

## Hansford County Pioneer

This is the first winter in more than 80 years, Marshall hasn't bought cattle for his pastures. For most of the 20th century he has fought blizzards and droughts; endured crop failures, the great depression the dirty thirties, market down turns and other hardships in pursuit of his life's work. Marshall is a cowboy and his prized possessions were his cattle. The achievement he's most proud of is being a rancher and cattleman.

Marshall was born in a sod house at the Cator Ranch on south Palo Duro Creek, on April 20, 1902, to Bert and Vina Cator. Marshall had 4 brothers and 1 sister. Bert was born in England and came to America in 1879. Vina was a full blood German. The famous Buffalo Hunters of the early 1870's, Jim and Bob Cator were Berts older brothers. By the time Bert arrived, the great buffalo herds and Indians wars were over. The only Indians Marshall saw were the ones who would camp along the Palo Duro, across the creek from Uncle Les Cator's place; they would camp there on their way from Oklahoma to visit other Indians in New Mexico. Marshall recalled that once a couple of Indian Braves asked Les' wife Bessie for some food. She fed them beans. Later they suffered some discomfort and complained about being "heap sick of the bel."

Marshall's earliest memory was riding a horse with his brother Bert Jr. while their father was working cattle along the creek. The horse decided it wanted to go back to the corals and the boys were too young to turn it around. Another of his early memories was hunting jack rabbits and coyotes with greyhounds. In those days a bounty of \$1.00 was paid for a dozen jack rabbit ears and a pair of coyote ears earned \$3.00.

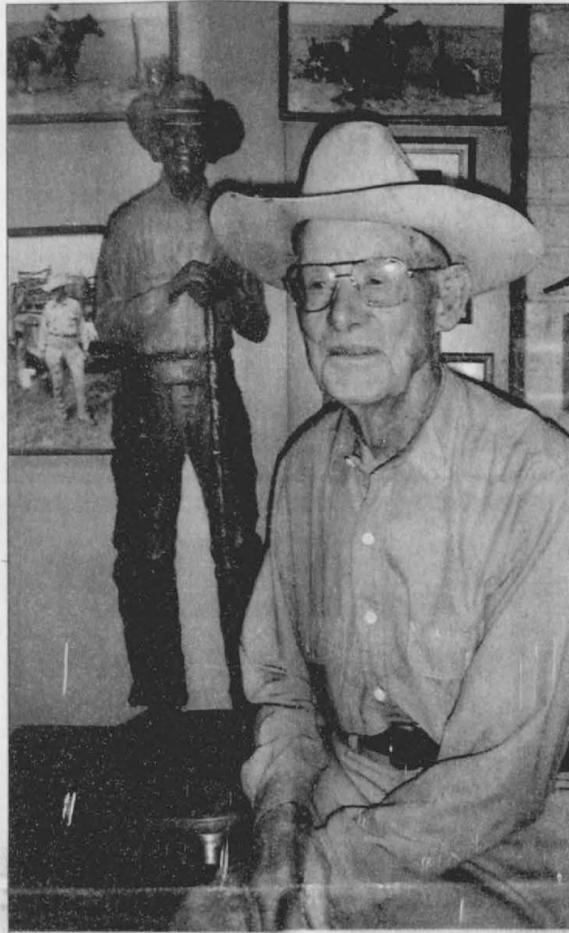
Marshall began school at Hansford in 1908. They didn't play football and their only opponent in basketball was Ochiltree County. By 1918 Marshall and his brother Bert had acquired all the formal

schooling they needed. They were tired of walking over a mile to school everyday.

Soon Marshall had a job. A farmer convinced him to work two months in return for one heifer calf. This began Marshalls career as a cattle man. At age 16 he began working for Uncle Jim Cator for one heifer calf per month or the equivalent of \$25.00 per month. Soon he had a herd started.

He bought his first ranch from a friend for \$11.50 an acre. His neighbor and cousin Vina Cator Hays (named after his mother), had 50 to 60 cows, so they formed a partnership which lasted 65 years. Vina was a nurse and spent many years at St. Anthony's Hospital while Marshall operated the ranch. Eleven years after the ranch was purchased Marshall acquired the mineral rights. He then sold the deep mineral rights to Phillips Oil Company for \$5.00 per acre and paid off the ranch. He retained one quarter of the shallow mineral rights, had a gas well dug and sold gas to neighboring farmers. From this base Marshall built his farming and ranching enterprise. Eventually his holding included the XL, Kilgore, Lips, Coon and Red Camp ranches. Besides the land in Texas, he leased land in Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Kansas. The ranch land included 300 sections and the crop land totaled 20 sections. He leased the Lips ranch for 41 years.

The toughest years were the 1930's. During the great depression and the dust bowl years many farmers in the area went broke, gave up and moved on. Even though Marshall's land produced nothing for 7 years, he never considered giving up. They would plant wheat and it would blow out every year. The government bought cattle for \$20.00 per head and shot them on the place, because they were starving and no one could afford to buy them. When asked how he could afford to hold on all those years he replied, "the



Marshall Cator

South West National Bank of Canadian stayed with me." Others that helped him in those days and over the years were Walter Wilmeth, Hayden Hart, Giles Williams and Leonard Traylor. In 1937 a creditor was going to repossess his four unpaid tractors if Marshall couldn't come up with \$800.00. He cut wheat for Ralph Bort that year for \$800.00 and paid off his tractors.

Marshall said the dust bowl was caused by breaking out too much land without the know how to manage it. Farmers would plow up the lands, raise crops for 2 or 3 years, fail, and move on. Farming in this area began around 1902 and was mostly dry land until the 1940's, when the deep irrigation wells were dug. The combination of poor land management, a prolonged drought, and too much plowed land without irrigation resulted in the dust bowl years.

Marshall likes people and apparently was pretty good to his employees. Many worked for him for 20 years or more. Alfonso Allemand is still with him after 39 years. Marshall worked harder than his hands and did all his own paper work and payroll.

Now 98, Marshall still goes to work every day. He checks his fences, windmills, and manages

his ranch land. He leases his land for cattle grazing on a per head basis to protect the land from over use. He drives the pickup or rides his horse to do the ranch work.

Marshall is a modest man, not prone to bragging; but with some satisfaction he did mention that no one was better at heeling calves than he, and he was asked by the neighbors to do that chore during branding.

For more than 40 years he donated to Boys Ranch. In recent years he completely paid for the construction and furnishing of a 10-girl housing unit at Cal Farleys Family Center near Borger.

The saddest moment of Marshalls life was in 1992 when Vina Cator-Hays-Hawpe died. She had been his friend and partner for more than 65 years. Marshalls cousin Mary Gardner now helps do some of the paper work and management of the house; since his eyesight is not what it used to be. Dorothy Cator also helps Marshall.

Marshall Cator is a living legend. He helped build the agricultural backbone of this area and he has given a portion of his blessings back to the region and it's people. Marshall is a true panhandle pioneer, a rich source of history, a treasure and a cowboy.

## Waka Church of the Brethren's 10th Annual Mini Bazaar

The Tenth Annual Mini Bazaar will be held on Saturday, October 16, 1999 at the Ochiltree County Exposition building in Perryton, TX. Open to the public from 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. No admission charge.

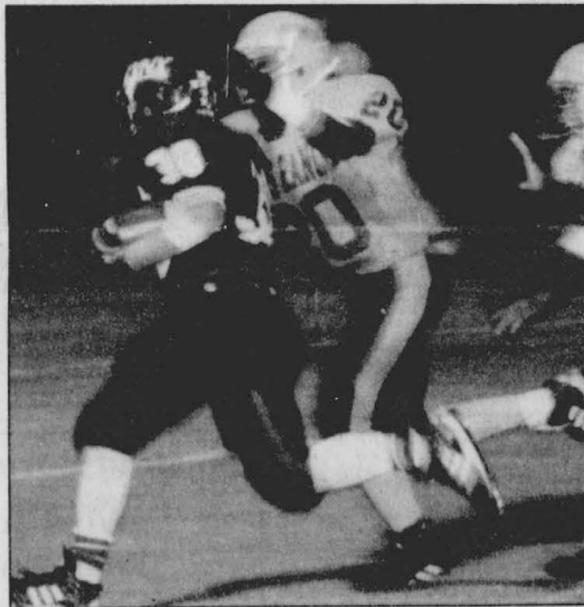
A large range of merchandise will be available. There will be Angels, Antiques, Aprons, Baked goods, Barbie Dolls, Barbie Clothes, Baskets, Bears, Candles, Candy, Ceramics, Cookbooks, Cosmetics, Custom made Knives, Guns, Hand Bags, Home Decorations, Jewelry, Leaded Crystal Items, Nativity Sets, Woodcrafts, Yard Decorations, Pumpkins and a large variety of other items not listed.

The FCE Club will have the food concession with a delicious menu. Be sure to come join us for a nice day. The Mini-Bazaar is in its tenth year, and we always have a relaxed congenial atmosphere with lots of room to browse and visit.

This event is open to craftsmen hobbyists, collectors and we try to be open to most all interests. We still have some spaces open so if you have an interest you would like to exhibit give us a call.

Come enjoy a relaxing fun day sponsored by the Church of the Brethren of Waka, TX.

If you need information call: 806 435 4515, 435-2104, 435-3893 or 435-3876.



Jeremy Mackie gains valuable yardage, which led to a touchdown by Jordan Brock.

## Lynx Lasso Roughriders

by Jeff Beedy

The Lynx got back on the winning track Friday night when Boys Ranch came to town. The weather looked like it was going to be a wet night, but the rain held off, and it was a very nice evening. It rained off and on all day, but the wet turf didn't slow down the Lynx as they ran away from the Roughriders 63-8. Boys Ranch could not ever get anything going and the Lynx defense did not allow any first downs and the offense scored just about every time they touched the ball. John Brock had a great game as he scored five touchdowns from 30, 15, 35, 3, and 73 yards out. Everybody got into the game and did a good job because each game from here on will get tougher and tougher, and we will need help from everybody on the team.

The Lynx won the toss and elected to receive the opening kick off. Jordan (Bucko) Brock had a nice return to the Lynx 46 yard line to start the first Lynx drive. The first play from scrimmage, John Brock ran up the middle and ran 44 yards down to the Boys Ranch 13 yard line. Three plays later, Bucko ran into the end zone, but fumbled before he broke the plane of the goal line according to the official, and Boys Ranch recovered in the end zone and took over at their own 20. Three plays later, the Roughriders fumbled the ball and the Lynx recovered on the 27 yard line. Spearman could not move the ball and had to give it

back to Boys Ranch. The Ranch could not do anything on their next possession and had to punt back to the Lynx after three plays.

Spearman got untracked on their second possession and started scoring on just about every possession from here on out. The Lynx started on their own 45 yard line and after several plays, John Brock broke loose and ran around the left end and raced 30 yards for his first TD of the night with 5:10 left in the first quarter. Teddie Whitefield's PAT kick was not any good, and the Lynx led 6-0. That was as close as it got the rest of the night.

Boys Ranch fumbled the kick off and Spearman recovered on the Roughriders 32 yard line. Two plays later, John Brock ran it in from 15 yards out for another touchdown with 4:07 left in the first quarter. Aaron Winegarner threw to Bucko in the corner of the end zone for a two point conversion, and the Lynx led 14-0.

Boys Ranch started on their own 36, but the Lynx defense stiffened, and they went three and out and had to punt. Spearman started on their own 47. Two plays later, Winegarner threw a strike to Bucko over the middle, and he ran it down to the Boys Ranch 35. John Brock ran around the left end on the very next play for 35 yards and another touchdown with :46 seconds left in the first quarter. Whitefield's kick was good, and the score was 21-0.

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JOIN CUB SCOUTS,  
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**Cub Scout Meeting**  
Thursday, October 14, 1999 - 7:00 p.m.  
Junior High Cafeteria

All interested boys and their parents are invited to attend. For more information, contact Stacie or Glenn Ruga at 659-1055.

## NOTICE

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, October 14th & 15th for vacation. We will re-open on Monday, October 18th at 9:00 a.m.

# Happy BIRTHDAY

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

## October 14

**Birthday** - Jerry Hunt, Jeanne Swink, Crockett Tidwell, Kristi Pearson, Roy Lynn Garrard, Jesse Lyn Cowan, Jimmy Snider, Melinda Davis, Michelle Graham Currey, Kyla Nelson Sell, Bert Sheppard, Eddie Whitefield, Gilbert Salgado, Anthony Bravo, Jim Brown, Sue White, Monty George, Charline Laxson, Carlos Trejo, Adrienne Simpson  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Bert Wofford

## October 15

**Birthday** - Jess Wood, Jeffrey Miller, David Martin, Billy Martin, Verna Lee Shirley, Brandi Schneider, Chris Hornsby, Ann Martin, Martha Donahue, Anne Marie Pearson, Bonnie Woolan, Randy Janzen, Joe Garcia III, Allen Varnon, Betsy Holt, Jeff Lackey, Keith Lamb, Wilson McClellan, Allen Varnon  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Odell Genn, Mr. & Mrs. Lee Nichols, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Stedje, Mr. & Mrs. David Miner, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Fletcher

## October 16

**Birthday** - Buster Davis, Troy Miller, Tammy Benton, Virginia Fowler, Sammy Graham, Ann Pearson, Lola Newcomb, Joey Avila, James Riley, Landree Woodward, Julie Payne, Meghan Stork

## October 17

**Birthday** - George B. Odum, Byron Peddy, Jackie Smith, R.S. Weckesser, Sylvia Robertson, Brad Beedy, Jeff Beedy, Carol Short, Erica Garrison, Misha Davis, Joe Paul, John Sullivan, Oscar Ortiz, Carolyn McLeod, Jacob Burch, Mac McLaughlin, Sandra Soto, Hugo Villa Jr., Joyce Sparks, Debbie Jacops, Regina Vernon  
**Anniversary** - Edward & Theah Beck, Sharon & David Swan

## October 18

**Birthday** - Taos Weldon, Don Knox, Wilson McClellan, Jeff Hutchison, Angelica Arjona, Floyd Dean, Gallin, Chris Williamson, Elaine Swan, David Parker, Jan Morgan, Marla Bullard, Courtney Baca, Kristian Faith Burke, Ramiro Morales, Mike Gift, David Parker  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Dave Christian

## October 19

**Birthday** - Brian Gillispie, Joe Lopez Sr., Colton Mayfield, Carol Tolleson, Phyllis Owens, Joe Vanderburg, Marietta Davis, Ken Shufeldt, Calvin Garrard, Jeremy Blan, Harold Anderson, Brenda Lee Soto, Wayne Pierson, Kathy Bryant, Bill Park, Merry Wheelock, Doran Schoenhals, Kenneth Schufeldt  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Traylor

## October 20

**Birthday** - Marilyn Been, Kelly Boone, Brock Irwin, Deanda Widener, Danny Ray Hendricks, Owen Montgomery, Melissa Cochran, Sid McAdams, Deborah Bishop, Carrie Bowen, Billy Jones, Amy Stinson, Cara Nichols, Misty Volden, Jeffrey Swan, Carrie Cenicerros, Angela Vela, Ori Cooksey, Cindy Sasser  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. George Jackson, Ladd & Cathy Gafford

## October 21

**Birthday** - Don Hudson, Tammy McLain, Bill Cope, Eschol Blankenship, Brad Brown, Terry Austin, Kay Vernon, Dannie Garrard, Leslie Merritt Holton, Wade Burgess, Kathy Beck, Irene Tindell, Ed Williamson, Michael James Avila, Brian McLaughlin, Jana McCloy, Kara Townsen, Candy Boxwell

## October 22

**Birthday** - Kurt Etling, Gertrude Archer, Danna Martin, Brent Ware, Guenna Wilson, Margaret Espinosa, Jared Hohertz, Sharon Austin, Misty Hand, Katie Sparks, Nae Gonzales, Charlie McIver, Britney Montgomery, Gregory Jacops, Matthew Younger  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Virden, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Watkins

## October 23

**Birthday** - Annette McCloy, Mallory Reid, Clois (Billy) Baker, Christopher Mitchum, Frankie Donnell, Rhema Dell Harris, Melanie Cook, Kerri Young, Tamra Young, Bruce Goehring, Ewain Fletcher  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Holton, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Harris, Lynn & Sharon Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Morris, Steve & Karen Boynton

## October 24

**Birthday** - Sonny Blankenship, Gregg Haight, Doug Brown, Joyce Pierce, Lance Dennis, Christina Cenicerros, Josephine Ayers, Tony Gaspar, Sherry Johnson, Sonny Windom  
**Anniversary** - Mr. & Mrs. Don Lane Whitefield, Mr. & Mrs. Don Moore, Mr. & Mrs. James Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Garland

## Our Deepest Sympathy

### Dorothea Tackitt

Dorothea Tackitt, 92, died on Wednesday, October 6, 1999. Services were held on Saturday, October 9, 1999 at 2:00 p.m. in the Faith Lutheran Church with the Rev. Beverly Cook officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman, TX.

Ms. Tackitt was born in 1907 in Ellis County, OK. She had lived in the area for 71 years, moving from Follett, TX.

She married Wade Tackitt in 1928 in Follett, TX. She was a restaurant operator, retiring in 1969. She was a member of the Faith Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Women's Circle, the Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Center, a former Girl Scout leader, and was among the original volunteers who founded the Hansford County Library Thrift Shop. She did home ironing for the public for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wade, in 1976.

Survivors include two daughters, Anita Pulcini of Redding, CA and Arbeta Nobles of Spearman; two sisters, Elma Ward of Spearman and Johanna Steffey of Apple Valley, CA.

## "How To Deal With Difficult People"



Dr. Paul Matney

The public is invited to hear Dr. Paul Matney present "How To Deal with Difficult People" on Monday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This program is being co-sponsored by the O'Loughlin Center and the Hansford Hospice.

Dr. Paul Matney serves as Chairman of the Division of Language, Communication and

Fine Arts at Amarillo College where he has also taught mass media and speech communication for the past 20 years.

Dr. Matney has a Bachelor of Journalism degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Arts degree in Speech Communication from West Texas State University. His doctorate is in higher education and mass communication from Texas Tech University.

Matney spent 19 years as a television weathercaster, first with KVII-TV and later with KAMR-TV.

Dr. Matney conducts workshops and seminars on Media Violence and its Affects on Children; How to Deal with Difficult People and Public Speaking and Interpersonal Communication Strategies.

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**Hansford Hospice Highlights**  
**What To Say & What Not To Say**  
 by Rev. Ken Cole  
 When a death occurs, there are statements that show compassion and caring and there are statements that trivialize the death and should be avoided. Many of these statements come from Empty Arms. Empty Cradle support groups, but are equally applicable to other deaths as well.  
**What To Say**  
 Statements like these can show compassion and caring:  
 • "I'm so sorry." Said with heartfelt sympathy  
 • "I really don't know - how you feel."  
 • "I've had three kids of my own. I just can't imagine how you feel. I've never gone through what you are going through."  
 • "Is there anything I can do that would help?" said in a sincere voice.  
 • "I'll be your support person - don't hesitate to call..."  
 • "Call me if you need anything."  
 • "What did you name the baby?"  
 • Acknowledge the death of the baby somehow. . . SILENCE IS HURTFUL!  
**What Not To Say**  
 Statements like these trivialize the death and must be avoided:  
 • "I know just how you feel." (Don't say this if you have never experienced the death of a loved one.)  
 • "Oh! You're young. . . you can still have more kids!"  
 • "Be thankful for the children you have!"  
 • "At least it wasn't your older child."  
 • "At least your baby didn't have leukemia or cystic fibrosis."  
 • "At least your baby is no longer suffering."  
 • "The world is so unsettled right now. You should be happy he's in Heaven and at peace."  
 • "It was God's will."  
 • "I hope to God that you're going to get your tubes tied now..."  
 • "Well. . . better luck next time!"  
 • "At least you didn't have time to get attached to your baby" (stillborn)  
 • "Losing your husband would be worse."  
 • "These things happen for a reason."  
**"When medical science can no longer add more days to live, hospice adds more life to every day."**  
 For more information, contact your local Hospice organization at 659-2535.

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**Spearman**  
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 Sun. Eve./Youth: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.  
 Wed. Children's Choir: 7 p.m.  
 Pastor - Edward Owens  
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 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
 Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
 Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.  
 Youth: 7:30 Wednesday  
 Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.  
**First Christian Church**  
 (Disciples of Christ)  
 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
 Evening Bible Study  
 Worship: 6:30 p.m. Sun.  
 Minister - Joseph Weak  
**First Baptist Church**  
 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.  
 Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.  
 Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.  
 Pastor - Rick Patrick  
 Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster  
**Church of Christ**  
 121 S. Haney • 659-3244  
 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.  
 KRDF Radio Program  
 Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.  
 Minister - Leonard Harper  
**Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
 901 Roland • 659-2792  
 Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m.  
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English  
 (aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)  
 Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish  
 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo  
 Rendentor Mass - Spanish  
 Rev. Scott Raef  
**Trinity Fellowship Church**  
 717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.  
 Pastor - Johnny Taylor  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
 (Worships with Lutheran)  
 1021 Cotter • 659-2033  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church  
 Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran & Presbyterian Church Bldg.)  
 Pastor - Beverly Cook  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
 (ELCA)  
 1101 Bernice • 659-2252  
 (Worships with First Presbyterian Church)  
**First United Methodist**  
 407 S. Haney • 659-5503  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.  
 Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday  
 High School: 6 p.m. Sunday  
 Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.  
 Pastor - Ken Cole  
**Union Church**  
 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.  
 Pastor - Bill Sparks  
**Fellowship Baptist**  
 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
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 Pastor - Gene Foster  
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 Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
 402 E. Broadway • 733-2411  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
 Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday  
 Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
 Pastor - Scott Curry  
**Church of Christ**  
 209 King • 733-2760  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship: 10:20 a.m.  
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
 Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.  
**First Christian Church**  
 510 King • 733-2960  
 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.  
 Youth: 7:30 Sunday  
 Adult Bible Study: 7:30 Sun.  
 Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.  
 Pastor - Gary Gumfroy  
**Oslo Lutheran Church**  
 (ELCA)  
 6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver  
 339-7709  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 11 a.m.  
**Gruver United Methodist**  
 Broadway & Garrett  
 733-2651  
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
 Eve. Worship & UMYF: 6 p.m.  
 Pastor - Jerry Moore  
**Spanish Cristo Rendentor Church**  
 Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.  
 Friday Evening Mass  
 Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
 Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.  
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# LAUGH AND LIVE



by Gary C. Smith  
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One of my sweet, Christian friends sent me the following "survival kit." I am including the scripture lessons that she sent me, but no matter what religion you might be, I think that there could be something here that you could use.

## An Everyday Survival Kit

- Toothpick
- Rubber band
- Band aid
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Chewing gum
- Mint
- Candy Kiss
- Tea Bag

Here's why:

- **Toothpick** - to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others...Matt. 7:1
- **Rubber band** - to remind you to be flexible, things might not always go the way you want, but it will work out...Romans 8:28
- **Band Aid** - to remind you to heal hurt feelings, yours or someone else's...Col. 3:12-14
- **Pencil** - To remind you to list your blessings everyday...Eph. 1:3
- **Eraser** - to remind you that everyone makes mistakes, and it's okay...Gen. 50:15-21
- **Chewing gum** - to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything...Phil. 4:13
- **Mint** - to remind you that you are worth a mint to your heavenly father...John 3:16-17
- **Candy Kiss** - to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday...1 John 4:7
- **Tea Bag** - to remind you to relax daily and go over that list of God's blessings...1 Thess. 5:18

This is my gift to you. May God richly bless you.  
To the world, you may just be somebody...but to somebody, you may be the world.

Until Next Time,  
May God Bless.  
GCS

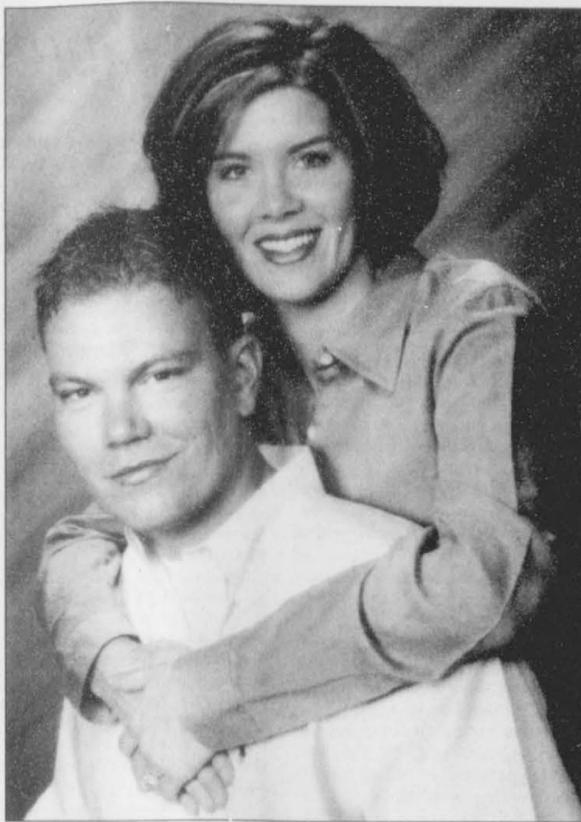
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## Engagement Announcement

Don and Barbara Townsen of Spearman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Renée Townsen to Jason Andrew Bentley. Jason is the son of Ben and Pam Bentley of Canyon.

Kara is a 1996 graduate of Spearman High School. She attends West Texas A&M University where she was a member of the Lady Buff Basketball Team for the 1996-1999 seasons. She will graduate from WTAMU in December with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sports and Exercise Science.

Jason is a 1995 graduate of Canyon High School. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in May of 1999 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. He is currently employed as an Internet Consultant for KPMG in Dallas.

The couple plans a January 22, 2000 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Spearman, TX.

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Kara Townsen & Jason Bentley  
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## HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

### Holt Extension Club Taking Orders For Pecans

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### Spearman Health Fair

The 1999 Spearman Health Fair has been set for Thursday, November 4th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the O'Loughlin Center. The Health Fair is being sponsored by Hansford Hospital and the Golden Spread Senior Citizens. For more information, call Debbie Sanford at 659-2535, ext. 3302 or Kathy Bryant at 659-3866. Flu shots will be given.

### 4-H Smoked Meat Sale

4-H members across Hansford County are selling smoked meats for their annual fund raising efforts. Products available include smoked hams, turkey, peppered turkey breasts, sausage rings and sausage links. Funds benefit the awards program and recognition banquet for all 4-H members. Orders must be received by Tuesday, October 19th, with a delivery date before Thanksgiving. Please contact a 4-H member or call the Extension Office at 659-4130 or 733-2901, to place an order.

### 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.

### Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program

Panhandle Community Services still has funds available in their Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) to help the elderly or disabled with utility bills. If you have received assistance this year through CEAP, you are not eligible. This program is offered to residents of Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford and Hemphill counties. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call PCS, Johanna Dear at (806) 435-2478 in Perryton.

### Lunch & Learn - "Floral Trends For Fall & Holiday Decorating"

"Floral Trends for Fall & Holiday Decorating" will be the topic for Lunch & Learn on Thursday, October 14th, from 12:00-1:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ. Tracy Beville and Carrie Guthrie from "My Mother's Garden" in Gruver will present the program. Lunch & Learn is sponsored by Hansford County Extension Service. The program is free; donations for lunch are accepted. Call Peggy Winegarner at 659-4130 or 733-2901 for more information.

### Cub Scout Sign Up

The Cub Scout packs of the Golden Spread Council, BSA would like to extend an invitation to all boys, age 7 and up, to join the Cub Scout program. Cub Scouting is fun! But it is fun with a purpose. A meeting will be held on Thursday, October 14, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High Cafeteria. All interested boys and their parents are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Stacie or Glenn Ruga at 659-1055.

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### Cub Scout/Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

The Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be selling Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn from October 30th to November 2nd. 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.

### Bible College Choir To Perform

The Bible College Choir from Baxter Springs, KS will be coming to Spearman, TX to present a concert of Gospel singing and music. Pastor Edward Owens invites anyone interested is invited to attend at the Apostolic Faith Church on Thursday, October 21, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

### Canadian Ranch Rodeo

The Canadian Ranch Rodeo will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 16th in the Canadian Rodeo Arena. Events include: team penning, calf branding, team doctoring, wild cow milking, and ranch bronc riding. Entry fees are \$250 per team, with a four-man minimum and six maximum. The events will be limited to the first 14 teams to enter. Call the rodeo secretary at (806) 323-6994 to enter.

### "Women In Touch"

The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women In Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer. The "Women In Touch" support group will meet on October 18, 1999 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. The program in October will be presented by William Robinson, MD, Gynecological Oncologist. The presentation is entitled, "Cancer Screening In Women." For more information, please call Cindy Horton at The Cancer Center, (806) 359-4673, ext. 111 or 1-800-274-4673.

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# Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

On Thursday, October 9th, Officer Ed Longoria was called to investigate a two vehicle accident three miles east of Spearman on FM 759. A Dodge pick-up driven by Mike Garnett and a Chevrolet truck driven by Arnie Hunt, also of Spearman were involved. The collision occurred at 10:15 a.m. when the Garnett pick-up, headed east, was struck by the south bound truck on County road #28. The truck failed to yield right-of-way at the stop sign.

Both drivers were taken by ambulance to Hansford Hospital. Mr. Hunt was transferred to Amarillo by ambulance. Apparently neither were seriously injured as both were later dismissed.

Officer Longoria was again called to the scene of an accident on Thursday at 12.20 p.m. This collision was 1/2 mile south of Spearman on highway #207. Floyd Price, Perryton, was north bound when he lost control of his Mercury car and ran off the left side. He ran into a fence and hit a utility pole across from the John Deere business. The pole was owned by North Plains Electric Coop, and electricity was off for a short period.

Mr. Price was injured in the accident and trapped in his car. The Spearman Fire department extricated him, and he was taken to Hansford Hospital by ambulance. Information is that later, he was taken to Perryton.

The official publication for the Texas Sheriff's Association carried a picture of Kaye McFarlin, wife of Hansford County Sheriff, R.L. McFarlin. She was presenting the annual Greg McFarlin-Max Banks Award to Deputy Aaron Sanchez of Zapata County at the association conference in El Paso.

This Lawman of the Year Award is presented to a law enforcement officer who had outstanding work accomplishment and rendered service above and beyond the call of duty.

This heroic action occurred when a man tried to end his life by jumping off a bridge. Deputy Sanchez remained professional and put his own life at risk and saved the man.

The Amarillo News carried an obituary on Wednesday of Harvey Shapley, 89, of Friona. Mr. Shapley was a long time resident of Hansford County, residing north of Gruver. He has numerous relatives still in the county.

Mrs. Fern Robinson returned last Tuesday from a weeks trip to Hawaii.

Their son, Carl, and his wife, Cherie, were to attend a Southwestern Life Insurance convention at Maui, so Fern and their daughter, Kali, accompanied.

They immensely enjoyed the sights, the ocean, swimming, and the food. The weather was very

pleasant, with both flights being very smooth.

The sympathy of the neighbors is extended to the family of Dorothea Tackitt, 92, whose services were on Saturday with interment at Hansford. The obituary is elsewhere.

Mrs. Tackitt was in the cafe business for many years and is remembered for her efficiency and warm welcome. In her civic, school and church activities, her quiet graciousness endeared her to all her associates.

A welcome guest in the home of Betty and James Pugh is Elaine Aposoles, his sister. She arrived Saturday and will spend the week with them.

Although a native Texan, this is her first visit to Spearman, though she was a guest of the Pughs when they lived in Gruver.

Mrs. Aposoles and her husband have lived in their same home in Springfield, Virginia for 30 years - a 20 minute drive from Washington, D.C.

She is retired from a long career, beginning with nursing and serving as administrator in the Department of Quality Assurance which deals with patient

Avo Tope Gray, Hershall and Wanda Jones, Sharon and Bruce Bailey, Karen Goodman, Jim Tope and JoLynn Griffin all attended the funeral of Dante Clark, 13, on Saturday. It was held in Canute, Oklahoma with interment in Arnett.

The parents of Dante were Risky and Nikki Jones Clark of Canute. Nikki was formerly of Spearman, the daughter of the late Francis and Joyce Jones.

The dreadful accident on Sunday afternoon near Amarillo on highway 136 shocked and grieved all of Hansford county. Details were in the Amarillo News.

Wesley Babbs, son of Larry and Nancy Babbs of Gruver, was fatally injured in the crash of his motorcycle and a pick-up.

Sympathy is extended to all his family, and especially to his grandmother, Ruby McCullough.

Claudine Clark returned recently from North Carolina where she had been helping her daughter and family get settled after their move from Hawaii.

Claudine had reached Dallas on her flight enroute when her flight was canceled due to the storms on the east coast. She went on the next day and was impressed by the awesome flooding and other results.

Her daughter, Carrie, and Mark Tidwell live in Fayetteville, near the coast.

Their house was not severely damaged, but a huge tree in their front yard was destroyed.

Mark was in Georgia in para-

chute training, but Carrie's new neighbors were most helpful and had advised her on protective measures as the storm approached. Carrie's former Spearman classmates will be interested in her new address: Major Mark and Carrie Tidwell; 2605 Mirror Lake, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303.

LaDelle and Dillan Scroggs spent an enjoyable week-end in Stillwater, Oklahoma visiting their son and daughter, Darriel and Julie. They are students there in Oklahoma State University.

The big event for them in Stillwater on Sunday was not the football game held there between Texas Tech and the University. (The least said about that outcome, the better) but their big event was that October 10th marked the 22nd anniversary of the arrival of Darriel. The occasion was properly celebrated.

Weather reporter Dwayne Smith gleefully reported a change in his usual no moisture report for the week of October 4th to 10th; the moisture was a total of .97, making the year's total of 23.14. The highest temperature was 92 on the 6th; the low was 46 on the 5th.

Well, for most Panhandle resident: the interesting part of the baseball season came to a close this weekend. Both the Astros and the Rangers are also-rans. At this writing (Monday morning) the Cleveland Indians have a slim chance as the deciding game for them will be tonight. The Indian interest here is because of Mark Hargrove. They did set a dubious record on Sunday, however, as they topped the world's records in runs given up in a post season game - 23.

## Flower Club News

The Gladiola Flower Club met on October 7, 1999 in the home of Margarette Evans.

The meeting was called to order by the president, June Jackson. Roll call was answered with a show and tell of an antique. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The nominating committee gave their report of the officers for the coming year.

Flower winners were: Home-Grown Arrangement - Virginia Trindle, Specimen - Estelle Jackson, and Potted Plant - Dorothy Buzzard.

The program on Antiques and Collectibles was given by Margarette Evans.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Virginia Trindle on October 21st.

Members present were: June Jackson, Betty Davis, Virginia Head, Gwen Smith, Estelle Jackson, Charlise Baker, Virginia Trindle, Lorene Kunselman, Verna Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Eloise Renner, Wanda Brown, Norma Jean Mackie, and Margarette Evans.

# The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

## Gruver Man Killed in Accident

One of our own, Wes Babbs, 22, was killed in a motorcycle/pickup accident between Fritch and Amarillo on Sunday afternoon at approximately 4:00 p.m. Young Babbs was a 1995 graduate of Gruver High School and was active in FFA, serving as an officer and a member of the ag mechanics team. Wes was an expert welder and was active in his family's business in Gruver. Wes was also a member of the Gruver Volunteer Fire Department.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Wes's family, Larry and Nancy Babbs and older brother Kevin. Wes was also the grandson of former Spearman resident Ruby McCullough.

## Junior High Open House

Gruver Junior High will host an open house for parents on Tuesday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. Parents will meet in the junior high library where teachers will be introduced. Parents will then follow a mini-schedule of their child's school day. All parents are urged to attend.

## Annual Lions' Club Sale

The Gruver Lion's Club will sponsor their annual broom and mop sale on Wednesday, October 20. Watch for them in the area between the bank and the post office.

## High School Slates Open House

Gruver High School has announced an open house to be held on Tuesday, October 26 at 7 p.m. After a brief meeting with Principal Kip Bullock, parents will follow a mini-schedule of their child's school day.

## Updates of Gruverites

Angela Overby, West Texas A&M University senior, is currently doing her student teaching in third grade at Lakeview School, north of Canyon.

Will Evans, 1994 graduate of GHS, is employed by Motorola of Fort Worth where he had interned for several summers.

Cori Lowe, Tarleton State University senior, is currently interning with the the Houston Livestock Show and Sale.

Doug Gumfory, 1996 GHS graduate, has been awarded a Liberae Foundation for the Performing and Creative Arts scholarship. Gumfory, a performing arts major at West Texas A&M University, was one of 13 WTAMU students to receive one of the scholarships.

Gumfory also has the lead male role in the university's upcoming production of "Desk Set." The play will be presented on the WT campus in December and will be used in competition with other colleges in November.

## City Records Rainfall

The city of Gruver received 1.12 inches of rain this past week.

## Cross Country Results Noted

Jenna Shoulders placed 14th with a time of 14:32 at the Guymon Cross Country meet this past weekend. Finishing in 14th and 15th, placed respectively were Kari Maakestad with a 14:52 and Elizabeth Duncan with a 14:56. Also placing were Amy Watley, 18th., 15:03, Christi Clift, 25th., 15:10, and Bryn Lowe, 32nd., 15:15.

Also running were Kristina Christian, 15:50; Kasey Cazares, 15:55; Judy Luciano, 17:52; Sammi Johnson, 17:54; Ethel Flores, 18:56; and Katie Jones, 20:47.

James Crow, returning to the boys cross country following an injury ran a 21:18 on the boys three-mile course with Ricky Arreola running on his heels with a 21:25.

## Claude Gets Revenge

by Ben Williams

Claude Junior high returned for a rubber band matchup with GJH last Thursday. Claude was ready to play, and scored late in the first quarter. After a 20 minute delay of game due to the rainfall, the Hounds came out to play again when Jose Rodriguez was hurt.

With 7:43 left in the first half, Claude scored their second touchdown, but our defense was too tough for their two point conversion. The score was 14-0 when, with 3:40 left on the clock, Salvador Luciano scored the first touchdown for the Hounds. Claude's offense started to weaken with a quarterback sack by Hutch Reed and David Puebla.

The second half of the game began in Gruver's favor with a touchdown from Puebla. We held Claude until the fourth quarter when they scored again. The final was 20-12.

## Fifth Quarter

The seventh graders played hard in their 8 minutes of defense. Unfortunately, so did the Mustangs, leaving the 16 minutes with no score for either team.

## Boxtops and Cartridges Earn Money

If you eat cereal or use a printer, you could help buy supplies for Gruver schools. Gruver ISD is participating in two programs to earn point for new software and supplies for classrooms. General Mills boxtops showing an emblem that states "box tops for education" and empty inkjet or laser printer cartridges of all types are being saved.

The boxtops and empty cartridges maybe brought to any school office during the year.

Eat up, print out, and save the boxtops and cartridges for Gruver schools.

## Residents Rise to the Occasion

Land lubbers Tony Shapley and T.J. Been soared with hundreds of balloonists in the Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon festival over the weekend.

The two had an exhilarating experience with a magnificent view during their hour's flight. While the two basked in their balloon's basket, their ground crew consisting of LaNett Shapley, Sydney, Mica, and Donna Been had the difficult mission of trying to keep up with the floating fantasy by car on the ground.

The dedicated ground crew also helped to bring the big beauty down and pack it away in its canvas travel bag.

## Cow Patty Bingo Nears

The last chance to enter the Gruver Booster Club's Cow Patty Bingo will be Friday, October 15. Tickets may be purchased at the Greyhound Stadium preceding the Gruver/Booker game or a free ticket will be given to anyone joining the booster club.

The celebrity cow will have her own "stage" near the stadium, and if all goes according to plans, a winner will be announced during the game.

## College Day Planned

GHS seniors will participate in a college day at Frank Phillips College on Wednesday, October 20. At that time, colleges throughout the state will have representatives on hand to tell students about their schools.

## Band to Compete

The Houndsound band of GHS will compete in the UIL Marching Contest on Saturday, October 16 in Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Class A bands are eligible to advance to area and state competition this year. In 1997, when Class A bands were eligible to advance in competition, the GHS band advanced and competed in the state marching contest. Band fans are urged to be present Saturday to cheer the band to victory.

## Construction Is on Schedule

Highway construction on Gruver's Main street is on schedule and will be completed before the end of October. As the street nears completion, Main Street from 6th. to Highway 15 is scheduled to be closed one day as workers do an overlay on the street. The street closing day will be announced at a later date.

## Hounds Begin District Play

The Hounds will begin their district title quest this Friday when they host the Booker Kiowas in a 7:30 game. Coach Frick reports that last week's open date allowed several players with minor injuries to heal, and the Hounds will be well and ready for the district clash.

A fifth quarter fellowship for high school students will be hosted by the First Baptist Church following the game.

You are invited to attend a  
**Baby Shower**  
honoring  
**Kajsa Marie Sauz**  
daughter of Brandi (Nava) Sauz  
on Saturday, October 16, 1999  
from 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
at 111 N. Hazelwood  
Spearman, TX

You are invited to a  
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honoring  
**Ronda Renner**  
bride-elect of Leonard Haynes  
on  
Saturday, October 23rd  
from 10:00-11:30 a.m.  
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# A Father's Testimony

*Editor's Note: The following is the testimony of Darrell Scott, given to the Subcommittee on Crime, U.S. House Judiciary Committee, on May 27, 1999. Scott is the father of a victim of the Columbine High School shooting in Littleton, CO.*

Since the dawn of creation there has been both good and evil in the hearts of men and women. We all contain the seeds of kindness or the seeds of violence.

The death of my wonderful daughter Rachel Joy Scott and the death of that heroic teacher and the other children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers.

The first recorded act of violence was when Cain slew his brother Abel out in the field. The villain was not the club he used. Neither was it the NCA (National Club Association). The true killer was Cain and the reason for the murder could only be found in Cain's heart.

In the days that followed the Columbine tragedy, I was amazed at how quickly fingers began pointing at groups such as the National Rifle Association (NRA). I am not a member of the NRA. I am not a hunter. I do not even own a gun. I am not here to represent or defend the NRA - because I don't believe that they are responsible for my daughter's death. Therefore, I do not believe that they need to be defended. If I believed they had anything to do with Rachel's murder, I would be their strongest opponent.

I am here today to declare that Columbine was not just a tragedy - it was a spiritual event that should be forcing us to look at where the real blame lies. Much of that blame lies here in this room. Much of the blame lies behind the pointing fingers of the accusers themselves.

I wrote a poem just four nights ago that expresses my feelings best. This was written way before I knew I would be speaking here today.

*Your laws ignore our deepest needs/ Your words are empty air/ You've stripped away our heritage/ You've outlawed simple prayer.*

*Now gunshots fill our classrooms/ And precious children die/ you seek for answers everywhere/ And ask the question "Why?"*

*You regulate restrictive laws/ Through legislative creed/ And yet you fail to understand; That God is what we need!*

Men and women are three part beings. We all consist of body, soul and spirit. When we refuse to

acknowledge a third part of our makeup, we create a void that allows evil, prejudice, and hatred to rush in the wreak of havoc.

Spiritual influences were present within our educational systems for most of our nation's history. Many of our major colleges began as theological seminaries. This is historical fact.

What has happened to us as a nation? We have refused to honor God and in doing so, we open the doors to hatred and violence. And when something as terrible as Columbine's tragedy occurs, politicians immediately look for a scapegoat such as the NRA. They immediately seek to pass more restrictive laws and continue to erode away our personal and private liberties.

We do not need more restrictive laws. Eric and Dylan would not have been stopped by metal detectors. No amount of gun laws can stop someone who spends months planning this type of massacre. The real villain lies within our own hearts. Political posturing and restrictive legislation is not the answer. The young people of our nation hold the key. There is a spiritual awakening taking place that will not be squelched!

We do not need more religion. We do not need more gaudy television evangelists spewing out verbal religious garbage. We do not need more million dollar church buildings built while people with basic needs are being ignored.

We do need a change of heart and a humble acknowledgement that this nation was founded on the principal of simple trust in God.

As my son Craig lay under the table in the school library and saw his two friends murdered before his very eyes, he did not hesitate to pray in school. I defy any law or politician to deny him that right!

I challenge every young person in America and around the world to realize that on April 20, 1999 at Columbine High School - prayer was brought back to our schools. Do not let the many prayers offered by those students be in vain. Dare to move into the new millennium with al sacred disregard for legislation that violates your conscience and denies your God-given right to communicate with Him.

To those of you who would point your finger at the NRA, I give you a sincere challenge: Dare to examine your own heart before you cast the first stone!

My daughter's death will not be in vain. The young people of this country will not allow that to happen.

# The Crosses Are Coming To The Panhandle

## The Columbine Redemption: Community Wake-Up

Pure Faith Ministries announces, The Columbine Redemption: Community Wake-up will take place on Saturday, October 23rd at the Dumas High School Stadium. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with music performed by Pure Praise, and the program to begin at 7 p.m. Featured guest speaker at the event will be Darrell Scott, father of Rachel Scott, who died in the Columbine School tragedy in April of 1999.

A focal point of the event will be the display of the 13 crosses, which were erected in a park near Columbine School, days after the tragedy. Each cross bears the name of one of the slain classmates and their teacher. These same crosses will be carried by local high school students into the stadium during the evangelistic event.

The Columbine Redemption: Community Wake-Up is a non-profit, non-denominational Christian organization founded by Darrell Scott and has hosted many events across the United States. Scott travels around the country sharing his family's tragic story with crowds of young people. Scott declares, "It's not about changing laws. It's about changing lives."

Scott will share his message of hope at the Panhandle event on October 23rd, and local event organizer Kelly Satterfield added, "We hope to have 5,000 to 10,000 people present from communities across the Panhandle. We want to share the message of hope and grace with a world that seems hopelessly lost."

In recent years, there have been tragic school shootings at the hands of teenagers that has left the world shocked and looking for answers. Satterfield, along with other Christian friends, talked about the spiritual needs of our area youth and inspired by the news of Mr. Scott's testimony invited him to the Panhandle to deliver his message. In addition to Scott, evangelist Jerry Drace of Humboldt, Tennessee will also be speaking.

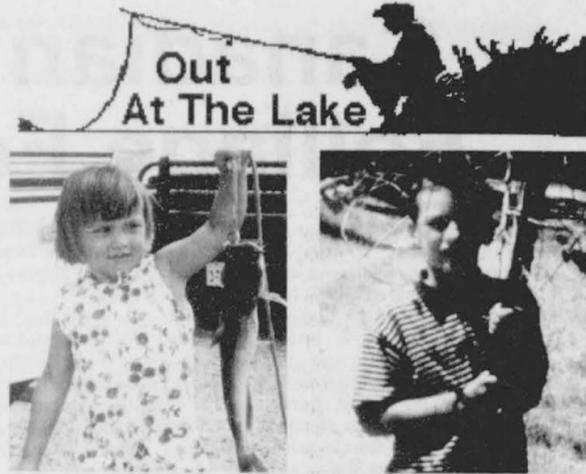
Pure Faith ministries has raised more than \$10,000 for this event, but is still in need of financial support. Local event organizer, Mark Stringer of Sunray said, "An event like this is extremely expensive, but people have been very generous." Tax deductible donations may be mailed to: Pure Faith Ministries: Columbine Committee, P.O. Box 454, Sunray, TX 79086.

More information is available by accessing, [www.thecolumbineredemption.com](http://www.thecolumbineredemption.com). This website features photos from other Community Wake-Up services across the country. For more information about the local event to take place at 6 p.m. on October 23rd at the Dumas High School Stadium, please contact Jana Ivey at (806) 934-9335.

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Shayla and Seth Harvey of Taylor, TX, grandchildren of Darrel and Janice Holding, are pictured above fishing at the Kid's Pond. Shayla is holding a 1 1/2 pound channel catfish, that Seth caught in the pond.

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth - October 11, 1999 - 56.32 feet

The office rain gauge showed 2.06 inches of rain from the Thursday and Friday moisture of last week. That helped to keep this week's loss down to just under 2.5 inches.

In Jim's morning report, he mentioned what a beautiful weekend it had been at the Lake. Fishermen commented on the stillness of the water and how beautiful the reflections were on the calm water. They could see many schools of minnows very clearly. One man commented on the schools of ghost minnows. That turned out to be minnows that were almost transparent.

A good crowd came out to enjoy the Parks and Lake over the weekend. There were 13 campers at the hookups on the north side Saturday night. The Church of Christ from Spearman had a number of RVs in this group. Samson

Resources had the shelter Saturday.

Jim mentioned that the ash trees by the office had turned into a brilliant gold, and that the fall color is starting in some of the other trees.

The water on the office side is low enough that the floating dock can no longer be used. Boats can still be launched at the ramp, but the soil cement doesn't slope as much, and the driver has to back into the water farther. Conditions are better at the north boat ramp.

Have you noticed the number of big wasps that seem to be wanting to take winter shelter under the eaves of buildings? I have never seen so many before, but Jim says this has happened at the Lake other years in the fall on beautiful, calm days. Luckily the wasps don't seem very aggressive, but I don't really trust them.

As we are going to Missouri on Friday, Jim Derington has agreed to write the column next week instead of giving a report.

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# Canadian's Fall Foliage Festival

As sweltering summer days give way to the crisp, cool days of autumn, Canadian will once again host its annual Fall Foliage Festival October 16-17. Complete with brilliant foliage, historic homes, authentic arts and crafts and an old-fashioned harvest moon dance, the festival offers an exciting weekend of breath-taking scenery and small-town hospitality. Less than an hour's drive from Spearman, Canadian provides a perfect blend of nature, nostalgia and historic culture.

Visitors to the area can begin their weekend with a stop at the Welcome Center located in the Chamber of Commerce Office, 216 S. Second Street (Highway 60/83.) The center provides schedules of the weekend's events, maps, directions and general information. After browsing through brochures and the schedule of events, fall foliage celebrants can begin what most consider the heart and soul of the Festival--the unescorted foliage touring, best done at a leisurely pace.

Visitors can take the traditional scenic drive out FM 2266 (Formby Road) to Lake Marvin on USFS Black Kettle National Grasslands, about 12 miles east of Canadian. Along the way, they can see approximately 40 different types of trees, shrubs, vines and grasses, dazzling in their fall colors. Careful watchers also may glimpse deer, turkey, beaver, raccoon, geese, ducks, dove, quail, roadrunners, prairie dogs or the elusive Bald Eagle, all of which populate the area. Nature lovers can further explore the natural beauty of the Panhandle at spring-fed Lake Marvin, where they can take advantage of handicap-accessible hiking trails, or experience

unique photography, exhibits and talks featuring Wildlife Technician Extraordinaire Bob Rogers at the Recreation Lodge.

While at the lodge, they also can enjoy lunch or just a snack to rejuvenate. Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, the Lake Marvin Deli offers cold drinks, mouth-watering burgers and enticing homemade desserts. Dine-in or take it out for an old-fashioned picnic on the Lake.

Vivid scenery is not limited to the area surrounding Canadian--but can be found within city limits as well. Uniquely elegant yards accent Canadian's turn-of-the-century homes, many of which feature scarlet maple leaves, red and purple Virginia creeper and other brilliant flora. Although the homes listed are private and not open to the public, visitors are invited to take pictures as they follow the convenient number map provided at the Welcome Center.

Shoppers from far and wide get Christmas taken care of early as they browse through the unique, quality, handmade items available at the two-day Arts and Crafts Fair. Featuring more than 80 exhibit booths, the Fair is held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Canadian Elementary School.

From patches of family history to gems of color from today, visitors won't want to miss the River Valley Pioneer Museum's annual Quilt Show. The beautiful Quilt Show complements the gorgeous work of this year's Museum guest artist, Canadian native Ruth Rogers Erickson. Erickson's watercolor scenes and pencil drawings feature the visions of home that played through her

mind during her years in Boston, eventually drawing her back home to Canadian. Museum hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

After hours spent shopping, touring and admiring, hungry fall foliage celebrants can sink their teeth into mouth-watering, homemade entrees made by Canadian's favorite cooks. On Saturday they can enjoy the "Best in the West" brisket dinner served at the Canadian Elementary School cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring old-fashioned melt-in-your-mouth brisket, diners should remind themselves to leave room for homemade pie. On Sunday, the great cooks of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church serve authentic south-of-the-border entrees during the Mexican Cafe, which lasts from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Canadian Elementary School.

And, as guests in "Rodeo Town," visitors can't miss the opportunity to cheer on their favorite ranch team in this year's Fall Foliage Ranch Rodeo performance. The action kicks off Saturday afternoon at the renovated Canadian Rodeo Arena located at the edge of the recreation complex on Highway 60/83. The arena dust will be flying again Sunday as horse racing returns to Canadian with NBHA approved barrel racing. Books open at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon for all classes and expos.

The celebration of autumn beauty culminates Saturday night with the Old Fashioned Harvest Moon Dance, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Seasoned with good music, good friends, and good fun, the dance lasts from 7 p.m. to midnight at City Hall.

For more information on Canadian's annual Fall Foliage Festival, call the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at 806-323-6234.

## Soil & Water Conservation District Directors To Convene At Annual State Meeting In Lubbock

by Clay Wright, Information Specialist Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board

Approximately 1,000 Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Directors will be in Lubbock on October 18-20, 1999, to attend the 59th Annual State Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors.

The meeting is held each year to provide district directors and SWCD employees with an opportunity for an in-depth look at pertinent issues facing them in their efforts to administer conservation programs that affect the state's soil and water resources. The event will take place at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The meeting will convene on Monday with committee meetings. The main program will begin on Tuesday. Attending conservationists will hear from several notable speakers who will address issues related to strengthening the conservation district program on the state and national levels.

Speakers scheduled to address the group on Tuesday, October 19, include Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Susan Combs, of Austin; Wayne Register, of New Waverly, president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Randy Frazier, of Little Rock, Ark., president of Frazier Communications; and Ray Ledgerwood, of Pullman, Wash., director of capacity building services for the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Gene Sollock, of Iola, chairman of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, will preside over Tuesday's general session.

On Wednesday, October 20, district directors and other conservationists will hear from State Representative David Counts, of Knox City; State Representative Robert Turner of Coleman; and John Burt, of Temple, state conservationist for the USDA--Natural Resources Conservation Service. Wayne Register will preside over Wednesday's general session.

Elections for the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District (ATSWCD) Directors in Areas I, III and V will be held on Tuesday afternoon. The organization's officers will also be elected Tuesday afternoon.

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# Lynx JV Romps Roughriders

by Jeff Beedy

The Spearman JV went to Boys Ranch Thursday night trying to continue their winning ways and that is exactly what they did. The weather looked like it was going to rain, but instead the rain went away and it was a beautiful night for football. The Lynx were in control from the opening kick-off and went on to romp the Roughriders 30-0. The Lynx had previously beaten Boys Ranch 44-0 during the first game of the season so they were pretty much on track again this time.

Spearman kicked off to Boys Ranch and they started from their own 22 yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, the Roughriders fumbled the ball and Spearman recovered at the Boys Ranch 23 yard line. Four plays later, Miguel Ceballos ran the ball down to the 1 yard line and had a first and goal. The next play saw quarterback Kevin Beedy sneak it over for the touchdown with 7:41 left in the first quarter. The PAT run was good and the Lynx led 8-0.

Boys Ranch's next possession started on their own 40. They started playing just plain old hard nosed football. Just line up and try to run it down our throats. That strategy worked for a while as they drove the ball down to the Lynx 20 yard line. On 2nd and 12, Paul Bynum tackled their running back for a loss and then they had a short gain on third down. Then on 4th and 12, the Lynx tackled them for another loss and Spearman took over on their own 28 with 7:13 left in the 2nd quarter. The Lynx had very little gain on first and second downs. On 3rd and long, Edward Vasquez had a 20 yard gain around right end for a first down. Ceballos then ran up the middle for 40 yards as he raced his way to another Lynx touchdown. The PAT run by Ceballos was good and the Lynx led 16-0.

The Roughriders could not move the ball on their next possession and they had to punt to the Lynx. Spearman started from their own 42 yard line with 2:36 left in the half. On the first play from scrimmage, Ceballos behind great blocking, ran around the right end for 58 yards and another Lynx TD. Ceballos ran the PAT in for another two points and the score was 24-0. Boys Ranch started their next possession from the Lynx 45 yard line after a personal foul called on Spearman. They could not move the ball and were going to punt on 4th down. They had called time-out and the Lynx were still on the sideline talking things over when the official marked the ball ready

for play. Boys Ranch ran up to the ball to snap it and go for it on 4th down when Coy Herrington came running in from the sideline and tackled the running back for a loss and the Lynx took over on downs with :25 seconds left in the half. On the first play from scrimmage, Colton Miller ran around the left end for 55 yards and another TD with :18 seconds left. The PAT run failed and Spearman led at half 30-0.

Spearman received the second half kick-off, but the Roughrider defense held them on 4th and 3. Boys Ranch started on their own 19 yard line. They completed a short pass in the flat and ran the ball down to the Spearman 30 before being dragged down by a hustling Ceballos. On 3rd and 13, the Lynx got called for pass interference and that kept the drive alive for Boys Ranch. Spearman's defense held them to little yardage the next three plays and Boys Ranch had to go for it on 4th and 2. They ran up the middle for the first down and then Spearman got called for another personal foul and that moved the ball down to the 5 yard line. Then Boys Ranch got flagged for illegal procedure and that backed them up to the 10

with a 1st and goal. The Lynx defense withstood the test as they held the Roughriders on first, second, and third downs. Then on 4th and goal from the 10, Miller intercepted a Roughrider pass and ran it back to the Boys Ranch 33 with 6:51 left in the game.

Several plays later, with 3:19 left in the game, a Boys Ranch player was what appeared to be seriously injured. There was a collision in the middle of the field and he fell helplessly to the ground with his helmet being knocked off. He laid there face down without moving a muscle. Both teams moved to the sideline as the ambulance came to help him. It looked like a neck or back injury, but we could not tell for sure. Before the EMTs carried this young man off on a stretcher, the Boys Ranch football team huddled around their teammate and said a word of prayer on his behalf. I was very impressed and all I have got to say to that is: LONG LIVE PRAYER IN THE SCHOOLS!! These young men know the power of prayer and I also pray that the good Lord will heal this young man. After that, this game didn't seem so important after all. The Lynx won 30-0.



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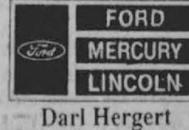


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The overall Grand Champ winner was Ashlee Lawson of Dumas and Reserve Grand Champ was Brad Holt of Gruver. Angus Breed Champ - Raydn Bowling of Follett & Reserve Breed Champ - Tyrel Fleming of Logan, OK; Hereford Breed Champ - Austin Heck of Perryton & Reserve Breed Champion - Bailey Reid of Morse; Polled Hereford, Breed Champ - Cassie Hamilton of Pampa & Reserve Breed Champ - Jake Mitchell of Borger; Shorthorns there were 2 classes - Breed Champ Ashlee Lawson of Dumas & Reserve Breed Champ - Brittany Boxwell of Perryton; Red Angus Breed Champ - Ashlee Lawson of Dumas; Charolais Breed Champ - Ashlee Lawson of Dumas; Chianina Breed Champ - Travis Smith of Dumas & Reserve Breed Champ - Brad Holt of Gruver; Maine, there were 2 classes - Breed Champ - Brad Holt of Gruver & Reserve Breed Champ - Brittany Boxwell of Perryton; Limousin Breed Champ - Courtney Crawford of Pampa; Simmental Breed Champ - Brandon Harvey of Perryton & Reserve - Erin Williams of Follett; All Other Breeds - Breed Champ Jenna Flemming of Logan, OK & Reserve Bailey Reid of Morse.

Steer Senior Showmanship - Dustin Warren of Dumas & Junior Showmanship - Cara Lewis of White Deer.

The lambs show started at 3:00 p.m. Class 1 Southdown winner was Janie Wagner of Vega; Class 2 Finewool - Breed Champ - Tilden Cox of Amarillo & Reserve - Crystal Hokanson of Dumas; Class 3 Finewool Cross - Breed Champ - Tilden Cox of Amarillo & Reserve - Andrew Hokanson of Dumas; Class 4 Finewool Cross - Breed Champ Alyssia Schnauffer of Dumas & Reserve - Andrew Hokanson of Dumas; Class 5 Med. Wool - Breed Champ and Grand Champ was Kent Williams of Liberal, KS and Reserve Breed and Reserve Grand - Kyla Campbell of Hooker, OK.

Lamb Senior Showmanship - Kyla Campbell of Hooker, OK and Junior Showmanship - Lane Mercer of Canyon.

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## Panhandle Piecers Quilt Show

submitted by Gyene Spivey

The Panhandle Piecers Quilt Club hosted their 3rd semi-annual quilt show at the Texas Co. Activity Center in Guymon, OK, on Saturday, October 2nd. There were a total of 212 total exhibits and 11 vendors participating, and 307 people signing the registry. The guest speaker, Anna Hill, was an interesting attraction with her talk on civil war. She had lots of family history to share along with reproduction and authentic quilts. She also shared civil war family heirlooms. Anna's grandfather came home from the civil war by the request of President Abe Lincoln. He worked for several years before marrying Anna's grandmother. He was 78 years old at the birth of his first child. Of course, her grandmother was 21.

Demonstrations were conducted throughout the day with a good attendance recorded.

The winners of quilts were voted on by the people. The results were as follows: Pieced--Gerry Davis--Gruver, Applique--Ellen Grice--Goodwell, Specialty--Darlene Goodloe-- Guymon, Wall Quilt--Deanna Johnson--Guymon, Baby Quilt--Lisa Kennedy--Hooker, Miniature--Mary Anne Mayer--Guymon, Antique--Phyllis Mathis--Guymon, Friendship and Wearable art were display only, and had no winners.

The Panhandle Piecers Quilt Club would like to thank everyone for their attendance and for their kind and encouraging remarks. The quilt show is a way for the members to share with the community their love of a beautiful art. Visit their web sit at [www.panhandlepiecers.tripod.com](http://www.panhandlepiecers.tripod.com) and sign the guest book.

## Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts Host Spook-O-Ree October 16th

The Lone Wolf District and Yucca Girl Scout Council will host the 1999 Spook-O-Ree October 16th at the Texas County Fair Grounds Commercial Building from 2 to 9 p.m. This should be a great day of fun for the whole family.

All Cub Scouts and first through fifth grade Girl Scouts in Texas, Cimarron, Ochiltree, Hansford and Lipscomb Counties are invited to attend. Come join in the fun of pumpkin carving, face painting, and wood and leather crafts until 7 p.m. Kids and adults can also test their agility on the obstacle course. Scouts will join their parents or chaperones for dinner at 7:00, and the Haunted House will be open at 8 p.m.

Parents are asked to accompany their children at this event. The cost is \$5 for boys and girls already registered as Cub Scouts or Girl Scouts. This will cover the cost of dinner and a T-shirt for each child. Those not already registered will also need to pay membership dues upon arrival. Adult volunteers may attend free of charge.

Questions should be directed to Sharen Wilson at Yucca Girl Scout Council at (580) 338-6414 or 1-800-546-2478 or to Brian Ketterlin at Lone Wolf District at (580) 468-4994. If you plan to attend, advance notice is appreciated, but not required.

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Ranch Rodeo - Rodeo Arena  
Fall Foliage Artist - Ruth Rogers Erickson - Museum  
Quilt Show - 3rd & Main  
Nature Expo - Lake Marvin Lodge  
Lake Marvin Deli - Lake Marvin Lodge  
Country Kitchen - Canadian Elementary School  
Lions Club Bull Drop - 2nd & Main  
Fall Foliage Dance - "Frankie McWhorter"  
City Hall - 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

### Sunday, October 17

Arts & Crafts Show - Canadian Elementary School  
Foliage Touring - Lake Marvin - Unescorted  
Historic Walking or Driving Tour - Unescorted  
NBHA Barrel Racing - Rodeo Arena  
Fall Foliage Artist - Ruth Rogers Erickson - Museum  
Quilt Show - 3rd & Main  
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Jim D. Brown  
Hansford County Judge

## NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas County of Hansford By virtue of Writ of Execution issued out of the Honorable United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern district of Texas, on the 29th of September 1999 by the Clark thereof, in the case of - Plaintiff: National Loan Investors, L.P. Defendant Willard McCloy and Beatrice McCloy Cause Number 298-21403-JCA-7, Adv. No. 2012, and to me, as Sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed under National Loan Investors, L.P.'s abstract of judgment lien recorded in volume 209 at page 146 of the Hansford County Records, to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 2nd day of November 1999 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the official door of the courthouse of said Hansford County in the City of Spearman, TX, the following-described property to wit:  
(a) Beatrice and Willard McCloy's interest in the W/2 of Section 22, Block 3, GH&H Survey, Hansford County, TX (approx. 320 acres total) - an undivided 1/2 interest is all that is being conveyed;  
(b) Beatrice and Willard

McCloy's interest in the W/2 of Section 16, Block 3, GH&H Survey, Hansford County, TX (approx. 320 acres total) - an undivided 1/2 interest is all that is being conveyed;  
(c) Beatrice and Willard McCloy's interest in the N/2 of Section 1, Block 46, PW&H Survey, Hansford County, TX (approx. 320 acres total) - an undivided 1/2 interest is all that is being conveyed;  
(d) So much of Beatrice and Willard McCloy's interest in the SE 1/4 of Section 31, Block 5, TT&NO Survey that is situated in Hansford County, TX (according to the taxing authorities approximately 76.5 acres are situated in Hansford County) - an undivided 1/2 interest is all that is being conveyed;  
(e) A portion of the S/2 of Section 1, Block 46, Original Grantee P.W. Henderson, Hansford County, TX, containing 16.26 acres, more or less, and being all that portion of said tract located and lying North of the highway right-of-way as presently located over said South half of Section 1 as described in a deed recorded in volume 61, page 600, Deed Records of Hansford County, TX, save, except and reserving all oil, gas and other minerals in and under and that may be produced from said property; and  
(f) Lots in Morse, Hansford County, TX: Lots 1-2 and 4-26 in Block 1; Lot 8 in Block 2; Lots 6 and 8-12 in Block 4; Lot 1 in Block 6; Lots 1-4 in Block 11; Lot 4 in Block 13; Lot 32 in Block 14; Lots 30 and 31 in Block 17; Lots 13 and 21-22 in Block 18; Lots 1-18 in Block 25; Lots 4-6 in Block 29; Lots 5, 10, 11-16, 19-24 and 28-30 in Block 30; and Lots 1-16 in Block 34; and Lots 1-26 in Block 35.

Levied on this 1st day of October, 1999 as the property of: Beatrice and Willard McCloy to satisfy, in part, a judgment amounting to \$1,535,722.12 with interest calculated at the rate of 10% per annum from the date of the judgment until January 27, 1999.  
Given under my hand the 30th day of September, 1999.  
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### Panhandle Community Services Receives Merit Award

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs presented Panhandle Community Services with the state's largest merit award. PCS has led the state in receiving the award for the last six years. Executive Director Johnny Raymond and Deputy Director Phyllis Cook received the award while attending the Annual Executive Director's Conference held in San Antonio. At the conference, Raymond was also presented a Lifetime Achievement Award for over 25 years of service to the people of the Texas panhandle.

Criteria for selection of the merit award was Panhandle Community Services successful case management, operational efficiency and transitioning welfare families out of poverty. The agency led the state in this role as the 15 local centers helped 346 families get out of welfare during the past year. The entire state transitioned just over 600 families out of poverty.

In accepting the awards, Raymond said, "Welfare reform is the new push from the federal and state government. Our agency has been addressing welfare problems for 33 years, long before the federal mandate. Our Families in Training program has over 150 single parents in colleges throughout the panhandle right now, and we're seeing an average salary of \$22,108 a year as they complete their training."

PCS serves the largest geographic area of the state covering the 26 counties of the panhandle. Organized in 1966, the community action agency provided assistance to 7,581 families this past year. Programs consist of rural transportation, weatherization, housing rental assistance, emergency food assistance, vocational assessment/counseling, retired senior volunteers, homebuyer assistance and information/referral services.

The PCS local coordinator is Johnanna Dear. The Perryton center covers Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford and Hemphill counties. For more information concerning their programs you may contact Dear at (806) 435-2478.

### Panhandle Exposition Steer Show Held

The Hansford County 4-H youth participated in the Panhandle Exposition Steer Show held Sunday, September 26, 1999 in Guymon. Results are listed below.

Prospect Steer Show: Class I - Kyna Shields, 1st; Class II - Travis Brown, 1st; Class IV - Bailey Reid - 1st

Champion English - Bailey Reid  
Reserve Champion English - Kyna Shields; Class VI - Melody Shields, 2nd Exotic

Progress Steers: Class I - Bailey Reid, 3rd; Class IV - Travis Brown - 2nd; Reserve Champion Exotic - Travis Brown

Junior Showmanship - Tracy Brown, 2nd; Senior Showmanship - Kyna Shields - 2nd.

### Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 South Roland, in Spearman on October 25, 1999.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-356-1905 or toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

## Elgin FFA To Go To State Competition

The Elgin, OK State FFA Ag-Mechanics Championship Team was in Spearman on Thursday, September 28th at Five Star Equipment for help and guidance in a row planter calibration, adjustment and operation.

The team, consisting of Brian Begley, Jacob Warren, Clay Glover and advisor and coach Jerry Renshaw, is preparing for the National Ag Mechanics Contest which will be held during the last week of October in Louisville, KY. At least 46 states will be represented in this National Career Development Event of Ag Mechanics.

This year's theme is centered around plant production. Skills will include calibration and adjustment of a row crop planter, identifying and use of proper ballasts for tractors, the use of Global Positioning Systems (satellites), as well as



Gene Tevitt - Products Support Manager, Team Members - Jacob Warren, Clay Glover, Brian Begley, Jerry Renshaw - Advisor, and Steven Poole - Five Star Equipment Service Manager.

steel building construction, foundations, and footings. The team event will consist of identifying and recommending pro-

cedures for corn loss on com-

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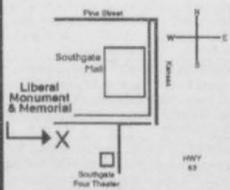
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