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# Taxpayers' Information Pamphlet

Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for the Hansford County Appraisal District, offers area taxpayers a pamphlet called "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities" to help them save on their property taxes.

Published by the State Property Tax Board in Austin, the pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas operates and offers suggestions for possible tax savings. Mrs. Peddy noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as municipal utility districts, water districts and hospital districts).

Homeowners may qualify for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads, Mrs. Peddy said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet lists and explains each exemption and how to apply for them.

For example, all school district homeowners are eligible for a \$5,000 general residence homestead exemption. And, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 and older may qualify for an additional \$10,000 exemption from the value of their homesteads.

"A school tax freeze, or ceiling, on the residence homestead is a benefit for a homeowner who was 65 or older on January 1 of this year, Mrs. Peddy said.

"In other words, the homeowner's school taxes cannot increase above the amount assessed in the year the homeowner first receives the over-65 homestead exemption. This tax ceiling stays in effect as long as the elderly taxpayer owns the homestead and doesn't make an improvement or addition to the house, such as a pool or patio," Mrs. Peddy continued.

The chief appraiser pointed out, though, that over-65 homeowners do not need to re-apply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption and tax ceiling last year. Only those who became 65 during 1986 and those who have never had the exemption and tax ceiling must apply in 1987.

Homeowners are also eligible for a \$3,000 general homestead exemption from the county on the tax which the county levies for farm-to-market roads or flood control.

Mrs. Peddy added that any taxing unit may offer a local-option homestead exemption which allows a percentage of each residence home-

stead's appraised value to be exempt. In 1987, a taxing unit may exempt up to 30 percent of each qualified homestead's appraised value.

The pamphlet also describes other exemptions available, such as those for disabled veterans, disabled persons, and senior citizens.

Productivity valuation is another type of tax relief available to owners of agricultural land. It is available in tow forms, generally referred to by its location in the Texas Constitution: agricultural-use or "1-d" valuation and open-space land or "1-d-1" valuation.

Landowners who wish their land to receive 1-d valuation must apply each year. A signed, sworn application must be filed with the chief appraiser by April 30. However, owners of land receiving 1-d-1 valuation do not need to re-apply, unless the chief appraiser requests in writing that they do so.

"Appraisal district personnel can offer more information about special land valuation, tax renditions and exemptions," Mrs. Peddy said. The information is also found in the Remedies pamphlet.

She said the pamphlet also contains information about preparing and presenting an appeal to the appraisal review board (ARB). The ARB is an appointed body which examines appraisal records and hears appeals to ensure that property values are fair and uniform.

Another section deals with the process of initiative and referendum by which voters can petition for an election to limit the amount of tax increase adopted by any taxing unit.

"I urge all property owners in the Hansford Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and avail themselves of all possible property tax relief," Mrs. Peddy said. "Remember, all applications must be filed with the appraisal office by April 30."

## Hospital

Patients who were admitted in the Hansford Hospital are:

- Audrie Behne
- Brandee Groves
- Jocelyn Whitefield
- Raymond Russell
- Lorenzo Sauz
- Beatrice Karlin
- Dorothy Haner
- George Lowe
- Ruby Milledge
- Roy Russell

Steve Gaines

Patients who were dismissed from the Hansford Hospital are:

- Faye McDonald
- Kelsee Beezley
- Janice Riley
- Dorothy Davis
- William Hutton
- David Arrington
- Dara Paris
- Anna McGary
- Martina Gallardo and Daughter

## Thanks

We would like to thank the Rotary Club, Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, The Lions Club, and John R. Collard Jr. for purchasing flags to be used in the city of Spearman on special events.

The flags include new Texas Flags, and will be put up by the local fire department.

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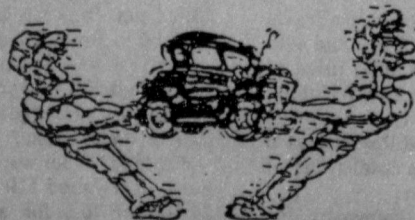
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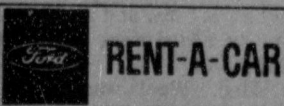
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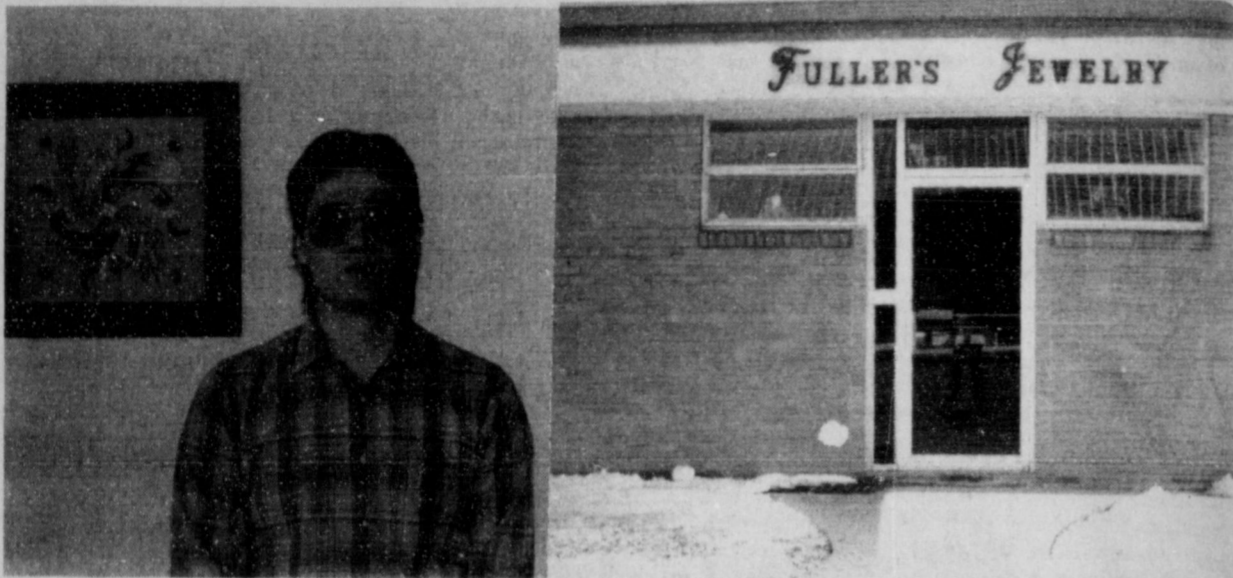




# Spearman Chamber of Commerce

Existing Business Committee Presents

## "Fuller's Jewelry"



Kelly Fuller the owner of Fuller's Jewelry is shown above and invites you to stop by and browse around and get acquainted.

In March, 1985, the business known today as Fuller's Jewelry opened doors to customers in Spearman. What began as "only repairs" for jewelry now offers consumers repair, retail sales and a new gift line of Crystal, porcelain, western sculpture, silver trays and a line of limited cloths.

Kelly Fuller was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico in 1963. He attended school and graduated there. He entered New Mexico State University on a four year baseball and athletic scholarship as a pre-med student. Kelly signed to play professional baseball with the "Reds", but after suffering a broken shoulder, decided to embark on a new career. In 1983, Kelly moved to Spearman and worked for about 6 months with Hickerson Jewelers of Spearman. During this time he met and married, "a born & raised in Spearman" girl, Johnnie Eaton. Kelly spent 14 months in McAllen, Texas working in a department jewelry store gaining experience before moving back to Spearman and opening his

own business. Kelly & Johnnie are the proud parents of one son-Brandt and their second child is due "any day".

In early 1987, the Fullers purchased a second jewelry store in Dalhart, TX. Kelly spends part of his working week at the store in Dalhart.

Kelly and Johnnie are active members of the First Baptist Church and Kelly spends his "spare time" with sports and serves on the Board of Directors of the Teen Center. Johnnie is a new member of the Servitors Women's Club and works part time at the business.

Kelly, Johnnie and employee JoAnn Eaton invite you to stop by the jewelry store and browse or bring your "old gold" and let Kelly design your own individual piece of jewelry. Kelly handles jewelry repair for several area jewelry stores and well as for Spearman customers. Kelly states "I'm not a watch repairman", but he can send them to another repairman and have them back in about 7-10 days.

Kelly and staff appreciate the support of the Spearman customers

and invites new customers to stop by and get acquainted.

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce is proud to bring you this article on "Existing Business in Spearman". Fuller's Jewelry has been a member of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce since 1986.



Correction

Taking 2nd place in the Discus was Lance Swan throwing 139' and 11 inches (139.11) in the Spearman/Canadian Track Meet on Friday the 13th of March.

### Among the Neighbors

Jimmy and Anita Garrard, who formerly lived in Spearman, announce the birth of a daughter on March 19. She was named Jessica Ruth and weighed 7 lb 12 oz. She was born in Phoenix, Arizona although the Garrards now live in Whitman. One grandmother, Ruth Garrard, now lives in Anne, Texas.

Mrs. Adalyn Barnes had house guests from Friday thru Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Simonson of Hacienda Heights, California which is in Southern California, so they were fascinated by the blizzard on Monday. Mr. Simonson is a nephew of Mrs. Barnes and Mary Ooley. They visited other relatives while here.

Del and Nina Taylor of Lakin, Kansas spent part of the week-end here with the Bruce Sheets. Hearing the weather predictions, they left on Sunday. The Taylors lived here many years ago and friends called to visit them during their stay.

The John Allens went to Pampa late Tuesday where she had cataract surgery Wednesday. She is at home now and recovering.

Mrs. Beatrice Hiler left Wednesday for her home in San Diego after a two weeks visit in the home of the Woodrow Gibners. She also visited with Clay and Pope Gibner.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sanders, Jr. over the week-end were her sisters, Mrs. Viola Harris and Mrs. Florene Robinson. Mrs. Robinson lives in Amarillo and returned Saturday. Velma took Mrs. Harris back to Amarillo Thursday. She now lives in Dewey, Oklahoma and is retired after many years with Phillips Petroleum Company.

Family members report that Mrs. Lilly Love was scheduled for surgery on Friday but as of Press time the surgery was postponed. She is in St. Anthony's Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yarbrough and other family members are expected to be with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Connelly are enjoying an interesting guest from Canada for a couple of weeks. Mrs. Keith Fox, an old friend, from Caledonia, Ontario, drove down alone, and accustomed to snow as she is found the snow last Tuesday a little much and had a friend from Gruver rescue her at Perryton. She is also visiting the Clay Fowells, and Roy Kauffman at Gruver.

### To God A Note of Thanks

by Mrs. E.A. Greever

as God commanded all must do names are written in the Lambs Book of Life (Jesus the Lamb of God). By living an overcoming life it will not be blotted out we are told. Over coming what some could say? Answer - Sin, disobedient to Gods commandments denying self desires but saying Lord thy will be done and all of Satans cunning suggestions or promises. Rev. 3:5; He that over cometh the same shall be clothed in white garment (pure) and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before His angels. Rev. 20:12; and I saw the dead small and great stand before God and the Books were opened (the entire Bible) and another Book was opened which is the Book of Life and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works.

Rev. 21:27; and there shall in no wise enter into it (The Holy City the New Jerusalem) anything that defileth neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie but they which are written in the Lambs Book of Life. And now we must all give ear to words found in Rev. 22:19; at the very close of the Bible and if any man shall take away from the words of this Book of the prophecy God shall take away His part out of the Book of Life and out of the Holy City and from the things which are written in the Books and the last two verses we read is as follows He which testifieth these things saith Surely I come quickly Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all "Amen". We must all be very sure our names are recorded in heaven if only on earth the Bible tells us they would be burned. 11 Peter 3:10; But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat the earth also and the works that are their in shall be burned up. God has promised His grace is sufficient for us to live here on earth a holy righteous and godly life. Praise His Holy Name.

There is a book called the Book of Life. There names are written in heaven so bright being free from sin some glad day their sight will be on the face of Jesus.

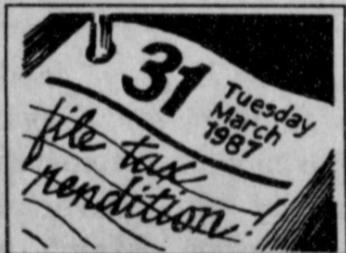
Day by day their record must be kept clear for their names to remain on the page white and fair. How wonderful to know people of all nations can share of Gods wonderful blessings so rare. Not a thing but sin can remove from its pages Jesus precious blood saves people of all ages to all who are wise will be one of the pages with their name in this heavenly book.

This life is in Christ Jesus Gods word declares and the wise must be sure Satans snares they beware. His work is to steal from all who prepare for an eternal home with all saints gathered there.

The nations of this world will rock and reel and perhaps at times Satans darts they will feel. But as they hold fast and unto the Lord appeal a wonderful change they soon will feel, "Victory."

The Lord in His mercy who cares for we mortals has made a way we be changed to immortal. On that wonderful new day what a blessed startle when He breaks through the clouds in the air. Friends, these lines were written at day break on March 14, 1987 and now we will study some of the word of the Lord about the "Book of Life." We will first go to Jer. 31:33 one of Old Testament prophets where God told Israel though they broke the covenant He made with them when bringing them from Egypts bondage He would make a new covenant (The gospel age) and would put His law in their inward parts and write it in their heart and this same scripture we read in Heb. 8:10; now we read 1 Tim. 4:8; Godliness has the promise of the life that now is (we now have) and that which is to come (eternal) 11 Tim. 1:1; The promise of life which is in Christ Jesus. 1 John 5:11; and this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life and this life is in His Son verse 12. He that hath the Son hath life and He that hath not the Son hath not life. We have learned that to name the name of Jesus we must be free from all sin a born again person made pure and holy sanctified by the blood He shed at Calvary. When repenting

## PROPERTY TAX RENDITIONS



### HELP YOU PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS AS A TAXPAYER

A rendition is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you own or control on January 1, 1987. You may also give your opinion of the property's value, if you wish.

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property used to produce income—such as the machinery and equipment used by a business.

The appraisal district may require any taxpayer to file a rendition by sending the taxpayer a written notice and a rendition form.

You may want to file a rendition, even if you aren't required to file, to preserve some of your rights as a taxpayer:

- You put your correct mailing address on record so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can put your own opinion of your property's value on

record. If the appraisal district then places a higher value on your property, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.

• By filing a special type of rendition called a report of decreased value, you can notify the appraisal district of significant damage to your property that occurred in 1986. The district will send someone to verify the damage and take it into account when assigning a 1987 value to your property.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at the address shown below. Forms are available there.

The deadline for 1987 renditions is March 31. You can get an extra 30 days if you ask for it in writing before the March 31 deadline.

For more information, get a free copy of the pamphlet, *Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities*, at your appraisal district office or from the State Property Tax Board in Austin.



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## School Board Candidate



Phillip Renner

I am a candidate for the Spearman School Board this year. I have served one 3 year term on the Board. My wife, Lynna, and I have 3 children - Randie, 12, Ronda, 9, and Reagan, 5. I attended Texas Tech for 2 years majoring in Animal Science.

I want to continue to promote an excellent education system for all of our children. I feel we have an excellent group of administrators, teachers and school board members that do an outstanding job of working together for the education of our children.

Being a landowner and farmer and rancher, I am concerned about keeping taxes as low as possible but not to the extent that our children suffer an educational decline. I also want to promote a good extra curricular program as I feel it is a catalyst for a good education.

With my business experience and the 3 years of experience I have had on the board, I feel this gives me the ability to make sound decisions for the school. I have taken pride in serving on the Board for the past 3 years and would appreciate your vote April 4th.

Phillip Renner

*Phillip Renner*

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# Homestead Exemptions

Homeowners can reduce their property tax bills in 1987 by taking advantage of partial exemptions for residence homesteads. Application forms are available locally at the Hansford County Appraisal District office.

Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for the district, informs homeowners that Texas law allows them to make a single, one-time only application for residence homestead exemptions.

Taxpayers who have never received residence homestead exemptions on the homes in which they were living on

January 1, and those who became 65 or disabled during 1986 must apply this year to receive exemptions for 1987. Homeowners must file signed, completed applications at the appraisal district office by April 30.

A homeowner's principal residence and yard are considered as the residence homestead. It can include up to 20 acres of land and any improvements like a swimming pool, greenhouse, or spa, as long as the owner uses them for residential purposes.

Mrs. Peddy said that a property

must meet four tests set by law in order to qualify for the residence homestead exemption. The person or persons claiming the exemption must own it; it must be designed or adapted for human residence; it must be actually used as a residence; and it must be the principal residence of an owner who qualifies for the exemption.

A mobile home, even on leased land, can qualify for a residence homestead exemption if it meets the four tests.

"A taxpayer can still qualify for the homestead exemption if part of the

residence is rented out or used for other purposes, such as a home business," Mrs. Peddy said. "And the home will not lose its exemption if the owner moves away temporarily, so long as he intends to return and doesn't claim another homestead elsewhere."

Texas law provides several types of homestead exemptions for homeowners, including two for school districts. They offer a \$5,000 general homestead exemption to all homeowners and an additional \$10,000 exemption to those 65 or older or disabled.

The over-65 school exemption provides a special property tax "ceiling" for taxes. While the market value of an elderly person's homestead may

fluctuate with the market, the taxes due to the school district cannot increase. The ceiling is raised, however, if the owner adds an improvement, other than normal maintenance or repair. When that happens, the new improvement is taxed at its current market value and the school's current tax rate, and the taxes due are added to the previous tax ceiling to create a new ceiling.

The elderly homeowner must apply for the exemption before April 30, Mrs. Peddy stressed. To qualify, the homeowner must be 65 or older on January 1, 1987.

Counties must offer a \$3,000 general homestead exemption to all taxpayers, given only on the portion of the county tax levied for farm-to-market roads or flood control.

Any taxing unit's governing body may grant a minimum \$3,000 exemption on the homesteads of disabled or elderly residents, or both. Only school district taxes establish a ceiling on taxes, however.

Taxing units may also take official action to offer a local option homestead exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. In 1987, any taxing unit can exempt up to 30 percent of the value of each qualified homestead in the unit. No matter what percentage is adopted, the dollar amount for any homestead exemption must be at least \$5,000.

For more information, homeowners may contact the Hansford County Appraisal District.



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## TAXPAYERS' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities

Want to learn more about the property tax system? That's possible by reading a pamphlet the State Property Tax Board has written and made available at the local appraisal district office.

It's called "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities" and it may help you save money. Learn about tax relief available through

- homestead exemptions
- disabled veteran exemptions
- special productivity value for farm, ranch, and timber land
- tax deferral for over-65 homeowners

You'll learn how your property is appraised. That way, you can decide if the appraisal district's value is reasonable.

If you think it isn't, the pamphlet tells you how to prepare an appeal to the appraisal review board. You'll learn the types of protests the appraisal review board can hear and useful evidence to bring to your hearing.

Important dates in the tax year are listed. You'll know what your responsibilities are and when you are obligated to satisfy them.

"Remedies" is free to taxpayers. Ask for yours today at

State Property Tax Board  
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## ¿QUE SON LAS EXENCIONES DE RESIDENCIA?

La exención de residencia es una reducción en el valor sujeta a los impuestos de su residencia hogar. Varios tipos de exenciones de residencia se encuentran disponibles en Texas y, si usted califica, pueden reducir su cuenta de impuestos sobre la propiedad. Los detalles incluyen los siguientes.

### ¿Cuáles exenciones están disponibles?

Los distritos escolares ofrecen una exención de residencia a todos los dueños de hogar y exenciones adicionales para personas incapacitadas o personas de 65 años de edad o más.

Los condados ofrecen exenciones de residencia de los impuestos dedicados a las carreteras de granja a mercado y al control de inundaciones. Algunos condados también ofrecen exenciones adicionales a ancianos y personas incapacitadas.

Las ciudades y otros gobiernos locales pueden ofrecer exenciones adicionales a ancianos y personas incapacitadas.

Todos los gobiernos locales ofrecen una exención a veteranos incapacitados que cumplan con los requisitos a cierta propiedad designada.

Además, los gobiernos locales pueden conceder un tanto por ciento en las exenciones de residencia a los dueños de residencias hogares.

### ¿Cómo puede solicitarse?

Si usted recibió una exención de residencia para su residencia actual en 1986, no es necesario hacer una solicitud nueva para 1987 en este distrito de valuación.

Si usted tenía 65 años de edad o

fue incapacitado el 1º de enero y no había solicitado previamente para exenciones de incapacidad o de 65 años, necesita llenar un formulario nuevo este año.

O, si usted nunca ha recibido exención de residencia en su hogar actual, necesita hacer una solicitud original en 1987.

Solicitudes para estas exenciones deberían hacerse en la oficina del distrito de valuación de su condado, la cual se ubica en la dirección escrita abajo. También, formularios de exenciones en español se encuentran disponibles en la oficina del distrito de valuación.

### ¿Hay un límite de tiempo?

Para el año 1987, debería solicitarse antes del 30 de Abril. Aunque se aceptan solicitudes tardes en ciertas instancias, al solicitarlas antes del 30 de Abril usted podrá proteger sus derechos.

La Oficina Estatal de Impuestos sobre la Propiedad (State Property Tax Board) ahora tiene un folleto en español, *Los Derechos, los Remedios y las Responsabilidades del Contribuyente a los Impuestos*, que puede ayudarle a comprender sus impuestos locales sobre la propiedad. Puede obtenerse una copia gratuita en la oficina de su distrito de valuación o por medio de la Oficina Estatal de Impuestos sobre la Propiedad en Austin.



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## HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS



### CAN LOWER THE PROPERTY TAXES ON YOUR HOME

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. For example, if your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$5,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth only \$45,000.

You qualify for a homestead exemption if you owned your home on January 1 and used it as your primary residence on January 1. It doesn't matter whether your home is a house, a condominium or a mobile home.

Exemptions are available to all homeowners to lower their school taxes. Additional exemptions are available to homeowners who are disabled or age 65 and over. Other exemptions may be offered to homeowners by school districts, counties, cities, and special districts. All taxing units offer exemptions to disabled veterans.

Apply to your local appraisal district office at the address shown below for all exemptions you may qualify for. Application forms are available there.

If you received a homestead exemption on your present home in 1986, you won't need to apply again for 1987 unless your chief appraiser requires you to reapply.

However, if you passed your 65th birthday or became disabled before January 1, file a new application to receive the additional exemptions.

If you haven't received an exemption on your present home, or if you've moved to a new home, make a new application for 1987.

The deadline for applications is April 30, 1987. Contact your appraisal district before then if you need more time.



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# Spearman Hosts U.I.L. Events!

This week-end the Spearman School system will host the District 1-2A U.I.L. events. Student Teams from Gruver, WhiteDeer, Panhandle, Stratford, Stinnett, Highland Park and Spearman are entered in the competition. Students from the 4th grad thru the 12th will be participating. Everyone is invited to attend and cheer on

the students.

The High School Students not pictured but are participating in the U.I.L. Events are: Poetry Interpretation are; Gigi Sangalang and Scott Baiser. Prose Interpretation are; Clint Patterson and Tena Breeden. Speech participant is Pat Hunter.



In the Personal Writing event the participants are Sandi Rich, Heather

Reimer, Josh Howard and Molly Blackman.



In the Story Telling competition the participants are Greg Elliott, Summer

Riggins, Jacki Archer and Amanda Lomeli.



In Picture Memory those who will participate will be the 4th and 5th grades and the students are: Back Row - Chad Gardiner, Nikki Strawn,

Carrie Pearson, Trixie Pearson, Tommi Latta, Alan Hutchinson and Mika Pipkin.



the 7th and 8th grade will participate in the Number & Sense competition and they are; Jay York, Cam

Butts, Jeff Hutchison and Alfonso Martinez.



The Oral Reading Participants are; Kyla Nelson, Brian Kidder, Mark

Eakin, Stacy Gardiner, April Wilerson, and Sally Donahue.



Impromptu Speaking participants will be 7th graders; Mendy Lasater,

Carla Greene, Chris Strawn, and Leslie Latta - not pictured.



In the Number Sense competition the participants are; 5th and 6th graders -

Matt Archer, Cody Pipkin, Cass Lasater and Sylvia Rosales.



7th and 8th grade Ready Writing participants are; Traci Scribner, Sally

Donahue, Kyla Nelson, Monica Blackman and Jason Lopez.



In the Spelling event participants are; Melodie Schumann, Joy Gafford,

Mandy Hodge, and Jarrett Swan



In Music Memory - 5th and 6th grade participants are; Amber Cates, Sonya Tindell, Elizabeth Pipkin - not

pictured, Aaron Davis, Mike Hager, and Carla Burton.



Ready writing 6th grade participants are; Sara Sanders, Mary Cook,

Jill Lusby, Brad Butler, and Robert Needham.



The Spelling Bee competition for the 5th and 6th grade is an exciting event and the participants are Chris

Boyd, Jasmine Bravo, Rande Renner, Laura Pearson, Regina Biggers and Enequina Gomez.



Oral Reading 5th and 6th grade participants are Curtis Pearson, Sophie Salgado, Amber Cates, Eliza-

beth Pipkin and Michille Garnett not pictured.



In the Number Sense the contestants are Keith Clark and Tony

Pacheco.



In Typewriting the participants are

Neta Burger and Anne Sheets.



In Accounting participants are; Alan Gardiner, Ronda Mathews, Jesse

Lozono



In Ready Writing the contestants are Anne Sheets, Kellie McWhirter,

Carly Shieldmigh - not pictured - and Alternate Mark Garnett.



The Science U.I.L. event participants are Mark Garnett, Keith Clark,

Pat Shields, and Ginger Pearson - not pictured.