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November Named National Hospice Month



Pictured above, members of the Hansford Hospice (Back Row, L-R) I.W. and Maylynn Ayres, Jack McWhirter and Roberta Cole, LoRee Booth; (Front Row, Left) Betty Jean Davis and Sandy Russell (Right), look on as Mayor Burl Buchanan (Front Row, Center) signs a proclamation for National Hospice Month.

Proclamation

November, 1999

"National Hospice Month"

To The Citizens of Spearman, Texas:

Whereas, dedicated men and women who provide hospice care help terminally ill patients to face natural death without feeling alone or unprepared; and

Whereas, these programs are helping to ensure that hospice care remains a positive, viable alternative for terminally ill individuals and their loved ones.

Now, therefore, I, Burl Buchanan, Mayor of the City of Spearman, join with President Clinton in proclaiming the month of November, 1999, as

"National Hospice Month"

and to encourage recognition of and support for hospice care in Spearman and for the Nation.

In Witness Where, I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Spearman, Texas.

Dated this twelfth day of November, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-nine.

Mayor Burl Buchanan



Spearman City Manager Robert Patrick accepts the title of ownership of a hose truck from Spearman Volunteer Firemen Bruce Stinson, left, and Randy Kirk. The truck was modified from an ambulance formerly owned by the City of Turkey. All work on the truck was done by Spearman volunteer firemen using donations and proceeds from their annual Heritage Days barbecue. The volunteers wish to express appreciation to Jim and Jimmy Younger for the wiring of lights and their help in the painting and striping of the vehicle.



Wilma Clark (Center), member of the Hansford Retired School Personnel Association, serves punch and husband Bill Turner looks on as Lil Turner (Left) cuts a cake during her retirement reception held on Monday, November 8, 1999.



Creative Memories consultants Stephanie Brock and Delinda McLaughlin present Ginny Neff with a check for the Accelerated Reading Program.



Old Hansford Bed & Breakfast, located five miles west on Highway 15.

Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour

Make plans now for Sunday, December 5th. The Annual Gladiola Flower Club Home Tour will be held from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The Old Hansford Bed and Breakfast, located 5 miles west on Highway 15, will be one of the homes featured this year. This historic home is located on the original Old Hansford town site of 1909. The land was purchased by the Enid, Ochiltree and Western Railroad Company, and then sold to Dr. Haney. The Haney family built the house, which is now a Bed and Breakfast owned by Pat and Cathy Patterson.

Other homes featured will be the Terry Butt home, 8 miles south on Highway 786, 7 miles east on Highway 281, and 1 1/2 mile north on County Road 2; Vance and Irene Snider's guest house, 209 Barkley and Irene's Doll Cottage, 28 Haney; and the home of Danny Howell, 36 Rural Street, 1 mile west on Highway 15.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available from club members, or at the door.



A ribbon cutting was held by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, November 4th for Spearman Farm and Auto Supply. The Spearman Chamber would like to welcome this new business to Spearman, and wish them much luck in the future.

Purple Pride

The Spearman Lynx will play Hamlin in Plainview on Friday, November 19th at 7:30 p.m. in the Area 2-A playoff game.

All School Pep Rally will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday in the Varsity Gym. School will dismiss at 1:30 p.m. for the game.

The Spearman Booster Club is again sponsoring Purple Pride Week and is encouraging everyone to wear purple on Thursday and Friday to show your support for the Spearman Lynx!

LAUGH AND LIVE

by Gary C. Smith

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I do not often write about individuals in this column (especially coaches), but this week I am making an exception.

For the past eleven years, during football season, I have spent almost every Friday night standing on the sidelines taking pictures.

I have seen some very good coaches and some very bad coaches. I have seen coaches who only cared about winning and I have seen coaches who cared about kids.

During this time, I have never seen a Head Coach and coaching staff as good as Ric Smith and his team of coaches.

I have noticed that Ric and his staff strive to not only teach our students football, but character and class as well.

For example, it would have been easy for Ric to have run up the score against Highland Park this past Friday night. Instead, the Lynx football team was directed in a way that should make the people of Spearman proud. It has not been that long ago that we witnessed how a thoughtless, insensitive, tactless coach from another town affected what we felt and thought about that coach as a person. The coach's actions not only created harsh feelings toward him, but toward his team and his town.

I am thankful that our coaches represent us as professionals and as gentlemen.

I take my hat off to Ric Smith, Jerry Bass, Brian Beck, Greg Gibson, Wendell Neff, and Doug Bowles.

You guys make me proud to be from Spearman.

Until Next Time,
May God Bless.
GCS

The printer had a little trouble with my column last week and the end of it was cut off. I am reprinting it here in its entirety. I hope you enjoy it.

An old friend sent this to me a while back. I am sending it on to you in hopes that it cheers your day.

If you take an Oriental person and spin him around several times, does he become disoriented?

If people from Poland are called "Poles," why aren't people from Holland called "Holes?"

Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposites?

Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?

If horrific means to make horrible, does terrific mean to make terrible?

Why isn't 11 pronounced onety-one?

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car not called a racist?

If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?

Why do women wear evening gowns to nightclubs? Shouldn't they be wearing night gowns?

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

When someone asks you, "A penny for your thoughts," and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

Why do croutons come in airtight packages? It's just stale bread to begin with.

If you mixed vodka with orange juice and milk of magnesia, would you get a Phillips Screwdriver?

Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a "whack"?

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that: electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's"?

Why is it that if someone tells you that there are 1 billion stars in the universe you will believe them, but if they tell you that a wall has wet paint you will have to touch it to be sure?

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Barnes Medical Fund Established

A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for Doug and Shannon Barnes.

Funding Still Available For Home Improvements

Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation, a Texas non-profit corporation, is continuing to implement the Texas Home Improvement Loan Program for low and very low-income residents of Texas. Funds are readily available to qualifying residents to improve the basic livability of their homes. Program Description: Maximum funding requests of \$23,000. Three percent (3%) amortizing loans are available; Zero percent (0%) deferred, forgivable loans are available to qualifying residents; Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation will also pay for closing costs up to \$2000. The Home Improvement Loan Program will be available through December 15, 1999. For more information, contact Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation at 1-888-638-3555, extension 423.

Cub Scout/Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

The Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be selling Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn through November 22nd. When a Cub or Boy Scout calls, we urge you to make a purchase! Proceeds will provide the Golden Spread Council and Scout packs and troops with additional funds needed to serve the 10,000 registered youth in the 24 counties of the Texas panhandle and the 3 Oklahoma panhandle counties that make up our local Boy Scout Council. Boy Scouts have always been noted for their good deeds... let's return the favor! If you are not contacted by a Scout, please call the Golden Spread Council at (806) 358-6500, or 659-3434, to place an order.

Musical Jam Session

The Musical Jam Sessions at the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center in Spearman are again underway on the first Thursday of each month. These sessions are open to everyone who plays an instrument, sings, or just enjoys listening. If you like to listen, sing-along, or just pat your foot to the music, you will enjoy these jam sessions. The Golden Spread Senior Citizens invite everyone to join them at the Senior Citizens Center, 502 S. Brandt, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. If you know musicians in nearby towns, please invite them to participate. For more information, call Kathy at 659-3966.

Wesley United Methodist Church Festival of Arts & Crafts

The Wesley United Methodist Church will be honoring its 19th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts on December 4, 1999 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford, TX. Only a limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10.00. Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045 or call (806) 364-0774.

Panhandle Crisis Center

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

You Can Teach!

Everyone can be a part of community education. No degrees or diplomas are needed to teach non-credit classes for the Spearman Community Resource Program. In this type of learning experience, anyone can teach. If you have knowledge or expertise you would like to share, You Can Teach! If you are interested in teaching a class, please call the Community Resource Office at 659-3233.

Santa's Workshop

The O'Loughlin Center, the Spearman Retail Merchant's Association, and the First United Methodist Youth group invite you to have lunch, see the latest fashions and shop at the Craft and Gift Show. The FUMC Youth and their parents will begin serving lunch at 11:45 a.m. The menu will consist of lasagna, salad, etc., at a cost of \$6.00. Between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m., the Spearman Retail Merchant's Association will sponsor an informal style show featuring Christmas clothing as well as the latest fashion trends. Clothing will be modeled from B&B Sales, Cates, Dollar General, Kid's Stuff, and Lady Fair. The Craft and Gift Show will open at 1:00 p.m. for shopping. All types of merchandise will be available, including jewelry, decorating items, craft items, Christmas decorations, clothing, etc. Come see the new ideas for your Christmas shopping. For more information, contact Kathy Bryant at 659-3030.

Hansford Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting their luncheon on November 29th at 11:30 a.m. at the Palo Duro Cafe. Immediately following the meeting, they will adjourn to the Hospital and Manor to decorate for Christmas. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Windmill Lighting

The Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association has asked Chris Deakin of Deakin Electric to furnish a bucket truck on Sunday, November 28th, beginning at 1:00 p.m., to help light the windmills. This was planned in an effort to help those who have adopted a windmill to have the truck available on a specific day. This will help everyone reach the highest parts of the windmills. For more information, contact Gina Gillispie at 659-5555.

O Holy Night Live Nativity

The Spearman Retail Merchant's Association will sponsor O Holy Night on Sunday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. on the courthouse square. This program is a live nativity with local choirs and individuals participating. For more information, contact Gina Gillispie at 659-5555.

Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association

The annual meeting of the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association will be held on Monday, November 29, 1999 at 12:00 noon at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt. Lunch will be served by the Spearman Lions Club at a cost of \$3.00 per person.

Faith Angels

The youth group of the Trinity Fellowship Church is accepting \$10.00 donations for Faith Angels at Dollar General on Saturday, November 20th to help raise \$150 for each child to go on a missions trip to Mexico. They will leave on December 26th and return on the 31st. This will be a spiritual experience for these youth. The little Faith Angels are Beautiful little Christmas Ornaments made by the children themselves. For more information, call Toni Cantu at 659-2717 or Audra Thomas at 659-3354. Thank you and God bless!

Christmas Arts & Crafts Show & Sale

The Amarillo Civic Center will be the site for the 19th Annual Christmas Arts & Crafts Show and Sale. It will have a variety of arts and crafts from exhibitors of all areas of Texas and surrounding states. Arts & Crafts on display will range from wood crafts, clothing, jewelry, art, ceramics, quilts, decorations, floral arrangements, homemade food, and much more. The show will be held at the Amarillo Civic Center, 4th and Buchanan, November 20th-21st. The show hours will be Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Admission is only \$3.00 and children 14 and under are free if accompanied by an adult. We hope you can come out and visit us.

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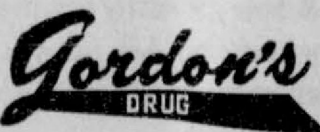
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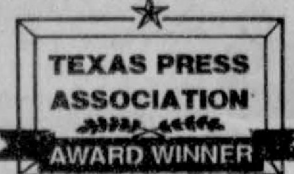
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Superintendent's Corner



by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth - November 15, 1999 - 54.42 feet

Jim's Report--We had a camper from Stinnett near the bridge for three days; Saturday there were four at the hookups with one on the south side. Fishing was disappointing this week, but catches of 2 weeks ago surfaced. Roland Harris of Perryton caught two 10# blue cats and a 5# one. A man from Pampa said he caught a 19.5 inch crappie.

The bald eagles are back. Look for them in the evening on the

Gibber side. Although four birds were seen, only one had the bald head. Geese are also being noticed. Canada geese and snow geese were seen feeding together in a corn field north of Spearman Sunday morning. Sand hill cranes were in a cornfield in which wheat was being irrigated -- three things that make for a sandhill crane heaven--corn, wheat and water.

The bucks are being spotted more frequently now. Again early and late in the day are the best times to look for them.

For you that do dried flower arrangements, you are welcome to get the cat tails in the Park. The volunteer cottonwoods can also be removed with permission. It may be just a little early for that. Does anyone know how to tell the male from the female in the smaller trees?

Pete Lieb, a resident of the Hansford Manor, has given a fol-

low up on last week's story of the watermelons washed down the creek in September of 1938. He said they were raised north of Morse by Fred and Frank Womble on the Barkley place, now owned by Dean and Linda Lieb. They took the elevator that moves the grain from the reel to the grain bin on an old fashioned combine off of their combine and used it to raise water from the North Fork of the Palo Duro to their watermelon patch. Usually the creek is dry there, but they had water that summer and had a really nice crop of melons ready for market.

Comfort Winders said her family had a picnic with guests from Stratford who spent the night that Saturday. The rains in the night brought the creek up so high that that they couldn't get to their cars on the other side of the creek. When the water went down, they found watermelons caught in the fenders and around the cars.

selves. Teachers touch a life forever!

How about those Lynx! If you were at the game last Friday night, you might join me in being thankful for one of the best second half come backs that I have ever witnessed from high school athletes. I told someone that the team's motto ought to be "We believe." I'll be honest, not most of the fans in the stands believed after the first half; however, the kids did! They fought back from what seemed at the time to be insurmountable odds to overcome a half time deficit to win the Bi-District playoff game against Highland Park. I can't tell you how thrilled I was for our kids. It was one of those victories that they will remember forever. On a selfish note, I have been in the education business for over 23 years and have also coached and been an athletic director. This is the first time that I have been in the playoffs in football. It is a wonderful feeling and I am proud to be associated with this fine group of kids and coaches. I am thankful for all the support the school and our athletes receive from the community. We have a very active booster club that spends a great deal of time supporting our athletes and coaches. I appreciate these parents for their involvement. We may not win every game we play; however, we can all stand up and cheer our teams for giving their best.

I am thankful for the fine coaching staff we have in Spearman. Besides being good coaches these men are good people! They care about the kids. Sure they want to win, but not at all cost. They are the best I have ever been associated with. I am thankful that I have the opportunity to work with Ric Smith! I have been around a lot of head coaches and sure it is easy to criticize the plays they call; however, I can tell you Ric Smith is as good as it gets. He is more than a coach to these kids. He is a father, a friend and a teacher. Good luck Lynx, in the Area Playoffs!

I could go on and on counting my blessings and what I have to be thankful for, but that might take up the entire newspaper. As I wrap up this week's articles I must say how thankful I am to be here in Spearman. My family could not have moved to a better town. We were talking the other day about how we missed Corpus Christi; however, that we never wanted to move back. Spearman is where we want to raise our children. We are thankful for everyone who has welcomed us and for the many acts of kindness we have received. Sometimes you don't know how good you have it until someone from the outside comes in and points out how different it is from the norm. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me as superintendent of schools.

I am reminded that although Thanksgiving happens once a year that Thanksgiving is a way of living. We should not take for granted all that we have. We need to take the time to pause and reflect each and every day for the people we love and for all that we have. We are indeed blessed. I can't even think about living anywhere else but in Spearman, America!!!

To each one of you and your families, I extend my best wishes for a Thanksgiving Holiday filled with thankfulness, richness and happiness. May God bless you and your family!

Lynxettes Began Basketball Season

by Jeff Beedy

The Lynxettes began their basketball season on Tuesday November 16 when they traveled to Gruver to take on the Greyhounds. The JV girls, Varsity girls and the Varsity boys that aren't in football played.

Coach Short and Coach Neff are looking forward to a great year and we want to wish them the best of luck! Both teams should be very competitive and will be battling for the district championship when the time comes. This season should prove to be an exciting year.

Good luck Lynx and Lynxettes!

by Rodney Sumner, Spearman I.S.D. Superintendent

As I sat down to write this week's article, I struggled for a topic. Not because there is nothing going on; however, quite the opposite. Many outstanding things are happening at school. In fact, we have much to be thankful for. Since Thanksgiving is right around the corner, I think it is appropriate to pause and reflect on the many things that we are thankful for and to count our many blessings!

One thing that happened this past week which reminds me of those who have served their country was the Veteran's Day Program. As I looked at the veterans who assembled in the center of the gym floor, I was reminded of the sacrifices that were made so that I can enjoy the freedoms that I possess. Freedoms which I and many others take for granted. As Mr. Cunningham fought back tears as he spoke at the program, I was reminded that there were many that paid the ultimate sacrifice. Some were friends; others were someone's son, daughter, grandson and granddaughter that did not return home and died on a foreign field. As I thought about my own children, I wondered how tough it would be for one of them to die in a war. I am thankful that we live in a time of peace; however, I am even more thankful that we can pause and remember those who have gone on before us. As I left the program, I think I can say that each one of us there, swelled with pride and was thankful to be an American! Thank you James Cunningham, Peggy Winegarner and Delinda McLaughlin and for everyone else who had a part in this program! I am proud to be an American!

Recently, I have been making classroom visits to watch our teachers working with our children. It is my goal to have visited every classroom by the end of the year. I have only made a handful of visits; however, I am reminded of how blessed we are to have the quality of teachers we have working with our children. For a short time, I was able to watch a few of our teachers like Kristi Ramon, Karla Flowers and Verlan Winegarner (just to name a few) teach. WOW! You would be impressed with the caring, compassion and energy that these teachers demonstrated in their classrooms. This past week was American Education Week. A time to reflect and express our appreciation to those who work with our children. As I add to my list of reasons to be thankful, I must remember our many teachers. Each one of us can remember that very special teacher who made a difference in our lives. Thank you teachers for giving more than just the subject you teach, but for giving of your-

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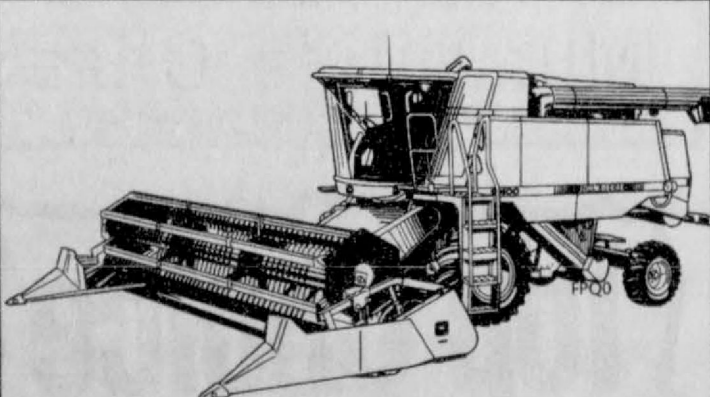
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Pictured above are (L-R) Gary Edmiston - 1998-'99 IBAT Chairman, First State Bank Representatives Vana Reid, Cheryl Hill, Vicky Henderson, and Mike Schnell, and Chris Williston - IBAT President and CEO.

First State Bank Wins Award

First State Bank in Spearman recently received the Gold Eagle Award in the Best of Community Banking Awards competition. This contest is sponsored by the Independent

Bankers Association of Texas and the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche.

This is the ninth year of this program designed to encourage community involvement by community banks. Projects are judged on innovation and creativity, number of people benefited or affected and the project's success in fulfilling an existing community need.

First State Bank was honored for its entry in the Adopt-A-School Category for Partners in Education program with Spearman ISD. Each employee of the bank volunteers their time and talents in various programs at the school.

"In today's financial market of mergers and acquisitions, it is rewarding to see the community banks demonstrating leadership through stewardship in their hometowns," said Christopher L. Williston, IBAT president and CEO. "Mike Schnell and his staff at First State Bank are prime examples of outstanding civic leadership by community bankers," said Williston.

IBAT, chartered in 1974, is the primary voice for Texas' 700 community banks. Community banks are independently owned and operated and are characterized by their attention to customer service, lower fees and small business, agricultural and consumer lending. For more information visit www.ibat.org.

Spearman Chamber Of Commerce Board Meets

On Thursday, November 11, 1999, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met at the Palo Duro Cafe. Members present were: Elaine Cook, Tami Kunselman, Jim Younger, Bruce Stinson, Kim Brock, Carolyn McLeod, Eulalia Blankenship, Gina Gillispie, and special guest, Rene Haddox.

Absent were: Jan Williamson, Tindle Ramon, Robert Patrick, and Dr. Scot Martin.

President Bruce called the meeting to order by welcoming Rene Haddox, of Just About Sports of Borger. They are the Chamber Business Spotlight for the month of November.

Jim made a motion, with a second from Carolyn to accept the minutes, financial, and bills. Motion carried.

Elaine gave a report for Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce that included Bingo at the Manor, Wreaths at the Manor, and decorating a windmill.

Eulalia gave a report for Retail Merchants that included their \$10 Coupon Christmas promotion, O Holy Night Live Nativity, Style

Show at the O'Loughlin Center November 21, and decorating a windmill.

Gina reported for the Spearman Connection that all Spearman WebPages are now moved to www.spearman.org.

Tami discussed and asked that the Chamber would fund the advertising for the Live Nativity. Everyone agreed that this would be appropriate for the Chamber to do. Jim made a motion with a second from Tami. Motion carried. Gina asked that we meet at the windmill park on Sunday, November 28th, at 2:00 p.m. to decorate the Chamber Board windmill. Chris Deakin has offered the use of his bucket truck for that day.

Gina will fax everyone a reminder to meet at the Chamber on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Chamber for her evaluation. She will also fax a reminder of Bruce's invitation to have Christmas Dinner at his house on Saturday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Letters To The Editor

Greetings from that neighboring city of Gruver. I'm Flavil Ayers. Have been in your business a few times.

I noticed that Helen Fisher, in her column, was wondering where all the Finches have gone. Well, they may just have wandered over to Gruver where they could get something to eat. We have a feeder outside our window & have been feeding Finches (we call them house finches) for quite a long time. About half of them will have a pretty red breast. I believe that at a certain time of the year they get brighter red than at other times. That time is now. I have no idea how many are here. Maybe a 100 or 200. It is hard to tell. They are here regularly. The bluejays are now helping themselves to the food, (black sunflower seed).

Last summer we had some crossbilled finches here for a while. The first one I saw I thought it was deformed but more came just like it.

I got my bird book out & sure enough there is a crossbilled finch. I was telling Dr. Novak & he was wishing that he could get some to come to his feeder, but I don't think they ever showed up.

It is interesting to watch the bluejays. They cannot break the seeds with their beaks but will sometimes get 12 or 13 seeds in their claw or whatever & carry them to a tree limb & then break them open while they hold them with their feet.

Incidentally, I believe that you now live in my house - 1001 S. Bernice, which you now call it 1003. We built that house in 1958 & lived in it until 1970 when we sold it & moved to South Dakota. Fendorf Schubert & his wife bought it. Fendorf died & she is now Mrs. I.W. Ayres.

Sincerely,
Flavil Ayers
ayersandheirs@juno.com.

Open Letter

I was driving around one evening a short while back, as is my usual nocturnal habit, and I happened to turn my head to find one of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen: a sea of shiny silver hair. Apparently, the "Over 60's Dinner, hosted by Alpha Mu Psi, had just let out and the guests of honor were making their ways to their respective vehicles. I slowed down (not that I would ever speed) to take a closer look. What I saw took me off guard. I did not see old people. Instead I saw mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, young souls with new eyes hungry to take in the beauty of this world. I looked closer and I saw smiles on their faces and bright eyes shining with strength and love. It dawned on me that I was not seeing wrinkles, eyeglasses, and canes, but children of our Heavenly Father.

I then turned the stereo down (not that it would ever be too loud) to listen to them. I heard kind words and the most beautiful laughter in the world-much like the laughter of children on a playground. My ears, far too used to hearing stereotypical remarks, did not pick up one single Depression-era story, not one "When I was your age..." not one single admonition to put on my jacket (or gloves, or scarf, or hat) before I caught a cold. What I did hear were the voices of angels checking up on each other, sharing their joys and experiences in this world, and I think I even heard the punch line to one gentleman's slightly off-color joke. I heard wisdom, joy, humor, and love.

As I was at the stop sign, having made one full and complete stop, I was reminded of how difficult that maneuver (a full and complete stop) is to do. To stop and look around to remember who we are

and why we are here; to see clearly where we have been and where we are going. I looked back at all of that glorious silver hair and I was reminded that that these souls are who we were and also, who we will be. And I stopped again to ponder how strong they were to have made it this far-to not only have weathered life's storms, but to have arrived at their destinations safely and soundly. Their strength and wisdom is all-too-quickly forgotten and brushed aside.

As I rounded the corner (directly into my lane of traffic), I smiled and thought to myself of how all of those Depression era stories, the "When I was your age..." anecdotes, and the warnings of the hundred some-odd ways one can catch a cold outside the confines of one's home really aren't that bad they are simply words of wisdom passed down in love by our silver-haired angels.

I would like to take a moment to thank Alpha Mu Psi for not only remembering these valiant spirits, but taking the time to serve them and give just a little bit back to them for all they have done for us. An additional, but equally important, thank you must also go to the Gruver United Methodist Church for graciously providing the church as a place of love and service to our "Over-60's" angels.

Jennifer M. White

Dear Editor,

This letter is addressed to all of the people (you know who you are) that are spreading the rumor about our children. Our boys were NOT kicked out of the Spearman school system nor were they asked to leave because they were discipline problems. We, the parents and grandparents, removed them of our own accord, because they were constantly being harassed. These boys were labeled "trouble-makers" by one elementary teacher and they were not given a chance in junior high. This is unfair to any child.

We moved our children to another school system where they are considered as children and are being well educated by caring, loving teachers. They are made to feel welcome, happy and comfortable each and every day. These boys are happy to go to school every morning and come home happy every evening. We also know what time they will be home every day.

We want these rumors stopped! They are not true.

Please apologize to these boys the next time that you see them.

Rhonda Valez, Carole Hall, and Kim Rex

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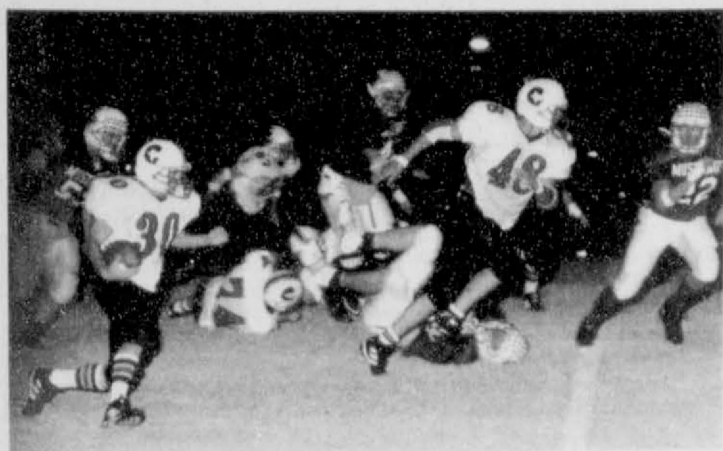
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Bray Armes (48) blocks for Aaron Weller (30) as he gains valuable yardage in Friday nights matchup against the Claude Mustangs. (Photo by Charley Johnson)

Hounds Fall To Claude

by Harletta Carthel

It was a tumultuous week for the Hounds, and the impact was evident in the Hounds 37-6 loss to Claude Friday night. Numerous injuries which sidelined three starters and left many others playing handicapped and the loss of a coach before a key game, all worked against the Hounds.

While they looked like the Hounds of old on their first possession when Aaron Weller scampered 39 yards to score the game's first touchdown, the Hounds never scored or led again in the contest.

Claude answered Gruver on their first possession to tie the game.

After three and away for the Hounds on their next possession,

the Mustangs capped a drive with a nine yard run by James Farnell to take the lead 12 - 6. Two touchdowns later, the Mustangs were on top 24 - 6 at halftime.

The Hounds, noted for their second half play all year, were never able to get in sync offensively as Claude picked off three Hound passes and recovered a Hound fumble.

Dallas Henson, who earlier had caught Gruver's only completed pass, sustained a knee injury early in the third quarter to add to Gruver's lengthy injury list. Running backs, Taos Weldon and Daniel Hernandez were also injured in the game.

Score by quarters
Gruver 6 0 0 6
Spearman 12 12 7 6 37

Hounds Head To Playoffs

by Harletta Carthel

Although the Memphis Cyclones sounded the warning in the first half of play, they were just hot air by the fourth quarter as the Hounds dominated 28-13.

The Hounds began strong with a 47 yard touchdown run by Aaron Weller on their first possession. Dallas Henson nailed the extra point kick, and the Hounds seemed to be on their way. But Memphis with their own playoff hopes alive, answered with a 33 yard pass to Anthony Johnson and then tied the game with a bonus kick. The Cyclones struck again before half with a 70 yard pass play. After a failed kick attempt, Memphis led for the first time in the game, 13 - 7.

Gruver tied the game just before half with a one-yard run by Derik Grotegut. After a Henson kick, the Hounds regained the lead at half-time 14-13.

The second half was prime time for the Hounds.

After a 44 yard kick off return by Bradley Duncan, a long pass to Weller brought the Hounds in Memphis territory. Determined runs by Bray Armes and Cory Schneider brought the ball just short of the goal line. The Hounds defied a stubborn Cyclone defense as Derik Grotegut ran a quarter-back sneak for one yard and the score. Henson's third successful kick gave the Hounds a 21 - 13

lead.

The Hounds defense sparked in the waning minutes of the third quarter and the fourth quarter as Chad TeBeest, Grotegut, and Kirby Johnson recovered Cyclone fumbles. Anthony Villalobos intercepted a pass, and Dan Odom took two of the Cyclones' passes away.

The Hounds final score of the night followed a punt return by Schneider to the Memphis 30 yard line where Armes blasted 30 yards for paydirt on the next play. Henson added his fourth successful kick of the night to make the final score 28-13.

The Hounds travel to Claude on Friday night for a 7:30 battle with the Mustangs for a playoff spot. The Hounds will be playing without the services of several key players who have been injured - Josh Blount, Chase Lamb, and Cory Schneider.

Lowé Begins Internship

1996 Gruver graduate, Cori Lowé, a senior Agricultural Services and Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun her student internship with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston, Texas.

Lowé will be under the supervision of John Sikes and Glen Alan Phillips.

Lowé will be in Houston for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in agricultural communications and will assist with all activities concerning the livestock program.

Upon completion of this training period, Lowé will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development from TSU.



Hansford Hospice volunteers (left to right) Connie Gammill, J.C. Harris, Carolyn Hicks, and Anita Marquez observe Gruver Mayor Mark Irwin as he signs a proclamation to observe November as National Hospice Month.



In a effort to raise community awareness, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hansford - Ochiltree County had a booth at the Halloween carnival. They were represented by case worker - Kimberly Lopez, Council member - Paula Kelly and her daughter Cheryka Kelly.



Jim Deakin, right, is honored for his twenty-five years of service to the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department with an appreciation plaque presented by Gruver Fire Chief, Sam Gruver.

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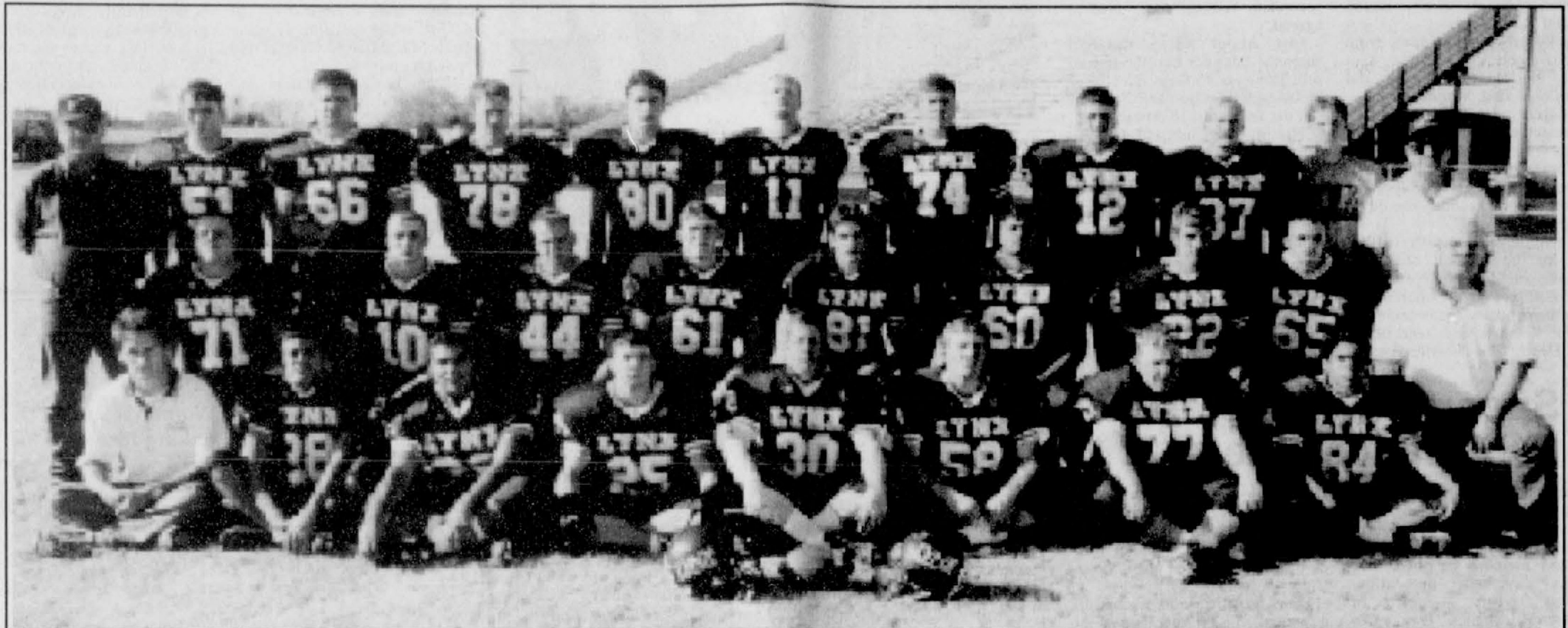
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Spearman Booster Club Holds Meeting

The Spearman Booster Club met on Tuesday, November 9th. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by president, J.L. Griffin. Members present were: J. L. Griffin, Arlan Winegarner, Becky Beedy, Joe Vanderburg, Ric Smith, Gary Ellsworth, Alan Varnon, Kim Vanderburg, Laura Mackie, Kevin Bynum, Peggy Varnon, Kim Brock, Scott Beedy, Mark Schoenhals, Marlene Miller, Stephanie Brock, Shelly Beedy and Jeff Beedy.

Becky presented minutes from the November 2nd meeting. Kim made motion to approve and Kevin seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Scott, presented a Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements dated November 9th for the membership to review.

Peggy ordered 100 football playoff shirts. The shirts should be ready by Thursday.

A community pep rally will be held for the football boys and coaches on Friday, November 12th 4:00 p.m. at the courthouse. After the pep rally, the booster club members will have a send off at John Deere. The cheerleaders are

making a sign for the bus to pass through. J.L. has designated Thursday and Friday as "Purple Pride Days." Everyone should try to wear purple to show their support for the LYNX.

KRDF submitted an invoice for sponsorship of the Bi-District game against Highland Park in the amount of \$60.00. Allen made a motion for booster club to be a sponsor for this game. Stephanie seconded. All members present agreed.

Just About Sports brought antennae flags for booster club to sell. There are 72 flags at a cost of \$6.00 each. The Booster Club will sell the flags for \$10.00 each.

The Booster Club will meet on Monday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. This will enable members to attend the varsity basketball games on Tuesday night in Gruver.

Jeff said the website needed some software for its website. Cost will be \$80.00.

Kevin made motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Laura seconded. Everyone agreed.



Aubrey Razor, left, treasurer of Hansford County Farm Bureau, presents a check for \$445 to Gruver Volunteer Fire Department Chief Sam Gruver. The donation to the fire department paid the tuition costs for Chief Gruver to attend the Firemen's Training School at Texas A&M University this past July.

LifeGift Organ Donation Center Names New Administrative Assistant

LifeGift Organ Donation Center has named JoAnn Ely administrative assistant, announced Rob Gruenenfelder, managing director for LifeGift's West Texas region.

As administrative assistant, Ely provides support for the regional director and coordinators of LifeGift, while assisting in many aspects of LifeGift's volunteer and education programs.

"JoAnn brings dedication and enthusiasm to her position at LifeGift," said Gruenenfelder. "Her skills and experience make her a strong addition to our team."

Before joining LifeGift, Ely served as executive secretary for the National Kidney Foundation of West Texas, where she

processed reports and invoices and provided support for the management staff. She also worked as a senior secretary for Brownfield Regional Court Residential Treatment Center.

LifeGift Organ Donation Center is a federally designated organ procurement organization that serves 108 counties and more than 187 hospitals throughout Texas. Created as an independent not-for-profit corporation in 1987, LifeGift oversees the donation and recovery of organs and tissue for transplant centers. For more information about organ donation, contact LifeGift Organ Donation Center in at 806-798-5568, or visit the Web site at www.lifegift.org.

Spearman Ministerial Alliance Meets

The Spearman Ministerial Alliance met on Wednesday, November 10, 1999.

President Ken Cole called the business meeting to order. Bill Sparks gave the invocation. Marsha Neely, guest of Ministerial Alliance, was introduced to all present. Marsha is the Children's Advocate for the Panhandle Crisis Center. She discussed on small scale what her job entails and the benefits to our community.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Secretary Jamie Casdorff. Minutes were approved as read. Suggestion was made that we continue publishing the board minutes in the local paper. A copy of the minutes will also be sent to the church secretaries. Rick Patrick gave the Treasurers Report with a balance of \$554.19.

Old Business: Thanksgiving Service already in place. Carol Pack has contacted people at each church wishing to participate. Leonard Harper will preach. The program is being planned for an hour to an hour-and-a-half. Dessert and coffee to be served following the service. Rick and Ken will count the offering after the service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Discussion was held about Taylors displaying pornographic magazines in their store. The letter discussed in the previous meeting had been drawn up and was passed around for approval and signatures. It will be sent to Taylors in the next couple of days.

Plans were made to work on the Mission Statement for the Constitution at the next meeting.

New Business: A breakfast for participants of Ministerial Alliance and their families was tentatively set for December 11th at the home of Ken & Roberta Cole.

Plans were made to discuss an arranged time for the Ministerial Alliance to meet and pray for our community and local congregations during the next meeting.

The community cupboard at the courthouse is full. People in need could be taken there to fill their needs.

Meeting closed with prayer by Arnold Pessoa.

Those present: Ken Cole, Rick Patrick, Walter Greaser, John Trindle, Arnold Pessoa, Bill Sparks, Marsha Neely, and Jamie Casdorff.

The next meeting will be held on December 8th.

Thank You

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department for hanging new brackets, replacing the poles, and hanging the new Texas and United States Flags.

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