

## Hansford County Graduates



Camille Smith  
SHS Valedictorian



Sydney Woodington  
SHS Salutatorian

### Spearman High School

Commencement exercises for the Spearman High School Class of 2000 will be held on Friday, May 26, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium.

The Valedictory address will be presented by Camille Smith, and the Salutatory address will be presented by Sydney Woodington.

Listed below are the members of the Spearman High School Class of 2000: Sean Travers Baker, Dustin Barb Barber\*, Tobi Lynn Barrera, Glendon R. Bates, Halee Del Beasley\*+, Jordan David Brock\*+, Stephanie Lynn Bynum\*+, Evan Michael Cudd\*+, Matthew Michael Davis\*, Landon Lee Delozier, Tommie Richard Dewberry\*+, Gary Wayne Easley, Nancy Flores, Cynthia Dawn Goodman\*+, Christen Deanne Gould, Kelsey Lee Henton\*+, Aaron Lindsay Huffaker, David James Jacobs, Natnei Brooke Lesly\*, Marisela Macias, Jeremy Glen Mackie\*+, Mark Stephen Mathews, Lacey Reneé Miesner\*, Cesar Alfredo Moreno, Kathryn Thaten Murphy\*, Jr. Ortega, Susana Ortega, David Turner Parker, Amber Kristine Ramon\*+, Reagan Reese Renner\*+, Stephen Salgado\*, Brandi Sauz, Christopher Wayne Michael Schmehr, Mickey Ethan Schoenhals\*, Joshua Craig Schumann, Brance Medlin Scroggs, Natasha Rae Burch Silva, Joseph Michael Sintas, Amanda Smith, Lanna Camille Smith\*+, Irene Vaquera, Maria Isabel Vargas, Maria Luisa Vela, Marcy Villalobos, Julian Villarreal, Jr., Adriane Renee Watts, Teddie Lynn Whitefield, Clayton Dale Wilkerson, Aaron Loyd Winegarner, and Sydney Allison Woodington\*+

\*+ denotes distinguished achievement program  
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Janae Watley  
GHS Valedictorian



Nikki Stewart  
GHS Salutatorian



Spearman Junior High School Valedictorian Ashlee Flowers, left, and Salutatorian Russell Sheets will lead a class of 50 in graduation ceremonies Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium.

### Gruver High School

Commencement exercises for the Gruver High School Class of 2000 will be held on Friday, May 26, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the Gruver High School Auditorium.

The Valedictory address will be presented by Janae Watley, and the Salutatory address will be presented by Nikki Stuart.

Listed below are the members of the Gruver High School Class of 2000: Bray Armes, Ricky Arreola, Randi Atwood\*, Tyler Barkley\*, Joshua Blount, Candice Casdorff\*, Becky Cassidy, Sean Cone, Melissa Cuccaro, Krystle Deeds, Dimitar Drentchev\*, Amanda Griffin, Derik Grotegut, Dallas Henson\*, Daniel Hernandez\*, Chelsie Hicks\*, Colby Hunt, Janie May\*, Anna Mayhew\*, Dan Odum\*, Laci Osbourne\*, Gilbert Perez, Ishmael Pessoa, Mary Puebla\*, Jesus Rodriguez, Hermalinda Rojas, Amanda Schneider, Leah Shults, Cayla Simon\*, Brenda Soto\*, Nikki Stewart\*, Lindy Tolleson\*, and Janae Watley\*.

\* denotes honor graduates



Gruver Junior High School Valedictorian Cassie Myatt, right, and Salutatorian Jenny Hart will lead a class of 38 in graduation ceremonies Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 8 p.m. in the Gruver Schools Auditorium.

### Spearman Junior High

Spearman Junior High School will hold 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

The Valedictorian is Ashlee Flowers, and the Salutatorian is Russell Sheets.

The graduating eighth graders for the 1999-2000 school year are: Matthew Bain, Adan Brisenno, Juan Carlos Carmona, Samantha Sue Cazares, Jeffery Coates, Christopher Lee Cudd\*, Emily Ann DeLaGarza, Jentry Elise Edwards\*, Justin Eslick, Kenneth Evans, Diana Flores\*, Ashlee Flowers\*, Ricardo Para Garcia, Ryan Anthony Gifford, Keilee Goodheart\*, Tanner William Hand, Marshall Hearon, Selina Socorro Hernandez, Michel Keith Huffaker\*, Chrissy Babe Leicht, Emily Amanda Longoria, Sandra Livier Lopez, Phillip Michael Lozano\*, Nubia Macharigue, Garrett Martin\*, Homero Martinez, Carlos Moreno, Francisco Javier Munoz, Zachary Allen Murray, Chambrey Nicholson Cox, Jaye Roger Noble, Adrianna Ortega, Miguel Ortega, Bertha Ortiz, Fernando Ortiz, Dusty Lee Payne, David Lane Pope, Tatum Rice\*, Nichole Re'nee Russell, Cristina Salgado, Dana Sharp, Russell Sheets\*, Daniel Taylor Simpson\*, Katie Smith, Laurel Anne Smith, Holly Tercero, Claudia Vaquera\*, Marcus Vasquez, Jocelyn Whitefield, and Nekisha Kay Whitefield.

### Gruver Junior High

Gruver Junior High School will hold 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.

The graduates for the 1999-2000 eighth grade are: Teal Armes\*, Rachel Arreola, Ruth Arreola, Kristie Balderrama, Keisha Barton, Brandi Bechthold, Carlos Borunda, Cynthia Briones, Carley Bryson\*, Misty Burkart, Lili Chavez, Chris Clawson, Kalee Crawford\*, Tabitha Crow, Ricardo Flores, Courtney Goad\*, Jenny Hart, Chris Hillenbrand, Diana Lopez, Mannie Lopez, Salvador Luciano, Ramon Magallanes, Garrett Miner\*, Cassie Myatt, Griselda Paez, David Puebla\*, Luis Ramirez, Hutch Reed, Colby Red, Jose Rodriguez, Cecelia Rosales, T. Jay Sherrill, Nick Slough, Alan Tarango\*, Lourdes Vega, Edgar Villa, and Colby Weldon.

## Beedy Wins Silver Medal

by Jeff Beedy

Kevin Beedy traveled to Austin to play in the UIL state tennis tournament on Monday and Tuesday, May 8 & 9, 2000, and did an outstanding job! Kevin won his first two matches and ended up getting beat in the finals by the defending state champion.

Kevin played Chase Woerner from Comfort in the first round. Beedy defeated him by a score of 6-1, 6-3. Woerner was a good player and Kevin played well.

Beedy played Justin Johnson of Somerville in the semi-finals. Beedy won 6-1, 6-3. Johnson had defeated Kevin in a USTA tournament last summer. Kevin knew he had his work cut out for him. Kevin played an awesome match and this was a lot closer than the score indicated.

Kevin then came up against the defending state champion, Mike Matison from Port Aransas. This guy was a very solid player and after seeing him play, I could see why he was the defending state champ. Kevin probably didn't play as well as he would have liked to, but you have to give credit to Matison. He played really well. Matison was a transfer from Nebraska where he won the singles title as a freshman and won doubles as a sophomore. So he was a four time state champion.

Kevin is only a freshman, so he has a very bright future to look forward to. He is a great and fierce competitor, and yes he was disappointed because he didn't win. Kevin represented himself, Spearman High School, his parents and everyone else involved with honor and dignity. I was very proud to have been there to watch him play. Having won the silver medal as a freshman is something of which to be very proud.

The competition is very tough when you reach that level. Some people have told me that Kevin coasted through his first two matches, but that is not true. The two guys he played the first two rounds were very tough. Most of the games went to deuce and Kevin was just fortunate enough to win most of them.

Kevin did a great job and he has a great future ahead of him. Kevin, you made this uncle very proud, and I wish you the best of luck next year!

### Spearman Swimming Pool To Open

The City of Spearman has announced that the Spearman Swimming Pool's 2000 Season will begin on Monday, May 29th. Hours will be Monday-Saturday from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

The cost for children up to 12 years old will be \$1.00, 13 years and older will be \$1.50.

A season pass for children up to 12 years of age is \$37.50, and a season pass for children 13 years of age and older is \$56.25.

The swimming pool is available for rent for \$50.00, with a two hour minimum.

Family night will be held again on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Valedictorian Sarah Hiser (left) and Salutatorian Brittany Vera will lead 9 graduates from Pringle-Morse CISD in graduation ceremonies on Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.



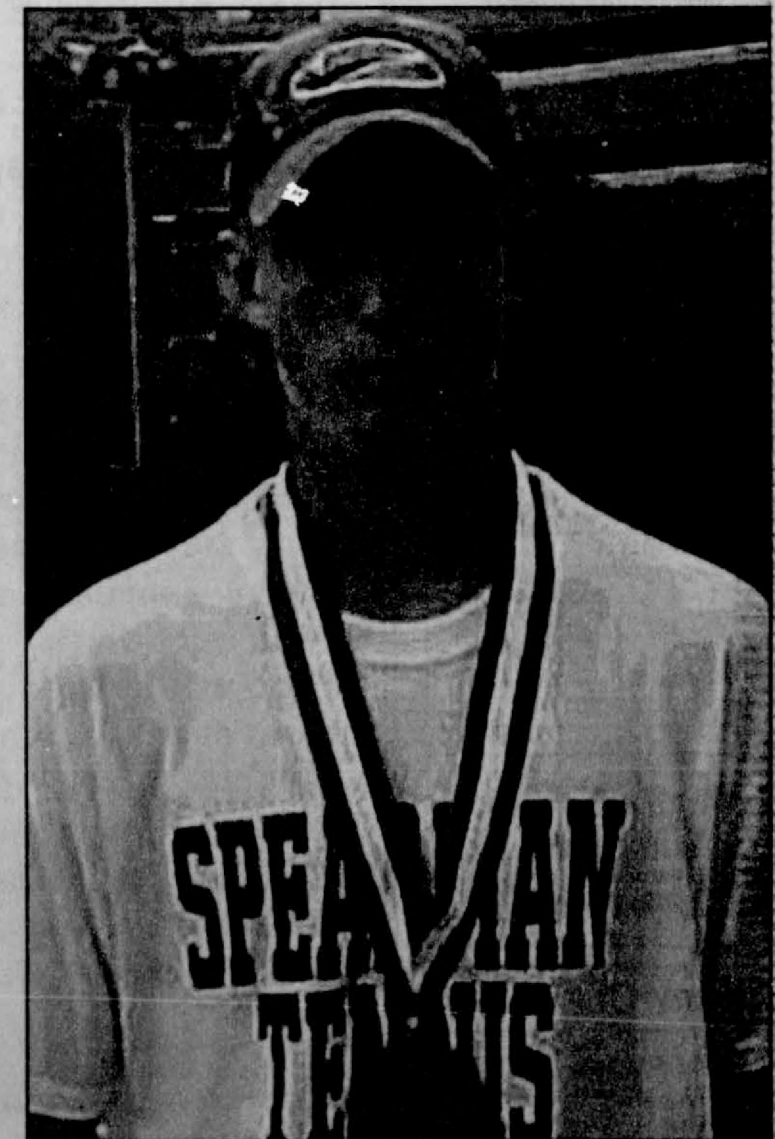
### Pringle-Morse CISD

Pringle-Morse CISD will hold 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday, May 25, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium.

The Valedictorian is Sarah Hiser, the daughter of Raymond and Laurie Hiser of Morse. Sarah will attend Stinnett High School in the fall.

The Salutatorian is Brittany Vera, the daughter of Ruben and Sybil Vera of Gruver. Brittany will attend Spearman High School in the fall.

The graduating eighth graders for the 1999-2000 school year are: Amanda Apodaco, Junior Bonilla, Linda Cenicerros, Sarah Hiser, Rachelle Snider, Brittany Vera, R.J. Vera, Preston West, and James Zimmerman.



Kevin Beedy  
State Silver Medalist in Boys Singles Tennis





# Congratulations



## Halgoddal Beauty

From these Hansford County Businesses:

<p><b>First National Bank</b> Spearman, TX • 659-5544 member FDIC</p>	<p><b>Spearman Chamber of Commerce</b> Spearman, TX • 659-5555</p>		<p><b>Hansford County Farm Bureau</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3133</p>	<p><b>Perryton &amp; Spearman Redi-Mix</b> Perryton, TX • 435-6836</p>
<p><b>Watley Seed Co.</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3838</p>	<p><b>Prairie Garden Flowers</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3329</p>		<p><b>Boxwell Brothers</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3802</p>	<p><b>B&amp;B Sales Co.</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2662</p>
<p><b>Lyric Theatre</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2812</p>	<p><b>Spearman Booster Club</b> Spearman, TX</p>		<p><b>D&amp;D Cattle Hauling</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2174</p>	<p><b>Main Street Barber</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2280</p>
<p><b>Vicky's Beauty Salon</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3531</p>	<p><b>Gigot Agra Products Inc.</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3121</p>		<p><b>Golden Spread Sales Co.</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3776</p>	<p><b>Athena Energy Inc.</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2952</p>
<p><b>Palo Duro Supper Club</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2232</p>	<p><b>Sergio's Body Shop</b> Spearman, TX • 659-5217</p>		<p><b>Panhandle Water Well</b> 733-5014 • 659-2686</p>	<p><b>Cargill Inc.</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3554</p>
<p><b>Farber Livestock</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3902</p>	<p><b>Kid's Stuff</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2608</p>		<p><b>Cates</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3426</p>	<p><b>Bort Agency</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2456</p>
<p><b>H&amp;H Water Well</b> Spearman, TX • 659-5577</p>	<p><b>Lady Fair</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3215</p>		<p><b>All Occasion Flowers</b> Spearman, TX • 659-5180</p>	<p><b>Five Star Equipment</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3743</p>
<p><b>Lowe's Marketplace</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2522</p>	<p><b>Transpetco I</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2596</p>		<p><b>Gruver Insurance Agency</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2421</p>	<p><b>IV's Hungry Cowboy</b> Spearman, TX • 659-5151</p>
<p><b>Spearman Farm &amp; Auto Supply</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2588</p>	<p><b>Sparks Brothers Spraying, Inc.</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2972</p>		<p><b>Hickerson Jewelers</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3566</p>	<p><b>Martin &amp; Associates Realty</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2425</p>
<p><b>Frontier Feedyard</b> Spearman, TX • 882-4251</p>	<p><b>Gruver Dairy Queen</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2913</p>		<p><b>Larry's Welding</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2991</p>	<p><b>Hi-Plains Auto</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2506</p>
<p><b>Jo's This N' That</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3999</p>	<p><b>Mark Sheets Truck</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2773</p>	<p><b>Hansford County Feeders</b> Gruver, TX • 733-5025</p>	<p><b>Corner Service Station</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2722</p>	
<p><b>Safety Glass Co.</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2090</p>	<p><b>Spearman Equity</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2420</p>	<p><b>Gruver Body Shop</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2941</p>	<p><b>J&amp;M Service Center</b> Spearman, TX • 659-5519</p>	
<p><b>El Vaquero Restaurant</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2407</p>	<p><b>L&amp;D Spraying</b> Spearman, TX • 659-5950</p>	<p><b>Gruver State Bank</b> Gruver, TX • 733-5061</p>	<p><b>MurMur's Cafe</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3580</p>	
<p><b>H&amp;H Credit Union</b> Stinnett, TX • 878-2452</p>	<p><b>Dairy Queen</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3324</p>	<p><b>Sunray Co-Op Gruver Branch</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2481</p>	<p><b>Panhandle Diner &amp; Deli</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3864</p>	
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<p><b>Debbie's Ready or Not</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3328</p>	<p><b>Gruver Farm Supply</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2427</p>	<p><b>Interstate Bank, ssb</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2559</p>	<p><b>Morse Implement</b> Morse, TX • 733-2668</p>	
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<p><b>Simple Simon's Anita's Video Madness</b> 659-9991 • 659-5046</p>	<p><b>Rocking F Boot &amp; Saddle Shop</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3342</p>	<p><b>Hansford County Reporter-Statesman</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3434</p>	<p><b>First State Bank</b> Spearman, TX • 659-5565 member FDIC</p>	
			<p><b>Hansford County Hospital District</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2535</p>	
			<p><b>Rod Sumner</b> Spearman ISD Superintendent</p>	
			<p><b>Bartlett's Ace Hardware</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2404</p>	
			<p><b>Dr. James Pinkerton, DDS</b> Spearman, TX • 659-3315</p>	
			<p><b>Pizza Hut</b> Spearman, TX • 659-2547</p>	
			<p><b>Gruver Redi-Mix</b> Gruver, TX • 733-2583</p>	
			<p><b>Little Tiffanies</b> Gruver, TX • 733-5290</p>	
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			<p><b>Lone Star Service Center</b> Gruver, TX • 733-5263</p>	
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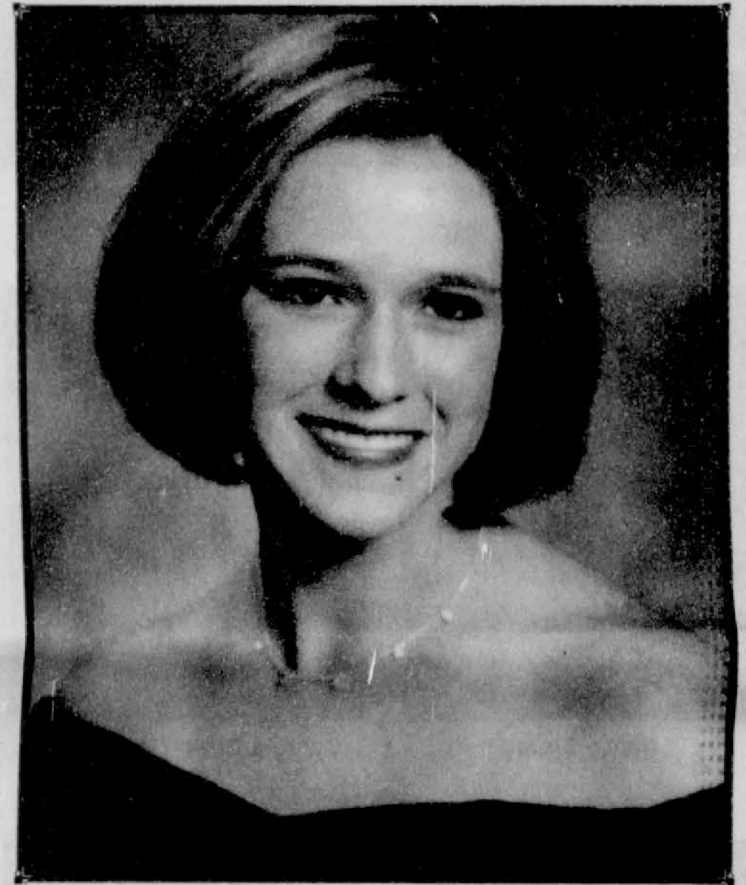
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*Proudly Present*

# The Hansford County Classes of 2000

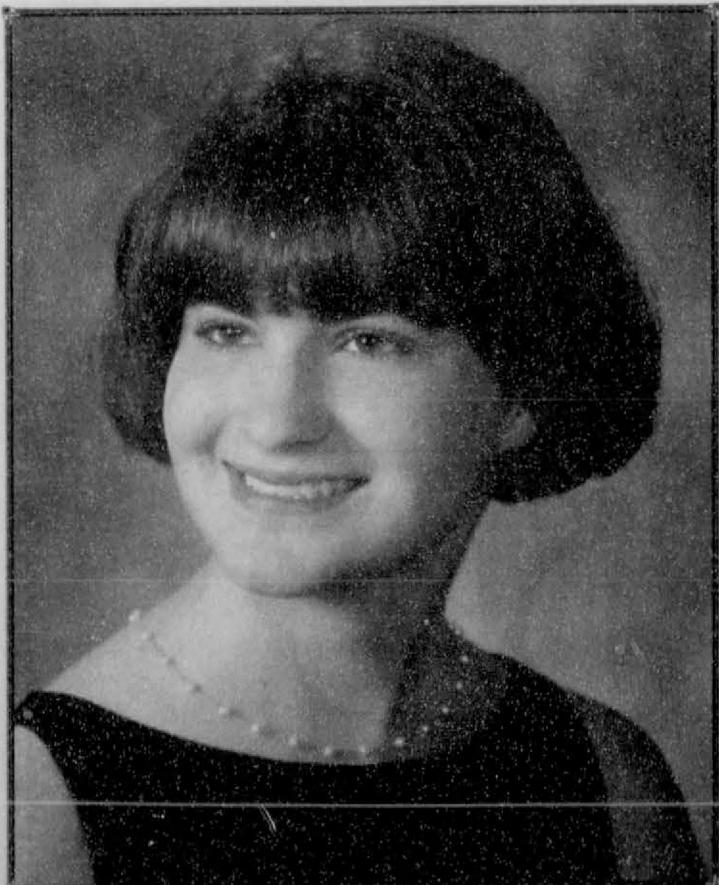


Lanna Camille Smith  
Valedictorian

## Spearman High School

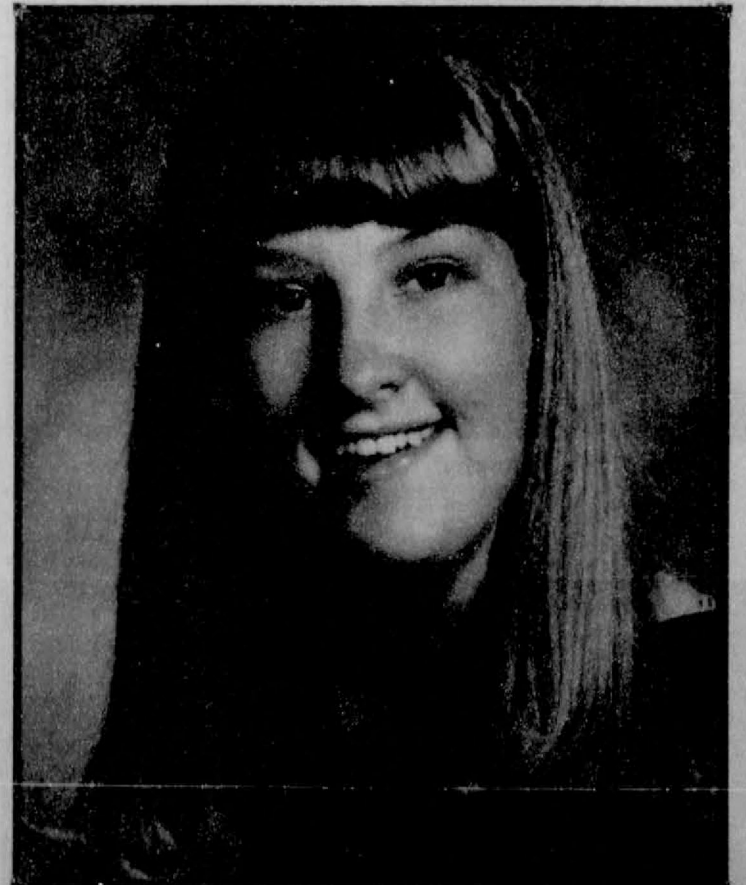


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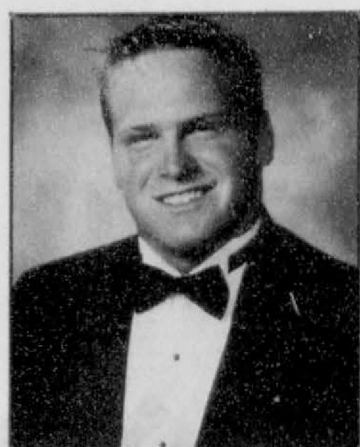


Nikki Stewart  
Salutatorian

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Dustin Bart Barber\*



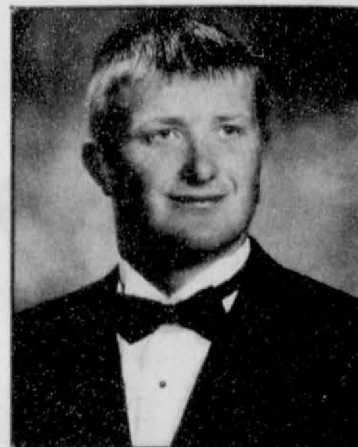
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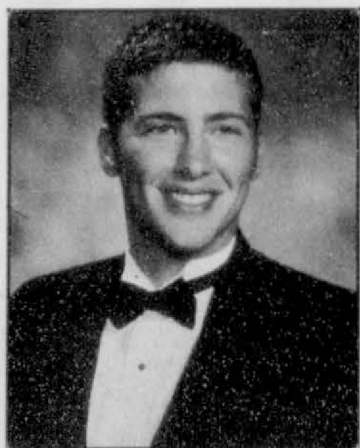
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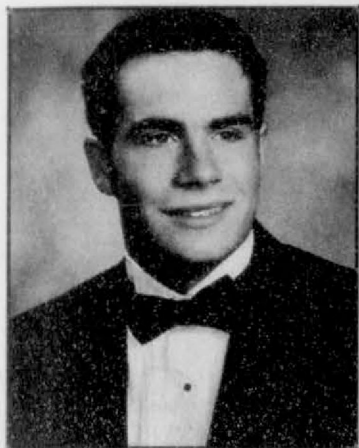
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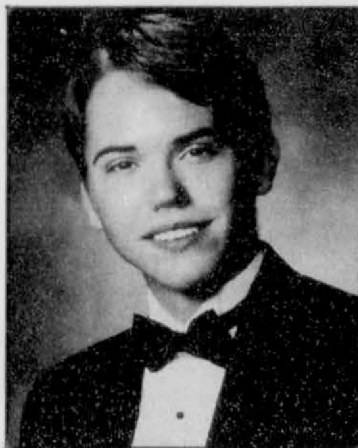
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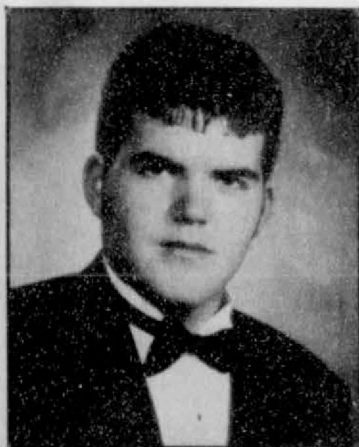
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You Did It!**



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**First State Bank**

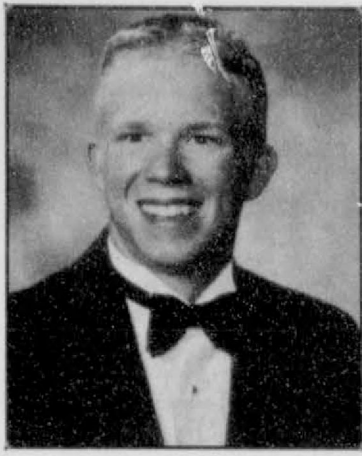
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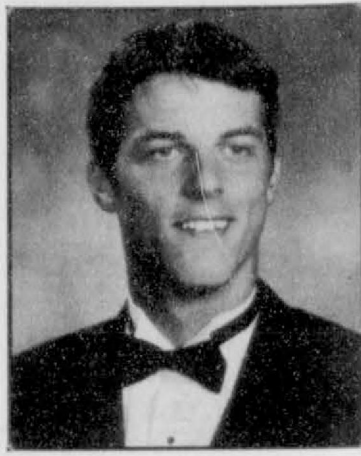
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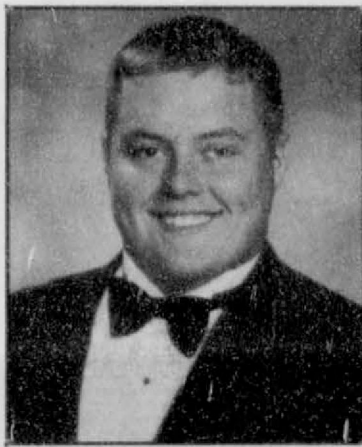
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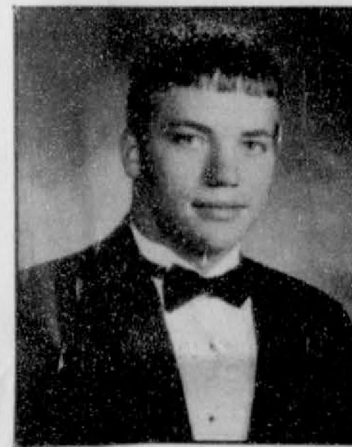
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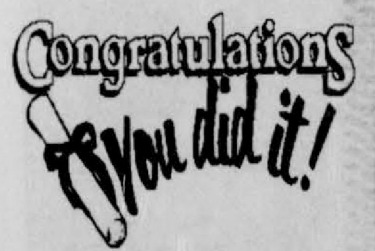
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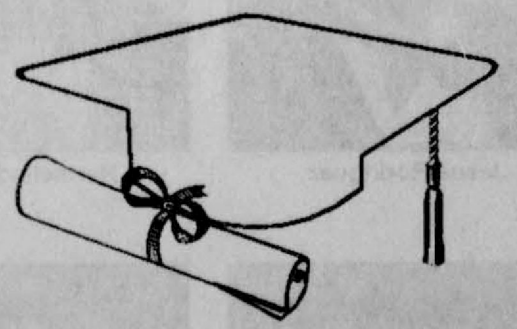
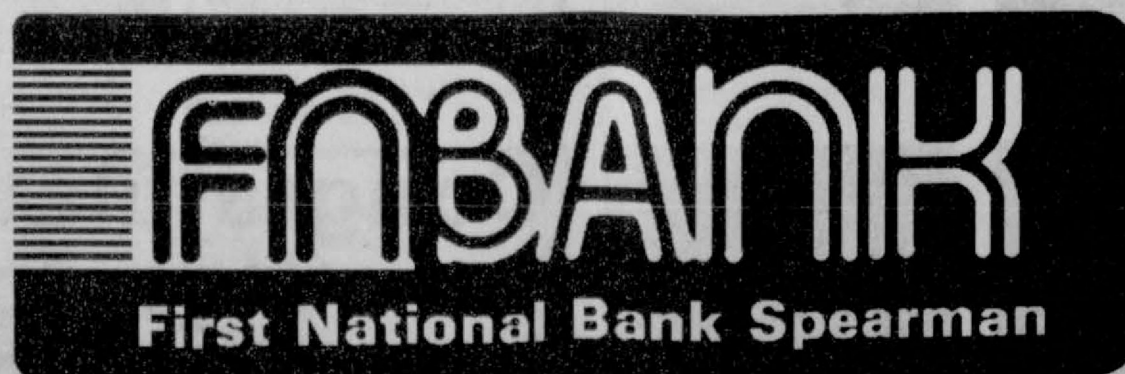
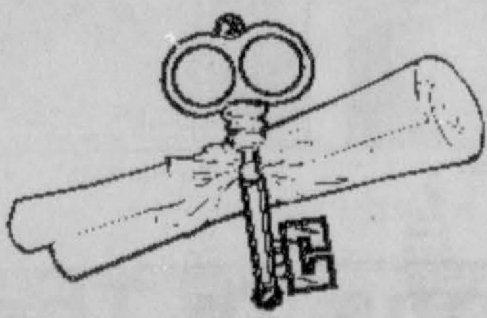


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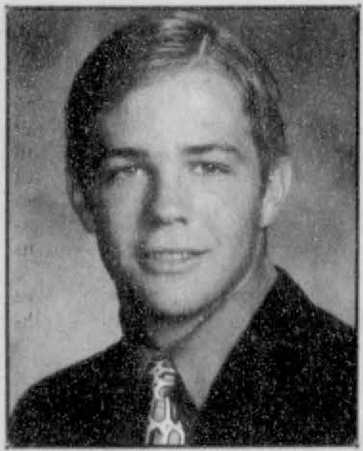
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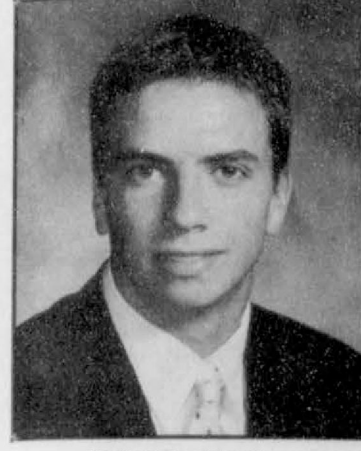
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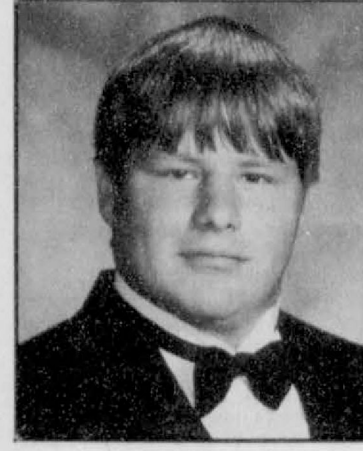
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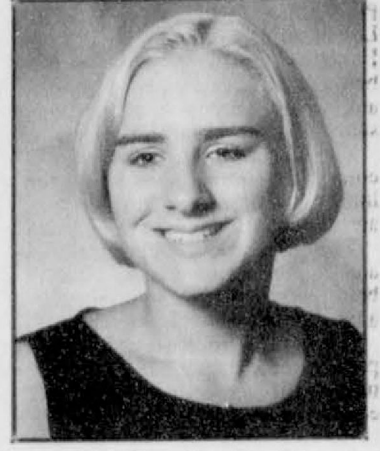
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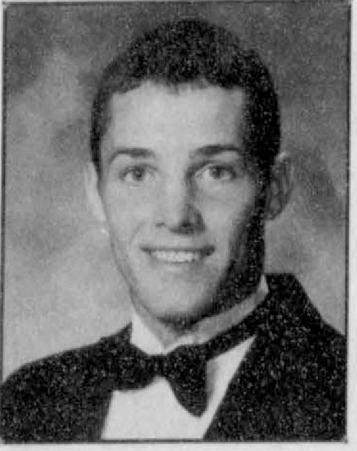
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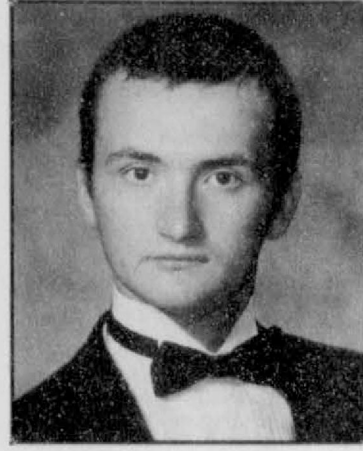
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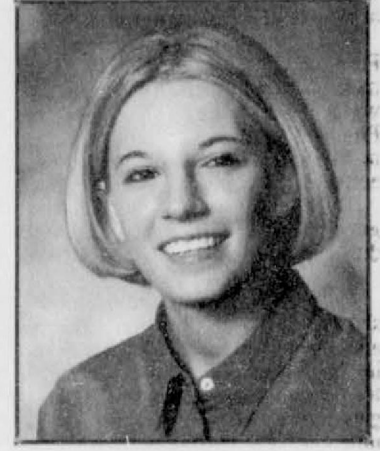
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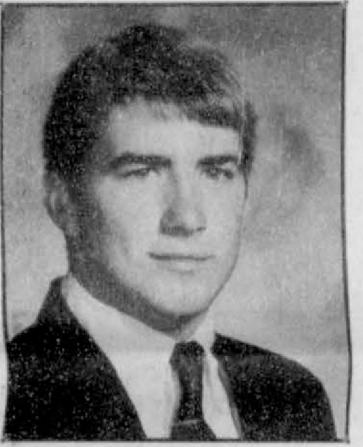
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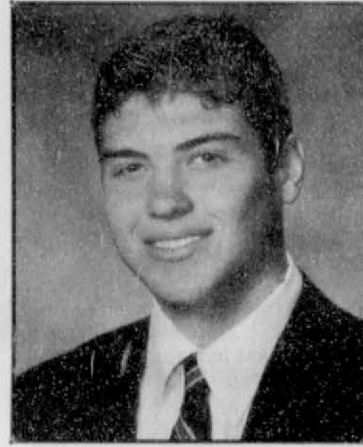
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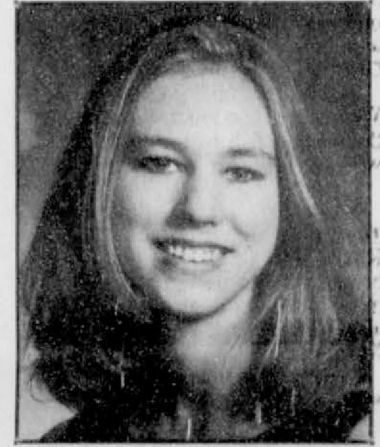
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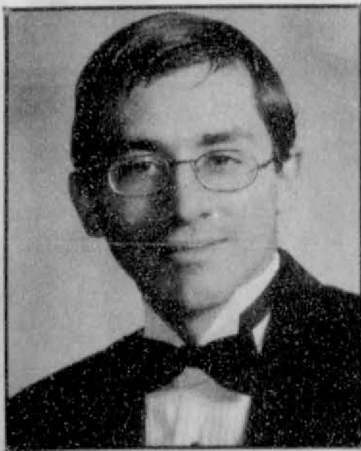
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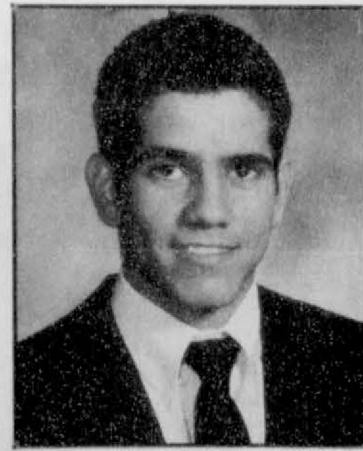
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## Coalition Advocates Good Health On the Texas High Plains

"Good health doesn't start with doctors, nurses or hospitals. It starts with people," says Lee Persefield, executive director of the Coalition of Health Services, Inc.

Regional hospitals, including Hansford County Hospital, combined resources in 1997 to form the Coalition of Health Services. Awareness of region-wide health needs motivated these healthcare providers to form a region-wide organization. Coordination and cooperation among individual health organizations are critical for issues affecting the entire area. Twenty regional hospitals are included in the Coalition's membership with the organization serving 29 counties of the Texas High Plains.

Diabetes education and awareness is an early example of region-wide needs addressed by the Coalition. Health statistics identified diabetes as a major health factor (approximately 40,000 are diagnosed as having diabetes in the 29 county Coalition service area and another 20,000 are believed to be diabetic but have not yet been diagnosed). It would have been impossible for each individual hospital to implement the kind of education and awareness needed for wide-spread early identification and treatment. The Coalition created a program that serves the entire area and works in close cooperation with health care providers. For people and families affected by diabetes, this translates into longer and healthier lives. In all, the Coalition currently administers 15 specific programs addressing health issues including equitable access to primary and preventative health care, prenatal care, childhood immunizations, early childhood preventative care, health education, and more.

The Coalition maintains a constant awareness that health is about people, Persefield reports. Since the organization works closely with health providers but is not directly involved in offering services, the Coalition can take that "step back" to view healthcare from the viewpoint of the people served. In striving to meet the needs of the people, the Coalition works to encourage and coordinate a seamless continuum of care from health education programs, to local primary care, to

coordinated services with region-wide health facilities and medical specialists. The Coalition advocates "user friendly" health programs for everyone, no matter what their personal or family budgets.

"If it takes free hot dogs to get people motivated to apply for health insurance that fits their family's budget, we'll give free hot dogs," Persefield said.

The Coalition and its hospital affiliates work hard to create an environment where the general public feels comfortable and welcome. During the 1999 high school football season, the Coalition launched the use of its CareVan which travels to area communities to conduct health education, health screening and free immunizations. Tiny footballs and megaphones given away at Friday night football games helped remind people to care for their children's health. By attending high school sporting activities, the Coalition strives to meet people "where they live." The same is true with health education programs offering a presence at community parades or in the parking lot of the local grocery store.

None of this would be possible without the support and cooperation of member hospitals. Local healthcare leaders created the Coalition because of a growing awareness that the effectiveness of healthcare in today's world requires coordination of efforts. One project recently implemented by the Coalition is an electronic communications hub for healthcare providers. As funds become available, this will include placement of telemedicine equipment in area hospitals so that diagnostic tests from remote sites can be viewed by medical experts, permitting better diagnosis and treatment of rural patients. This technology can better enable patients to stay close to home and family while obtaining specialized care.

Telemedicine equipment is being placed in hospitals in five communities (Childress, Perryton, Canadian, Memphis and Amarillo), and the Coalition will continue to seek funding for placement at hospitals

throughout the region. The project also involves public access to computers and the Internet, offering an opportunity for local healthcare facilities to work with area educational institutions in providing distance learning opportunities for all.

Public awareness and education have been a crucial part of Coalition services from the very beginning. With the recent implementation of the 2Care for Kids project, the Coalition is working to inform the public of health insurance for children that fits into the family budget. The local effort is part of the statewide TexCare Partnership, an effort "to match families with uninsured children in Texas to a health insurance plan at rates that families can afford," reports a TexCare Partnership news release.

The Coalition is expanding its public awareness effort to help nurture positive communication between healthcare providers and the people they serve. Efforts include a series of fund raisers to be held at two sites in the Panhandle. Local performing artists have volunteered their time to produce and perform the two-act musical "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" as a benefit for the Coalition of Health Services.

Performers will present a musical revue on June 2 and 3 in Amarillo with a third performance in Canadian on June 10. In addition to an entertaining evening (including both dinner and a play), any funds raised above production costs will be used to support healthcare educational efforts throughout the 29 county service area.

Anyone wanting additional information about upcoming performances can call the Coalition of Health Services at (806) 212-6569.

## 9-1-1 Rural Addressing Project

The Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network is currently working on the Rural Addressing Project for Hansford County. The project involves assigning city type addresses consisting of street names and numbers to homes and businesses in rural areas. Citizens living within an incorporated area are not affected by this project.

The project is a combined effort of the Hansford County Commissioners Court and the Regional 9-1-1 Network of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission. These agencies share the common goal of providing the best 9-1-1 services for the citizens of Hansford County.

The purpose of the rural addressing project is to provide emergency service personnel such as fire departments, ambulance services, and law enforcement with a more efficient way of locating 9-1-1 callers. By assigning physical addresses to homes and buildings, emergency personnel will no longer have to depend on "local knowledge" to find a person needing help. For example, when responding to a 9-1-1 call outside of town, having an address such as "10408 County Road Z" is much more useful to an ambulance driver than "two miles west of the old Smith place".

The first phase, the naming of county roads and installing signs, has been completed. The signs bear the name of the county road as well as the associated block number of that section of road.

The Panhandle Regional 9-1-1 Network needs your help in completing the next phase of the project. In the coming weeks, the 9-1-1 staff will be working to verify address locations throughout the county. This phase involves locating where rural residents live and determining their current mailing address so that they can be notified of their new address when it becomes available.

These activities may include door to door and telephone solicitations to confirm addresses. Residents may receive a phone call asking you to confirm your location, route and box number, or post office box number. People who live outside the city limits and use a post office box are encouraged to call 1-800-687-7911 to make sure their homes and businesses are on the list to receive a 9-1-1 address.

The U.S. Postal Service is also assisting 9-1-1 districts with the rural addressing project. Once completed, the new physical addresses will become the new mailing address for those customers who currently receive mail by route and box delivery. This, according to the USPS, will help with the automated processing and sorting of mail. The mailing address for those rural customers who receive mail by post office box will not change; however,

their homes and businesses will be assigned a physical address for 9-1-1 purposes.

A physical address has other benefits beyond 9-1-1. Utilities, such as electric, telephone, gas and cable companies are beginning to require a physical address to start a new account or service an existing one. Similarly, insurance companies often require such information about the property for which they are providing coverage.

Upon completion of the project, residents will receive a letter informing them of their 9-1-1 physical addresses.

Any questions or comments regarding the rural addressing project are welcome. Please contact Audra Bohr or Greg Green at the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, 372-3381 or 1-800-687-7911.

### Fishing Tourney 2-Man Golf Scramble hosted by the Morse Lions Club on Saturday, May 27th

The Fishing Tourney will be held from 6 a.m.-noon at Lake Palo Duro, with weigh-in at 12:00 sharp on the South Boat Ramp. Lunch will be available.

Tea time will be 1:30 p.m. at Hansford Golf Course for the 2-Man Golf Scramble. Cost is \$80 per team, with a cash pay-back. The Golf Tourney is limited to 27 teams.

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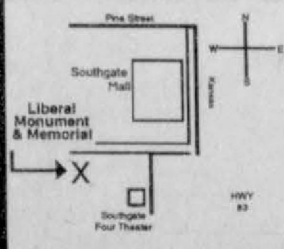
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