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At A Glance

Hansford Hospice Needs Garage Sale Items

The Hansford Hospice Volunteers are planning a garage sale this fall to raise funds for our local Hospice program. You can bring your garage sale items to 313 Main Street, Spearman, TX, on August 10th between 9-10:30 a.m. Thank you for your support

Spearman High School Registration

Spearman High School students may come by the high school in order to register and pick up schedules for the 200-2001 school year at the following times: New Students - August 4th, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Seniors - August 7th, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Juniors - August 7th, 1-3 p.m.; Sophomores - August 8th, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; Freshmen - August 8th, 1-3 p.m.

Canadian Ex-Student Association All-School Reunion

The Canadian Ex-Student Association All-School Reunion, which is held every five years, will be Saturday, August 5, 2000 in Canadian, Texas. The reunion will begin at the Canadian High School at 9:00 a.m. with registration and visitation and a general assembly at 10:30 a.m. The honored classes will be 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949 and 1950. Those who have taught in the Canadian schools will also be recognized. Following the assembly, a catered lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. in the Canadian Elementary School Cafeteria. Individual class gatherings will be held throughout the weekend. The Reunion Dance will be at the Jones Open-Air Pavilion from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on Saturday night with live music by Northfork and a "video" disc jockey will play during band intermissions.

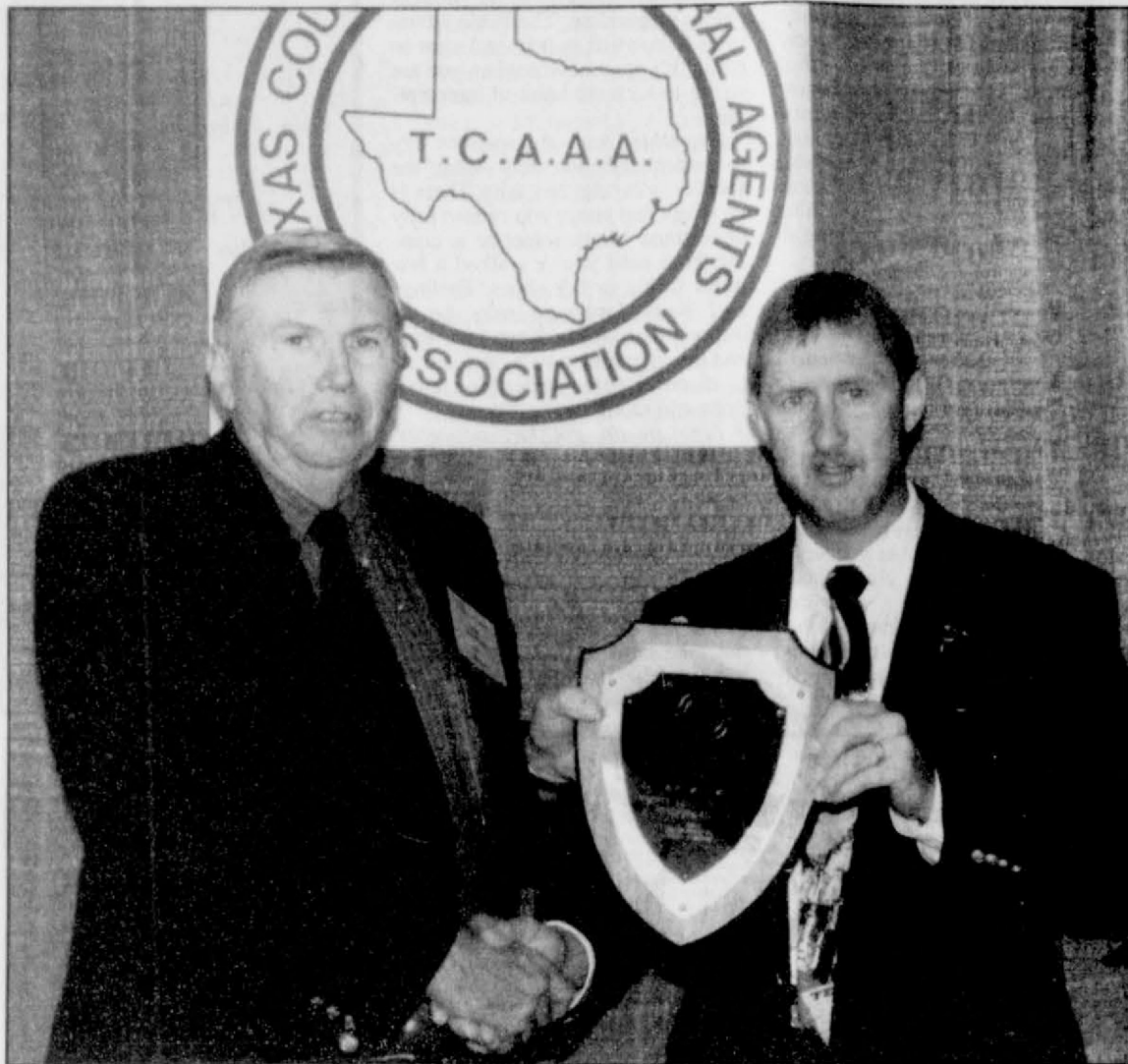
Anyone who has ever attended Canadian schools is welcome, regardless of whether he or she is a graduate of Canadian High School. For additional information, please contact the Canadian Ex-Student Association, Box 444, Canadian, Texas 79014 or call Laura Norris Walser at (806)323-5017 or e-mail Cindy Morey Bowen at bvb@yft.net Anyone having a change of address, phone number or e-mail, please contact the Canadian Ex-Students Association. We would prefer all registration be by mail, but late registration will be available on the day of the reunion for an additional fee.

Canadian Ex-Student Association: Cindy Morey Bowen (65) - 323-8796; Laura Norris Walser (88) - 323-5017; Janae Schafer (82) - 323-8541; Lisa Hastings Johnson (83) - 323-5048; Jeri Pundt (73) - 323-6097; Robin Mitchell (79) - 323-6826.

Cowboy Church

Y'all come join us for Cowboy Church each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Oscar Archer Arena in Spearman for Christian Fun and fellowship outdoors. Come as you are - boots and hats optional. Refreshments follow the service. For more information, contact

Williams Receives TCAAA Distinguished Service Award



Burt Williams receives the Distinguished Service Award from the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

by Tim McAlavy

Burt Williams, Hansford County Extension agent-agriculture, received a Distinguished Service Award from the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association at their annual meeting in Lubbock.

The prestigious annual award is presented to a select group of county agents in recognition of their accomplishments and commitment to local, regional and statewide Extension educational programs.

Williams has served as Hansford County Extension agent for 16 years, and has been the agricultural program leader there since 1984.

During his career, he has gained the respect of his peers and the public by conducting relevant programs on wheat and livestock production, pesticide safely and risk management. As a result of his programs, 50 county producers are now utilizing futures and options as risk management marketing tools.

Williams is a strong believer in using result demonstrations in his educational programs. He annually conducts wheat, corn and grain

sorghum demonstrations that assist producers in making wise crop management decisions.

Under his able leadership, the Hansford County 4-H livestock program became well-known for its livestock judging and show ring excellence. Williams has coached many of these livestock teams to district and state contest wins. He also took one team to national competition, where they ably represented the state of Texas.

He spearheaded the effort to develop and implement the Panhandle Master Beef Volunteer Program. More than 20 volunteers received 24 hours of training, and are now investing 50 hours of in-kind service to local 4-H beef projects. Through this effort, 4-H beef projects are a rich and rewarding educational experience for Panhandle youngsters.

Hansford County citizens recognize Williams for his ability to help them examine alternatives and to make problem-solving decisions based on sound, unbiased, research-based information.

James Honored



Troy James

Troy W. James, District Leader I in Spearman for The Franklin Life Insurance Company, Springfield, IL, has qualified for one of the company's top sales awards, according to Ronald Riddlehuber, CLU, president of the American General Agency Building Group.

Riddlehuber stated that James qualified for membership in the Key Club, comprising a select group of company associates who produce extremely high personal sales within a 60-day period.

Agency Building Group associates are appointed by, and represent, several life insurance company members of the American General Financial Group, including The Franklin Life Insurance Company, The American Franklin Life Insurance Company, American General Life Insurance Company, The Old Line Life Insurance

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First Time Homebuyer Assistance

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has approved Panhandle Community Services for \$400,000 to be used for down payment and closing cost assistance for first time

homebuyers. The agency serves the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle with this program except in the Amarillo Metropolitan area, which is served by the City of Amarillo.

Under the program, up to \$5,000

can be utilized (up to \$7,500 in some cases) for down payment and closing costs on a loan. This is not a grant, but a zero interest, zero payment, second lien that does not come due until the first lien is paid off or on a premature sale or disposition of the property. In essence, it is moving the down payment and closing cost from the front of the loan where the money may not be available, to the back of the loan where it can be more readily addressed. Homes purchased under the program cannot exceed \$59,877 for an existing home, or \$94,716 for a new home.

The money is expected to be available to begin administering the program in late August. Applications may be made at any Panhandle Community Services Center, where an applicant's income will be checked against the program guidelines to see if they qualify. The income guidelines differ by county. If the applicant qualifies under the guidelines, they still must be able to meet the credit requirements of the lender they choose to work with. After initial application, PCS works strictly with the lender.

Interested parties should contact their local PCS service center to make initial application for the assistance as soon as it is available.

For more information, contact Terry Burns at the Amarillo office at 372-2531, ext. 257, or Johnanna Dear at the Perryton Center at 435-2478.

Sales Tax Holiday Set

by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander

Because cutting taxes is one of my top priorities, I'm happy to announce that this year's Sales Tax Holiday will run from August 4th-6th and that I was able to expand the Holiday to include layaway items.

For the second year in a row, no state or local sales tax will be charged on most clothing and footwear priced under \$100. And due to an administrative change I was delighted to make, eligible clothing and shoes placed in layaway during the Sales Tax Holiday may be taken out at a later date tax-free. As a Mamma and a Grandmama, I know this will be beneficial. This will allow hard-working Texas families with limited budgets to pay for their purchases a little bit at a time and still receive the tax break.

Although the Sales Tax Holiday is timed to help families outfit their children for school, the tax break is not limited to children's clothes and shoes. The Sales Tax Holiday is an ideal time for Texans of all ages to stock up on shoes and clothing - including work uniforms.

Last year, Texas families spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothes and shoes during the initial Sales Tax Holiday, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season. Shoppers bought twice as much as in a typical three-day weekend in August. My office projects that, during this year's Holiday, families will save more than \$30 million in state sales taxes and \$7 million in local sales taxes.

In addition to benefiting Texas families, the Sales Tax Holiday also positively affects city and state economies. In 1999, even though the state chose to provide families with a \$32 million tax cut during the first tax Holiday, overall sales tax revenues for the year rose to a record \$13 billion. City sales tax rebates for the year increased 7.1 percent to \$3.5 billion as many local officials saw an increase in their local economic activity.

This year local governments had the opportunity to opt out of the Sales Tax Holiday. Only one local government in the entire state voted not to participate. Other cities examined this issue and concluded that the overall economic benefit of the Holiday outweighed the loss of sales tax revenue from selected clothing and shoes.

Cutting taxes is one of my 10 principles for Texas in the 21st century. The tax burden on working families is too high across our nation and Texas' Sales Tax Holiday certainly offers much-needed tax relief for Texans.

We have opportunities, though, to do more to relieve the tax burden. For example, I want to extend the Holiday for a longer period of time and cover more items like backpacks and fabric, buttons and zippers so that mamas who make the clothes for their kiddos can also benefit from this tax break. These changes will take legislative action and I'm going to recommend this to the state Legislature when it convenes in January.

Going back to school is a time of adjustment in the lives of many Texas families. The Sales Tax Holiday, hopefully, lessens the need for budget adjustments, too.

For a complete listing of tax-exempt items, check the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call the tax assistance hotline at 1-800-252-5555.

Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center Annual Radio Auction

on

KRDF-FM 98.3

Thurs., Aug. 24th, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 25th, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Items to be auctioned can be viewed at the Golden Spread Center on Wednesday, August 23rd. For more information, call 659-3030 or 659-3866.

A windmill quilt made by the arts and crafts ladies will be given away on August 25th at the end of the auction. Raffle tickets are \$2.00 each, or three for \$5.00.

Anyone wishing to donate items for the auction may call 659-3030 or 659-3866.

Minding Your Own Business

Are You Listening? - Some Helpful Tips

by Don Taylor

One of the most difficult skills business owners, executives and professional speakers must develop is the art of listening. Most of these folks are more comfortable talking than listening. However, if you study those who achieve even a modest level of success in life, you'll often find that over the years they have honed their listening skills. Listening is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself. Good listening is a skill anyone can acquire with practice. Here are some tips to get you started.

The SPEAK-EZ method

Spend more time listening. If you know how to listen you can profit from someone who speaks poorly. Practice your listening skills. When you attend a meeting, spend more time listening than talking. Promise yourself you'll keep quiet at all cost. You'll learn more when you listen more. If you aren't spending more than half of your communication time listening, you aren't learning all you could.

Pay attention to the speaker. Maintain eye contact. Put aside other thoughts and give the speaker your undivided attention. If you drift off for a moment, ask the speaker to repeat his or her last few words. Become an active listener and it will help you focus on the speaker.

Encourage the speaker. You should give the speaker subtle signs of encouragement from time to time. You can nod, raise your eyebrows and change your facial expressions. Verbally, you can encourage with "mmhms," "ahs" and other affirmative little grunts. Brief interjections such as "interesting," "I didn't know that" and "Is

that right?" will also embolden the speaker to continue.

Ask good questions. Questions can be both a way to get more information and a method of encouraging and guiding the speaker. Don't be afraid to ask if the speaker can expand on a thought or comment. Questions can help you focus the speaker's comments and clarify concepts you don't fully understand.

Kick the habit of interrupting. A wise communicator once said that people are either talking or getting ready to talk. However, good listeners listen. They resist the tendency to interrupt. They wait until the speaker completes his or her thought before responding. The Bible advises us to be swift to hear and slow to speak. It's great advice when you are trying to kick the habit of interrupting.

Empathize with the speaker. Try to understand not only what the speaker is saying, but why. There is an adage that states you cannot fully understand where someone is coming from until you've walked a few miles in his or her shoes. Feelings and body language may be as important as words. Keep your eyes and ears open. Be a detective and try to discover those underlying emotions and motives.

Zero in on the key concepts. Several weeks ago, I visited with some marketing executives who are with a Fortune 100 company. Three weeks after that meeting I had a phone conversation with the highest ranking person in attendance. He quoted some of the key concepts I mentioned in the meeting. He did not take notes during the meeting, nor was the meeting recorded. He simply focused on the most impor-

tant points of my discussion, and committed them to memory. I found his recall impressive.

When you really listen to someone you pay them a high compliment. As you improve your listening skills two things will happen: First, you'll have more friends, and sec-

ond, you'll learn new and worthwhile things.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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The following story was sent to me a while back. I recently ran across it again and thought I would share it with you.

The Window

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room.

One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs.

His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep.

She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window.

The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

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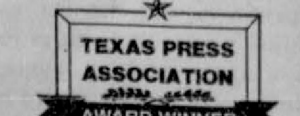
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August 3
 Birthday - Clay Gillispie, Tyson Sparks, Mary Wisinger, Laurie Swenn, Kent Guthrie, Kenneth Coates, Olivia Salgado, Sam Abston, Dibrell Kirk, Racheal Garza, Tencha Cazares, Olivia DeSantiago, Maxine Little
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Don Schroder, Mr. & Mrs. Don E. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Shane Reagan

August 4
 Birthday - Jim Derington, Marjorie Hendricks, Penny Gammil, Mrs. Dick Kilgore, Cindy McGhee, Jeanetta Montgomery, Billy Joe Rhea, Mike Riley, V.L. Williamson, Nikki Swenn, Misty Pointer, Shelly Rock, Ramon Rosales, Renee Allen, Lillian Whitford, Joe Allen Bullard, Bond Grace Pittman, Lee Blevins, Lane Salmans, Dawn Weaks, Rachel Abernathy
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Joe Vanderburg, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bravo, Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie E. Williams

August 5
 Birthday - Chase Reagan, Beth Ann Holt, Tina Adams, Billy Miller, Shirley Stafford, Erin Boxwell, Stephen Poole, Emidia Borunda, Heath Gaines, Paul Winn, Maria A. Parra, Susan Renick
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. J. Garnett, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Lackey, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Sanchez, Danny & Debby Herrington, Rich & Helen Melton

August 6
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 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Murl Pearson, Mr. & Mrs. Rocky Sharp, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Stedje, Mr. & Mrs. Mack Hoel

August 7
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 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lucio Vela, Mr. & Mrs. Riche Randall, Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Brock, Mr. & Mrs. Erwin Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Felipe Alvarez, Jim & Karen Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lamb

August 11
 Birthday - Howard Barkley, Autumn Bateman, Jake McCullough, Clint DeArmond, Ray Robertson, Jody Rex, Dean McLain, Tootsie Scroggs, Simon Nelson, Kam Taylor, Hank Sutterfield, Tammy Herndon, Tayshia James, Beulah Abston
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gary Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Whitford, Mr. & Mrs. Ervin Wright, Mr. & Mrs. Junior Crossland

August 12
 Birthday - Hix Spivey, Norma Swink, Verna Gail Keim, Angela Gaitner, Judy Nelson, Randy Hargis, Julian Rodriguez Sr., Wade Nobles, Devonna Boyd, Janice Bannister
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Saldavar, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Tucker

August 13
 Birthday - Brendy Brown Kirkland, Mike Coomer, Denise Karlin, Charles Phillips, Blake Trantham, Wanda Jones, Max Baggerly, Anne Foster, Adrian Robertson, Lorrie Bowen, Oliver Barnes, Joe Dean Clement, Ethel Ellsworth, Jim Miller, Crystal Boyd
 Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Gary Flowers, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald TeBeest

Our Deepest Sympathy

Jeannie Ann Kirk

Jeannie Ann Kirk, 51, died on Wednesday, July 26, 2000. Services were held on Saturday, July 29, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Spearman with the Rev. Don Wirsdorfer (former pastor) and the Rev. Gary Smith officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Jeannie was born in Spearman on February 15, 1949, and had lived in the area her entire life. At the time of her death she lived in Perryton, moving from Spearman in 1993.

She was a 1967 graduate of Spearman High School, and attended the Amarillo College of Nursing. She worked in several hospitals, including Hansford Hospital and Ochiltree General Hospital.

She married Richard Kirk on May 17, 1997 in Perryton. She was a nurse and a member of the First Christian Churches in both Perryton and Spearman.

She was preceded in death by her father, Woodie Davis, and her stepfather, Raymond Kirk.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Kirk of Perryton; two daughters, Alicia (and Vick) Robertson of Borger, and Deanna Zabin of Perryton; one son, David Zabin of Perryton; two stepsons, Kyle Kirk of Phoenix, AZ and Kevin Kirk of Saudi Arabia; her mother, Grace Kirk of Spearman; one brother, Roger (and Joyce) Davis of Oklahoma City, OK; two grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church, 29 S. Bernice, Spearman, TX 79081; or to Camp Barnabas, Rt. 2, Box 131, Prudy, MO 65734.

Jack Allan Christian

Jack Allan Christian, 43, of Blooming Grove, TX, was killed in an automobile accident on Sunday, July 23, 2000, at 5:45 a.m.

Jack was born on August 23, 1956, in Watertown, SD.

He is survived by his parents, Merrilee Christian of Hatcher, AZ and Dale Christian of McAllister, OK; one daughter, Crystal of Gruver, TX; three sons, Jared of Blooming Grove, and J.D. and Zackery of Gruver; one brother, Dave of Gruver; two sisters, Nancy Whitney of El Reno, OK and Jeannie Webb of Duncan, AZ; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by two brothers, Ned Christian and Cliff Christian.

Thank You

On behalf of the Christian Family, we would like to thank everyone for the support given to us before and after the memorial service of our loving brother and father.

The Family of Jack Christian

Thank You

The family of Tom Jarvis would like to thank everyone for the food, flowers, cards, phone calls and memorials received after our loss.

Louise Vaught and Dora Lee Jarvis & Family

Thank You

We want to thank everyone for their kindness to us at the loss of our brother Albert (Al) Tucker. Thank you for the food, flowers, visits, calls and prayers. To the First Baptist Church women for the delicious dinner for the family, to Jimmy Greene for the wonderful service, to the choir for the beautiful songs, and also to those who gave a donation in memory of Al, thank you. Thanks also to everyone who braved the heat to be at the service, and everyone who couldn't come to the service for keeping us in your prayers.

God Bless All of You

The brothers and sisters of Al

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Fund Established for B.J. Parker

A medical fund has been established at First National Bank for B.J. Parker.

Cowboy Church

Y'all come join us for Cowboy Church each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Oscar Archer Arena in Spearman for Christian Fun and fellowship outdoors. Come as you are - boots and hats optional. Refreshments follow the service. For more information, contact Tom Latta or Keith Hight at 659-5959.

Christian Wellness Plan - Fit 4

Are you interested in a Christian Wellness Plan? Are you interested in total health for heart, soul, mind and strength? First Baptist Church will have an introductory session to a new program called **Fit 4**. This wellness plan blends taking proper care of your body, being devoted to God, and maintaining healthy relationships with family, friends and others. The introductory session will be on Tuesday, August 15th at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (south door), 123 S. Bernice Street in Spearman. For more information or to sign up, call First Baptist Church, 659-5557 or Brenda Ferguson at 659-2193 (after 5:00 p.m.). Due to the fact that materials must be ordered, please sign up by August 4th. Cost for the 12-week course is \$49.95, and includes all materials.

Pampa's Central Park Labor Day Celebration

Free stage entertainment along with exhibits, arts and crafts and a variety of food booths will again be staged at Chautauqua in Pampa's Central Park Labor Day, September 4. There are openings for craft booths, art displays, stage participants and exhibits. Sales and food booths charging a fee must pay a \$20 nonrefundable deposit by July 19 to Pampa Fine Arts Assoc., Box 818, Pampa, 79066-0818. All profit will be donated to the city parks department for park improvement. For additional information contact the Pampa Fine Arts office Monday-Friday, 9 to 11:30 a.m., 806-665-0343. Chairman of this year's family festival is Gina Kane, 665-5352. Assisting her will be Charlene Morriss, food, 665-4866; Kay Crouch, arts and crafts, 665-4624; Susie Wilkinson, exhibits and displays, 665-2833; Loralee Cooley, stage, 665-7321. Kane will also direct the children's game section. Food booths are limited to non-profit organizations. Returning organizations are entitled to the food item they sold last year.

Donations Needed For SpearmanLynx.com

The Spearman Booster Club is needing donations from anyone that has enjoyed this web site and especially the streaming of the ball games over the internet. We are trying to take care of our problem of getting knocked off in the middle of the ball games. Any alumni, college kids, friends, or anybody that has enjoyed the games, we are raising money to pay for an ISDN line. This is an internet line that is digital that is just now becoming available in the Spearman area. Once connected to the internet, the chances of getting knocked off are very slim. This was a major problem this year and we want to alleviate the problem before next year. We also need to get started on this pretty soon so we will have all the bugs worked out before next fall. The cost of this project is going to cost about \$600 a year. This web site has been a lot of fun and many people have enjoyed it. Tim and I want to continue to provide a good web site that every one can enjoy and this is a vital part of it's success. So anyone from out of town or parents that listen when they are out of town, or anyone else, we need your help. Please make checks payable to: Spearman Booster Club, Box 343, Spearman, TX 79081. Any donation that you could give would be greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support!

Hansford County Promise Keepers

All men in our community are invited to attend the weekly Promise Keepers meeting on Thursdays at noon in the *Panhandle Diner and Deli* at 217 Main Street in Spearman. This interdenominational meeting will provide food, fellowship and an opportunity for studying some of the great men in the Bible. Come join us as we grow in becoming more like Christ.

Power Wheelchairs Available

Miracle on Wheels makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory Senior Citizens (66 years old & up) usually at no out of pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit required. The electric wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self propel a manual wheelchair in their home or independent living quarters and who meet the additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. Please call 1-400-749-8778 or visit our web site at www.durablemedical.com for more information on the details of this program.

Driving Safety Course Offered On Internet

Anyone with a computer connection to the Internet can now take a driving safety course. TxDriving. Com has been approved by the Texas Education Agency to provide driving safety courses on line. To take the Internet course, students must have a computer, and Internet connection and some standard browsing and viewing software. Completion of the course makes students eligible for ticket dismissal under the Texas Transportation Code. The ten percent insurance discount also applies. Students may complete the course at their own pace and are allowed to log on and off the program with the computer keeping track of the students progress. The course will take a minimum of six hours to complete. Since the course can be accessed at home, persons with disabilities may now take the course when attendance at traditional classes were impractical. For more information you may access course information at <http://TxDriving.Com> or call 888/595-1911.

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For the upcoming bride and groom, the frequent traveler, or dreaming about a far away place, your show is about to happen. The First Annual Wedding/Travel Expo will be held in the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza on Sunday, August 6th. The show will be from 1-4 p.m. and will be a hit for anyone planning a wedding and honeymoon or just wanting to get away for a while. The wedding portion of the show will have vendors for flowers, wedding cakes, bridal gowns, limousines, tuxedos, photography, reception areas and many more. The travel portion will be represented by cruise lines, resorts, tours, airlines and travel agents.

This is a one-stop shop for the bride or the traveler. All brides can register for the Grand Prize of a Sandals Honeymoon Land Package Vacation courtesy of Sandals and National Travel Systems. All others may register for two round-trip tickets on American Airlines. You must be present to win either prize.

All proceeds of the show will benefit the High Plains Food Bank which serves the entire Texas Panhandle. Come and enjoy the show and the bargains in the Silent Auction. Ron Langley, the producer of the show, states this will be an annual expo you will not want to miss.



Fowler/Hergert Unite In Marriage

Kellie Lynne Fowler and Dr. Tyce Hergert, both of Dallas, were united in marriage on Saturday, May 20, 2000 in the Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano, TX. Their reception was held at the Plano Center.

Kellie is the daughter of Thomas Fowler of Crandall and Dennis and Silsan Howe of Richardson.

Tyce is the son of Darl and Judy Hergert of Perryton and the grandson of Lela Hergert of Spearman.

Kellie is employed by Docucorp in Dallas as a payroll specialist. Tyce has The Chiropractic Care Center of Southlake, TX.

Following their honeymoon trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will reside in Grapevine.



Sharla and Robert Trimble

Diffie/Trimble Wed

Sharla Mote Diffie and Robert Glenn Trimble were united in marriage on June 30, 2000 in the backyard of Doug and Bev Huffman in Dumas, TX. The Rev. Vince Kolb of the First Presbyterian Church in Dumas officiated.

Sharla is the daughter of Eugene and Bettye Mote of Tullia. Glenn is the son of Ike and Joyce Trimble of Dumas.

The bride was given in marriage by her son, Tyson Diffie. The maid of honor was Callie Diffie, daughter of the bride, and the best man was Will Trimble, son of the groom.

The wedding party and guests wore Hawaiian attire. Each guest was given a lei as they registered. The wedding party stood before a gazebo decorated with Hawaiian flowers while the guests were seated in white lawn chairs beneath the shade of the trees.

Colton, son of the bride, carried the wedding rings in a large sea shell. Callie, daughter of the bride, and Will, son of the groom, presented fresh hand-made leis to the bride and groom for them to place around each other's neck. After the vows were said, the bride and groom lit the unity tiki torch while the song

"From This Moment" was played.

The reception was also held in the backyard, which was naturally decorated with flowering shrubs and plants. The bride and groom made a toast from glasses made from coconut shells. The cake was made by the brides mother and was decorated with fresh flowers. Banana slush punch was served. Hors d'oeuvres and fresh fruit-filled a hand-carved watermelon basket and were served in a Hawaiian motif.

Members of the house party were: Doug and Bev Huffman, Gary and Carolyn Nelson, Russell and Sue Edwards, Kent and Sherree Stover, Stephanie and Scott Stricker, Dallas and Shawna Green, Lyla and Carolee Smith, Judy Shipman, and Ike and Joyce Trimble.

The bride is employed by Moore County Hospital District as a Medical Transcriptionist.

The groom is employed by Hi-Pro Animal Health in Etter as office manager.

The couple spent the weekend at Auntie's Bed and Breakfast in Amarillo and will go on a Caribbean Cruise in September. They will reside in Dumas.

Thank You

Thank you so much for thinking of me during my illness. Your prayers, cards, flowers, food and phone calls while I was in the hospital were wonderful. Spearman is a great place to live.

Again, thanks for the prayers and keep them coming!

B.J. Parker

Thank You

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Sheri Benton, Julie Pittman, the Soccer Coaches, and Cindy Blackman and all the Kids Kamp workers and volunteers for their effort in providing activities for the children in our community. They greatly benefit from your hard work. (What's up for next summer?)

Jordan, Liz, Katy and Emily Miser

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards and prayers during and after Charles' surgery and heart attack. A big, special thank you to the Kenealy family, Donna Roberts and Deannie Gilley. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the staff of Ochiltree General Hospital, Dr. Betty, the Life Flight crew and the staff of Baptist St. Anthony's.

Our greatest love and thanks to our son and daughter for being with us. Charles & Carole Hall; Tyson Dettman; David Hall; Rhonda & Cortney Valdez

Thank You

I want to say thank you to the Spearman Rotary Club for helping my dreams come true. My year as an exchange student in Argentina was a life-changing and eye-opening experience. I learned a lot from living in a different culture. I cherish every moment of my year abroad!

Kara Pipkin

Thank You

My family and I wish to thank our friends and relatives for their prayers, cards, flowers and food brought while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. Your expressions of kindnesses have been overwhelming. We are truly lucky to live in such a wonderful town.

God Bless You All,

Pat, Mike, Eric, Evan & Chris Cudd

Thank You

I would like to thank the Spearman Police Department and Hansford County Sheriff's Department for the promptness in their response and in locating the suspect in the robbery of our store. It is very comforting knowing you are there when we need you. I would also like to thank my clerk for following policy and procedure.

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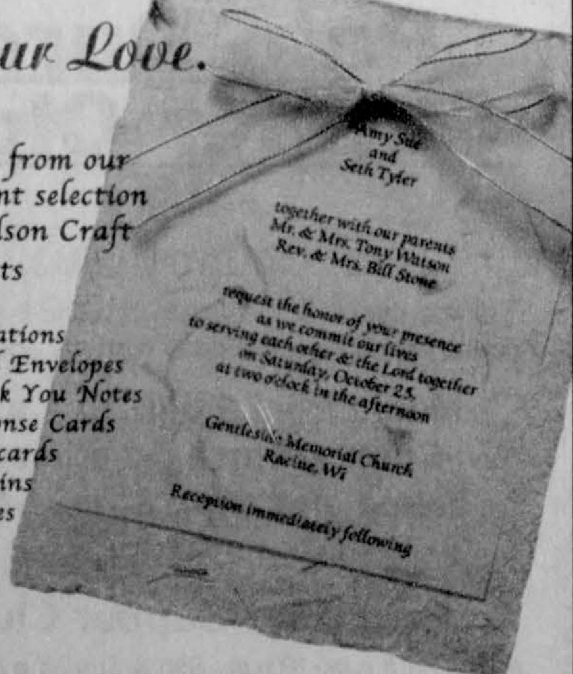
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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Guests of Norma Jean Mackie all last week were her brother, James, and Johnnie Hutton. They left Monday for their home in Cora, Wyoming.

While they were here, another sister came from Topeka, KS. Nada Allison is a former long time resident of Spearman.

On Saturday they attended a reunion of the Harris family - their mother's family. It was held at Childress.

Mrs. Fontella McKee, still recuperating from surgery months ago, welcomed a visit from her daughter, Sue and Keith Drum from Yorea Lipda, CA. Their daughter, Simone Berfolotto, accompanied them with her 1-1/2-year-old daughter, Nicole, from Milan, Italy. They were here only a day-and-a-half.

J.L. Pierce and some of his family attended the Pierce family reunion held in connection with the Goatneck 2000 Community Reunion in late June. Goatneck is located near Cleburne on the Brazos River.

Bobby Jack, brother of J.L., came to Spearman from Indianapolis, then Tylan, now of Elk City, took them to the reunion. J.L.'s daughter, Karon Hardy, of Chesapeake, VA attended, as did Rosa Roberts and children of Amarillo.

There was a plague of grasshoppers there and it furnished an unusual pastime for the children, catching them by the hundreds. The hotel pool also furnished entertainment and they even maneuvered grandpa J.L. into it.

J.L.'s son, L.D. of Gage coordinated the Pierce's attendance. He has been doing genealogy on the Pierce, Wilbanks, Faus and Hibbs families. The Pierce cemetery near Goatneck dating back to the early 1800s was an interesting side trip.

If J.L. is sighted around town wearing a Goatneck 2000 T-shirt and hat, this is the explanation.

Fairbury - that's the name of the windmill raised at the home of Don and Wanda Reed last Monday and Tuesday. A small but essential part had to be located which caused the overnight delay. This was a private enterprise, but the Amalgamated Association members pitched in to help a fellow member.

All went smoothly, no doubt due to all the advice and instructions from the spectators. Fortunately there was not a complete traffic jam with the photographers and sight-seers.

Jessica Conley and Beth Wallace of Sudan were guests of Dana Sharp the past weeks. The girls are all cousins. On Saturday Dana and her mother, Barbara Sharp took them back to Sudan. They stayed in Sudan until Sunday.

All the neighbors are interested in activities of former residents such as the honors received by Karon Pierce Hardy of Chesapeake, Va. Karon, after a successful career in

the military, retired and is now making an equally outstanding reputation in civilian government employment.

She is with the Federal Occupational Health Technology Department. A publication for the employees of various departments, "The Chronicles" recently carried an article about her, complete with pictures, detailing some of her awards. Among them an award to her as team leader in the Computer Service Division for Diligent and superb professional support.

Other awards were for "superior performance;" the Administrator's Citation for her design and implementation of the Internet site; an award for leading a major technology for use at health clinics and fitness centers. This spring Karon was one of seven honored by the Directors Cash Awards. She has been recognized for other achievements, but the publication was technical and the terminology and initials were not familiar to this writer.

But, this for sure, Karon rates our congratulations.

Betty and Chalmers Porter spent a few days last week with her mother in Garfield, AK. She is slowly recovering from a severe case of shingles. The Porters also sent a couple of days in Tulsa.

J.B. Buchanan observed his 93rd birthday and on Sunday with the proverbial cake and ice cream served while he gloated over his favorite gift. It was found in an antique shop in Michigan, and was, of course, a windmill. A small wooden model used by a windmill salesman in the 1890s-manufactured in Buchanan, Michigan by the Buchanan Windmill Company.

Other than local relatives helping him celebrate by disposing of the ice cream and cake, others attending were Ila Mae's niece, husband and grandson of Oklahoma City, Jana Buchanan and little friend Heather, Edna Bassel, Virginia Cates, Louise Ovaught, all of Amarillo.

The community was saddened by the untimely passing of Jeannette Davis Kirk last Monday. Her obituary is elsewhere. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to her mother, Grace, and other family members.

John & Laura Walser and their 15-month-old daughter, Brittany, have moved back "home" to Canadian. John & Laura had mixed emotions about leaving Spearman but made the decision to move because all of Brittany's grandparents live in Canadian. They are leaving behind many good friends who have been great support to them. If ever in Canadian, they would love a visit from you! They live just a block East of the football

field at 1801 Willard Street, Canadian, Texas 79014, or call them at (806) 323-5017.

John & Laura sold their house on 10 Golden Circle Drive to: Gene and Laurie Burke of Cheyenne Wells, Colorado. They have two children: Sarah, 1 year old and Jared, 8 years old.

Gene was relocated to the Spearman area as the new Duke

Energy Plant Manager north of Gruver.

Weather report for week of July 24th to 7 a.m. on July 31st shows the highest temp was on the 24th at 104; the lowest on the 31st at 61, moisture for week was .29.

The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Signs Abound of School's Beginning

Signs of the winding down of summer vacation and the start of a new school year are visible.

On Tuesday, August 1, it was good to see the Gruver Medical Clinic's doors open again as physicals were given to Gruver male athletes. GHS Head Football Coach Doug Frick anticipates 45 - 50 high school boys for two-a-day practice which begins on Monday, August 4, at 8 a.m.

Physicals for female athletes in grades 7 and 9 is scheduled for 1 p.m., also in the Gruver Medical Clinic on Friday, August 4.

Twenty-one GHS cheerleaders are improving their skills this week in a cheer camp lead by Paula Williams. During the week, the cheerleaders have learned 10 cheers and 16 chants and several jumps.

School bus and van drivers received training on Monday in preparation for the upcoming school year. Teachers are scheduled for staff development and work days beginning Tuesday, August 8 with classes beginning on Monday, August 14. New student registration for elementary students is scheduled for August 8, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Students need to bring their birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, report card, and withdrawal form from the previous school.

Registration in junior high and high school is scheduled for August 8 and 10 from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the school offices.

Returning GHS students may pick up their fall schedules in the high school office between the hours of 1-3:30 p.m.

Swimming Pool to Close

The Gruver City Pool will mark its last day of the season on Sunday, August 13, according to pool manager Paula Williams

Houses Find New Homes in Gruver

At least three new houses are finding new homes in Gruver this week. Two of the homes are located in the northern-most block of Cluck Street while the third is located on south Garrett.

Get Well Wishes

Bud Hopkins is recovering from meningitis.

Former Resident Update

Roxane Holt, 1996 GHS graduate, will be leaving this week to begin study at the Southwest Medical Center in Dallas.

Wes Maupin was airlifted to Amarillo on Tuesday after suffering a seizure. Wes had only recently returned from Dallas where he was treated.

Esmeralda Renteria is restricted from activity for three weeks as she recovers from gallstone surgery.

Cheri Sherrill will be returning to Houston soon for testing and progress examination.

Elementary Schedules Meet Your Teacher

Parents and students are invited to a "Meet Your Teacher" gathering from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. on Friday, August 11 in the elementary building.

Classes for the upcoming school year will be posted in the entry, and parents may bring bulky supplies to the child's classroom at that time. A hot dog cook-out will follow for elementary parents and students.

Darlene Gibson will be working full time next year as a reading recovery teacher for first grade but will also serve other grades.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

When a family member is lost, the survivors turn to each other and those around them for comfort. The preacher provides advice and support. The soothing words and comfort help memorialize the loved one. Respect is what is expected, what is right.

I had the honor to know a great family man and friend, Jack Christian. Those who knew him and loved him knew he was not a saint or perfect human being, but he was the type of man who deserved a decent memorial service. There are very few words to describe how Jack's family was feeling after his untimely death, but the one constant between them all was their love for each other and for Jack. The Christian family only asked for a respectful memorial service allowing them and Jack's friends to say goodbye one final time.

I did not drive 250 miles to "condemn or condone." I came to Gruver to lend support to the family and say goodbye to a man who would have traveled anywhere to say goodbye to me. I strongly disapprove with the manner in which the memorial service was conducted. It was not intended to preach about the kind of life Jack led. The family wanted to honor the man Jack was, the type of man who loved life and those around him.

On behalf of the Christian family, the pain was bad enough without having to sit in a church and listen

to someone who barely knew Jack condemn him. Some members of the family chose to leave the service and others stayed to support Dave Christian. The blessing is that Dave was too focused on fond memories of his brothers to realize that Jack's life was being criticized. Dave did not stay to listen to criticism about his deceased brother's life; he stayed to remember and memorialize the Jack he knew and loved.

The pain will eventually ease, but the memories and love will grow stronger everyday. To the Christian family, I am sorry for your loss and for the additional pain you have had to endure. I hope that in time you will be able to look back on this tragedy and remember only loving memories of Jack. Thank you for sharing with me the joy of knowing your loved one.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Spearman ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:30 PM, August 14, 2000 in High School Library Room, 403 E. 11th Avenue, Spearman, TX 79081.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.4690	\$0.0600	\$1.5290	\$4,576	\$2,946
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.5770	\$0.1210	\$1.6980	\$4,612	\$3,029
Proposed Rate	\$1.5000	\$0.0600	\$1.5600	\$4,516	\$2,210

* The Interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$33,931	\$36,625
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$18,931	\$21,625
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.5290	\$1.5600
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$289.45	\$337.35
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$47.90

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.6577. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.6577.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$533,809
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

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by Dwayne Mitchell

Today's subject is the Hummer vaneless, Model F mill that is now up at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce triangle at the intersection of Kenneth Avenue and Highway 15 or more familiarly "Crazy Corners." I hope that you have seen the mill, admired it and remarked upon its beauty. I want to try to make you realize how much there is that had to happen before the mill took its present form.

The mill was given to the Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association by Mr. Clyde Kile of Beaver, Oklahoma. Mr. Kile, in his own right, is a pioneer windmill collector and has an outstanding collection of mills at his farm in Beaver County.

Burl Buchanan contacted the family and arranged for the gift of the mill. He invited me to go along to pick up the Hummer windmill. As a beginning windmill, my picture of a windmill is a mechanical head with a steel wheel and a tail attached that one bolts to a tower, puts up in the air, and watches it go round and round. Takes half a day or so to put it up.

Little did I know at that time that when Burl Buchanan talks about a mill that it is usually one that ultimately "some assembly is required." The Hummer was stored in a building where Mr. Kile kept his sacks of feed for horses and cattle. Buchanan went into the little building and began hauling out the Hummer piece by piece. When we left the Kile farm, my idea of bringing home a mill was literally in pieces. We laid out the pieces in my farm shop and tried to figure out what parts we had and didn't have.

Later, Terry Schneider began the task of sandblasting and painting and then assembling the mechanical parts of the pumping part of the mill. Burl Buchanan began running down parts and dimensions for parts that had to be made. We made a trip to Shattuck to see the Hummer in

their windmill park and to Campo, Colorado, to get more parts.

Dimensions for the wooden wheel were obtained, and Orville Latham and his crew went to work cutting out the parts and assembling them. Words do not do justice to the number of metal parts that Terry Schneider sandblasted and painted and the wooden pieces that Orville Latham, Don Reed, Sammy Don Jones, J. D. Wilbanks and others cut to make the wheel. "Some assembly required!" Indeed!

Once the head and wheel were completed, a tower had to be obtained, restored and prepared for the mill.

When you see the Hummer mill, realize that there are several man hours of time (probably hundreds) spent in getting it ready to put up. Just putting up the mill itself required only seven or eight hours on the part of seven or eight men.

The Hummer mill is distinctive because of the chicken weight. As you observe the mill, please note that it has no tail but is governed by the two weights that as the wind speed increases causes the mill to turn out of the wind lessening its force and slowing the speed of the wheel. Because the mill has no tail, it is called a vaneless mill.

There is much more to a windmill than first meets the eye. Also, the people working to restore the mills have had their eyes opened to the amount of effort that J. B. Buchanan put into his collection. Several men working together taking many days and weeks to obtain, restore, assemble and put a mill up. Mr. Buchanan, our hats are off to you! Your collection is a tribute to your vision and hard work.

Let me urge you to adopt a mill from the J. B. Buchanan collection. That is now priority one, to move the remainder of the collection to the Windmill Park. Also, please go by the Fairbury windmill that Don and Wanda Reed have installed at the corner of Townsend and

Seventh, across from Spearman Elementary.

So now the SPWA has ten mills up, the Stationmaster House Museum has one, and the Reeds have one making a total of 12 mills in Spearman with many more to go toward our goal of making Spearman the Windmill Capital.

Frank Phillips College Off-Campus Registration

Frank Phillips College is hosting Fall Off-Campus Registration at area high schools across the Panhandle including: Canadian, Dalhart, Perryton, Spearman and Sunray on Tuesday, August 15, 2000, from 5-7 p.m. FPC representatives and on site coordinator will be on hand to answer questions and register interested individuals for classes offered in that community, at the College and via the Panhandle Information Network (PIN). A specially designed schedule is available for Perryton, Canadian and surrounding communities. For more information contact the Office of Extended Education at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056 ext. 777

Additional registration dates are scheduled for August 23 and 24, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Frank Phillips College campus in Borger. For more information contact the Office of Admissions and Records at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056 ext. 741

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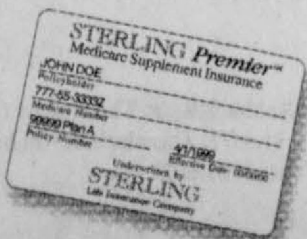
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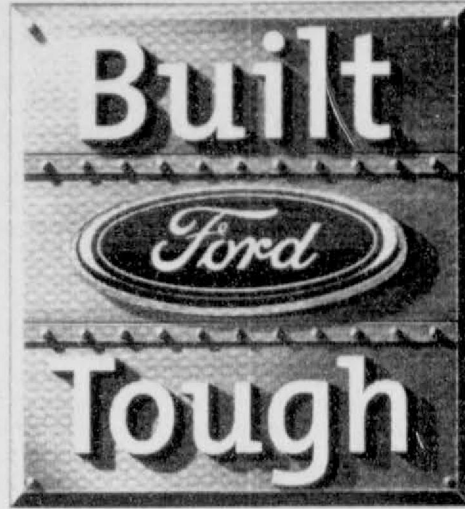
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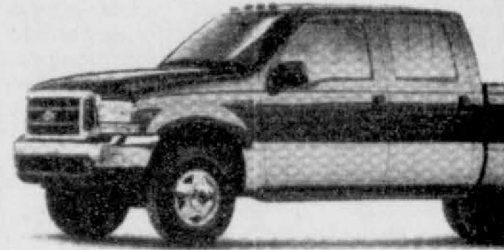
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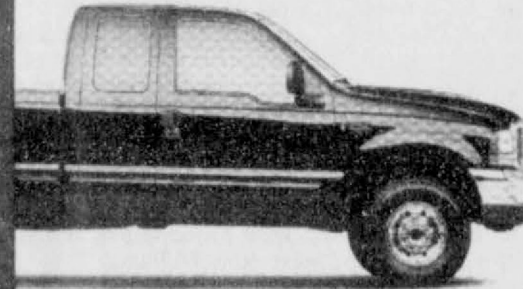
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Applications may be picked up at the Personnel Office, Hansford Hospital, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX 79081.
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Hansford County Commissioner's Court will accept bids for Hansford County's Group Life and Health Insurance. Proposals are required to be in the Hansford County Judge's Office in Spearman, Texas no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2000, and will be opened during Commissioners' Court meeting that begins at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 14, 2000.

Bid Specs may be obtained from the Hansford County Judge's office at the Hansford County Courthouse, phone (806) 659-4100.

Hansford County reserves the right to waive informalities, to reject or accept any or all bids, and to accept the bid deemed by the Hansford County Commissioners' Court to be most advantageous to Hansford County.

Jim D. Brown
 Hansford County Judge

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for a one-year contract for bulk fuel will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, until 11:00 a.m., August 31, 2000, and then publicly opened and read.

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

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope "Bulk Fuel."

Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081.

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT

APPLICATION. City of Spearman, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081-0037, which owns a wastewater treatment plant, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 10977-001 (EPAID. No TX0032328) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a daily average flow of 600,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 1 mile northwest of the intersec-

tion of Farm-to-Market Road 760 and State Highway 15 and 1.6 miles northeast of the intersection of State Highway 15 and Farm-to-Market Road 2387 in Hansford County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to Horse Creek; thence to Lake Palo Duro; thence to Palo Duro Creek; thence across the Oklahoma State Line. This application was submitted to the TNRCC on October 20, 1999. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at City Hall, 30 Southwest Court, Commission Chambers, Spearman, Texas.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After completion of the technical review, the TNRCC will issue a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision.

MAILING LISTS. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below. You may also ask to be on a county-wide mailing list to receive public notices for TNRCC permits in the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the

opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. The TNRCC will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments or requests for public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. After technical review of the application is complete, the executive director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list or the mailing list for this application.** That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone

who submitted public comments or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

The TNRCC may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TNRCC can be found at our web site www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Spearman at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Robert Patrick, City Manager at 806/659-2524.

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Teen's Dream Realized in Argentine Adventure

by Harletta Carthel
Pursuing a dream can take one many places - even to the end of the earth, as Kara Pipkin, Rotary International Exchange Student, can testify.

Just returning from Ushuaia, Argentina, Pipkin, 18, has spent nearly a year in the adventure of her young lifetime. Traveling 8,000 plus miles to the southern-most city in the world - just 400 miles from Antarctica, the Spearman teen experienced a culture and life known to relatively few of this area.

In the first of her two homes-away-from-home, Pipkin began to assimilate into the family life of single mother Fanny Basel and her two teenagers, Lorena, 18, and Mauro, 15. Beginning school soon after her arrival in the distant land, Pipkin was quickly emerged into a new environment. The first of many adjustments to be made was to the time of her new school. Beginning at 4:30 p.m. and lasting until 10:45 p.m., Pipkin's usual concept of time was flip-flopped in the city which has only five hours of daylight in winter's midst. At the unseemly hour of 1 a.m. when most Spearman teens would be sneaking home, Ushuaia teens would be starting their weekend socializing, often with dances that lasted until 5:30 - 7 a.m.

School teaching methods also, held many differences. Staying in the same classroom all night, the students were taught by teachers who moved from classroom to classroom. Textbooks were non-existent as students took notes from the teacher's dictation - an especially daunting task for a student not fluent in Spanish.

That problem was quickly solved, however, as one-year Spanish student Pipkin was able to effectively communicate after three months in her new environment.

Ushuaia schools also varied in content. While Pipkin may have studied seven or eight subjects during her Spearman school year, her Ushuaia technical curriculum included 15 subjects.

Socially, Pipkin found the people of Ushuaia to be very "touchy" with hugging and kissing an integral part of their culture. Hellos and good-byes were kissed on the cheek. A friendly people, Ushuaians are family-oriented. In Pipkin's first home, many weekends were spent on family cookouts in the wilderness, and in her second home, there were large family gatherings and shared meals every weekend. Ushuaians are also a spontaneous people. As Pipkin observed, "They were always ready for celebration and fun."

From the exuberance of a three-teen family, Pipkin became an only child, of sorts, in her second home with Juan and Silvia Ciarrocca. Two of the Ciarrocca three sons were away at college in Buenos Aires while their younger son, an exchange student himself, was in Oregon.

Throughout her year, Pipkin not only learned of a new country but also taught others of her own. Through speeches to Rotary groups and her school class, she shared her

life in Spearman with Ushuaians - that was the expected part of the experience for which she was prepared, but the unexpected part, for which she was not as prepared, was the depth of the friendships and relationships that were formed during her stay.

To complete her foreign exchange experience and give her a better feel of Argentina as a whole, Pipkin met with 49 other foreign exchange students before her return home to tour the country. One of the students she met on the tour, Maga of Roca, Argentina, told Pipkin of her desire to live as an exchange student in the United States. And as fate or plan would have it, the Richard Pipkin family of Spearman, who had extended an invitation to host an exchange student for the upcoming school year, have just learned the student coming to their home is Maga from who is due to arrive on August 12.

As is often true, the realization of one dream is the birth of many more. Pipkin's short-term dream is to return to Ushuaia following her graduation in May 2001, to introduce her family to her "adopted" family and friends. Her long term dream is to pursue a career in humanitarian services, such as "Save the Children," in a foreign country.

Although Pipkin's year in a distant land taught her of another land and another people, her greatest discovery was a personal one. "My experience has given the confidence that I can adjust; that I can have a life in another country." And so a new dream is fueled.



Kara Pipkin, left, who thought she was to attend a wedding, is surprised with a going-away party in her honor. Sharing the fun are her adopted "mom" Fanny Basel, adopted sister Lorena and good friend Paola.



Telling Ushuaia, Argentina of Spearman and Hansford County, exchange student Kara Pipkin is flanked by members of the Ushuaian Rotary Club.



Snow buddies (left to right) Gaston, Paola, adopted brother Mauro, Pipkin, Andrea, and adopted mom Fanny Basel pose before an igloo on a winter day.

Out At The Lake



Perry Lamb and Blythe Finley on the Cowboy Camp Meeting Trail Ride held June 11. The historic Ace Powers Ranch is in the background. (photo by Loni Lamb of Gruver)

by Dorothy Hudson
Lake Depth--July 31, 2000-53.58 feet

The 6 inch drop each week has made the use of the boat ramp on the office side marginal, but it has uncovered the lower boat ramp below the office. The boat ramp on the north side is still in good shape.

There were 6 campers behind the dam and 2 on the office side with tent campers scattered around the Lake this weekend. Night fishing is still popular both from the bank and boats.

The First Baptist Church of Gruver had the shelter Sunday evening and the Big Brothers Big Sisters had it Thursday evening.

The picture of the Trail Ride makes me think of the stories I have collected from various places of the children who rode the country around the Lake as a pastime. This one is about Julia Hibbs who was born September 20, 1911 in Beaver County, Oklahoma, and who moved to the Mulock place north of the dam in early 1913.

One day while riding over the hills she came upon the skeleton of a man. The authorities were never able to identify the body. The unusual episode is still clear in her mind. The poem she wrote as a 10 year old, tells the story.

Who was He?

A bony white, skeleton Mother Natures flower bed

With beautiful yellow buttercups blooming in its head

A bony white hand held up to the rain fastened to a wild rosebush by a gold chain

His mothers' gold locket hung in the air all that was left to tell the world who lay there

Julia Hibbs Faus McManus now lives in Gage, Oklahoma.

New Books In The Library

Listed below are the new books for August in the Hansford County Library.

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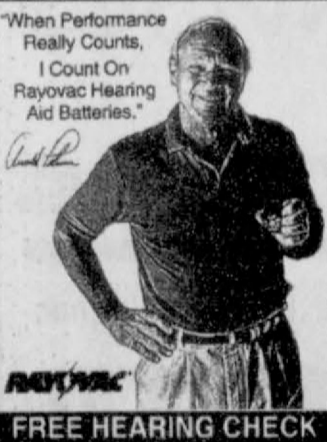
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