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Quick Thinking and Seatbelt Save Local Youth

Volunteers work on the wreckage of an overturned truck, close to the Hansford Cemetery this past Saturday.

by Gary Smith

When 17 year old Evan Cudd, looked out the window of the overturned pickup truck that he had been driving, to see the gates of the Hansford County Cemetery, he realized how fortunate he was to be alive.

Said Evan, "I saw some flowers that the wind had blown out of the cemetery and thought that if I had not been wearing my seatbelt, they would not have had to carry me very far."

Evan was delivering a Krause plow to David Armes, who lives south of Gruver, when he lost control of the vehicle.

Although he was only driving 20 or 30 miles an hour, a combination of wind, a steep grade and a heavy load resulted in the accident.

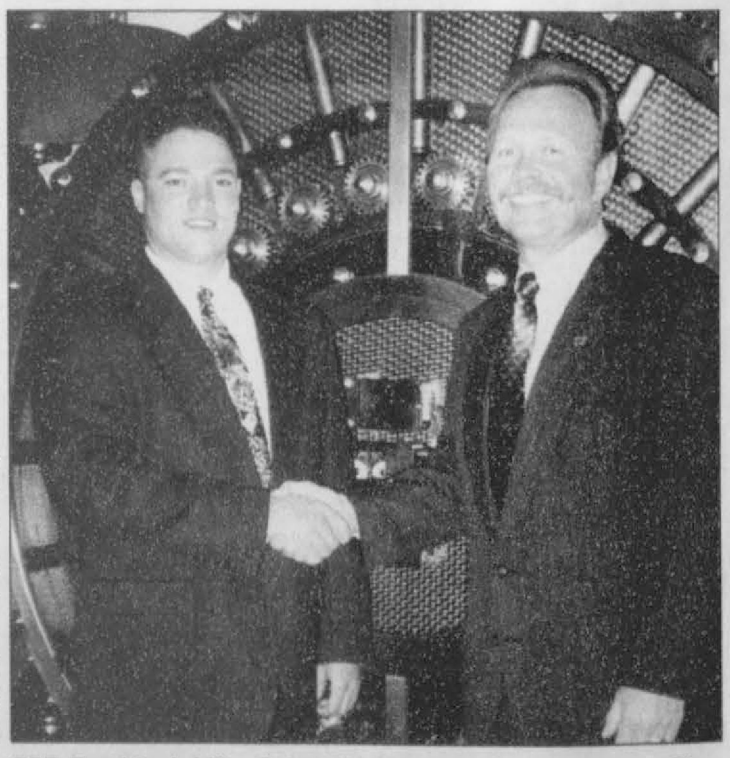
After Evan realized that the plow was fishtailing, he saw an approaching vehicle. In order to keep from colliding with the approaching traffic, he turned toward the ditch, while clutching the steering wheel as tightly as possible.

Although the truck he was driving suffered extensive damage, this quick thinking, resourceful young man walked away unharmed.

Evan, the son of Mike and Pat Cudd of Spearman said, "I think God was really watching over me."

The Spearman High School Senior went on to say, "I wear my seatbelt, because several of my friends have been in serious accidents. No one ever lectures me about it. It is just something that I do. No matter where you go, you need to wear a seatbelt."

First State Bank Welcomes New Loan Officer



FSB President, Mike Schnell(right), welcomes new loan officer, Lenny Pecha.

First State Bank wishes to announce the newest member of our staff, Lenny Pecha. Lenny was born and raised near Enid, Oklahoma where he was a 1995 graduate of Timber Lake High School. He was also active in FFA where he received State and American FFA degrees.

Lenny worked on Pecha Farms. Some of his responsibilities were making marketing decisions on livestock and wheat enterprises, as well as maintaining or making improvements on farm operations.

Lenny spent a summer internship with FSB in 1998 learning the commercial and agricultural lending field along with all banking procedures. He also worked with farmers and ranchers doing cattle inspections to determine market value.

Lenny graduated from Oklahoma State University with a BS in Agricultural Economics and a 3.4 GPA. Lenny was a member of The Golden Key Honor Society, Alpha Zeta Agriculture Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Delta Society and was on the Dean's Honor Roll. While on the OSU livestock judging team, he participated in numerous competitions. Lenny was the 1999 recipient of the E.E. Huff Outstanding Farm Manager Award.

Lenny will be an agricultural and consumer loan officer as well as doing cattle inspections. He is also an active member of the Spearman Lions Club.

(And ladies, he is currently single.)

FNB Receives Job Training Funds

FNB employees, Brian Gillispie, Carrie Ceniceros, and Elaine Cook.

The Texas Department of Economic Development has approved Smart Jobs Fund training grants to three small Texas banks.

"These are exactly the kind of jobs and paychecks that the Legislature intended to create when it established the Smart Jobs Fund," said Jeff Moseley, the agency's executive director. "Thanks to the support of Texas legislators, our agency continues to assist Texas businesses in creating high-skill, high-wage jobs for Texans."

First National Bank of Spearman will receive $6,790 to train three people, Texas First Bank in Texas City is awarded $7,425 to train three employees, and Texas National Bank in Jacksonville is granted $2,422 to train one person.

The banks are participants in the Independent Bankers Association of Texas training consortium. A Smart Jobs consortium is a group of employers with similar training needs. Consortia sponsors include colleges, universities, businesses, non-profit organizations and associations that apply for Smart Jobs Fund grants on behalf of several business.

The three employees that will receive the grant funds are Brian Gillispie, Carrie Ceniceros, and Elaine Cook. In the application for the grant, First National Bank lined out courses for each of them to attend over the next year-and-a-half. They also agreed to review each employee after they have completed their education and to increase their salary in relationship to the education they have received.

Brian Gillispie will be enrolling in the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. His grant will pay for the first year of the three-year-program.

Carrie, who was recently promoted to a new loan officer at First National Bank, will use the grant money to attend training seminars and schools dealing with credit analysis and commercial lending.

Elaine, who works in the investments area, will receive training in bank liquidity analysis and investments.

Key factors in approving the grants are the banks' qualifications as established businesses and first-time grantees offering major employee benefits and technical skills training. The banks will provide a 10 percent match to the grants in participant wages, benefits and facilities during the training period.

The Smart Jobs Fund provides grants to employers for customized training in manufacturing, demand and emerging occupations. In fiscal year 1998, Smart Jobs grants totaled nearly $55 million to train workers for almost 43,000 existing and new jobs.

For a Smart Jobs application or more information, employers should call 1-800-888-0511 or contact the nearest small business development center. Information can also be found on the Texas Department of Economic Development web site at http://www.tded.state.tx.us.

Don't Miss Patsy Cline

"*Always* Patsy Cline" begins at 8:00 pm at the High School Auditorium this Saturday night, for one performance only.

This is a wonderful show that you will not want to miss.

General admission tickets are only Ten Dollars and are available at the O'Lochlin Center Office.

Happy BIRTHDAY

Editors 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 15

Birthday - Julie Imke, Carol Pack, Chris Jenkins, Sonya Nitchske, Maude McClellan, Ryan Renick, Julie Stork, Hazle Britt, Clarence Zabel, Samantha Baker, Kayla Schrader, Nelva Snow, Galen Coates

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

July 16

Birthday - Dave Barkley, Dorothy Hudson, Maria McCall, Clinton Tindell, Mary Ann Kenny, Jay Pack, Pam Schnabel

Anniversary - Hal & Sara Shufeldt

July 17

Birthday - Holly Meyer, Debbie Tolleson, Qua Crum, Wesley Jarvis, Michael Dodd, Dennis Nelson, Marie Jones, Dr. Tom Latta, Charlie Garcia, Cody Baskin, Karl Bynum, Eunice Spivey, Julie Baca, Veronica Rosales, Kevin Quillin, Denise Smith, Dennis Nelson, Michael Lusby, Coley Griffin

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Willie Wilkerson, Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Bergin, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fowler

July 18

Birthday - Trixie Holt, Lisa Salmans, Maria Vela Acevedo, Linda McCoy, Cris McClellan, Greg Meek, Sonny Patterson, Shanda Denee Graham, Floyd Hull

Anniversary - Jim & Laquita Evans, Scott & Marla Bullard, Tracy & Angela Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Deakin

July 19

Birthday - June Barkley, Joe Lopez Jr., Ronnie Williams, Floyd Hull, Robert Novak, Vincent Garcia, Blake Beedy, Mark Avila, Pauline Nava, Opal Petree, Mona Slater

Anniversary - Ray & Judy Martin, Joey & Lyn Woolley, Don & Carolyn Savage, Mr. & Mrs. Corky Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. Arlo Shearer, Mr. & Mrs. Steven Francis

July 20

Birthday - Elaine Rogers, Arlo Shearer, Mary Cates, Vic Schuman, Virginia White, Thomas Reed, Cal Nava, Mary Barnes, Meli Floyd Burgess, Bruce Bailey, Neale Estes, Sylvia Herara, Inez Bennett, Cheryl Wall

Anniversary - Rick & Jan Howard, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Archer Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Mike Garnett, Mr. & Mrs. F.W. Thomas Mr. and Mrs. P.D. Swink

July 21

Birthday - Tasha Haight Hiles, Larry Kennedy, Clint Lilley, Trevor Shearer, Earl Goodheart, Jewell Turner, Ross Donahue, Josephine Schneider, Kirk Davis, Jessica Wooley, Ron Robinson, Barbara Farr, Larry Blackwell, Mary K. Harbour, Van Bradford, Ty Seagler, Matt Salazar

Anniversary - Jeff & Michelle Beedy, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Reyes, Mr. & Mrs. Johnnie Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Chad Logsdon, Monte & Cindy Blackman

July 22

Birthday - Frances Cudd, Robert Reid, Joe Cole, Tiffany Hand, Luke Pittman, Flavil Ayers, Freddie Largent, Edith Phillip, Jack Karlin, Johnny Pelcher, Grace Kirk

Anniversary - Walter & Dorothy Wooley, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Mayhew, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dillow

July 23

Birthday - T.J. Bergin, Linda Beeson, Becky Leach, Peggy Winegarner, Travis Bennett, Elivina Rodriquez, Robert Blevins, Mark Schoenhals

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Howard Barkley

July 24

Birthday - Kaylee Holt, Christina Sanchez, Neil Pack, Irven Barber, Tammy Freman, Glen Ray Mackie, Maria Arjona, Ray Gressett, Sophia Salgado, Mary McIntyer, Wanda Schubert, Nathan Pipkin, Mary Martinez, Aaron Winegarner, Adam Cherry, Shannon Acker, Miss Mattie Yanke, Taylor Tice

Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Boyd

With Deepest Sympathy

Tonya Lee Combest

Tonya Lee Combest, 34, of Miami, FL, formerly of Marco Island, passed away suddenly on Thursday, July 8, 1999 in Miami.

Funeral services were held on Monday, July 12, 1999 at the Hodges-Josberger Funeral Home in Marco Island, FL. The Rev. Todd Weber of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Marco Island officiated.

Tonya is survived by her daughter, Mikala Murley of Derry, NH; and her fiance, Joe Costanzo of Miami. She is also survived by her mother and step-father, Dee and "Tex" Sampson of Marco Island; her father and step-mom, Larry and Sharon Combest of Lubbock; her brothers, Haydn Combest of Marco Island, Corwin and his wife Megan Sampson of Marco Island, and Ken Sampson of Woodward, OK; her paternal grandparents, Nelson and Callie Combest; and her grandmother, Roberta Sampson of Mooreland, OK.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions may be made in Tonya's memory to a favorite charity, or to one of the following; The Lubbock Area Foundation, 1655 Main Street, #209, Lubbock, TX 79401; or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174.

Robert "Bob" Gaines

Funeral services for Robert "Bob Gaines, 70, of Chickasha, OK, were held on Friday, July 9, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ferguson Funeral Home Chapel with Richmond Adams of the First Christian Church in Cyril officiating.

Bob Gaines was born on January 18, 1929, in Peabody, KS, the son of Robert W. Gaines and Freda L. Boling Gaines. He died Tuesday, July 6, 1999 in Chickasha.

As a young person, Bob moved with his family to several different locations, as his father was employed with Phillips Petroleum Company.

The family settled near Eureka, KS, where Bob attended Eureka Public Schools and graduated from Eureka High School in 1946.

After high school graduation, Bob became employed with Phillips Petroleum Company, where he remained for thirteen years.

In 1960, Bob entered the automobile repair business and attended several General Motors Automotive School's. He eventually became a Service Manager. He had been employed as the Service Manager with Hudiburg Chevrolet in Midwest City, OK, Alan Merrell Chevrolet in Yukon, OK, and most recently with Steve Lacefield Auto Center in Chickasha, where he retired in 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie, of the home; his mother, Freda L. Gaines of Eureka, KS; two daughters, Marilyn Sue Baker of Midwest City, OK and Karen Carr and husband, Byron, of Ulysses, KS; two brothers, Richard and wife Betty Gaines of Spearman, TX and Franklin and wife Beverly Gaines of Hamilton, KS; one sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Charles Martin of Eureka, KS; three grandchildren and their spouses, Cynthia and Eric Branstetter of Albuquerque, NM, Robbie and Amanda Thomas of Midwest CIty, OK, and Casey Allen Carr of Ulysses, KS; two great-grandchildren, Trey M. Baker of Midwest City, OK and Dalton Branstetter of Albuquerque, NM. Interment was in the Celestial Gardens Cemetery in Cybil, OK, under the direction of Ferguson Funeral Home

Billy L. Boatwright

Billy L. Boatwright, 68, died on Thursday, July 8, 1999 in Spearman, TX.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 11, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Spearman with the Rev. Rick Patrick officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Boatwright was born in Lasalle County, TX, on February 26, 1931. He had lived in the area for 35 years, moving from Kress, TX.

He was a farmer, a U.S. Marine Veteran of the Korean War, and part owner of Five Star Equipment Company in Spearman, TX.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Boatwright of Mansfield, TX; one daughter, Donna Murray of Vernon, TX; one granddaughter, Amy Murray of Dallas; one grandson, Billy L. Boatwright II of Mansfield; one stepgranddaughter, Lindsey Boatwright of Mansfield; one step-grandson, Brandon Boatwright of Mansfield; foster parents J.L. and Mildred Francis of Kress; one brother, William Troy Boatwright of Kenesburg, CO; and three foster brothers, Richard Francis and Joe Francis of Plainview, and Barry Francis of Waco.

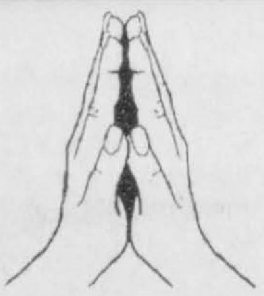
He was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty, five sisters, and one brother.

The family requests memorials be to the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt, Spearman, TX 79081, or one's favorite charity.

Thank You

Thank you to those who helped me during my recent illness. I would like to thank Dr. Novak, Dr. Whinery, Dr. Boynton, the hospital staff, the EMS, my friends, and my family for all that you did for me. I surely appreciate you.

May God richly bless you!
Frances E. Williams



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

Praying about a complicated decision?

You are in Christ Jesus by God's act, for God has made Him our wisdom; He is our righteousness; in Him we are consecrated. And so (in the words of Scripture), "If a man is proud, let him be proud of the Lord."

And if, in the process, any of you does not know how to meet any particular problem he has only to ask God - Who gives generously to all men without making them feel guilty - and he may be quite sure that the necessary wisdom will be given him. But he must ask in sincere faith without secret doubts.

For the man who doubts is like a wave of the sea, carried forward by the wind one moment and driven back the next. That sort of man cannot hope to receive anything from the Lord, and the life of a man of divided loyalty will reveal instability at every turn. [So] depend on the Lord in whatever you do. Then your plans will succeed.

[The apostle Paul was sharing his testimony:] "Ananias came to me, stood by me, and said, 'Brother Saul, see again!' Immediately I was able to see him. Ananias told me, 'The God of our fathers chose you long ago. He chose you to know His plan. He chose you to see the Righteous One and to hear words from Him. You will be His witness to all people. You will tell them about the things you have seen and heard. Now, why wait any longer? Get up, be baptized, and wash your sins away. Do this, trusting in Him to save you.'"

We ask God that you may receive from Him all wisdom and spiritual understanding for full insight into His will, so that your manner of life may be worthy of the Lord and entirely pleasing to Him. We pray that you may bear fruit in active goodness of every kind, and grow in the knowledge of God. May He strengthen you, in His glorious might, with ample power to meet whatever comes with fortitude, patience, and joy; and to give thanks to the Father Who has made you proud to share the heritage of God's people in the realm of light.

[Jesus said:] "My own sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me. I give them eternal life and they shall never perish; no one shall snatch them from My care."

Taken from Acts 22, Col. 1, Jn. 10, I Cor. 1, Jas. I, Pro. 16,
The Everyday Bible, The New English Bible, The Phillips Translation

Spearman

Apostolic Faith Church
822 S. Dressen • 659-2870
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship & Children's Church: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening/Youth Service: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Children's Choir: 7:00 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.
Senior 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. Discipleship Time: 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Youth Mtg. : 8 p.m. Wed.
Pastor - Rick Patrick
Min. of Youth/Ed. - Brian Foster

Church of Christ
121 S. Haney • 659-3244
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m.
KRDF Radio Program
Living With Christ: 7:50 a.m. M-F
Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Cathoiic Church
901 Roland • 659-2792
Sat. Night Mass: 7 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. - English (9 a.m. service on KRDF - 98.3)
Sunday Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
1:30 p.m.. - Gruver - Christo Rendenlor Mass - Spanish
Rev. Scott Raef

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
(Worships with Lutheran Church)
1021 Cotter • 659-2033
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. at Lutheran Church
Worship: 11 a.m. (alternates monthly between Lutheran and Presbyterian Church Buildings)
Pastor - Beverly Cook

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
1101 Bernice • 659-2252
(Worships 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: 6 p.m.. Sunday
Rainbow Kids Club: 3:00 Wednesday
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/Prayer: 7 p.m. Wed
Pastor - Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist
1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Sunday
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.
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.

Gruver

First Baptist Church
402 E.Broadway • 733-2411
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m.. Sunday
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. Evening 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
Young Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sunday
Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
Pastor - Gary Gumfory

Oslo Lutheran Church (ECLA)
6 Miles West & 12 Miles North of Gruver
339-7709
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Pastor - John R. Chandler

Gruver United Methodist
Broadway & Garrett • 733-2651
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.
Evening Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.
Pastor - Jerry Moore

Spanish Cristo Redentor Church
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.
Friday Evening Mass
Summer - 8:00 p.m.
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m

Morse

Morse Baptist Church
733-2757
Pastor - Mike Martin

Waka

Waka Church of the Brethren
435-4598

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. "For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds." Matthew 16: 24-27

LAUGH AND LIVE

by Gary C. Smith
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A friend sent me this true story. Whenever I am having a bad day, I try to remember this one.

A man was working on his motorcycle on his patio and his wife was in the house in the kitchen. The man was racing the engine on the motorcycle and somehow, the motorcycle slipped into gear.. The man, still holding the handlebars, was dragged through a glass patio door and along with the motorcycle dumped onto the floor inside the house.

The wife, hearing the crash, ran into the dining room, and found her husband laying on the floor, cut and bleeding, the motorcycle laying next to him and the patio door shattered. The wife ran to the phone and summoned an ambulance.

Because they lived on a fairly large hill, the wife went down the several flights of long steps to the street to direct the paramedics to her husband.

After the ambulance arrived and transported the husband to the hospital, the wife uprights the motorcycle and pushed it outside.

Seeing that gas had spilled on the floor, the wife obtained some papers towels, blotted up the gasoline, and threw the towels in the toilet.

The husband was treated at the hospital and was released to come home.

After arriving home, he looked at the shattered patio door and the damage done to his motorcycle.

He became despondent, went into the bathroom, sat on the toilet and smoked a cigarette.

After finishing the cigarette, he flipped it between his legs into the toilet bowl while still seated.

The wife, who was in the kitchen, heard a loud explosion and her husband screaming. She ran into the bathroom and found her husband lying on the floor. His trousers had been blown away and he was suffering burns on the buttocks, the back of his legs and his groin.

The wife again ran to the phone and called for an ambulance.

The same ambulance crew was dispatched and the wife met them at the street. The paramedics loaded the husband on the stretcher and began carrying him to the street.

While they were going down the stairs to the street accompanied by the wife, one of the paramedics asked the wife how the husband had burned himself.

She told them and the paramedics started laughing so hard, one of them tipped the stretcher and dumped the husband out. He fell down the remaining steps and broke his arm.

Now THAT is a bad day....

Until Next Time,
May God Bless.
GCS

Morgan Lackey Named National All Star Babe

Morgan Lackey competed in the 1999 All Star Kids National Pageant held in Dallas, TX the weekend of July 4, 1999.

Morgan won her age division and will carry the title of National All Star Babe for the coming year.

Her prizes included a trophy, crown, banner, Beanie Baby "Peace," and a cash prize of $350.

All Star Kids is a national pageant for children between the ages of 0-18.

Morgan is the daughter of Jeff and Linda Lackey and is the granddaughter of Jim and Laquita Evans and Joel and Joyce Lackey, all of Spearman.

Bridal Registry

Sandi Rich & Bryan Rhodes - July 17th
Yolanda Ortiz & Alonso Bonilla - July 25th
Tracy Stoner & Wendell Ralston - July 29th
Trinket Harrell & Brandon Rex - July 31st
Beth Kirksey & Curtis Hays
Amy Schoenhals & Zac Weaver
Gale Mayfield & Chris Womble

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

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.

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Kid's Day Out

Kid's Day Out began on Friday, June 4th at the First Christian Church in Spearman, and will be held every Friday during the summer from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Kid's who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to bring $1.00, and come enjoy crafts, games, Bible study, snacks and lots of fun.

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Junior High Night At The O'Loughlin Center

Beginning June 15th, Tuesday nights at The O'Loughlin Center are devoted to junior high students. The gym will be reserved for students who will be in junior high (incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders) during the 1999-2000 school year. No reservations are needed, however, there will be a one-time fee of $5.00. Participants will receive a "Good Time Ticket" that will give them entrance to all Tuesday nights. (This ticket is good only for Junior High Night.) This will be a supervised time to just hang out, play basketball, hackie sack and other games. Remember, Junior High students, Tuesday nights are your night, so call your friends and come to the O'Loughlin Center every Tuesday night through July 27th. You won't want to miss any of the Tuesday Specials.

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Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System in conjunction with Hansford County Hospital will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at 712 S. Roland, in Spearman, on July 26, 1999. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. They key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each women screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or toll free 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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"Women In Touch"

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women In Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer. The "Women In Touch" support group will meet on July 19, 1999 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Blvd. The program in July will be presented by Pam Ehly of Baptist St. Anthony's Outpatient Services. The presentation is entitled, "New Treatment for Lymphedema." For more information, please call Cindy Horton at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, (806) 356-4673, ext. 111, or toll free 1-800-274-4673.

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Yards of the Week

The Spearman Chamber of Commerce has announced the Yards of the Week for July 4th-10th. They are: Mike Schnell, 1010 Wilmeth; Hershel Jones, 812 Evans; Herb Hager, 722 Collier; and Pete Safford, 413 Barkley. The Yards of the Week for July 11th-17th are: Pete Fisher, 1016 Barkley, Willie Wilkerson, 722 E. 2nd; L.F. Hand, 722 Steele Dr.; and Dorothy Roden, 316 Roland.

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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.)

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Office hours for Reporter-Statesman are Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1-5 p.m. The deadline to submit items to be published is Monday at 5:00 p.m. for that week's publication.

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Jennifer Baxter Derington

Baxter/Derington Wed

Jennifer Gail Baxter and Hart Michael Derington were united in marriage in an early evening ceremony on Saturday, July 17, 1999 at the First United Methodist Church of Lubbock with the Rev. Bill Fleming officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Marlene Baxter of Lubbock and the groom is the son of Jim and Mandy Derington of Spearman.

Grandparents of the bride are the late Mark Davis and Allene Davis and Mr. and Mrs. B.L. Baxter. Grandparents of the groom are the late Bill Derington and Sue Derington and the late Mary Hart and Don Hart.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was adorned in an elegant off-the-shoulder gown in an oyster and ivory bridal satin. The bodice of the gown featured an ivory Schiffli lace re-embroidered with gold thread and accented with crystal sequins and pearls. The Basque waistline allowed the full ballgown skirt to fall gracefully to the floor and sweep into a semi-cathedral train. The back of the gown was accented with oyster satin rosettes and loops. The same rosettes were lightly scattered on the train and enhanced with Schiffli lace appliques. To complete her ensemble, Jennifer selected a floral wreath of oyster and ivory rosettes highlighting layers of fingertip-length illusion.

Maid of honor was Brenda Brosig of Lubbock, sister of the bride. Erin Derington of Gruver, sister of the groom; Stacey Anderson of Houston, friend of the bride; and Natalie King of Andrews, friend of the bride, served as bridesmaids.

Mary Hart of Gruver, cousin of the groom, was the flower girl.

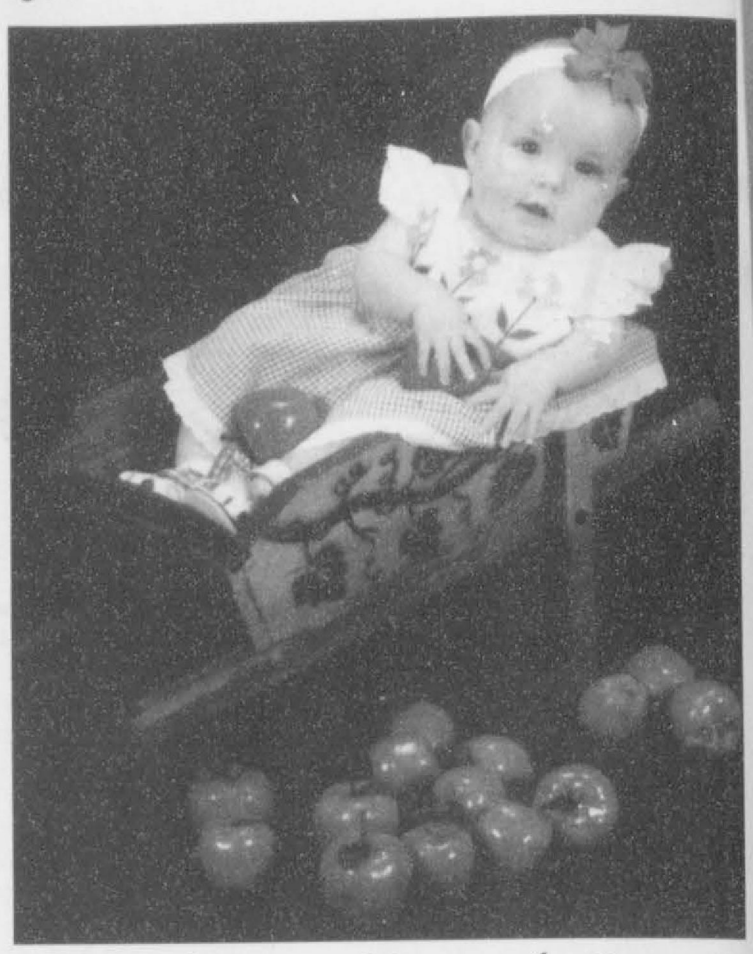
Jim Derington attended his son as best man while Michael Baxter of Lubbock, brother of the bride; Lee Bob Harper of College Station; and Grant Odom of Lubbock served as groomsmen.

Master James Gendreau of Lubbock, a friend of the bride, was the ring bearer. Ushers were David Brosig of Lubbock, brother-in-law of the bride, and Wes Babbs of Gruver, friend of the groom.

A wedding buffet and dance following the wedding ceremony was held at Merket Alumni Center on the campus of Texas Tech University.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the Deringtons will be at home in Lubbock where Jennifer is an elementary teacher for Lubbock Independent School District, and Hart is a graduate research assistant at Texas Tech University.

The bride was honored with a lingerie shower on Thursday night, July 16th. Tracy Bevill, Carrie Guthrie, and Kelly Hart, all of Gruver and aunts of the groom, hosted a bridal luncheon on Friday noon in the home of Paula Johnson. The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Harringan's on Friday night.



Sparks Crowned Sweepstakes Queen

Petite Sage Sparks was crowned the Sweepstakes Queen in the 0-12 month division of the Texas Diamond Miss Pageant held in Abilene . Sage was also the Supreme Overall Portfolio winner of the baby pageant and the third runner-up in the World of Babies.

The little beauty is the daughter of Slavin and Brandi Sparks and the granddaughter of Dean Sparks of Gruver.

Hansford Soccer Camp
July 19th-21st

Discover the world's most popular sport!

- Soccer Fun & Games
- Soccer Camp T-shirt
- Instruction by Licensed Coaches
- Gatorade Squeeze Bottles and Snicker Bottles

10:00-11:00 a.m. - Ages 5-9
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Ages 10-14

Registration: Call Cindy Blackman at 659-3233
Information: Call Denise McElroy at 659-2365

Hansford Soccer Camp is co-sponsored by the Hansford Soccer Association, North Texas Soccer Association, and Kids Kamp.

You are invited to attend a
Golden Wedding Anniversary
honoring
Betty and F.W. Thomas
on Sunday, July 18, 1999
from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
in the home of
David & Suzanne Thomas
1106 S. Bernice • Spearman, TX
No Gifts Please

You are invited to attend a
Get Acquainted Shower
honoring
Emily Miser
daughter of Liz & Jordan Miser
on Sunday, July 18, 1999
from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall of the
First Christian Church of Spearman

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews and
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Frick
invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage of their children
Kristi Lee
and
Aaron Douglas.
This celebration of love will be held on
Saturday, the twenty-fourth of July
Nineteen hundred and ninety-nine
at four o'clock in the afternoon
415 Stephen F. Austin
Conroe, Texas 77302

You are invited to attend a
Wedding Shower
honoring
Sandi Rich
bride-elect of Bryan Rhodes
on Saturday, July 17, 1999
from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
in the Hospitality Room
First State Bank of Spearman

Hansford County Community Calendar
July 15-28

Thursday, July 15
Gladiola Flower Club Meets in the home of Kathleen Sutton
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts/Covered Dish Lunch
8:00 p.m. - Court Appointed Special Advocates Community Meeting - Firstbank Southwest in Perryton
Friday, July 16
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
Saturday, July 17
Spearman Swim Team at Championship Swim Meet - Dodge City, Kansas
Sunday, July 18
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service
Monday, July 19
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Rotary Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
Tuesday, July 20
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
6:00 p.m. - Tuesday Night Golf Scrambles - Hansford Golf Club
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
6:30 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Dinner & Games
Wednesday, July 21
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
1:00-4:00 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - "42"
Thursday, July 22
10:00 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Arts & Crafts/Covered Dish Lunch
Friday, July 23
9:30 a.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Exercise
Sunday, July 25
3:00 p.m. - Hansford Manor Church Service
Monday, July 26
2:00 p.m. - Games and Crafts at Hansford Manor
Tuesday, July 27
12:00 p.m. - Spearman Lions Club Meets - Ivey's Hungry Cowboy
6:00 p.m. - Tuesday Night Golf Scrambles - Hansford Golf Club
6:30 p.m. - Bingo at Hansford Manor
6:30 p.m. - Golden Spread Senior Citizens - Covered Dish Dinner & Games
Wednesday, July 28
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

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Mary Lou Wysong flew to Marco Island, Florida on Saturday after being notified of the death of her niece, Tanya Combest, 34. Accompanying Mary Lou was her daughter, Pam Eckroat of Azle, Texas. The funeral was on Monday at Marco Island.

Tanya was the daughter of Delia Kaye Davis Sampson and Representative Larry Combest of Lubbock.

Jan Williamson of Spearman, daughter of Mary Lou, had information that the death of Tanya occurred during emergency surgery for internal hemorrhaging.

Tanya was survived by a 12 year old daughter, Mikala; a brother, Hayden; parents, Dee and "Tex" Sampson of Marco Island, and Larry and Sharon Combest of Lubbock.

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Sunday's Amarillo News carried a detailed account of the wedding of Bonnie Garnett and Keith Vandiver, both of Lubbock. The wedding was in the Amarillo Country Club and involved many tie-ins with Spearman.

The lovely Bonnie is the daughter of Dr. Wesley Garnett, formerly of Spearman and Cherry Krisst of Connecticut, who is well-known here.

Wesley and wife Nancy now live in Nassau, and Cherry and Dr. Ray Krisst in Connecticut. Family members from various other states attended.

The bride's grandmother, Magda Garnett, accompanied by her daughter, Lynne Riley, and other family members came from Laurel, Mississippi. Both Magda and Lynne hail from Spearman.

Bonnie's sister came from Ft. Worth and her brother from Maryland. Gaitley and Sutton Garnett were ring bearers. They are the little daughters of Jon and Kelly Garnett of Spearman.

Dr. Wesley, 1960 graduate of Spearman, is now retired from the U.S.D.A. In addition to serving in Washington, D.C., he had service in several countries, including Mexico and Australia where he was sent world-wide for the department. Prior to entering the department, he had a veterinary practice in Spearman.

Mike and Marti Garnett have enjoyed "fringe benefits" from the Garnett Vandiver wedding in that they enjoyed guests for several days. Their daughter, Michelle, and Adam Garff of Salt Lake City and their son Captain J and Brooke Garnett of Abilene - all came to attend the wedding and remained for a few days.

Jon and Kelly Garnett of Spearman also attended.

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Arriving on Sunday as guests of Billy and Sybil Miller were Billy's cousin Dr. Dan and wife Dr. Debbie Selz, with their two children. They are from Bridgeport and were en route to Red River.

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The last of the welcome guests of Marie Beck has gone, and it is too quiet at her home. Coming for the Fourth of July weekend were Shirley and Troy Betts of Paris, Texas; Robert and Kathy Beck of Alvardo; Rebecca Beck of Allen; Danny and Samantha Beck, of Greenville; and from Spearman Gerald, Ronnie, Kathy and Jessica Beck.

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To celebrate and share the 85th birthday of her Mother, Leona Kemp, June and John Patterson went to Rosenberg, Texas on July 1st and stayed for several days. June's brother joined them in hosting a birthday dinner for their mother attended by relatives and friends.

Mrs. Kemp's health is poor but she was pleased by the honor. To escape that hot, humid Houston weather, the Pattersons were glad to return to the windy Panhandle.

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Helen Etter had a brief but neighborly visit an old friend and former Spearmanite, Ola Sparks Hergert, in Siloam Springs, Arkansas recently. She and Joyce Courson of Perryton "hitched" a lift on the Courson plane that was flying to an out of state destination just beyond Siloam Springs. Joyce is also a friend of Ola's. They returned the same day.

Ola moved to Siloam Springs to be near her daughter, Belva. She and Belva are both in poor health.

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Ora Lee Blackburn returned home Tuesday after an absence of a month. Her daughter, Bodil Bradley,had insisted that Ora Lee stay at their home at Hereford where she could be in the company of their employees, friends of Ora Lee,while the Bradleys were in England.

While in England, Bodil met a distant relative and visited the old home where her grandmother lived in England.

During the time they were gone, Ora Lee flew to Houston to be with son Chunky and his wife and go with them to the wedding of Tobey Blackburn, daughter of Bill Blackburn.

The wedding was in Stephenville in a 100 year old church and was extremely impressive. The reception was an elaborate affair 17 miles in the country near Lingleville in the home of the bridegroom's parents.

Ora Lee flew back and was met by her grandson Joe and Judy Hutchison of Clarendon. While there, they attended a surprise birthday party for Bodil at Hereford.

Ora Lee enjoyed her month away and hopes to spend the rest of the summer just resting. While she was gone her granddaughter, Denise, with husband Gary Bridges and little Amy, moved to Lubbock.

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Joyce Frost was very pleased on Thursday afternoon by a surprise retirement party at Lowes. After refreshments, her fellow employees presented her with a money tree.

After 20 years of employment in the store, ill health is causing Joyce to retire.

Adding to her surprise was the arrival of her daughter, Tracie Keetch Burcham and son, Weston, from Sublette, Kansas.

Joyce expressed her appreciation to her co-workers; she has - enjoyed her association with them and regrets the necessity of retiring.

The neighbors hopes her health improves and will miss her helpfulness in her work.

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The family of T.C. and Lou Harvey visited here several days last week. Jim and Sherry Harvey came from Dallas; Peggy and Gary Osbourne from Fullerton, California; Osbourne's daughter Pamela and John King with son, Nicholas, from Phoenix

The Osbournes also visited his father, Jim Osbourne, of Gruver.

All also spent some time east of Spearman at A.D. Reeds, Hadley Reeds and Boyd Rices. This was before the 3.90 inches of rain fell there Friday evening. The Reeds seem to be in a rain zone; a couple of weeks before, they received 4.20 in one downpour.

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Sympathy is extended to the families of Billy Boatwright and Tim Welch.

Boatwright's obituary is elsewhere in this issue.

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Weather recorder Dwayne Smith, in addition to his time in broadcasting, news gathering, markets, weather watching some - "girl grinnin'" recorded data for the week of July 5th through 7 a.m. on July 12: High was on the 7th and 8th at 99 degrees; low on the 7th through 11th at 56; moisture was .95.

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Two recent news items are thought provoking -

Last week Clinton toured the Oglala Sioux reservation at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. In his speech of praise for them (a vote getter), he stated that on the reservation "I have seen enormous courage." He promises more help for them, including new homes.

The article stresses the extreme, pitiful poverty, referring to it as the poorest region of America, with unemployment at 75% and only a few over half are high school graduates. No mention was made of the reservation being provided with schools, teachers, food stamps - every kind of welfare.

From the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Indians were settled on the reservations and have been the recipients of government charity -- er excuse the slip, entitlements (a century).

During this same century, from nearly every country in the world, impoverished people, unable to speak English, both educated and pitifully uneducated, have struggled to get into this country. Entering by sneaking, slipping, bribing, even some dying on the Mexican border, they came for the opportunities for a better life.

These people on the reservation - able to speak English, being schooled, with choice of leaving the reservation for employment - are in this pitiful condition after 100 years. Where is the "enormous courage?" Is more spoonfeeding the answer?

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The other puzzling incident is that of the enlisted service men, one from Fritch, who recently refused to obey an order to be vaccinated for anthrax, fearful of some vague, unpleasant after effect.

Isn't enlisting in military service an acknowledgement that they will be in "Harms Way;" facing danger, injury, possible death?

Why did they enlist?

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The opinions expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the publisher.

Spearman Swim Team Results

The Spearman Swim Team attended the Guymon Swim Meet last Saturday, July 10, 1999.

The team placed 2nd over-all. Listed below are the results.

Girls 8 & Under

100 M. Free Relay: A Team - Amy Boyd, Destiny Fisher, Alyssa Boynton, Bond Pittman - 1st; B Team - Lindsay Clark, Nikki Boyd, Leanna Espinosa, Callie Adamson - 4th; 25 M. Free: Bond Pittman - 1st, Destiny Fisher - 4th, Lindsay Clark - 5th, Callie Adamson - 6th; 25 M. Butterfly: Bond Pittman - 1st, Amy Boyd - 2nd; 25 M. Back: Lindsay Clark - 1st, Destiny Fisher - 2nd, Callie Adamson - 4th; 25 M. Breast: Amy Boyd - 1st, Destiny Fisher - 3rd, Callie Adamson - 5th; 100 M. Free: Bond Pittman - 1st, Amy Boyd - 4th, Destiny Fisher - 6th

Boys 8 & Under

100 M. Free Relay: Jackson Curry, Hunter Cox, Zackary Hughes, Tyler Schnell - 1st; 25 M. Free: Tyler Schnell - 1st, Zack Hughes - 5th; 25 M. Butterfly: Tyler Schnell - 2nd, Jackson Curry - 5th; 25 M. Back: Zack Hughes - 4th, Hunter Cox - 5th; 25 M. Breast: Hunter Cox - 3rd, Zack Hughes - 4th, Jackson Curry - 5th, Tyler Schnell - 6th; 100 M. Free: Tyler Schnell - 1st, Zack Hughes - 6th

Girls 9 & 10

200 M. Free Relay: Amy Brown, Lisa Espinosa, Kaylee LaClair, Jessica Jarvis - 5th; 50 M. Butterfly: Amy Brown - 6th; 50 M. Back: Laura Gomez - 4th, Jessica Jarvis - 6th

Boys 9 & 10

200 M. Free Relay: Ryan Ramon, Clayton Smith, Tyler Boynton, Gordon Anderson - 1st

Girls 11 & 12

200 M. Free Relay: Kaylee Golay, Jessica Brown, Melissa Lesly, Nicole Sander - 5th; 50 M. Free: Christina Ochoa - 5th, Chambrey Cox - 6th; 50 M. Butterfly: Christina Ochoa - 3rd (Div. II), Abby Winegarner - 4th; 50 M. Back: Abby Winegarner - 1st, Trista Cotney - 4th, Chambrey Cox - 5th; 50 M. Breast: Christina Ochoa - 2nd (Div. II); 200 M. Individual Medley: Christina Ochoa - 2nd, Abby Winegarner - 3rd; 100 M. Free: Chambrey Cox - 4th, Kaylee Golay - 5th; 200 M. Free: Kaylee Golay - 3rd; 400 M. Free: Trista Cotney - 3rd; 200 M. Medley Relay: Trista Cotney, Christian Ochoa, Abby Winegarner, Chambrey Cox - 2nd

Boys 11 & 12

50 M. Free: Jeffrey Whitworth - 1st (Div. II); 50 M. Butterfly: Jarick Howard - 5th; 50 M. Back: Jeffrey Whitworth - 3rd, Travis Sander - 3rd; 50 M. Breast: Travis Sander - 6th; 100 M. Free: Travis Sander - 4th; 200 M. Free: Jeffrey Whitworth - 4th, Jarick Howard - 4th; 400 M. Free: Jeffrey Whitworth - 2nd; 200 M. Medley Relay: Peyton McGarraugh, Travis Sander, Jarick Howard, Jeff Whitworth - 2nd

Girls 13 & 14

200 M. Free Relay: Ashlee Flowers, Britny LaMunyon, Nicole Ramon, Meggan Whitworth - 4th; 50 M. Free: Jentry Edwards - 1st (Div. II), Cheryl Gibson - 6th; 50 M. Butterfly: Cheryl Gibson - 2nd (Div. II), Jentry Edwards - 4th; 50 M. Back: Jentry Edwards - 3rd (Div. II); 200 M. Individual Medley: Jentry Edwards - 2nd (Div. II), Cheryl Gibson - 6th; 100 M. Free: Cheryl Gibson - 3rd, Michel Huffaker - 5th; 200 M. Free: Michel Huffaker - 6th; 200 M. Medley Relay: Jentry Edwards, Meggan Whitworth, Cheryl Gibson, Michel Huffaker - 3rd

Boys 13 & 14

200 Free Relay: Garret Martin, Brian Rhoden, Chris Cudd, Daniel Longoria - 2nd; 50 M. Free: Colton Miller - 1st (Div. I); 100 M. Butterfly: Colton Miller - 1st (Div. I), Daniel Longoria - 4th; 100 M. Breast: Colton Miller - 1st (Div. I), Garrett Martin - 5th; 200 M. Individual Medley: Colton Miller - 1st (Div. II); 100 M. Free: Colton Miller - 1st (Div. I), Daniel Longoria - 4th; 400 M. Free: Daniel Longoria - 3rd

Girls 15 - 18

50 M. Free: Amber Ramon - 4th, Audrey Winegarner - 6th; 100 M. Back: Amber Elliott - Div. II; 100 M. Free: Amber Elliott - 6th; 400 M. Free: Darcy Golay - 5th; 200 M. Medley Relay: Audrey Winegarner, Amber Ramon, Amber Elliott, Darcy Golay - 2nd

Boys 15 - 18

50 M. Free: Landon Miller - 2nd (Div. I - broke pool record held by Nathan Palmer since 1984); 100 M. Free: Landon Miller - 1st (Div. II)

Members of the Spearman Swim Team who qualified will be participating in the Western Kansas Swimming Championships in Dodge City, Kansas on July 17th-18th, the Division II Championships in Topeka, KS on July 23rd-25th, and the Division I Championships in Kansas City, KS on July 30th-August 1st.

Visit the Spearman Swim Team's website at: www.angelfire.com/ tx2/spearmanswimtteam

It's A Boy!

David and Sharron Swan of Spearman and Deane Parker of Amarillo are proud to announce the arrival of their first grandson, Reid Allen Albert Swan.

Proud parents of the new arrival are Lance and Sally Swan of Perryton. Reid arrived at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo at 4:24 a.m. on July 7, 1999, weighing 6 pounds, 13 1/2 ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Also welcoming their grandson is Ken and Donna Donahue of Perryton.

Reid is the first great-grandson of Bill and Bessie Swan and Curley Dallis of Spearman.

Other great-grandparents also include Dickie Allen and Martha Donahue also of Spearman, and his Uncle Landon Swan of Amarillo.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--July 12, 1999--62 feet and 1 inch

Despite 1.47 inch of rain in 2 showers last week, the level dropped 4 inches.

The Pavilion was used Saturday by a Baptist Church from Guymon, and on Sunday the Gruver Methodist Church had it. The Methodist group had a baptismal service in the afternoon on the northern side of the Lake below the Mosier home. Pastor Jerry Moore baptized Mike and Tonya Yanke's 4 daughters and Terry and Cherri Sherrill's 3 children. Were these the first baptisms at Lake Palo Duro?

Several visitors at the Lake have been fortunate enough to see one or more of the fawns. The does keep them well hidden much of the time.

Jim said there were quite a few snakes being seen this summer. The July issue of Progressive Farmer has an interesting article titled Snakebites: Myths and Facts. It seems that much of what I have been taught about the treatment of snakebites comes under the myths. I learned about tourniquets. They are out. The increased venom in one spot and the lack of circulation may lead to severe tissue damage and even amputation. The little cuts and the sucking of the blood --Out. I used to carry a little snake bite kit in my pickup that had a small scalpel and a rubber suction cup. The article said suction by the mouth or one of the rubber suckers do not provide sufficient negative pressure. Making the little cuts is also wrong. Drinking alcohol is a mistake. The article didn't mention the ice treatment that was big for awhile, but it did call the electric shock treatment that I have read quite a bit about as the best thing to do for a bite as another myth.

Proper First Aid

1. Identify the snake and calm the victim.

2. Clean the bitten area and apply direct pressure over the bite.

3. Keep the victim's activity to a minimum and keep the bite area to the heart level to reduce swelling.

4. Call the hospital before or as you are going.

5. Ask that Poison Control be called for the proper giving of the antivenin.

July 22, 1949

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Golden Wedding Anniversary

honoring

Dorothy & Walter Woolley

on Sunday, July 18, 1999
from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
Spearman, Texas
No Gifts Please

The Gruver Grapevine

School Board Fills Vacancies

In their regular board meeting of Tuesday, July 6, the Gruver Independent School Board of Trustees filled the remaining teacher vacancies for the 1999-2000 school year.

Kelly Chambers was hired to fill the vacancy of high school Spanish teacher while Ginger Bartee, wife of new junior high principal Larry Bartee, will be employed as high school English and drama teacher. Shelia Watley will be the physical education teacher and high school tennis coach.

Trustees David Grotegut, Jody Irwin, Paul Stavlo, Terry Sherrill, Benny Wilson, and Mike Yanke and superintendent Laura Blassingame were present with board member Buddy Lowe absent.

Visitors received were Alice Peddy, Tammy Mitchell, Kip Bullock, Diane Brown, Darlene Gibson, Julie Williams, and Thomas Van Ness.

Action taken included approval of the June 8, 1999 board minutes and the awarding of bids. Bids approved were vendors for cafeteria foods and supplies, custodial supplies to Huco Products Co., building maintenance supplies to Bartlett's Ace Hardware, athletic supplies to Buck's Sporting Goods, and fuel supplies to Gruver Ford. A depository contract was also extended with Gruver State Bank.

Grotegut made a motion to to approve the SAS application for Classroom Reduction Programs. It was seconded by Irwin and passed 6-0.

The board was in executive session from 8:50 until 10:05 p.m.

A motion made by Sherrill to approve a band majors trip to Oklahoma State university failed for lack of a second. Action was tabled on approving salaries for the school year for professional and auxiliary personnel.

Discussion items included Musco Lighting Review and Report on football field lights by Mike Cook, TASB report on salaries and benefits in Texas public Schools in 1998-99, tax revenues for 1999-2000, the budget for 1999-2000, sale of the school farm, a local district update regarding provisions of partial course credit, and bus drivers.

The superintendent's report included a review of the Texas Association of School Administrators Conference, a worker's compensation report, the financial budget, a report of the Texas Association of School Boards' convention, a legislative update, and high school handbook changes requested by Kip Bullock, Gruver High School Principal. Before adjourning at 11:25 p.m., the board voted to pay bills in the amount of $63,398.17.

Condolences Expresses

The grandmother of A.J. Ratliff died Thursday, July 8, 1999 at an Eastland hospital. A.J. was in attendance at her memorial service over the weekend.

Mrs. Jones was a member of the Mesquite and Rusk Church of Christ and the Order of the Eastern star.

She is survived by a son, James O. Jones of Ranger, a daughter Nelma Jean Ratliff, also of Ranger, and two grandchildren including A.J. Ratliff of Gruver.

Frick Awarded Scholarship

Max Frick, a senior at West Texas A&M University, has been announced as the winner of a $500 scholarship by the Gruver Classroom Teachers Association. The scholarship is given to a student with a 3.0 or better GPA, who has 60 or more college hours, and is pursuing a degree in education.

Frick is a Kinesiology major and plans to teach science and coach. He and his wife, Wendy, have one child, Hannah,1. He is the son of Doug and Peggy Frick.

City Records Rainfall

The City of Gruver recorded 1.58 inches of rain on Saturday, July 10, 1999. This brings to the monthly total to 1.58 inches and the yearly total to 16.09.

Dates to Remember

August 3 - Football physicals

August 4 - Football workouts begin

August 10 - Teachers' workdays begin

August 16 - School begins

Get Well Wishes and Updates

Mike Floyd was taken by ambulance to Hansford Hospital early Sunday morning with diabetes complications. He was stabilized and transferred to Amarillo on Sunday evening. He had shown marked improvement at press time.

Beulah Bort has been transferred to Hansford Manor where she is continuing rehabilitation following hip replacement surgery.

Jesse Renteria underwent surgery in Amarillo on Monday to repair a hip which was not healing properly. Jesse and his wife, Esmirelda, were injured in an automobile accident earlier this summer near the bridge north of Borger.

Joyce Harper, the mother of Kelly Armes, is seriously ill. She is currently residing in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with her daughter, Carla.

Band Contests Dates Announced

The University Interscholastic League has approved the following dates for Region I music contests.

Marching Contest - October 16 with area contest on October 23, and state contest on November 1.

High School Instrumental Solo/Ensemble Contest - February 5

Vocal and Piano Solo/Ensemble Contest - February 26

Orchestra Contest - March 8

Band Contests - Class A April 4-5

High School Choir Contest - April 12 - 13

Bible School Slated

God's Beautiful Creation will be the theme of a vacation Bible school at the Gruver Church of Christ to be held on Wednesday, July 28, 1999, from 9 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There will be classes for children kindergarten age through incoming fifth grade.

Russian Student Studies Ag in Gruver

Alexander (Sasha) Grieb arrived in Gruver two weeks ago and is currently working with several farmers in the community to gain first-hand experience in agriculture. Sasha (pronounced Saw sha), 19, is a part of the Exchange Visitors Program which is an international program which seeks to involve students in the daily life of the United States during the summer . Through the temporary employment opportunities , the participants improve their English skills and gain greater insight into the American way of life. As a member of the program, Sasha is eligible to work in the United States for four months and tour for one month before returning home.

A resident of Molodechmo, Russia, a city of approximately 100,000 people, he hopes to attend a university in Minsk, a city with a population of 2,000,000. Residing with B.J. and Glenda Renner, Sasha has been learning agricultural methods by working on the farms of Dan Carthel and Weldon Green, as well as the Renner farm.

Some things Sasha has learned about agriculture and the United States so far are that New York City is not his cup of tea, Mississippi Mud cake is delicious, a long-sleeved shirt and plenty of cold water are a must for a day of loading hay, and last, but perhaps most important, rattlesnakes love to hide under hay bales.

Harper Wins Saddle

The team ropers of Quentin Harper of Gruver and Will Groves of Amarillo were each winners of beautiful hand-crafted saddles at the HTH July 4th. Roping in Amarillo. The team competed against 400 other teams in the competition.

Craig Cooper of Gruver placed second in #6 incentive roping.

Spearman Blood Drive Scheduled

submitted by the Coffee MEmorial Blood Center

On Tuesday, July 20th Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be in Spearman for a Blood Drive. We will be holding the blood drive at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The hours will be 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

We started coming to the Spearman community on a 70-day rotation about one year ago. We go to most all communities in the Texas panhandle on a 70-day rotation. This began due to the need to increase the amount of blood we collect, because the amount of blood needing to be provided has increased. On average our increase for need has been about 18%. We find no one reason for the increase, just the everyday things in life that people encounter. As a reminder, a few of those are surgeries, accidents, babies births and treatments for various diseases. Statistics show that in an average family of four, a minimum of 3 members will need blood available to them at some point in their lives.

In 1997, the residents of Spearman donated a total of 157 units of blood, in 1998 there was a total of 179 units of blood donated and in 1999 there has been a total of 89 units donated. We hope to see the numbers continuing to increase. When we come to your community we anticipate that we will receive about 20 units of blood.

We recognize that this is a busy time of year for everyone. Baseball games, summer celebrations, vacations and just your everyday work schedule consume most of our time. We hope that on Tuesday, July 20th ,you take a few minutes of your day and join us in the continuing effort to give the gift of life. If you have any questions please call 1-800-458-4178.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, SPEARMAN, TX
STATEMENT OF CONDITION

OFFICERS:

Bill D. Pittman	Chairman
Don Townsen	President & Chief Executive Officer
Tindle Ramon	Sr. Vice President & Controller
Richie Fletcher	Vice President
Kathy Boyd	Vice President & Cashier
Arbeta Nobles	Vice President & Internal Auditor
Brian Gillispie	Assistant Vice President
Carrie Ceniceros	Loan Officer
Cheryl Oquin	Assistant Cashier & Head Teller
Elaine Cook	Assistant Controller

DIRECTORS:

Max Baggerly	Ginger Pittman
Gene Cudd	Charles Shieldknight
Jack H. Hart	Jimmy Shieldknight
Steve Holton	Don Townsen
Bob Pearson	Joe T. Venneman
Bill D. Pittman	

ADVISORY DIRECTORS:

Arbeta Nobles	Kathy Boyd
Richie Fletcher	Mike Cudd
Tindle Ramon	Ila Jo Hart

RESOURCES:

Cash and Due from Banks..	997,134.91
Certificate of Deposits Purchased	11,984,738.77
U.S. Agency or Sponsored Agency Securities	10,054,721.16
Municipal Bonds	4,146,402.66
Other Securities	4,224.27
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	**26,190,086.86**
Federal Funds Sold	250,000.00
Loans	32,344,043.98
Less: Unearned Income and Reser	(349,694.12)
LOANS NET OF RESERVES & UNEARNED INCOME	**31,994,349.86**
Federal Reserve Stock	60,000.00
Federal Ag. Mortgage Corp. Stock	2,000.00
Premises and Fixtures	1,341,528.10
Accrued Revenues Receivable	1,006,165.69
Other Assets	835,037.31
TOTAL RESOURCES	**62,676,302.73**

LIABILITIES:

Public Funds Deposits	7,797,660.14
All Other Deposits	49,081,151.59
TOTAL DEPOSITS	**56,878,811.73**
Federal Funds Purchased	0.00
Other Liabilities	491,264.43
Capital Stock	1,000,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00
FASB 115 Unrealized Capital Adjustment*	(119,914.99)
Retained Earnings	3,426,141.56
TOTAL CAPITAL & SURPLUS	**5,306,226.57**
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**62,676,302.73**

* Realized only if all "Available for Sale Securities" were sold on statement date.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION at the Close of Business June 30, 1999
Member FDIC

Researchers to Hold Conference in Amarillo

More than 80 researchers will visit Amarillo July 19-21 as part of the 1999 ANRC Researchers' Conference. The conference provides a forum for researchers from ANRC-consortium universities and the national laboratories to present and discuss research they have conducted during the past year pertaining to nuclear operations and related safety and environmental issues.

Presentations relating to nuclear operations research will include handling, transporting, processing, and storing plutonium and other nuclear materials. Presentations relating to environmental research will include environmental restoration and protection, waste management, and health and safety.

The conference will begin with a preliminary session at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 20. Speakers scheduled to address the conference include Terry Hawkins, Director of the Nonproliferation and International Security Division at Los Alamos National Laboratory, who will discuss counter/nonproliferation issues; Dr. Don Carlton, former Chief Executive Officer at Radian International, who will address chemical/biological issues relating to nonproliferation; and Ken Holley from Sandia National Laboratories, who will talk about summer employment and research opportunities available at the national laboratories. The conference will conclude at noon on July 21.

There is no cost for attending the conference, which will be held at the Amarillo College Business and Industry Center, 1314 South Polk Street. Anyone wishing to attend the conference can register and obtain a conference agenda electronically via the ANRC web site (www.pu.org/conf99). On-site registration will also be accepted.

For additional information regarding the conference, please contact Richard Edmondson, ANRC Technical Services Officer, at (806) 376-5533.

ANRC is a research consortium of The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University, and The University of Texas System. Its mission is to serve the Texas Panhandle, the State of Texas and the U.S. Department of Energy by conducting scientific and technical research, advising decision makers, and providing information on nuclear weapons materials and related environment, safety, health, and nonproliferation issues while building academic excellence in science and technology.

Sacred Heart Child Development Center News

by Sam Cogdill

The Sacred Heart Child Development Center will be doing and creating all kinds of really neat things during the month of July.

The themes each week of July are as follows: 19th-23rd is "Going to the Circus," and the 26th-30th is "Down on Grandpa's Farm."

Daily themes and activities are as follows: July 19th - Ringmaster, Craft - Cotton Candy Creations, Game - Musical Chairs, Treat - Circus Peanuts; July 20th - Strong Man, Craft - Strong Man Creations, Treat - Cotton Candy; July 21st - Circus Seals, Craft - Balancing Balls on Noses, Treat - Giant Suckers, Center-wide Birthday Party; July 22nd - Lady on the Flying Trapeze, Craft - Balancing Acts, Game - Water Fun, Treat - Popcorn Balls; July 23rd - Trick Dogs, Craft - make ooey gooey goo, Game - balloon races, Lunch - hot dogs; July 26th - Horses, Craft - start creating our own farm, Game - horse races; July 27th - Chickens, Craft - fine feathered fantasies, Song - 'Down on Grandpa's Farm, Treat - egg salad sandwiches; July 28th - Cows, Activity - make our own butter, Treat - create our own flavor of moo juice; July 29th - Goats, Activity - water fun, Song - Old McDonald Had A Farm, Snack - moo juice and farm trash; July 30th - Pigs, Movie Day - Charlotte's Web, Treat - pork skins.

We will be needing a few recyclables for some of the various art projects planned for this month, such as Blue liquid fabric softener bottles, styrofoam meat trays, aluminum pie plates, various colored egg cartons, toilet paper and paper towel tubes, oatmeal cans, shoe boxes, and white packing peanuts. If you would like to donate any of these items, please call the Center at 659-3179.

Come and join in the fun this month.

First Baptist Church Of Stinnett To Host "Brush Arbor"

by Connie Frericks, Stinnett

The First Baptist Church of Stinnett is going to host a "brush arbor" from July 18-22.

You don't remember brush arbors? That's all right. There are not very many people in Stinnett and the surrounding areas who do - even if they have lived in a part of the country where brush arbors existed.

In many areas where trees were plentiful, the men of the community would stand some poles upright, making a "room." They would then put a framework, or latticework, of cross pieces on top, and cover the top with brush, thus the name "brush arbor." This was usually done out in the country.

Arrangements would be made with a preacher/minister to hold what was called a "protracted (prolonged) meeting," usually two or three weeks in length.

In time, the brush arbor was replaced by the tent.

In this area it would be difficult to construct a brush arbor, as brush is not always readily available. We can, however erect a tent.

A tent will be put up next to the highway in front of the First Baptist Church of Stinnett to host the protracted meeting from July 18-22. All of Stinnett and the surrounding areas are invited to attend and share in this unusual experience.

The preacher will be Jon Randles, and the Aten family will be leading the music.

A nursery will be provided at First Baptist Church.

Spearman Blood Drive

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Discover Hansford County

On July 29, 1999, the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is going to publish a special "Discover Hansford County" edition. This issue will be devoted to everything that makes Hansford County the unique and special place that it is. We plan to feature stories about the school districts, the county, the cities, the hospital district, Palo Duro River Authority, agricultural information, etc. Extra copies will be printed and given to the Chamber of Commerce office, the hospital, etc. These copies will be sent out with the "get acquainted" packages that the chamber sends to people requesting them. This will be an issue that you wont' want to miss. If you would like to advertise your business, or if you have any questions, you may call Catherine Smith at 659-3434.

CLASSIFIED ADS

CALL TODAY! (806) 659-3434
or Fax us at: (806) 659-3368

HOMES/LAND FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 3BR, 2B home. New carpet and ceramic tile. Great location - 416 W. 13th Street, Spearman. Fireplace, 2-car garage, fenced front and back yard. Kitchen appliances included. Call 659-2598.
FOR SALE: 3BR, 2B home w/fireplace, oversize double garage, on 5 1/2 beautiful acres of Hansford valley w/fruit trees. Seen by appointment only. 659-3004.
FOR SALE OR RENT: 7600 Sq. Ft. building located in Plains Shopping Center. Rent - $500/month. Call (806) 537-3832, or write: Box 504, Panhandle, TX 79068.
HOUSES FOR RENT FOR SALE: 3BR/1 1/2B country home w/central heat/air, one car garage, and fireplace - will rent to own with 10% down. Also 2BR, 1B. Call 659-3155 or 659-3341.

FOR RENT/LEASE

FOR RENT: 1BR apartment. Also 2BR house, and 1BR house. Call 659-3260.
FOR RENT: One bedroom apartment. Call 659-5519.
FOR RENT: Small 3BR/1B, freshly painted house in Spearman. On car garage w/opener, carport, fenced backyard, ceiling fans throughout. No pets, references required. $375/month, and $300 security deposit. Call (806) 733-2324.
FOR RENT: 2BR unfurnished house. Nice neighborhood, close to grade school. $250/month, $200 deposit. No pets. Also 2BR 14x75 trailer. Nice neighborhood, unfurnished. $200/month, $200 deposit. No pets. Call 659-3657.
FOR RENT: 1002 S. Bernice, 2BR/1B, 2 living areas, central heat/air. Refrigerator and stove furnished. Call (806) 376-7110 or 733-2617.

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED: Experienced waitress needed. Apply at Picnic Place - 659-3864.
HELP WANTED: Ochiltree Hospital District is taking applications for a full-time Patient Service Representative for the Business Office. Applicants should have experience in general clerical duties, typing, operation of ten-key adding machine/calculator, and computer skills. Excellent phone skills are required. Experience in a medical related environment with Medicare/Medicaid claim filing experience is desirable. Applications are available in the Business Office, Ochiltree General Hospital, 3101 Garrett Drive, Perryton, TX 79070 or for more information, contact (806) 435-3606. EOE.
HELP WANTED: Turner Transportation is now accepting applications for vacuum truck driver. Come by the Perryton yard or call 877-435-1190.

SERVICES

TAKING ORDERS for peaches, Colorado sweet corn, and Colorado clover honey. Call Bobby Smith at 659-3816 or 659-2786.
HATE DOING BOOKWORK OR JUST DON'T HAVE TIME? I can do your payroll, pay bills, reconcile your checkbook, figure sales tax, quarter and year-end reports. In-house computer. Over 20 years experience. Call Tammy Woodward at 659-5934.
CIRCLE E HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING & COMMERCIAL REFRIGERATION: 659-3390 or (806) 733-5151 - Randy Earle (Lic. # TACLA017716C). TFN(8-27-98)B
R&R HANDYMAN SERVICES: Household Remodeling & Repairs, Garage Door & Opener Repairs, Small Concrete Work, Lawn Work & Rototilling. Contact Kent Ruble at (806) 659-3564.
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.
BOAT REPAIR: Boat and engine repair - reasonable rates. Call (580) 888-4414 (Hardesty).

MOTORCYCLES

FOR SALE: Suzuki GS 1150 E Motorcycle. 11,083 actual miles - sharp. Call 659-3260.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Primitive Antique punched-tin pie safe with original tin. Would make great quilt display piece. Paid $400, will take $275. Call (806) 753-4423.
FOR SALE: Two Steel Buildings, Engineered Certified. 40x80 was $13,970 now $6,894. 40x30 was $7,112 now $3,690. Must sell, can deliver. 1-800-292-0111.
FOR SALE: Used fence sections. Great for crafts, yard decor, or to replace your falling-down fence - $10 each. Call Jeff Smith at 659-1744.
FOR SALE: Furniture repair stripping, refinishing chairs, reglued. Pickup and delivery available. Call Earnest Janzen at (806) 435-2253.

LOST/FOUND/FREE

FREE: Free to good home - one-year-old Rottweiler male. Has had shots and is neutered. Very friendly. Call 659-5947.
FOUND: Ladies ring found near Dollar Store. To identify, call 659-5354.

GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, July 17th, 10:00 a.m.-?, 703 Lee Dr. Twin bed, toys, baby & children's items as well as adults, refrigerator and much more.
GARAGE SALE: Friday, July 16th, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, July 17th, 9 a.m.-?Callaway Lumber Bldg - Hwy. 207 S. Lots of Good Stuff!

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPEARMAN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Date: August 4, 1999
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: City Council Chambers, 30 SW Court, Spearman, Texas
Purpose: To consider in public hearing the rezoning of the property listed below plus one-half of all bounding streets, alleys and public ways:
163'x535' (Lots 1-8) OL 15, City of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas; being the east side of the first block of S. James from the corner of E. Kenneth.
If the Planning and Zoning Commission favorably considers the request or the applicant files a written appeal with the City Secretary by 12:00 noon, August 11, 1999, the City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed change as follows:
Date: August 17, 1999
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: City Council Chambers, 30 SW Court, Spearman, Texas
For additional information call 659-2524.
Cheryl Gibson-Salgado
City Secretary

Blood Drive Honoring Rosalie Cator

For many years Coffee Memorial Blood Center has been coming to Gruver to do Blood Drives. The residents of Gruver and the surrounding area have welcomed us with open arms and always responded when we were in need. There are many reasons for this, but one main reason was Rosalie Cator.

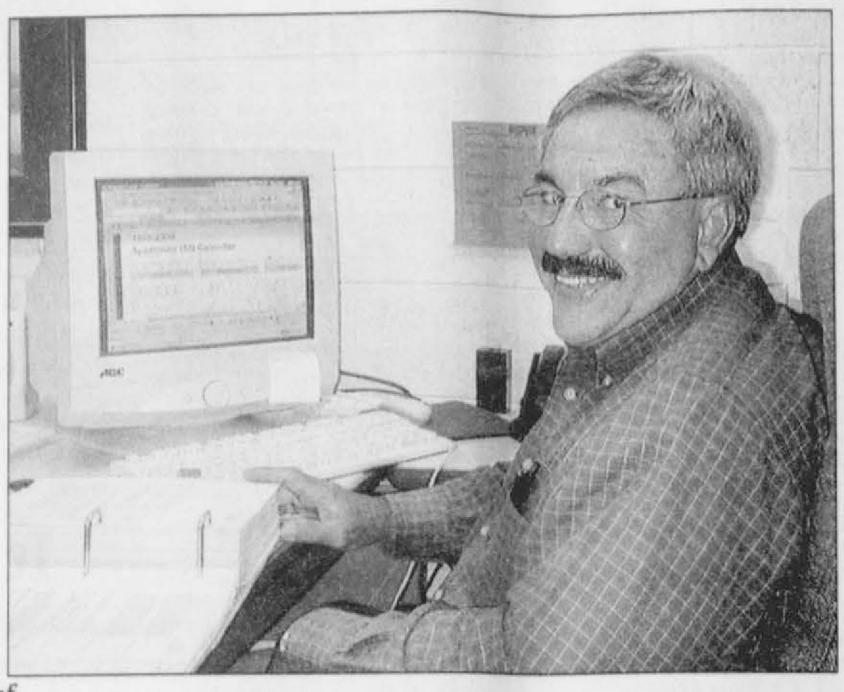
For the last two decades, Rosalie was the coordinator of our Blood Drives. She helped establish a donor base and locations for the Blood Drives to be held. She put up posters, put articles in the paper and spread the word wherever she could.

An organization is only successful when they have individuals who believe in the cause they are working towards. In Rosalie, we had that. Not only did she believe in our cause but she also took the time to help others understand our goals. Dedication is sometimes hard to find in any arena. We not only found dedication, we found a true friend.

On Monday, July 19th we will be in Gruver to honor Rosalie Cator. We could find no better way to do that than to have a Blood Drive in her honor. This special recognition will be held at the Gruver State Bank in the La Casita Room from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. We hope that you come out and help us say a belated Thank You to a woman that we cannot thank enough.

Murphy Named Spearman ISD Business Manager

Spearman I.S.D. is pleased to announce that Larry Murphy was recently hired as the new Business Manager for the school district. Larry replaces Judy Whitworth who has worked in the business office for the past three years. Judy and her family are moving to Crane where her husband, Worth, has accepted a position as President of the Crane Branch of the First National Bank of Pecos.



Spearman ISD's New Business Manager, Larry Murphy

Larry is a graduate of West Texas State University with a BBA in accounting and business. He started his career in the Trust Department of the Amarillo National Bank and later, as a partner in the public accounting firm of Kerry L. Henton, P.C. of Spearman. Since 1985, Larry was the President and Treasurer of B&B Farm Industries, Inc. of Spearman.

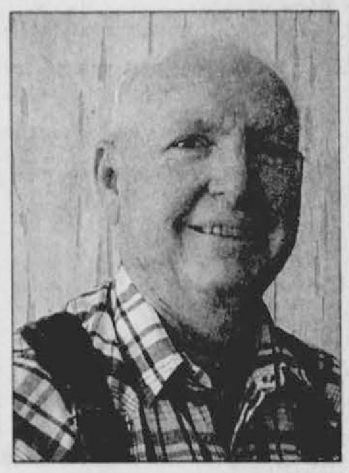
Besides his work experience, Larry has been involved in several local non-profit organizations, including the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the City of Spearman; Secretary and Treasurer of the Spearman Economic Development Corporation; Hansford County Christmas in April Project; and the Texas Prairie Rivers Region, Inc. Larry is a Deacon at the First Christian Church of Spearman and has served as Chairman of the Board for one year.

Larry is married to Marsha Murphy, who is the Special Education Director for the Perryton Coop. They have one daughter, Kathryn, who is a senior at Spearman High School.

According to the Spearman Superintendent of Schools, Rodney Sumner, "Larry brings a vast wealth of experience and knowledge to the position and is a well respected member of our community." He added that, "We are indeed fortunate to have Larry as our Business Manager."

Happily Retired

"I'm Retired. Would somebody please tell my wife?" proclaims Donald Bowen's cap as he officially retires from Northern Natural Gas after 40 years of service.



Donald Bowen

Donald and his wife, Veleta, were married in August of 1955 in Sunray. While in Sunray, Donald was employed by the Sunray Independent School District as a custodian.

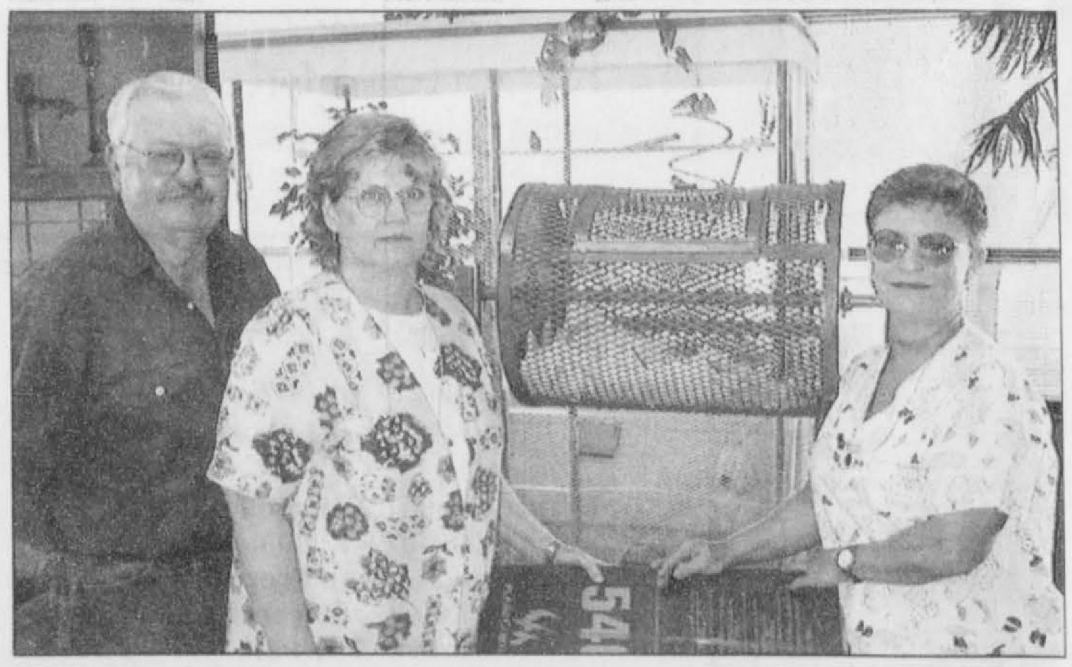
Donald began working at Northern Natural Gas in Perryton in October of 1956 as an office clerk. Shortly after his employment with Northern, Donald was drafted into the army, and served in 1957 and 1958.

Upon his discharge, he returned to Northern, which had since moved its office to its present location in Spearman as an office clerk. He held several positions at the company and spent the last thirty years as a Corrosion Technician.

Donald and Veleta have four children, Larry, Terrie, Carrie, and Ernest, and ten grandchildren.

Donald's hobbies include fishing and gardening. His future plans include spending as much time as possible in Red River. Hopefully, doing more than feeding the fish.

Hospital and Manor Hold Successful Raffle



The H&M Board of the Hansford Hospital held a raffle for a Sunbeam Barbecue Grill. The grill had a side burner and also included four t-bone steaks.

The drawing was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 2, 1999 in the Hansford Manor Dining Room. Omar Sutton was the winner of the grill. Board President Angie Jordan drew the winning ticket.

The board decided to make the raffle more exciting by offering a prize for the person who sold the most tickets. Sharon Swan was the winner of the ticket sales contest, and also received a barbecue grill.

The H&M Board would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets to make this drawing possible.

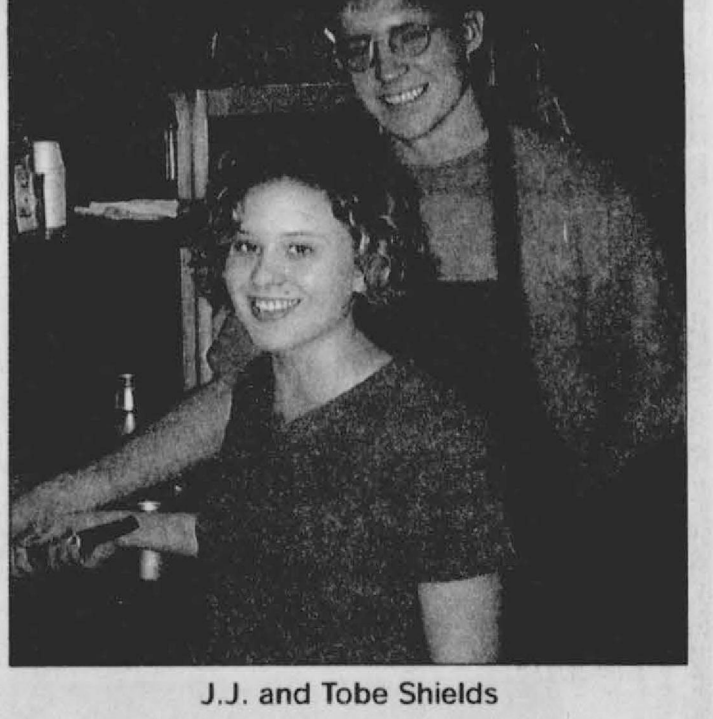
IV's Under New Ownership

by Harletta Carthel

"Goats eat oats and colts eat oats," but cowboys eat at IV's, or at least that the hopes of Tobe and J.J. Shields, new owners of IV's Hungry Cowboy Restaurant.

The husband and wife team is working to make their new endeavor not only a place for great food but also a place for great fun and atmosphere.

Tobe brings his experience working in the restaurant's kitchen and supervising the barbeque while J.J. lends her extensive business experience she has gained through administrative positions in the past, and the one of the two daily bakes the delicious fresh cream pies for which IV's is noted.



J.J. and Tobe Shields

Tobe and J.J. are thankfully to their friends and family for their encouragement and willingness to help in the couple's new venture. The Shields encourage their friends, and their friends to be, to savor the taste and friendliness of IV's Hungry Cowboy.