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Hansford Happenings

Outbreak of Parvo virus in Hansford County

There is an active outbreak of Parvo virus in Hansford County. This virus is air born and can be fatal to dogs. If your dogs have not been vaccinated or needs a yearly booster, you should take them to your veterinarian as soon as possible.

Grill Fires Allowed At Lake

The Palo Duro Lake officials will allow grill fires during the 4th of July weekend. They do urge caution and care as the area is still dry and prone to fires.

Spearman Heritage Throws

The Spearman Heritage Throws have been reordered. Delivery of blankets will be around April 9th. If you would like one of the Heritage Throws reserved for you, call the Chamber at 659-5555. All throws are navy.

1996 Ambassadors of the Association Free Lutheran Bible School

The 1996 Ambassadors of the Association Free Lutheran Bible School will be presenting a program of Gospel music at an outdoor concert one mile south of the Oslo Lutheran church, on Sunday, July 7 at 8:30 p.m. The team will travel over 10,000 miles this summer singing at various churches and camps. Members of the team are: Amy Jo Hill, Radcliffe, IA; Elizabeth Welsch, Amery, WI; Rochelle Landblom, Manning, ND; Ben Monseth, Rogers, MN; Scott Mundrom, Greeley, CO. They are accompanied by Mr. Justin Jones. Justin is a Bible School graduate and also a graduate of Northwestern College with a major in math education. He has been the Assistant basketball coach at AFLBS for the past two years. The Association Free Lutheran Bible School of Minneapolis, Minnesota offers a college equivalent, two year study of the Bible and other related subjects. The Public is cordially invited.

3-on-3 Basketball Leagues

Sign-up forms for 3-on-3 Basketball Leagues are now available at Spearman City Hall and the Police Department. Men's and Women's Leagues are being formed. All games will be on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall playground. For more information, call 659-2524.

Fireworks Safety

The Hansford County Commissioner's Court will not ask George W. Bush, Governor of the State of Texas, for a ban on fireworks being used in the county, but the Commissioner's Court will ask the citizens of Hansford County to please use common sense and safety when using fireworks. Please remember how dry our county is and the hazards an out-of-control fire would be.

Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Has Barbecue For Sale

The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department has Barbecue for sale at \$5.00 a pound, or 20 pounds or more for \$4.00 a pound. Call Randy Kirk or any fire fighter to purchase.

Dust Bowl Pictures Wanted

Did you or someone in your family live through the Dirty Thirties? Do you have family photos and landscapes of the thirties? Steward/Gazit Productions of New York is working on a documentary for public television about the Dust Bowl. They're seeking personal stories of what it was like to live and work during that period - whether as a farmer, a house wife, a businessman, etc. Call COLLECT at (212)865-4133 or go by the Hansford County Library and sign up.

Pee Wee Football

Any boys that will be in grades 3rd-6th for the 1996-97 school year and are interested in playing pee wee football and/or any parents that would be willing to help organize, please call Rick Howard at 659-2875 or George Rex at 659-5210.

July 4th Fireworks Display at Palo Duro Lake

July 4, at Palo Duro Lake, there will be a fireworks display sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce of Spearman and Gruver. For more information, call 659-5555 or 733-5114. We would like to remind you to use extreme caution when at the lake. Conditions of the display must be approved by Fire Departments.

Kid's Cooking School In Gruver

Free Demonstration for kids ages 7 and up featuring recipes, tasting and hands-on. Thursday, July 11th, 10:30 a.m., LaCasita Room, Gruver State Bank. Presented by Karen Russell, SPS Home Economist and Hansford County Extension Service. Call 733-2333 or 659-4130 for reservations.

In The Panhandle

Canadian July 4th Celebration and Rodeo

Canadian's 108th July 4th Celebration kicks off on Thursday, July 4th, at 9:00 a.m., with three days of excitement. The River Valley Pioneer Museum will have special rodeo exhibits and will be open to the public July 4th and 5th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and July 6, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Entrance to the Museum is free but donations are accepted. Other activities will include the 19th annual Sagebrush Painters Art Show, an Arts and Crafts Show, a Turtle Race, Old Timers Reunion and Barbecue, a free Watermelon Feast, and three performances of the "oldest rodeo in the Panhandle". Information for all of the 4th of July events can be obtained by calling the Canadian-Hemphill County Chamber of Commerce at 323-6234.

Red Cross Offers Course

The American Red Cross will be conducting a Community First Aid and Safety Course July 15th and 16th. The adult CPR portion of the course will be conducted Monday, July 15th from 6-10 p.m. The infant and child portion will be conducted Tuesday from 5-7:30 p.m. The standard First Aid will be offered Tuesday from 7:30-10 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call the Perryton Red Cross office weekday mornings at 435-8175.



1996-97 Spearman Rotary Officers: Worth Whitworth, Vice-President; Ginger Turner, President; Larry Butts, President-Elect; and Jack McWhirter, Secretary/Treasurer.

Fire Hazards Still High

Scattered rain showers across the state have done little to dampen concerns about the use of fireworks this July Fourth holiday.

"We're optimistic," Bobby Young, associate director of Forest Resource Protection with the Texas Forest Service, says of the recent rains. "But we also realize that we're not out of the woods by any means. By the Fourth of July it (rainfall) may all be gone, so we're concerned."

Much of the state remains gripped by drought, and wildfire conditions remain high across most of West and Central Texas.

The "fire siege of 1996" has claimed more than 500,000 acres so far this year. In East Texas alone, more than 65,000 acres have been charred through May - about 3.5 times more than was lost in all of 1995.

And drought has dried up thousands more.

It would be "tragic" to lose any more Texas land, especially to something like fireworks, Young says.

In an attempt to prevent fireworks-related wildfires, several counties in the Panhandle recently banned the sale, use and possession of fireworks. Other

counties and cities across the state are also considering similar action. Young hopes those local officials will first gather input from their local fire departments about the situation and how they feel about the fire danger.

Gray County turned to the governor's office for help earlier this month. County officials asked for and were granted an executive order from Gov. George W. Bush banning the use and sale of fireworks because of the drought and extreme fire hazard there.

But, the governor's office is urging other counties planning similar action to use the provisions of a new state law, HB 828, which allows counties to limit the use and sale of certain aerial fireworks during times of drought, provided the county designates a safe area where such fireworks can be used.

The Texas Pyrotechnic Association, which represents most of the fireworks industry in the state, has voluntarily banned the sale of aerial fireworks such as bottle rockets.

Professional displays aren't affected.

So, Young encourages Texans to enjoy such organized shows put on for July Fourth.

Tucker Participates In Tour



Justin Tucker, a 1995 graduate of Spearman High School, was recently selected to participate in the summer marching tour of the Northshore Drum & Bugle Corps of Scarborough, Ontario, which is near Toronto in Canada. Justin flew to Buffalo, New York, on Sunday, June 23, to join Northshore for their week-long

camp at Lewiston, N.Y. On June 28, the group will start their tour of competitions and performances beginning in Waltham, Massachusetts.

The Corps. will also tour Montreal, Quebec, many cities in Ontario, many cities in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, New Jersey, North Carolina, West Virginia, and ending for the last week in Orlando, Florida for the D.C.I. Championship competition around the middle of August.

Justin, the son of Glenda Close of Spearman and Garland Tucker of Vernon, Texas, has been attending Oklahoma Panhandle State University for the past year where he played with the university marching band, concert band, and jazz band.

Spearman Rotary Hosts Banquet

The Spearman Chapter of Rotary International sponsored a Rotary Installation Banquet on June 27, 1996 at the O'Loughlin Center. The Rotary Chapters from Canadian and Perryton were also in attendance.

At 7:00, a dinner was held. Judge Jim Brown of Spearman, welcomed the various members and led the flag salute after the invocation was given by Rich Melton, also of Spearman.

Ginger Turner of Spearman, Dean Looper of Canadian, and Edgar Womble of Perryton, then installed the officers for 1996-1997. Those officers for the Spearman Chapter are: Ginger

Turner, President; Larry Butts, President-Elect; Worth Whitworth, Vice-President; and Jack McWhirter, Secretary/Treasurer.

After the installation of officers, Randy Brillhart of Perryton presented Laurie Wilson, a graduate of Perryton High School, with the Gilbert Mize Scholarship which will be effective after she returns from her slate as a foreign exchange student.

Entertainment was given by the No Name Band from No Man's Land. After the entertainment, Ginger Turner closed the banquet with the Four-Way-Test.

Brack Ordained By UMC

Lynn E. Brack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Brack of Spearman, was ordained a Deacon of the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church on May 29, 1996. The ordination service was held at Boston Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa, OK. It was conducted by United Methodist Bishop Dan Solomon.

Rev. Brack is in his final year of graduate studies toward the Masters of Divinity Degree at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, in Dallas. His academic classification is cum laude (with honors). Upon completion of his

studies, he will return to the Oklahoma United Methodist Conference.

He is a 1970 graduate of Spearman High School. He graduated with honors from Central State University in Edmond, OK, in 1974 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Funeral Service. He was a director of Becker Funeral Home in Lawton, OK, until entering graduate school in 1994.

He and his wife, Kelly, live in Dallas with their son, Kellynn, age 4, and daughter, Victoria Elizabeth (Tori Beth), age 3.

Gruver FFA Members Attend Workshop

Justin Johnson, Rob Murrell and Jody Robinson of Gruver High School were among 89 FFA members who participated in the recent 34th annual FFA Electric Workshop, sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Co. in Amarillo.

The three-day workshop, held June 3-5, featured demonstrations, videos and lectures on subjects such as wiring farm buildings, assembly of electronic controls and electric safety.

"Southwestern Public Service Company is honored to host these talented young men and women," said Greg Boggs, SPS agricultural marketing consultant. "Their success is a credit to the ag-science curriculum taught by a talented and dedicated group of teachers."

Students from the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and eastern New Mexico attended. SPS employees and area agricultural-science teachers served as instructors. Clay Montgomery of Gruver High School attended with his students.

Southwestern Public Service Co. is a regional electric utility that primarily provides electric service to a population of about one million people in a 52,000-square-mile area comprising eastern and southeastern New Mexico, the South Plains and the Panhandle of Texas, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas. Corporate headquarters is in Amarillo, Texas.

Tournament Wins 2nd In State

The Lubbock Chapter of the American Cancer Society announced that the annual Lowe's Marketplace Golf Tournament finished second in the state in fundraising behind the Houston Memorial Golf Tournament. This is an outstanding achievement for the Lubbock Chapter.

The money raised by the Lowe's Marketplace Golf Tournament benefits local patient services.

Services include support groups for patients, transportation to and from cancer treatments, hospital beds and gift items such as wigs. These services are provided at no cost to local cancer patients.

This year's golf tournament will be held on July 22 at the Lubbock Country Club. For more information call the American Cancer Society at 792-7126 or the Lowe's Marketplace corporate office at 800-234-5258.

Laugh and Live

by Gary Smith

gcs@arn.net

"A man is incomplete until he is married. After that, he is finished." Zsa Zsa Gabor

This past weekend I spent some time with my father-in-law, Gerald Ritchie, from Midland, TX. Gerald is an educator and for many years served as an elementary school principal.

We talked about some of the crazy excuses that parents would write for their children. I looked through my stack of clippings and found these actual excuses that were submitted to teachers and principals.

"Please excuse Mary from being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps."

"My son is under the doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him."

"Please excuse Debbie for being absent. She was sick and I had her shot."

"Please excuse George being absent on Jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33."

"Annie could not come to school today because she was bothered by very close veins."

"Please excuse Steve for being. It was his father's fault."

"Lucy was absent from school yesterday as she was having a gangover."

"Please excuse Cathy. She has been sick and under the doctor."

"Please excuse Billy from P.E. for a few days. He fell yesterday out of a tree and misplaced his hip."

"Please excuse Diane from Jim yesterday. She is administrating." (Too much office work?)

"Please excuse Fred for being absent. He had a cold and could not breed well."

(And you thought I was a bad writer.)

Until the next time,
May God Bless
GCS

Anyone interested in joining the
Spearman Macintosh Users Group (SMUG)
call 659-3434 or 659-3703.

Wedding Shower for Mrs. Caleb Patterson

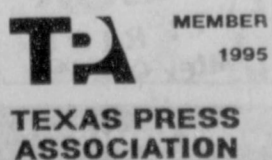
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Close/Purcell United In Marriage

On Saturday, June 8, at 7 o'clock p.m., Mike Close and Glenda Purcell were united in marriage at the Holt School. The bride was attended by her sister, Peggy Varnon of Spearman and the groom's best man was his son, Brandon Close of Amarillo, who also sang special music. The bride was given away by her sons, Freddie Tucker of Olton, and Justin Tucker of Spearman.

Candlelighter, Ring bearer, and Flower girls, all niece's and nephews of the groom, were Brad and Tayshia James and Blayne and Preslee Baker all of Spearman. Ushers were Eric and Richard Varnon, both nephews of the bride. Music was provided by Leon Beck, cousin of the bride, and photography was provided by Allen and Jason Varnon, brother-in-law and nephew of the bride, also of Spearman. Servers were Rhonda Baker and Pam Schnabel, nieces of the groom, both of Spearman. Serving the bride's cake was Becky Tucker of Olton, daughter-in-law, and Crystal Irvin of Borger, daughter of the bride. Sue Forsha of Guymon, OK, registered the guests. As an added surprise to the country wedding, the couple was given a ride on a horse-drawn stage-coach, compliments of Carole Stumpf,

sister of the groom, and friends, Rodney and Sharon Farber and Jim Shirley of Spearman.

Both Mike and Glenda were raised in the Holt Community. Mike, the son of the late Lelan and Billie Close, has been a life-long resident of Spearman and is employed as a transport truck driver for Phillips Petroleum Company. Glenda, the daughter of Richard and Betty Gaines and granddaughter of Olive "Babe" Pendergraft and the late Owen Pendergraft all of the Holt Community, was a resident of Stinnett for 16 years before moving to Spearman in 1993. She is currently employed as the Director of the Respiratory Care Department at Hansford County Hospital District. After a wedding trip to Estes Park, Colorado, Mike and Glenda will make their home here in Spearman.

Other out of town family members attending the wedding were: Linnie Copeland of Borger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Close and Christi Whitmire of Borger, Tawna Turner of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gaines of Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Steagall of Chickasha, OK, Bob Hurst and Lynette Ziese of Stroud, OK, and Mrs. Shirley Rice of San Antonio.

Spearman Team Attends Camp

Some of the Spearman Lynxettes from the high school team and the junior high team attended the OSU Cowgirl Team Camp in Stillwater this past weekend. 48 teams were present representing Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas. In the high school division, the Sr. Lynxettes posted a 5-4 record against some very impressive defending state champion teams. All teams were coached by their own school coaches but by UIL rules Texas coaches cannot coach their respective teams. The Senior team was coached by Leann Gillispie. Team members were Macy Shieldknight, Samantha

Beasley, Tara Butt, Jennifer Neff, Shayla Barber, Kristen Beedy, Lisa Swink, Misha Davis, Brooke Trantham, Keisha OQuin and Lindsey Smith.

The Junior High Lynxettes posted an unblemished 9-0 record in round robin play. Then lost a close game by three points in the championship round to Salisaw, OK, a team they had previously beaten by 15 points. Team members were Jennifer Schnell, Adrienne Simpson, Camille Smith, Halee Beasley, Brooke Lesly, Syd Woodington, Haley Lombard, Audra Sanders, and Amber Ramon. The Junior Lynxettes were coached by Ashley Patterson.

Agriculture Angle

Seven offices of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) have come together in a joint effort to improve water conservation on area farms. This will be accomplished by bringing the latest irrigation technology and management practices to the producers of the area. The Panhandle Irrigation Group (PIG) is comprised of offices in Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchison, Moore, Ochiltree and Sherman counties.

Due to the tremendous workload created by the 1985 Farm Bill in the late 1980's, the irrigation needs in the Texas Panhandle had to take a back seat to the Conservation Reserve Program and Conservation Compliance. Concerns about our water resources by NRCS, Soil and Water Conservation District Directors, private vendors and irrigated farmers have lead to the formation of the group. PIG will concentrate its efforts toward improving the irrigation technology used within the area.

The group was formed in November of 1995 by the NRCS to develop a plan to accomplish this purpose. These counties were selected, as they collectively have more than a million acres under irrigation. A number of elements make up this plan.

The group is in the process of mailing a questionnaire to a number of irrigators in the area to determine their irrigation needs, how to best serve them, and how to best deliver information to them. Also, an inventory of all

the NRCS offices in the area has been completed to determine what irrigation equipment and training they need to assist the irrigators in their work area.

A training program for NRCS field office personnel has been developed and has just recently begun. A vast amount of information is being accumulated on all facets of water management, including irrigation equipment, well testing, drip irrigation, and irrigated pasture. The group has worked with private companies on low pressure irrigation sprinklers and drop nozzle packages. Ridge-till farming is also an area of concentrated work by the group.

One tool prescribed by NRCS is the use of the PET Network. The Pet (potential evapotranspiration) is the rate which moisture is depleted from the soil by both the plant and the atmosphere. The Texas A&M System has developed this network to assist producers in determining the needs of the crop and the depletion rate of moisture from the soil. This model is used for a number of different crops including corn, milo, and wheat. The information is provided daily by fax and can be obtained at no charge.

The livelihood of this area depends on the conservation and wise use of rainfall and irrigation water. The NRCS and the Panhandle Irrigation Group hope to make a difference. For more information or assistance, contact the NRCS office at 659-2330.

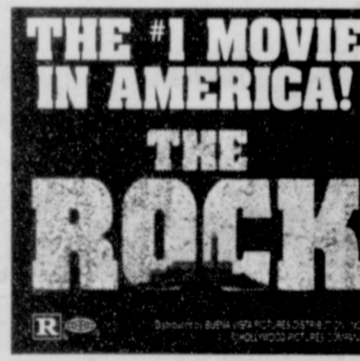
At The Movies

The Rock (R) - Sure, it's just another terrorist shoot-'em-up. But it's a terrorist shoot-'em-up with a pair of Oscar winners (Nicolas Cage and Sean Connery) squaring off against an evil Oscar nominee (Ed Harris). (Action, violence, language.)

The Phantom (PG) - No, theatre fans, Andrew Lloyd Webber was not involved. Billy Zane brings the Lycra-clad comic-page hero to life. (Action)

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Oslo Summer Olympic Games

July 7, 1996 - 5 - 10 p.m.
Stedje Park, 1 mile south of church
sponsored by Oslo Youth Group
for all ages!

- games, contests & activities for everyone - silly relays, 'elbow' tag, water balloon volleyball, horse shoes, '42', skill contests
- potluck picnic with BBQ pig ribs furnished - served at 7:30 p.m.
- concert by AMBASSADORS, 8:30 p.m.

For The Bride & Groom

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Couples Currently Registered

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Caleb & Ashly (Shieldknight) Patterson • July 6'
Denise Rojas & Jorge Arenivar • July 21'
Jami (Ralston) & Josh Conner • July 27'
Cinda Turner & Jack Wolf • July 29'
Alan Howell & Martha Arias • Aug. 5'
Clint Patterson & Ann Bredenburg • Aug. 17'
Mark Garnett & Karen Geddes • Aug. 24'
Haley Shieldknight & Joel Shields
Marcie Womble & Matt Barnes

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Hansford County Community Calendar July 4-15

Thursday, July 4
10:00 a.m. - Gruver July 4th Parade & Celebration
Fireworks Display At Palo Duro Lake

Sunday, July 7
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service, First Assembly of God Church
5:00-10:00 p.m. - Oslo Summer Olympic Games - Stedje Park in Oslo Community

Monday and Tuesday, July 8th & 9th
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon - Basic Sewing Workshop - Gruver High School Home Ec. Room

Thursday, July 11
10:30 a.m. - Kid's Cooking School in Gruver - LaCasita Room at Gruver State Bank

Saturday, July 13
Spearman Swim Meet
7:00 p.m. - Spearman Night at the Ballpark - Amarillo Dillas vs. Rio Grande Valley

Sunday, July 14
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service, Spearman First Baptist Church

Monday and Tuesday, July 15 & 16
Red Cross First Aid Course - Perryton

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

July 4
Birthdays - Barry Barkley, Donna Been, Gene Duncan, Mary Weldon, Farene Williams, Faye Cunningham, James Umphress, Ofelia Vela, June Patterson, and Melvyn Bradley
Anniversaries - Mike and Kathy Peck

July 5
Birthdays - Sydney Clawson, Kent Benton, Mrs. George Rook, Mack McLain, Linda Walker, Jamie Davis, Tom Dortch, Dawn Bridges, Conie Gibson Dixon, Blayne Schrader, Alfonso Martinez, and Melanie Elliott
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Bill Been, Mike and Kathy Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wilkerson

July 6
Birthdays - Scott Attwood, Shannon Eckhardt, Cathy Minter, Monte Beck, Rickey Shields, Gene Dennis, June Day, Kimberly Ann Vasquez, and Cody Benton

July 7
Birthdays - Terry Horton, Pat O'Connell, Steve Benton, Brenda Sue Bowling, Greg Meisner, Steve Lesly, Virginia Reyes, Magda Rivera, Brian Sparks, Justin Bowman, Daniel Ward, and Karen Pierce
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Bratton and Kelly and Johnie Fuller

July 8
Birthdays - Buddy Benton, Janna Nickles, Aaron Hart, Craig Morris, Gay Pipkin, Gregg Reimer, Luis Martinez, Jody Fowler, Samantha Prouty, Loree Espinosa, and Kathy Lindsey
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs.

Rodney Clawson, Leo and Phyllis Cummings, Mr. and Mrs. Rod Fulco, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Miesner

July 9
Birthdays - Beulah Bort, Edith Smith, Donna Farris, Johnny Jo Roach, Sally Swan, Kyle Kirk, Sean Travers Baker, and Donna Custard
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Finley, Billie Joanna (Moore) and Wayne Pierson, and Kevin and Ann Rook

July 10
Birthdays - Eunice Spivey, Steven Greever, Donna Sheets, Kay Reed, Loreene Kunsleman, Carolyn Shields, Cathy Gafford, Mitch Gillian, Belinda Francis, Felex Lopez, and Jolynda Vasquez
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Randy Kirk

July 11
Birthdays - Tara Chisum, Ida Edwards, H.M. Frazier, Louis Schnell, Marvin Jones, Danny Pope, Juanita Paul, Sharon Archer, Scott Russell, Kenneth Schaeffer, Debbie George, and Zeke Henson

July 12
Birthdays - Carolyn Fletcher, Larry Hicks, Justin Horton, Jolene Thompson, Tiffaney Yanke, Jenie Kirkiand, J.W. Jenkins, Cheryl Long, Glenda Guthrie, Olga Gafford, Lucas Biggs, Stan Josephson, Dustin Irbeck, and Charlie Spencer
Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson

Our Sympathy

Freddie Hamilton

Freddie Hamilton, 59, died Friday, June 28, 1996. Services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 1996 in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Ivey Chapel with the Rev. Randy Gressett, youth minister at First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Restlawn Cemetery at Hereford.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Floyd County and moved to Dimmitt in 1966 from Silverton. He married Jo Reynolds in 1956 at Silverton. He was a member of First Baptist Church and past member of Dimmitt Roping Club. He was employed at Champion Feedyard in Hereford.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Terry Robison of Hereford; his father, Winston H. Hamilton of Silverton; two brothers, Wayne Hamilton of Tulsa and Melvin "Red" Hamilton of Spearman; and two grandsons.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society or Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo, Texas.

Billy Paul Hazelwood

Billy Paul Hazelwood, 40, of 5104 Parker St., died Thursday, June 27, 1996.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 29, 1996 in Kingswood United Methodist Church with the Rev. Terry Tamplen of the church and the Rev. Clark Williams of First United Methodist Church of Floydada officiating. Burial followed in Llano Cemetery by Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hazelwood was born in Spearman. He graduated from Spearman high school in 1974 and from West Texas A & M University in 1992. He had lived in Amarillo for 20 years. He taught at Bonham Middle School from 1992 to 1994, when he started teaching homebound students for the Amarillo Independent School District. He married Kathy Kuhl in 1978 at Amarillo. He was a member of Kingswood United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Ryan Hazelwood and Caleb Hazelwood, both of Amarillo; his parents, Paul and Bette Hazelwood of Spearman; two sisters, Mary Sue McCauley of Austin and Debbie Needham of Amarillo; and a brother Greg Hazelwood of Waco.

The family will be 5104 Parker St., and requests memorials be to the Don and Sybil B. Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106; St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79176; or Kingswood United Methodist Church Building Fund, 4801 S. Austin, Amarillo, Texas 79110.

Neil Ruth Dodge

Neil Ruth Dodge, 63, of 911 N. Grant, died Monday, June 24, 1996. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 1996 in Memorial Chapel of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, with Mr. Windell Taylor, chaplain of V.A. Medical Center, officiating. Burial was at Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Ms. Dodge was born in Seagoville. She had lived in Amarillo for the past six years.

Survivors include her mother, Oma Gregston of Gruver; three sisters, June Wadley of Gruver, Carol Hughes of Casa Grande, Ariz., and Mary Jo Rainey of Bakersville, Calif.

Tammy & Chris White are having a baby, and It's A Girl!

You are invited to a shower for her on
Sunday, July 14, 1996
 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 at the home of Helen Melton, 616 Barkley.

Selections at
 Kids Stuff, Alco
 and Walmart

Prairie Garden Flowers

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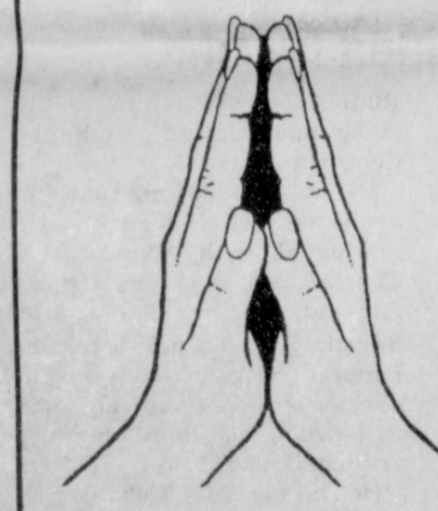
Yards of the Week - July 1st

Dan Carter
 621 S. Endicott

Ora Lee Blackburn
 322 S. Dressen

Ray Gibson
 822 S. Townsend

Troy Vanderburg
 707 Wilbanks



Let us replenish the seed of faith through...
DAILY BIBLE READING, PRAYER & REGULAR CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Focus On The Family

QUESTION: Would you describe the physical changes that occur with the aging process?

DR. DOBSON: The decline in old age is not just a sudden deterioration of all systems at the same level and the same time. There is an order of deterioration under normal circumstances. That is, if there is not some disease factor that changes it. This is the normal process of aging:

The first thing to diminish is the perceptual or sensory contact with the outside world. The lens of the eye loses its ability to contract and focus. So we wear bifocals to give us both distance and close vision. Cataracts further damage clarity of vision in some cases.

The conduction of sound is lessened by a wearing away of the three little bones in the ear. So we don't hear quite as well as before. Higher pitches are the first to go; then we lose perception at the lower ranges of sound. The taste buds in the mouth and tongue atrophy, so nothing tastes quite as good as it did previously. There is not the joy in eating that we once had.

The sense of smell is diminished which also makes food less tasty because much of the satisfaction in eating is derived from its pleasant odor.

There is a dryness and hardening of the skin which decreases the sense of touch. So all five senses diminish and become less capable of detecting information and relaying it to the brain.

Later, we experience a change in motor activity—the ability to move efficiently. Lack of fingertip control is the first loss we notice, followed by less dexterity of the hand, then wrist, elbow and shoulder. The lessening of coordination moves from the extremities to the center of the body. That's why shaky writing of an older person reveals his or her age.

Next, changes take place in the cardiovascular system. The fat in and around the heart forces it to work harder to accomplish the same purpose. When a person over exerts, it takes a longer time to return to his normal rate of circulation. A gradual stiffening of the arteries also adds to the cardiac strain. Cholesterol collects in the arteries and constricts the flow of blood which can lead to heart attacks, strokes and other cardiovascular disorders.

Furthermore, the autonomic nervous system no longer regulates the body's processes as efficiently, which exacerbates such problems as poor circulation.

Reproductive activity ceases at about 45 years of age in women and 50 or 60 years in men. Life no longer trusts us with its most precious gift of procreation.

To summarize: These are the major areas of change that occur in the process of aging. First, we experience perceptual deterioration. Second, the body undergoes a motor deterioration, that is physical changes relating to movement. If life continues beyond that point, a decline in mental alertness must occur.

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book DR. DOBSON'S ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS. Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Correspondence to Dr. Dobson should be addressed to: Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. (c), 1982

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Sam's Corner

by Sharon Moore

When one gets to a certain age (and I'm not about to reveal what that certain age is!), there comes a tendency to live in the past. That is just what we who are approaching that age should avoid, at all costs, no matter what it takes.

As we grow older, our ideas change, our tastes change, and our looks change (unfortunately), so we must change in attitudes. The only good the past can do for us is to teach us to somehow profit by our mistakes, and by the same token, to teach us to profit by the wisdom we have acquired.

True, there are many happy memories to recall of our two children, now grown, and of each other, now coming to our 25th wedding anniversary. We also have many long gone friends to remember, but each phase of life brings new and exciting moments if we allow it to be so. We can try to find other new and exciting adventures.

We cannot think too much about the future either, for it is in God's hands, and there is nothing that can change that. We should live the best we know how to do, one day at a time, and try not to look beyond that day. We should live life to the fullest extent possible, for when that day is done, it is gone forever.

There is so much to do, one has little time to dwell upon the mistakes of the past or worry about the future. We complain about this world full of pain, suffering, and often sorrow, but most of us find it interesting enough, with all the perplexities, to want to stick around as long as we are able to hear the birds sing (which I may add I've never been able to do because God sought to make me deaf, but not until our son left for the Marines have I ever in my life regretted being deaf - now I can't hear his beloved voice when he calls), to see the sun rise and the Texas sunsets, to exchange greetings with old friends, to help others, to attend worship of our God (whether it be private or church led), to smell the flowers, and to take as good care of ourselves as we can. The simple pleasures of life take on a new allure as one grows older, but we must not forget that we too were young once. We cannot look back too much, however, lest we, like Lot's wife, turn to a pillar of salt.

When I think of growing older, I like to recall the words from Bryant's poem, "Thanatopsis":
Sustains and soothed; By an unflinching trust, Approach thy

grave, Like one who wraps the drudgery of his couch, About him and lies down to only pleasant dreams." Beautiful, isn't it?

We who believe in the immortality of the soul remember the words of Jesus: "He who believeth on me shall never die, Believeth thou this?"

I wanted to write something from my soul and heart this time (especially since last week was so 'wacky,' but I'm trying to do a funny memory one week and be serious the next; I only hope you, the reader, enjoy reading Sam's Corner as much as I enjoy writing it). So - I leave you once again, until next week, in Sam's Corner, with my love to each of you.



Lance Henderson, 8 year-old-son of Kyle and Cindy Henderson and Grace Cobb, 11 year-old-daughter of Stan and Pam Cobb, were the winners of the Hansford County Library's Bookmark Contest.

Library Booknotes

by Sheri Benton

I was fortunate enough to be chosen as part of the TALL TEXANS Library Leadership Institute this year, and spent this past week at a ranch just outside of Austin at a workshop. This was an intensive week of seminars on leadership styles, personality types, effective leadership, etc. Hrambe Oaks, the ranch where this took place, is a rather rustic setting with no television and only one pay-phone in the entire area. It is designed as a chance to get away and do some very concentrated work in the area of leadership. This was a wonderful experience, and also provided some great chances for networking with other librarians. There are not many places that a small

county librarian can sit down and have a one-on-one discussion with the head of the Texas State Library, and the TALL TEXANS Institute provided just that opportunity. There were 24 of us chosen from all over the state, but I did win the prize for traveling the farthest. I was also the only librarian from a town the size of Spearman; most were from the larger, urban areas. What we did find interesting, though, is that there were many commonalities, even though we came from very different settings. All in all, this was a unique experience that I will always remember, and that I feel was very beneficial to me as an individual as well as to me as a librarian.

Thank You

A special thanks to the residents of the Holt Community and especially the Holt School and Cemetery Committee for permitting us to have our wedding at the Holt School. Since we were both raised and have such fond memories of living in the Holt Community, it truly made it an unique and memorable occasion. Thanks for your generosity.

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SISD Regular Session Held

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District met in Regular Session on June 10, 1996 in Room #114 of the High School at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Craig Schumann, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Hear From Patrons or Staff
* No one came before the Board.

Action Items
* Approved the contract for Assessment and Collection services with the Hansford County Appraisal District.

* Approved the contracts with Region XVI Education Service Center.

* Approved grant application for Academics 2000 - Reading Improvement Grant.

* Awarded gas/diesel bid to Golden Spread.

* Approved the Minutes of May 13, May 20 and May 22, 1996.

* Approved paying the bills of \$89,198.95.

* Approved Budget Amendments 19 and 20 for movement of existing funds.

* Received the financial report on the District and information on the fixed assets inventory from the Business Office.

Discussion Items
* Received information on the energy partner proposal. Additional information is being requested prior to action.

* Reviewed the AEIS Accountability Standards and recent TAAS scores for elementary and junior high students.

* Mr. Hargis reported on summer school activities at the elementary. Seventy-five to eighty students are being served this summer in four different programs.

* Sheri Benton gave an update on the meetings of the District Improvement Committee. The committee will continue to meet with the goal of having recommendations in March to the Board of Trustees.

* Mr. Murrey presented a list of various facility concern/needs. The first priority is for the Pre-K program at the elementary. An architect will be contacted concerning possible renovations to accommodate these needs.

* Reviewed the "corrected" Preliminary Property Tax Values as provided by the Appraisal District. The preliminary property values are \$214,284,094.00 which represents a loss of \$24,670,061.00. This will have a negative impact on the effective tax rate.

* Received a copy of the Preliminary Budget. These were very preliminary figures based upon request from school personnel

and projected salaries. Teacher salaries will increase due to the new state minimum salary schedule.

Superintendent's Report
Mr. Murray reported that:

* TEA had reported Spearman ISD administrative cost ratio at .131 which is below the standard of .1561.

* Nine students participated in state level activities during the spring.

* Several requests for additional personnel were under review.

Closed meeting
Reconvene into open meeting
Accepted the resignation of Kim Lozano.
Adjournment

Gladiola Flower Club News

submitted

The Gladiola Flower Club met Thursday, June 20 in the home of Jo Larson. President Dorothy Buzzard presided over the business meeting.

Roll call was answered and minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Virginia Trindle gave the Treasurers report.

A Thank You was received from Lacie Baker, winner of this year's scholarship.

Kathleen Sutton reported on the flowers that were planted at the museum. Ann Flowers asked that we change our next meeting from July 4th to July 2nd so we could take a field trip for our program.

June Jackson and Denise Carter were appointed as co-chairmen for this year's Home Tour.

Lorraine Kunselman led the members in the vote on the flowers. Homegrown was won by

Judy Martin. Specimen was won by Estelle Jackson.

Virginia Head introduced Helen Etter and she gave the program on her recent trip to Ecuador, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands. Helen made the trip in March and April of this year, traveling with Georgianne Hutchison. Club members enjoyed seeing her photos, and hearing of all their experiences.

Members attending were: Dickie Allen, Myra Berner, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Rose Cummings, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Virginia Head, Fay Holt, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorraine Kunselman, Judy Martin, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, Denise Carter, hostess Jo Larson, and guest Helen Etter. Next meeting will be July 2, Tuesday, at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Ann Flowers.

OM Team Places 5th

The West Middle School Amusun' Cruisin' Odyssey of the Mind team completed its year with a fifth place finish at the 1996 World OM finals at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Competing against 52 teams from nearly every state as well as teams from Germany, Canada, and Kazakhstan, WMS finished only 16 points out of second place, the highest ever for a Liberal team. During the competition WMS presented an outstanding performance of their long-term problem, as well as a strong showing in the spontaneous

problem.

Team members participating in the World Finals were: Michelle Ashton, Leah Colwell, Kenton Holder, Derek Hudnall, Kelly Foster, and Angela Williams. Coaches for the team are Barbara Colwell Little, Jim Little, and Wayne Griffin. Also attending the World Finals from Liberal were Jim, Sallie, and Chris Ashton, Fay and Ryan Hudnall, and Rita Williams.

Derek Hudnall's mother was a 1973-74 Gruver High School Graduate. His grandmother is Mrs. Don (Cleo) Gross of Gruver.

Gruver Scholarships Awarded

Listed below are the scholarships that were awarded during Gruver High School graduation on Friday, May 24, 1996.

Travis Furgison - Alumni Scholarship, Classroom Teachers Association Scholarship; Daniel Bort - P.T.A. Scholarship; Tara Shapley - C.H. Givner Memorial Foundation Scholarship; Roxanne Holt - Carl A. and Karen Neilson Scholarship; - Sahala McCloy - Ted and Charlene McClellan Scholarship, Western Texas College Scholarship; Cori Lowe - Hansford County 4-H Scholarship, Cargill Scholarship; Jason Ward - Billy Bob and J.C. Harris Scholarship, Hansford Soil & Water

Conservation District Scholarship; KiKi Carthel - Sybil B. Harrington - McMurry University; Doug Gumfory - H&H Credit Union Scholarship; Cristy Marquez - Hazlewood Scholarship Foundation - West Texas A&M; Memory Ross - Hazlewood Scholarship Foundation - West Texas A&M, WTAMU Music Scholarship; Joni Hart - Royal Neighbors of America Scholarship; Brian Stewart - Tuition Award from Liberal Area Vocational Technical School; Doug Gumfory - South Plains College Scholarship; Scott Jarvis - Jesse L. Underwood Opportunity Award - Texas A&M University.

Hospice Met

Hansford Hospice met June 17 for regular monthly meeting at Gruver Methodist Church. Verna Lee Shirley conducted a short business meeting. Minutes were read by June Jackson and Treasury report was given by Cherri Sherrill.

It was announced that Erin Bergin has resigned as director of Hospice and will be replaced by Cherri Sherrill. Rosetta Barrera will be serving as Hospice nurse this year.

Anne Snow reported a perfect state survey report received by the Hansford Manor and Hansford Hospice. TB tests were given to all members.

Erin Bergin and Cherri Sherrill gave the program on

"Bereavement Visiting" and "Confidentiality."

The door prize was won by Charla Roberts. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15 at Spearman First State Bank.

Attending were: Erin Bergin, Pat Irwin, Cherri Sherrill, Beth Phelps, Ruth Bryan, Reba Hunter, Charla Roberts, LoRee Booth, Anna Beth Woods, Opal Wallin, Verna Lee Shirley, Edith Womble, Eloise Renner, Carolyn Hicks, JoLinda Hutchison, Garland Hopper, Anne Snow, Carol Sell, Connie Gammill, Carolyn Cummings, Mary Kay Harbour, J.C. Harris, I.W. and Maylyn Ayres, and Doyle and June Jackson.

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Swim Team Results

The Spearman Swim Club participated in the Scott City, KS Swim Meet on Saturday, June 22. The team placed 3rd Overall. Listed below are the individual results.

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Girls -- Callie Hargis - 5th-25 fly; **Abby Winegarner** - 2nd-25 free, 1st-25 fly, 2nd-25 back, 2nd-100 IM; **Kylee Howard, Callie Hargis, Jessica Brown, Jenna Cherry** - 4th-Free relay; **Bond Pittman, Laura Gomez, Amy Boyd, Amy Brown** - 5th-Free relay

Boys -- Jarry Francis - 5th-25 free, 6th-25 fly, 4th-25 breast, 4th-100 IM; **Jarick Howard** - 4th-25 free, 4th-25 fly, 2nd-25 breast; **Stuart Martin** - 5th-25 breast; **Travis Sander** - 5th-25 fly, 4th-25 back, 3rd-25 breast; **Jeffrey Whitworth** - 2nd-25 free, 3rd-25 back, 2nd-25 fly; **Ryan Ramón, Clayton Smith, Stuart Martin, Jeffrey Whitworth** - 2nd-Free relay; **Jeffrey Whitworth, Jarry Francis, Jarick Howard, Travis Sander** - 1st-Medley relay

Girls -- Jentry Edwards - 1st-50 free, 1st-50 fly, 1st-50 back, 1st-100 free (new pool record); **Keilee Goodheart** - 3rd-50 fly, 1st-50 breast, 3rd-100 free, 2nd-50 free; **Keilee Goodheart, Nicole Sander, Meggan Whitworth, Jentry Edwards** - 4th-Free relay

Boys -- Marshall Hearon - 6th-50 back, 3rd-50 fly, 4th-100 free

Girls -- Amber Elliott - 1st-50 free, 1st-50 fly, 1st-50 back, 1st-50 breast, 1st-100 free (new pool record)

Boys -- Colton Miller - 1st-50 free, 1st-50 fly, 1st-50 breast, 1st-100 free, 1st-200 IM

Boys -- David Parker - 6th-100 free

Girls -- Michelle Elliott - 3rd-50 free, 2nd-100 back, 3rd-200 free, 2nd-100 free; **Jocelyn Edwards** - 5th-500 free, 4th-100 free, 4th-100 fly, 5th-200 free

Boys -- Landon Miller - 2nd-50 free, 2nd-100 fly, 3rd-100 breast, 2nd-200 free

Also participating were: Daniel

Longoria, Emily Longoria, Christen Ferguson, Nicole Ramón.

The Spearman Swim Club participated in the Guymon Swim Meet on June 29. The team placed 3rd Overall. Listed below are the individual results.

8 & Under

Girls -- Abby Winegarner - 1st-50 free, 1st-50 fly, 1st-50 back, 4th-50 breast

Boys -- Jarick Howard - 1st-50 free, 1st-50 fly, 3rd-50 back, 4th-50 breast, 1st-200 Free relay; **Jarry Francis** - 1st-200 Free relay, 2nd-50 fly, 6th-50 breast, 6th-50 back, 6th-50 free; **Travis Sander** - 3rd-50 fly, 5th-50 free, 3rd-50 breast, 1st-200 Free relay; **Stuart Martin** - 1st-200 Free Relay

Girls -- Jentry Edwards - 1st-50 free Division I, 1st-50 back, 1st-100 free, 2nd-50 fly Division I, 1st-200 Medley Relay; **Keilee Goodheart** - 1st-200 Medley relay, 1st-50 breast, 4th-50 back, 4th-50 fly, 5th-50 free

Boys -- Taylor Simpson - 1st-50 fly Division I, 2nd-50 back, 4th-50 free, 3rd-200 Free relay; **Wayne Gibson** - 3rd-200 Free relay, 5th-200 IM; **Marshall Hearon** - 3rd-200 Free relay

Girls -- Amber Elliott - 3rd-50 back, 4th-50 fly, 2nd-100 free, 1st-50 free Division I, 4th-200 free relay; **Audrey Winegarner** - 3rd-50 free, 4th-50 back, 6th-50 breast, 5th-100 free, 4th-200 Free relay; **Cheryl Gibson** - 5th-50 fly, 4th-200 Free relay; **Nicole Ramón** - 4th-200 Free relay

Boys -- Colton Miller - 1st-200 free, 2nd-50 fly, 3rd-50 breast, 3rd-100 free, 5th-50 free

Girls -- Jocelyn Edwards - 2nd-100 fly, 3rd-50 free, 2nd-200 free, 4th-100 free; **Michelle Elliott** - 1st-100 free, 2nd-100 back, 1st-50 free

Boys -- Dillon Miller - 1st-50 free, **Landon Miller** - 1st-200 free, 2nd-50 free, 2nd-100 free, 2nd-100 fly, 5th-100 breast

Also participating were: **Amy Boyd, Amy Brown, Jessica Brown, Kylee Howard, Jenna Cherry, Ryan Ramón, Nicole Sander, Heather Hamilton, Christina Ochoa, David Parker.**

Spearman's 13 and under AAU Basketball team, the Black Diamonds, finished their '96 season with a 3rd place showing in Amarillo's Panhandle Basketball Round-up, June 14-16. Facing the Ladies from Childress on Friday night, the girls won a hard-fought game 36-52. The Diamond's played a strong defensive game and gave an impressive offensive demonstration. The first Saturday game found the Diamonds facing season rival Amarillo Queens. Previous meetings have been split in the win column between the Diamonds and Queens. This was an extremely physical game with tempers and elbows flying throughout the game, resulting in the ejection of one of the Queens' inside players. The Diamonds won

the moral victory but lost on the scoreboard, 54-58. This set up a first time meeting between Spearman and the Amarillo Cheetahs. Out sized by the Diamonds, the game soon became very one-sided and the Cheetahs lost to the Spearman girls, 48-22 in a rout. A late night game on Saturday put Childress and Spearman back to face one another. Childress came out stronger than in the previous meeting and gave the Diamonds a real battle, but Spearman never gave up the lead in the 46-48 thriller. Sunday morning, the Diamonds faced a previously National Qualifying team, the Metro Stars. The lead in this game went back and forth during the entire game, but a missed shot by Spearman at the buzzer sent

the teams into over-time. The Diamonds lost in overtime at the final buzzer by one point, 38-39.

The Black Diamonds are: Jenn Schnell, Adrienne Simpson, Camille Smith, Amber Ramón, Audra Sanders, Brooke Leslie, Sydney Woodington, and Erin Hale of Perryton. Nicole Lozano and Haley Lombard were unable to play in this tournament. The Spearman team was coached by Clint Schnell.

During the season, the Black Diamonds were coached by Lenis Simpson and Clint Schnell. These coaches both give credit to Spearman Lynxette coach Marcia Shieldknight for their team's success. "The plays, the skills the girls are developing during the school year and the character of these kids is a reflection upon the quality of the entire Lynxette

program. AAU basketball is very physical, and the quality of basketball we see is very good, most teams are made up of girls from various schools where a coach can go out and recruit by positions and ability. We are one of the few that fields a team made up of girls from one small town," says Lenis Simpson. Clint Schnell says, "These kids are a joy to work with. Their work ethic in practice and during games is incredible, no matter what you ask of them on the court, they never complain or give up - they give you 100 percent all of the time. I have a lot of respect for these girls."

The girls want to say a special thanks to their coaches and their parents. The support, the love, the time, the miles, the hotel rooms and meals, the hugs and cheers were really appreciated.

AAU Black Diamonds Finish Season

Tennis Tournament Results

The City of Spearman hosted a Tennis Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, June 22nd and 23rd. Listed below are the results of this tournament.

16 - under girls singles
Leslie Holton (Spearman) vs. Kristin Smith - (Dumas); Leslie Holton won - 6-4, 6-1

16 - under boys singles
Bo Ames (Dumas) vs. Moreland Sherrod (Amarillo), Bo Ames won - 6-1, 6-4

Consolation
Cody Strickland (Dumas) vs. Blake Hurst (Miami), Blake Hurst won - 1-6, 6-3, 7-5

18 - under girls singles
Mandy Wells (Pampa) 1st vs. Misha Davis (Spearman) 2nd - 7-5, 6-3

16 & 18 boys doubles
Browning & Payne (Miami) vs. Butts & Butts (Spearman), Browning & Payne won - 6-3, 6-4

Consolation
Strickland & Ames (Dumas) vs. Sherrod (Amarillo) and Hurst (Miami), Moreland Sherrod & Blake Hurst won - 6-3, 7-6, (7-5)

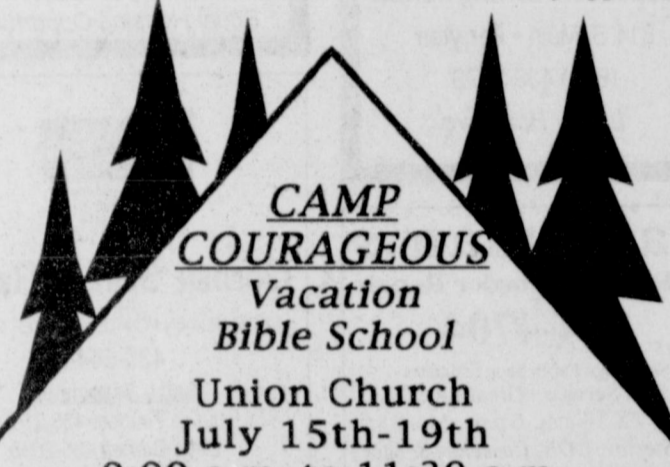
16 - under girls doubles
Smith & Pendergrass (Dumas) vs. Paige Brown (Amarillo) & Sally Pittman (Spearman), Paige Brown & Sally Pittman won - 6-4, 7-5

Men doubles
Brian Hoel & Matthew Hoel (Gruver) vs. Chad Wilkerson (Spearman) & Blake Hurst (Miami), Matthew and Brian Hoel won - 6-3, 6-4

Consolation
Justin Boyd & Toby Thompson (Spearman) vs. Mike and Mac Butts (Spearman), Mike and Mac Butts won

Womens doubles
Becky Baker & Becky Beedy (Spearman) 1st vs. Michele Davis & Carol Dunnihoo (Spearman) 2nd

Open mixed doubles
Brian Hoel & Sheila Watley (Gruver) vs. Mike Hager & Shea Crawford (Spearman), Brian Hoel & Sheila Watley won



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Beaver River and has excellent facilities for nature study. The camp offers a wide variety of activities filled with fun and learning in the out-of-doors.

Adventure I is open to all girls who have completed 2nd and 3rd grades. Second graders will be working on activities that will take them through earning the

Adventure in Nature Patch. This is a 3 day session and girls have a choice of July 22-24 or July 24th-26th.

Third graders plan with their counselors the Junior Proficiency badges they want to work toward earning. This group begins camp, July 22nd and ends July 26th.

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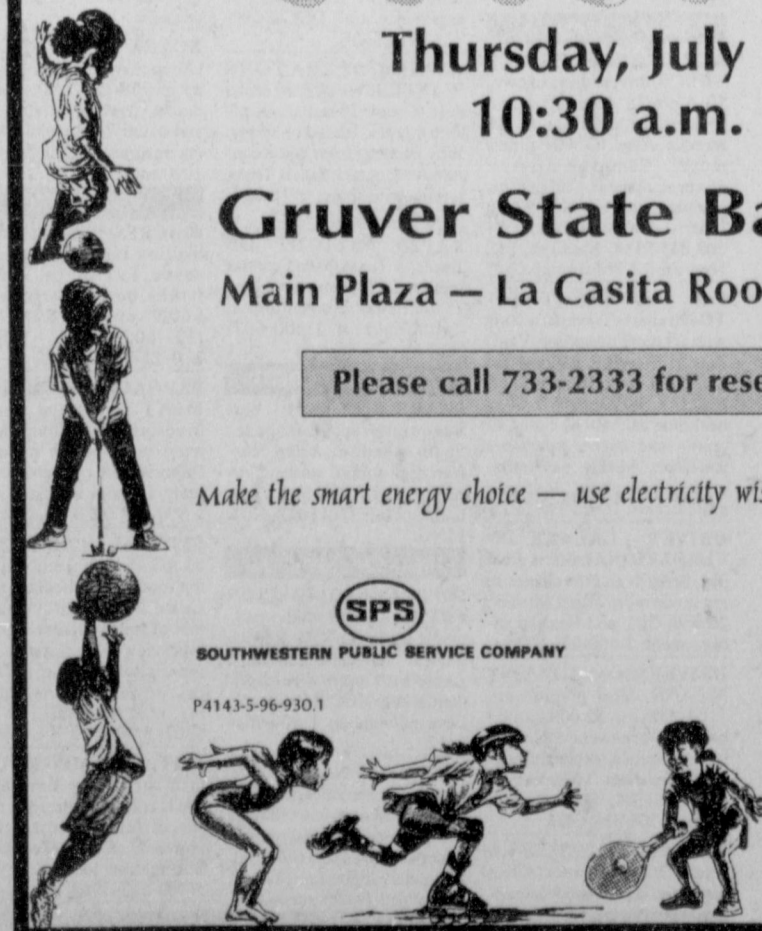
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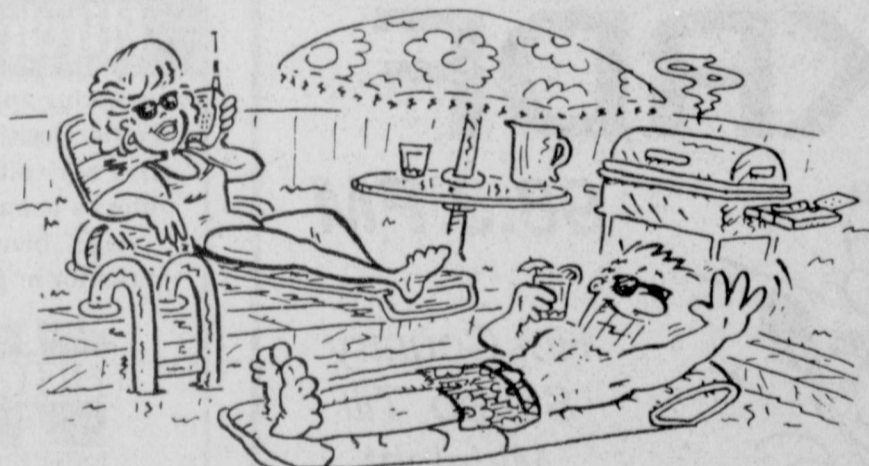
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by Helen Fisher

The end of a long and gallant battle ended for Billy Paul Hazelwood, 40, last Thursday. He had been a patient in the Hospice in Amarillo for several days. Services were held Saturday afternoon. Detailed obituary appears elsewhere.

The entire community extends sincere sympathy to his family, his parents, Paul and Bette Hazelwood, and to his aunt, Lily Palmer.

Last summer when Buddy and Becky Dossett and family were here visiting his mother, Sara, they were so impressed with the Palo Duro Park area they felt it would be an ideal place for a family reunion.

The family of the late Laurance Dossett, Buddy's father, had never had a reunion and had drifted apart in recent years.

Buddy and Becky began to trace the members and worked many hours on perfecting the plans. They sent questionnaires and were pleased at the many responses. These they compiled into a booklet for each member. During the year, they sent detailed information to each a local map, available lodging, etc.

The date was set for the week-end of June 22. On Friday, about 40 had arrived and an ice cream social at the swimming pool park helped them to get acquainted.

Some took trailers to the park, but the majority stayed in motels. About 50 attended from seven states-Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Missouri, Kansas, Idaho and Texas. The large attendance was surprising for a first family reunion, and it is hoped it will be the beginning of a family tradition. It is a compliment to the efforts of Buddy and Becky.

There are only two survivors of the original family and both were here - Mrs. Ferne Otto from Youngstown, Arizona and Mrs. Carole Lee Frantz, Spearman.

At the park on Saturday, when the main events were being held, a dramatic moment occurred when they were buzzed by a low flying plane, it was the signal to go to the airport to meet the occupants, Murle Dossett of Anderson, Indiana, and his mother Mrs. Ruth Dossett, of McPherson, Kansas. She is 93 and is the widow of one of the Dossett brothers. Two other family members were with them.

The members of Sara's immediate family spent the entire week-end here. They were Buddy and Becky Dossett and four daughters, Harlingen; Bernard Dossett and one daughter, Amarillo; Diane Carter, daughter, and two granddaughters, Lubbock; and Diane's son and family of Colorado.

Lynn Gibner with his son, Kelly, arrived from Portland, Oregon, early Sunday morning for a week's stay with his parents, Lois and Woodrow Gibner.

They came from Bountiful, Utah, where they had attended the wedding of his daughter, Lynsey. She and her bridegroom are both students at the University in Provo.

While they were here, they spent some time at the Palo Duro Park, and were dinner guests of Pam and Clay Schnell.

Dolly and Jack McWhirter are home from a trip to Riverside, California, where they flew on June 14. They went to attend the high school graduation exercises of their grandson, Terrill Booth, son of Maria Booth. The ceremonies were held on the high school football stadium to accommodate the huge crowd.

The McWhirters enjoyed visiting their granddaughter, Dana, and Kevin Johnston who also lives in Riverside.

Lorene and Don Kunselman, accompanied by Janie Kunselman, spent a long week-end at Longmont and Loveland, Colorado. They went to attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Doris's brother, Doug and Joan Kunselman.

They arrived on Friday and attended a family dinner. The anniversary reception was the next day at the Methodist Church and 350 signed the registry.

On Sunday all the family attended church together, filling five pews. The Spearman Kunselmans stayed with Don's other brother, Vernon, at Loveland.

Others of this family attending were Karen Clawson and three daughters, Littlefield, and Lavone Reed and two daughters, Gruver.

They, and Janie, stayed several days as guests of Vernon who took them on some interesting local tours.

Selma Reneau was in Amarillo for a few days the past week for an important event in the life of her granddaughter, Kristina. It was her graduation ceremony from kindergarten-at the montessori school which she attends.

Her father, Gene, is her coach at T Ball so Selma was a spectator at one of the games. They also enjoyed a picnic with the large crowd at the Midsummer's Eve observance at a park. This was sponsored by the Swedish Association of Texas of which Selma is a member.

Anyone startled by Freeman Barkley apparently pointing his finger at them needn't be

Among The Neighbors

concerned. It is his way of protecting the rest of his left index finger after nearly severing it with his table saw in his work shop. It happened a week ago Saturday and he feels he is not handicapped-well, maybe a little-in scratching.

He had just returned from a visit with his daughter, Mary Ellen, and Malcolm Kirkland at Sulphur Springs. He flew to Dallas where they met him as he no longer makes the long drive.

Spearman is welcoming the return of Branch and Mallie Sheets to his home town. They have farmed in the Happy vicinity for many years, but now have placed the land in CRP and retired. He and Mallie have a daughter, Kay Sheets of Dallas, and a son Dan, who lives at Tipton, Oklahoma and has two daughters.

They are members of the Church of Christ, and were active in the Senior Citizens and are living at 1103 Townsend.

Branch graduated from high school here in 1933 and served five years in the military before returning here. They moved from Spearman in the 1950s. They have no particular hobbies, but put in their leisure time working hard at being idle.

Blanche Greene, on Sunday evening, found the sudden quiet sort of lonely. Her guests left after busy days since Friday. Spending the week-end were her daughter, Joan and Eldon Vernon of Yukon. Their daughter Tania of Oklahoma City came as did the other daughter, Shannon, and Alan Loggins with Chase and Brittnie of Chickasha.

Mrs. Dorothy Bryan 88 year old resident of Hansford Man, has been entertaining and amusing other residents with her recent gift, a grass skirt from Hawaii. She is an aunt of Mrs. Dixie Tracy, and Everett brought the skirt for her on their recent trip to Hawaii.

The Tracys, accompanied by their son Richard of Waco, and grandchildren 14 year old Jay and 18 year old Katy of Crawford

enjoyed a nine day trip recently.

They flew to the isle of Oahu, landing in Honolulu where they stayed three days, they stayed in the noted Royal Hawaiian Hotel which Richard and the children found very interesting as it was their first trip. The Everett Tracys have made several trips.

The next three days were on the isle of Maui after a pleasant flight. Kauai Island was the scene for their next three days. They toured several of the better known tourist attractions, and feel that it was a very educational trip for the grandchildren and very interesting.

Pearl Pierce and Inez Holland returned from several days near Dallas. Pearl's grandson, Rick Garrard, drove for them. Inez visited her son, Jerry, who lives on the shores of Cedar Lake, southeast of Dallas.

Pearl and Rick were with Jack and Doris McKay who also live on the lake. Doris is seriously ill and on dialysis in the hospice.

Helen Etter flew down on Wednesday to be with Doris and Jack and returned to Spearman with the others on Saturday.

Doris' sister, Jackie Raleigh, came from Krum, Texas to be with her as did two nieces; one from Boston and the other from Dallas.

David and Rita Knox visited his parents, Don and Gloria Knox, over the week-end. Their daughter, Cindy, and her husband are living in Baharan, a colony near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Sammy, who is employed by Aramco Oil Co., crosses the causeway daily to reach is employment in Dhahran.

He, nor his company, were affected by the terrible bombing of the military apartments last Tuesday. He called Cindy immediately and as soon as possible, they called her parents, who in turn called the grandparents.

The security has been intensified and they feel reasonably secure. The Knoxes spoke with Cindy in a birthday call and she spoke very confidently of their situation.

The Sunday Amarillo News-Globe headlined the record wheat crop of Tommy Saltzman. He harvested an average of 102.4 bushels of wheat per acre on 103 acres. He had given special attention to this acreage as to fertilizer, water and other preparation. The article was detailed and most interesting. He farms 14 miles northeast of Gruver.

Last weeks issue of this paper carried the State release concerning the selection of Bart Thoreson of Gruver to be a member of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program. The members, just 30 in the entire state, are not all in agriculture, but in professions that are affected by agriculture. There are bankers, brokers, insurance representatives, water control and others. It is not connected in

any way with government.

Bart received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1978 from Panhandle State University with a double major-agricultural economics and business administration. He, in addition to his agricultural interests, is manager of the National Salt Water Disposal Company. He states that he was taken completely by surprise when his resume was requested and even more surprised when he was selected.

Bart and his wife Alexa have two children, Miranda and Payton. He is the son of Donnie and the late Nell Thoreson.

Word as of early Tuesday morning, Doris Birdwell McKay, died late Monday night. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery. No other details are available at this time.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth - July 1, 1996 - 27 feet and 1 inch.

The lake level is still rising as both Horse Creek and the Palo Duro were running some this morning. We are still over 4 feet below the 31 feet and 10.5 inches high of last year (July 21). The all time high was 36 feet and 5 inches in June of 1991 just a little over a month after the dam closed on May 22nd. In 1992 the level reached 35 feet and 5 inches, but we did not get over 30 feet in 1993 or 1994.

The Park must be getting a wider reputation as there were campers from California and Illinois. The First Baptist Church of Spearman had the Shelter on Friday night and Transpetco had it all day Saturday. Several nice catfish were caught after the lake rise.

Last week's column omitted the First Christian Church of Spearman. Both the Spearman and Gruver Christian Churches had the Shelter together for a joint service and fellowship.

It really delights me when I get

a call with a story for the column.

This week was exceptional as there were three calls. The first was from Dwayne TeBeest of Gruver. The Billy Jarvis rattlesnake story told by Ollie had made him remember a similar experience. He and his brother-in-law, Bob Clawson, now of New York, were horseback when they saw a group of baby rattlesnakes near a gopher hole. They weren't far from the pickup, so they got a shovel to kill the snakes. As they got back, the mother rattlesnake was there, her mouth was open, and the little snakes were racing into it. She got in a hole after they were swallowed. Dwayne and Bob dug out the snake, and killed her, and then cut the little snakes out and killed them.

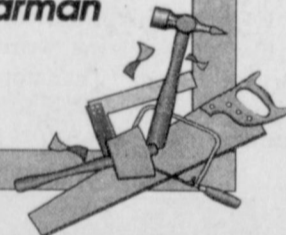
Bob Nobles had a story about emus on the Palo Duro that I will save until I find more information.

Carolyn Fletcher has an interesting story of the capture of an armadillo on her front lawn in Gruver. It will be used when I have more space.

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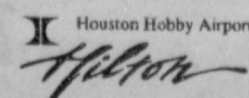
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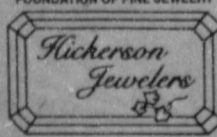
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TFN(6-27-96)NC

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Business Opportunities

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
Spearman ISD is currently accepting proposals for all food and non-food items for the school cafeterias. Vendors interested in submitting a proposal should contact Troy Vandenberg at 659-3233 for a specification sheet.
2(6-27-96)B

PUBLIC NOTICE
Spearman ISD is currently accepting proposals for athletic equipment and supplies for the 1996-97 school year. Vendors interested in submitting a proposal should contact Troy Vandenberg at 659-3233 for a specification sheet.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Spearman ISD is currently accepting proposals for custodial and maintenance supplies for the 1996-97 school year. Vendors interested in submitting a proposal should contact Troy Vandenberg at 659-3233 for a specification sheet.
2(6-27-96)B

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of JOHN BERTIE CATOR were issued on July 1, 1996, in Cause No. 2165, pending in the County court of Hansford County, Texas, to Mary Cator.

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Hansford Happenings

Outbreak of Parvo Virus in Hansford County

There is an active outbreak of Parvo virus in Hansford County. This virus is air born and can be fatal to dogs. If your dogs have not been vaccinated or needs a yearly booster, you should take them to your veterinarian as soon as possible.

Spearman Heritage Throws

The Spearman Heritage Throws have been reordered. Delivery of blankets will be around April 9th. If you would like one of the Heritage Throws reserved for you, call the Chamber at 659-5555. All throws are navy.

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

The 2nd Annual Spearman 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 27, 1996. To register, or for more information, call Tracy Tigrett, Recreation Director, Spearman City Hall, at 659-2524. The entry deadline is Thursday, July 18, 1996.

4th Annual Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center Radio Auction
Next month it will be time for the 4th Annual Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center Radio Auction. This fundraiser, along with the membership dues and other grants, enables the Senior Center to continue the work they do in the community. Contributions to this year's auction will be greatly appreciated.

Hansford Hospice To Meet

Hansford Hospice will meet on Monday, July 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Spearman First State Bank.

July Immunization Clinic

An immunization clinics offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases has been scheduled for July 17th from 9:30-11:30 and 1-4:30 in Spearman at the Texas Department of Health, 721 S. Evans. Protection is against Polio, Diphtheria, Lock Jaw (Tetanus), Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Measles, Rubella, Mumps, and HIB (Haemophilus Influenza Type B). The Texas Department of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Car Wash

The West Texas Blue Devils Basketball Team will be having a car wash on Saturday, July 13, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and lasting until 3:30 p.m. The fundraiser will be located at J&S Car Wash in Spearman. Several boys from the area are participating including Tanner Beedy from Spearman. The proceeds will be used to pay entry fees for the AAU National Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 20-28. Thanks!

Defensive Driving

Independent Driving School is offering a Defensive Driving Course the third Wednesday and Thursday of every month. Call the Spearman Chamber of Commerce for information.

Camp Courageous Vacation Bible School

You are invited to Camp Courageous Vacation Bible School, a group effort of the Union, Apostolic Faith, Assembly of God, and Trinity Churches, on July 15-19 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at the Union Church, 31 S. Endicott.

Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Has Barbecue For Sale

The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department has Barbecue for sale at \$5.00 a pound, or 20 pounds or more for \$4.00 a pound. Call Randy Kirk or any fire fighter to purchase.

Dust Bowl Pictures Wanted

Did you or someone in your family live through the Dirty Thirties? Do you have family photos and landscapes of the thirties? Steward/Gazit Productions of New York is working on a documentary for public television about the Dust Bowl. They're seeking personal stories of what it was like to live and work during that period - whether as a farmer, a house wife, a businessman, etc. Call COLLECT at (212)865-4133 or go by the Hansford County Library and sign up.

Pee Wee Football

Any boys that will be in grades 3rd-6th for the 1996-97 school year and are interested in playing pee wee football and/or any parents that would be willing to help organize, please call Rick Howard at 659-2875 or George Rex at 659-5210.

In The Panhandle

Red Cross Offers Course

The American Red Cross will be conducting a Community First Aid and Safety Course July 15th and 16th. The adult CPR portion of the course will be conducted Monday, July 15th from 6-10 p.m. The infant and child portion will be conducted Tuesday from 5-7:30 p.m. The standard First Aid will be offered Tuesday from 7:30-10 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call the Perryton Red Cross office weekday mornings at 435-8175.

Amarillo Public Library's Central Library New Exhibit

A traveling exhibition, *No Traveler Remains Untouched: Journeys and Transformations in the American Southwest*, is currently located at Amarillo Public Library's Central Library at 413 E. Fourth. Produced by the Southwestern Writers Collection at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, the large exhibit presents a conceptual examination of journeys throughout the Southwest over the last 450 years. The impressive exhibit, designed to acquaint people with the Southwestern Writers Collection, was funded by The National Endowment for the Humanities and Southwest Texas State University, and will remain at Amarillo Public's Central Library through August 15. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

WIC To Sponsor Coloring Contest

The local WIC (Women and Infant Care Program) office is sponsoring a coloring contest for all children ages 10 and under.

Coloring books in English or Spanish can be picked up at several locations, including the WIC office, 720 Archer (Monday only 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.); Swimming Pool; Activity Center; WIC Office; Nursing Home Office; and Dr. Tamayo's office.

Judging will be according to age groups for neatness and originality. The groups are 0-2 years, 3-4 years, 5-6 years and 7-10 years.

Entries must be returned to the WIC office by Aug. 1, no later

than 5:00 p.m. Entries can be taken by the office or mailed to WIC-Outreach Health Services, 514 S. Main/Ragsdale Building, Perryton, TX 79070.

The child's name, address, phone number and age should be on a separate piece of paper, not on the picture.

Prizes to be awarded include western outfits, a Starfox Super Nintendo game, bicycles, gift certificates to K-Bob's and water toys, among others.

Contest sponsors include Taylor's Old Times Shoppe, Coast to Coast, Panhandle Contract Pumping, First Bank Southwest, Interstate Savings and Loan, Dr.

Claude Betty, Dr. Rex Mann, Dr. Rick Siewert, Dr. Tripps Childers, Dr. Dale Johnson, K-Bob's Steakhouse, Senior Village, Whit's Pharmacy, Perryton National Bank, Ranchhouston Motel and Ochiltree General Hospital.

The WIC program provides nutritious foods, nutrition education and breastfeeding classes, as well as free immunizations to families who qualify. Low income pregnant women, or women with children under the age of five are eligible.

TFB Citizenship Seminar Held



Amber Murrell, Kristin Evans and Kiki Carthel

Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar here June 17-21 were (l to r): Amber Murrell, left, of Gruver and Kristin Evans, right, of Gruver, and Kiki Carthel, center, also of Gruver, served as one of the 1996 Junior Counselors.

Sponsored by the Hansford County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Glen Harris of Gruver, county FB president.

Charles Benton (TFB Field Representative), Ann Leslie (1995 Miss TFB), and Taylor Bledsoe,

the 1995 TFB Speech contest winner, presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities".

Speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows:

Dr. John Pisciotto of Baylor University, "The Private Enterprise Economy: Foundation of Freedom and Engine of Opportunity", Earl Taylor of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, "The Making of America", and Kurt Swanda, Fort Worth, "America".

The video tape "A More Perfect Union" was shown to the students and there was a special presentation by Dale Minnick, a motivational speaker.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of Angelo State University.

Summer Driving Hazards

Vacation time is here again! Warmer weather means thousands of Texas and tourists will be traveling on our highways. With this increase in traffic also comes the increase in the potential for disaster. Safety officials recommend additional precautions be taken to ensure safe summer driving.

Those precautions need to start with a little pre-trip planning, according to Trooper Wayne Beighle, public information officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Before leaving on long trips, take time to check over your vehicle," Beighle said. Vacations are no time for breakdowns. Checking simple items such as tires, cooling system, battery, belts and hoses can

prevent unwanted and unnecessary breakdowns. "If you should need assistance on the road, help is just a call away with the new DPS Road Assistance number: 1-800-525-5555," Beighle added. That number can be used 24 hours a day to obtain help anywhere in Texas.

Not only are the number of vehicles increasing on Texas roadways, collisions are on the rise also. Beighle advised the best defense while driving is to always be a defensive driver, obey the traffic laws, and take advantage of safety belts on every trip. By staying alert, taking frequent rest stops on long trips, and by trying to travel during daylight hours, you are putting the odds in your favor of having an accident free, trouble free summer trip.

Blackman Attended Seminar

Cindy Blackman, Executive V-President of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce recently completed a week-long program of study with the Institutes for Organization Management, held June 23-28 at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, Institute is a professional development program specifically designed to address the unique challenges facing chamber and association executives. Participants learn the latest techniques in membership retention, quality management, volunteer leadership development and non-dues revenue enhancement, among others. Prior to attending, enrollees receive reading assignments and must complete a home-study examination.

Institute is nationally recognized by the chamber and association communities for its standard of academic excellence. Sixth-year graduates receive a certificate of chamber or association management and earn points toward the Certified Association Executive (CAE) or

Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) designations.

Courses are taught by recognized leaders within the chamber, association and academic communities. Participants learn the fundamentals of association and chamber management during their first years at Institute. Each year of programming is carefully designed to complement and build upon the participant's learning experience from the previous year. This is Blackman's fifth year to attend.

The Southern Methodist program is one of eight Institutes held at different U.S. college campuses each year. Founded in 1921, Institute is made possible through the Center for Leadership Development, a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, DC. More than 2,200 individuals participate in the program annually.

For more information contact Institute headquarters at 202/463-5570, or write to: Institutes for Organization Management, 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20062-2000.

As a service to the community, **The Reporter-Statesman** will print want-ads for Lost and Found or Community Interest Items at no charge. This is for individuals only and does not apply to businesses or any profit making ventures.

TFB Supports Property Tax Relief

The President of the Hansford County Farm Bureau is calling on local property owners and homeowners to sign a petition in support of property tax relief. Petitions are located at the County Farm Bureau office.

"The property tax remains one of the most unfair taxes levied on Texas citizens," said Glen Harris, a local farmer. "It taxes non-liquid assets that have very little to do with the property owner's ability to pay."

Governor George Bush appointed a 17 member Citizens Committee in May to explore alternatives to the property tax. Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman serves on that committee. Bush said a state income tax is not an option, but is interested in other tax alternatives.

The petition states: "We, the undersigned residents of Hansford

County are very concerned about our property taxes. We believe the property tax is an unfair method to fund public schools, and it discriminates against home and land owners. We strongly urge that a more broad-based and equitable means of taxation be substituted for the current property tax. We applaud your efforts to find such an alternative without considering a state income tax."

"We must let the Citizen's Committee know how we feel about the property tax," Harris said. He urged all local property owners and homeowners, TFB members and non-members alike, to sign the petition at the Hansford County Farm Bureau office, located at 307 W. Davis. "This is one of those times when citizens and taxpayers have a chance to make a difference," Harris said.

Laugh and Live

by Gary Smith

gcs@arn.net



The July 4 fireworks celebration out at the lake was wonderful. Everybody ate and laughed and watched a great fireworks show.

From our vantage point, it appeared that some of the rockets exploded very low to the ground and we were concerned about whoever was popping those big fire crackers. We really had nothing to worry about. The fireworks were in the capable hands of Robert Blount, of Gruver. Robert is a certified pyrotechnics expert.

The fireworks were sponsored by the Gruver and Spearman Chambers of Commerce. Their working together benefited the whole county.

Now all of this cooperation and explosions and being out at the lake reminded me of my Uncle Harry. Uncle Harry was a fisherman. He caught more fish than anyone else in the county.

Every Saturday, Uncle Harry would go out on the lake in his boat, throw in a stick of dynamite and watch the fish float up. He would scoop up the fish in a net and take them home. It was against the law, but those fish tasted mighty good.

When the new game warden came to town and heard about Uncle Harry he asked my uncle to take him fishing, figuring to give Uncle Harry a ticket for dynamiting.

When they got on the lake Uncle Harry pulled out a stick and lit it.

The game warden asked, "Don't you know it is against the law to fish with dynamite?"

Uncle Harry handed the dynamite to the game warden and said, "What are you gonna do, debate the law or fish?"

Until the next time,
May God Bless
GCS

Anyone interested in joining the Spearman Macintosh Users Group (SMUG) call 659-3434 or 659-3703.

Dear Editor,

I'm a avid quilter and my parents, who live in Oklahoma Panhandle, are always on the lookout for old fabrics and quilting related items at garage sales. This last spring she sent me a Country Pig applique kit. The label reads Build-A-Quilt by Bulls' Country, Spearman, Texas.

I would like to inquire if any of your readers might be able to give me some more information about the company; ie. are they still in business; if not, during what period did they offer the patterns; how extensive was their pattern line; etc.

I would sincerely appreciate your help.

Yours truly,
Norma I. Herbold
P.S. My e-mail address is Normatt@ADL.COM

Dear Editor,

I need your help. I would like to contact a woman whose maiden name was Marcia Larson. I was one of her fifth grade teachers in 1966-67. If she or friends or relatives would contact me with her address, I would appreciate it.

Yours truly,
Glenda Hawkins
P.O. Box 787
Clarendon, TX 79226
Phone number, 806-874-2446

Dear Editor,

Dear Editor:

We would like to say a public "thank you" to the Spearman Foundation for the time given and support collected for the college bound seniors of Spearman. As we heard the names of the Foundation and its scholarship donors at graduation, we thought about how easy it is to support the schools when you have children in them, but it's easy to have only good intentions about the children once your own are away from home. Most of the children of the Foundation members have already graduated, so it would be very easy for these people to give their efforts to other causes. We thank them for giving so much time and preparation for our youth.

The people of Spearman have always been very generous in support of their young people, and the Spearman Foundation is an avenue through which that support can be collected to be even more advantageous. Together we can do more than we can do separately. This is a well planned effort.

We also appreciate the fact that there are some requirements the scholarship recipients must meet; the scholarship is not just a "free lunch". One requirement that must be met, for example, is to write the donor a "thank you"

letter. It's fine for our young people to know how things are done in Spearman, where perhaps a verbal thanks might work. But when we send our youth out to a larger world, they need to know what is universally accepted and generally considered proper, so that they can also succeed in a larger place. We want Spearman youth to be prepared in as many ways as possible to meet the challenges of the world.

We also agree that the students must meet a grade point standard.

The requirement is well within reason, and gives the students a goal to shoot for.

With continued effort, we will see our investments grow, when our students return to build businesses and families here. They will remember what Spearman did for them, and many will return to be a part of it.

Thank you, Spearman Foundation and scholarship donors.

Sincerely,
Wesley and Cheri Jarvis

A Baby Shower for Sarah Danielle Ashworth, daughter of David and Tracy Ashworth, will be held on Friday, July 12th at 5:30 p.m. at the Hospitality Room of the First National Bank in Spearman.

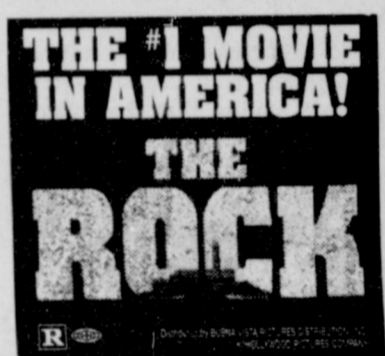


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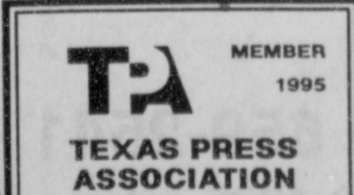
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The Hansford County Community Calendar July 11-26

- Thursday, July 11**
10:30 a.m. - Kid's Cooking School in Gruver - LaCasita Room at Gruver State Bank
- Saturday, July 13**
Spearman Swim Meet
7:00 p.m. - Spearman Night at the Ballpark - Amarillo Dillas vs. Rio Grande Valley
- Sunday, July 14**
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service, Spearman First Baptist Church
- Monday and Tuesday, July 15 & 16**
Red Cross First Aid Course - Perryton
- Monday, July 15-Thursday, July 19**
9:00-11:30 a.m. - Camp Courageous Vacation Bible School, Union Church
- Thursday, July 18**
2:00 p.m. - Gladiola Flower to meet in home of Virginia Trindle
- Thursday, July 18-Saturday, July 20**
Grant Writing Seminar
- Sunday, July 21**
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service, Trinity Community Church
- Monday, July 22-Thursday, July 25**
9:00-4:30 - Cub Scout Camp - Perryton
- Monday, July 22-Friday, July 26**
10:00-12:00 - First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School

Happy Birthday!

July 11 Birthdays - Tara Chisum, Ida Edwards, H.M. Frazier, Louis Schnell, Marvin Jones, Danny Pope, Juanita Paul, Sharon Archer, Scott Russell, Kenneth Schaeffer, Debbie George, and Zeke Henson

July 12 Birthdays - Carolyn Fletcher, Larry Hicks, Justin Horton, Jolene Thompson, Tiffaney Yanke, Jenie Kirkland, J.W. Jenkins, Cheryl Long, Glenda Guthrie, Olga Gafford, Lucas Biggs, Stan Josephson, Dustin Irbeck, and Charlie Spencer

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crooks

July 13 Birthdays - Mary Schroeder, Terri Ann Porter, Ron Clark, Cindy Crooks, John Schaffer, Gary Burke, Rounder Jackson, and Klyn Hattaway

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Scarborough and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Alfred

July 14 Birthdays - Scott Bullard, Jo Alice Clawson, Shelly Logsdon, Albert Baker, Linda Jarvis, Carrie Pearson, and Rebecca Rosales

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stinson

July 15 Birthdays - Julie Imke, Tracy Bulls, Carol Pack, Chris Jenkins, Sonya Nitchske, Maude McClellan, Ryan Renick, Julie Stork, Hazle Britt, Clarence Zabel, Samantha Baker, Kayla Schrader, and Nelva Snow

Anniversaries - Alvin and Becky Byers, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gillispie, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shad, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hayes

July 16 Birthdays - Dave Barkley, Dorothy Hudson, Maria McCall, Clinton Tindell, Lena McCrory, Mary Ann Kenny, and Jay Pack

Anniversaries - Hal and Sara Shufeldt

July 17 Birthdays - Holly Meyer, Debbie

Tolleson, Qua Crum, Wesley Jarvis, Michael Dodd, Dennis Nelson, Marie Jones, Dr. Tom Latta, Charlie Garcia, Cody Baskin, Karl Bynum, Eunice Spivey, Meoan Lee Wilkerson, Julie Baca, Veronica Rosales

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Bergin, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fowler

July 18 Birthdays - Trixie Holt, Lisa Salmons, Maria Vela Acevedo, Linda McCoy, Chris McClellan, Greg Meek, Sonny Patterson, and Shanda Denee Graham

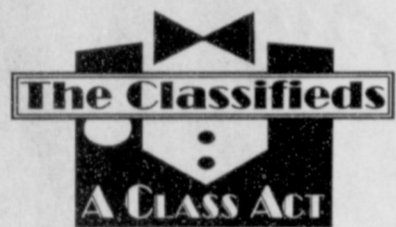
Anniversaries - Jim and Laquita Evans, Scott and Maria Bullard, and Tracy and Anglea Graham

July 19 Birthdays - June Barkley, Joe Lopez Jr., Ronnie Williams, Floyd Hull, L.L. Anthony, Robert Novak, Vincent Garcia, Blake Beedy, Mark Avila, Pauline Nava, and Opal Petree

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Wooley, Don and Carolyn Savage, Mr. and Mrs. Corky Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Arlo Shearer, and Mr. and Mrs. Major Lackey

July 20 Birthdays - Elaine Rogers, Arlo Shearer, Mary Cates, Vic Schuman, Virginia White, Thomas Reed, Cal Nava, Mary Barnes, Meli Floyd Burgess, Bruce Bailey, Neale Estes, and Sylvia Herera

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Rick and Jan Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Archer Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Mike Garnett, and Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Thomas



Our Sympathy

David R. Ochoa

David R. Ochoa Sr., 64, died Tuesday, July 2, 1996. Memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 5, 1996 in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Walter Greaser, officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Ochoa was born in Rio Hondo, Texas. He had lived in Hansford County for 25 years. He married Candy Rios in 1957 in Belmont, Wisconsin. He was a farmer.

He was preceded in death by a son, David Ochoa Jr. in 1991, and one brother and three sisters.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Lee Volden of Hooker, Okla., Deanna Chisum of Alamogordo, NM, Oralia Macias of Richmond, TX and Ann Margaret Young of Tyrone, Okla.; one son Daniel Ochoa of Spearman, TX.; two sisters, Celia Gonzales and Josephine Salazar, both of Rio Hondo, TX.; four brothers, Jesus Ochoa of Eaton, CO., Juan Ochoa of Farnsworth, TX, Selestino Ochoa of Rio Hondo, TX, and Israel Ochoa of Harlingen, TX, and ten grandchildren.

Doris Birdwell McKay

Doris Birdwell McKay, 63, died Tuesday, July 2, 1996. Services were at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 4, 1996 in the Eubank Memorial Chapel with Rev. Don Teague officiating. Interment followed at the Hansford Cemetery in Spearman, TX. at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 5, 1996 under the direction of Eubank Funeral Home of Mabank.

Mrs. McKay was born on May 23, 1933 in Spearman, TX to Ruben Cooper and Bertie Boone (Brown) Birdwell and passed away on July 2, 1996 in Mabank following a long illness. She had lived in Mabank the past 5 years moving from Lamirda, California. Mrs. McKay owned and operated Bills Market in Lamirda until her retirement in 1992. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Spearman, TX. She was preceded in death by her son, John Scott McKay, and her daughter, Debrah Sue McKay.

Survivors include her husband, Jack McKay of Mabank; son, Angus Kevin McKay and his wife, Kim of Anaheim Hills, California; granddaughters, Kelleen McKay of Yucaipa, California, and Amy J. DePippo of Anaheim Hills, California; grandsons, Keith C. McKay, Angus Kevin McKay, Jr., and Devin Scott McKay all of Anaheim Hills, California; sister, Jackie Raleigh and her husband Carl of Krum, Texas; cousin, Pearl Pierce of Spearman, Texas; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Thank You

The family of Billy Paul Hazelwood would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayergrams, visits, food, flowers and memorials at his death. The outpouring of love and concern from the community in this difficult time has been so overwhelming that there is no way to thank you properly. Just know that each of you are appreciated, and we thank God for you.

Paul, Bette Hazelwood, Kathy, Ryan, Caleb Hazelwood and Lillie Palmer

Carol Ratliff

Carol Ratliff, 62, died Monday, July 8, 1996. Memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, 1996 in the First Christian Church in Canyon with the Rev. Paul Land, Pastor. Arrangements were by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon. Burial was at Dreamland Cemetery.

Mrs. Ratliff was born in Spearman, Texas, April 26, 1934. She graduated from Spearman High School in 1952. She raised her family and then entered West Texas State University and received her teaching degree in 1972. She taught first grade for 24 years in the Canyon school system, Oscar Hinger, Rex Reeves & Sundown Land.


She was a member of the First Christian Church of Canyon, and several teacher organizations.

Survivors include one daughter, Carla Barton of Amarillo; two sons, Raby Ratliff of Huffman, TX; and Hoss Ratliff of Tulia, TX; one sister, Viola Boyd of Spearman, TX; and one brother, Floyd Hull also of Spearman; and six grandchildren.

Thank You

I would like to Thank the friends who have been so great to help me during my illness. Thanks to all who have called, sent food, flowers and took me to make errands and to see the doctor.

Thank you so much.
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Focus On The Family

QUESTION: Can you be more specific regarding the differences in sexual desire and preferences between males and females? I'm getting married next July. I would like to know how my future husband's sexual needs will differ from my own. Could you summarize the major distinctions that will occur between us?

DR. DOBSON: You are wise to ask this question because the failure to understand male and female preferences often produces a continual source of marital frustration and guilt. First, men are primarily aroused by visual stimulation. They are turned on by feminine nudity or peek-a-boo glimpses of semi-nudity. Women, on the other hand, are much less visually oriented than men. Sure, they are interested in attractive masculine bodies, but the physiological mechanism of sex is not triggered, typically, by what they see. Women are stimulated primarily by the sense of touch.

Thus, we encounter the first source of disagreement in the bedroom; he wants her to appear unclothed in a lighted room, and she wants him to caress her in the dark.

Second, and much more importantly, men are not very discriminating in regard to the person living within an interesting body. A man can walk down the street and be stimulated by a scantily clad female who shimmies past him, even though he knows nothing about her personality, values or mental capabilities. He is attracted by her body itself. Likewise, he can become almost as excited over a photograph or an unknown nude model as he can a face-to-face encounter with someone he loves.

In essence, the sheer biological power of sexual desire in a male is largely focused on the physical body of an attractive female. Hence, there is some validity to the complaint by women that they have been used as "sex objects" by men.

Women, on the other hand, are much more discriminating in their sexual interests. They less commonly become excited by observing a good-looking charmer, or by the photograph of a hairy model. Rather, their desire is usually focused on a particular individual whom they respect or admire.

A woman is stimulated by the romantic aura that surrounds her man, and by his character and personality. A woman yields to the man who appeals to her emotionally as well as physically.

Obviously, there are exceptions to these characteristic desires, but the fact remains: sex for men is a more physical phenomenon; sex for a woman is a deeply emotional experience.

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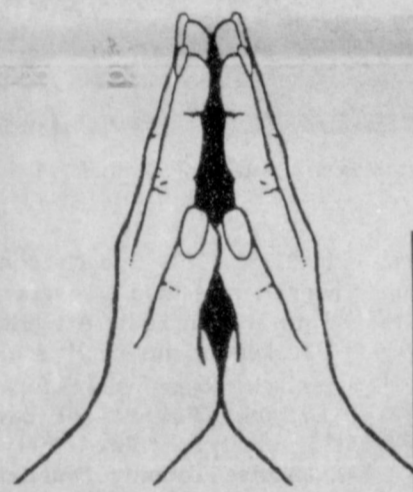
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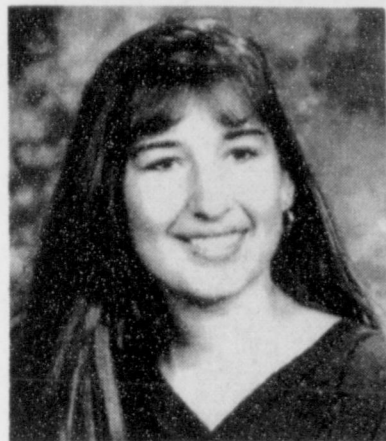
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Pipkin/Lomeli Attend Girls State



Candice Pipkin



Amanda Lomeli

Candice Pipkin and Amanda Lomeli were citizens of the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State that was held in Seguin, at Texas Lutheran College. Candice was elected to the office of Co. Commissioner, and Amanda was elected Precinct Chair, for Pecan County, Precinct 3. Candice is the daughter of Richard & Lisa Pipkin, and Amanda is the daughter of Felipe and Angela Lomeli. They were sponsored to Girls State through the American Legion Auxiliary Unit # 254.

Girls State was organized as a National Americanism activity in 1937 by the American Legion Auxiliary. Non-partisan and non-political, the purposes of the Girls State program are to provide citizenship training for girls of high school age, to afford them an opportunity to live together as a self-governing group and to inform them of the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities which they will assume when they become adults. They learn the problems of government by simulating the duties of city, county and state officials. Each year citizens are selected at local levels from students who have just completed their junior year in high school. The selection is based principally on character, leadership and scholarship.

The 1996 session of the American Legion Auxiliary Texas Bluebonnet Girls State has grown from an experimental conference of ninety-four girls, held at Baylor University in 1941, to become the largest single extracurricular educational program for high school girls in Texas. Because no sessions were held during World War II, the 1994 session marked the 50th year, or "Golden Session" of Bluebonnet Girls State. This year 586 girls are in attendance, making a total of more than 24,000 girls in Texas who have participated in this top-level citizenship program.

Former citizens of Girls State and members of the Texas American Legion Auxiliary comprise the seventy members of

the staff and counselors who volunteer their services to direct and lead this program. The Director is Connie Bridges of Killeen, Texas who is assisted by the Associate Director of Personnel, Tammy Boclair, of West Columbia, Texas; the Associate Director of Education, Mary Ellen Trahan, of Houston, Texas and the Associate Director of Administration, Ann Doan, of Fort Worth, Texas.

The elected state officials of Bluebonnet Girls State received the oath of office Monday, June 17 in the rotunda of the State Capitol. Texas Governor George W. Bush gave the inaugural address and The Honorable Thomas Phillips, Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, administered the oath of office.

One of the highlights of the session which began June 11 and ended June 21, was the selection of two outstanding citizens of 1996 who will be sent to girls Nation in Washington, D.C. by the American Legion Auxiliary. There the two young representatives will continue their study in responsibilities of the National Government.

Other speakers who addressed the citizens of Girls state included:

*The Honorable Bea Ann Smith, Justice Third Supreme Judicial District, Texas Court of Appeals

*Lori Swann, Assistant District Attorney, Deputy Chief - Misdemeanor Division, Harris County District Attorney's Office

*Laura Schile, Forensic Serologist for Texas Department of Public Safety

*The Honorable Garry Mauro, Commissioner, General Land Office

*Dr. Nancy Beck Young, Faculty, Southwest Missouri State University, Twentieth Century U.S. Women's History

*The Honorable Carole Rylander, Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission

*The Honorable Sherri Greenberg, State Representative, Austin

Extension News

by Peggy Winegarner

Every one-fourth cup of sugar, brown or white, adds close to 200 empty calories to your recipes. You can adapt many recipes by cutting the amount of sugar called for by 24 percent to 50 percent. For starters, try using one-third less sugar than the recipe calls for in pies, puddings or fruit crisps. Add more cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla, almond, or other extracts to spark flavor. Also, many naturally sweet fruits, such as pears, bananas and certain types of apples sweeten some desserts all by themselves. A substantial number of sugar and fat calories from a cake can be eliminated if you replace icing and frosting with confectioners' sugar. Sprinkle confectioners' sugar over top after cake has cooled.

COOKING WITH LOWFAT DAIRY PRODUCTS

Lowfat plain yogurt works well as a substitute for sour cream in cold dips. It can be used to stretch mayonnaise in Cole slaw, tuna and potato salads and dressings. Try half yogurt and half mayonnaise. Yogurt can also be used in place of sour cream in cooked food, but it tends to separate and become watery. You can overcome this by whisking some flour into yogurt before cooking. Better yet, whenever possible add yogurt to cooked foods after removing them from the heat source. An excellent imitation sour cream can be made by whirling lowfat cottage cheese, along with several tablespoons of skim milk or yogurt, in a blender until smooth. This makes a delicious base for vegetable dips and is a good replacement for ricotta cheese and sour cream in casseroles.

QUICK LOWFAT TIPS

*You may not be getting your sandwich worth with "diet" or "light" breads. Although lower in calories, they're typically just sliced a little more thinly or whipped with extra air. Keep in mind that most breads are low in fat and high in carbohydrates. So go ahead and serve yourself a

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hearty slice of whole-grain bread, and cut down on high-fat spreads like butter and mayonnaise and high-fat fillers like bologna and cheese.

*Is skim milk a bit watery for your taste? Try adding a couple tablespoons of nonfat dry milk. The result is a thicker, richer liquid with a higher level of calcium.

*For guilt-free potato chips, preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Wash one large potato and cut into thin slices. Lightly coat a baking sheet using an oil spray. Lay chips on sheet and lightly spray with oil. Sprinkle with seasonings such as paprika and garlic. Bake for about 30 minutes, turning once. The chips are done when they appear brown and crisp.

3-on-3 Basketball Tourney Held

The Spearman 3-on-3 Basketball League held a tournament on Tuesday, June 18th. Listed below are the results of this tournament. The winners are bolded.

Adult Men:

Dogz vs. DA Boys - Team members for the Dogz are: Jamie Villalobos, Brent Stedje, Ricardo Soto, and Jace Dawson; Team members for the D A Boyz: Scottie Harris, Andy Morris, Phil Delacruz, and Shelby Reisinger.

Coyt vs. Nobody - Team members for Coyt are: Coyt Tigrett, Jason Varnon, Derick Burnett, and Shad OQuin; Team members for Nobody are: Jarod Huddleston, Nick Vinson, and Jason Banks.

Gottis vs. Retired - Team members for Retired are: Toby Thompson, Clint Schnell, Cody

Pipkin, and Justin Boyd; Team members for Gottis are: Wylee Maupin, Sammy Renteria, Bailey Barkley, and Travis Ferguson.

12-13 year olds

XL vs Jags - Team members for the Jags are: Kade Carthel, Aaron Weller, and Cary Schneider; Team members for the XL are: Home Munoz, Miguel Ceballos, and Edward Vasquez.

Jags vs. Wolves - Team members for the Jags are: Kade Carthel, Aaron Weller, and Cary Schneider; Team members for the Wolves are: Anthony Villalobos, Chase Lamb, and Greg Ehrenberg.

Wolves vs. XL - Team members for the Wolves are: Anthony Villalobos, Chase Lamb, and Greg Ehrenberg; Team members for XL are: Homer Munoz, Miguel Ceballos, and Edward Vasquez.

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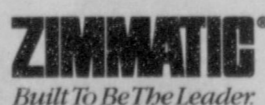
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City Lites



by Kelvin Knauff

As many Spearman residents know, Classic Cable has closed their local office. This past week, the City received two letters received from Classic. The first letter says that they have contracted with Movie Madness to serve as a "drop box" for Spearman. The second letter says that Classic Cable is raising the rates on bulk customers to \$6.50 per unit, \$4.00 for premium service. (The letters are being printed in this week's paper.)

Now, what is wrong with this picture? First, Classic Cable closes their local office, knowing full well that their franchise requires them to have a local office. Classic says that they cannot afford to keep a local office open (despite the fact that they raised rates shortly after they bought the system). Second, Classic says that they have to raise bulk rates. Third, Classic contracts with a local business to serve as a "drop box" rather than an office, as required.

I'll tell you what is wrong with this picture. Classic Cable knew full well what they were getting into when they bought the system. When they asked the City Council to transfer the franchise from Mission Cable to Classic Cable, they did not mention anything about closing the office. The first official notification the City received was a letter from Classic dated March 25 saying that they were going to close the office on April 12. They never came before the City Council to request amending the franchise before closing the office. After the City Attorney notified Classic that they had thirty days to re-open the office, Classic responded that they could re-open the office but then they would have to raise rates by \$1.61 per month. What Classic wants to do is blame the City for raising rates to keep the local office open. The City's point is that Classic Cable knew they had to have a local office when they bought the system and if they couldn't afford to keep a local office, they either 1) shouldn't have bought the local cable tv system or 2) talked to the City Council about closing the office before the franchise was transferred.

Now, we receive a letter saying that Classic is going to raise rates for some customers in spite of the fact that they closed the local office to avoid having to raise rates. Does this make sense to you?—it doesn't make any sense at all to me.

What can the City do about Classic? First, we could sue them in court to make them re-open the local office; of course, they would just turn around and raise everybody's rates to pay for the local office. The City cannot regulate the rates charged by the cable tv company - that went out the window in the 1980s.

Second, we could seek another cable company to provide service

to Spearman. Now that the whole telecommunications industry is deregulated, we might be able to find another company willing to come to Spearman if (and this is a big IF) we can show them that Spearman residents would switch from Classic to the new cable company. If the whole city switched cable companies, Classic would be sitting here with a bunch of equipment and no customers.

Third, maybe everyone in the community could call Classic and complain about the way we are being treated - just flood their phone lines. I wonder how they would respond then?

Anyway, the City is still exploring our options. It seems to us that we have been lied to and hoodwinked by Classic Cable. If it winds up that Classic re-opens its local office to comply with the franchise and raises rates again don't blame the City. I think the two letters we got show that Classic is going to raise their rates regardless of whether they have an office or not.

Dear Mayor Buchanan:

Classic Cable has kept the unit rate for our bulk customers as low as possible, however, we find it necessary to standardize and adjust the bulk rates at this time. Effective with the August, 1996 statement the unit rate for basic cable service will be \$6.50 per unit, \$4.00 per unit for premium service.

Classic Cable seriously considers each adjustment prior to making the change official. While we have worked hard to provide our customers with exceptional value, both in quality and diversity, we, like all businesses, have to contend with the increases in operational cost. We have tried to absorb as much of these expenses as possible but a portion of this cost must be passed on to our customers. This allows us to maintain and improve on the high quality standards that everyone deserves and expects.

As in the past, we will continue

to provide the best discount possible while giving our bulk customers the best possible service we can. We will continue to provide the same programming selection that residential customers receive, and if we make programming additions for residential customers, we will make the same additions for the bulk customers.

Classic Cable enjoys the opportunity of providing cable service to the community of Spearman. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at P.O. Box 429, Plainville, Kansas, 1-800-999-8876.

Sincerely,

Nita Basgall, Regional Manager

Dear Mayor Buchanan:

Steve Smith and myself met with the Council June 18 regarding the closing of the local office. We discussed alternatives to a local office with the council and are happy to announce we have secured Anita Sumner at Movie Madness as a drop box location for the community of Spearman.

A bill message on the upcoming statements will notify our customers of the drop box location. We will also have an announcement on the local channel and an ad will be run in the local paper with this information.

We appreciate the time and cooperation shown to both Mr. Smith and myself from your Council and look forward to working together in providing Cable TV service to the community of Spearman.

Should you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at 913-434-7620 extension 302.

Sincerely,

Nita Basgall, Regional Manager

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Gladiola Flower Club

submitted

The Gladiola Flower Club met Thursday, June 20 in the home of Jo Larson. President Dorothy Buzzard presided over the business meeting.

Roll call was answered and minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Virginia Trindle gave the Treasurers report.

A Thank You was received from Lacie Baker, winner of this year's scholarship.

Kathleen Sutton reported on the flowers that were planted at the museum. Ann Flowers asked that we change our next meeting from July 4th to July 2nd so we could take a field trip for our program.

June Jackson and Denise Carter were appointed as co-chairmen for this year's Home Tour.

Lorraine Kunselman led the members in the vote on the flowers. Homegrown was won by Judy Martin. Specimen was won by Estelle Jackson.

Virginia Head introduced Helen Etter and she gave the program on

her recent trip to Ecuador, Peru, and the Galapagos Islands. Helen made the trip in March and April of this year, traveling with Georgianne Hutchison. Club members enjoyed seeing her photos, and hearing of all their experiences.

Members attending were: Dickie Allen, Myra Berner, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Rose Cummings, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Virginia Head, Fay Holt, Estelle Jackson, June Jackson, Lorraine Kunselman, Judy Martin, Kathleen Sutton, Virginia Trindle, Denise Carter, hostess Jo Larson, and guest Helen Etter. Next meeting will be July 2, Tuesday, at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Ann Flowers.

The Gladiola Flower Club met Tuesday, July 2 in the home of Ann Flowers for a short business meeting.

President Dorothy Buzzard presided over the meeting.

Denise Carter won with her home grown arrangement and Ann Flowers won with her pot plant.

The members then took a field trip 21 miles South-West of Spearman to tour the vegetables and flower gardens of Lucy Pittman.

June Jackson was in charge of the program, which was enjoyed by members Charlsie Baker, Myra Berner, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Betty Jean Davis, Margarette Evans, Ann Flowers, Virginia Head, Estelle Jackson, Jo Larson, Gwen Smith, Virginia Trindle, Verna Brown, Denise Carter, and guest Delinda McLaughlin.

Next meeting will be July 18 at 2 p.m. in the home of Virginia Trindle.

IT'S A GIRL!

Buck and Cleo Hughes wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Tristian Brooke Hughes. Tristian was born in Perryton on July 4, 1996 at 1:46 p.m. She weighed 9 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her older brother, Eric.

Proud grandparents are Cruz and Rosa Canales of Sunray, Tom and Marilyn Cain of Spearman, and the late Bill Hughes. Great-grandparents are Elvira Flores of San Antonio and Oscar and Elodia Velez of Spearman.

And now abideth Faith, Hope, Love,
all three and the greatest of these is Love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Announcement is made of the arrival of Taylor James Thibeau on June 26, 1996 at Ft. Worth. He weighed 7 lb., 12 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

He is the son of Jan and Kevin Thibeau of Grand Prairie, and has a sister, 3 1/2 year old Cassie.

His only grandparents are Linda and Jim Davis, Spearman. His great grandparents are Louise and Everett Vanderburg, Spearman and Mrs. Louise Sanders, of Winslow, Maine.

Linda and Jim went down to handle his initiation into this world, and Linda remained for several days.

Sympathy is extended to Connie and Monte Dixon on the tragic loss of their baby daughter, Taylor. Short as was her stay on this earth, she left precious memories of her smile and happy personality for her brother, sister parents, grandparents and great grandparents.

Services were at Lieb cemetery on Wednesday morning.

Billy Haden surprised the medical people, but not his friends, by his rapid recovery from knee surgery. He had his right knee replaced at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo last Wednesday. He had been expected to go in the rehabilitation center there for some time. However with his speedy improvement, he came home and is handling his own rehab (with Martha's supervision).

Any day now he can be expected to be learning new steps and be dancing and prancing.

The Panhandle Cutting Horse Association held a two day meet in Canadian June 29 and 30. Winners listed included Bailey Patterson, Spearman, 1st in \$3000 Novice Class, and Dana Larson, Gruver 2nd in the same class.

Cindy Clyburn, a former teacher in Spearman school, with Texana and Brandon, has been visiting friends in Spearman since a week ago Tuesday. The children were with their friends in Spearman since a week ago Tuesday. The children were with their father, Craig Clyburn, while here.

Cindy and the children are living in Pleasanton, near San Antonio where she teaches.

She was a guest for a few days each in the home of Linda and Norlan Winegarner, Janet and Larry Trospier, and Tindle and Kristi Ramon.

On Wednesday evening a number of friends gathered in the home of Jo Dell Tigrett for a time fellowship with her.

Maxine Banister and Janice Banister returned Friday from four days in Red River. Sons of Janice and their families joined them for a time of relaxation, fishing, scenic drives in the cool mountains. Brent came from Brady and Quinn from San Angelo.

Colonel Roger and Patricia Nash, with Anna and Peter, spent a few days here last week with her parents, Barbara and Louis Schnell.

They have been stationed in Ramstein, Germany. He is retiring September 1st and it is their plans to live in Colorado Springs. They have been there making their preparations for the move.

Guests of Margarite and Roscoe Nelson has been their daughter, Rhonda Burriss, with Amanda and Randy, all formerly of Spearman.

They now live in Pond Creek, Oklahoma, north of Enid, where Jeff Burriss is the pastor of the united Methodist Church.

They arrived here last Wednesday for the July 4th week-end. On the 4th all the families spent the day in Dalhart with Donna and Jack Vanderburg. Other Spearman guests were Troy and Rhonda Vanderburg and little son.

Amanda is a sophomore at the Enid branch of the Northern Oklahoma Colleges which is based at Tonkawa. She was honored recently by being named the recipient of their award for academic achievement and made the Dean's List on the honor roll.

Randy is recovering from recent knee surgery following an injury he received while pole vaulting at his high school.

Ruth Taylor of Stamford is visiting in the home of Verna and G.I. Brown. The Brown's home was crowded but festive on Sunday with the following guests: Jim and Patty Brown with Jennifer, Panhandle; David and Angela Purvines, Leota, Kansas; Bette Bailey and Erin, Searcy, Arkansas; Travis Buzzard, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Don and Kathy Archer, with heath and Brae, Spearman.

Shonda Odegaard with sons, Colby, Caleb and Cassidy, spent last week with her parents on Lake Texhoma. Greg was unable to accompany them, so missed the fun they had swimming, boating and other water sports on the lake.

Rick and Cheryl Sander, with Nicole and Travis, camped out at Monument Lake a few days last week. They slept in tents and cooked over a camp fire and enjoyed it. The weather was just right, the scenery was beautiful - spotting bear tracks caused some caution, but no problem. Nicole and Travis each caught one fish - that's right, one-and as it is hooked and the time it is reported - the length wasn't mentioned.

Later they enjoyed the water slide in Pueblo. Their vacation concluded with attending the Dillas ball game in Amarillo on Sunday.

Dorothy Buzzard had a very pleasant week last week with grandchildren and other relatives visiting. Her grandson, Travis

Buzzard, now in intern residency at the university Hospital in Salt Lake City, and his mother, Bette Bailey and daughter Erin, who are from Searcy, Arkansas, all came.

On Sunday her other grandchildren spent the day. Kam Taylor and Matt Taylor with their mother, Patty and Terry Butts completed the group. Kam is attending a designing and merchandising school in Dallas and Matt is entering Texas Tech in the fall.

Word came on Monday of the passing of former Spearman resident, Carol Hull Ratliff of Canyon. She had been seriously ill for several weeks. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the time of this writing. Condolences to her family, and

brother, Floyd Hull, and sister, Viola Boyd and numerous cousins here.

Pastor Kyle Henderson had an interesting trip to the eastern part of the U.S. recently when he flew to Richmond, Virginia. He attended the assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship which is dedicated to reaching people in the third world who have had no exposure to the Gospel.

He flew to Baltimore, Maryland by way of Kansas City, then drove to Richmond. He felt the assembly was most inspiring and productive. On his return trip he stopped in Washington D.C. enroute to Baltimore. He spent several hours on a walking tour of some of the well-known monuments.

Boy Scouts Attend Camp

by Andy Scarborough

Spearman Boy Scout Troop 551 returned from Camp Don Harrington, Saturday, June 29 after a full week of activities, celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Boy Scouts attending camp were Travis Atwood, Brent Hughes, Andrew Cummings, T.J. Vasquez, Eric Vasquez, Chad Scarborough and Scout Master Andy Scarborough. Also Chris Cummings worked on staff for the month of June at Camp Don Harrington. He returned home Friday evening the 28th.

While at camp the boys worked on Merit Badges: Travis Atwood - Canoeing, Rifle, and Shotgun; Andrew Cummings - Pioneering and Space Exploration; Brent Hughes - Rifle and Shotgun; Eric Vasquez - Fishing and partial completion of the Baden Powell Program; T.J. Vasquez - partial completion of the Baden Powell Program; Chad Scarborough - Swimming, Pioneering, Canoeing, partial Cycling, Rowing, plus Hunters Education certification and completed a special program called Commando Swimmer.

Scout Master, Andy Scarborough, completed Hunters Education certification, BSA Lifeguard certification and tied for Top Gun in the Black Powder Rifle target shoot among Scout Masters.

All completed Merit Badges will be awarded at a Court of Honor sometime in Mid July.

As a added honor Andrew Cummings was elected to join the order of the Arrow. Congratulations to him!

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During his absence, Mrs. Henderson and children visited her parents in Arlington. Her mother had been here with her and they drove her home.

A hurriedly planned gathering for the family of the late E.R. and Ethel Hester resulted in 50 attending.

On Sunday evening, July 7, at her home Dorothy Buzzard, Patty and Terry Butts hosted the reunion with a pot luck supper.

Some non-strenuous sports-horse shoe pitching, croquet, and similar, were enjoyed, but most of the activity was renewing relationships and reminiscing, with considerable eating as the opportunity arose.

The 50 present, by families were: Dorothy Buzzard, Patty and Terry Butts, Spearman; Kam Taylor, Dallas; Mat Taylor, Canyon; Travis Buzzard, Salt Lake City; Bette and Erin Bailey, Searcy, Arkansas; Joyce Crum-Lynda Darrell, Tye West, Troy Brown, Spearman; Norma and Donald Titus with Gregg, Katie and Caroline, Amarillo; Jana and Mike Ketner, North Carolina.

Doris Beck-Janie and Bryce Waugh, with Cayla, Shelby, Edee and Jason, Buffalo, Oklahoma; Teresa and Tim Barkley with Timber, Gruver; Jan Picciuti, San Antonio; Shea Crawford, Amarillo; Betty Scribner, Spearman-Ray and Cindy Scribner, Clay and Traci Scribner, Raelynn and Stephen Cooke with Austin and Kilee, all of Spearman, Roy Scribner, Lubbock; Sonny Windom, Spearman, Jody Rex, Guymon; J.D. and Winifred Hester, Texline; other guests were Mark Allen, Tara Butts, Spearman; Grey Copeland, Amarillo; Amy Erwin, Buffalo; Dawn McCullough, Gruver.

The last Thursdays edition of the Amarillo Daily News carried a picture and an article about the "Cheery-Os", a singing group of residents of The Canyons in Amarillo. The group range in age from 71 to 102. They sing on numerous occasions and for various

groups, and are especially in demand for their patriotic songs.

The article states that the group is led by Virginia Cates. Virginia, formerly of Spearman, keeps a low profile, but other residents explain that she organized the group, and has worked with them until they have established a reputation.

She also organized and leads a musical instruments ensemble and the newspaper recently published an article about them.

An unusual aspect of Virginia's leadership, after recognizing that the elderly found difficulty in singing in the key in which the music was written, she re-keys the scores for their use.

Post office patrons, in seeing the drawing of James Dean, whose likeness is on the new stamps, posted on the bulletin board were surprised. The drawing could have been the original for the stamp. The surprise was that it had been drawn by Carolyn Davidson. All this time Carolyn has been hiding her talent-but no longer.

Hallelujah!!! We have been spared a fate worse than death-as on Saturday, Bill Clinton made the announcement that now all kinds of tests, restrictions and prescriptions will be added to meat processing. Those mean ole people who have been providing the country with a safe and wholesome supply of meat, upgrading tests when needed, for 90 years have finally been brought to task.

The new bureaucratic demands are expected to cost the packing plants initially 350 million then one million per year to maintain. Guess who will be paying that bill?

Then the government is going to hire umpteen inspectors to see that the paper work, etc., is done according to its demands. Guess whose taxes will be paying them?

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1996 Spearman All-Stars



Major League Softball All-Stars (Girls, Ages 11 & 12)
 (Back Row, L-R) Coach Sherri Johnson, Amber Elliott, Cheryl Gibson, Jessica Crossland, Mindee Gillaspie, Misti Hand, Coach Kym Williams; (Front Row, L-R) Kim Vasquez, Kyra Shields, Dallas Robinson, Christie McDowell, Sammi Johnson, Brittni Morriss



Minor League Baseball All-Stars (Boys, Ages 9 & 10)
 (Back Row, L-R) Manager Boyd Rice, Marcus Vasquez, Mark Thomas, Steffan Bush, Clete Venderberg, Garrett Martin, Chase Shubert, Coach Edward McEntire; (Front Row, L-R) Caleb Gillaspie, Justin Eslick, Jason Waiser, Tatum Rice, Eric Diaz; not pictured - Ruben Olivarez



Major League Baseball All-Stars (Boys, Ages 11 & 12)
 (Back Row, L-R) Manager Bobby Smith, Coach Toby Thompson, Edward Vasquez, Travis Brown, Adam Cherry, Matt Dunning, Josiah Vasquez, Lance Baker; (Front Row, L-R) Hector Diaz, Tanner Beedy, Brett Widener, Kevin Beedy, Colton Miller, Lance Smith, Wesley Hathaway



Senior League Baseball All-Stars (Boys, Ages 13-15)
 (Back Row, L-R) Landon Jackson, Chuck Grayson, Teddy Whitefield, Eric Eslick, Bobby Luhan, Coach J.L. Griffin; (Front Row, L-R) Clayton Vanderburg, Steven Vasquez, Dusty Vinson, Coley Griffin, Richard Varnon, Jared Freeman; not pictured - Jeremy Mackie and Coach Israel Vasquez

TOPS Update

submitted

The June 4th meeting of TOPS was special as our Area Captain and her husband, Leola and Shorty Albert from Fritch, were at our meeting.

Nine weighed in with eight staying for meeting. Ida Hendricks won the fruit bowl as best loser. Reba Hunter's name was drawn and she won a gift as she had lost.

Roll call was great news because, as a group, we had lost 10 3/4 pounds. We completed a four month contest, and Ina Soaps was winner with the most points. Reba Hunter read "The Food Exchange System" with our Area Captain, Leola Albert, handy to answer questions and enlighten us. The ideal solution is to have what we want from each food group - drinks, fruits, fats, vegetables, and meats, but restrict the amount. Leola explained how a buddy helps by being there when we need to talk.

We closed our meeting with the Serenity prayer.

The June 11th meeting began with nine members weighing and eight staying. Connie Gammill had us open

with the "Tops Pledge."

Our queen for best loser in May was Reba Hunter, and she also won the fruit bowl this week as best loser. Congratulations Reba!!

Terry Hart's name was drawn for a gift and she won as she had lost weight. The following members were recognized for twelve weeks perfect attendance: Ida Hendricks, Louise Evans, Winnie Vernon, Connie Gammill, Terry Hart, and Rosalie Cator. Congratulations everyone!

After weigh-in, seven of nine stayed for the meeting on June 18th.

We opened by singing "Deny Yourself."

Winnie Vernon read last meetings minutes and her name was drawn for a gift and since she lost she won.

Connie Gammill was gone on her birthday so we sang her a belated Happy Birthday and Winnie gave her a gift of appreciation for being our "Good Leader."

Reba Hunter read "Help Me Lord" by Gracie Easley.

After some helpful discussions we closed with "Tops Helping Hand."

College News

Ross W. Renner of Gruver was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the spring 1996 semester at Abilene Christian University.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

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More than 3,300 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Area students making the Dean's list are: Cody Patrick Barkley, a junior, and Trent Randolph Seagler, a senior, both of Gruver, TX; Kelli Dawn Butts, a junior; Stacia Diane Gardiner, a senior; Carrie Jane Pearson, a sophomore; Laura Beth Pearson, a senior; all of Spearman, TX.

Making the President's List was Traci Lanette Crawford, a senior from Gruver.

McMurry University has announced its Dean's List recipients for the 1996 spring semester. To be selected for the Dean's List a student must take 12 or more credit hours and have a 3.5 or better G.P.A.

Students from our area are: Molly Marie Blackman from Spearman, Kaisin Amber Foster, and Kayce L. Haenisch both from Gruver.

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Graduating students included the following: Stacia Diane Gardiner, of Spearman, with a Bachelor of Business Adm., Human Devlmt. & Family Stds. and Marci Jean Womble, of Morse, who graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Adm., Interior Design.

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by Cindy Blackman

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Sam's Corner

by Sharon Moore

What color is Love:
The world has many things: the world has many, many people, each different; all different colors, as the world has many colors. While colors are very important because they make our world beautiful, they also soothe us when we are at our lowest point; when we miss and love someone so much we ache; when we hurt and are in pain. They are not as important as how we feel or what we do with each of our lives or how each of us thinks. Color is something we see with our eyes, with our hearts, with our souls, but "Love" is something we see "Only" in our "hearts". So - "What color is Love?"

An apple is red. The sun is yellow. The sky is blue. A leaf is green. A cloud is white. A stone is brown. The world has many, many things, the world has many many people and the world has many, many colors and each of them is different. In a garden, all the flowers are different colors but they happily live together, side by side in perfect harmony with each other. In a forest all the birds are different colors, but they live happily together, side by side, and usually get along with each other. In a meadow all the animals are each different colors, but they live happily together side by side, and they usually get along together also.

In our world people are all different colors and sometimes, not always but "sometimes", they can live happily together, side by side.

Colors are very important because they make the world we live in beautiful, but they are not as important as how each of us "feels" or "thinks", or what each of us does in our lives. Colors are

"outside" things and our feelings are "inside" things. Color is something each of us sees differently with our eyes, but "Love" is something each of us sees in our "hearts" only.

So - an apple is red, the sun is yellow, the sky is blue, a leaf is green, a cloud is white, and the earth is brown.

And now if I asked you, could "you" tell me what color "Love" is??

So - now again I shall leave you in Sam's Corner, and my wish for each of you is that you will find what the color of "Love" is in each of your hearts.

P.S. I would like to say to 3 very special people in my life what their love has meant to me. To a husband who has stuck by my side, through the rough roads and the good times, the heartaches, the happy times (all 25 years worth), I Love You - always have and always will. Like a song, "If I had to do it all over again - I'd Love you all over again."

To a daughter that turned 22 on our 25th anniversary: you were the tiniest most beautiful thing I ever saw when you came into this world on my 3rd anniversary and you have grown up to be more beautiful each and every day.

And now to my son: God truly smiled on me when he gave me a son like you. I miss you so very, very much and am so deeply honored and proud to be your mother. I Love You!

I Love each of you with my heart. This is "my" color of love; a man that stands beside me; a daughter that is so beautiful inside and out that it hurts; and a son that is my everything. This is to those 3 people in my life and my "heart colors. Love you, "Sam"!

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--July 8, 1996--26 feet and 9 inches. The high for 1996 has been 27 feet and 3.5 inches.

A big crowd showed up for the fireworks on the Fourth of July. Spectators of both last year and this year reported a more extensive display Thursday.

The R.V. Park had the heaviest traffic of the year with an average of 10 vehicles a night from Wednesday to Sunday. The shelter was rented by the First Baptist Church of Spearman for the evening of the Fourth. The Stephens family had the shelter Saturday for a family reunion, and the Assembly of God had it on Sunday evening.

Out At The Lake

Fishing was a slow, but there were several nice fish caught. Saturday night Rex Reid of Gruver caught a 21 inch walleye on a minnow for bait. Jim also saw a 5# channel catfish from the Lake and an 18 inch blue catfish hooked in the Children's Pond by a Borger boy. Several of the fishermen on the Creek part of the Lake are getting to see does with twin fawns.

After Bob Nobles' call about the emus roaming loose on the Palo Duro, I began an investigation with our grandchildren that live on the creek before it forks north of Morse. Some of them had seen four birds in a group. Last Wednesday Don and I saw a lone

bird racing inside the barbed wire fence near the creek.

Today I talked to Sheriff R. McFarlin. He said his office had at least five calls about emus on the creek, but that they had been unable to locate any one who would claim them.

After Slaton Johnson of the Palo Duro Feedlot roped one by the feet, he was able to find someone who would look after it. He thinks the coyotes may have killed one or two. Although these birds originally came from the Australian bush, the generations of being born in captivity do not make them suited to be turned out to fend on their own. Slaton thinks they will not adjust to being free. Quoting the World

Book, emus are our second largest bird with the ostriches being the largest.

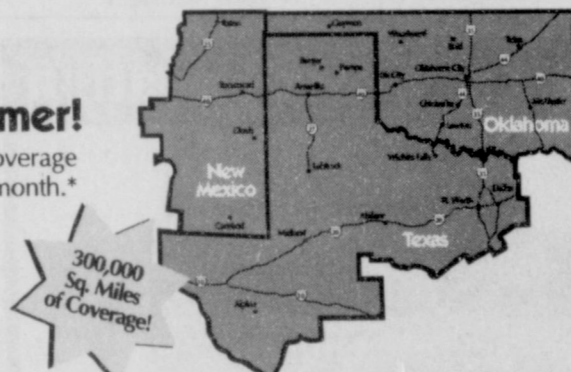
Patting a fellow on his back is the best way to get a chip off his shoulder.



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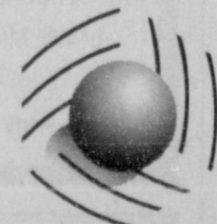
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Thank You
The Gruver EMS would like to thank both Spearman and Gruver Communities for their support and donations which enabled us to have a successful 4th of July Bingo. Special thank you to Lions Club and Gruver City employees for all their help. We would also like to say thank you to Mike Floyd, who donated the stepping stones.

Winners were:
Pat Bratton and Georgia Holt

Shields Attends Bobwhite Brigade



Ruth Shields

by Ruth Shields

"Tell me, I forget. Show me, I remember. Involve me, I understand!" This is the motto for the Bobwhite Brigade.

The Bobwhite Brigade is a five day camp, located outside of Lueders, Texas. It was held June 23-27, 1996, for high school age students, who are interested in wildlife and want to learn more about it, especially the bobwhite quail. The instructors (mostly all wildlife biologists) taught the importance of wildlife management, and how to maintain it.

Some of the things the cadets learned was how to perform a necropsy and know the anatomy of the quail and its function. One of the most exciting activities for me was the radio telemetry, in which a radio collar was placed around the quails neck, then secured under the wings, after this they were released. Then two days later we used the

receiver to track our birds. In this study we learned the chances of survival of pen - raised quail when released in the wild, and also their movement, how far they will go to seek shelter and find food.

We also tracked nests that the instructors had hidden with a transmitter in them. We had to type in the frequency on the receiver (this isn't as easy as it sounds, its not like we just walked out and found it.) The wild birds have to keep their nest well hidden from predators. By the time we were sure that we had found the right bush it was in, we still had to locate the nest that was well covered. Another thing we learned was range management and the five tools for proper management. "The only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary."

We were taught the importance of conservation and how to do our part... I would like to thank the Panhandle Chapter of Quail Unlimited, for sponsoring and paying my tuition. I truly believe it was well worth it and will help me in the future.

If anyone would like to learn more about the things I have learned, I would be more than happy to share with you. I'm available to give programs to any age group, and civic clubs. For more information on the Bobwhite Brigade contact myself at 806-659-2272 or the County Extension office.

I was one of thirty cadets selected to attend the camp.

To fill the hour, and leave no crevice for a repentance or an approval, that is happiness.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

OSU Cowgirl Camp Held

Some of the Spearman Lynxettes from the high school team and the junior high team attended the OSU Cowgirl Team Camp in Stillwater this past weekend. 48 teams were present representing Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas. In the high school division, the Sr. Lynxettes posted a 5-4 record against some very impressive defending state champion teams. All teams were coached by their own school coaches but by UIL rules Texas coaches cannot coach their respective teams. The Senior team was coached by Leann Gillispie. Team members were Macy Shieldknight, Samantha Beasley, Tara Butt, Jennifer Neff,

Shayla Barber, Kristen Beedy, Lisa Swink, Misha Davis, Brooke Trantham, Keisha OQuin and Lindsey Smith.

The Junior High Lynxettes posted an unblemished 9-0 record in round robin play. Then lost a close game by three points in the championship round to Salisaw, OK, a team they had previously beaten by 15 points. Team members were Jennifer Schnell, Adrienne Simpson, Camille Smith, Halee Beasley, Brooke Lesly, Syd Woodington, Haley Lombard, Audra Sanders, and Amber Ramon. The Junior Lynxettes were coached by Ashley Patterson.

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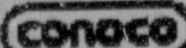
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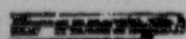
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Agriculture News

Hansford County Farm Service Agency has requested implementation of the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP) for losses of grazing value on small grains this past winter and spring. County Director Preston Wright says since the inclusion, in late spring, of small grain forage production as an eligible crop in the program, it has taken on a real significance for Hansford County.

NAP was created under the Federal Crop Insurance Reform Act of 1994, but until April 1996, small grain grazing and forage was not covered under the program. NAP is a disaster assistance program for non insured crops. Following a major crop loss, it provides benefits similar to those provided for insurable crops by the catastrophic level of crop insurance protection. The program, which applies to crops for which traditional crop insurance is not available, operates at no cost to producers. Payments can be made only when an area wide disaster occurs.

Key features of the program: Payment levels are similar the catastrophic level of crop insurance protection.

Payments can be made after crop loss in an approved area is greater than 35% of the expected area yield, and an individual producer has more than a 50% loss of his or her approved yield.

Producers must file an acreage report before the local area deadline or they will not be eligible for NAP payments, no matter how severe the disaster.

Producers must report losses within 15 days of the occurrence of the natural disaster.

There is no cost for signing up for NAP.

Unlike the old, after-the-fact disaster programs, producers must file an acreage report with the local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office prior to the crop reporting

date.

It is extremely important that producers not miss their acreage reporting deadline nor neglect to report a loss. The same legislation that created NAP also effectively terminated all ad hoc disaster programs.

Once the county is approved for NAP, payments will be made to those producers whose yields are below 50% of their approved yield, which takes into consideration their past production history. Producers' approved yields will be based on up to 10 consecutive years of acreage and production records, when available. If production records are not available, producers will receive an approved yield based on a percentage of the county expected yield.

For losses that exceed 50% of a producer's normal farm production, the payment will be 60% of the crop's average market price, as determined by USDA. Payments to any one producer under NAP can not exceed \$100,000 for any given crop year. The payment rate will be reduced for any crop which is unharvested or prevented from being planted, to reflect the decreased costs incurred.

One goal of the crop disaster reform effort is to eliminate the fraud committed by a few farmers which eroded public confidence in agriculture and cost taxpayers millions of dollars.

A toll free hotline will help to eliminate any abuse of the program. The Hotline is an anonymous and effective means of identifying suspected abuse. The toll free number is 1-800-424-9121.

When, and if, NAP is approved for Hansford County, the announcement will be made through the county office newsletter, this newspaper, and local radio spots.

Lopez Attends Texas Lions Camp



Adrian Lopez

Adrian Lopez, age 14, the son of Maria Hernandez of Spearman, recently attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. Sponsored by the Spearman Lions Club, this

camper participated in summer camp activities including horseback riding, swimming, field sports, and a challenge course program.

Established in 1949, the Texas Lions Camp has given more than 40,000 children with physical disabilities the opportunity to experience the joys of summer camp. Children between the ages of 7-16 attend at no cost to their parents. The camping program is specially adapted in order to accommodate each child's individual needs. A well-trained staff supervises each camp activity with a ration of one counselor to two campers.

The Texas Lions Camp is a nonprofit organization funded by Lions and private donations. For more information, contact your local Lions club or the Texas Lions Camp at P.O. Box 247, Kerrville, Texas 78029-0247, (210)896-8500.

Borger 7 on 7 Passing Tournament

Eight members of Spearman's Football team participated in the first annual Borger Bulldog 7 on 7 passing tournament June 29. Teams competing were: Spearman, Stinnett, Pampa, Stratford, and two teams from Borger.

Spearman's team was tournament champions. Members of the Spearman team were: Michael Witten, Eric Cudd, Jake Howard, Frankie Dominquez, Kevin Baker, Josh Bynum, Aaron Witten, and Clancy Vanderburg.

Public Notices

POSITION AVAILABLE
The Spearman ISD is currently accepting applications for a full-time custodial/maintenance person. Applications may be picked up at the central offices from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Spearman ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Spearman Planning and Zoning Commission; Date: July 31, 1996; Time: 9:00 a.m.; Place: City Council Chambers, 30 S.W. Court, Spearman, Texas; Purpose: To consider in public hearing the rezoning of the property listed below plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys, and public ways: A 163' x

535' parcel of land in OL 15, being the SW corner of E. Kenneth and S. Snider; and A 295' x 285' parcel of land in OL 16, being the SE corner of E. Kenneth and S. Snider; and Lots 4-6, Block 31 and Lots 4-6, Block 33, OT, being the NE corner of E. Kenneth and N. Endicott and the NW corner of E. Kenneth and N. Brandt, City of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas.

If the Planning and Zoning Commission favorably considers the request or the applicants file a written appeal with the City Secretary by 12:00 noon, July 24, 1996, the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed change as follows: Date: August 20, 1996; Time: 7:30 p.m.; Place: City Council Chambers, 30 S.W. Court, Spearman, Texas. For additional information call 650-2524.

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