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Spearman Welcomes New Junior High Principal

Spearman I.S.D. is pleased to announce that Rolland Shippy was recently hired as the new Junior High Principal. Rolland replaces Jim Jones who accepted a teaching position in another district.

Rolland is a graduate of Western Illinois University with a B.S. in physics and mathematics. He received his M.S. from the University of Missouri in physics and received his teaching certification from West Texas A&M University.

Rolland worked for several oil companies as a geophysicist and in 1986 entered the field of education working as a teacher/coach in Orange Grove, Texas. In addition, he has worked at Nazareth, Dimmitt and Amarillo I.S.D. For the past two years he has worked as an assistant principal/curriculum director at Boys Ranch. He has a total of thirteen years experience in education.

Rolland is married to Brenda (who is an elementary teacher) and has three grown daughters and is a grandfather of four.



Spearman Junior High Principal Rolland Shippy

Everyone is encouraged to welcome Rolland to Spearman. He is scheduled to assume his duties at the Junior High campus on August 1, 1999.



Boys and girls attend SOCCER CAMP

Forty-two boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 participated in the first ever Hansford Soccer Association Soccer Camp held July 19th-21st at the Rocket Slide Park.

The kids enjoyed developing their soccer skills and having fun with a variety of games including "sharks and guppies," shooting practice, dribbling contests and other drills designed to help them challenge for the ball, control it, pass it and shoot it.

Sporting new practice jerseys, the players were also divided into teams and played scrimmage games. Much skill improvement was evident in the three-day camp.

Coordinators for the camp included Albert Avila, Alfred Avila, Denise McElroy, Rick Patrick and Sergio Vegas. Winning the juggling contest among some of the older players was Nicholas Avila.

The camp was co-sponsored by Kids Kamp under the direction of Cindy Blackman, whose warm, weak Gatorade® and cold Snickers® bars will long be remembered.

The North Texas Soccer Association also co-sponsored the camp, providing squeeze bottles donated by Gatorade® and t-shirts donated by Snickers® and Target®.

Hansford Soccer is affiliated with NTSA, which provides



Soccer Coach Alfred Avila gives last minute scrimmage instructions to a group of campers during the Hansford Soccer Association Soccer Camp held July 19th-21st.

coaches training. The Pitch publication optional assistance and insurance for players and coaches.

Hansford Soccer Association begins its second year with annual registration open from August 13-26. The first game of the Autumn season is set for September 18.

Improvements for this season include (1) an equipment storage building, (2) scrimmage jerseys and on-site goals to

make practices more like games, (3) coaches licensed by NTSAS (4) referees for ALL games, and (5) make-up dates in case of inclement weather.

Players from all over Hansford County are eligible to participate in the Hansford Soccer Association. For more information about signing up your 5 to 15 year-old boy or girl, please call Denise McElroy at 659-2365.

Tax-Free Back To School Shopping

by Carole Keeton Rylander, Comptroller of Public Accounts

Texans get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 6th, 7th and 8th, the state's first annual tax holiday. The Texas Legislature exempted most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes. That could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

The new sales tax holiday will begin at 12:01 a.m., August 6th and end at midnight August 8th. The tax break, which is expected to save Texas consumers \$69.2 million in state sales taxes, and up to another \$15.5 million in local sales taxes over the biennium, was approved by the 1999 Texas Legislature. This will help parents to make tax-free purchases for the upcoming school year.

Here are some highlights about the sales tax holiday:

- The tax holiday will be held every year on the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of August. This year, both state and local sales taxes will be waived. In future years, however, while the state sales tax will continue to be waived, cities, counties, and other local taxing entities will have the choice of participating in the holiday or continuing to impose the tax.

- Most clothing and footwear priced at less than \$100 will be exempt from sales taxes. Customers will receive the break on individual items, regardless of the amount they buy. For example, sales tax is not due if a customer buys six shirts, each priced at under \$100. But the full tax must be paid on a shirt if it is sold for \$110; the first \$99.99 cannot be exempted.

- Clothing and footwear that are used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible for the exemption. Customers buying golf cleats and football pads, for instance, must pay sales taxes. But the tax will be waived on athletic wear that is commonly worn other than while participating in an athletic activity, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps, and jogging suits.

- Also not included in the sales tax holiday are accessories, such as Jewelry and watches; items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, and wallets; and clothing rentals, such as

formal wear and costumes rentals; and repairs and alterations.

I hope you will find this information helpful. If you have questions about the sales tax holiday, please call my toll-free tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555.

Listed below is a selected list of items and their exemption status on the sales tax holiday.

TAX-FREE

Baby clothes; Bathing suits; Belts with attached buckles; Boots-cowboy, hiking; Bras; Bridal apparel (not rentals); Caps/hats-baseball, fishing, golf, knitted; Choir robes; Coats and wraps; Costumes Diapers-adult and baby; Dresses; Formal clothing; Gloves (generally); Gym suits and uniforms; Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts; Hosiery; Jackets; Jeans; Jerseys-baseball and football; Jogging apparel, such as bras, suits and shorts; Lingerie; Neckwear and ties; Pajamas; Pants and trousers; Raincoats and ponchos; Robes; Shirts; Shoes-sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking; Socks (including athletic); Shorts; Suits, slacks and jackets; Sweatshirts; Sweat suits; Sweaters; Swim suits and trunks; Tuxedos (not rentals); Underclothes; and Work clothes and uniforms.

TAXED

Accessories (generally) barrettes, elastic pony tail holders, wallets, watches; Backpacks; Baseball cleats and pants; Belt buckles (without belt); Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders; Buttons and zippers; Cloth and lace, knitting yarns and other fabrics; Dry cleaning services; Football pants; Golf gloves; Handbags and purses; Handkerchiefs; Hard hats; Helmets-bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports; Ice skates; Jewelry; Laundering services; Leather goods - except belts and wearing apparel; Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder; Personal flotation devices; Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes); Roller blades and skates; Safety clothing, glasses; and Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf.

For more information, visit the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us or call toll free 1-800-252-5555.

Hargis Named President Of Texas Elementary Principals & Supervisors Association

Kent Hargis, principal at Gus Birdwell Elementary, was recently named District 16 President for the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association.

Hargis and his fellow officers from the 20 TEPSA districts across the state were installed at the association's annual Leadership Conference, held this year in Galveston.

"Much of TEPSA's strength comes from the service of our state and district leaders," said Executive Director Sandi Borden, "so we're excited to have Kent lending his talent and experience."

Hargis received his M.Ed. and Mid-Management Certification from Sul Ross State University and his B.S. from West Texas A&M. He has been a principal since 1991. Spearman and his wife Robin have two children Callie and Mary Beth.

TEPSA represents more than 4,900 elementary and middle-



Gus Birdwell Elementary Principal Kent Hargis

school leaders, including principals, assistant principals, central office administrators and supervisors of reading, mathematics, science, special education and other disciplines. All told, TEPSA mem-

bers supervise two-thirds of the children in Texas public schools. Formed in 1917, TEPSA was created to improve children's futures by bettering education at the elementary level.

CAR WASH

Alco Parking Lot • Saturday, July 31st • 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Proceeds go to the Spearman High School Football Players who travelled to Germany. (Clancy Vanderburg, Doran Schoenhals, Quentin Shieldknight and Brian Black)

Happy BIRTHDAY

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

July 29

Birthday - Mace Casdorff, Rex Ralston, Brent Stedje, Scott Stedje, Martin Ochoa Jr., Kammy Goodheart, Lucille Hagerman, Robert Graham, Christi Close, Tracy Wilson, Kenny Red, Carol Dickens, Valerie Shields, Aaron Witten, Tanner Hand, Kristi Ramon, Jessica Montgomery, Richard Trantham, LoRee Booth, Ruth Mary Whitson, Mae Wofford, Dallas Trosper, Marlee Castillo

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Jack Sparks, Teddy & Mary Lou Vela, Betty & Ron Dunaway, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Dahl, Richey & Karen Thompson

July 30

Birthday - John Reed, Bob Skinner, Pat Tucker, Jim Nicholson, Lynn Ann Sanders, Ronda Cook, Pamela Cates, Sandra Cummings, Kara Pipkin, Raquel Saldivar, Alec Cenicerros, Alice Cook, Katie Gibson, Johnny Bennett

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Davin Winger, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Avila, Mr. & Mrs. Hoyle Holliday

July 31

Birthday - Mary Ruth Connelly, Kathy Vanlandingham, Bonnie Jones, Danna Close, Sherry Brand, Jessie Burke, Jody Harnish, Hector Nava, Mike Slater, Ronnie Lusby, Cary Collier, Cecil Biggers, Jennifer Marrs, Cody Reynolds, Nancy Garcia

August 1

Birthday - Cap Benson, Lisa Link, Kyle Irwin, Frankie Leatherman, Annie Mayhew, Gyene Spivey, Benjamin Williams, Johnnie Williams, Ronnie Williams, Tommy Lovett, Jo Brown, Leann Swan, Yvonda Stokes, Anita Clemmons, Kevin Kirk, Rob Barber, Kelli McWhirter, David Swan, Jim Scarborough, Kiki West, Hershey Martin, Joyce Crooks, Alfonso Cenicerros, Larry Trosper, Patricia Quillin, Gabriel Lopez, Sara Wright

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Minter, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Cathey, Jr., Stephen and Rae Lynn Cook

August 2

Birthday - Eddie Clemmons, Mary Brock, Frosty Hickerson, Dirk Umphress, Colby Griffin, Earl Griffin, Diedra Deakin, Daniel Bort, Yuki Bort, Misty Vera, Roland Graeber, Neely Hicks, Ryan Wells

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Billy

Kelly, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hays, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ralston

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 Rook, Ramon Rosales, Renee Allen, Lillian Whitford, Joe Allen Bullard, Bond Grace Pittman, Lee Bleivins, Lana 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

Birthday - Paul Winn, Scott Pipkin, Ladd Gafford, Carolyn Hahn, Ray Phelps, Helen Prachar, Raymie Porter, Hoyt Biles, Kathy White, Sharon Swan, Elodia Bravo, Monica Lara, Susan Rason, Heather Gallimore, Debra McNeely

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

August 7

Birthday - Brandon Casdorff, Scott Duncan, Roy Don Gammon, Elwyn Young, Roger Odogaard, Mark Sheets, David Thomas, Marie Sparks, Cassandra Papay, Hillary Biggers, Jean Holland, Patty Sparks

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. H.M. Frazier, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Jacops

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With Deepest Sympathy

Marvelee May (Gahart) Ruechel

Ms. Marvelee May Ruechel, daughter of Novel Gahart and Doris Fern (Terrell) Neppel, was born on November 10, 1934 in Colorado Springs, Colorado and departed this life on Wednesday, July 21, 1999 at her home in Woodland Park, CO. at the age of 64 years.

Marvelee moved to Perryton, TX in June 1949 where she lived with Bill and Mildred Trayler until she graduated from Perryton High School in 1952.

Marvelee and Jim Henry were united in marriage on June 16, 1952. They made their home in Perryton, Texas where they raised their four children, Mike, Sherry, Becky and Terrell. Marv moved to Spearman, Texas and married D. R. (Buster) Hendrickson in 1973. After retirement in 1985, Marv and Buster moved to Soldotna, Alaska, where he passed away several months later. She later married James (Swede) Ruechel. Marvelee remained in Alaska until 1993 when she moved to Woodland Park, Colorado.

Her career opportunities included owner/manager of a cosmetic studio, a ceramics and gift shop, and a lodge and resort in Sourdough, Alaska. She had been an employee of Century 21 from 1993 until the time of her death.

Marv was involved in numerous community organizations throughout her lifetime. Many of those were volunteer. She was an Epsilon Sigma Alpha member. In 1982, she was honored as "Volunteer Citizen of the Year" in Spearman, Texas. She had been a very active member of the Ute Pass Social Club since moving to Woodland Park in 1993. She had played bridge for some 40 years. She was an avid seamstress and artist. She loved to cook and to entertain for her family and friends. Marvelee was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene of Colorado Springs, CO. She will be greatly missed by all, but will always remain in our hearts forever.

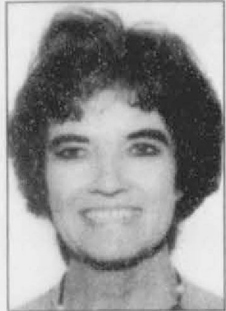
Marvelee was preceded in death by her father in 1962, her mother in 1992 and one daughter, Rebecca Suzanne Gunter in 1995.

Marvelee leaves as her survivors two sons, Mike Henry of Woodland Park, CO; Terrell Henry and wife Arlene of Amarillo, TX; a daughter, Sherry Randolph and husband Danny of Buffalo, OK; two stepsons, Randy Hendrickson and wife Donna of Spearman, TX and Steve Hendrickson of Spearman, TX; a sister, Joan Stewart of Colorado Springs, CO; a brother, Gary Neppel and wife Jeanene of Colorado Springs, CO; thirteen grandchildren, Jeremiah Henry and Gabriel Henry of Austin, TX; Jessica Henry and Michelle Henry of Amarillo, TX; Skye Hodgson, Sage Hodgson, Field Randolph, Canyon Randolph, Stormy Anderson and Annie Gunter of Buffalo, OK; Misha Titus and husband Cody of Branson, MO; Jessica Gunter of Galena, MO; Mark Hendrickson and wife Kerri of Boise, Idaho; two great-granddaughter's Alexis and Jaxine Hendrickson of Boise, Idaho; five nieces, Deborah Young, Colette Coley, Geri Brockway, Linda Davis and Karen Rolfe all of Colorado, and many, many dearly beloved friends.

A Memorial service was held at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, 1999 at the Nazarene Church in Woodland Park, CO with Pastor Jerry Street officiating.

A second Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 1999 at the Full Gospel Assembly of God in Perryton, Texas with Pastor Mike Waterberry officiating.

Cappadona Alternative Funeral Services of Colorado Springs, CO is in charge of cremation arrangements. The families suggest memorials, in lieu of flowers, be made to the Pikes Peak Hospice, in order that a tree be planted in memory of Marvelee. Pikes Peak Hospice, Inc.; 3630 Sinton Road, Suite 302; Colorado Springs, CO 80907.



Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Boy! did I have a nice surprise Saturday morning when I looked outside and saw a "Yard of the Week" sign in my yard! I so appreciate and thank the Chamber of Commerce for all the hard work they have done in making our town so special.

I would also like to thank The Dallen Scroggs family. All the credit. They do a wonderful job - not only for me, but for so many more people in Spearman.

Thank You All,
Eddie Largent & Hannah

Thank You

The family of James Riley wish to thank all of their friends and neighbors who were so kind and generous with their donations of food, flowers and dime during our time of sorrow. Our special gratitude goes to Hansford Hospice for making this time so much easier.

God Bless You All,
Ruby Riley; Betty & Tommy Davis; Eddie & Paula Riley; Pauline & Frank Heinz; Lois & Mike McCaskill; Callie & David VanKleeck

Thank You

We would like to express our gratitude and love for all the acts of kindness to our family during the loss of our mom and grandmother. Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, memorials, food, and support

Sincerely,
Punk & Scarlett Jackson & Family; Choise & Kay Dean Smith & Family; Shawn & Tiki Farrar & Family; Keith & Jodie Hight & Family

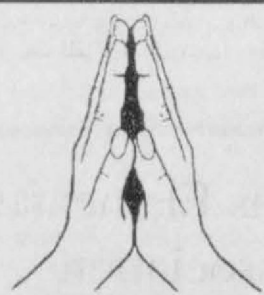
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[Jesus had just been baptized by John the Baptist in order to fulfill the scriptures.] Then John said, "I did not know Who the Christ was. But God sent me to baptize with water. And God told me, 'You will see the Spirit come down and rest on a Man. That Man is the One Who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'" John said, "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven. The Spirit looked like a dove and rested on Him. I have seen this happen. So I tell people: 'He is the Son of God.'"

The next day John was there again with two of his followers. He saw Jesus walking by and said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" The two followers heard John say this. So they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following Him. He asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi, where are You staying?" ("Rabbi" means "Teacher.")

Jesus answered, "Come with Me and you will see." So the two men went with Jesus. They saw the place where Jesus was staying and stayed there with Him that day. It was then about four o'clock.

These two men followed Jesus after they heard about him from John. One of the men was Andrew. He was Simon Peter's brother. The first thing Andrew did was to find His brother, Simon. He said to Simon, "We have found the Messiah." ("Messiah" means "Christ.")

Then Andrew took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at Simon and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas." (Cephas means Peter.)

Later on, Jesus went out and looked straight at a tax-collector called Levi, as he sat in his office. "Follow Me," He said to him. And he got to his feet, left everything behind and followed Him. Then Levi gave a big reception for Jesus in his own house, and there was a great crowd of tax-collectors and others at table with them. The Pharisees and their companions the scribes kept muttering indignantly about this to Jesus' disciples, saying, "Why do You have Your meals with tax-collectors and sinners?"

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need the doctor, but those who are ill. I did not come with an invitation for the 'righteous' but for the 'sinners' to change their ways."

Taken from John 1, Luke 5,
The Everyday Bible and The Phillips Translation.

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11 a.m.

Sun. Eve. Youth: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Mtg: 7 p.m.
Wed. Children's Choir: 7 p.m.
Pastor - Edward Owens

First Assembly of God
401 N. Bernice • 659-2295
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:35 a.m.
Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.
Youth: 7:30 Wednesday
Pastor - Walter Greaser, Jr.

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Evening Bible Study
Worship: 6:30 p.m. Sun.
Minister - Joseph Weaks

First Baptist Church
123 N. Bernice • 659-5557
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
Wed. Disc. Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg.: 8 p.m.
Pastor - Rick Patrick
Youth/Ed. Min. - Brian Foster

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m.
Minister - Leonard Harper

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901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m.
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English
(aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)
Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo
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Trinity Fellowship Church
717 W. 7th Ave. • 659-2671
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service & Children's
Church: 10:30 a.m.
Pastor - Johnny Taylor

First Presbyterian Church
(Worship with Lutheran)
1021 Cottar • 659-2035
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at
Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates
monthly between Lutheran &
Presbyterian Church Bldg.)
Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church
(ELCA)
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
(Worship with
First Presbyterian Church)

First United Methodist
407 S. Haney • 659-5503
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
High School: 3 p.m. Wed.
Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Ken Cole

Union Church
31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Bible Study 7 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Youth/Adult Serv.: 7:30 Wed.
Pastor - Gene Foster

Primera Mision Bautista
502 E. 7th • 659-3991
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
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402 E. Broadway • 733-2411
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Worship: 10:50 a.m.
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Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

Church of Christ
209 King • 733-2760
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Worship: 10:20 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship: 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
510 King • 733-2960
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Youth: 7:30, Sunday
Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun.
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gunfory

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Worship: 11 a.m.

Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Garretts
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - Jerry Moore

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Friday Evening Mass
Summer - 8:00 p.m.
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LAUGH AND LIVE



by Gary C. Smith

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One thing that no one has ever accused me of is being too mature. So, when my father-in-law sent me this message, I knew that I had to pass it on to you.

MY RESIGNATION AS AN ADULT

To Whom It May Concern:

I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of a 6 year old again.

I want to go to McDonald's and think that it's a four star restaurant.

I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make ripples with rocks.

I want to think M&Ms are better than money, because you can eat them.

I want to play kickball during recess and paint with watercolors in art.

I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summer's day.

I want to return to a time when life was simple. When all you knew were colors, addition tables and simple nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you, because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care.

When all you knew was to be happy because you didn't know all the things that should make you worried and upset.

I want to think that the world is fair. That everyone in it is honest and good.

I want to believe that anything is possible.

Somewhere in my youth...I matured and I learned too much. I learned of nuclear weapons, war, prejudice, starvation and abused children. I learned of lies, unhappy marriages, suffering, illness, pain and death.

I learned of a world where men left their families to go and fight for our country, and returned only to end up living on the streets...begging for their next meal.

I learned of a world where children knew how to kill...and did.

What happened to the time when we thought that everyone would live forever, because we didn't grasp the concept of death? When we thought the worst thing in the world was if someone took the jump rope from you or picked you last for kickball?

I want to be oblivious to the complexity of life and be overly excited by little things once again.

I want to return to the days when reading was fun and music was clean. When television was used to report the news or for family entertainment and not to promote sex, violence and deceit.

I remember being naive and thinking that everyone was happy because I was. I would walk on the beach and only think of the sand between my toes and the prettiest seashell I could find.

I would spend my afternoons climbing trees and riding my bike. I didn't worry about time, bills or where I was going to find the money to fix my car.

I used to wonder what I was going to do or be when I grew up, not worry about what I'll do if this doesn't work out.

I want to live simple again. I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness and loss of loved ones.

I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind and making angels in the snow.

And if you want to talk about this any more you will have to catch me, cause... TAG - YOU'RE IT!

Until Next Time,

May God Bless.

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Cappock/Crawford Wed

Mandi Jo Crawford, daughter of Joe Edd and Deby Crawford of Red Oak, Texas and Nathan Coppock, son of Tommy and Charlotte Cappock of Red Oak, Texas, were married on Saturday, June 26, 1999 in the Bethel United Methodist Church of Waxahachie, Texas.

Mandi is a Senior at the University of Texas at Arlington. Nathan works at Maddox Metals in Red Oak.

Mandi is the granddaughter of Jo Ann and Jeff Hawkins and the late Jimmie Crawford.

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Panhandle Crisis Center

The Panhandle Crisis Center offers services free of charge to men or women who are victims of domestic violence, whether physical or verbal. The Panhandle Crisis Center offers counseling, support, and information to these victims, plus a shelter to those who feel themselves to be in danger at home. Help is available 24 hours a day, at 435-5008. For more information, call from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For those who must call long distance, the toll-free number is 1-800-753-5308.

Yards of the Week

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce has announced the Yards of the Week for July 25th-31st. They are: Randy Coombs, 613 S. Kenneth; Deanna Kenney, 322 S. Barkley; Mike Pearson, 1114 Wilmeth; Eddie Largent, 1001 Dressen.

SHS Class of 1995 Website

The Spearman High School Class of 1995 now has an official website: <http://users.dwx.com/hutch/shs.htm> (This is a corrected address. The previous address was incorrect.)

FPC Cosmetology Program Registration

The Frank Phillips College Cosmetology Program is hosting Registration on Monday, August 9, 1999, at 8:15 a.m., in the Classroom Learning Complex, Room CLC-23. A personal interview with the Program Director should be arranged prior to registration. The Cosmetology Program is a TASP-waived, one-year certificate program. Once the program is successfully completed, students may take the State Licensing Exam. A listing of Class Offerings is available on the Frank Phillips College web site at <http://www.fpc.cc.tx.us/Offerings/>. To arrange for an interview, or for more information, contact the Cosmetology Department at (806) 274-5311 or 1-800-687-2056, ext. 747.

OPSU To Offer Education Via Interactive Television

Oklahoma Panhandle State University will provide the opportunity for local residents to continue their education via interactive television. OPSU will bring Southwestern Oklahoma State University's (SWOSU) MBA program to you. On August 10, 1999, Dr. Elizabeth Ferrell, Director of MBA programs at SWOSU will be in Sewell-Loofbourow room 101 at OPSU. Please come by to visit with her about this opportunity. For more information, please contact Dr. Wayne Manning at (580) 349-2611, ext. 233.

Safety Course For College Women

A special seminar entitled "A Safety Course for College Women" will be held at the First National Bank Hospitality Room in Spearman on Tuesday, August 3rd from 6-7:30 p.m. This meeting encourages young women, their mothers, and any other friends that would be interested to attend. The course is free, and no registration required. This event will be sponsored by the Panhandle Crisis Center.

"Sacred Sounds"

Fellowship Baptist Church of Spearman, invites the public to a gospel music presentation by the "Sacred Sounds" of Bob Jones University (Greenville, SC). The program will consist of vocals and instrumentals presenting traditional hymns followed by a short message. The presentation will be on Wednesday, August 4th at 7:30 p.m., 1102 S. Archer. Call 659-1713 for more information.

ACT Announces September Test Date

The ACT Assessment college entrance and placement exam will be administered September 25, 1999. The registration postmark deadline is August 20th. Late registration postmark deadline is September 3rd (an additional fee is required for late registration). The next nation-wide test will be administered October 23, 1999. ACT Assessment scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation, including all the Ivy League colleges. The cost is \$22.00. Students can take the test more than once. They can use test scores to determine any academic weaknesses and re-take the test later if they choose. Students who take the exam more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they choose. There are four sections to the ACT Assessment: English, reading, math and science reason. The ACT Assessment is designed to measure a student's academic achievement and the appropriate course level for college placement. For more information, including registration forms and test locations, contact Glenda Guthrie, Spearman High School Counselor, or Cathy Potts, Gruver High School Counselor, or register online at ACT's website - www.act.org.

Breast/Cervical Cancer Prevention/Detection Seminar

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Detection Workshop on Tuesday, August 10, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Barrington Carver Center Second Floor Amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Boulevard. Jane Williams, MSN, RN, CS, FNP - Manager Nurse Practitioner in Professional Education for Prevention & Early Detection and Catherine Burke, MS, RN, CS, ANP - Nurse Practitioner in Professional Education for Prevention & Early Detection, both from the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston are the faculty for the Conference. Conference objectives include discussing breast cancer in terms of epidemiology, risk factors and signs & symptoms; describing clinical breast examination and breast self-examination instruction technique along with pertinent documentation; discussing cervical cancer in terms of epidemiology, risk factors, signs & symptoms, and screening & prevention measures; and describing gynecologic examination including assessment of the abdomen, pelvic exam, Pap smears and documentation of findings. The workshop is presented by Nurse Oncology Education Programs (NOEP), Texas Cancer Council (TCC) and The Women's Center of The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. Nursing and other health care professionals are encouraged to attend. Cost for the conference is \$20 per person and preregistration is required. To register, contact Paula Gibson, Director of The Women's Center at (806) 356-1905 or 1800-3774673. In conjunction with the Workshop, patients will also be seen for pap smears on Wednesday, August 11th at the Harrington Cancer Center. This clinic is limited to women who qualify for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program grant through the Texas Department of Health. Please call (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Dorothy and Walter Woolley were honored by a reception commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall on Sunday, July 15, 1999. Hosting the affair were their sons Gary and Joey, and Joey's wife, Lyn. Pictures on display from long ago to the present were the source of much reminiscing, both humorous and nostalgic. Other displays were the collection and hobbies of the honorees. A professional photographer was also present.

All except one grandchild was there (Connie Brandt was unable to attend). Grandchildren Jessica Black, Megan, Wendy and Brady Woolley were present.

Other family members in attendance were Mrs. Woolley's brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Carol Halliburton of Gage and her sister and brother-in-law Patsy and Junior Carr of Pampa. Also Mr. Woolley's three brothers and sisters-in-law, Clarence and Lela Woolley, Springfield, AK; Paul and Joyce Woolley, Kenneth Woolley all of Dumas; and his sister, Leona Treat and friend of Laverne.

The beginning of this occasion was on July 22, 1949 when Walter Woolley and Dorothy Halliburton were married in Follett, Texas. Both were reared in the Laverne-Gage rural area, and both were members of the Baptist Church from childhood. Circumstances decreed that their wedding vows were before a Methodist minister - vows that have been effective this half century (productive in those building blocks of America) with the production of a Christian family and of food and fiber for humanity. (His occupation was and is in agriculture.)

After the reception, the family gathered in the home and yard of Joey and Lyn for family fellowship and food. Homemade ice cream and cake, in addition to delicious hamburgers provided by their culinary expert, Gary Woolley, were served. On Friday, Dorothy and Walter left for a ten day Alaskan

cruise. This community wishes many more rewarding years together for them.

Announcement was made this week that Spearman's former Chief-of-Police, Larry Kenealy, is leaving for NATO law enforcement service in Yugoslavia, in the provides of Kosovo, for a year.

He left for Ft. Worth this past weekend where he will undergo some special training before leaving on the assignment.

Caroline Kenealy, his wife, will remain here where she is employed at the Junior High School. Their ten year old daughter, Kathleen, a fifth grader, spent Friday afternoon on a fishing trip with her dad; their last for many months.

Their other daughter, Cari Tedder and husband, are moving to White Deer from Stinnett.

The neighbors all wish Chief Kenealy the best of luck in his new assignment and look forward to getting first hand reports on his experiences.

That five year event - the Spearman all school reunion is approaching. Those energetic faithful alumni, Diana Renner and Marilyn Cline have begun the task of making sure that as many as possible graduates are notified.

It is most thoughtful of a member of each class to see that each of their members is contacted, as certainly these two shouldn't carry the whole load. Ladies, your efforts are appreciated.

Willard Davis returned recently from a visit to Centralia, Washington with his daughter, Mickey Gribble and family. He was gone about two weeks and enjoyed some quality time visiting with his five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The weather was ideal and the scenery spectacular.

Whew! Yes, it has been hot, as is mentioned constantly - but how about those workmen on all the roofs being replaced since the hail storm - no sitting under a tree with

a breeze cooling off.

Ex-Spearmanites can and do appear unexpectedly in many places. A recent incident: Cara Fisher, originally from Abilene, now of Memphis, Texas was a delegate to a teacher's training conference in Atlanta, Georgia recently. She was seated next to a lady from Arroyo Grande, California. In a casual conversation the lady mentioned that she was reared in the Texas Panhandle at a place called Spearman, not too far from Memphis. Further information developed that, she, Kay Lackey Orrell, was a 12 year classmate of Zack B. Fisher, Cara's father-in-law.

She was the daughter of Ruth and Major Lackey. If she divulged any long ago escapades, Cara isn't saying.

Cama and Elbert Dorton drove to Lake Kalanopin, Kansas to pick up their daughter, Megan, who had been visiting there with Cama's brother and sister-in-law, Ronnie and Sandy Burch. They spent the July 4th weekend in Salina with Cama's niece and her husband, Sonja and Paul Grissith. The next weekend they were in Walters, Oklahoma for the reunion of the Norton family. The last weekend was in the peace and quiet of Spearman.

Karen Cargill, of Denver City, is visiting her parents, Ray and Helen Gibson over the weekend. She is also visiting other relatives here.

Air Force Major Tal Jackson, his wife Chiemi and two-year-old son, Clay, left Friday to return to Okinawa. They have been visiting his parents, Scarlette and Punk Jackson the last six days. They were enroute here and went by Lubbock where his grandmother, Mrs. Smith, was hospitalized. They reached the hospital an hour before her death. After the services all returned to Spearman. He will be stationed in Okinawa for three years, and will be back here on leave.

Virginia Head was taken by ambulance on Tuesday to Baptist St. Anthony's for what was thought to be a blood clot. The condition was treated with medication, and no surgery was necessary. However, tests revealed another problem, and the required treatment will be known next week.

She returned from Amarillo on Friday.

Wilson McClellan and Worley Smith were notified of the Friday passing of an old friend, Carroll J. Richards, 68.

He lived in Leesville, LA and was in the hospital there, recovering from successful knee surgery, and died suddenly. No cause of death could be determined and an autopsy was performed.

His services were in Leesville on Monday morning and interment was there. He is survived by his wife, Patsy, and four children.

His parents, Wesley and Dot

Berner Jenkins, are interred at Holt cemetery and his wife felt that he would appreciate memorials made to that cemetery.

Carroll J. was born here, attended school here, but graduated from Wentworth Military Academy. He spent about 30 years in the service and retired about ten years ago.

He had an outstanding military career serving in Korea and Vietnam and was awarded several Purple Heart Medals and other honors.

Worley expressed the opinion of many when he said no man is more deserving of Americas appreciation for his dedicated military service and patriotism.

J.B. Buchanan was pleasantly surprised on his 93rd birthday on Sunday with the arrival of three sisters and his granddaughter from Amarillo, one sister from Spearman, also his son and wife and grandson, a brother and wife from Pampa.

Other guests were Ila Mae's niece and husband from California. They have been touring in the eastern part of the U.S. and were enroute home.

Weather for week of July 19th to 26th: high reached 101 on both the 24th and 25th; lowest on 21st at 66 degrees; no moisture.



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June 29-August 10

Thursday, July 29
9:15 a.m.-12:00 & 1:00-3:45 p.m. - Department of Public Safety representatives at Spearman City Hall
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts/Covered Dish Lunch
7:00 p.m. - Spearman Volunteer Fire Department Meets

Friday, July 30
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Kid's Day Out at First Christian Church

Sunday, August 1
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service

Monday, August 2
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioner's Court Meets
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets - IV's Hungry Cowboy
12:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Lunch
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Progressive Pitch
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
2:00 p.m. - Historical Commission Meets - Ft. Zulu Museum

Tuesday, August 3
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - IV's Hungry Cowboy
4:00 p.m. - Genealogy Club Meets - Hansford County Library
6:00 p.m. - Tuesday Night Golf Scrambles - Hansford Golf Club
6:30 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Dinner
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor

Wednesday, August 4
6:30 a.m. - Mug 'n' Muffin Women's Fellowship - First Christian Church, Spearman
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
9:45 a.m. - Trinity Fellowship Bethesda Outreach Center Food Service
10:00 a.m. - Bible Study at Hansford Manor
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - "42"
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor

Thursday, August 5
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts/Covered Dish Lunch



Friday, August 6
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise

Sunday, August 8
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service

Monday, August 9
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
10:00 a.m. - Hansford County Commissioners Court Meets
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets - IV's Hungry Cowboy
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
2:00 p.m. - Museum Board Meets - Ft. Zulu Museum

Tuesday, August 10
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - IV's Hungry Cowboy
2:00 p.m. - Palo Duro River Authority Meets
6:00 p.m. - Tuesday Night Golf Scrambles - Hansford Golf Club
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

(Although vacation is a foreign term to farmers and news reporters, my family is attempting to find its definition this week.)

Copies of our upcoming special edition insert, "Discover Hansford County," will soon be included in the Reporter /Statesman newspaper you receive and will also be available at both the Gruver and Spearman Chambers of Commerce to distribute to newcomers and visitors. In keeping with the theme of introducing Hansford County to others, I have compiled a list of useful Gruver grammar.

Gray - Spelling never used in conjunction with the term GrEyhound.

Houndball - undefined term of great meaning.

Pony Express - what you'll need to mail a package in Gruver between 12:30 -1:30 p.m.

July 4th. Parade - annual event held bi-annually.

Stock Show Saturday - bad day for school child's birthday party.

Harvest - ritual characterized by truck parade, late night partying, and picnics.

Out-of-towners - person who locks their car at the Dairy Queen.

Halloween - last Saturday in October, disregard conventional calendar.

Houston - a big stock show.

Gruver Grapevine - fruitful reading. Houndsound - music to your

ears. Act of Congress - what you need to swim in the city pool between 4- 4:30 p.m. 70 - average temperature three days a year. Other 362 are either 110 degrees or -10 degrees.

25 mph - average wind speed on calm day.

Exodus - out-of-town playoff game.

Pheasant - 1. Bird who brings out beast in man. 2. Hood ornament, 3. Windshield warrior.

Suburban invasion - Wherever Gruver plays a ballgame.

Working cattle - commonly used term for rain or snow.

Track meet - ditto

Legal Illegal U turn - Turn from south to north between G&G and Gruver Ford.

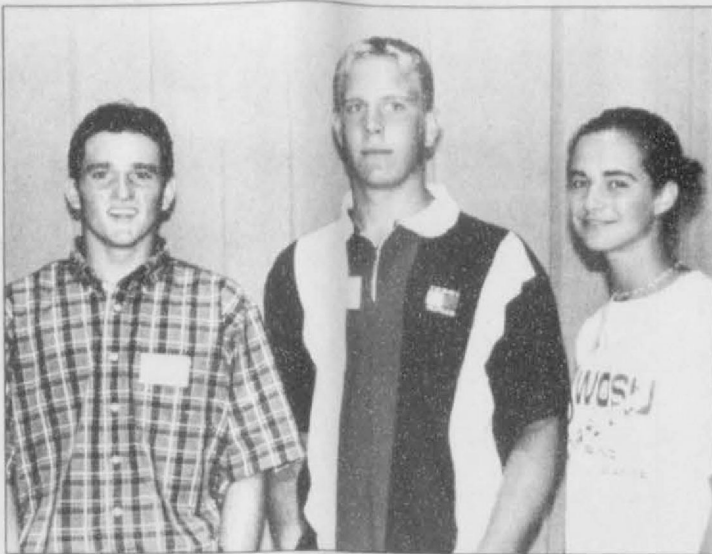
Seasons - football, basketball, pheasant, and track.

Woolen Sweater - item of clothing never worn to home basketball game.

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Three Gruver I.S.D. students attended Oklahoma's largest band camp July 11th-16th at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Nearly 500 junior and senior high students attended the camp which is also the state's longest-running summer event for band enthusiasts. Those attending were: (L-R) Greg Ehrenberg, Clint Swink and Britt Morris.

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Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth - July 26, 1999 - 61 feet

This weekend we had 10 RVs on the north side and the south side was full with 5 RVs.

Jim finally got to see the twin fawns of the short eared doe. They were between the office and Derington home. At the feeder he saw a cardinal and a ladder backed woodpecker. The roadrunner and some kildeer hang out around the office to eat the bugs drawn by the lights that are on at night.

Everyone that has mentioned opossums to me, remarks that their intelligence is on the low side, yet this nocturnal mammal has been given an unusual self-defense trick. When cornered, he feigns death by going into a shock-like trance. His system reacts automatically, throwing the brain and nervous system into a catatonic state which lowers the heartbeat and respiration. The body is limp, but the mouth is set in a grin that

accounts for the uncomplimentary expression of "someone grinning like a possum."

Faking death has become "to play possum."

These creatures are preyed upon by foxes, coyotes, owls, town dogs and speeding cars. At one time they were hunted for the table in the South and wound up baked or stewed. I can't remember visiting with anyone that told of eating possum.

Anita Marquez of Gruver told me that in Mexico this marsupial is called tlacuache. It serves as a meat animal there, too, although it is more often fried than stewed. It is chiefly prized for its tallow which is used to heal skin blemishes.

Unless a farmer is trying to raise chickens, the possum can be considered a friend as it eats mice and insects. I hope if anyone sees one or the tracks of one at the Lake, they will tell Jim, Bobby, or Ramon.

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Morse Morsels

by Mildred Lewis

Well, here I am again with a little news. I have been down to Wichita Falls. I met Katy and Amanda Lewis, my granddaughter and daughter-in-law. Amanda came home with me for two weeks. We were doing things all the time. She always wanted to do something. What time she was not swimming at the Gruver pool, she was in my spa.

We had a pizza party for her one night. Caroline Cervantez and her mother, Emma, went with me and Amanda for the party. Then we went to another party that night at the Stinnett Swimming Pool.

She attended Vacation Bible School at the church, which she enjoyed.

I left her with Billy and Wanda Skidmore in Borger, her grandmother and granddaddy, to go back to Wichita Falls to Franks reunion. It was great this year - I got to see some of Franks folks. I went back to see Linda Lou, and Van came from New Braunfels, TX to visit.

Well, all the farmers have gotten about all of their wheat out, and their corn is looking very good. We sure could use a little rain, though.

The other day we had to get the cellar. The sirens were going off telling us that the tornado was close, but it didn't hit down. Sure was proud that was the worst one we have ever had around here. There were 18 people in the cellar I went to. Lots of people went up to the school.

Leota Giblin is in the Crestview Home in Amarillo. She is doing well, and will probably be home soon.

Laverne Parks is home and doing well.

Joe Reisinger is getting his strength back, and is doing good.

Char Harbour was taken to Amarillo last week. I hope she is doing better.

We are getting some new residents in Morse. Shannon Reid, who grew up around here, and her husband and two children will move in the house Norman Gilmore lived in. We were sorry to see Norman and Lucy Gilmore

leave Morse. (They moved to Stinnett.)

Mikala Reisinger went last week to Flag school in Stillwater, OK.

Vicki Urban took some children to camp in Hardesty, OK. Those going to camp were: Loran and Riley Urban, Tarrin and Tray Dixon, Seth Clemmons and Tyler Lane. They had an enjoyable trip.

Mr. Lyndle Cook had his daughter, Lynda Lee Bourdeaux, his granddaughter, Karla Martin, and his great-grandson, Brandon Porter as his guests last week.

His sister and brother-in-law, Max and Carolyn Taylor, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mickey and Elaine Cook, all of Spearman also visited. They had a great reunion in Morse. Evan Schmidt won a saddle at the Hutchison County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo in Borger.

A few weeks ago Jessica Schmidt competed in Poles, Barrels, Flags and Goat Ribbon at the Hutchison County 4-H Rodeo. She placed in several events. She won 2nd in Barrells and 1st in Goat Ribbon. Evan also competed.

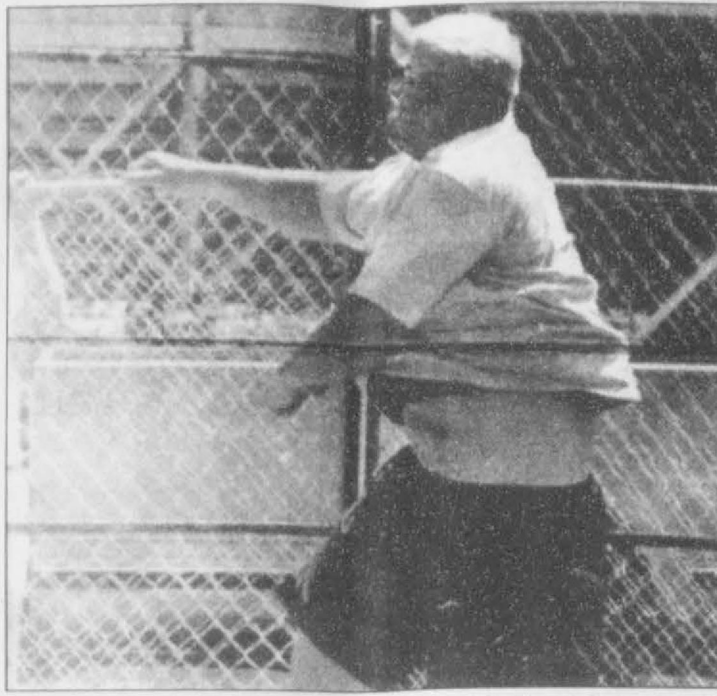
Justin Lane, Lonnie Clemmons and Bud Hopkins competed in the Panhandle Classic Team Roping recently in Amarillo. Rodeo is strong in Morse.

Mike, Carla, Andrew, Elizabeth and Sarah Martin went on their vacation. They went to Arizona to the Grand Canyon, and up to Utah to visit Mitch Martin, Mike's brother. They then went to Livestow, Idaho to visit Carla's parents, W.C. and Norma Carpenter, and a sister, Pat McDonnell.

They went fishing, and Carla caught the biggest trout, which was 17 inches long. They caught 38 trout in 3 days. They said they were really good.

They also went to Washington to visit one of Carla's sisters, Mary Simler.

They traveled over 4,000 miles and through 10 states. Carla took the girls back to Shawnee, Oklahoma to visit their grandmother and granddaddy, Sharon and Loyd Martin. They will go get them soon.



Wes Sims competed in the Great Southwest Track and Field meet in Phoenix, AZ, last month, placing in the top four in both the shot and the discus. Sims is an 18-year-old senior at Weatherford High School in Weatherford, OK.

The Great Southwest is a seven state all star track meet. Each state is represented by their best athletes in each event. Sims was one of 30 Oklahomans to compete and the only Oklahoman to throw shot and discus.

Sims was second in the shot put and fourth in discus. Sims is the Class 3A state record holder. Sims is expected to be invited again next year. Eagle track coach Dennis Seifried said.

The Oklahoma team finished second. The other states that competed were Texas, California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and New Mexico.

Wes is the son of the late Steve Sims and the grandson of Vivian and the late Buss Sims of Weatherford, OK.

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Wheat Conference Set

by Beth Barbee

Scientific research is changing wheat farming in the high plains says Ochiltree County agricultural agent Scott Strawn with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. That's why he has teamed up with other county Extension agents in Hansford, Hemphill, Roberts, Hutchinson, and Lipscomb to sponsor the Wheatheart of the Nation Wheat Conference.

The event is scheduled on August 6th at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. The day's activities begin with registration at 9 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Trade show exhibits will be showcased during the day for area producers. Lunch will be provided and sponsored by a host of industry companies and commodity associations.

"This is an opportunity for area wheat farmers to meet with Extension specialists and other experts to get the latest information on wheat production issues," Strawn said.

The program features specialists and researchers with the Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. In three con-

current sessions, producers will be able to choose from discussions on wheat irrigation by agricultural engineer Leon New, disease management with plant pathologist Dr. Charles Rush, cattle management with Dr. Ted McCollum, beef cattle specialist, and insect management with entomologist Dr. Carl Patrick, all with the Extension Service and Experiment Station. The afternoon sessions will also include Bob Dietrick of Dietric Ag Services of Tyrone, OK, addressing dryland wheat management issues, Bret Meyers, Kansas Wheat Producers Board, speaking about hard white wheat, and the honorable Vernon Cook, Roberts County judge, who will cover Senate Bill 1.

Rodney Mosier, executive vice president of the Texas Wheat Producers Board will be the conference's guest speaker.

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The Hansford Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 11, 1999, at the appraisal district office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget:	\$263,760
The total amount of decrease over the Current year's budget	11,450
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget	5
The number of employees compensated under the current budget	5

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Groundwater District to Consider a 40% Tax Rate Increase

The North Plains Groundwater Conservation District is considering initiating a weather modification program within the District. The Board voted on July 13th to begin information meetings during the first week of August and ending the meetings with a Board meeting on Friday evening, August 6th. The purpose of the Board meeting will be to decide if the District will begin the process for implementation of a weather modification program. If the response is favorable and the Board votes to proceed with cloud seeding, it is estimated to require an increase in the tax rate for 1999 of around 40%.

The cost of the program is expected to be between 7 and 10 cents per acre. The current size of the District is 4,150,400 acres which calculates to a cost between \$290,000 and \$415,000 annually. At the current time the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) will fund up to one-half the annual cost. The Board is considering a budget item expense of \$200,000 for weather modification if the District proceeds with the approval.

It is the opinion of the Board that taxes will have to be increased as much as 40% to fund the program. The 1998 tax base of the District was around \$3.2 billion. The 1998 tax rate was \$0.01723/\$100 (1 and 3/4 cents per \$100 valuation). The total assessment for 1998 taxes for the District was \$570,000. An additional \$200,000 added to the assessment will require an increase in the tax rate of approximately 6/10 of a cent per \$100 valuation, for a total tax rate of around \$0.0240/\$100. This is a total tax rate of less than 2 and 1/2 cents per \$100 valuation.

The Directors know that any increase in taxes is a concern to most people as it is to each of them. A Director stated during one of the meetings, "The purpose of the District is to conserve and protect the groundwater and certainly an increase in the amount of rainfall will help conserve our groundwater. We would not be doing our job if we do not seriously consider weather modification as an operation of this District." Currently groundwater is the only source of water for the 8 county area with the exception of the 14 to 20 inches of average rainfall the area receives.

Much of the data presented to the Board during its consideration of the weather modification program points to the economic benefits of the areas engaged in cloud seeding operations. It is generally estimated that an area can see approximately a 20% increase in the annual rainfall due to weather modification. Research indicates that there is a \$700 return for every \$1 spent on cloud seeding efforts.

The District has arranged for Mr. George Bomar, Senior Technical Specialist Water Quality Division of TNRCC to present the weather modification program. Mr. Bomar's formal presentation is approximately 30 minutes, followed with question and answer time. We will have staff and Directors present to help answer questions in regard to District funding. The Board sincerely hopes there will be good attendance at the meetings. The locations and time for the meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, August 3 at NOON: Joint meeting of Spearman Lions and Rotary Clubs, IV's Hungry Cowboy Restaurant, Highway 207, South Spearman, Texas

Tuesday, August 3 at 7 p.m.: First National Bank Community Room, 302 Denrock, Dalhart, Texas

Wednesday, August 4, 10 a.m.: Perry Memorial Library, 5th and Ash, Perryton, Texas

Wednesday, August 4, 7 p.m.: Hartley School, 9th and Johnson, Hartley, Texas

Thursday, August 5, 10 a.m.: Sherman County Barn, 501 South Main, Stratford, Texas

Thursday, August 5, 7 p.m.: Lipscomb County Clubhouse (located next to show barns), Lipscomb, Texas

Friday, August 6, 10 a.m.: Golden Age Center, 105 East Broadway, Gruver, Texas

Friday, August 6, 7 p.m.: Moore County Annex, Meals on Wheels Room, 310 East 1st Street, Dumas, Texas

Weather Modification Program Questions & Answers

At a special meeting held in June in conjunction with the Board of Directors of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (which covers Gray, Carson, Donley, and Roberts counties, and parts of Armstrong, Hutchinson, Potter, and Hemphill counties), George Bomar of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission presented a program on weather modification and cloud seeding. After the program, the Board of the NPGCD decided by consensus that the Water District should begin an educational/informational program on weather modification and cloud seeding. At the meeting, it was also decided that three members from the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District and three members from the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District would be appointed to a joint committee to work out details in regard to a proposal for each District to consider a joint cloud seeding program.

In an effort to initiate the educational efforts, Director Ted B. Dodd of Perryton has provided the following as a method of answering some of the more basic questions about "Weather Modification," "Precipitation Enhancement," or "Rainmaking."

Does it work?
Yes, it does. The data is still being collected, but the information and data collected to date clearly indicates that weather modification projects do produce less hail and more precipitation. One of the larger problems with these projects is the lack of data.

Will it increase hail?
The data indicates that it suppresses or reduces hail. However, because of the erroneous perception that cloud seeding increases hail, cloud seeding does not take place if the potential for hail is present because the cloud seeders don't want to get blamed for it. Instead, the cloud seeders park the planes and let Mother Nature take the blame.

Will it cause flooding?
Flooding is caused by a number of factors. If the forecaster sees flood potential from a weather system, there will be no seeding.

Will cloud seeding prevent droughts?
There is one overriding rule to cloud seeding: You cannot get water out of a cloud that doesn't exist. Droughts might be minimized, but they cannot be prevented by cloud seeding. You must have moisture-laden clouds for seeding to be effective.

If it suppresses hail, why not have the insurance companies pay for the cost of the cloud seeding?

In a way, the insurance companies do pay in Kansas, and it could be the same way here. In Kansas, where cloud seeding is used to suppress hail, the cost of crop insurance for corn is \$5 per hundred versus \$13 per hundred in areas where there is no hail suppression. That is a savings of \$8 per hundred, and that is substantial.

How does it suppress hail?
Hail is created usually in high-level clouds above 30,000 feet. Cloud seeding takes place at levels of 20,000 feet. Once the clouds get too large, seeding is impossible and even dangerous. Seeding at 20,000 feet makes it rain before

the clouds get large enough to create hail.

Can you keep the rain in our District?

First, this is an area-wide concept, but to answer the general question, NO. We would be seeding clouds before they entered our area and hoping that the clouds rained continuously as they crossed the District.

What if it rains AFTER the seeded clouds leave our area?

The people outside the District often get lucky. There is only so much that can be done. The effort is to increase the rain for our District, not to stop it at the District line.

Why should I pay for rain out of my District?

You won't pay for anything other than seeding. If the guys outside the District get lucky, that's the breaks, but the intent is to make sure we get an increase in rainfall here.

Why would you want it to rain during harvest?

We wouldn't. One of the logistical efforts is to make sure that rain does not cause problems during harvest. This means that there will be an effort to increase rainfall during the growing season but not during harvest. This is a major problem when you consider the corn, milo, and wheat guys don't plant or harvest at the same time. This is also one of the reasons that we can't maximize the amount of rain we can get. There are times that the rain potential would be high, but because of harvest or planting, there would be no cloud seeding, and that is the rain we just end up losing.

How much does it cost?

The District has been advised that it costs between 7 and 9 cents per acre. I am doing my own calculations based on 10 cents per acre. For Ochiltree County, that means that it would cost about \$58,000. For the entire North Plains Water District, having 6485 square miles, the cost would be \$415,040. But the District doesn't foot the entire bill by itself. The state typically pays half the cost.

If you suppress hail, don't you also suppress rainfall?

The data does not indicate that there is a loss of rainfall. Actually, hail suppression and rainmaking are two different technologies, or rather, two different paths of the same technology. You can have an effort to suppress hail or an effort to make rain, or you can combine them. The procedures are similar but different enough that it takes close management.

Isn't Silver Iodide (AgI) harmful?

Silver Iodide is a salt. Silver is a heavy metal, but the amounts being distributed are very small. Water samples taken from the target area after a seeding event indicate concentrations that are 1/250th of the maximum amount allowable in drinking water. That is very low.

Can't silver build up in your body?

Maybe. The amount is low. The amount is 1/250th of the maximum amount allowed in drinking water. That is water that the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency says you can drink every day. Theoretically, you would have to drink some 750 gallons of the water PER DAY and you would still not be at risk for silver. Your bladder might pop from drinking that much water, but you would not die from silver poisoning.

Will silver build up in the flora and fauna?

There is no data available to support or contradict that concept.

What is a target area?

When speaking of cloud seeding, the two areas of concern are the target area (where you want the rain to fall) and the operational area (the target area and the area outside the target area where the clouds are seeded). In order to make it rain in the target area, you

must generally seed in the area adjacent to the target area about 30 minutes before the clouds get to the target area.

Can we seed clouds in New Mexico in order to make it rain here?

Yes. Permission must be obtained from the State of New Mexico to do that. Obviously, we can fly in New Mexico without their permission, but we can't seed without their permission. As a rule, however, the regulatory authorities in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas are very cooperative.

Is there economic benefit to cloud seeding?

Yes. Research indicates that there is a \$700 return for every \$1 spent on cloud seeding efforts. This data is available if you are interested. The research was done in the area around Lubbock, which is primarily cotton country, and the basis for the \$700 return was the value of cotton.

If it rains here, are we not taking rain from someone else?

Common sense says yes. Reality, however, is not so clear. Rain does not travel in a straight line. In other words, the rains of the clouds in a specific area will "fan out" from that point. Determining how much rain is taken from people downstream is extremely difficult to do; therefore, no one has done it. Research indicates that areas directly contiguous to seeding operational areas actually see increased rainfall, but further away, results haven't been determined.

Can these people in the areas downwind sue for us taking their rain?

Anyone can sue. The current legal position is similar to that of "rule of capture." That means you are entitled to all the moisture above you and if you can get it, your neighbor is out of luck.

How is this logistically accomplished?

During the monsoon season, a meteorologist checks everything in the early morning to see if clouds are "ripe" for seeding. If they are, then the planes are effectively scheduled to get the work done. That is the gist of it. Obviously, it becomes quite a bit more complex, but the basic concept is there.

Who is in charge?

Under the current proposal, the Water District would be in charge of the operation. Operational plans are developed along with procedures, and the aircrews and meteorologists follow those policies.

Who owns the planes and radars?

It depends if you contract or if you do it yourself. Most operations begin by contracting things, but they eventually end up owning the equipment if they continue the project. This seems to be the rule. At this point, the District has not decided exactly what it is going to do.

Radar? Isn't that expensive?

Yes. New radar is expensive. Typically, these operations purchase used or Russian military Doppler radars in an effort to save money. The District will probably have only one, but it would be helpful to have 1-2 more.

Will we be able to see the radar on our cable television?

Typically, such a concept is feasible. Practicality, however, is a different issue. If the cable television company wanted to provide such service it could do so now with a subscription service. We will have to wait and see if the use of the Rainmaker's radar is usable for such purposes. Remember that its purpose is not to monitor severe weather, but to modify weather. Also, Doppler radar is not just one image. It is several different images. The stuff you see on television is typically cleaned up significantly before you see it. The software to do that is very expensive and it is not necessary for a meteorologist to have, so it is not likely that the District would want

to buy it. This means that the image might not make a lot of sense to a cable television viewer if he was using a television news radar image as his reference.

Are there problems with rainmaking?

You bet. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, "Never have so few aggravated so many." It turns out that an infant program has a hard time finding support in the way of meteorologists, airport mechanics, and pilots. After a couple of years, though, it turns out that every area is heavily populated with meteorologists, mechanics, pilots, environmentalists and chemists. This is a complex issue, and although it will benefit many people, there will always be those who are opposed.

Why would anybody be opposed?

There are several reasons. Some people have very legitimate concerns about health and safety. Others have different reasons. Unfortunately, some people are not willing to accept responsibility for their own failings and the failing of their efforts. If a fellow has a string of bad luck, he will tend to blame someone else. That will be the USDA, the Equity, the Water District, or the Rainmakers. It matters not. That's just the way it works out. If a homebuilder builds a house with the grade too low and the house floods, it is because the District made rain, not because the floor of the house is lower than the street outside. Sadly, that is just the way we humans are.

How long have we been making rain?

It was discovered during the Civil War, prior to the introduction of smokeless powder. After these great battles, there would be a rain shower and it was discovered that the smoke and the dust helped it rain. It was this discovery that puts rainmaking where it is today. We know how it is done.

Is this a science?

Yes and no, depending on your perspective. It is about 50 percent science, 40 percent art, and 10 percent luck. Obviously, the more we do this type of work, the better we will be at it.

I don't know that I trust the District to make the right decisions.

That is a legitimate concern and one of the reasons why the District is and will be holding informational meetings. Number one, the district does not wish to undertake this project without everyone's support; and Number two, we want to know your thoughts and wishes. This program will NOT succeed without the support of everyone.

I am a farmer. How will I benefit?

If you are a dryland farmer, each additional inch of rain provides additional production, so that means \$\$\$ in your pocket. The 1999 wheat crop is an excellent example. We had good rains and good crops. If you are an irrigation farmer, each additional inch of rainfall is one less inch that you have to provide, which means a savings in irrigation costs and in depletion. Your county agents have some excellent data in the area of irrigation farming that they can provide by request.

I am a rancher. How will I benefit?

The increase in rainfall will increase the quality of your grasses. There is no doubt that extra rain helps farmer and ranchers alike.

I live in the city, but I am not a farmer or rancher. I am just a taxpayer. How will I benefit?

Actually, you will benefit as well. Again, it depends upon your perspective, but it turns out that you may be the biggest beneficiary of such a program. For every inch of rain that falls in your city, the irrigation value on your yard is approximately \$10. Using Ochiltree County as an example, IF it is assumed that the District will have to fund 100 percent of the project and that Ochiltree

County will be responsible for \$58,000 of those costs, this means that your bill for this project would be about \$7. And, if there is an increase of ONE INCH of rain, it has already paid for itself. When you consider that the increase in rain results in a corresponding decrease in load on the city's water rights and well fields, this increases the value even more. Add in the aquifer recharge potential and other factors, and you gain even more ground. There is NO DOUBT that such a program works for all people in the area, not just the farmers and ranchers.

What is the projected cost overall? I want a hard and fast figure.

Sorry; it's just not that simple. There are some facts and figures with which you can work. Assume the following:

COST: 10 cents per acre (but the state says the cost is closer to 7 cents) AREA: 6485 sq. miles in the District

There are 640 acres, to a square mile, so this equals 4,150,400 acres multiplied by 10 cents per acre equals \$415,040 for the cost. The State, however, is offering to pay half of this cost, or \$207,520. This means that the residents of the Water District would THEORETICALLY be responsible for \$207,520 for the first year. Since the State cannot be counted on to maintain the program of a 50/50 match, the calculations on these pages have assumed that we are on our own after the project's initiation.

Why is the State offering to help pay?

The State Legislature knows that economic viability means more taxes will be paid, and as such, the more the State can do. They want it to rain as much as we do.

So then what is the next step?

We are in the process of having multiple meetings across the Water District in an effort to familiarize people with the program. If enough people support the program, the District will pay for it. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GIVE YOUR OPINION.

Where can I get more information?

George Bomar is the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission official who is in charge of Weather Modification. He may be reached at 512/239-0770. You can also contact Ted B. Dodd at 806/434-8332, or the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District at 806/935-6401.

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HELP WANTED: Truck Drivers Needed. Class A CDL required. Work out of Spearman, TX hauling grain and cattle. Pay rate - 21% of gross. Call days at 659-2549, or evenings at 659-2021.

HELP WANTED: Valley Center Pivot Dealer in the Texas Panhandle is currently seeking additional service personnel. Experience desired, but not required. We will train. Benefits. Send resume to Gigot Agra Products, Inc., P.O. Box 95, Spearman, TX 79081.

HELP WANTED: Part-time child care worker needed to come to my home. Must be responsible, mature, Christian woman. Call 659-3987 for interview.

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HOUSE MOVEMENT? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close? Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or (806) 352-9563 - Amarillo, TX.

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FREE: Black & White lop-eared bunnies. Call 659-3993.

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FOR SALE: Used 80,000 BTU gas furnace. Call 659-2325.

GARAGE SALES

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: One Day Only - Saturday, July 31st, 8 a.m.-?, County Barn in Spearman

5-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Golden Age Center in Gruver; Saturday, July 31st, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Lots of everything.

GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday, July 30th & 31st, Old Bunkhouse Building (212 Main Street in Spearman), 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Lots of baby and children's clothes - baby accessories.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, July 31st, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. One mile east of Spearman High School in brick house (Cline residence). Plus size clothing, LOTS of fabric - great for quilters or crafters, paperback books, furniture, cowboy boots, cowboy hats, LOTS of finished quilted pillows and wallhangings, appliqued sweatshirts, pillow forms, DMC floss, ribbon, and numerous other items. NO CALLS.

2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 510 Richardson in Gruver, Saturday, July 31, 8 a.m.-? Children's, adult & maternity clothes; household items, furniture.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids for the sale of real property being described as Lots 10 & 11, Block 14, Original Town, City of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, addresses being 311 and 313 Main Street, will be received by the City of Spearman, Texas, until August 11, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. 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.

Further information and bidding documents may be secured from City Hall, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081.

Spearman ISD Girls Athletic Physicals

Spearman High School girls who will participate in athletics for the 1999-2000 school year need to be at the gymnasium on Thursday, August 12, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. for physicals. Junior high girls who will participate in athletics should report to the gym at 3:00 p.m.

All physicals on these two days will be free of charge.

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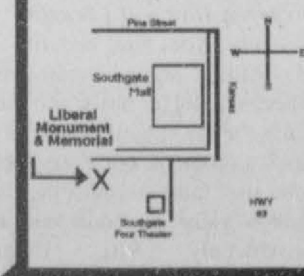
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