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Pictured above are (L-R) Lindsey Short, Sonny Parker, Melissa Lesly, Claudia Vaquera, Ashlee Flowers, Macy Harbour and Tabatha Shields

Varsity Lynxettes Cross Country to Compete at Regionals

The Spearman Varsity Lynxettes finished second at the District Cross Country Meet on Monday, October 27, 2003, behind Panhandle. This qualified the Lynxettes for the Regional Meet in Lubbock to be held on Saturday, November 8th. They are scheduled to run at 10 a.m.

The top ten individuals and the top three teams at the Regional Cross Country Meet qualify for the State meet, to be held

District teams and their placings are: 1st - Panhandle, 31; 2nd - Spearman, 40; 3rd - Canadian, 67; 4th - Boys Ranch, 83; 5th - Fritch, 114 and 6th - West Texas, 130.

Individual placings and their times were: 3. Tabatha Shields, 11:37; 6. Lindsey Short, 11:52; 8. Ashlee Flowers, 11:58; 9. Sonny Parker, 12:05; 14. Macy Harbour, 12:24; 32. Claudia Vaquera, 13:55; and 33. Melissa

Lesly, 13:59

The Junior Varsity Lynxettes took first place for the second year in a row. Individual placings and their times are: 2. Tonya Hart, 12:35; 3. Rossilyn Bulls, 12:43; 4. Aleisha Sweat, 12:59; 5. Adriana Mendoza, 13:21; 6. Jordan Short, 13:32; 11. Jenna McElroy, 13:58; and 14. Mallory Paul, 14:12

Three Junior Varsity Boys also participated in the District Cross Country Meet. Their placings and times were: 9. Javier Frayre, 19:49; 10. Oswaldo Lomeli, 19:58; and 12. Casey Cator, 20:32

The Junior High Girls Cross Country Team also won district. Individual girls placing and their times are: 1. Christy Lang, 11:22; 2. Jessica Diaz, 11:45; 5. Amy Brown, 12:26; 6. Bond Pittman, 12:36; 11. Kendall Schneider, 13:05; 13. Amy Boyd, 13:12; and 22. Courtney Chambers, 13:53



Junior Varsity Lynxettes (Back, L-R) Mallory Paul, Tonya Hart, Jenna McElroy, Jordan Short; (Front, L-R) Aleisha Sweat, Rossilyn Bulls, Adriana Mendoza

Veterans Day Tributes Slated

A Veterans Day program has been set for the Spearman community, Tuesday, November 11, at 10:00 p.m. in the varsity gym.

The Gruver Veterans Day program, sponsored by the GHS Student Council, will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the school auditorium, Tuesday, November 11.

NPEC Brings National Child Identification Program To Members and Communities

North Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) recently announced its sponsorship of the National Child Identification Program, a community service program aimed at helping law enforcement agencies locate missing children.

The National Child Identification Program (NCIDP) is the largest child identification program of its kind. Sponsors distribute inkless fingerprint ID kits to children and their parents. The free kits are available at the NPEC office. The identification kits provide all the materials necessary for parents, family or friends to record a child's fingerprints, physical description and distinguishing marks. Should the need ever arise, the kit can be given to authorities to help identify a child.

"This program has immense worth to our communities," says Randy Mahannah, General Manager, NPEC. "The Child ID Program fits our core value of commitment to community. Our children are our future, and we're excited about helping local families protect our most valuable resource."

The program's inkless fingerprint kits have helped to protect more than 10 million children since 1997. NCIDP has set a goal to distribute 60 million ID kits to children over the next few years. The American Football Coaches Association, the national association for all NFL and NCAA coaches, started the program. Other program sponsors include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Clear Channel Communication radio stations, Best Western Hotels, Hershey Foods Corporation, Rotary International, and Optimist International.

"According to national statistics, more than 800,000 children become missing every year, or one every 40 seconds," said Randy Mahannah. "NPEC is proud to be associated with an organization that works to reduce that number and help keep our children safe."

If you would like a free kit please come to the NPEC office. If you have questions, please contact Bill Carson at (806) 435-5482 or (800) 272-5482.

NPEC is a cooperative distributing electricity in Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts, and Wheeler counties. Formed in 1944, it serves 5194 meters. It is owned and controlled by the members it serves.

Gruver ISD, Spearman ISD Awarded Highest Accountability Rating

Gruver ISD and Spearman ISD both received a Superior Achievement rating under Texas' new Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) program.

The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest rating for financial management and reporting in a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999.

The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas school finance system.

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being Superior Achievement followed by Above Standard Achievement, Standard Achievement

and Substandard Achievement.

Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of Suspended Date Quality. Districts that receive the Substandard Achievement or Suspended Date Quality ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

"We are very pleased with Gruver ISD's Schools FIRST rating," GISD Superintendent David Teal said. "It shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that Gruver ISD's schools are accountable not only for student teaming, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

Spearman schools received a perfect score, answering yes to all 21 indicators. A public hearing will be held on Monday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library to further explain this program.

Honoring Those Who Serve -

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman would like to thank those who are actively serving in the military.

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If you have a name or address that you would like added to this list, please contact Catherine Smith at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 639-3434, or e-mail to Cathy.Smith@aol.com.

Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith
CathyRSmit@aol.com



A friend sent me the following story entitled "Apples." I don't know who wrote it, but it is a very good story.

P.S. May you be Jesus to someone today.

Apples

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner.

In their rush, with tickets and brief-cases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of baskets of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding.

All but one. He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned.

He told his buddies to go on without him, waved goodbye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did.

The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping, and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them into the baskets, and helped set the display up once more. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$20 for the damage we did. Are you okay?" She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister..." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes.

She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

Open Letter

by Jimmy Vanlandingham

The September 25th edition of the Reporter-Statesman carried two articles on Geocaching. The first was a reprint of an article from the Amarillo Globe-News and the second was a page from Geocaching.com. As an active Geocacher, I would like to tell a little more about Geocaching.

I got started in May of 2003 while at a family reunion at Quartz Mountain. I went on a hunt with an uncle from Plano. Before he came to the reunion he had gotten on the Internet and found that there was a cache nearby. Using the coordinates that he had downloaded into his GPS receiver we were able to find the cache.

After I returned home I called him to get more information and to see how many caches were hidden in the Texas Panhandle. At that time there were about 70 within a 100-mile radius of Spearman. With that many caches available I bought a GPS receiver for myself. After getting the cache location from the Internet and putting them into my receiver I was ready to start hunting.

The first cache that I found on my own was at Adobe Walls. This cache was found while on a hunt with my son Jeff and grandson Joseph Collin Vanlandingham, thus the geocaching name of JCV3. Jeff lives in Jacksonville, TX and is now geocaching in that area.

When I received the list of caches in the Panhandle, the closest ones were the Adobe Walls cache, four in and around Canadian and two in Guymon, OK. Since then I have hid three in Hansford County. Each of these has been found by other geocachers, who have logged

into my logbook (one of those to log in was from Idaho.)

After getting my caches hidden and on the geocaching webpage, I talked to Gina at the Chamber of Commerce about the sport and we decided to use it as a tourism tool. We have now hidden a total of seven caches in and around Spearman. J.D. Wilbanks has also become involved and has hidden at least one cache.

Since we have started geocaching, my wife, Gail, and I have found three of the four in Canadian, one in Clarendon, one in Groom, one in Conway, two in Silver Plume County, four in Amarillo and two in Spearman. The others in and around Spearman I cannot claim as finds since I was involved in hiding them.

It is a lot of fun to get to locations by using the GPS receiver and the clues that are on the Internet and be able to find a cache, then log it into the logbook. It is interesting to see where the other people who have found them are from, to read their comments about the cache, and then to trade trinkets with the cache.

One of the rules of geocaching is that if you take something out of a cache, you replace it with something else. I have been using trinkets that will promote Spearman (pins, key chains, postcards, etc.).

At the present time there are four active caches in Hansford County (that I know of). I have talked to J.D. Wilbanks, Gina Gillispie and Jerry Overbey, and each of them really enjoys the sport.

If you have any questions, or want to go on a hunt for one of the Spearman caches, call me at 659-2835.

HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Beware of FAFSA Web Scam

Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.

"A Feast with Friends" Cookbook

"A Feast with Friends" cookbook, compiled by the Harrington Cancer Center Circle of Friends, is being sold by Jenna McElroy. Profits from the book will go to the Circle of Friends to assist cancer patients and their families in their time of need. The cost of the ring-bound recipe collection is \$15. Call Jenna at 659-2365 or 659-2617 for more information, or to place an order.

Register Tapes for Education

The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

Register Tapes for Education

Pringle-Morse CISD is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Pringle-Morse CISD would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be given to a Pringle-Morse CISD student or mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062.

Senior Citizen's Book Exchange

For those who are 55 or older and are tired of reading the same old book, come to the Golden Spread Center and exchange your book for something more exciting. Don't have a book to exchange? That's okay, come and get one any way. We have mysteries, biographies, romance, Christian books, you name it, we've got it! 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Golden Spread Center, The O'Loughlin Center, 502 Brandt, 659-3030 Donations appreciated.

Storytime at Hansford County Library

Hansford County Library is hosting a storytime for children who are three years old up to five years old, but not attending kindergarten. This storytime will be held in the library each Thursday morning from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. through Thursday, November 20th. There is no charge for this service and no prior sign-up is necessary. If you have any questions about our storytime, please call the library at 659-2231 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays.

Red Hat Club

Any ladies interested in joining the "Red Hat Club" are asked to call Patty Spoonemore at 659-2294 or Marva Hohertz at 659-2061. There are no dues, no committees, no programs - just fun! The club meets the last Wednesday of each month at noon (subject to change). All ladies 50 and over are asked to wear red hats and purple clothing, and all ladies under 50 are asked to wear purple hats and red clothing.

PANHANDLE PLANNER

Wesley Methodist Church's Festival of Arts & Crafts

Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford will be hosting its 23rd Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts, December 6th, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Hereford. Only a limited number of booths are available. Booth fee is \$10.00. Applications may be obtained by writing or calling Ellen Collins, 801 Mile St. Hereford, TX 79045. Phone: (806) 364-0774.

Prairie Rivers Musical

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month (October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

Angels Have Wheels

All Medicare recipients should now be aware that if they suffer conditions such as arthritis, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory disorders, and have difficulty walking or propelling a standard wheelchair, they may be eligible to receive an electric wheelchair paid for by Medicare. For information on Medicare eligibility, contact Gregory at 1-800-810-2877.

Amarillo National Weather Service to Host Workshop

The Amarillo National Weather Service and Amarillo College will host a "Winter Weather Workshop" on Tuesday, November 18th from 1-3 p.m. for officials of the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles who make critical decisions regarding winter weather. This workshop will be held in the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center located at 1314 S. Polk in Amarillo. The National Weather Service (NWS) in Amarillo will showcase all of our products and services that relate to winter weather. Many of what we have to offer is new, which includes graphical products, radar information, webpage services and improved text products. This workshop will provide details on how to access, interpret, and use these products and services so that you can make the most informed decision possible when winter weather threatens, whether it be road or school closings, or the postponement or cancellation of events. The Amarillo NWS will also be seeking ideas from attendees on ways the NWS can improve or provide additional products or services. There is no charge to attend. This workshop has been approved through Amarillo College for participants to receive .2 hours of CEU credit. Educators earn .2 hours of CPE credit. Please RSVP by contacting Steve Drillette at (806) 335-1421 or by email at steve.drillette@noaa.gov.

First Baptist Church of Borger to Host THRIVE! Simulcast

The second annual THRIVE! Simulcast hosted by international speaker and best selling author Dr. John C. Maxwell will take place November 15th. Guest speakers Kay Arther, Stormie Ormation, Michelle McKinney Hammond, Jill Briscoe, Florence Littauer, Delilah, and Gary Smalley will join him as they reach an estimated 50,000 women in a live training and equipping seminar - the THRIVE! Simulcast. The simulcast will be broadcast via satellite and down linked simultaneously to hundreds of churches across North America on November 15th. First Baptist Church Borger is participating as a host for the simulcast. Tickets are \$25 and are available through First Baptist Church Borger (806) 273-6133.

THANK YOU!

I want to thank everyone for donating and helping to put together the name plaque that I crocheted. Everyone working together made a simple act of love into a work of art.

Irene Edwards

THANK YOU!

The Spearman ISD Counseling Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who helped make Red Ribbon Week a success: Sheri Benton, Cindy Blackman, Carolyn Cummings, First National Bank First State Bank, Cecilia Foster, Gina Gillispie, Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, High School Art Department - Mr. Scovel, High School English Department - Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Whitefield, High School GT Class, Junior High School English Department - Mrs. Beville, Mrs. Cudd, Junior High Poster Sponsors - Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Pierson, KRIF, Margaret Rutman, Simple Simon's Pizza, Cathy Smith, Spearman Junior High and High School Student Councils and the Texas Resource Prevention Center in Lubbock.

We would also like to say a big thank you to all of the students who participated in the activities each day and to the parents who encouraged their children to participate. Another thank you goes to the Spearman ISD faculty and staff who encouraged the students and joined in with the week's activities.

Sincerely,

Marty Haney - Elementary Counselor; Karen Hartgraves - Junior High Counselor; Krista Baird - High School Counselor

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Mrs. Ruby Riley drove down to Rule, TX the 8th of October and ended up staying in the area until October 20th.

On the 11th, she attended a reunion of cousins at Stamford with about 50 attending. The following Sunday all her sisters and families were at Rule, then on Monday Ruby drove to Sanger to visit Dorothy Riley and also James, brother, Everette and his wife Opal. The next two days she was in Arlington with sister, Dollie Fulbright.

She returned to Rule and then started back to Spearman on Monday, October 20th. Ruby says that she thanks the Lord for a safe and enjoyable trip.

Darlene Pierce was with her brother, Johnnie St. Clair, a few days last week after he had knee replacement surgery. He is doing well in Austin.

Darlene rode down with friends, Jimmy and Gail Vanlandingham. They went down to Round Rock to visit their daughter. Darlene flew back to Amarillo on Monday.

Sara Dossett is still savoring a wonderful trip that she made recently.

Her daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Buddy Carter, drove from Lubbock. Sara joined them and they went to Omaha, NE.

The special occasion for their trip was the wedding of Brandy, Diana's granddaughter and Sara's great-granddaughter, on Saturday, the 18th. During their stay another occasion was observed - the presence of five generations of the family.

While there, they drove to Council Bluffs, Iowa where they visited the zoo, Boy's Town, and other places of interest.

Returning home they were fascinated by the changing foliage.

Carolyn Shryock of Boise City, OK accompanied her sister, Janie Kunselman, to Norman, OK to visit with their sister, Gwen Steen and her husband from Tulsa, OK at the Todd Acton residence.

Eight-month-old Dylan Acton entertained the group well, along with Dylan's four-month-old cousin, Carl Lyndon Kunselman of Rolla, KS.

Lauren Wright, a relative who attends Oklahoma University, joined the group for lots of visiting.

Years ago in 1931, six girls in high school at Goodwell formed a friendship and agreed to always keep in touch and they

have - through college, marriages, children, grandchildren, and now great-grandchildren. Though, sadly, three have passed on.

Olive Kirk Pendergraft (Babe) is one of the three still keeping in touch. She, accompanied by Dortha Keys, attended the 70th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kyle of Beaver, OK recently. Mrs. Kyle is also one of the three left.

The festive occasion was held in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert. Mrs. Albert is the daughter of the Kyles. Their son, Terry Kyle and the grandchildren made the family complete.

The Sunday Amarillo Globe-News carried a most complimentary, lengthy article regarding a Spearman native, Bobby Whitson, son of the late Jack Whitsons. It was headlined "Spearman Man Promoted". It is date-lined College Station and refers to him as Doctor Robert E. Whitson. He is now deputy director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

For the last ten years Bobby was professor and head of the university's department of range land ecology and management. He has led the department's decade long strategic planning efforts which have focused research needs of the most pressing issues.

Whitson, 61, earned two degrees from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and completed his doctorate in agricultural economics at Texas A&M in 1974.

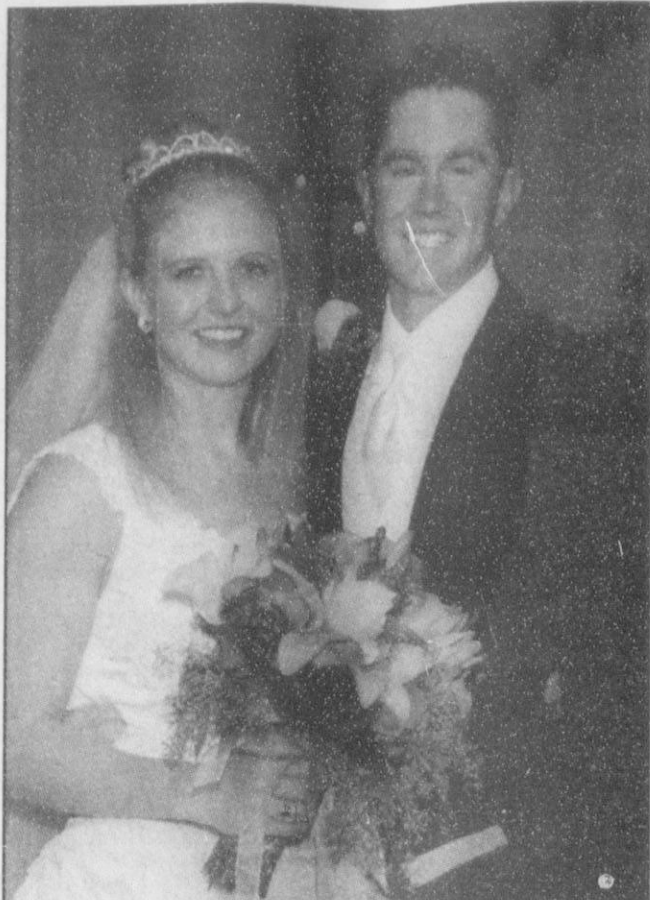
Bobby, is a 1961 graduate of Spearman High. He has two sisters, Betty Whitson and Francis Whitson now of Dumas and both retired school teachers, two brothers, Tom, who is married and lives in Powell, Wyoming, and Bill of Spearman in the original Whitson homestead. Bobby and his wife have two daughters.

It's so easy to get worked up over the Cowboys - we almost wish it was only a game.

I have two acquaintances who have 20-20 vision - in spotting the faults of others.

To report local news, call 659-3468

This writer has considered commendable her sticking to her firm convictions. It is unbelievable that there are those who refer to it as "bullheadedness." Has to be they have a klinker in their thinker!



Mrs. and Mr. Nicholas Craig Vinson

Coffman, Vinson Wed

Lindsay Catherine Coffman and Nicholas Craig Vinson were married at 7 p.m. on October 17, 2003 at Grace Fellowship Church with the Rev. Ricky Griffin officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Evelyn Coffman of Borger. The groom is the son of Craig and Beverly Vinson of Spearman.

Maid of honor was Rachel Washer of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Lynce Coffman and Lynna Gray, both of Borger, and Alissa Sommers.

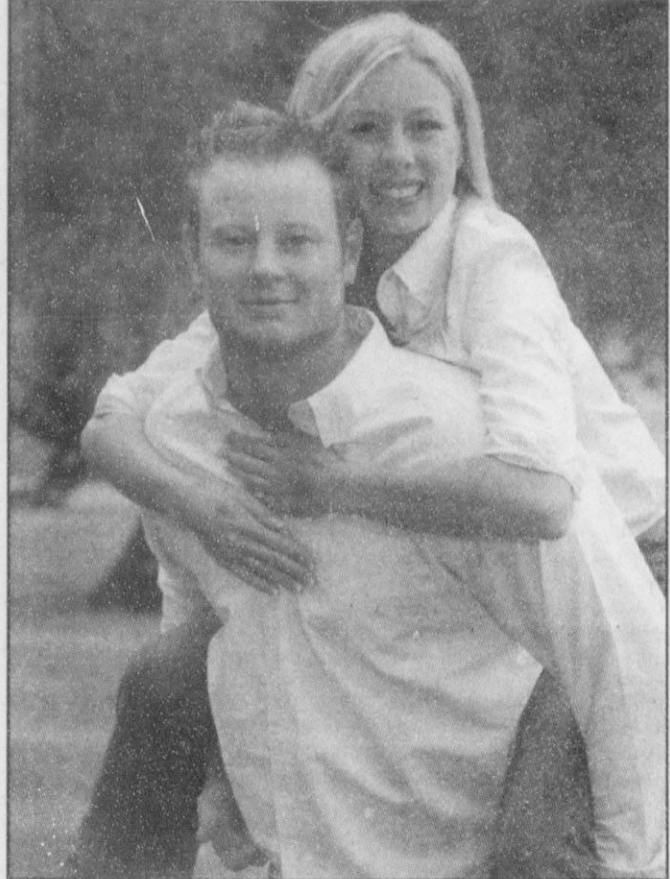
Best man was Dusty Vinson of Fort Morgan, CO. Groomsmen were Tim Hall and Chantz Hough, both of Borger.

Musicians were Levi Bentley, Zach Dietz, Eric Simdorn, Chrisi Brown, Rachel Washer, Michelle Cowan and Bethany Green.

Receptionist was Darby Rowh. A reception for the couple was held at Grace Fellowship. Servers were Myndie Burks, Sarah Gabaldon, Micha French, Amber Hall and Danna Rowh.

After a wedding trip to Mazatlan, Mexico, the couple will reside in Borger.

The bride is employed by Grace Fellowship Church and the groom is employed by Zachry Construction Company.



Engagement Announcement


Brian and Gina Gillispie of Spearman and J.P. and Christy Davis of Amarillo announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Grace Maria Davis, of Amarillo to Justin Blaine Calvert of Amarillo. She is also the granddaughter of Betty Jean and Irwin Davis of Spearman.

The prospective groom is the son of Jerry and Melissa Burton of Lubbock and Alvia Calvert of Dumas.

A December 12, 2003 wedding is planned at the First Methodist Church of Spearman.

The bride-elect attended Spearman Schools and is a 1999 graduate of Amarillo High School. She was a flight attendant with Southwest Airlines and is currently a student and works with youth at Buckner Family Services.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Dumas High School and will graduate in 2004 from West Texas A&M University with a Bachelors Degree in Marketing.



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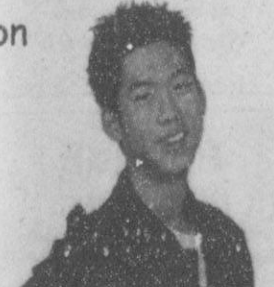
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Game Date Changed
The date of the final Gruver football game with Sunray has been changed from earlier schedules.

Due to a shortage of referees, the original date of the game was listed as Saturday, November 8, at 2 p.m. The date has been changed to Friday, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. The game will be played at Greyhound Field.

Senior Football Players To Be Recognized

Thirteen senior members of the Hound football team and their parents will be honored before the final football game of the 2003 season, the Gruver/Sunray tilt Friday night.

Playing their last football game for the Hounds will be Jose Rodriguez, Salvador Luciano, Carlos Borunda, Brock Irwin, Manny Lopez, Garrett Miner, David Puebla, Nick Slough, T.Jay Sherrill, Hutch Reed, Chris Clawson, Rufino Gonzales, and Chris Hillenbrand.

A salute to this fine group of young men!

Veterans Day Tribute

The fourth annual Veterans Day Program will be presented by the GHS Student Council, Tuesday, November 11, at 9 a.m. in the school auditorium.

Speaker for the event will be Paul Fiske with special music presented by the third and fourth grade choirs, the high school choir, and George Price.

Artwork for the assembly is being prepared by first grade classes.

Shelly Haynes, GHS National Honor Society Sponsor, asks for all veterans be seated together at the left front of the auditorium.

Community Care Concerns

Former resident Nancy Barber has made remarkable improvement since her surgery last week which had several complications.

Remember Hugh Bell in his battle with disease. He and Marie enjoy company very much. The best time for visitation is after 2 p.m. And of course, cards are welcome, any time.

Stephen Salazar was released last Wednesday from doctor's care. The young man had suffered two broken wrists, one which occurred during summer basketball, and one which occurred during football season.

Edna Marie Walker was hospitalized with breathing problems in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Ryan Winger sustained an injury to the MCL of his knee recently. Fortunately, surgery was not indicated. His knee will be reevaluated November 13th.

Motorist Warning "Buckle Up Your Babies"

Chief of Police Dee Mayfield urges motorists to buckle infants in proper restraining devices, and children over 36 inches in height in seat belts.

The Gruver Police Department will issue citations for infants and children who are not properly restrained while traveling in motor vehicles.

"We have already issued a citation for flagrant disregard in properly securing infants and small children, but motorists need to be warned and aware that citations will be issued for this offense," Chief Mayfield

said. Texas law states that all children less than four years old and less than 36 inches tall must be in a safety restraint seat.

Children ages 5-17 are required to be belted in a seat belt. And, believe it or not, children under the age of 15 must not ride in the front seat of a multi-seat vehicle. Children 15 and under are only allowed to ride in the front seat if the vehicle is a single-seat vehicle such as a pickup.

Farmer's Daughters Pictured

The daughters of Mike and Tonni Yanke are featured on a mail-out from the office of dentist Anthony Harwell.

The smiling faces of Tessa, Beth, Abby, and Matti are a great advertisement for the dental profession.

Basketball Season Arrives

The first basketball scrimmage of the year will be Tuesday, November 11, at Pampa, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

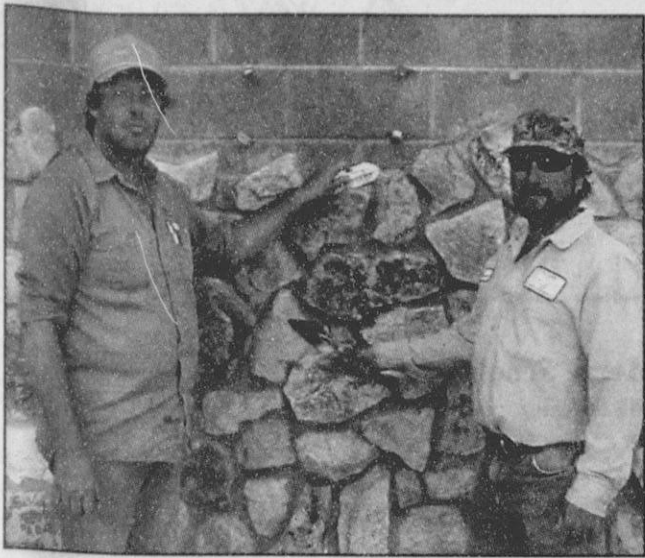
Another scrimmage is planned for noon Saturday, November 15, at Tascosa.

Costume Winner Announced

Winners have been announced in the 2003 Gruver PTO Halloween Carnival.

- Birth-2 Years: 1. Lanie Harper, 2. Carter Armes, 3. Helena Heimsoth; 3-4 Years: 1. Wyatt Poer, 2. Creed Spivey, 3. Jacob Miller; Kindergarten: 1. (tie) Hadlee Spivey and Kennedy King, 2. Miquel Perez, 3. Trenton Finley; 1st-2nd Grade: 1. Bailey Poer, 2. Ranten Lambert, 3. Emily Merritt; 3rd-4th Grade: 1. Madison McLain, 2. Ashley Williams, 3. Irasema Sota; 5th-8th Grade: 1. Taylor Williams, 1. Miles Messer (tie) 2. Gage Parker, 3. Kaley Reid; High School: 1. Justin Thompson; Adults: 1. Mary Wright, 2. Sheila Mayfield, 3. (tie) Tiffany Crane and Tammy Wright

Out At The Lake



This is Doug Barnes on the left, and Ramon Cantu, installing rock on the showers behind the dam. They hope to be finished this week.

Lake level--November 3, 2003--28.55 feet (-0.15 feet)

For those with good memories, Jim sighted his first bald eagle this year Friday, Oct. 31 on Halloween. He also reported the arrival of Canada and snow geese.

Deer season opened Saturday on Nov. 1. Mule deer are off limits in Hansford County. Many of the land owners in Hansford County don't allow hunting on their property. It would be interesting to know how many white tail deer are

taken in the county.

Ronnie Williams (twin) told Jim of seeing a buck still in velvet and a very young fawn recently. He feels that any defective deer need to be culled from the small herds to keep the breed stronger.

As of today, the foliage north of the dam is still pretty. This includes down the creek through Buschman's.

Last week when I was searching for material on when a baby rattlesnake gets its rattles, I saw in the World Book that a snake could live for a year without food. That made me think of the Harris family who live on the Palo Duro north of Morse finding a long, extremely thin rattlesnake in their living room a year after they had remodeled their old house and snake proofed it.

Today they told me about Jean finding a 20 inch snake slithering across the vanity in a bathroom. She called for Kenneth but her voice had such a quaver that the three children at home rushed with their Dad to see what was wrong. It was thought to be a young whip snake. It was lively and hard to catch, but they managed and removed it from the area. Since it was not poisonous, they didn't kill it. Now they know the house isn't snake proofed, and they would like to know how the snake made its way in.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Pringle-Morse School

Students will compete in UIL Speaking events at Fort Elliott November 3.

A soup supper featuring several varieties of soup will be held November 10 in the school cafeteria as a community fund raiser for a weather station at Pringle Morse School.

A Book Fair will be held in the library November 10-14.

Pringle Morse will be competing in the Hartley Basketball Tourney November 13 and 15.

Gus Birdwell Elementary

A Book Fair is being held through Friday, November 7.

The district UIL Academic meet will be November 18-20 in High Land Park for grades 2-5.

Spearman Jr. High School

Auditions for the Five States Band will be November 8, in Guymon.

District UIL Academic competition will be held November 18 and 20 at Highland Park.

The second six weeks will end Friday, November 7.

Spearman High School School

The Spearman Lynxettes will be competing in the Regional Cross Country Meet in Lubbock, Saturday, November 8.

The Regional Choir Clinic and Concert will be Saturday, November 8.

The Spearman High School Forensic Team brought back three first place trophies, one third place trophy, and three medals at the Frenshigh High School meet in Lubbock Saturday. First place winners were Linzi Mc Cubbin in Poetry, Joel Lopez in Novice Poetry, and Russell Sheets in Student Congress.

Josh Derrington won a third place trophy in Novice Poetry and seventh place in Student Congress.

Joel Lopez also won a fourth place medal in Novice Prose. Crystal Alverado placed in the semi-finals with straight one scores.

The first basketball scrimmage of the season will be in Lynx gym beginning at 5:00 p.m., Monday, November 10, for junior varsity and varsity Lynxettes.

A financial aid workshop for seniors and senior parents will be on Thursday, November 13th at 6 p.m. in the high school library. The Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority will give away a \$100 scholarship.

Gruver Elementary

School picture retakes will be Wednesday, November 12

Guests readers will be reading to elementary classes Tuesday, November 11, in conjunction with National Young Readers Day.

Several elementary classes will be participating in the Veterans Day Program, Tuesday, November 11.

November 20 will be Thanksgiving Dinner in the school cafeteria. The first grade will also have a play that day before the dinner.

Gruver Jr. High School

Winners in the Red Ribbon Week activities were Ruben Hernandez in fifth grade, Lorenzo Tarrango in sixth grade, Dani Wheelock and Lynn Vela in seventh grade, and Caleb Shults in eighth grade.

The Junior High Hounds will play their last game of the football season when they travel to Sunray November 6 for a 5:00 p.m. game.

The seventh grade band will perform at halftime Friday night with the high school band.

Picture retakes for groups and individuals will be Wednesday, November 12.

The first junior high basketball game of the season will be November 24 at Pringle Morse with the eighth grade boys and girls playing.

Gruver High School

A mini-cheer camp for Pre-K through sixth graders will be held Friday, November 7, to teach basketball cheers. Participants of the camp will cheer at a home basketball game. Cost of the camp is \$5.00.

The Gruver Fellowship of Christian Athletes will sponsor recording artist Kimberly Perry in an assembly Friday, November 7 from 2:30-3:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. Topics of her address will be self esteem and values.

She will perform in concert, Saturday, November 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. A hot dog cookout in the parking lot of the auditorium will precede the concert at 6:30.

The concert will be free, and proceeds from the hot dog supper will go to the Gruver Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Representatives of Herf Jones will show juniors class rings November 10, with orders taken on the rings on November 13.

The National Honor Society will host the Veterans Day Program at 9:00 a.m., November 11, in the school auditorium.

Picture retakes for individuals and groups will be Wednesday, November 12.

A kickoff to begin the UIL academic season will be held from 12:05 - 12:35 November 14.

The first basketball games of the season will be at Fritch on November 18 beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Winners in the Red Ribbon Week activities were freshman Baldo Garcia and juniors David Parker and Cody Mac Been.

Lynx Pitch Roughriders

Jerry Anaya's 23-yard field goal in the final quarter proved to be the difference as Spearman edged Sanford-Fritch in a District 6-2A game.

The Lynx improved to 4-6 overall and 3-3 in district play, while the Eagles fell to 1-8 and 1-4.

Sanford-Fritch took a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter on a 10-yard run by Josh Moffitt.

Spearman then scored 17 unanswered points to take the lead, Marcus Vasquez ran in from 1 yard out in the second period to make it 7-7 at halftime. Brock Town's 10-yard scoring run in the third period made it 14-7, before Anaya's field goal in the final.

Game at a Glance

	Spearman	Sanford-Fritch
First downs	15	9
Yards Rushing	138	80
Yards Passing	105	148
Total Yards	243	228
Comp/Att/Int	8/13/4	15/10/2
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	4/2
Punts/Avg.	2/40	3/38
Penalties/Yards	7/50	6/45

Spearman vs. Sanford-Fritch

Offensive Stats

Rushing: Marcus Vasquez: 16 carries for 45 yds, 1 TD; Clete Vanderburg: 18 carries for 74 yds; Garrett Martin: 3 carries for 2 yds, 1 TD; Brock Town: 3 carries for -19 yds

Total Rushing: 40 carries for 139 yds, 2 TD

Passing: Garrett Martin: 8 of 15 for 96 yds.

Receiving: Jeff Brock: 2 for 14 yds; Ricky Garcia: 2 for 32 yds; Marcus Vasquez: 2 for 25 yds; Clete Vanderburg: 1 for 8 yds; Caleb Gillaspie: 1 for 7 yds

Special Teams: Jerry Anaya: 23 yd Field Goal

Defensive Stats

2 Interceptions; 3 Fumble Recoveries

Rushing: 101 yds **Passing:** 143 yds

Total Defense: 244 yds.

Lynx Players of the Week

Offense Defense



Russell Sheets



Clete Vanderburg



Wayne Gibson



Kylie McGaha

No Luck For The Bucks As Hounds Take Win

by Harietta Carthel
A scoring blitz by four different Hounds left the White Deer Bucks wondering who let the dogs out as Gruver rolled to a 27-0 win Friday night.

Jose Rodriguez scored in the first quarter on a four-yard run with David Puebla scoring again in the period with a 29 yard run.

Quarterback Lance Williams upped the Gruver lead with a three-yard run with Puebla adding the extra two, giving the Hounds a 20 point half-time advantage.

Cody Mac Been completed the lopsided Gruver scoring on a 62 yard pass from Garrett Miner.

The Hounds completely stifled the Bucks, racking up 243 yards on the ground and 76 in the air while holding White Deer to 29 yards rushing and 115 yards passing.

Salvador Luciano was the leading rusher with 16 carries for 97 yards.

The Hounds improved to 2-2 in district with their final game slated for 7:30 p.m. in Greyhound Stadium against the Sunray Bobcats, currently undefeated in district play.

Thirteen senior Hounds and their parents will be honored in pre-game ceremonies at the final game of the year.

Game at a Glance

	Gruver	White Deer
First downs	15	7
Yards Rushing	243	29
Yards Passing	76	115
Total Yards	319	144
Comp/Att/Int	3/12/2	11/23/2
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	3/1
Punts/Avg.	2/28	7/29
Penalties/Yards	17/110	7/70

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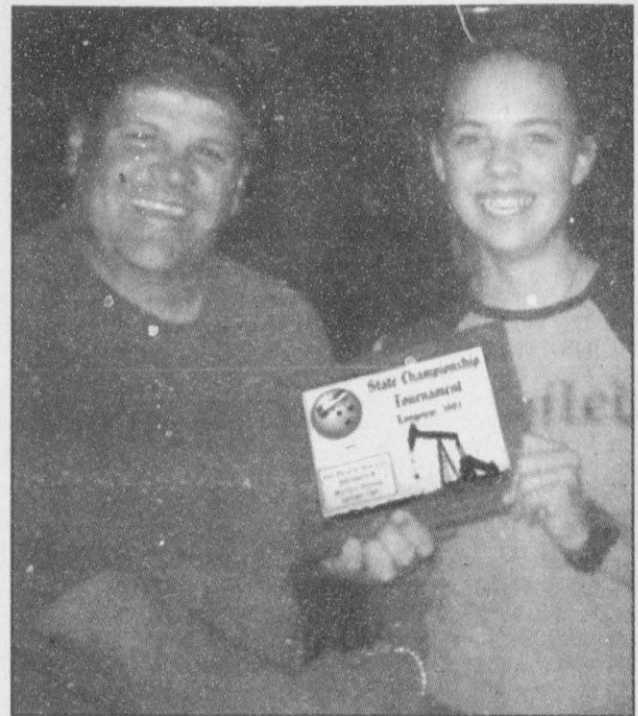
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Kayla Swink of Gruver (right) is presented an award by Michael Ludiker, President of the Borger Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA) for winning the Division 8 Girls Singles Title at the state bowling tournament held in Longview this past summer.

Kayla won the award by bowling a three-game handicap series of 745.

She is the daughter of David and Kim Swink and an eighth grader at Gruver Junior High.

Lady Hounds Compete in District Meet

The Gruver Lady Hounds placed eighth as a team in the district cross country race held in Amarillo Tuesday, October 28.

Allison Reid paced the Lady Hounds with a 13th place finish and a 14.05 time.

Other Lady Hound runners were 30. Laci Fitzgearld, 14.42, 31. Liz Lopez, 14.44. 34. Meagan Knight, 14.49, 69. Samantha Myatt, 16.44. Lindsay Clift was unable to complete the race due to an asthma attack.

Hugo Chavira won first place in the junior varsity division with a time of 20.05 on the three mile course.

In the junior high division, Kory Jackson finished 17th with a time of 18.08.

Mallory Reid placed 22nd in the junior high girls division with a time of 15.31. Lindsey Mireles placed 67 with a time of 17.57.

Shields Places For Pringle-Morse

Tara Shields took second place in the District 1-1A held October 27 at Thompson Park with a time of 14.101.

MANOR MATTERS

by Merry Sparks

Last week was filled with excitement at the Manor and the residents were very busy all week. The week started off with church services led by the Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches. Thank you for coming and sharing your time and life with the residents!

On Tuesday we had an especially nice day. Nine high school students from Gruver, Sharon Barkley, Charley & Claudine Laxton, Verna Brown, Kay Robinson, Florene Barnett, Gilbert Salgado, Woody Finkerson, Suzie Lawrence and the Activities staff loaded up 16 residents and headed for Canadian and the beautiful foliage around Lake Marvin. One of our suburbans that was intended for transportation suffered a mechanical problem and Sharon Barkley kicked into action. Because of her quick response, the First Baptist Church of Gruver graciously allowed us to use their church

bus. Thank you for your generosity!

When we arrived at Lake Marvin, we followed the walking trail down to see the trees that are 200 years plus old. The path is beautiful and the trees are awesome. I caught a resident picking persimmons on the walk down to the trees. She picked more for us and all that would had a bite of persimmon. After we got the pucker out of our mouth we laughed and enjoyed the seclusion of the woods and the awesome scenery there.

When we left the lake, we went into Canadian for lunch at a quaint little place called the filling station. Their food is great and their pies are especially good. When we rested a while we went to the museum at Lipscomb where we were greeted by J.W. Beeson, cowboy poet and story teller, song writer and singer, and the staff of the museum. They have a very nice museum. J.W. told us that their

town was so small that the name of the town is printed on both sides of the sign. If you blink once, you missed it.

Mr. Beeson had prepared a humorous program for us. We enjoyed his poetry, singing and story telling. We enjoyed every part of his humorous program, especially Grandpa's Time Machine and the story of rodeo cowboys and road kill stew, and the poem of Rosie's Eagle. Most of his material is derived from his life experiences put to words. Afterward, we visited with him and the staff of the museum. When we got home we were all exhausted but happy.

Thursday night was earmarked by the mayor of Spearman for trick or treat so the staff and residents busily prepared for halloween. The residents made candy that would be served to the kindergarten

class on Friday morning.

We had a special treat for the trick or treat kids at the Manor. The high school girls basketball team came to the Manor and helped us and the residents prepare and serve the kids of the county. We estimated that we had about 250 kids. The residents are lined up down the hall and given bags of candy. The kids come in the front door, go down the line trick or treating the residents and then out the dining room door. The kids were all dressed up and we had all ages from 2 months to teenagers. Thank you to the coaches and the basketball team. We could not have done it without you!! You were great!!

Friday brought the kindergarten class that morning for a program, refreshments, giggles and glee. The residents had

made prizes for the kindergartners. That afternoon the residents treated the staff at a party complete with treats of stuffed animals that had been provided by Jesse and Myra Soapes through a ministry call S.A.M. (stuffed animal ministry). The residents each paired up with a staff member and gave them a ticket that qualified them to receive one of the animals. These stuffed animals are provided to the ministry by Boyd's Bears. They are to be given to people who need a special hug. We really appreciated Jesse & Myra for thinking of us. After the staff was honored, the residents were presented with an animal of their own.


Friday night Charlie proved that he has caught more than one fish up at the lake by he and Claudine cooking fresh fish for

the resident's supper. Thank you two!! Don't know what we would do without you on our trips and we sure do enjoy the fresh catfish. No wonder fish tremble at the sound of your pickup!!

All of this went on in between our regular activities such as Resident Council on Monday afternoon and bingo Monday night hosted by the Northern Natural Retirees. Thank you Northern Retirees!

At Resident Council, Odis Blount was elected as the Resident of the Month and Mona Sandoval was elected as the CNA of the month for November.

November is stacking up to be a busy month already with the Family Thanksgiving Supper being scheduled for Nov. 20th.



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Spearman Boy Scout Troop 551 held a campout at Palo Duro Lake. Campers participating were: (Back Row, L-R) Justin Bowman, Robert Patrick, Tanner Six and Doug Cummings; (Middle Row, L-R) Ethan Haney, Skyler Sumner, Blayne Schroeder and Sol Pittman; (Front Row, L-R) Christian Patrick, Michael Avila, Manuel Mendoza and Matthew Jarvis; not pictured is George Young.

Boy Scouts Hold Campout

With only three returning members from last year, the Spearman Boy Scout Troop committee faced the possibility of having to disband. But, thanks to the efforts of Scout Master Doug Cummings and volunteers like Robert Patrick

Don Schroeder and George Young, Troop 551 now has seven new members, bring the total of active scouts to 10. The Troop consists of Justin Bowman, S.P.L.; Tanner Six, Christian Patrick, Blayne Schroeder, Skyler Sumner,

Manuel Mendoza, Sol Pittman, Matthew Jarvis, Ethan Haney and Michael Avila.

The Boy Scout Troop recently held their first weekend campout at Palo Duro Lake from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. All the boys had a great time and learned a lot about scouting. Their next campout is scheduled for November 14-16th, and will again be held at Palo Duro Lake.

The Troop will also take part in the Flag Ceremony during the Veterans Day Program in November.

According to Dr. Cummings, in order to become a Boy Scout, you must be at least 11 years old and no older than 18, and have

your parents permission. The goals of Boy Scouting include building strong character, pride, confidence, trustworthiness and self reliance. The Boy Scouts meet once a week on Tuesday nights from 7:30-8:30 at the Scout Hall in the rear of the old Community Building on 5th Avenue and Hazelwood Street.

The Spearman Lions Club sponsors the Spearman Boy Scouts. The Scout Committee consists of Chairman George Young, Secretary/Treasurer Arbeta Nobles, Harry Stumpf, Randall Sauer, Donna McCubbin, Linda Cummings and Doug Cummings as an advisor.

Gruver High School Student Of The Month

Wesley (Hutch) Reed has been selected September Student of the Month at Gruver High School.

A senior, Reed has competed in football for four years and is serving as a captain of the Hounds this year.

As a four year competitor in basketball and track, Reed has advanced to the area and regional track meets.

He served as class president his sophomore and junior years and is currently serving as secretary of the senior class.

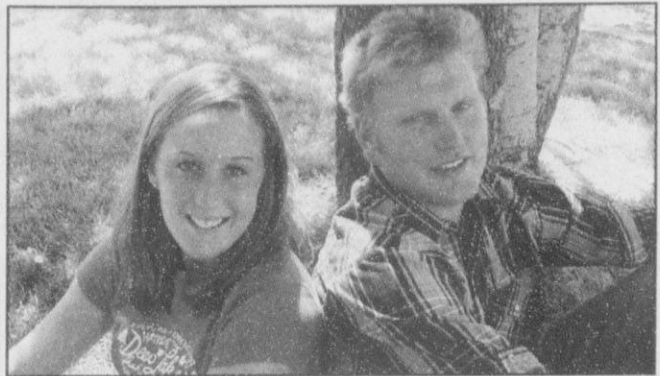
He has been a four year member of GHS Student Council and a three year member of Gruver FFA.

The son of the late Wesley Reed and Rick and Kathy Barkley, Reed plans to attend Texas A&M University upon graduation.



Hutch Reed

Spearman High School Students Of The Month



Ashlee Flowers

Senior Ashlee Flowers was selected September Student of the Month at Spearman High School.

Ashlee was named the 2003 Football Homecoming Queen. She is the daughter of Gary and Karla Flowers.

She is a four-year letterman in Cross Country and a three-year letterman in Basketball and Track. She was a member of the 2002 Dist. Champion/Reg. Qualifying and the 2003 District Runner-Up/Reg. Qualifying Cross Country Teams. She was named First Team All-District in Basketball her junior year. She was Academic All-District for Cross Country, Basketball and Track the past three years.

She has received several athletic awards, including the Cross Country Award, the Fighting Heart Award (Basketball) and the Iron Woman Award.

She has been a Student Council Representative for the past three years, the National Honor Society, and is currently serving as Class Treasurer.

She was on the Academic Team, placing 1st in Area and 4th at State in 2003; and was a member of the One-Act Play, Zone and District champions in 2003 and Area alternate.

She has received several academic awards, including Spanish I, Spanish II, World Geography AP, Web-Mastering, Digital Graphics and English II. She has been on the All-A Honor Roll all 12 years of school.

After graduation Ashlee plans to attend Texas Tech University and then attend Texas Tech Pharmacy School, to earn her Ph.D.

Russell Sheets

Senior Russell Sheets a was selected September Student of the Month at Spearman High School.

Russell is the 2002 and 2003 District Champion for Lincoln/Douglas Debate, placing 3rd at State in 2002; was on the Academic Team, placing 1st in Area and 4th at State in 2003; was the TFA Student Congress State Qualifier his junior and senior years; is the president of the Spearman Forensics Team and the Senior Class and serves as treasurer for the Student Council. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar and is a member of the National Honor Society.

He was named Academic All-District in Football and Basketball his junior year. He also was a member of the One-Act Play, Zone and District champions in 2003 and Area alternate.

Russell has received several class awards, including Communication Applications, Biology I, Geometry, BCIS I, Debate I, Chemistry Pre-AP, Desktop Publishing, Algebra II, English II Pre-AP, and Debate II.

The son of Mark and Charlotte Sheets, Russell named Tony Sidwell as the teacher most influential in his school years.

Following graduation he plans to attend Pepperdine, the attend law school. He plans to practice law or enter politics.

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Hansford County Veterans

- Comprehensive list of Hansford County Veterans including names like Douglas, James E.; Holt, Nick David; Moore, Robert William; Snow, Edd H.; and many others.

- Continuation of the list of Hansford County Veterans including names like Abston, Ab; Adams, Carroll Porter; Adams, Robert Dean; and many others.

Editor's Note: We apologize for any names that were inadvertently left off of our Hansford County Veterans list. If you know of a name that is not listed, please let us know. Thanks, Catherine