

## City committee to go to Austin

# Negotiations proceed with Mission Cable

Final negotiations in the re-franchise agreement between the City of Spearman and Mission Cable Company have been scheduled for Feb. 20 - 21 in Austin, Tx. Spearman's negotiating team will fly to Austin at that time.

This was the outcome of Thursday's meeting in Austin between Jack Hopper, Ph.D., whom Spearman appointed to prepare the new franchise ordinance, and Jack Morgan, Mission Cable's chief executive officer. Spearman's negotiating team for this project is comprised of Mayor Bob Pearson, Mayor Pro-Tem Burl Buchanan, Alderman Mike Cudd, and City Manager Jim Murray.

City Manager Jim Murray told the Spearman Reporter that yesterday's meeting in Austin resulted in several agreements on franchise contract items, but that other items are still being negotiated. He anticipates that the Austin meeting later this month could finalize the agreement. This agreement would then be brought before the City Council at its regular session on Tuesday, Feb. 28 for approval, disapproval, or tabling for further study.

"My highest priority with franchising Mission Cable is that we proceed in an expeditious manner and it come to a close as quickly as possible," said Mayor Bob Pearson. "The most important reason for regulations is to establish certain standards which are to be

met."

Spearman Cable Manager Terry Porter, representing the views of its owner, who lives in Fresno, Calif., commented, "These negotiations would not be so drawn out if Spearman didn't have 18 pages of demands in its franchise proposal." Porter said he has been present at other Panhandle towns' cable franchise negotiations and found them to be more easily and rapidly accomplished than Spearman's have been.

Pearson said in defense of the proposed contract, "Spearman did not have any powers in the franchise ordinance that enabled it to check into complaints in the past. If the franchising process will ensure that our citizens have a good quality signal, governmental access capabilities and expansion of service capabilities, then that process is a necessary one."

Both men agree that the sale of Spearman Cable's franchise to Mission Cable is desirable for all concerned, from townspeople to Spearman Cable's employees.

Murray explained to the Spearman Reporter that cities have no control over what channels a cable company puts on locally or on the cable company's rates. This is because laws under the Federal Communications Act have disallowed this. Most cable systems were freed from municipal rate regulation two years ago.

"The cable companies everywhere are charging what the local

market will bear," Murray said.

"Our citizens' main concern about the transfer to Mission is how much their rate will go up and the quality of the signal. They also want to know how many and which channels will be available. Mission has the right to decide these things, but their owner has promised to be sensitive to our needs and values here in Spearman."

Mission owner O'Neal promised at the public meeting in December to increase Spearman's capacity to 35 channels when/if his company has the new franchise. This is one of the items under negotiation in the proposed re-franchise agreement.

When asked what could happen if Mission and the City of Spearman do not come to an agreement and the sale does not go through, Porter said, "Spearman Cable was automatically renewed by the City Council in 1985 and that agreement is good through 1995. Even if Spearman Cable keeps the franchise, channels will be added. We have a 21-channel capacity here now. What would be changed is the time frame. Mission would have already put three new channels on by now if the agreement were in effect."

## Summary of City of Spearman - Mission Cable negotiations to date

OCT. 1988 - Mission Cable and Spearman Cable agree to a sale of the Spearman and Shamrock systems to Mission Cable.

NOV. 15, 1988 - Mission Cable and Spearman Cable's representatives approach the City Council about transferring the franchise ordinance. The City of Spearman decides to seek expert advice on this transfer.

NOV. 29, 1988 - The city employs Don Butler, an attorney, and Jack Hopper, a Ph. D. in economics, both of Austin, Tx., for legal advice and consulting service with respect to the proposed transfer.

DEC. 13, 1988 - A public hearing is conducted in Spearman at the City

Hall, during which Jay O'Neal, Mission Cable's president, and Dr. Hopper answer citizens' questions. (Earlier this day, Dr. Hopper advises the City Council to prepare a new franchise ordinance in order to ensure quality of service, governmental access capabilities and provide compliance with the Cable Communication Policy Act of 1984.)

At the meeting's conclusion, Pearson instructs Hopper to proceed with a new franchise ordinance, and appoints the city's negotiating committee.

DEC. 27, 1988 - Dr. Hopper prepares and sends a draft copy of the franchise ordinance to the City. (The negotiating committee

reviews and revises the draft during the next two weeks.)

JAN. 16, 1989 - Mission Cable reviews the proposed ordinance.

FEB. 2, 1989 - Mission Cable responds with its own version of the ordinance.

FEB. 9, 1989 - Morgan of Mission Cable and Dr. Hopper meet in Austin to negotiate the proposed ordinance, agreeing on some items.

FEB. 20-21 - This is the meeting date scheduled for the final negotiations on the franchise ordinance. The meeting will take place in Austin and Spearman's negotiating team will be present.

## Operation costs cause radio program's demise

The teen radio program, "Weekend Wipeout," which Gary Ellsworth hosted as disc jockey on Radio Station KRDF for over two years, was taken off the air at the end of November last year.

The Hansford Plainsman recently investigated the reasons for "Weekend Wipeout"'s removal from KRDF's programming. Station manager and co-owner George Young explained that cost factors were the only reasons for the program's demise.

"I took a long hard look at the program after having it on the air for six months," said George. "I knew then that it was losing money. I knew before then, but I took a harder look at it after six months." He further explained that he kept the show on the air for four additional months but "couldn't find a way to make it work."

The costs involved for the program included employee wages, employer-paid insurance, and purchasing of records. KRDF has a country-western format and the "Weekend Wipeout" show was rock music, so the records had to be purchased for it. "For the amount we used of this type of music, we couldn't get a regular supply service. This meant we had to pay retail prices for these

records," Young commented.

Young emphasized that there were no listener complaints about the program and he himself was pleased with Gary Ellsworth's performance. "I would have kept it on the air even if it had just broken even," Young said. "But I am a businessman and the main purpose of the radio station is to make money, first and foremost."

The Hansford Plainsman was prompted to make this inquiry by two local parents of teenagers. These parents said their teens miss the "Weekend Wipeout" program and there is some confusion about why it is no longer offered. The two parents also commented that the show "kept our kids at home on the weekend."

## PDRA meeting announced

The Palo Duro River Authority will meet in regular session on Tuesday Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. in the meeting room of the PDRA located at 511 S.W. 11th, in Spearman. The meeting will be open to the public.

On the agenda for the meeting will be the reading of the minutes

of the last meeting; treasurer's report; payment of claims; and oath of office for reappointed board member; and easement for Maxus Exploration Company.

Following regular business, a general discussion of the dam project will be the focus of attention.

## Lynxettes to play in Bi-district championships

Next Thursday night, Feb. 16, the Spearman varsity Lynxettes will play in the bi-district game for 1-2A. They will play against Canadian or Stratford, depending upon who won the Friday night, Feb. 11 game between Stratford and Canadian. (results unavailable at press-time)

If Canadian won, the girls will play Canadian at Perryton. If Stratford won, another game would be played for playoffs between

Stratford and Canadian. If Stratford won that playoff game, the Lynxettes would play Stratford at Pampa next Thursday night.

## Ringing phones call reporters to action

The telephone rings all day long in the Hansford Plainsman's office. It's a wonder sometimes that Marlene Davis, the bookkeeper/receptionist, can find a spare moment to add two and two together because of all the time she spends fielding phone calls. There are a dozen times a day she hangs up the receiver only to have the telephone ring again before she can pick up a pencil.

People call to take out or renew subscriptions, which always makes us happy. People call to place ads, which make us absolutely ecstatic. A few people call to make a complaint, which, while not sending us into handspings of joy, we are nevertheless anxious to address and redress, if necessary.

Most importantly, in many ways, people also call to ask questions. This can prove to be the most satisfying call of all, because it reminds us of our main function, which is to keep the public informed. These callers send us scurrying to check times and dates of events, or to begin investigations into rumors, controversies, or problems.

Not all of the work we do to respond to these calls turns into an article published in an edition of our newspaper. Some of the rumors go up in a puff of smoke when we start looking for facts, for example. Other story projects do not work out for lack of newsworthiness or inadequate interest on the part of those involved. In spite of these "deadends," we are eager to pursue all the leads our readers give us.

This is how some of our best stories begin: Marlene picks up the jangling phone and says in her cheery voice, "Spearman Reporter. How can I help you?" and the voice



Londee Bradley puts another one in for the Lynxettes against Panhandle.

photo courtesy of Anthony Wilkerson

on the other end begins, "Can you find out for me..." This week alone we tracked down information on several subjects about which local people questioned us. One of these resulted in the article about KRDF's teen radio program which appears in this issue of the Hansford Plainsman.

We urge our subscribers and all Hansford County residents to think of our office as a big combination suggestion box/information center

which depends on reader input for its lifeblood. Not every question or suggestion will evolve into print, but we always welcome the opportunity to seek information on the public's behalf. The public and the newspaper keep each other informed!

To phone in suggestions, comments, or leads to stories, call 659-3434, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



These Spearman students entered the PTA Reflections contest with literary, art, or music talents. Top row are [l-r] Derek George, Dawn Loomis, Lena Harbour, Janna Brock, Kasey Dunnahoo, Jennifer

chnell; [middle row] Becky Porter, Texana Clyburn, Kathryn Murphy, Ashley Brown, Jordan Brock, Dik Kirk; [front row] Brandon Clyburn, Erin Boxwell, Darcy McGee and Chelsea Nollner.

# Hansford Health Shelf



## A PHARMACIST DISCUSSES OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The Hansford Health Shelf is published two to four times per month in the Hansford Plainsman and the Gruver Statesman. Readers are invited to submit general information questions to the newspapers on health-related topics, such as dentistry, nutrition, and physical fitness. Each question will be answered in this column by a Hansford County health professional.

Questions may be submitted in writing to The Hansford Plainsman Gruver Statesman, c/o Box 458, Spearman, Texas 79081. Writers' names will be printed unless otherwise indicated.

**QUESTION:** What are over-the-counter medicines?

**ANSWER:** An over-the-counter medicine is one which you can buy without a prescription, a medical doctor's drug and dosage order. The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) determines what can and cannot be sold without a prescription. The basis for making a drug available by prescription only is primarily safety. For example, any medicine with codeine in it in the state of Texas cannot be obtained without a prescription due to codeine's dangerously addictive properties. Some prescription drugs become available over-the-counter after a time. Examples of these are Bendryl 25mg and Ibuprofen 200mg. Some antihistamine preparations are being released from their prescription-only status to over-the-counter availability. In these cases, the drug's safety has been demonstrated and

sometimes its strength has been reduced for over-the-counter sale.

**QUESTION:** What are some guidelines for specific uses of over-the-counter drugs?

**ANSWER:** The over-the-counter drugs can be divided into several groups, based on the medical symptoms they treat.

For coughs of a simple, non-productive nature, expectorant preparations are recommended, such as Robitussin or Guaifenesin. The cough reflex is a necessary one, so you don't want to "quiet" it entirely. A.H. Robbins Co. has a formula called Robitussin DM which acts as an expectorant and yet soothes a cough at the same time.

For sinus and allergy problems, antihistamines are helpful. Benadryl is commonly used to help dry runny noses in children. It also acts as a mild sleep-inducer. (a side effect) There are some ineffective sinus preparations on the market, so talk to your pharmacist or doctor before buying one!

Some antihistamine preparations, with other added ingredients, have some unfortunate side effects, such as raising the blood pressure, so a person who is already being treated for blood pressure problems should always consult a doctor, or pharmacist before taking sinus medications.

Some sinus medications contain phenylpropanolamine, a chemical also used in appetite suppressants. I don't encourage the use of sinus products containing this chemical because it causes stimulation of the Central Nervous System and in

many people this leads to jitters or "hyperness," especially in children.

Nose sprays are also available for relief of sinus congestion. Neo-synephrine is the Granddaddy of these, but Afrin, a relative newcomer to the market, has enjoyed great success. It works for 12 hours; however, using too much can cause a headache, so follow the instructions for dosage. Normal saline sprays or drops are growing in popularity for nasal congestion.

For pain of a general nature, over-the-counter drugs include the ibuprofens, such as Mediprin, Advil, Nuprin, etc (brand names), the acetaminophens, such as Tylenol, and aspirin. Ibuprofen is now available in 200 milligram pills without a prescription. It is easier on the stomach than aspirin. For a headache, Extra-Strength Tylenol in caplet form is what I recommend for adults.

Tylenol and Panadol are the pain relievers most used for children, because aspirin should not be given to them. Children treated with aspirin for fever have an increased risk of developing Reye's Syndrome, which is a disease causing inflammation of the liver following a viral infection. Reye's Syndrome can be fatal without medical care.

A new use for low-dose or "baby" aspirin has developed in recent years. Adults are taking it not for pain but for their hearts. Aspirin has been shown to reduce the risk of myocardial infarction (heart attack) and stroke in those at risk for stroke.

For excessive stomach acid, there are many kinds of non-prescription antacids. I think it is a good idea for people to stay away from those containing aluminum, because the body stores aluminum instead of getting rid of it. The aluminum compounds in some of these products acts as an absorber and neutralizer of acid, but there are others which are equally effective which do not contain aluminum, such as Riopan.

Eye problems should always be treated by a doctor. Pharmacists' over-the-counter products for the eye are limited to those which remove redness, such as Visine.

Ear problems are also best treated by a physician. Pharmacists are now limited to selling over-the-counter products which soften ear wax, such as Debrox and ERO. Years ago, we could sell pain relievers for the ear without a prescription. Preparations containing Antipyrine and Benzocaine would kill the pain and ignore the problem causing it instead of getting the problem taken care of professionally. This often led to complications of the original problem.

**QUESTION:** Is there any new direction of the over-the-counter medications?

**ANSWER:** There is currently a renewed interest in the medicinal properties of herbs. The trend is to assist the body in its own natural healing ability. Many herbs can

treat problems without risking unwanted side effects. Pharmacists definitely need more schooling in the field of herbal medicine.

There are many other over-the-counter items of value to aid our problems of health needs. We are always happy to assist the customer in any manner.

ORVILLE BRUMMET, R. Ph., has been a registered pharmacist at Spearman Rexall Drug since 1962. He is a Class of 49 graduate of Perryton High School. After receiving his Bachelor of Business Administration degree (with a major in accounting) in 1964 from Texas State, Brummet completed his Bachelor of Science in pharmacy at Southwestern University's School of Pharmacy in Weatherford, Ok., in 1969. In this same year, he passed the Texas and Oklahoma State Boards of Pharmacy and has been licensed by both states to this day.

Brummet's first pharmacy position upon the completion of his professional training was at Sator's Rexall Drug Store. In 1981, he returned to Perryton to open a new drugstore, Modern Drug. He came to Spearman in 1962 to work for Spearman Rexall's owner, Bruce Sheets. Brummet bought the store from Sheets in 1986.

When asked his favorite aspect of his pharmacy career, Brummet replied, "It's certainly not the paperwork!" He explained that "third party pay" insurance plans and welfare and Medicare programs have created mountains of new forms for pharmacists. Brummet much prefers working with people to paper.

Brummet and his wife Colene, who manages the store with him, have a son and daughter. Their son Terril is a systems analyst for Halliburton in Duncan, Ok. and their daughter Dalynn is a registered pharmacist in Mission, Ks. who is currently studying to be a chiropractor. The Brummetts have three grandchildren.

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Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Virgil Swift officiating. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery in Enid.

## Obituary

### Eunice Stafford

Eunice Stafford, 86, died Sunday, Feb. 5 in Enid, Okla.

Services were held Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Virgil Swift officiating. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery in Enid.

She was born June 26, 1902 in Houston, Tx. She married Mr. Orval Stafford in 1926 at Gainesville, Tx. The couple moved to Enid in 1947. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1980.

Survivors include two sons: O.C. (Pete) Stafford of Spearman and Travis Stafford of Wichita, Kan.; two daughters, Mrs. Rachel Newman of Nash, Okla.; Mrs. Arvilla Morrison of Enid, two sisters, Mrs. Elice Stafford of Woodward, Okla., and Mrs. Veal Lack of Wynnewood, Okla.; and 24 grandchildren.

### Edward Lill Rorex

Edward Lill Rorex, 66, died at his home in Freeport, La., Thursday, Feb. 2.

A memorial service was held at First United Methodist Church in Freeport Sunday, Feb. 5, with the pastor, the Reverend James E. McCullar, officiating. Freeport Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Burial was in Panhandle, Tx., beside his parents, Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Edward was born Sept. 17, 1922, the fifth of eight children born to Joe and Lydia Lill Rorex at their home in Panhandle. His father and his mother were reared in pioneer homes there. Schooling was at Panhandle from first grade to senior year when he graduated as Salutatorian.

Following two years at Texas Tech, he was instructor in primary flight training for U.S. Air Force at Avon Park, Fla., followed by two years of active duty, during WWII. Afterward he graduated from the University of Texas with a BBA degree in accounting.

In 1961 he obtained a Texas CPA Certificate, and in 1961 he opened a Certified Public Accountant office which he operated until the time of his death.

He is survived by Josephine Rorex Bird of Robert Lee, Tx.; Louise Rorex Holt and husband,

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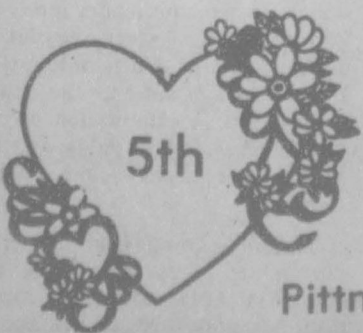
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**Fund set up at Gruver bank for accident victim**

Residents of Hansford County have set up a Lee Bort Hospital Fund at the Gruver State Bank in Gruver. Lee Bort, 15-year-old son of Bob Bort, was injured in an automobile accident last Saturday on the Gruver Highway. The fund has been established to help pay for his hospital stay.

Bort is currently in intensive care at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He is stabilized but still has many problems to overcome. Friends of the family have asked others for prayers and cards in his behalf.

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**Read my lips**

How can we balance the budget with politicians who are unbalanced?

George Bush keeps saying, "No new taxes," and the Democrats keep saying, "We don't read lips."

One thing we had better learn to read is walls and the handwriting on them. "Give me your tired, give me your poor, give me your huddled masses yearning to be taxed."

We either have to have higher taxes, higher revenues, or higher IQ's.

If you don't know what I'm talking about, your taxes are going up first.

Perish the thought that government expenditures should be "altered." That's an old veterinarian term used in reference to cats.

Besides, it seldom works to everybody's satisfaction, especially the cats. It just shifts their area of interest and they become "fat cats."

Well, the fat cats in government are working on it. A 50% increase in their salaries is a

wonderful start and it makes sense. If the country is going in the hole, what's 50% of nothing?

It's a great incentive. Sort of like promising your son-in-law a rebate if he will just stick to the job and handle his own offspring.

So if we are to have no new taxes, where will the money come from? Read my lips. Old taxes.

From old taxpayers.

For old George.

An increase in an old tax is not a new tax is it? Nobody can deny that a foal develops into a racehorse and gallops down the track with lots of suckers betting on him.

The experts say the old taxes to watch are the so called sin taxes. Gambling, liquor, and cigarettes. That idea was thought up in the smoke-filled saloons down at the government racetrack.

Imagine this. The government pays farmers a subsidy to grow tobacco, pays the surgeon general to tell us not to smoke it, then wants to cleanse it of sin by taxing the hell out of it.

No wonder all those drunken jockeys had their growth stunted.

Then there is the value added tax, VAT for short. That stands for the VAT that will hold the money raised by it; and the gasoline added tax, GAT, which represents the instrument held to our head. In government jargon, it's all basic added deviation or BAD.

The only hope for the government to get out of this mess gracefully is for George to receive a letter from Ed McMahon that says, "Congratulations. You may have already won Japan."



The gravity of the moon is about one sixth that of earth.

**GTE - seven companies join to make one**

GTE's seven domestic telephone companies, recently reorganized operationally into a single, nationwide telephone unit, will be called GTE Telephone Operations, according to an announcement today by Kent B. Foster, president, GTE telephone operations group. This change is effective immediately.

The seven companies to be identified as GTE Telephone Operations are:

GTE California Incorporated, GTE Northwest Incorporated, and GTE Hawaiian Tel (to be identified as GTE Telephone Operations-West Area);

GTE Florida Incorporated, and GTE South Incorporated (to be identified as GTE Telephone Operations-South Area);

GTE North Incorporated (to be identified as GTE Telephone Operations-North Area);

GTE Southwest Incorporated (to be identified as GTE Telephone Operations-Southwest Area).

Foster noted that the changes reflect the company's recent reorganization, its new nationwide sales and service coverage, changes in the business environment, advances in technology and the broad range of new products and services offered by the company.

In addition to the newly-consolidated General Office headquarters and the four Operating Areas, the overall GTE Telephone Operations Group is comprised of British Columbia Telephone, Quebec Telephone, CodeTel (in the Dominican Republic), and GTE Data Services. These companies will retain their existing names.

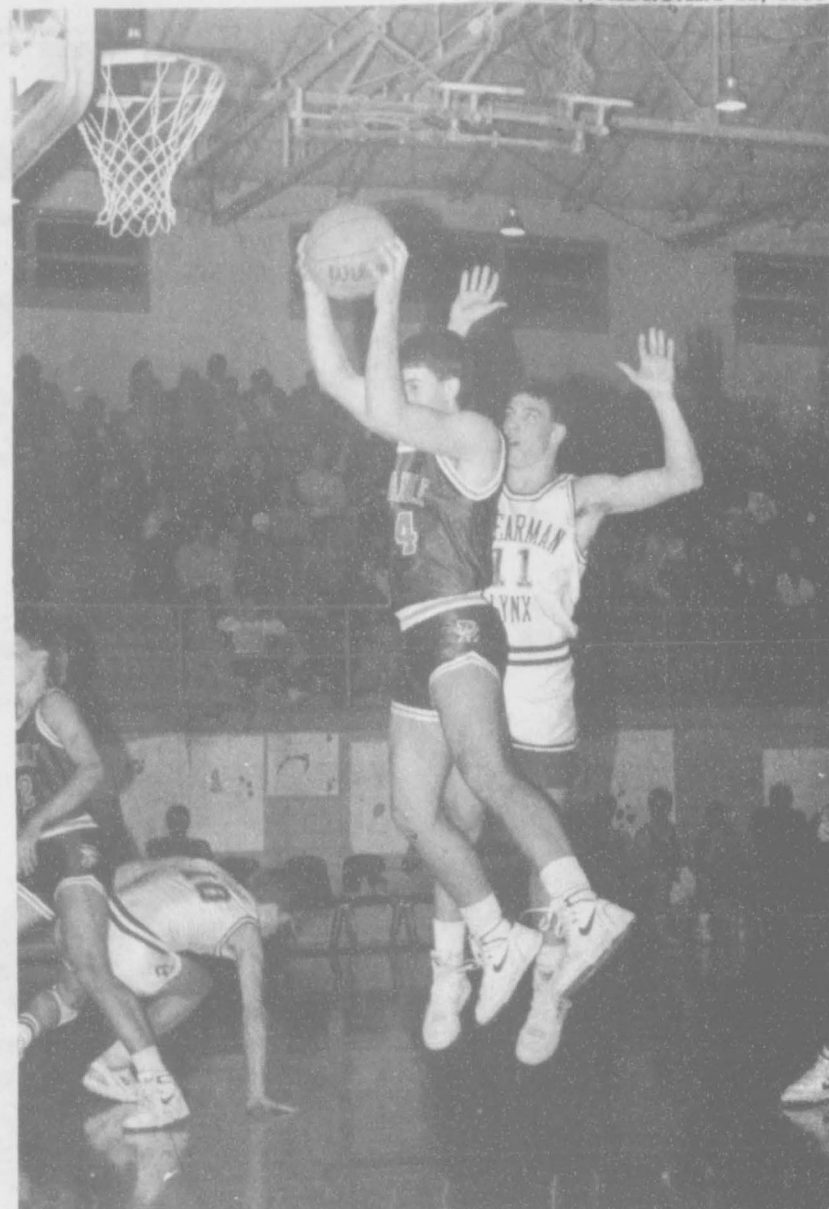
**THANK YOU**

We can never adequately thank so many wonderful people who have prayed, visited us, sent cards, called, brought food and been so concerned about Bruce.

Thanks to Dr. Behney, and all of the personnel in the Hansford Hospital and Manor.

A "Special Thanks" to Carol Dunnahoo, therapist, and the many men who have given Bruce 'walking therapy' twice a day for several weeks.

May God Bless You All  
Bruce and Freda Sheets



Shawn Cook was trying to block this shot and will go up for the rebound against Panhandle. The Lynx took the victory in the game. photo courtesy of Anthony Wilkerson

**Two SHS students gain trip to Austin**

Last week at the UIL Band Contest, two Spearman high school students gained a first division in class one solo contest. April Graham and Jennifer Reimer will now be qualified to go to state band contest in Austin the first weekend in June.



Reimer plays the trumpet and Graham plays the drums. The pair were also members of the Panhandle Honor Band who performed at Panhandle State University last month.

**Southwest Airlines offer lower fares**

Southwest Airlines will offer late-night flyers the advantage of even lower fares when it begins "Night Flight" fares of just \$29 one-way between Dallas and Houston, Amarillo, Austin, San Antonio, Tulsa, or Midland/Odessa. Beginning Feb. 8, this \$29 one-way fare is the lowest unrestricted fare between Dallas and these six cities on all flights scheduled at 9 p.m. or later or before 6 a.m.

"Our 'Night Flight' fares are an extension of Southwest's traditional low-fare philosophy," noted Don Valentine, Southwest's vice president-marketing, "and our customers are the beneficiaries. Southwest continues to police air fares and look for ways that its travelers can take advantage of travel bargains during off-peak flights."

While the "Night Flight" fares are totally unrestricted, reservations are suggested. The new "Night Flight" fares are available through travel agents or by calling Southwest Airlines directly.

"Night Flight" fares represent a savings of about 60 percent off the regular peak fares between Dallas and these cities.

**Team wins first place in Dumas**

The women's basketball team from Spearman sponsored by Gillaspie Motor Co. won their first game. The team played Contel of Dumas at the Dumas YMCA on Feb. 9. They won 55-26. Leading the scorers was Janet Walser with 19, Andrea Mires and Jenni Morris with 11 each, Karla Flowers with 5, Cissy Gibson with 4, Teri Cagle with 3 and Judith Schaefer with 2.

The womens next game is Thursday, Feb. 16 at 8:15 against Stinnett. The game will be played at the Dumas YMCA.

**BABY SHOWER**  
You Are Cordially Invited  
To A Baby Shower  
Honoring  
Emily Dawn  
daughter of  
Mark and Leann Hood  
Saturday Feb. 18th  
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**DAD & MOM**

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Brian, Brett, &

Chad

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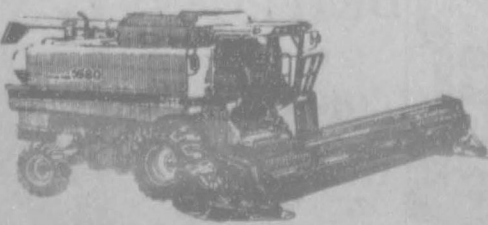
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc., in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice that on December 5, 1988, the Cooperative filed an Application to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to extend its Hardesty Exchange Service Area in Hansford County, Texas, southward approximately nine miles to include an uncertified and unserved area of approximately 59 square miles. The area being requested to be certified for telephone service to the Cooperative adjoins the telephone service boundary of GTE Southwest Incorporated on the East and South and the telephone service area of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company on the West. The rates and regulations for local exchange service in the new service area will be those presently approved by the PUC for the Hardesty Exchange. These changes may affect residents in this new service area.

The Commission has assigned this matter to Docket 8452. Persons with questions or who desire more information about the required change are encouraged to contact the Cooperative at (405) 338-2556 or at 603 S. Main St. (P.O. Box 1188), Guymon, Oklahoma 73942. A complete copy of the filing is available at the offices of the Cooperative.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission within two weeks from the date of this publication, but, in any event, as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission, Public Information Office at (512) 458-0223, (512) 458-0227 or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

**Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**  
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Hillery

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids for insurance coverage as listed below will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, at the office of the City Manager up until 2:00 p.m., April 4, 1989, and then publicly opened and read. The City is seeking bids on the following insurance coverage: General Liability, Auto Liability, Casualty Insurance, Public Officials Liability, and Umbrella Policy.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the closing hour will be returned unopened.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope "Insurance Bid." Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the City Manager, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081.  
S15S 2tc Sun only

**JR. HIGH-ELEMENTARY MENU**  
FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 17

- MONDAY**  
BURRITOS  
PINTO BEANS  
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MONKEY BREAD  
MILK
- TUESDAY**  
FRIED CHICKEN  
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY  
MIXED VEGETABLES  
BREAD SLICE  
PURPLE PLUMS  
MILK
- WEDNESDAY**  
LASAGNA  
SEASONED GREEN BEANS  
CARROT STICKS  
BREAD STICKS  
MIXED FRUIT  
MILK
- THURSDAY**  
HAMBURGERS  
FRIES  
LETTUCE/TOMATO  
PICKLE/ONION  
COOKIE  
MILK
- FRIDAY**  
CORNDOGS  
MACARONI CHEESE  
BLACKKEYED PEAS  
FRESH APPLE WEDGES  
CAKE  
MILK

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These students will have their entrants in the PTA Reflections district competition. [top, l-r] Regan Baumgardner, Tom Kirk, John Holt; not pictured are Ben Queener and Jason Sutterfield. [front] Tina Boxwell, Pat Hunter, Trey Porter.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**  
**MOM**  
We love you,  
Curtis, Marlene, Brian,  
Brett & Chad

**THANK YOU**  
I am grateful for the cards, letters, prayers, and gifts that I received during my recent illness. Times like these make a person appreciate anew the importance and love of family and friends. The employees of Hickerson's Jewelers did a great job of taking the reins so my family could be with me. I appreciate our customers continued support during this time.  
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Happy Valentine's Day!  
Kelly, Clint & Cindy  
Love, Mom

**County extension office offers "Spring Fling"**

The "Center" of attention! That's what mature adults 55 and over will be at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood when hundreds will enthusiastically participate in the Ninth Annual Spring Fling during April and May, says Karen Babitzke, Hansford County Extension Agent - H.E.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, five consecutive weeks are offered from which men and women alike may choose:

- Spring Fling I - April 4 - 7
- Spring Fling II - April 11 - 14
- Spring Fling III - April 18 - 21
- Spring Fling IV - April 25 - 28
- Spring Fling V - May 2 - 5

Featured educational programs and activities offer a wide variety of topics to fulfill highest expectations of all who attend. Topics include exploring insurance options, cooking demonstrations, new tax laws, floriculture, and more. Energizing and relaxing recreational opportunities will stimulate enthusiasm while all will welcome great fellowship and new friends.

Learning Centers will offer "hands-on" experience in a variety of areas such as oil painting, wind chime making, needlecrafts, antique restoration, country crafts, collectibles, and more.

Boat rides, guided nature tours, and fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Swimming in the olympic-sized pool, lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card and table games round out the event.

A special theme of "Spring Roundup" will provide a festive atmosphere to the newly expanded facilities. Thursday night's theme party will feature "The Wild, Wild West"!

Call your county Extension office today at 659-2030 or 733-2901.

**Among the Neighbors**

by HELEN FISHER

Coming to brighten the home of Mark and Leann Hood is Emily Dawn, a daughter. She arrived via Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo on Feb 5, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

She is the first grandchild of Hoyt and Frances Biles of Spearman. Her other grandfather is William Hood of Lubbock. Great grandmothers are Myrtle Whitley of Kenton, Okla. and Susan Campbell, Lorenzo.

Graveside services were held in Panhandle for Edward Lill Rorex, 66, Monday. He was the brother of Louise Holt, and cousin of Louis Lemons. In addition of Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lemons, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Holt attended the services.

Sympathy is extended to them.

Haley and Boyd Rice are announcing the arrival of a son on Feb. 5. Tarin Candler weighed 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long when he arrived at the Memorial hospital in Perryton.

Grandparents are A.D. and Sharon Reed, Spearman, and Sonny and Gloria Rice, Brenham. Great grandparents are T.C. and Lou Harvey, Spearman; Dale and Virginia Rice, Crockett; and Z. Candler Smith, Brenham.

3 1/2 year old brother, Tatum, is hoping to begin training him immediately for his future role in Tatum and Tarin, Team Ropers!

All those residents having birthdays in January were honored at the monthly party at Hansford Manor. They were Pauline Johnson, Mildred Dailey, Myrtel Henderson, Dale Womble and Ora Sanders.

Musical entertainment was furnished by a couple from Enid, Okla. who were a niece and nephew of Juanita Boxford.

The Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary served pie and coffee.

On Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, Mr. Hansford Manor and Mrs. Hansford Manor will be chosen. The selections will be made by votes from the residents and staff.

New residents of the manor are Ward Spivey, Tovera Umphress, Pearl Shapley, all of Gruver; Clarence and Ester Weeks of Guymon and Will Douglas of Spearman, making a total of 68.

An interesting article in the Oklahoma City paper of Feb. 9 brings the bull moose odyssey up to date. Excerpts from the article mention that the wandering bull moose that has been seen on occasion in the Oklahoma and

Texas Panhandles is in deep trouble in western Kansas. The Kansas Wildlife Officials said the big bull is in poor body condition and appears to be suffering from severe parasite infestation.

The article further states that the animal was first observed in South Dakota, and since had traveled through Nebraska, Kansas, and the Oklahoma Panhandle into the Texas Panhandle (in the Spearman area) and was last seen in Oklahoma near the Optima Wildlife Refuge.

However, the item continues, nobody knows where the moose came from. It could have migrated from Montana, Wyoming, Colorado or perhaps Minnesota. All those state have native moose populations.

Kansas officials said the animal may be returned to the Kirwin National Wildlife Refuge where it apparently prospered during the summer. The Kansas Wildlife Agency said when the moose returned to that state in November, its health had deteriorated. Veterinarians who recently observed the animal hope to capture it, nurse it back to health and release it in its natural habitat.

**Club News**

**RAINBOWS & RANGLERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

Oklahoma cowboy, Murry Beasley, called the Plus Dance, Thursday night - Feb. 9 at the Hansford County Barn. Beginners' Lessons were from 7 to 8 p.m. prior to the Plus Dance. Dancers traveled from all over the Panhandle to dance to the tunes.

Visitors from Kansas were: Maude and Cecil Stewart of Elkhart; and Don and Carol Gillespie of Liberal. From Oklahoma were Lester and Peggy Miller of Goodwell; and Dean White and Nina DePriest of Mooreland. Texans included Harry and May Reynolds from Dalhart; Shorty and Leola Albert of Fritch; Ray and Wilma Pershall of Dumas; Jack Clark from Booker and from Perryton Ed and Lois Merydith, Marvin and Ra-Donna Hessel, June Kindy, Violet Helker, James and Norma Burris, Margaret Swinney, Carolyn Baker, Danny Witt, and Landrum Osborne.

The members present were Joe and Wanda Archer, Cecil and Myrna Biggers, Benny and Joyce Byers, Danny and Debbie Herrington, Sonny and Marlane Nollner, Delbert and Louise Timmons, and Johnny and Virginia White.

The groups next dance will be Saturday Feb. 25 with Freddie McKee from Amarillo calling.

Carpenter Family,  
Roses are red  
Violets are blue.  
If I had a choice  
It would still be  
**HAPPY VALENTINE'S** you.  
Love Carolyn

**HELP FOR SMOKERS WHO WANT TO QUIT**  
1-800-4-CANCER.



These youth had work selected to enter district competition in the PTA Reflections contest, primary division. Top row [l-r] Jennifer Schnell, Kathryn Murphy, Ashley Brown; [front] Darcy McGee, Erin Boxwell, Chelsea Nollner; not pictured - Janna Brock.

**A Proud Experience**  
by Regan Boxwell

One day, Jodi Katsapillass discovered that she had a knack for writing. She wrote stories and poems. She let her thoughts flow like water from a faucet. She was assigned to compose a paper for a writing contest. She thought about her topic, "A Proud Experience." At first, she decided to do a story about a girl that won a writing award. Later, Jodi decided against that idea. She wanted more. She wanted a story with more depth. She finally decided to write about Ronald Reagan and how proud he was when he became President of the United States of America. Also, about the struggle he underwent to achieve his goal.

When she turned in her paper she felt that she could win the contest. She felt that all of the research had paid off. When the results were posted on the bulletin boards, she looked at the paper. She had won first place! Jodi received a medal in the auditorium in front of the whole school. She was known for this the rest of her school years. This was a proud experience for Jodi Katsapillass.

**A Proud Iespereince**  
by Janna Brock

One of my proudest iespereinces is riding my four-wheeler. When I am at my familys barn. That is when we ride it. Sometimes when we are trying to start it it yousely won't start. It is worth waiting for grandpa to get the badirey to start working because then we have so much fun. He yousely gets it started then we all jump on. I am always the one to get to drive first. When I start driving I see lots of things. I see things like dirt hills and dusty paths. When we were

riding it on Sunday we went all around the barn area. After that we rode through dusty roads and we rode to the airport. Soon we were going back to the barn and got in the pick-up and went home. I can't wait till I ride the four-wheeler again!

**My Proud Experience - A Pilgrim Ancestor**  
dictated by Kathryn Murphy

I am glad to be in America and be free. I have a Pilgrim ancestor, named Peter Brown and I am happy because he wanted to be free to make his own choices and to worship the way he wanted.

Not everyone has a Pilgrim ancestor. They were special because they were the first ones to be free. He was brave for going on the Mayflower.

I am glad to be in America and the reason I'm here is because of my ancestor, Peter Brown.

**Carrying the Flag on Veteran's Day**  
by Tom B. Kirk

On Veteran's Day I carried the flag. I was nervous, proud, and excited.

I wore my Scout uniform to the gym. Stand up straight, Listen to the band, and sing the "Star Spangled Banner."

A Boy Scout tells us to go. I hold the flag high in the air. Walk steady, cross in front, put the flag in the stand.

Stand at attention, Salute, Pledge Listen to the ceremony.

We folded the flag. I shook the speakers hand. Proudly, I went back to class.

**Wedding Shower**

honoring

Shannon Rylant Owens

Sat. Feb. 18, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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