffs," he insisted. "Nobody gets a

great suit like this with cuffs." Reluctantly, Sonny agreed to have the pants fitted without cuffs. At a business conference the following week, Sonny noticed that all the other executives wore cuffed pants. All that is, except one young man with a flashy teal-blue pinstripe and three earrings...and Sonny. Was Sonny served or satisfied?

Ella headed through the check-out line at her favorite grocery store. "Please put the eggs and strawberries in a separate sack," she requested. When she unpacked the gro-

ceries at home, she found the eggs and strawberries under three cars of peas and two cans of corn. Was Ella served or satisfied?

I'm amazed at how many business owners spend thousands of dollars to attract customers to their businesses, then let them slip right through their fingers. You'll never keep a customer just by serving them. You must exceed their expectations. It's nice to delight them. WOW them and amaze them. But, most of all, you must satisfy them.



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Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
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Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Bill Sparks

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Pastor - Scott Curry

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209 King • 733-2760
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Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
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Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
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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

September 7
 Birthday - Alice Peddy, Kim Boone, Teal Armes, J.L. Brock, Richard Montgomery, Juanita Terceo, Melvin Willis, Kermit McKee, Jennifer Whitefield
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Charlie West, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Bullard

September 8
 Birthday - Kevin Hart, Vernon Edens, Larry Irlbeck, Teresa Byrd, Richard Davis, Cindy Scarborough, Macy Shieldknight, Suzanne Sanders, Beronica Borounda, Wynette Mullins, Monica Ceniceris, Linda West, Justin Tucker
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Roger Odegaard, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Zable

September 9
 Birthday - Jantzen Dahl, Brian Kaugman, Dora Salgado, Doug Hohertz, Daiana Arjona, Kitty Edwards, Joyce Frost, Krystal Lackey, Debbie Abston, Jeannie Swan, Brian Payne, Merle Arthur, Alvin Byers, Tina Baumgardner, Nikki Boyd, Kitty Edwards, Dynell Vera Moore
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Williams, Brad & Dottie Beedy

September 10
 Birthday - Donnie Osborne, Michael Minter, Derek Kuehl, Lil Turner, Rosa Alexander, Don Moore, Jeff Hand, Makala Weakly, Scott Wilkerson, Rosa Rodriguez, Susan Harnish, Chris Lopez, Janett Trosper, Quinton Shieldknight, Jerick Howard, Brent Collins, Kami Hammonds
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Garza

September 11
 Birthday - Erika Salmans, Gary Lynn Evans, Ginger Pittman, DaVonna Daharsh, Jimmy Jackson, Jim Davis, Teresa Pipkin, Clarence Mitchell, Tony Pacheco Jr., Julia Wofford, Everette Layton, Angela Lomeli, Janice Watley
 Anniversary - Rusty & Judy Tindell, Buck & Beatrice Self, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Whitford

September 12
 Birthday - Linda Haight, Evi Meyer, Carrie Ann Guthrie, Deannie Gilley, Connie Shields, Issabella Hermsellio, Peggy Varnon, Ty Martin, Quincy Graber, Roland Graber, Chasidy Thomas, Charles Elliott
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Kruse

September 13
 Birthday - Alice Alvarez, Mindy Davis, Aaron Frick, Pam Harris, Kevin Holt, B.J. Renner, Jimmy Beeson, Carol Hergert, Hadley Reed, Terry Cook, Jim Baker, Burt Williams, Charolette Jackson, Jack McWhirter, Keri Holt, Kalib Nash

September 14
 Birthday - Max Clawson, Justin Duncan, William O'Connell, Johnny Dunnihoo, Allen Hart, Robin Snider, Ken Schneider, Gregg VanBuskirk, Clayton Williams, Velma Sanders, Doug Holmes, Steven Salazar, Joel Stark, Debbie Canto

September 15
 Birthday - Les Barkley, Laura Blasingame, Dan Ralston, Karen

Durham, Becky Byers, Misty Dawn Villarreal, Matt Jones, Audrey Winegarner, Debbie Dingman, Darlene Howell, Amanda Bowman, Matthew Jones, Arturo Huerta
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Meek, Karen & Buford Babitzke, Mr. & Mrs. Jake Vernon

September 16
 Birthday - Marcia Kuehl, Terrell Evans, Jarret Warren, Oscar Rojas Jr., Jason Evans, Leticia Salazar, Frank Galvin, Pauline Winger, Fannie Venneman, Silvia Lopez, Margy Schoenhals
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Greenwood

September 17
 Birthday - Hugh Bell, Krystle Deeds, Pablo Perez, Glenda Renner, Johnny White, Jan Allen, Helen Melton, Joe Wattier, Teresa Ford, Myrtle Eller, Janna Brock, Robbie Cochran, R.D. McLain, Judy Fredrick, Mario Molina, Dale Wofford, Andrew Cummings
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Kennedy, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gressett

September 18
 Birthday - Jason Haefner, Betty Davis, Alton Ellsworth, Pat Jackson, Scarlett Jackson, Cary Cates, Mrs. Don Ladd, Jamie Pierce, Donna Phillips, Van Hamilton, David Baca, Jamie Townsen
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Scott Swan

September 19
 Birthday - Sally Holt Meek, Carol Hester, Sue Jackson, Tildon Sparks, Don Kunselman, Jim Jones, Amadita Vargas, Alberto Vargas, Randy Kirk, Tammy Woodward, Julie Pittman, Cassidy Lynn Taylor
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. Tindle Ramón

September 20
 Birthday - Tiffanee Crane, Jerry Overbey, Karen Archer, Donnie Hergert, Charles Shieldknight, Mrs. Jimmy Watson, Dee Mayfield, Edrie Jones, Jessie Francis, Rodney Williams, Lance McMahan, Dora Salgado, Chris Womble, Beverly Vinson, Pedro Garza

September 21
 Birthday - Amber Murrell, Teresa Sue Dodson, Mrs. Ola Davis, Lisa Pipkin, Sharon Craig, Millie Craig, Gary Thomas, Karen Goodman, Arthur Cantu, Cathy Cook, Paul Mahaffey, Ashlee Flowers, Allene Bayless, Callie Cazares, Francis Murrell, Jacie Baker, Mike Ladd

September 22
 Birthday - Charlotte Bergin, Chelsie Beth Hicks, Leon Wilson, Robert Womble, Bobby Evans, Ray Brewer, Junior Avila, Terry Deiozier, Lance Harnish, Sterling Alana Brown, Amber Conley, Janice Riley, Bonnie Cox
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. John Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Pat Jackson

September 23
 Birthday - Larry Babbs, Rodney Dale Clawson, Floyd Dry, Melissa Davis, Wilma Clark, Ray Ortega, Tony Papay, Will Black, Jan Hartsell, Luisa Volden, Karla Flowers, Amber Coombs, Kylie Cook, Jake Coates, Andrew Jacobs
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Atwood, Mr. & Mrs. John Pipkin

Our Deepest Sympathy

Billie Jean Parker

Billie Jean "B.J." Parker, 47, died Sunday, September 3, 2000. Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, September 5, 2000 in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gary Smith and the Rev. Ken Cole officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Parker was born in Borger on March 7, 1953, and moved to the area from Dalhart in 1978. She worked as a manager at Berry Cleaners in Spearman for 13 years. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She married John Mark Parker on January 7, 1977 in Borger. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Mark Alan Parker and David Turner Parker, both of San Marcos; a stepson, John Richard Parker of Denver; a stepdaughter, Brandie Jarvis of Spearman; her mother and stepfather, Grace and Walter McDade of Spearman; a brother, Eddie Rodgers of Spearman; two step sisters, Lee Tice and Kathy McDade, both of Skellytown; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.

Kip Imel Pittman

Kip Imel Pittman, 33, died Friday, September 1, 2000, at the family farm northwest of Morse, TX, after an extended illness with cancer.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 3, 2000 at the Church of Christ in Spearman with Robert Moore officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Pittman was born on July 3, 1967 in Spearman. He graduated from Gruver High School in 1986, where he played football and basketball. After graduating from Harding University in Searcy, Ark., he received a teaching certificate from Oklahoma State University.

He married his soul mate Melissa (Tuffy) Shipe on December 22, 1989 at Lawrence, KS.

Kip coached and taught in Kermit and Booker and served as a campus minister at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, OK. In Eudora, KS, he coached and taught in the junior high and high school and served as a youth minister in Lawrence, KS.

In 1986, Kip struggled through a bone marrow transplant at the Scripps Clinic in San Diego as a result of Aplastic Anemia. There were many area residents who donated their blood to Kip during this time. Because of the generosity of those donors, we were all blessed with Kips presence for fifteen additional years.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Zane Elias of Morse; three daughters, Mary Hannah Pittman, Chloe Ellyn Pittman, and Sadie Lynne Pittman, all of Morse; his parents Frank and Lucy Pittman of Morse; two brothers, Chet Pittman of Morse and Luke Pittman of Spearman; his grandparents, Erlis and Ethel Pittman of Spearman and L.J. Norman of Granite, OK; and a foster brother, Chris Kauffman of Searcy.

The family suggests memorials be to Christian Camp Inc., c/o Jerry Myers, 3713 S. 34th St., Topeka, KS 66614.

Thank You

The families of Cecil Fryrear Sr. would like to thank everyone who came by and visited with Cecil while he was in the hospital. Also we want to thank you for all the prayers, cards and food during this time of sorrow. We want to thank Hospice for all the food they provided for us at the hospital and at home. We want to thank the hospital staff for all the TLC they gave Daddy while in the hospital. We want to thank the Hospice staff and Home Health for the care they gave Daddy.

May God Bless you all.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Lynx/Lynxette Booster Club To Meet

The Spearman Lynx/Lynxette Booster Club will hold their weekly meetings on Tuesdays until the end of football season. The meeting place is Coach Bowles' room at Spearman High School. All members and all prospective members are urged to attend.

Mini Bazaar

The eleventh annual Mini Bazaar will be held on Saturday October 28, 2000. This show is sponsored by the Waka Church of the Brethren and will be held in Perryton TX at the Ochiltree County Exposition Building. Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We are expanding the show to include a wider range of interests this year. We will be open to arts & crafts, small entrepreneurs, antiques, collectible stamps, coins, rocks, guns, or even cars. If you have an interest and are interested in participating, give us a call and we will talk about it. No live animals please. We have a one day Saturday show. We have a congenial, relaxed atmosphere and we welcome your participation. Our spaces rent for \$15.00 each for an eight-foot by eight-foot space. This is an annual fund raiser that our Church sponsors and proceeds are used mainly for capital improvements. If you need information call: 806-435-4515. 806-435-3893. 806-4353874 or 806-435-2104.

Volunteers Needed

There are a number of people in our community who are not able to drive themselves to Amarillo for doctor's appointments and do not have family to take them. If you would be interested in helping out by driving your car or theirs, please call Kathy Bryant at 659-3866 or 659-3030. Passengers will be expected to pay for gas and trip-related expenses.

City Work Day Scheduled

The Spearman High School Helpers and the High School Student Council will work with the City of Spearman to volunteer to help make Spearman a nicer place to live. On Saturday, September 9, 2000, the students will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the City Hall to pick up litter and other debris along the streets. If you know of an area that needs attention or if you can volunteer to help, please contact Robert Patrick, City Manager at 659-2524.

Chris Crow To Perform

Christian music artist, Chris Crow, will be in concert September 16 from 7-9 p.m. at the Perryton High School Auditorium. The concert is sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters and all proceeds will benefit Ochiltree County United Way. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased at the door, at the Upper Room Christian Bookstore, or by calling BBBS at 434-0016 or 1-800-681-8282.

Spearman Lions Club

The Spearman Lions Club will conduct an all-out drive on Wednesday, September 13 to sell quality Blind Made Merchandise to residents and local businesses. Items are manufactured by blind and visually-impaired workers. In addition, the Lions Club's earnings from this sale will be used for community service projects, such as purchasing eye glasses for needy children.

Booster Club Wants New Members

The Booster Club is wanting new members for the coming year. If you have a child in athletics or just have an interest in Spearman athletics, we could use your help. Anybody interested in joining, please contact Nikki Lozano at 659-2568. If you are interested in advertising on the spearmanlynx.com web site, please call Lenis Simpson at 659-2952. Your business will get a lot of exposure on this site and all the money goes for scholarships for the kids. We appreciate your support!

4-H Club Enrollment

Spearman 4-H Club will meet Monday, September 11, at 7 p.m. in the Gruver County Barn. Youth wishing to enroll in 4-H must be 9 years old or in 3rd grade or older. Come to the meeting and discover the many projects and activities available through 4-H. Foods projects and dog care projects will start soon, as well as Beef, Sheep, Swine, Livestock Judging and Share-the-Fun. Call County Extension agents Peggy Winegarner or Burt Williams (659-4130 or 733-2901) for more information. All youth 3rd grade through age 19 may participate in 4-H regardless of their race, color, sex, disability or national origin.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

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 on Monday, September 25 at Hansford County Hospital, 712 S. Roland, in Spearman. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only.
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Economic Development Helps Attract Young People to Small Towns

It's a familiar story across Texas: Kids grow up and move away from their hometowns to find jobs. Traditionally, small towns have found it impossible to compete.

But that situation is changing, says Roland Ramirez, principal at Beach Ramirez, Inc., a Houston-based strategic enterprise management and economic development consulting firm that has worked in numerous Texas towns, including Friendswood, Nederland, Denison, Stafford and Hempstead.

"The new technologies transforming the work and home environment are offering smaller towns a change to compete for workers - including their own young people," said Ramirez. "The trend toward the outsourcing of jobs by companies also is good for small communities."

A strategic development plan that also addresses quality of life issues can help smaller communities retain young people - and even encourage other young professionals to move to the community.

Towns as small as Early, TX, population 2,380, have even started their own new business incubators to nurture fledgling businesses, including marketers, consultants and manufacturers. Ramirez recommends four ways edge cities and small communities can make themselves more attractive to their own young people and others.

1. Maximize the Power of the Internet.

Small towns can set up an interactive web site or virtual tours to showcase the town's best features. The Internet brings entertainment, worldwide news to residents of small towns. With the rise of e-commuting, more towns can offer the advantages of small town living and provide "linkages" to the attractions of metropolitan areas.

2. Cultivate Entertainment and

Cultural Opportunities.

Even if people work via the Internet, they still need to feel personally connected with others. Look for ways to enhance cultural events, promote the town's unique history and attract businesses that add entertainment value.

3. Strive to Attract Companies of the Future, not the Past.

Communities need to target companies that will be around in 20 years and not necessarily companies that are dependent on technologies that will be eclipsed soon. The most significant challenge for many smaller communities is providing the technology infrastructure necessary to connect the global economy and accommodate E-commuting.

4. "Know Thyself".

Most importantly, a community should recognize and act on its strengths and weaknesses. Understand why young people leave, exactly where they are going and what it takes to attract them back to the community. Some communities have hired community-development specialists to get an outside perspective and to profile the community's resources, demographics and economic factors.

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Kopkes/Sloveceks Celebrate Golden Anniversary

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On Saturday, August 19th, two couples, Harold and Delphine Kopke of Spearman and Marvin and Mary Sloveck of Booker gathered with their families to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Fifty years ago on August 19th, both couples decided they were ready to get married. They visited a preacher in Perryton and were married.

Harold and Delphine moved to Spearman in 1957. Both are currently retired. Harold worked for Baker & Taylor and several other drilling companies holding a number of positions. He also worked for the Corps of Engineers that allowed him to temporarily live in places such as Las Vegas, Chicago, Kentucky and the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. Delphine started working for the Spearman Independent School District in the grade school cafeteria in 1965. She recently retired in 1998 having worked at the school for 33 years. All three of their children attended and graduated from Spearman schools.

Attending the celebration were their three children: daughter Cindy Scarborough, her husband Jim and their children, Erik and Sheena of Canyon, TX; son Tex of Dallas; and son Mark and his wife Kim of Amarillo.

Marvin and Mary has three children, Darla, Cecil and Millie. Darla and her children attended as well as Millie, her husband and their children. Cecil passed away several years ago. Mary's mother as well as her brother and his wife were also able to attend the celebration.

The celebration was held at the Smoke House in Perryton. The two couples have met a few times throughout the years and celebrated their anniversaries together. But this was the first time for the children to meet in over 30 years. Everyone enjoyed having dinner and sharing stories.

They recorded the event with pictures and celebrated with a 50th anniversary cake.

New Books In The Library

McNally's Folly by Lardo (formerly by Sanders); Nora, Nora by Siddons; Beyond the Gathering Storm by Oke; Dust or Dust by Hoag; Winter Solstice by Pilcher; Purple Cane Road by Burke; The Guest List by Michaels; Mr. Perfect by Howard; The Day John Died by Andersen; Blue Gold by Cussler; Stories for a Mom's Heart by Gray; Peanuts: A Golden Celebration by Schulz; Christmas with Southern Living 2000; Everything Homeselling Book by Rejnis; Everything Homebuying Book by Rejnis; Everything Guide to Washington D.C. by Perkins; Everything Guide to Walt Disney World by Rich; Everything Guide to New York City by Mintzer; If Only It Were True by Levy; A Cat on Stage Left by Adamson; Demolition Angel by Crais; Midnight Come Again by Stabenow; Knights Templar by Howarth; Stalker by Kellerman; Glass Houses by Cameron; 24 Hours by Iles; Deadly Decisions by Reichs

99 Cents

by Harletta Carthel

"Poor little Ida, sitting on a fence, trying to make a dollar out of 99 cents." It was just a silly poem I read as a sixth grader. I've long since forgotten parts to the Gettysburg Address and the listing of U.S. presidents we had to memorize, but somehow that whimsical little verse has lingered. Maybe it's because I identify with poor little Ida's plight of falling just short of her expectations, that feeling of "giving it all you've got" only to find it wasn't quite enough.

So, for all of us who have finished just short of the goal, performed an advanced sonata with a slip showing, found a curler in your hair after a great interview, or delivered an impassioned speech with spinach on a front tooth - this column, 99 Cents, is dedicated to you.

Grandparents Day

Nana and Grandpa will have their own day on Sunday, September 10. Grandparents Day may be a great idea, but if you ask me, there something kind of strange about this grandparenting thing.

After all, suspicion is aroused by any group who converses in code. Disguised as "baby talk," grandparents just may be conveying subversive ideas to our youth at a vulnerable time in their young lives with their coded messages. One might wonder what real meaning grandparents are seeking to convey in such statements as "Give Nana a kissy-poooh." or "Pretty please with sugar on top, drink it all gone, gone?" Innocent sounding on the surface, yes, but remember, bombers in World War II often had cutesy pictures and nicknames, too. The dangerous is often disguised.

Another piece of evidence testifying to the intentions of grandparents is the questionable behaviors they exhibit. To wit: Why would an adult allow a child to eat chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream for breakfast or make a playhouse with cushions from a new light blue couch? And eyebrows also raise when code name - grandma - for no apparent reason, buys a new toy for a kid who has a million already. The only plausible answer for such action is bribery or even extortion. Who knows what incriminating evidence is being suppressed in kids with these payoffs?

Perhaps the most convincing proof of the dangers of grandparents is their propaganda efforts. Displaying red and blue crayon squiggles on the refrigerator door as though they were great works of art; sitting through countless hours of little league games, piano recitals, and school plays - are all undoubtedly attempts to implant in a child's mind a subliminal message that he or she is some kind of super star. What blatant propaganda! Do grandparents really want a child to grow up thinking they are extraordinary?

This grandparenting is powerful stuff, alright. For example, what would happen if it could be bottled and sold in stores? It could then be rubbed on boo-boos and hurtly places to make it all better (this could run pediatricians out of business), or it could be poured on a sugar cookie and taken internally for broken hearts, disappointments, and crushed feelings (this might put child psychologists in the unemployment line).

There's no doubt, we had better waste no time in getting this grandparenting phenomenon under control. A force this powerful in the lives of young people might pose a national threat. And with no amendment in the constitution to protect grandparents' rights, the government might need to move very quickly to, at least, make sure Nana has a license, and Grandpa has a permit. This grandparenting is potent stuff which could be very dangerous in the wrong hands.

So grandparents want to keep their special day, they better tow the line and stop the funny business.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

The passing of Kip Pittman, 33, was a sad loss to Hansford County and other communities where he touched many lives. A young man with exceptional potential, already he had made an impact on many with his Christian life and teaching. Sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

Lightning caused several grass fires late Saturday, but rain of any amount passed by.

A fire started just south of the home of Kathy and Pat Patterson, west of Spearman Saturday afternoon. The fire department was called and Pat started to extinguish it, when a sudden and short shower did the work for him. A small acreage of grass was burned.

The department was summoned about 8 p.m. Saturday evening to the Knutson ranch northeast of the Palo Duro Lake. By midnight the fire was extinguished. Sunday about noon, it had reignited and the firemen fought it until 9:30 Sunday night.

The fire was on the creek's bank in very rough ranch country and was hard to fight. The weather was 107 degrees. Fire departments from Gruver, Perryton, Stratford and some Stinnett units assisted. Several firemen were treated for heat exhaustion. Ambulances from Spearman, Gruver and Perryton were at the scene.

Food was provided by the local Perryton Red Cross and Perryton's firemen families as well as Spearman individuals and Pizza Hut.

As the firemen were returning about 9:30 p.m., lightning ignited other fires. One was near Hansford County Feeders and on the Dan Ralston place. The Spearman and Gruver departments quickly extinguished them with a welcome assist from a brief rain shower.

Certainly, most other Spearman citizens watching the ballgames in a cool room owe the dedicated firemen a vote of thanks. In the blistering heat they risked their health to give of their time and strength.

Condolences are extended to the families of B.J. Parker whose services were Tuesday. In her many years in Spearman, she had made many friends. The obituary is elsewhere in this issue.

Whether a new fireman or a new banker, a new joy has come to the home of Paige and Bret Burgin in their new son, Carter Avery Burgin. He arrived at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital on August 31, 2000 at

8:39 a.m. His weight was 7 lbs., 8 oz. and he was 19 1/4 inches long.

Welcoming him was his sister, three-year old Jaci. Grandparents are Mary Lou and Steve Mathews; Ginger and Bill Pittman, all of Spearman; Joe Burgin, Muskogee, OK and the late Mary Burgin. Great-grandparents are Ethel and Erlis Pittman, Fay Cluck of Spearman.

Old friends greeted Ruby McCullough on Saturday when she attended the shower for her great-grandson, Weston Lane Brown, son of Dawn and Troy Brown.

Ruby, now of Sunset, is spending the week with her daughter, Nancy Babbs and son, Benny McCullough and their families in Gruver.

Haley and Boyd Rice and sons are glad to get home, notwithstanding the heat and drought. They had spent three weeks at cutting horse exhibitions in Steamboat Springs, CO and Sheridan, WY.

The scenery was spectacular and the weather fine in Steamboat Springs but Wyoming is in a drought.

At Steamboat Springs, Tatum won his class in the show and Tarin placed second in Sheridan, both in very keen competition.

The boys kept up with their school work with the cooperation of the Spearman school so they have no make-up work. Their assignments were faxed to them at the hotels where they were staying and they faxed their responses.

Haley, Boyd and the boys express their appreciation to the faculty and administration of Spearman school for this excellent cooperation.

Weekend guests of Travis and Lana Patterson were her mother and sister - Mrs. Sandra Carter and Laurie Staude both of Stephenville. Entertainment was provided by grandchildren Lauren, Trace and Zane.

Dwayne Smith's weather report for the week of August 28th to September 4 at 7 a.m. - the highest temperature was on both September 2nd and September 3rd at 107 degrees; the low on August 29th was 68 - vivid lightning, loud thunder and no moisture of record.

Sometime during the holiday weekend, the Spearman firemen found time for their boot collection for the Jerry Lewis fund. It is reported that the contributions were \$1550.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

GVFD Posts Busy Weekend

Lightning which sparked numerous grass fires in the area made a busy weekend for Gruver volunteer firemen. Thirteen calls were received by the department over the weekend. The largest fire was at the Knutson (Stavlo) Ranch. Firemen fought the fire both Saturday night and Sunday. The fire was estimated to have covered three to four sections of land. Gruver firemen were assisted by units from Spearman, Perryton, Stinnett, Hardesty, Guymon, Waka, and Farnsworth.

Some locations of other fires were near the Ray Ralston home, the Dan Ralston home, the Gary Evans home, and the Jack Hart Ranch. No homes were reported as damaged in the fires.

Gruver Fire Chief Sam Gruver urges all area residents to be extremely careful in any outdoor activities in which fire or sparks of any kind are associated.

Gruver Mourns Losses

Area residents are mourning the loss of Jeanette (Bort) Vigna and Kip Pittman. Vigna's memorial service was on Friday while Pittman's was held on Sunday.

Kind and gentle Jeanette was a long-time Gruver resident. Kip, 33, was a native of the Morse area and a graduate and athlete of GHS, who endured himself to all he met. Sympathy is expressed to both families.

GHS Hosts Spanish Exchange Student

Rosa Diaz became a member of the GHS senior class on Monday. Rosa, who hails from Spain, is the younger sister of Terri Diaz who was a GHS exchange student several years ago.

Rosa, who is making her home with the Neal and Julie Williams family, hopes to be a member of the GHS tennis team.

Notes From The Ill

Bonnie Smith, the mother of Peggy Frick, suffered a fall and underwent surgery on Sunday.

Ina Terrell of Ralls, the mother of Donna Williams and the sister of Reta Gross, also suffered a fall this week. An update of her condition was not known at press time.

Cecil Ralston is reported to have had surgery last week. He is doing well.

Frankie Donnell is currently undergoing tests.

Dean Lieb, the father of Lori Sparks, was hospitalized recently.

Dahl Takes School Board Election

Former Hansford County resident, Scott Dahl, has been elected to the Guymon School Board in a special election held August 22.

School Picture Date Set

Class pictures and football pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 27.

Flag Girls Chosen

Five members of the GHS Band have been selected to serve as flag girls for the school year. Chosen were Tabitha Crow, Lourdes Vega, Cynthia Briones, Carrie Stewart, and Judy Luciano.

Gruver Attends Reunion

Sam Gruver attended the 30-year reunion of his graduation class at Cimarron, New Mexico this weekend. The reunion was held at the Philmont Boy Scout Camp and at Cimarron High School.

Gruver reports the large mansion on the Scout property estate is now a bed and breakfast that might be of interest to those traveling to the area. It is now known as Casa de Garvel.

Cross Country to Open Season at Perryton

The GHS boys and girls cross country teams will begin their season this Saturday at Lake Fryer.

Members of the GHS girls team include Carley Bryson, Teal Armes, Amy Watley, Cassie Myatt, Christi Clift, Lori Swink, Elizabeth Duncan, Bryn Lowe, and Judy Luciano.

Running on the boys team will be Brian Goad, Casey Harris, James Crow, Oscar Cruz, Chad Howe, Luis Lopez, Luis Ramirez, Gabriel Lopez, Steven Salazar, and Wade Stewart.

Steve Myatt is the cross country coach.

Kindergarten to Hear Community Helpers

Gruver kindergarten classes were visited by the representatives of the Gruver Police Department on Tuesday and members of the Emergency Medical Services on

Wednesday. On Thursday, members of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department will address the class.

"Paw Prints" Begins Publication

Paw Prints, produced by the GHS Photojournalism class, made its debut on September 5. Students reporting in the premier issue are Bryn Lowe, Wade Stewart, Lisa Johnson, Jenna Shoulders, Sarah Miser, Alicia Alvarez, David Hernandez, Brandon Casdorff, Jacinda Perez, and Misael Rosales. GHS teacher, Gwen Parker, is the paper's sponsor.

Football Season to Kick Off

The football season will kick off in Gruver on Thursday as the seventh and eighth grade Hounds and the GHS Junior Varsity host the White Deer Bucks. The seventh grade game will begin at 5 p.m., with the eighth grade at 6:30, and the junior varsity following at approximately 8 p.m.

Members of the GJHS seventh grade Hounds playing their first game will be Earl Griffin, Crispin Borunda, Ivan Briones, Rafael Perez, Colby Griffin, Matt Messer, Mike Lora, Brad Clawson, Sheldon

Atwood, Steve Villegas, Reid Winger, Tanner Irwin, Jose Torres, Stephen Salazar, Joey Patterson, and Kade Shoulders.

National Honor Society Meets

Members of the GHS National Honor Society selected officers for the 2000-2001 school year. Chosen to lead were president - Brooke Beville, vice president - Jessica Moore, secretary - Holly Hart, and treasurer - Brooke Salmans. Cathy Potts is the chapter advisor.

Mother/Daughter Duos Abound

Like mother, like daughter might be the rule in Gruver Schools! Currently, three mother/daughter duos are a part of the Gruver School system. Junior High secretary LaNetta Shapley's daughter Mika Been is a new teacher at Gruver Junior High; the secretary to the superintendent, Amy Babbs, has two daughters in the Gruver School system - Shell Haynes who teaches at GHS and Eva Spivey who teaches at Gruver Elementary; and elementary teacher Mickey Maupin's daughter, Wynn Essler, is a new junior high teacher.

Faith, Agriculture Meet For Conference

Participants will explore and celebrate the intersection of faith, agricultural research and rural development at an October 8-9.

"Caring for Creation" conference at Lubbock's Second Baptist Church.

"Celebrating the Stewards of the Land: Sustaining Creation in the New Millennium" is the theme of the conference, co-sponsored by Second Baptist Church and the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. The commission is the moral concerns and public policy agency for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Keynote speakers are David Schmidly, president of Texas Tech University; state Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; and Warren Chisum, R-Pampa.

Others include Charles Johnson, pastor of Second Baptist Church in Lubbock; Phil Strickland and Terri Morgan from the Christian Life Commission; and Rob Sellers, associate professor of theology and missions at Logsdon School of Theology, Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Special interest sessions include topics such as: "The Emerging Crisis Around Water Resources and Conservation," "Agricultural Impact on Rural Development," "Hunger Relief in the New Millennium" and "Redeeming the Earth: A Global View."

As part of the two-day conference, tours will be offered to the Sustainable Agriculture Research Station, the Plant Stress Lab at Texas Tech University and the Breedlove Dehydration Plant.

Cost for the conference is \$25, which includes a luncheon and an evening banquet. To register, contact the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, 333 N. Washington, Dallas, TX 75246-1798.



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"We've got a great selection of plays and a special musical planned," Perry Crafton, WTAMU director of theatre and assistant professor of theatre, said. "We've completed casting for each, and WTAMU has a great bunch of talented actors and actresses this year."

A "Musical Theatre Revue" will open the BIT season at 8 p.m. Sept. 28-30 in the Branding Iron Theatre. For more information, call 806/651-2798.

The BIT's first play will be *The Birthday Party*, a dark comedy, Oct. 11-15. *The Birthday Party* explores a dark side of human nature when two mysterious men enter a boarding house to carry out a questionable mission aimed at one of its residents. This play will be the BIT's entry into the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival.

Shakespeare's timeless and enchanting comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, will continue the BIT season Nov. 9-18. Boy loves girl. Girl loves boy. Other girl loves other boy. Boy loves other girl. Village idiots rehearse their play. Magical beings mix it up and concoct a comical adventure deep in the Athenian Wood.

The BIT's spring musical, *Godspell*, will run Feb. 8-18. *Godspell* is the comical, meaningful and enjoyable musical based on the

Gospel according to St. Matthew. Story-theatre, song and dance combine to tell the "greatest story ever told." As one of the first rock musicals, the lineup includes such vintage rock ballads as "Prepare Ye The Way," "All Good Gifts" and "Day by Day."

Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, a

theatre classic, will take centerstage April 25-29. Life's memorable milestones and an appreciation for everyday life are portrayed in this 1938 Pulitzer Prize winner. Patrons will visit some of drama's most notable characters as they discover a simpler meaning of life in Grover's Corners.

Subscriptions to the BIT's 41st Season are available for \$24 per person. Season ticket holders receive reminders about upcoming shows, and subscribers' names will appear on a special section of programs as members and as supporters of the arts and theatre at WTAMU.

For more information about BIT's season tickets, call 806/651-2799 or write to: Department of Art, Communication and Theatre, WTAMU Box 60747, Canyon, Texas 79016-0001.

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The topic for the evening will be:

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,
Rural America is dying. Farmers, ranchers and small businessmen are watching their financial base erode. Many are drowning in a sea of red ink. Most of this has been caused by failed agricultural policies and programs.

General Motors and John Deere can cut back production when demand falls and by doing so keep their prices up and maintain profits or at least avoid losses. Individual farmers and ranchers can't affect the supply individually enough to affect price. Historically, government has through management supply been the tool we have used to adjust agricultural supply to demand. However, we have put this tool away. It is in the tool box and our mechanics in Washington, D.C. refuse to take it in hand and use it. If we allow the production of our nation's food and fiber to fall into the control of a few large corporations who can manage supply to meet demand without government assistance, heaven help this nation.

Everyone who sells to the farmer and rancher or buys from him are merging and becoming fewer and larger. This has reached a critical point resulting in very little compe-

titution to sell to the farmer or to buy from him. For instance, 80% of the cattle in the U.S. are butchered by four packers and those four packers own or have contracted 25% of the cattle in feedlots at any one time. These packers use this to effectively shut the cattleman out of the market when they feel prices have gone too high.

Also, many of you have worked hard to increase export of agricultural products. However, our exports of grains and soybeans for the past 25 years have been basically a flat line - no increase. We are importing more meat and meat animals than we are exporting. The exports of cotton have grown mainly because much of our textile industry has gone outside of the U.S. and has taken much of our market with it.

There are three major policy areas that are crucial to a successful, sustainable agricultural industry:

1. U.S. Agricultural Programs for crops, dairy and livestock must be revised to provide an effective safety net during periods when market returns are inadequate.

2. The issue of market concentration and integration in agriculture must be examined. New Policies must be implemented to ensure that

an accessible, transparent and competitive market place is available to all producers.

3. Agricultural trade policy must accommodate a broad range of priorities including socioeconomic issues as well as market access and fair competition.

Mainly producers need a price for their product. One change in the agriculture program which we now have that might help is the flexible fallow proposal. The issue of price for agricultural products affects all of rural America.

Please write, call or fax both the majority and minority heads of the U.S. House of Representative Agricultural Committee. They are listed here:

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Rural America is in a fight for its life. If this were a court case, we would all be putting money in a fund to hire the best lawyers possible. So please hire the best representation available that has not sold out to our adversaries. Become a part of the established farm organization that is working toward these goals. Whether you are a farmer, rancher or rural person who depends on these groups for your livelihood, you should be a Farmers Union Member. For more information call 1/800-

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Storytelling Festival/ Workshop Set

"Voices in the Wind" a storytelling festival and workshop, will bring storytellers from across the Southwest to West Texas A&M University Friday, Sept. 8 and Saturday, Sept. 9 in Canyon. The two-day workshop, concerts and kids program is sponsored by West Texas A&M University's Panhandle Storytelling Guild, Palo Duro State Park and Storytellers of the High Plains (SHP), a newly formed storytelling-guild.

Events begin Friday with a free storytelling workshop from 10 a.m. to noon in the Intimate Theatre of the Fine Arts Building. Connie Fisher of Sand Springs, OK, will lead the morning workshop. An intensive storytelling workshop featuring storyteller John Stansfield of Monument, CO, is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. in the Intimate Theatre.

The Friday-night concert will happen under the stars in Palo Duro State Park. Featured tellers include Waynetta Ausmus of Pottsboro; De Cee Cornish of Houston; Donna Ingham of Spicewood; and Stansfield. The performance will be from 7-9 p.m. in an area behind the Chuckwagon restaurant in Palo Duro State Park.

Saturday's events begin with registration from 8:30-10 a.m. in the Commons area of the Jack B. Kelley Student Center (JBKSC) at WTAMU. Festival goers will have a choice of four morning workshops including "Heart and Soul: Healing Stories" by Karen Bray from Oklahoma City; "Rhythm Makers and Tale Shakers" by Kathryn Thurman from Del City, OK; "Kid Tellers, Tomorrow's Decision Makers" by Marvin Brown from Pottsboro; and "Resources for Texas Tales" by Ingham.

Kids of all ages are invited to a Kidz' Konzert from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Quiet Lounge of the JBKSC featuring Tyler, Tray and Wesley Crump of Panhandle as well as professionals Kathryn Thurmond, Stansfield, and Bray.

Afternoon workshops will run from 2-4:30 p.m. and include "Storytelling 101" by Fisher; "Storytelling Builds Communication Skills for ADD/ADHD Children" by Ausmus; "Tell Me About My World Through Story" by Quata Dabov from Lubbock; and "Telling the SCAR-RY Tale—Springboard Your Students Into Narrative Writing" by Jian Powers of Dallas.

Saturday evening's concert is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. in the Branding Iron Theatre on the WTAMU campus and will feature local teller and president of the Storytellers of the High Plains

Eldrena Douma along with Ausmus, Ingham, Stansfield and Cornish.

Throughout the two-day event, WTAMU's Panhandle Storytelling Guild will sponsor a resource center for storytelling materials. The center is coordinated by Lorelee Cooley of Pampa and Jimmy Northcutt of Canyon and will offer many items including books on how to tell a story and brightly colored strings for telling "string" stories. Tellers also will have the opportunity to get their photos taken by professionals John and Julie Greene.

Continuing education credits are available for festival goers. Cost of the festival is \$25 for members of SHP or \$35 for non-members. Separate tickets for the evening concerts are available for \$5 each. Palo Duro Canyon State Park will waive entrance fees for festival goers Friday night. Kidz Konzert tickets are \$1 per person. A half-day rate for Saturday's workshop can be purchased for \$15. To register for the festival, call 806/655-0675. Tickets can also be purchased on campus from Dr. Trudy Hanson, associate professor of communication, in Fine Arts Building, Room 161 or by calling 806/651-2800.



Gruver High School Vocational Agriculture teacher, William Clay Montgomery, right, was recently awarded the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas Distinguished Service Award for his ten years of service to agricultural science and education. Montgomery was presented the award at the Agriculture Teacher's Professional Development Conference in Lubbock August 2, 2000 by Ray Rabroker, Jr. president of the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas.

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community To Meet

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, September 9 at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church in Follett.

The church is located on Hwy. 15 across from the schools. Please bring lawn chairs to enjoy a picnic at the church by the bell tower/prayer chapel. A service of

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Jim D. Brown
 Hansford County Judge

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF MINERAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENCE

You are hereby notified that by virtue of an execution issued out of the 320th District Court in and for Potter County Texas in Cause No. 84, 632-D styled "Addison Bobbitt v. James Dwight Bobbitt," which execution issued on a judgement rendered in said court on the 18th day of November, 1998 in favor of the said Addison Bobbitt and against the said James Dwight Bobbitt, I, R.L. McFarlin, Jr., Sheriff of Hansford County, Texas, did on the 6th day of September, 2000 at 11:30 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described tracts and

parcels of land situated in the County of Hansford, State of Texas, and belonging to the said James Dwight Bobbitt, to-wit:

Tract No. 1: Fee mineral estate in undivided 1/4 of the North half of Section 185, Block 2, GH&H Survey of Hansford County, Texas

Tract No. 2: Fee mineral estate in an undivided 1/4 interest in all of Section 186, Block 2, GH&H Survey of Hansford County, Texas.

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Tract No. 4: Fee mineral estate in an undivided 4.1667% of all of Section 90, Block 2, GH&H Survey of Hansford County, Texas.

On the 3rd day of October, 2000 being the first Tuesday of October, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on said day, at the courthouse door

of said county, I.R.L. McFarlin, Sheriff of Hansford County, Texas, will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right title and interest of said James Dwight Bobbitt in and to said property.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2000, at the City of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas.

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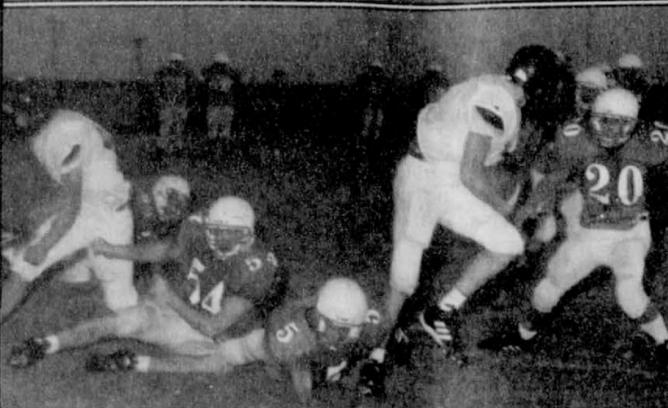
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Spearman/Gruver Scrimmage

Highlights from the Spearman/Gruver Scrimmage held on Friday, August 25th.

Photos by Charlie Johnson



Gruver Greyhounds vs Canadian Wildcats
Friday, September 8th in Gruver at 8:00 p.m.



Spearman Lynx vs. Hooker, OK

Friday, Sept. 8th in Spearman at 8:00 p.m.



Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



Lake Depth--September 5, 2000-51.12 feet

The record breaking heat brought another week when the activity at the Lake was mostly in the mornings and evenings. There were fewer campers than usual for Labor Day, but the south side did have 12 RV's at the 11 hookups with one space empty. Two of the hookups were each shared by 2 campers. There were 10 campers on the north side.

It was good to see Janice and Darrel Harvey back from their travels and camping with their Guymon buddies. Rodney and Gena McDowell and family also joined the group.

Brenda and Forrest Acker, also former residents of Gruver, were back camping with her parents, the Chuck Sutterfields of Stratford.

Jim reported hearing that Ralph Hampton of Guymon caught a big crappie and Verlon Behne of Spearman had caught 2 good channel catfish.

Watch for the light-colored doe that Ramon Cantu and another person have seen. There seems to be a question of whether she is an albino.

The rain gauge showed .15 of rain from the lightning storms on Friday night and Saturday. Jim felt lucky that the Park did not have a grass fire. All the fire departments of the area have been worked down trying to control the fires these storms started.

Anna Harris, our 10-year old granddaughter who lives on the Palo Duro north of Morse, has written of another of her experiences. Her 16-year old sister Amy took the picture to illustrate it.

Petting Wild Birds
One day I was in the chicken house looking out the window, when suddenly I noticed out in the orchard a medium-sized bird fluttering around clutching a smaller bird in its beak. I stepped out to the orchard to see what was going on. The larger bird lay the small bird on a fork of a peach tree. Then it put one of its little feet on the small bird

and picked off bits of meat. I climbed the tree and crept at arms length with the bird. After a little bit it accidentally dropped the bird. It hopped from one branch to another but didn't go down for it.

I decided to try giving it back to the bird, so I climbed back down from the tree and picked up a stick. Then I poked one of the ends into the dead bird and held it up to the bird perched in the tree. After a little bit it took it from the stick. I carefully reached up and touched the tail!

I ran to the house to tell my my big sister, Amy. She quickly grabbed her camera, and we hurried back to the tree. The bird was still nibbling on its meal. Amy immediately began taking pictures. She told me the bigger bird was a shrike. The smaller bird was probably a sparrow.

From time to time, the shrike would drop the sparrow, and I would try to feed it back. Usually the shrike would take it from the stick. It also continued to allow me to stroke its feathers.

Then a second shrike came, and the first shrike left leaving the sparrow behind. I fed the sparrow to the second shrike; it also let me pet it.

Other family members came out to see it. Daniel petted it, too. Then it sang its little chit-chat song for all of us and flew away.

Let The Games Begin!

by Jeff Beedy
The 2000 football season for the Spearman Lynx officially begins this Friday at Lynx Stadium as the Lynx will host the Bulldogs from Hooker, Oklahoma at 8:00 p.m.
This should be an outstanding game because I have heard that Hooker has a really good team this year. The Lynx are going to have to play well in order to come out on top.
Spearman has a pretty young team this year and they are going to have to step up and mature in a hurry in order to get ready for dis-

trict. The Lynx are looking to have another great year and we need to give them our support.
Spearman is ranked 21 in the Preseason Division Top 25 for Class 2A. Their 1999 record was 9-3, their 2000 preseason numerical power rating is 128.40, their current district assignment is 6-2A, they have four returning offensive and five returning defensive starters, and 11 returning lettermen.
Only teams that presently meet Division I criteria are considered for this poll.

To determine poll eligibility, we use the same process that determines placement for the playoffs - substituting power ratings for records. The largest of the top three-rated teams in each district is placed as Division I. Any of the remaining schools in the district that are larger than the determined D-I representative are also considered as Division I. The weather is

starting to cool off and it is starting to be just right for football (101 is not bad)! Come out Friday and cheer the Lynx on to victory! If you just absolutely can't make the game, be sure and listen to the game on KRDF-FM 98.3.
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