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Hansford Happenings

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 elemental a la direccion es 511 S. Townsend y llene una forma.

Lunch & Learn - Hidden Treasures

"Hidden Treasures," a Lunch & Learn presentation by Tammy Benton of Charlotte Ford Trunks, will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Participants will learn creative ways of refinishing, decoupage, and decorating antique trunks, reproduction trunks and old window panes. The program is sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Family & Community Education Clubs.

AARP Provides Free Tax Assistance

AARP is offering free tax assistance to senior citizen residents of Hansford County. AARP volunteers will be at the O'Loughlin Center in the Senior Citizen's Room between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. each Wednesday afternoon through April 15th. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the IRS, are knowledgeable about federal income taxes, as well as state and local taxes. They can complete basic income tax forms and answer tax questions. Income tax forms can be complicated. For more information, call toll-free 1-888 AARP NOW (1-888-227-7669), or visit their web site at: <http://www.aarp.org/taxaide/home.htm>. There is no age limit for assistance.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Delivery Time

Girl Scouts that have taken orders have begun delivering to their customers. Delivery dates are slated between March 24th and March 31st. If you have not had the opportunity to purchase your "favorite Girl Scout Cookies," contact local Girl Scouts or call Cheryl at 659-2989 or Audra at 659-3354.

Sacred Heart Catholic Women's Guild Meeting

Sacred Heart Catholic Women's Guild is having a meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 1998. Dinner is from 7:00-7:30 p.m., and the meeting and program will be from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Child Development Center Board of Directors Meeting
Sacred Heart Child Development Center will have a Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 1998 at 12:00 noon at the church offices.

Alpha Mu Psi Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Alpha Mu Psi Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Gruver City Park at 1:00 p.m. on April 4th. In case of bad weather, it will be held in the county barn.

Chamber Banquet

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet on Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt. This year's theme is "Old Boots, Deep Roots." The meal will be catered by the United Methodist Men. Decorations will be provided by the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce. Lynanne Maize will be the hostess and Frank Wheeler of the Borger Chamber of Commerce will be the guest speaker. The Chamber Board of Directors would like to extend a special invitation to everyone who would like to attend the banquet. Tickets are \$12.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Children attending Spearman Kindergarten next school year will be invited to visit school on April 7th, 8th, or 9th. We will be screening the children in the following areas: motor skills development, concepts development, language development, speech and general health. If you have pre-registered, you will receive a letter from the school specifying your child's scheduled appointment time. If you have not pre-registered your child, please contact the Elementary School Office as soon as possible at 659-2565.

Reunion de Kinder

Todos los niños/ niñas que van a atender las clases de Kinder el año que entra van a ser invitados a visitar nuestra escuela el 7, 8, y 9 de Abril. Vamos a estar dandoles una prueba en habilidades y desarrollo tanto en lenguaje como en otras habilidades y salud general. Si su niño/lla esta registrado o registrada, usted va recibir una carta de la escuela diciendole cuando tiene su cita. Si todavia no ha registrado su niño/nina por favor contacte la oficina de la escuela elemental lo mas pronto posible al 659-2565.

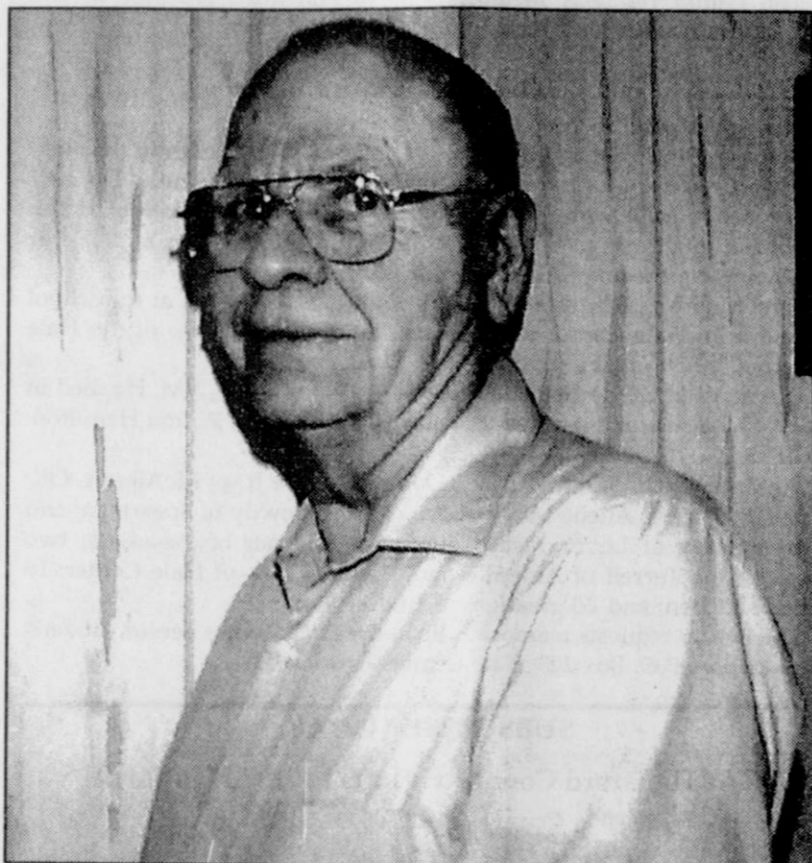
Run-Off Election - Early Voting/Polling Places

The run-off election will be held on Tuesday, April 14th. Polling places for Hansford County Precincts 1, 5 & 6 will be the Spearman High School and the Precincts 2, 3, 4, 7 & 9 will be at Gruver High School. Absentee voting will be held at Hansford County Courthouse April 6th and 9th between 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, April 8th, the courthouse will re-open between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Anyone is eligible to vote in the run-off election, whether they voted in the primary election or not. The only stipulation is that if you did vote, you must vote in the same party for the run-off as you did in the primary.

Calling All 1972-73 Clarendon College Students!

Clarendon College's class of 1972-73 is planning a 25th class reunion for Saturday, April 4, at 1 p.m. in Clarendon College's Bairfield Activity Center. The 25th reunion for the Class of 1972-73 will coincide with Clarendon College's annual Ex-Students Reunion Weekend on April 4 and 5. For banquet or theatre reservations please contact Clarendon College at (806) 874-3571, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Special reunions are slated for the Class of 1943, Class of 1973, and the Class of 1988 - 10th anniversary. For more information, please contact Thelma Jo (Terry) Riddle, 4250 Ouay Rd. 65, Tucumcari, NM 88401 or call (505) 461-1273.

Stumpf Retires From Scouts



Harry Stumpf

Editor's Note: Harry Stumpf recently retired from Boy Scouts after 52 years of service. Below is an article written by Harry about his memories of Scouting.

I got out of the Navy on January 28, 1946. I went to an American Legion meeting, Post 254 in Perryton, on the first Monday in February 1946. They sponsored a Boy Scout Troop, and they asked if anyone would volunteer to be Assistant Scout Master. I said I would.

Tuesday night I went to the Scout meeting, and Mr. Ralph Hedley was Scout Master. The next Tuesday night when I went to the Scout meeting Mr. Hedley was not there. After the scout meeting, I called him and he told me that he retired last Wednesday. Here I was Scout Master with only three years experience as a Boy Scout (when I was 12; 13 and 14 years old).

Well, here I am with about 40 Boy Scouts in my troop. Mr. Walter LaMaster became my Assistant Scout Master for the next 15 years. We had lots of Eagle Scouts, and as many as 80 Boy Scouts in the Troop. Mr. LaMaster and I have been the best of friends ever since then.

One thing I can remember is that the one troop we had to beat was Spearman. The Scout Master was Mr. John R. Collard.

In 1959, I moved to Spearman. Sometime after I moved to Spearman Mr. Bill Innis came by and asked me if I would take the Scout Troop in Spearman. I said I would. I had a boy in Scouting.

The Chairmen were: the late Dee Jackson - Silver Beaver, the late Joe Traylor - Silver Beaver, the late E.J. Copeland - Silver Beaver, the late Fendorph Scherbert, the late Bill Innis, and John R. Collard - Silver Beaver. Later committee members were: Burton Scherbert, Harold Howester, Gordon Cummings, Larry Trospen, Loyal Turner, Earl Goodheart and Linda Cummings.

Over the years my Assistant Scout Masters were: Bob Farr, Dwight Sumner, Wayne Cummings and Jim Vanlandingham.

Later I became Chairman of the Board. Later Bob Farr became chairman. Scout Masters that followed me were: Bob Farr, Dwight Sumner, Wayne Cummings, Doug Cummings, and

Andy Scarborough.

Some of my Eagle Scouts are: Dr. Gary Bryan of Perryton (Ear, Nose & Throat specialist in Amarillo); and from Spearman: Ronnie Burke, Jed Miesner, Chris Turner, Dallas Trospen, Billy Dean Cooper, Gregg Farr, Jimmie Vernon, Lynn Vernon, Scott Vernon, Cole Humphery, Mark Kopke, Mike Dixon, Jim Jones, Ned Davis, Billy Cantrell, Jeff Vanlandingham, James Tindell, and Alan Beeson.

The men and organizations who helped me in my finances in the Scout program were: the late Clay Gibner, First State Bank, Dee Jackson, Fendorph Scherbert, the late Lawrence Anthony, the late George Buzzard, J.R. Stumpf, the late Max Baggerly, Ned Turner, the late John R. Collard, Gene Cudd, Everett Tracey, Roy Bulls, Carl Archer, Jimmie Shieldknight, Burton Schurbert, Bill Pittman, Earlis Pittman, KRDF-FM Radio Station, The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, Spearman Lions Club, Spearman Rotary Club, and Five Star Equipment.

The offices I have filled are: Scout Master, District Chairman - Lone Wolf District, Council Camping committee, Chairman Scout Committee, Advance Committee Member, Board of Review for Eagle Scouts, Chairman for Eagle Scouts, Board for the Silver Beaver, and Chairman of Boy Scout Finance Drive in Spearman.

I have received the following awards throughout my years of Scouting: Scouters Key - Adobe Walls Council, Scouters Key - Golden Spread Council, Silver Beaver - 1974, Wood Badge - 1975, and the District Merit Award.

As you can see, I have had lots of friends during my scouting career. My wife, Hazel, was always number one - throughout all the camp-outs, meetings I went to, the scouts who came to our house, and the time I spent scouting. I know that she sometimes was not happy about it, but she never said a word. Our children all turned out fine. I took them scouting when they were very young.

All I can say is thank you to all the people of Spearman who helped me in the one thing I enjoyed the most in my life - Scouting!

Wheat Damage Minimal

by Pam Dillard, Communications Specialist and Assistant News Editor, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center

Has the latest cold snap damaged area wheat? To find out, farmers have been out checking their fields. So has Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo.

Bean says wheat in fields to the north of the city wouldn't be harmed with anything other than possible leaf burn since the head of the plant is still below ground. This is called the pre-jointing stage of growth in wheat.

In areas to the south, plants might be entering the first phases of jointing, and therefore more susceptible to cold or freeze damage. Once above ground, the plant becomes more vulnerable to temperature extremes.

"We're still early in the growth period. There is excellent soil moisture and a lot of time for the plants to recover," said Bean

who is closely monitoring current wheat research trials at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station near Bushland.

"There are 20 varieties involved in our Bushland study," he said. None of the wheat in these trials had jointed as of last Friday. The plots were planted on September 9th.

According to the agronomist, cold temperatures would need to be in the single digits for a sustained period to affect pre-jointed wheat significantly. Should damage occur, Bean said only the leaves would show any ill effects. And new leaves soon replace weaker ones as part of the plant's recovery.

In fact, Bean thinks the cold weather may be a blessing since early spring freezes, such as the one last year on April 12th, can do extensive damage. With this year's chilly temperatures coming just before spring's onset, the wheat's development is delayed enough to offset the impact of a later freeze.

P-M CISD Receives Award

Linda Kay Barnhart, superintendent of the Pringle-Morse CISD announced today that a monetary award for \$500 was made to PMCID as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards Systems (TSSAS). The PMCID Schools are among 2,300 cash-winning schools statewide receiving awards for exemplary or recognized performance and the 368 acceptable schools receiving awards based on their comparable improvement group. Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per school were given depending on

the number of students enrolled at the school. A total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to schools this year under TSSAS.

Data from the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) was used to determine campus eligibility for awards. The AEIS is commonly known as the state's report card. One indicator of the AEIS is the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test. The TAAS measures performance and the state's performance standards for dropout and attendance rates.

DEADLINE

The deadline to submit all news and advertising for the Hansford County Reporter Statesman is Monday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline may be published at a later date.

Catherine Smith, Editor

Hazardous Pesticide Waste Disposal

Texas farmers and ranchers will have an opportunity to dispose of their hazardous pesticide waste at four locations this spring.

These collection programs are co-sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

A disposal site will be open at E&E Enterprises, FM 164, Childress on Wednesday, April 1, 1998. Collection times will be from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"Many people are finding their farms cannot pass an environmental inspection because of stored hazardous waste on the premises," said Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, Extension entomologist.

"Commercial disposal is extremely expensive," he said.

These public disposal programs are totally free to any Texas resident and designed to reduce hazardous waste in the state.

Persons wanting to disposal of hazardous waste should carefully pack and transport all materials in a safe manner, Hoelscher said. All hazardous waste will be handled at the site by a disposal collector. Representatives from the Texas County Clean Up program also will recycle batteries, oil, oil filters, and empty, rinsed plastic pesticide containers.

Contact your county Extension agents for more information. The program does not accept explosives, fertilizers which are non-hazardous, gas cylinders, pentachlorophenol, and 2, 4, 5T herbicides.

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 name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine Smith.

March 26
Birthday - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tanda Taylor, James Brown, J.D. Faulkner, Judy Irlbeck, Greg Holladay, Rugh Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley

March 27
Birthday - Tommy Boone, Diana Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Joe Villalobos Jr., Clark Dunaway, Gary Urban, Debbie Herrington, Michael McCamey
Anniversary - Steve and Debbie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Schnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd

March 28
Birthday - Ryan Renteria, Roma Tomlison, Janet Cudd, Mandi Lair, Ray Hawkins, Jarrett Hendricks, Ross Jarvis, Byrniece Callaway, Rick Riggins, Carlos Castillo, Janet Scarborough, Kinda Ketron, Mickey Schoehz, Verna Strawn, Mark Hodges
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Larry Clawson, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Helley, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Tipples, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carter

March 29
Birthday - Lacy Barkley, Dixie Karlin, Joshua Kirby, Jessica Stork, Josephine Salgado, Scott Beedy, Melissa Taylor, Wanda Burke, Tika Farrar, Chad Guthrie, Dallan Scroggs, David West, Marg Cook, Janis Maupin, Josh Harris, Jeann Thompson, Scot Martin Ruth Shields, Ramon Garcia Jr., Greyson Karlin
Anniversary - Bernie & Steve Ryan

March 30

Birthday - Jesus Favela, Loni Lamb, Vi Hornsby, Mrs. Elmer Longley, Nikki Strawn, Grady Cline, Denae Baker, Jimmy Blan, Heather Sasser, Krystal Burkhammer, Shane Atwood, Mike Schick, Marvin Sparks
Anniversary - Curtis & Marlene Davis Mr. & Mrs. Tom Spivey, Mr. & Mrs. Ruben De Santiago

March 31

Birthday - Reaetta Gammon, Crystal Gruver, Ken Jones, Comfort Winders, Kay Patterson, Nellie Buchanan, Dionne Pencille, Santiago Tercero Jr., Johnny Vernon, Cheryl Linde, Jolinda Wilson, David Flowers, Cortney Valdez, Teresa Carter
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Sparkman, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Miser, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bass, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Carthel, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Beasley, Mr. & Mrs. David Miser

April 1

Birthday - Cynthia Henson, Matt Messer, Chris Stork, Wayne Ware, Bob Hohertz, Lorie Acevedo, Jack Duncan, Tanner Brown
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Correll

April 2

Birthday - Margaret Odom, Dorothy O'Connell, Norma Hermosillo, Kyle Keim, Steve Templeton, Pam Barber, Phillip Turner, Amy Schoenhals, Paulene Galvon, Eugene Sadler
Anniversary - Bob & Debra Dennis

April 3

Birthday - Bob Gillispie, Don Rimmel, Brenda Rudolph, Pam Buzzard, Teri Taylor, Bill Gaither, Betty Davis, Doris Beck, Heath Archer, Jeff Williamson, Eric Varnon, Ryan Noble, Jared Bass, Tracy Graham Katie Baehler, Mo Nollner
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Ben Upchurch

With Deepest Sympathy



J.D. Beeson

J.D. "Red" Beeson, 87, died on Wednesday, March 18, 1998. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 1998 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Beverly Cook of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.
 Mr. Beeson was born in Greer County, OK. He had lived in the Spearman area for 65 years, moving from Granite, OK. He was a cowboy and was employed by the city of Spearman for many years. He was an Army MP during World War II. He participated in the Normandy invasion. He married Bennie Pilgrim in 1945 at Spearman. Mr. Beeson was preceded in death by a stepson, Robert Long, and by a stepdaughter, Sue Kiss. Survivors include his wife; and a sister, Mozell Sparks of Spearman. The family requests memorials be to Hansford Hospice or the Hansford County Heart Association.

Ola Ann Moore

Ola Ann Moore, 88, died Tuesday, March 17, 1998. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 19th in the Hale Center Church of Christ with Silas Short, minister of the O'Donnell Church of Christ, and Harrell Teague, minister of education in San Antonio, officiating. Burial was in Plainview Memorial Park at Plainview by Freeman-Abel Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Moore was born in Eastland County. She worked at the school cafeteria in Hale Center for 11 years. She was a member of the Hale Center Church of Christ. She married Doyle Douglas Moore in 1930 at Clovis, NM. He died in 1962. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Wilma Hamilton, in 1993. Survivors include a son, Doyle Douglas Moore Jr. of McAlester, OK; three daughters, Alene Milvy of Troup, June Dowdy of Spearman, and Gail Findley of Lubbock; a brother, Dee Harper of Pasadena; two sisters, Ona Terrell of Amarillo and Thelma Clark of Hale Center; 16 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to the Hale Center Senior Citizens Association, P.O. Box 205, Hale Center, Texas 79041.

Ruth Jennings Hill

Ruth Jennings Hill, 91, died Saturday, March 21, 1998. Graveside services were at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 1998 in Hansford Cemetery with the Rev. Joseph Weaks of First Christian Church officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.
 Mrs. Hill was born in Canyon and was a long-time resident of Spearman. She was a member of First Christian Church where she was active in all areas including the Christian Women's Fellowship. She also was a member of Delphinium Flower Club and Blue Monday Bridge Club. She married Vester P. Hill in 1926 at Canyon. He died in 1972. Survivors include a daughter; Jean Hill of Angel Fire, NM; a son, Joe Mack Hill of Abilene; a brother, Jack Jennings of Canyon; a sister, Kathleen Hagood of Floydada; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church Building Fund or Hansford Hospice.

J.W. Jenkins

J.W. Jenkins, 86, died Friday, March 20, 1998. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 1998 in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Patrick, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Holt Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.
 Mr. Jenkins was born in Hutchinson County and had been a lifetime resident of the Spearman area. He was a retired farmer and rancher. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He served six years with the Marines before and during World War II. He was a veteran of the Battle of Iwo Jima. Mr. Jenkins married Dot Berner Richardson in 1941 at Borger. She died in 1981. Survivors include a son, Carroll J. Richards of Leesville, LA; a sister, Hazel Brooks of Amarillo; three grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to Holt Cemetery c/o Mary Fern Terry, 906 S. Bernice, Spearman, TX 79081.

Thank You

Miguel & Estela Medrano & family Miguel Jr., Carmen, & Ofelia Guadalupe unite at the grief that surrounds the family & friends of the irreparable loss of Mr. Newell Allen and Pray to God for the eternal rest of his soul.

Mexico City D. F.

Migel y Estela Medrano y sus hijos Migel Junior Carmen y Ofelia Guadalupe se unen a la pena que embarga a familiares y amigos por la irreparable perdida del senior. Newell Allen y Ruegan a Dios por el eterno descanso de su alma.

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Focus On The Family

QUESTION: I understand how the "love must be tough" philosophy can reconstruct a bad marriage. How would it function in a good relationship?

DR. DOBSON: The best way of keeping a marriage healthy is to maintain a system of mutual accountability, within the context of love. Speaking personally, the secret of my beautiful relationship with my wife, Shirley, for the past 32 years has involved a careful protection of the "line of respect" between us.

Suppose I work in my office two hours longer than usual on a particular night, knowing Shirley is preparing a special candlelight dinner. The phone sits on my desk, but I lack the concern to make a brief call to explain. As the evening wears on, Shirley wraps the cold food in foil and puts it in the refrigerator.

Then suppose when I finally get home, I do not apologize. Instead, I sit down with a newspaper and abruptly tell Shirley to get my dinner ready. You can bet there'll be a few minutes of fireworks in the Dobson household. Shirley will rightfully interpret my behavior as insulting and will move to defend the "line of respect" between us.

Let's put the shoe on the other foot. Suppose Shirley knows I need the car at 2 p.m. for some important purpose, but she deliberately keeps me waiting. Perhaps she sits in a restaurant with a lady friend, drinking coffee and talking. Meanwhile, I'm pacing the floor at home wondering where she is. It is very likely that my lovely wife will hear about my dissatisfaction when she gets home. The "line of respect" has been violated, even though the offense was minor.

This is what I mean by mutual accountability. Such minor conflict in a marriage plays a positive role in establishing what is and is not acceptable behavior. Some instances of disrespect are petty, but when they are permitted to pass unnoticed, two things happen. First, the offender is unaware that he has stepped over the line and is likely to repeat the indiscretion later. Second, the person who felt insulted then internalizes the small irritation rather than spilling it out. As the disrespect grows, the stage is set for an eventual explosion.

A workable system of checks and balances of this nature helps a couple keep their marriage on course for a marathon rather than a sprint. And I can assure you, Shirley and I are going the distance!

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In Spearman ...

- Apostolic Faith Church**
822 S. Dessen • 659-2870
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship & Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening/Youth Service: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Children's Choir: 7:00 p.m.
Pastor - James Brown
- First Assembly of God**
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.
- 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 Weaks
- 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 Choir: 5:30 p.m. Wed.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 8 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Rick Patrick
- Church of Christ**
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
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Rev. Scott Raef
- Trinity Fellowship Church**
717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor - Johnny Taylor
- 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
- Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)**
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
(Worships with First Presbyterian Church)
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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. Visitation: 7 p.m.

In Gruver ...

- First Baptist Church**
402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry
- Church of Christ**
209 King • 733-2760
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m.
- 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 Gurnford
- Oslo Lutheran Church (ELCA)**
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339-7709
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Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - John R. Chandler
- 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
- Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.
Friday Evening Mass
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Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

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- Morse Baptist Church**
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by Gary C. Smith

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2. You get a whiff of manure and think of home
3. You know what 4-H is
4. You ever went to "headlight parties"
5. You used to drag "main"
6. You scheduled parties around the schedule of different police officers, since you knew which ones would bust you and which ones would not
7. You ever went cow-tipping
8. School gets canceled for state sporting events
9. The town social events are your children's activities.
10. You could never buy cigarettes because all the store clerks knew how old you were (and even if you were old enough they'd tell your parents anyhow)
11. You were ever in the Homecoming parade
12. You have ever gone home for Homecoming
13. You fix up to go buy milk lest anyone starts the rumor that you have gained weight or quit taking care of yourself
14. No place sells gas on Sunday
15. You have to drive an hour to buy a pair of socks
16. It was cool to date someone from the neighboring town
17. You have ever gone for a walk in the cemetery, on a date
18. You ordered your wardrobe out of a catalog.
19. You had senior skip day
20. The whole school went to the same party after graduation
21. You don't give directions by street names or house numbers, but you give directions by references ("turn by Armstrongs' Grocery, go two blocks past Andersons', and it's four houses left of the track field").

*There were originally 28 of these. I had to leave out seven. I live in a town that is so small, that people would easily see themselves in the descriptions and think that I was picking on them.

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Mule deer are pictured in the park at the lake enjoying the warm weather.

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--March 23, 1998--34 ft. 7in.

All the moisture in the form of rain and snow only brought a rise of 2 inches. Lately we have been dropping 2 inches each week.

Jim said he was lucky to notice that Horse Creek was running into the Lake Saturday evening. So despite the mud, he started fishing about 5:30 using some shad out of his freezer. Then in the hour and a half that followed he had his most successful fishing experience at the Lake. He caught 2 blue catfish with one weighing 7.5 pounds and the other at 6.5. He also caught a 2.5 pound channel cat. He didn't have anyone to take his picture, so he posed the fish on the scales and snapped them. We hope to have a picture of his fish next week.

Although a few nice fish were caught Saturday and Sunday, the fishing wasn't very good overall. The beautiful Sunday brought out lookers and enjoyers at the Park and Lake.

Troy Brown and a friend were trying out a boat on the Lake when they came across a cormorant entangled in a trotline

that had been set in the dead tree area. They were able to free the bird, but as it was let loose it rewarded Troy with a peck that brought blood. Jim said setting trot lines in the Lake is illegal.

Onlookers at the Lake on Saturday were able to see 8 white pelicans that made an overnight stop. The eagles are still around. Jim and Mandy had an Eastern Bluebird at their feeder this week. To my surprise I read that the Eastern Bluebirds are more common in the Panhandle than Western Bluebirds. The Rocky Mountains are the main divider. Usually we see more Mountain Bluebirds (the all-blue one) at the Park.

Jim said they would be available April 3 for property tax permits to be given out at the lower floor of the Courthouse between 8:00 and 5:00. They will be open at noon. I will be at the City Hall in Gruver Saturday, March 28 from 9 to 12 to give out the tax permits. Be sure to bring your tax receipt whichever location you use. These permits are given to local property tax payers. Having a motor vehicle or paying an income tax does not qualify you.

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Thursday, March 26, 1998

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Misty Vera & Steven Rodgers - March 27
Emily Schutts & Sherman Jones - March 28
Mika (Pipkin) & Garrett Gumfory - April 7
Patty Muelholland & Casey Fulce - April 11
Carlee Dixon & Jack Montgomery - May 2
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Engagement Announcement

Johnny and Brenda Vera of Spearman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Misty Dawn, to Steven Vance Rodgers. Steven is the son of Steve and Pat Rodgers of Childress. The couple plans to be wed on Saturday, March 28, 1998 at the Spearman Church of Christ. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Misty is a 1997 graduate of Spearman High School. She is currently employed at Palo Duro Supper Club.

Steven is a 1993 graduate of Childress High School. He is employed in the U.S. Military.

They will reside in Millington, Tennessee.

You are invited to attend a Bridal Shower

honoring

Mika (Pipkin) Gumfory and Garrett Gumfory

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from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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Hansford County Community Calendar

March 26-April 2

Thursday, March 26

8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
Spearman at District UIL Meet - West Texas High School
7:00 p.m. - Christian Discipleship Training; This weeks topic - Foundations and the Believer - Trinity Fellowship Church

Friday, March 27

Gruver Junior High at District UIL Contest in Borger
Spearman ISD Staff Development - Student Holiday
Spearman & Gruver High School at Gruver Track Meet
Gruver Team Tennis Tournament

Saturday, March 28

Spearman & Gruver High School at Gruver Track Meet
Gruver Team Tennis Tournament
12:00 p.m. - Hansford County Republican Conference - First National Bank, Spearman

Sunday, March 29

3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service - First Christian Church of Gruver

Monday-Thursday

8:00-9:00 a.m. - Aerobics Class at The O'Loughlin Center

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

6:00-7:00 a.m. - Aerobics Class at The O'Loughlin Center

Monday, March 30 - Doctor Appreciation Day

Gruver High School at District UIL Contest in Amarillo
9:00 a.m. - Spearman Boys & Girls Golf at Phillips in Borger
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor

Tuesday, March 31

Gruver High School at District UIL Contest in Amarillo
GT Nomination Deadline at Spearman ISD
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 Hungry Cowboy
12:00 p.m. - "Hidden Treasures" Lunch & Learn - Spearman Church of Christ
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor

Wednesday, April 1

9:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Service
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
12:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Child Development Board Meeting - Church Office
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
7:00 p.m. - Trinity Fellowship offers "Family Issues" series
7:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Women's Guild Dinner & Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 2

8:30 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Mother's Day Out
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Merchant's Association Meets - Palo Duro Cafe



Employees of First State Bank fried fish for the members of the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday night, March 24th. Pictured above are: (Back Row, L-R) Clay Schnell, Worth Whitworth, Bret Burgin and Ginger Turner; (Front Row, L-R) Butch Baker, Terri Hart, Irene Baker and Randal Sauer.

P-M CISD Held Community Information Session

In an effort to better inform area citizens, the School Board of the Pringle-Morse Consolidated School District recently conducted a community information session at which board members addressed various topics.

After welcome by President Alan Leach, Lonnie Clemmons gave a brief summary of Senate Bill I, which sets the guidelines and policies under which public schools in Texas operate.

Jerry Hart spoke regarding training which prepares school board members for office and which is available for both incumbent and prospective board members.

The duties and powers of school board members were explained by Alan Leach.

Linda Kay Barnhart spoke on

the duties and powers of a school superintendent. She also discussed when and why a school board can enter into a closed session, as well as what does and does not happen in a closed session.

Employment practices were discussed by Betty Womble and Ronnie Womble. They also explained term and probationary contracts, as well as at-will employment.

Clyde McCloy explained how the agenda is prepared, how to get on the agenda, and how to address the Board.

The procedures by which employees can bring complaints to the Board were covered by Carolyn Shields. She also explained how members of the public could make complaints.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

David and Sharron Swan have returned to Spearman after living in Hugoton, Kansas for four years. His employer for 18 years, J. M. Huber Corporation, transferred him back here.

The Swans, in their same residence at 805 South Archer, are very happy to be here, closer to their children, their families and old friends.

Their son, Lance, and Sally are now in Perryton where Sally is Director of Nursing of General Home Health Care for Ochiltree General Hospital. Lance owns and operates the Classic Carpet Care.

Their other son, Landon, lives in Amarillo where he is employed with Sears and is attending WTAMU. His fiancée, Krissa, is attending Amarillo College.

Junior and high school students of the First United Methodist Church had a wonderful ski trip during the spring break. They left early on the morning of March 8 and returned late Wednesday.

They chartered a bus for the slopes in Monarch, Colorado and stayed in Salida. Monarch is especially prepared for snow boarding which a number of the students preferred to the skiing. The deep snow was excellent for both.

Only one injury marred the trip - Deb Kirk broke his collar bone for which he received medical treatment at the medical facility in Salida. That ended his skiing, but he fully enjoyed the other activities.

The group participated in morning devotional, and in the evenings shared in fellowship and some swimming and the spa.

In addition to the 32 youth, sponsors were Teresa Kirk, Larry Murphy, Carol and Johnnie Dunnihoo, Gary Cates, Tom Kirk, Lenis Simpson and Joey Woolley.

The Generation Y section of the Amarillo News on Friday, in the Opinions page, carried a picture of Aaron Huffaker and his opinion of the Lewinsky mess. Aaron, a sophomore in Spearman High, is the son of Mike and Uleta Huffaker, 706 West Wilmet Drive.

Terry and Deanna Latham, with Mathew and Megan, were week-end guests in the homes of their parents, Irene and Butch Baker and Martha and Orville Latham. They are from Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

To celebrate his birthday on Sunday, Tim Kizziar and friend,

Dionne Patterson, came for the week-end. They were guests of Bill and Lil Turner, and his mother, Ruth Kizziar. All enjoyed a family birthday dinner on Sunday, including his grandmother, Cora Nichols.

Tim is employed by Teubner & Associates, a software company, of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dwayne Smith reports a variety of weather the week of March 16th through 7 a.m. on March 23rd. The high temperature was 75 on March 22nd; the low 21 degrees on March 20th. Moisture from both snow and rain for the week was 1.70. There was 15 inches of snow.

Dwayne may be as puzzled as many others-wondering why, with all the new fangled equipment, and the ability to predict an eclipse years in advance, why can't the weather be accurately predicted for the next week-end.

The excellent skiing conditions in Monarch, Colorado were thoroughly enjoyed by 19 youth from the First Baptist Church during school break. They left Spearman early on Sunday morning and returned late Wednesday, with glowing reports of the fun and fellowship. Some of the sponsors couldn't resist skiing, and no injuries occurred.

In addition to the exciting skiing, each person benefited from the "Quiet Time" daily.

The adults accompanying the youth were: Craig and Beverly Vinson, Reagan and Becky Baker, Buford and Mary Baker, Wayne Biggs and Andy Scarborough.

Last week Life's Chapter closed for three long time Hansford County residents, and for one former one. Each passing leaves a vacancy in the hearts and lives of those surviving.

Detailed obituaries are elsewhere in this issue. J.W. Jenkins, "Thug" as he was affectionately known to his friends, graduated with the class of 1929. He served as a Hansford County deputy in the 1950s.

Thug's military service is remembered by many even to the present time when movies of World War II are shown depicting the carnage of the landings on the Pacific Islands.

His parents were early day settlers of northern Hutchinson County, and they are interred at Holt Cemetery as he was.

J. D. "Red" Beeson moved to the Hansford valley with his parents, brother and sisters. He attended the country school there, and when it consolidated with

Spearman, he rode the first buses. Sympathy is extended to his widow, Bennie, whose two children preceded him in death, and to his sister, Mozelle Sparks, who she is the last of the original Beeson family.

Evelyn Garner Gilpatrick is well remembered by school mates here as she was born in Spearman and graduated in 1942. She was an outstanding basketball player and enjoyed returning for several all school reunions. She was the daughter of the late Ruth Garner and sister of the late Carolyn Garner.

Ruth Hill, 91, the mention of her name brings impressions of gentility and gracious refinement, of warmth and kindness. She was such a gentle, considerate lady that it is difficult to reconcile with her tough, tenacious battle with her dread malady.

Sympathy is extended to her daughter Jean, son Joe Mack and family, with the knowledge she will always be remembered with great pride and admiration.

Raul and Toni Cantu were in Amarillo for the week-end with son Ricky Goodson, 16, who was hospitalized following a motorcycle accident Friday evening.

He and some friends were practicing on the bike track in Dalhart for the Motor Cross competition. He had started up a steep hill when his cycle jumped and turned over on him.

He was taken by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo for surgery. He is still in I.C.U., and the prognosis is uncertain at this writing, Monday. The vertebrae in his

neck were crushed. Raul returned on Monday, and Toni is still with him.

A frightening experience for Marva and Bob Hohertz was their home fire at 15 Glover Place on Monday evening.

She had placed a deep pan with a small amount of grease on the stove then stepped into the office for a moment where she, Bob and their assistant, Laura Salzar, were working on the computer. A loud noise from the kitchen startled them; the wall was on fire.

Their quick use of the fire extinguishers prevented the spread to the attic, but not before Marva had received some burns and smoke inhalation. She was treated by the ambulance personnel. The ambulance and fire departments were on the scene almost immediately.

The cause of the fire was puzzling, but seemed to be some type of spontaneous combustion.

The Hohertz are high in their praise for both the fire department and the ambulance crews. The fire damage was confined to the kitchen but the entire house received smoke damage.

Now, is it a fact that the only reason that Clinton is touring Africa is because, with lack of literacy there, it is the only place he can tour and not be an object of ridicule ???

The only sure thing which nobody can deny, is that a good hunk of American taxpayer's money will be added to the already large contributions being made to them--cheerful thought right here at tax time!!

"Hank The Cowdog"

Perryton, Booker and Spearman students will have a treat on March 31st when Jeryl Hoover comes to town to perform at the Junior High Auditorium. Hoover has partnered up with John Erickson and Maverick Books to present the Cowdog programs across the nation.

Hoover, a resident of Fredericksburg, has been performing the Hank the Cowdog shows for over a year and a half. He has carried the Hank tales from south Texas to Indiana. His shows include reading from the books using the same sort of voices made famous by local author and rancher, John R. Erickson. Hoover also performs songs from the series and includes the kids in singing and performing them.

Hoover was raised in the oil patch of West Texas where he decided to be a musician at age 5. He studied piano and played clarinet in the school bands. He graduated with his bachelor and masters degrees in vocal music from West Texas State University, now West Texas. Hoover is a big believer in the power of drama and music

combinations to teach, inspire, and entertain everyone, especially children. He has written two musicals, Gifts of the Magi, based on the famous short story by O'Henry, and Lovers, Liars, and Clowns, a review of Shakespeare works turned into Broadway Musicals.

Married with three sons, Hoover is at home in Fredericksburg, Texas. A&M, and holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Hoover entered the church ministry in 1981, and served several churches in Texas until 1996, when he decided to commit full-time to writing and performing. He also has a passion for drama and spent many years as a community director. He's directed and performed the lead roles in such works as Fiddler on the Roof, Camelot, Sound of Music, and many other plays, operas, and musicals.

Thank You

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Gary Ellsworth

You're Invited To The 86th Birthday Party for Lois "Mo" Nollner

Saturday, April 4, 1998
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First State Bank Hospitality Room

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Doctor's Day Luncheon

by Hospital Staff

Hansford Clinic Hospital District will be celebrating Doctor's Day on Monday, March 30, 1998. Dr. Ahmed Iqbal and Dr. Raul Tamayo will be honored guests at a pot-luck luncheon given by the District's employees in the Hansford Manor Activities Room.

Dr. Iqbal has lived Spearman since September, 1995, with his wife, Azmat, and their three children having moved from El Paso. He is originally from

Karachi, Pakistan, and is board certified in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Tamayo arrived in Spearman in October, 1995. Born in Manila, Philippines, Dr. Tamayo was practicing in Westmont, IL before moving to Hansford County. He is board certified in Pediatrics. His wife, Emelinda and daughter live in Chicago, IL.

We are glad to have both physicians practicing medicine in Hansford county and serving the medical needs of our hospital, manor and clinic patients.

Thank You

I would like to thank each and every person who voted for me. I appreciate your trust that I am doing my job as Justice of the Peace. I promise to continue to do my very best to serve all the people of Hansford County.

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Bush Reappoints TAFA Board

Governor George W. Bush has announced the reappointment of three members to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority Board of Directors for terms to expire January 1, 2000. The Board administers the authority which provides financial assistance for the expansion, development and diversification of production, processing, marketing and export of Texas agricultural products.

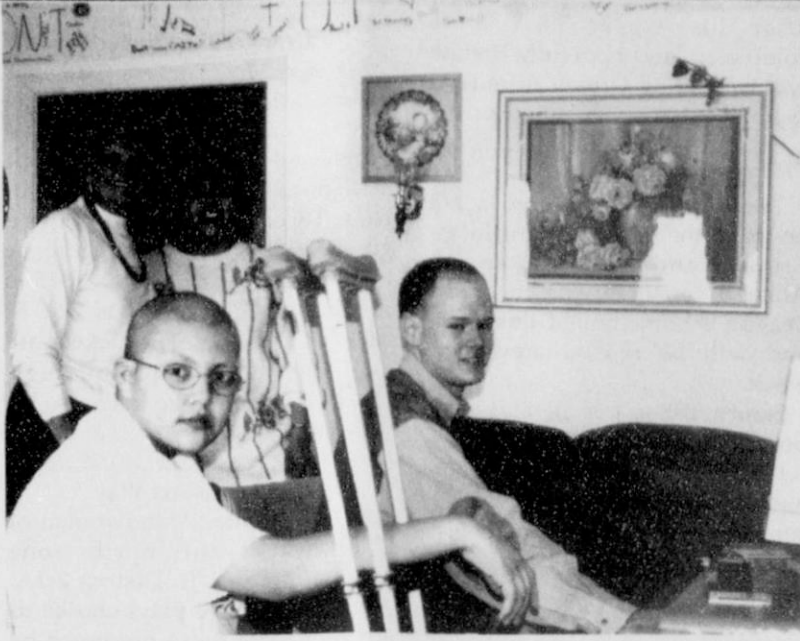
Gina Leigh Bulls Gillispie, of Spearman, executive vice president of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Panhandle Area Chamber of Commerce Executives. She is a former member of the Livestock Marketing Association and serves on the executive board of the Panhandle Tourism and Marketing Council. She attended Stephens College and Texas Tech University.

Sydney Michael Golden, of Lake Jackson, is senior vice-president and loan officer at First National Bank of Lake Jackson and is past president of the

Brazoria County Bankers Association. He serves on the Brazosport College Board of Regents and is active in the Freepport Home Improvement Initiative. He earned a bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University and a graduate of the Southwestern School of Banking at Southern Methodist University.

Jane Anne Stinnett, of Lubbock, is president and CEO of Stinnett Enterprises, Inc., cotton merchandising firm. She is a member and past president of the Texas (cotton) Association and a member and former director of the American Cotton Shippers Association. She serves as a member of the Board of Managers of the University Medical Center and is a member of the Community Development Advisory Committee. She also served on the Texas Department of Agriculture 1995 Farm Bill Task Force.

The appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.



Alan, a student at Gruver Junior High, received a computer and a drum set through the Perryton chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Pictured with him are, seated Brad Wooster, who set up the computer; and standing, Joyce Courson of Make-A-Wish and Alan's mother, Maria.

The Perryton chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which includes the four counties of the northeast Panhandle, was able to grant a wish for Alan, a student at Gruver Junior High.

Alan's wish for a drum set and a computer was delivered on March 10, 1998, and set up by Brad Wooster from Perryton Office Supply.

The computer included several games, educational programs and an excellent art program.

The drum set is a computerized set of pads that will reproduce the complete sound of a full trap

set, and can be utilized with headphones, to help eliminate the noise to other people.

In addition, Alan received a Dallas Cowboy coat and an autographed book from Troy Aikman.

The "Kids for Wish Kids" held a fund-raiser for Alan's wish, which was a tremendous success.

Gruver elementary launched the "Kids for Wish Kids" Program on February 16th. Students and faculty at Gruver schools participated in the local Kids Make-A-Wish Kids program to benefit the Make-A-Wish®

Make-A-Wish Grants Wish

Foundation of the Texas Plain.

"Gruver elementary kids did a chain link drive per class, which they sold for \$1.00 each. The proceeds, \$3,300, went to help the Make-A-Wish® Foundation grant a wish to Alan, who has a life threatening illness," said Diane Brown, principal of the school. They made an enormous chain from the links, and decorated Alan's house with them (inside and out) to welcome him home from his Dallas hospital trip.

Even though Alan is in junior high, the grade school kids were the first complete their "Kids for Wish Kids" fund-raiser.

Alan's day was made more special by school personnel Diane Brown and Laura Blasingame, who came by for a visit.

Alan was not able to go out for lunch, but C.J.'s Pizza of Gruver furnished the pizza for Alan, his family and the "Wish Team."

Cindy Spanel, Wish Coordinator of Make-A-Wish® of the Texas Plains, said the "Kids For Wish Kids" program provides young people with a valuable learning experience about life-threatening illness and how they can help make a difference to another child. This will help the students learn to work together for the common good while at the same time providing a valuable opportunity for students and teachers to get to know each other better.

Make-A-Wish® grants wishes to children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 18 years old with a life threatening illness. The Amarillo chapter, located At 2324 Lakeview, Amarillo, has granted 457 wishes since its beginning in 1984. At present, they are working on 29 wishes in the top 55 counties of the Panhandle.

At The Movies

L.A. Confidential (R) - This stylish tale of corruption in Los Angeles has a lot of people talking Oscar, with Academy Award nominations for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Supporting Actress (Kim Basinger). The electrifying cast also includes Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito and James Cromwell. Don't forget Russell Crow and Guy Pearce as the two antagonistic cops who team up to get to the bottom of a late-night diner massacre. Adapted from the novel by James Ellroy. (violence, language, adult themes)

Krippendorf's Tribe (PG-13) - This comedy saga of a make-believe aborigine tribe boasts a unique blend of talents - Richard Dreyfuss, "Dharma and Greg's" Jenna Elfman and Lily Tomlin. (comic situations)



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Friday, February 28 for Murmurs, in honor of the recent purchase of the business by Freddy and Janice Gail Mayfield. Those present were: Janice Gale Mayfield, Freddy Mayfield, Jennifer Whitefield, Jocelyn Whitefield, Murmur, Gail Mayfield, Patricia Rosales, Angie Rosales, Avo Gray, June Kelp, Nancy Kelly, Terry Hart, Mike Schnell, Randall Sauer, Ginger Turner, Irene Baker, Carolyn McLeod, Arlene Paschal, and Gina Gillispie. Congratulations and best of luck to Freddy, Janice Gail and family.

Explorer Post Tours Hospital

Hansford County Hospital District's Explorer Post #511 toured the surgical unit at Baptist St. Anthony Healthcare System. Judy Smith, RN, a member of the surgical team, served as the tour guide.

The tour was very informative and included viewing several operating suites, the recovery room and a procedure in progress to replace a hip joint. Ms. Smith showed the group what is required in preparation for surgical procedures. The process includes wearing the appropriate clothing, sterilization of equipment used during the procedure and the setting up of a surgical suite. This promoted group discussion and interaction.

The group appreciated the assistance of Ms. Smith as tour guide and the information she shared.

The following is a list of those in attendance from Explorer Post #511, pictured are Kristi

Carbajal, Julie Scroggs, Tommie Dewberry, Brandi Willis, Irene Vacquera and Reyna Ortiz. The sponsors pictured on the tour are Robbie Dewberry, Cindy Blackman, Anne Snow and Adam Snow, Anne's son.

Other Hansford County Hospital District employee's involved with Explorer Post #511 are John Kunselman, Carol Sell, Jim Miller, Debbie Sanford, Jorge Arenivar, Bruce Thronton and Cheryl Hunter. Hansford County Hospital District's Explorer Post #511 has been active for about one year and is picking up momentum with each passing day.

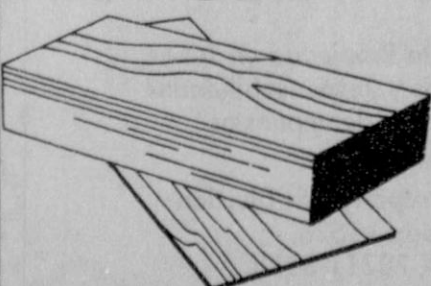
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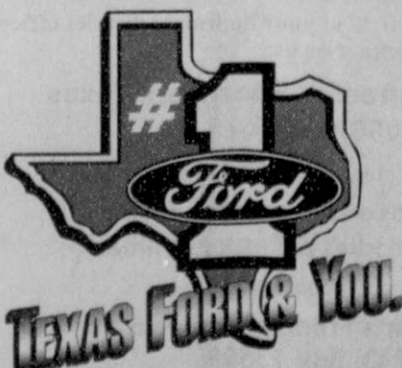


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Spearman Track

Spearman Junior High and High School participated in the West Texas Track Meet in Stinnett last weekend.

Varsity Boys

The Varsity Boys won 1st place. Listed below are the results.

3200 Meters: Jason Banks-2nd, Casey Villines-6th
Pole Vault: Chuck Grayson-1st
400 Meter Relay: Chuck Grayson, Aaron Witten, Dusty Barber, Jordan Brock-5th
400 Meter Run: Carlos Hernandez-2nd
200 Meter Run: Carlos Hernandez-1st
110 Meter Hurdles: Michael

Lusby-1st, Josh Schuman-5th
300 Meter Hurdles: Michael Lusby-1st, Josh Schumann-5th
Triple Jump: Landon Miller-1st, Aaron Witten-2nd
Long Jump: Aaron Witten-4th
Discus: Doran Schoenhals-4th

Varsity Girls

The Varsity Girls placed 6th. Listed below are their results.
3200 M. Run: Keisha Oquin-2nd
400 M. Relay: Nicole Lozano, Brittini Beedy, Lindsey Smith, Leslie Widener-6th
800 M. Run: Keisha Oquin-1st
100 M. Hurdles: Jennifer Whitefield-6th
800 M. Relay: Nicole Lozano,

Adrienne Simpson, Jennifer Whitefield, Leslie Widener-6th
400 M. Dash: Chelsea Nollner-3rd, Brooke Lesly-4th
200 M. Dash: Chelsea Nollner-4th

1600 M. Relay: Adrienne Simpson, Keisha Oquin, Chelsea Nollner, Brooke Lesly-4th
High Jump: Lindsey Smith-2nd
Long Jump: Chelsea Nollner-4th
Triple Jump: Chelsea Nollner-3rd

8th Grade Boys

The results for the 8th Grade Boys are listed below.
400 Relay: Diaz, Ceballos, Vargas and Shufeldt-2nd
800 Run: Matt Dunnihoo-5th, Joe Wilson-6th
110 Hurdles: Edward Vasquez-5th
100 M. Dash: Miguel Ceballos-3rd
400 M. Dash: Coy Herrington-4th
200 M. Dash: Coy Herrington-2nd

1200 M. Run: Joe Wilson-3rd, Matt Dunnihoo-4th
1600 M. Relay: Herrington, Shufeldt, Ceballos and Dunnihoo-3rd
Shot Put: Shufeldt-1st, Bobby Lujan-2nd, Homer Munoz-4th
Triple Jump: Pete Vargas-2nd, Miguel Ceballos-4th
Vault: Tanner Beedy-4th, Joe Wilson-5th, Marty Miesner-6th

Chamber News

On Thursday, March 12, at 7:00 pm, President Arlene Paschel, called the meeting to order.

Attending were: Arlene Paschel, Jeff Beedy, Worth Whitworth, Carolyn McLeod, Tami Kunselman, Davonna Daharsh, Freddie and Cindy Walton, Cheryl Gibson-Salgado, Diane Maxwell, Kim Brock, Tindle Ramon, and Gina Gillispie.

The Chamber Business Spotlight for the month of March was B&B Sales Co., at 205 Dillon. Sonny Kell was the guest on KRDF-FM People on the Go on Wednesday, March 4.

One item on the agenda was the discussion of the Chamber Banquet. It will be Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center. Tickets will be \$12.00 for members and \$15.00 for non members.

The Methodist Men will provide the meal. Joe Frank Wheeler of the Borger Chamber of Commerce will be the guest speaker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

May God Bless Our Country!

Gruver Track

by Harletta Carthel

Gruver Junior High and High School thinclads did well in their first track meet of the season at Booker on Saturday. Although there were no field events in the one day meet due to poor field conditions, former Gruver coach, Mike Banks, and other members of the Booker coaching staff had shoveled the seven-lane, quarter-mile track on Friday and did a superior job of preparing the track for Saturday's competition.

The seventh grade girls were the big winners of the day, taking first place with 144 points over Wheeler with 87 points. Meet placings of the other teams were seventh grade boys, second; eighth grade girls, third; eighth grade boys, fourth; junior varsity boys, second; varsity girls tied for fifth and sixth; and varsity boys, sixth. (Due to the Gruver prom, many high school athletes were not able to compete in the afternoon finals.)

Seventh Grade Girls

2400 Meter Run - Sammy Johnson, third
400 Meter Relay - (Cazares, Watley, Lowe, Griffin) first
800 Meter Relay - (Abernathy, Christian, Clift, Porter) first
800 Meter Run - Swink, second; K. Christian, third
100 Meter Hurdles - Griffin, third; Porter, fourth
100 Meter Run - Cazares, first; Lowe, second
400 Meter Run - Watley, second
200 Meter Hurdles - L. Johnson, third; Porter, 4
200 Meter Run - Stewart, first, Clift, second
1200 Meter Run - S. Johnson, fourth
1600 Meter Relay - (Lowe,

Griffin, May, Watley), first.

Seventh Grade Boys

2400 Meter Run - Bevill, third; Casdorff, fifth
400 Meter Relay-(Bevill, David Hernandez, Boyd), first
800 Meter Run - Perez, fourth; Casdorff, fifth
100 Meter Dash - Hernandez, first
400 Meter Dash - Perez, third
200 Meter Hurdles - Boyd, fourth
1200 Meter Run - Rodriguez, second
1600 Meter Relay - (Bevill, Vega, Boyd, David Hernandez), second.

Eighth Grade Girls

400 Meter Relay - (Morris, Moore, Miser, Robinson), third
800 Meter Run - Beth Yanke, second
100 Meter Hurdles - Robinson, fifth
100 Meter Dash - Miser, third; Soto, sixth
800 Meter Relay - (Morris, Moore, Soto, Perez), fourth
200 Meter Dash - Soto, sixth
1200 Meter Run - Luciano, second
100 Meter Relay - (Morris, Yanke, Duncan, Robinson), second

Eighth Grade Boys

2400 Meter Run - Ryan Abernathy, second
400 Relay - (Salazar, R. Abernathy, Christian, Azarte), fourth
200 Meter Run - Santillian, fifth
800 Meter Run - R. Abernathy, sixth
110 Hurdles - Carthel, third

200 Meter Hurdles - Carthel, third; Salazar, fifth
100 Meter Relay - (Salazar, R. Abernathy, Delgado, Carthel), fifth

Junior Varsity Boys

3200 Meter Run - Duncan, second
400 Meter Relay- (Weller, Duncan, Ehrenberg, Schneider), third
800 Meter Run - Barkley, first; Weller, second
100 Meter Dash - Schneider, first
400 Meter Dash - Barkley, second
300 Meter Hurdles - Erhenberg, fourth; Lamb, fifth
200 Meter Dash - Weller, first
1600 Meter Run - Lamb, fourth
100 Meter Relay - (Erhenberg, Duncan, Stapleton, Schneider), third

Varsity Girls

400 Relay - (Howe, Thoreson, Boyd, Atwood), third
800 Meter Run - Atwood, sixth
400 Meter Dash - Thoreson, fifth
300 Meter Hurdles - Stavlo, third
200 Meter Dash - Stavlo, first
1600 Meter Run - Boyd, fifth

Varsity Boys

400 Meter Relay - (Justin Johnson, Robinson, Perez, Hernandez), fourth
110 Meter Hurdles - Justin Johnson, second
100 Meter Dash - Daniel Hernandez
400 Meter Dash - Gilbert Perez, third

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GHS Tennis

The GHS tennis team competed in the Dumas Tournament over the weekend. It was the first tournament of the year for the team, and Coach Shelia Watley feels the team did very well on their first outing.

In the boys singles, Matt Watlington took second place honors. In Watlington's first match, he beat Jordan Bailey of Perryton 6-4, 6-1. In his second match, he defeated Patrick McCriag of Happy 6-1, 6-0. He went onto beat Dustin Noe of Perryton 6-2, 7-6 before falling to Aaron Kozak of Dumas, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

In boys doubles competition, the team of Dan Odom and Anthony Villalobos played Jason may and

Clint Swink, with the teams placing seventh and eight respectively.

Girls singles competition saw Holly Hart take 15th. place, and Becky Cassady, 13th. place.

Taking fourth place in girls doubles action was the team of Jill Odom and Janae Watley who beat a duo from Boys Ranch, 6-1, 6-1 and went on to defeat a Perryton team, 6-1, 6-3. The Gruver team was then defeated by Spearman, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; and a Dumas team 6-4, 6-0.

The team of Krystle and Annie Mayhew placed ninth by beating Happy 6-4, 6-0; then falling to Dumas 6-1, 6-2; losing to Friona 6-1, 6-2; and tripping to Perryton, 6-2, 6-4.

A Center Piece

by Garland Hopper

March 16th was an evening to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The Golden Spread Senior Citizens area was found to be decorated with Leprechauns, pots of gold, and shamrocks. White tables were festive with silverware wrapped in green napkins. As the room filled with "Golden Oldies," the eyes were met with many shades of green. Following a delicious covered dish meal, the attendees were entertained by the "Happy Hatters" (Ding-Dong Mama's from Dumas).

Irvin Delk and Dora Womble were the last of six playing "Musical Hats." Dora just barely nabbed the last hat from Irvin to win the game. She was presented a beautiful Easter hat.

Those attending the program found it fun and different from most of the audience had just seen. For those who preferred to play cards, Kathy set tables up in another area.

Thanks to Kathy and her helpers for the decorations, program and hard work.

The membership is happy to welcome Henry and Christina Babitzke to their midst.

Seems that 1998 is passing swiftly with the arrival of Spring and flowers beginning to bloom. April 1st is just around the corner, and sad to say, the time for annual dues to be paid. For the present time, Kathy Bryant is the one to whom dues may be submitted.

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I feel that I am a very qualified candidate to serve in this position. I will give my very best effort to try and address the wishes and concerns of all people in the Precincts.

Again, I want to say thank you and please go back to the polls on April the 14th.

Sincerely,
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