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Much needed new ambulance received by Spearman EMS

On Saturday, May 27, the Spearman division of the Emergency Medical Service received a new ambulance.

This new ambulance is a major improvement over the old vehicle. It has major technical and mechanical advantages that the previous ambulance did not have.

The medical systems in the new emergency vehicle are part of an advanced electrical system, and they operate on a separate source of energy from the engine. This not only makes the ambulance systems more fail proof, but it makes the

ambulance more energy efficient as a whole.

In addition to the advanced electrical system, the new ambulance also has a turbo charged engine. This allows for faster pick-up of speed and more power.

Some may wonder if the new ambulance was really necessary. Keep in mind that 60 percent of the runs that the Spearman EMS makes must be transferred to other hospitals.

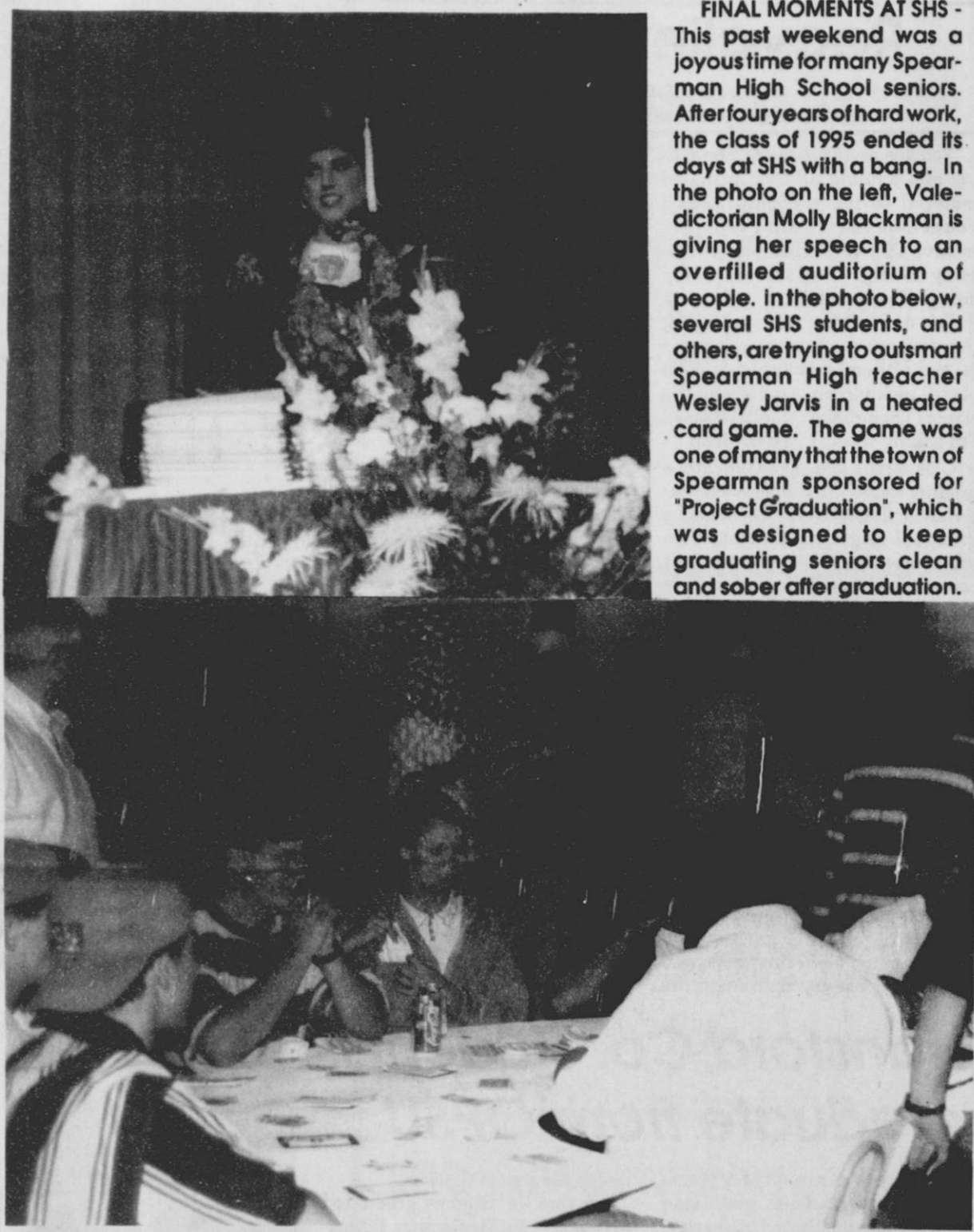
"We didn't need the ambulance, but our patients did," said EMS crew member Monty Blackman.

The previous ambulance is failing mechanically, and it has lots of miles on it. Additionally, it is an inefficient source of transporting patients. It's engine can no longer gain the needed speed on hills or produce the needed power to quickly move a vehicle of its size.

New features and added power of the ambulance will increase the quality of EMS service. However, it will also greatly help the people it serves by encouraging the EMS team. The entire EMS crew is excited by the addition of the new ambulance.



NEW ARRIVAL - The City of Spearman has recently obtained a brand new, well-equipped ambulance. Standing in front of the new life saver are the EMS team: Monty Blackman, Randall Sauer, Paul Moore, Donita Lusby, Michele Davis, George Arenivar, Ken Freeman, Cindy Scribner, and Mark Thomas. (Photo by Erin Atwood)



FINAL MOMENTS AT SHS - This past weekend was a joyous time for many Spearman High School seniors. After four years of hard work, the class of 1995 ended its days at SHS with a bang. In the photo on the left, Valedictorian Molly Blackman is giving her speech to an overfilled auditorium of people. In the photo below, several SHS students, and others, are trying to outsmart Spearman High teacher Wesley Jarvis in a heated card game. The game was one of many that the town of Spearman sponsored for 'Project Graduation', which was designed to keep graduating seniors clean and sober after graduation.

SHS selects Boys/Girls State

Four Spearman High School students have been selected to attend the American Legion Girls State and Boys State which will be held in Austin this summer.

The students attending Girls State are Haley Farber, sponsored by First State Bank, and Kelly Shieldknight, sponsored by AGCO. Bill Pittman, sponsored by First

National Bank, and Jason Villines, sponsored by Five-Star Equipment and Sunray Oil, will be participating in Boys State.

In addition to these sponsors, the Spearman Rotary Club has also donated money to cover the cost increase for registration and transportation fees.

Girls State will be from June 13-23. They will be staying on the campus Lutheran College in Seguin.

Boys State is from June 3-9, and they will stay in dormitories on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin.

Each group will travel to the state capital in Austin for their Girls State and Boys State sessions.

Girls State and Boys State are designed to educate youth in the duties, privileges, rights, and responsibilities of American leadership.

The goals of this program include: developing civic leadership, increasing pride in American citizenship, developing interest in the detailed study of government, developing an understanding of American traditions and belief in the United States of America, developing young citizens to be determined to maintain democracy, instilling a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation, and transmitting the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy.



FUTURE LEADERS - Bill Pittman, Kelly Shieldknight, Haley Farber, and Jason Villines will be making their way to Austin this summer to participate in Girls and Boys State. The event is to help future leaders develop their skills in the state government, and give them an idea of what a political system is really like. (Photo by Chad Davis)

Hansford Happenings

Palo Duro Cowboy Camp

Palo Duro Cowboy Camp meeting is scheduled for June 8-11th, 1995, on the George Jackson Ranch in Palo Duro Canyon 7 miles west of Spearman and 8 miles east of Gruver at Old Hansford on Highway 15. The guest speaker for the meeting will be Bro. Ron Hart from Phoenix, Arizona. The music will be directed by Glen Harris of Gruver.

Summer Reading Program

Hansford County Library's Summer Reading Program for children who have just completed kindergarten through fifth grades will begin Thursday, June 1, 1995, at the library. Kindergarten through second graders will meet with Sheri Benton and third through fifth graders will meet with Jean Ann Behney for six weekly Thursday programs beginning at 10:45 a.m. and ending at 11:30 a.m. Students can sign up for this program during regular library hours starting Wednesday, May 24.

Arts and Craft Show

Spearman Study Club will be having an Arts and Craft Show in conjunction with Celebration of Spearman's Heritage Days on June 10, 1995. The show will be an outside show on the Courthouse Square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Along with the Craft Show, there will be a parade, car show, barbaque, country opera, and other activities on Main Street. Profit made will go back into the community or local project. Persons interested in obtaining a booth for the Show in June or if more information is needed, call or write Claudine Hardy, 803 Wilmetth Dr., Spearman, 806/659-3440 after 4 p.m.

Tax Office Closed

The Hansford County Tax Office will be closed June 12, 13, & 14 due to computer tuning.

June Vaccination Clinic

An immunization clinic offering vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases are scheduled for June 21 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., at the Texas Department of Health Office located at 721 South Evans in Spearman.

Lifestyles



REBECCA JO WALKER and CHRISTOPHER HALL

Walker and Hall plan to wed

Milton and Debbie Walker of Guymon, OK, announce the engagement and forth coming marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Jo, to Christopher Wayne Hall, son of Tony and Vicki Hall of Hugoton, KS.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of American Academy of Oklahoma City. She has completed her sophomore year at Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell where she is majoring in Business Education.

The groom-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Hugoton High School and

attended Colby Community College in Colby, KS, where he majored in Television Communications.

Walker is the granddaughter of Dee and Agnes Miller of Spearman and Alma Walker of Gruver. Hall is the grandson of Wanna Hurrell of Liberal, KS and Deanie Hall of Hugoton, KS.

The couple will exchange vows July 1 at 2 P.M. at the Victory Center Church in Guymon, OK.

Friends and relatives are invited to attend the ceremony and reception.

Wright and Jones announce engagement

Mr. Don Jones of Gruver and Mrs. Sandy Jones of Monte Vista, Colo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Jones to Truman Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wright of Walsh, Colo.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Pueblo County High School, Pueblo, Colo. She graduated from West Texas State University of Canyon in December 1990 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Journalism. Miss Jones is currently employed with Interstate Savings and Loan.

The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Walsh High School, Walsh, Colo. In May of 1990, he

graduated from West Texas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agricultural Business. Mr. Wright is currently employed at Palo Duro Feeders, Inc.

Both are members on the American Quarter Horse Association and the United States Team Roping Association (U.S.T.R.A.). The couple competes in Quarter Horse Shows, U.S.T.R.A. team ropings and in the Kansas Professional Rodeo Association rodeos.

The couple will marry in the United Methodist Church in Walsh, Colo. at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 26, 1995.

After the honeymoon the couple plans to reside in Gruver.



ANGELA JONES and TRUMAN WRIGHT

Out at the Lake

By Dorothy Hudson

Lake Depth--May 29, 1995--22 feet and 11 inches

There were many people enjoying the fishing and the Park over the Memorial Day weekend. While Jim Derrington, Darrel Harvey and a man from Tyrone, Oklahoma were visiting after a shower Saturday afternoon, they were treated to an unusual double rainbow.

The upper rainbow (called the secondary) was fainter, but the inner one, known as the primary, had the northern leg hanging over the Buschman place.

The man from Tyrone told them that he learned in school to remember "Roy G. Biv" to know the order of the rainbow colors. Starting on top the colors are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet. The World Book adds that this is true of the primary bow, but the colors are reversed in the upper. In some countries, a rainbow is known as the "Girdle of God."

For some reason, hummingbirds have been on my mind this week, and I wondered if anyone in Hansford County had them in their yards. I have found Skeet Ellison and the Gene Fletchers have been successful in luring them to their feeders some years, but so far this year they haven't seen them.

Skeet has both day lilies and trumpet vines in addition to the feeder. She said they seem to prefer the lilies to the trumpet vines. Gene said they had just started the vines and lilies. Their birds usually left when the weather got hot other years.

Gene mixes his own nectar--1 cup of sugar to 4 cups of water. He thinks the red food coloring is harmful to the birds, but you need red on your feeder.

The picture, taken by Jim Derrington, is of the giant cotton wood tree in the Park north of the dam.



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YOU GOT HIM—Quentin Harper, a Tri-State Rodeo Team member, shows a great performance in the Childress Rodeo. His winning performances over the season have allowed him to compete at the finals to be held in Amarillo, from June 1-3.

Tri-State Rodeo Team to compete in Finals in Amarillo on June 1-3

The Tri-State High School Rodeo finals will begin June 1 and continue through June 3. They are being held at the fair grounds outdoor arena in Amarillo. Students will compete each night at 7:30 and 2:00 on Saturday.

Several from the Gruver team are set to compete. Jana McCloy will be trying to win two titles. She

is the current leader in the break away roping and goat tying events. Sahala McCloy will compete in the same events.

Quentin Harper is competing in the tie down roping and the ribbon roping. The bareback riding event will see Kevin McNett riding for the Gruver club.

At the finals, the Tri-State Association will also crown their queen for the coming year. Sahala McCloy will represent the Gruver club as their candidate.

Tickets for the event can be purchased the night of the rodeo or you may call any Tri-State member for advance ticket sales.

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UMC to attend Annual Conference

June 1-4, United Methodist churches, including Spearman's, will be represented in Amarillo for the eighty-sixth session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference.

Bishop Alfred L. Norris will preside at the sessions in the Amarillo Civic Center Exhibit Hall. The theme for this event will be "Share the Gift of Jesus Christ." Hosting this event will be the over 9,000 United Methodists in the greater Amarillo area.

Representing the First United Methodist Church in Spearman will be Jeff Lust who is a clergy member of the Northwest Texas Conference and Rich Melton and Chalmers Porter, lay members of the Confer-

ence. Dr. Zan Holmes, pastor of St. Luke's Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, will be the Conference Preacher. Bishop Norris will preach for the Service of Ordination and Consecration on Sunday afternoon.

A special Teacher Appreciation Banquet will be held on Saturday evening which will honor everyone who is or has taught Christian Education in the church.

Dr. Leonard Sweet, Chancellor (CEO) and Professor of Church History at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, will give the keynote address and will preach again on Sunday morning.

The participants will be treated

to an original skit, special music, and a catered meal at this banquet.

Sunday morning activities will begin at 9:00 A.M. with a Sunday School Assembly followed at 9:30 A.M. by twelve different Sunday School classes for the community to choose from. The morning worship will begin at 10:45 A.M.

Special music for the worship service will be provided by Dacia Lust of Spearman. The service itself will focus on Pentecost and will be a celebration of the birthday of the church and God's gift of the Spirit to the church. Communion will be part of the service which will feature children, youth and adults in leadership roles.

Henton receives TCU scholarship

Kortney Jai Henton, a graduate of Spearman High School, is among the high school seniors chosen as recipients of academic scholarships at Texas Christian University. The honorees successfully competed in an initial group of scholarship applicants from across the nation.

Applicants were judged primarily on the basis of their strong academic records with consideration given to leadership and community service. Based upon continued accomplishments at TCU, the awards are renewable through completion of the baccalaureate degree.

TCU's unique commitment to the individual also is demonstrated when these outstanding students are the first invited to participate

in an intensive leadership development program conducted each year, according to Leo Munson, assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of admissions. "This combination of academic challenge and leadership training is directed at students with identified potential for distinguished lifetime service and careers," he added.

TCU, an independent institution related to the Christian Church

since its founding on the Southwestern frontier in 1873, offers bachelor's and master's degrees in more than 50 fields of study through its five schools and colleges. Five departments have doctoral programs in addition to TCU's Brite Divinity School.

Kortney was offered a Faculty Scholarship and has indicated a preference for studies as a business major.

A "Center" Piece

Thank you to all who so generously bought memorial wreaths. You made it a profitable undertaking for the Senior Citizens Organization. A special thank you goes to Ora Lee Blackburn and Phyllis Cummings for the giving of their expertise to help the members with the project.

A big sigh of relief was just heard from the public. The aged would not be advertising something for sale. WRONG! Another quilt for raffle is now on display at the O'Laughlin Center and tickets are available. The tentative date for the drawing will be the second week of August.

This quilt is off white with a stenciled Lotus design and dust ruffle, is ready for quilters to add their beautiful stitching. It is for a regular queen size bed and will adapt to any decor.

The wild flower program was to have been presented on May 26, but it was postponed until sometime in June. Please accept my apology for any inconvenience the publication may have incurred.

Congratulations to the Hansford County graduating seniors. Students and teachers have a good safe summer to prepare you for the next fall term.

May God bless our country.

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Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

On Monday, May 22, Joe Copeland answered her door to find her nephew, Fred Cable of McLain. Soon her sister, June and Ray Osborne of Perryton, came. Then Ruby Brown of Farnsworth appeared. They were followed by Tenessa and Aaron Grunou of Balko.

The Osbornes brought a complete meal including homemade ice cream. The surprise was to celebrate Joe's 80th birthday. Many happy returns, Joe!

An item in the sports section of the Thursday edition of the Amarillo News-Globe regarding Doug Porter was of interest to Spearman folk.

Doug has just completed his first year as coach of the girls' basketball team at Aurora University in Aurora, Illinois, near Chicago. The detailed and complimentary account reported that Doug, who was assistant coach of the girls' basketball team at WT A&M at Canyon from 1991-1994, had just been named Coach of the Year in District 3 by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Doug, in his first season, led the NCAA tournament play with a 22-6 record. This was the most wins in the school's history. His team, the Spartans, was in the nation's top 20 in scoring and winning margins. They forced an incredible 31 turnovers in each contest.

In his acceptance speech Doug expressed his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him. He gave credit to the members of Aurora's team, and modestly credited his technique to his former head coach at WT.

His parents are Betty and Chalmers Porter of Spearman. This Spearman High School alumni certainly is a credit to this school, to which many of his friends agree.

Dan and Patty Pouge and children of Wichita, KS, left Monday to return home. They were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blanton since Tuesday. They came to attend the eighth grade graduation where her niece, Lisa Swink, graduated. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Swink.

Hansford County residents will be very interested in Channel 4 T.V. on Saturday evening and Sunday, June 3 and 4. The Children's Miracle Network Telethon will feature eight month old Lori Dawn Watson, Hansford County's Miracle Baby. She is the daughter of Jill (Stedje) and Sam Watson of Gruver, and granddaughter of Jan and Lynn Stedje. Her great-grandparents are Ada Joyce and James Stedje, and her great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Jessie Spivey, all lifetime residents of the area.

A detailed account of the miraculous birth of Lori Dawn has been printed in other papers. It is difficult to select the most unusual highlights of the articles. One reports that Jill's case is due to go into medical text books.

Jill was born with abnormal anatomy and underwent surgery at age 15 and was repeatedly told by medical experts that she could never expect to carry a full term baby.

There were seven doctors in on that surgery and they all said it could not be successful. After six hours, her surgeon told her that the

result was a miracle which he could not believe.

During the next few years, Jill underwent four more surgeries. Three of the specialists' opinions were that her chances of carrying a baby was zero. However, a baby was eventually on his way.

During the months before the birth, she had sonograms every two weeks which the doctors checked with great interest. No doctor was willing to say if she had a good chance of having a healthy, normal baby. The doctors followed many procedures and finally ordered a complete bed rest. As complications developed, they were in touch with Dallas and Denver doctors. After many crises, one of which went so far as Jill being asked about funeral arrangements for the baby, she was moved to Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo.

On September 22, 1994, the Children's Miracle Network came to the hospital to film Jill. That day, Lori Dawn arrived weighing three pounds, 10 ounces and 16 inches long. She spent three and a half weeks in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit before going home. She had been seven weeks early.

The accompanying picture shows how strong and healthy Lori Dawn is. Jill and Sam feel, "She is a true gift from God and the culmination of six years of prayer."



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Connelly returned the latter part of the week after visiting eight days, alternating between Mt. Vernon and Winnsboro. His sister, her mother, brother and sisters live in the two places. They were in 85 degree temperatures and noted that it was about 50 degrees here, and they were also soaked in rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Branch Sheets of Happy were weekend guests of his grandparents, Jean and Pinkie Sheets.

R.L. and Barbara McClellan, with Jeanne Holston and three children, of Sunray returned Saturday from several days down state. They had gone down to attend the high school graduation of Travis Lee McClellan at Tivoli High School.

He is the son of Dr. Bill McClellan of Port Lavaca, son R.L. and Barbara. Travis brought his grandpar-

ents great pride by being the Valedictorian of his class. He will be entering Texas A&M this fall.

If Al and Juanita Tucker had extended their stay in San Angelo into the weekend, they would have had a new experience of water creeping into their quarters. They spent last week in the home of their son, Mike and Tina and their four children. Tina's father was having surgery, so they stayed with the children. The tornado, hail and torrents of rain came late Sunday.

Although the Tuckers do not live in a low area, the storm caused water to creep into their garage on the patio. They spoke with Juanita on Monday morning and told of the devastation in other parts of town including softball size hailstones, but their home escaped serious damage.

Eddie Butler called his mother, Raye Butler, Monday and reported that they received little damage from the storm, but about eight blocks down, the damage was unbelievable. Many of their friends living near the airbase had serious damage. He and his family have lived in San Angelo several years.

Pictures of the handsome Jace Dawson of Gruver and the pretty Kristina Poole were in the Sunday Amarillo News-Globe. They were among the students selected for the Panhandle Plains Academic Hall Honor for outstanding performances in high school.

Congratulations and good luck to both of them!

Edith and John Pipkin are beaming over a double whammy--this month they were made great-grandparents twice.

Krystal and Kevin Hare, Amarillo, announce the arrival of a daughter, Morgan Ann, on May 16. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Yvonda and Larry Stokes also of Amarillo.

Marchi and Tom Mayes of Simpsonville, South Carolina, are the parents of a son, Nathaniel Thomas. He was born on May 24, weighing 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Pauline and Tom Mayes of Andover, New Jersey.

The Pipkins now have five great-grandchildren.

Two ex-Hansford County citizens, Louise Vaught of Amarillo, and Willoughby Sparks of Midland were named winners in the "Art is Ageless" statewide contest held this month. This contest is sponsored by TAUSA and is the largest association of its kind in the state.

There are several categories in the contests and the winners creations in each class were hung in the state capitol during May 20-24 and then taken to San Antonio for a national contest.

Willoughby's entry of an elaborate treasure chest was entered in the "hard crafts" division. He is the brother of Fannie Venneman and has other relatives in the county.

Louise's exhibit was a quilt top she had made during her leisure and had not intended it for competition of any sort until she was persuaded to enter it in the local contest.

Then, her quilt went on to win "Best of Show" in the state out of 300 entries. The association flew her to Austin and lodged her and presented her with a plaque at the banquet.

She is the mother of Tom Jarvis, and the sister of J.B. Buchanan. (Also, there is a certain other relative, who claims credit for teaching her self-discipline, if not quilting.)

Dorothy Buzzard left a week ago Thursday for Little Rock, Arkansas to attend the graduation of her grandson, Travis Buzzard. He received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences.

He will go to Salt Lake City, Utah for his residency at the University Hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buzzard of

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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- the value placed on your property
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the cancellation of an agricultural appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- any action taken by the appraisal district that adversely affected you.

Informal Review
The first option a taxpayer may use to protest a value is to visit with the chief appraiser or a staff member. Records on individual properties are available for review by every taxpayer. This informal review is to the benefit of the taxpayer, as many protests are resolved at this level.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 709 W. 7th Street; Spearman, Texas.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you

receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 709 W 7th Street; Spearman, Texas, 659-5575 and 733-5139. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at 4301 Westbank Drive, Building B, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78746-6565.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.
For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend.

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Monica Garcia is the 17 year old daughter of Ramon and Connie Garcia. She is currently a senior at Gruver High School. Monica has two sisters, Laura and Monalisa. She enjoys shopping and spending time with her friends. After graduation, Monica plans to attend West Texas A&M University and go into pre-medicine studies.



HAILEY LAMB

Little Tiffanies
Hailey Lamb is the 17 year old daughter of Perry and Loni Lamb. She is a junior at Gruver High School. When she graduates from GHS, she plans to attend Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Oklahoma. There she will major in elementary education. Hailey enjoys horseback riding, hanging out with her friends, and working with little kids.



ROBBI MATHEWS

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Robbi Mathews is a Junior at Gruver High School. She played basketball, ran cross country, and participated in Spanish Club. She is the 17 year old daughter of Royce and Betty Mathews. She has an older brother who attends Texas Tech University. After graduating in 1996, Robbi plans to attend college there as well.



JANA ELLSWORTH

Lyric Theater
I am a Junior at Spearman High School. I am seventeen years old. My parents are Gary Ellsworth of Spearman and Jan Stringer of Houston. I participate in 4-H, FFA, TAFE, and choir. My future plans include a career in business and having a family. In the evenings I work at the Lyric Theatre and Picnic Place.

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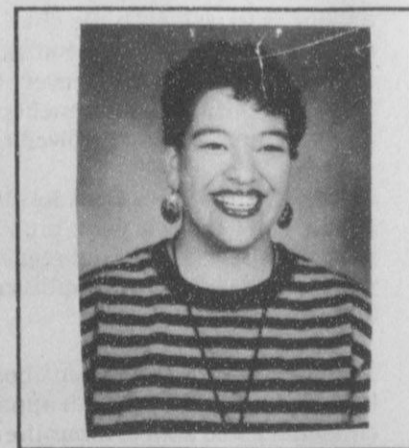


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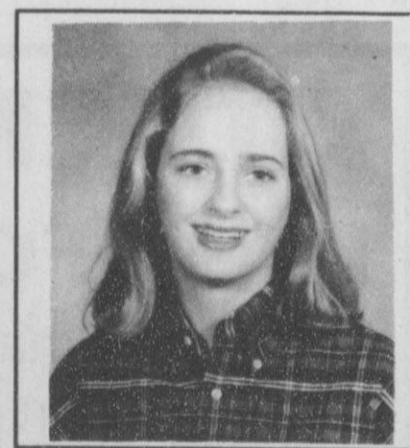
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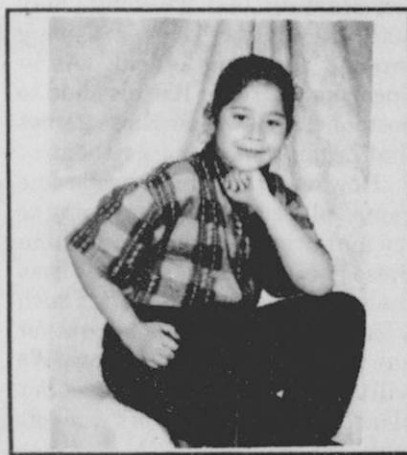
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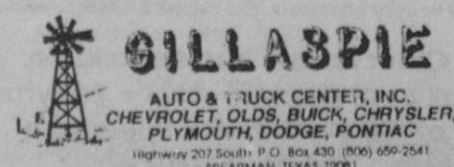


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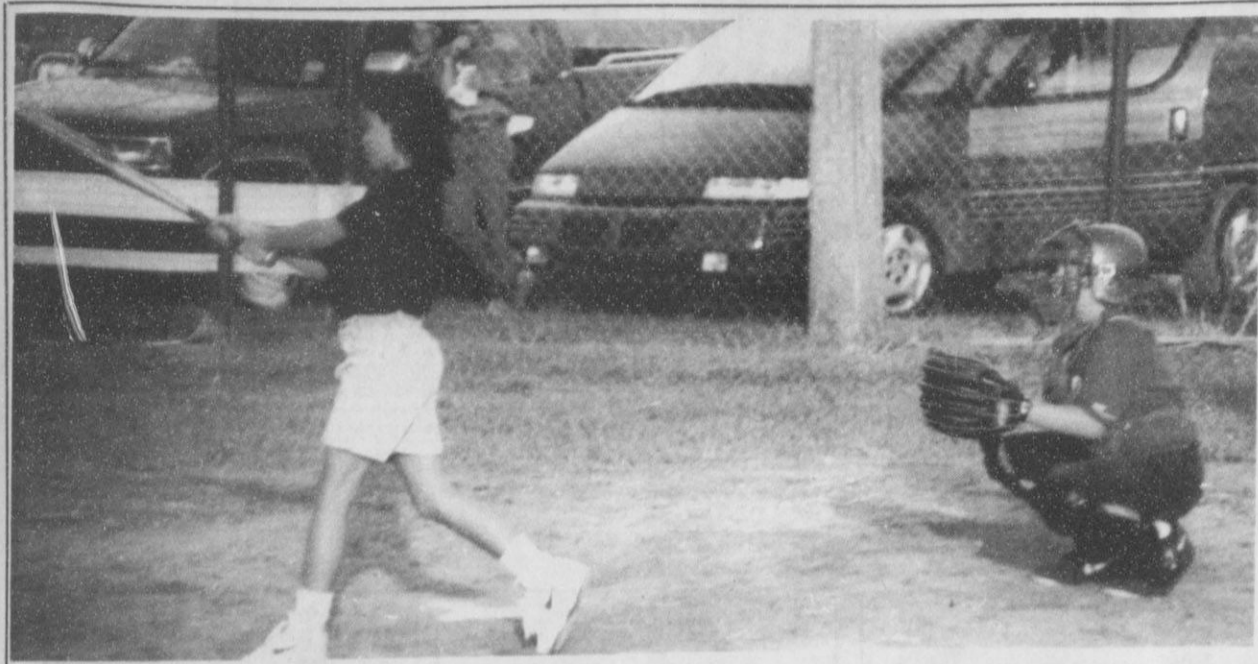
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Sports



OPENING DAY - A force of bad clouds and possible rain did not stop a huge number of people from turning out to the first day of baseball in Gruver. This past Tuesday was opening day for players of all ages. Seen here is an unidentifiable batter hitting the ball hard to earn herself a base hit for the B-Pirates, while an Astros' catcher is still in position. The B-Pirates came from behind to beat the Astros 14-13 in this coach pitch game. (Photo by Chad Davis)

Personally I'm always ready to learn, although I do not always like being taught.
—Winston Churchill

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Baseball...

What else would baseball season be like without mother nature bringing in her wrath to cause rain delays, game cancellations, and horrible winds? That's exactly what all of the baseball teams in Hansford County are now experiencing.

Spearman has already had several games called off due to the weather, and now, with their season starting last Tuesday, May 30th, the town of Gruver is going through the same ordeal. As in Spearman, Gruver has also had to postpone one of their three games that began the season for them.

However, there have been some games played, and we are going to try and bring you box scores from these games. This is the first time that this newspaper has tried such a feat, so if any team is left out for any reason, please let us know. We will try to catch up on all games, but please remember, this is a difficult task.

Gruver (Minor League) B-Pirates vs. Astros

B-Pirates 0 2 3 2 7 14
Astros 3 6 1 2 1 13
Homer Runs: (B-Pirates) - Carlos Borunda, Jose Rodriguez (2), Ryan Renick; (Astros) - Ryan Winger (2).

Synopsis: Ryan Renick belted a big three-run homer in the top of the fifth to bring the Pirates from a 9-2 deficit to a thrilling 14-13 win.

Gruver (Little League) A's vs. Braves

Postponed due to ominous skies.

Spearman (Major League) A's vs. Bluejays 5-11-95

A's 0 0 2 4 0 6
BluJ 1 2 2 3 x 8

Synopsis: As with most Little League games, especially the majors, this game was finished early due to time constraints. Each game last an hour and fifteen minutes, which explains the inning that was not played.

Spearman (Major League) Bluejays vs. A's 5-16-95

BluJ 4 5 2 11
A's 3 4 3 10

Synopsis: Again, as these two teams have done before, the score was close, but time pitched its final out to the two battling squads, so they only played three innings.

Spearman (Major League) Orioles vs. Rangers 5-16-95

Ori 0 0 0 0 0 0
Ran 0 0 0 0 1 1

Synopsis: This was the first game for these two teams. Weather struck them also earlier in the sea-

son, so they too were new to the ballfield that night. This game went down to the wire. With only 30 seconds left, the fifth inning began, so according to league rules, the whole inning must be played. The Orioles big man, Jimmy Gayton threw a no hitter, but in the fifth he walked Miguel Cellabos, who then stole every base, including home, to take the 1-0 victory. Who says all Little League games are usually high number scores?

Spearman (Major League) Rangers vs. Mariners 5-18-95

Ran 4 0 1 0 1 6
Mar 4 0 3 0 x 7

Homeruns - Homer Munoz (Rangers) in the first inning.

Synopsis: Once again, father time came in to intervene with another very close game. Second baseman Homer Munoz came in as fourth batter in the first inning for the Rangers. He belted a homer over center with 2 men on to give the Rangers an early 4-0 lead, but the Mariners answered back quickly with 4 runs themselves in the bottom of the same inning. In the end, the Mariners defense was just a little too much for the Rangers' bats, so they grabbed the one point victory.

Spearman (Major League) Orioles vs. Bluejays 5-20-95

(Make-up game from 5-9)
Ori 0 0 0 0 0 2 2
BluJ 2 0 2 0 0 x 4

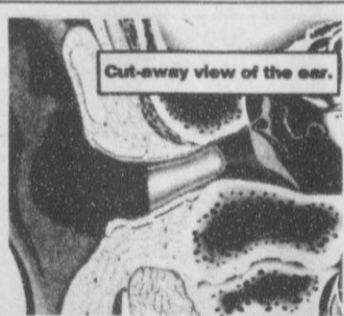
Synopsis: This was the first game to go all six innings, and was it a good one. The Bluejays held the

See BASEBALL, page 9

Gruver (T-Ball) Sox vs. Indians

Synopsis: No score is kept on the T-Ball games, as they are played for fun, but the opener between the visiting Sox and the Indians was a real hum-dinger. Reid Winger was the hitting star for the Sox, with a triple in the first inning and a grand slam homer in the second for five RBI's. Britney Montgomery also powdered a homer for the Sox. But Sheldon Atwood had the key hit, a two-run double for the Indians in the bottom of the third inning.

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For the Sport of it

by Bob Bort

I was going to make a pitch here in this column for University Inter-scholastic League spring baseball for Gruver High School. But the money crunch, and the need for new computer technology for our students, among other needs, has caused me to reconsider and not make that pitch in this space. But I do hope the school board takes into consideration that which I sent them. Perhaps something can be worked out.

Speaking of baseball, don't leave out Jace Dawson! Though Jace is graduating this month, he is still playing for the Hooker Horny Toads, and they are 5-3 as of May 23. They beat Guymon twice on May 22, and have now started league play. One of their victories came over the Woodward Travelers - the first time Hooker has beaten Woodward since 1983. This is American Legion baseball, of course. Zone play is July 21-23. If they keep winning, they could continue on to August.

TRIVIA ANSWER FROM TWO WEEKS AGO: Last week's column was not printed due to lack of space, so here is the answer to the trivia question from two weeks ago. The 1979-80 Gruver Greyhounds, known affectionately as the "Super Hounds", were the best ever boys basketball team by record in GHS history. They started out the season unbeaten in their first 21 games, a perfect 21-0, before being finally upset by Stratford in a late season game at Stratford in overtime 72-70. During the regular season they had upset a fine AAA team, Tulia, at the Friona Tournament, and had also beaten River Road. In a warm-

up game for the playoffs, they defeated a fine AA team, Childress, the number four AA team in the state of Texas, 85-79, to go 24-1 on the season.

Then in one of the bitterest, toughest to take-ever, defeats in Hounds' history, Gruver was defeated in their bi-district game to the Memphis Cyclones at the WTSU Fieldhouse, 54-43, as Gruver was the favorite and expected to go on and win the state championship, but their season was then shockingly over very suddenly. It was a great, great disappointment to a very fine year.

The roster included Bruce Ammons, Randy Karlin, Darin Winger, Juan Garcia, Chris Dorman, Darrell Messer, Gary Gilbreath, Mike McKee, Clifton Peddy, Barry Barkley, Phillip Fry, and Russell Tiner; and the coach was Donnie Prater, a former GHS graduate. Their final record was 24-2, .923, the best ever for a Hounds' team over a single season. The 1965-66 state championship team had finished the season 29-4, and the 1988-89 regional finalist team had finished 30-4.

TRIVIA QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK: (Pre-empted from last week's newspaper due to lack of space) 1994-95 GHS athletes hold six all-time Gruver High School records in track and field competition. Name the four present athletes who hold these records, and name the six old records that were exceeded by these four present day athletes.

Here is the following information on the Gruver Little League baseball activity, which began this week, on Tuesday, May 30.

There are four T-Ball teams (Kindergarten-1st Grade), and they are co-ed this year. The teams, with the managers/coaches, are: Rockies (Curt and Trisha Fitzgerald); Orioles (Tim Barkley); Indians (Mike Grotegut/Ty Williams); and Sox (Philip Martinez).

There are three Minor League teams, and they are also co-ed (2nd Grade-3rd Grade). Here they are, with the managers and coaches: B-Pirates (Angela Grotegut/Todd Williams); Astros (Rodney Clawson); and Rangers (Monte Cluck).

The Little League is also co-ed (4th Grade-6th Grade, ages 10-12). Here are the teams and the managers: Pirates (Robert Smith); Giants (Dan Carthel); A's (Robby Robinson); and Braves (Bill Hadley).

Here was the opening night schedule for this past Tuesday night, May 30. 6 P.M. - Sox vs. Indians; 7 P.M. - B-Pirates vs. Astros; 8:30 P.M. - A's vs. Braves. Look for the entire schedule to be printed in an issue of this newspaper.

Here are the eight Gruver outstanding basketballers competing in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) competition this spring and summer. There is only one boy, and seven girls.

In the West Texas Region Boys' AAU Tournament held a couple of weekends ago at the Amarillo High Activity Center, Brant Armes of Gruver competed in the 16 and under class, for the Amarillo Tex-

ans. His team won two and lost two games in the tournament. Their next tournament will be in June.

For the girls, Kiki Carthel is competing in the 16 and under class for Quicksilver; Mary Dawn Henson and Jill Odom are competing in the 15 and under class for TNT; Weslyn Maupin is competing in the 14 and under class for West Texas Heat; Janae Watley and Krystle Deeds are competing in the 13 and under class for West Texas Thunder; and Kallie Cluck is competing in the 11 and under class for the Bankshots. Their tournament is being held in Amarillo this week, May 31-June 4.

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Former Spearman football star reaps honors at Abilene High

This year's Spearman High School seniors graduated a wide assortment of very talented athletes. However, so did another school, a larger one at that. Although he left some two or three years ago, former Spearman superstar, Radar Garcia, has still made many memorable highlights with his new school, Abilene High. Many fans still probably remember Garcia from his earlier days as an awesome running back in junior high, not to mention his first debut as a freshman at SHS.

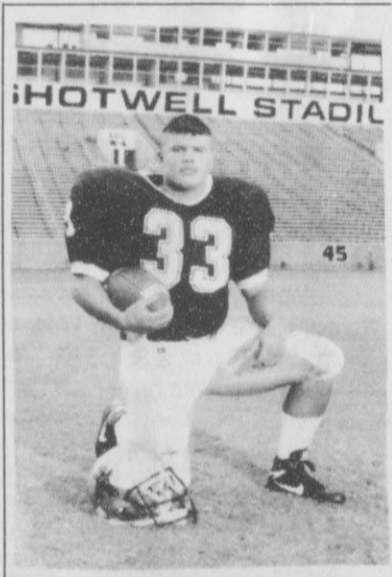
Abilene High, which is 5A school, is quite a bit larger than Spearman's 2A, but Garcia has adjusted to it well. According to his Coach, Wilson, Garcia has developed into a "super leader".

In this, his final year in high school, Garcia has earned many awards and other types of recognition that he justly deserves. Besides being the Pepsi Player of the year, he has earned many awards that Abilene High also gives. For instance, in their recent Athletic Banquet, the school presented Garcia with two of the four awards for outstanding football performance. Of course, he was chosen for this year's MVP of the team, and the

school's newest award, The Chuck Moser Award, which is named after the legendary coach himself. For this award, a player must exhibit great leadership skills, as well as be an inspiration to the team. For Garcia, that is not a problem.

According to Wilson, Garcia, more or less, single handedly helped defeat rival foes, Odessa High, in a crucial playoff game. "He was knocked out early in the 3rd quarter due to a knee injury," Wilson stated. "However, within just 2 minutes, he was hustling back into the game. His linebacker skills and his unwillingness to give up really helped us to pull off that win. We could not have played without him, not only in that game, but throughout the whole year," Wilson later stated. This certainly does prove Garcia's leadership abilities.

Wilson was not the only coach Garcia played for in his high school days. In fact, he was also under the influence of his head coach, Gaines, and his linebacker coach, Daughtery. Both of these coaches completely agree with Wilson, and so do many of the area coaches, as



RADAR GARCIA

Garcia has again added another honor to his name with the 1st team All-District Linebacker choice for this tough district.

As if that were not enough, Garcia will be furthering his football career at a university he has always wanted to attend, Hardin-Simmons. In addition, he will be joining his friend Aaron Frick in the Greenbelt Bowl on June 3rd in Childress.

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sters, so most games did not go the full six innings, as in the case of this low-scoring opener.

Spearman (Minor League)
 Indians vs. Royals
 Ind 6 0 2 2 10
 Roy 3 2 0 0 5

Spearman (Minor League)
 Braves vs. Indians
 Bra 1 0 1 0 2
 Ind 3 4 2 3 12

Spearman (Minor League)
 Braves vs. Royals
 Bra 3 2 0 0 x 5
 Roy 1 0 1 0 5 7

Some desire is necessary to keep life in motion.
 —Samuel Johnson

Baseball

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Orioles up until the top of the sixth, but the 2 runs scored by the Jays in the 1st and 3rd innings were too much for the Orioles to catch up to.

Spearman (Major League)
 A's vs. Orioles 5-23-95
 A's 0 0 0 1 1 2
 Ori 5 0 1 0 0 6

Spearman (Major League)
 Bluejays vs. Mariners 5-23-95
 BluJ 0 1 3 0 1 5
 Mar 0 0 0 0 0 0

Spearman (Minor League)
 Braves vs. Royals
 Bra 5 0 1 6
 Roy 3 1 0 4

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COOKING UP SOME GRUB - Every month that there are five Tuesday in that month, the First State Bank takes time, effort, and money to the O'Loughlin Center to cook for the Senior Citizens of the community. In this particular meeting, Jim Shirley of the bank gave a very important message on people calling the elderly in order to scam them. During the talk, many folks enjoyed the delicious meal of fish that was prepared by Worth Witworth, Mike Schnell, and Randall Sauer. (Photo by Chad Davis)

Use discretion for exercise safety

Selecting the wrong athletic shoe can be the first step to injury during a workout. "Each individual needs different types of support depending on the workout routing and physical makeup," said Dr. John Kozak, a sports medicine expert at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

The most important consideration when picking shoes is the type and amount of support the heel of the shoe provides. This area absorbs most of the shock during exercise.

Kozak suggest grasping a shoe with both hands at the front and the back, and then twisting the shoe. The less movement detected in the heel area means more support for the foot.

He says when trying on the shoe, pick one that feels firm in the heel and allows your toes to wiggle slightly.

Shin splints, a common leg injury among joggers and other weekend athletes, can be prevented with proper stretching and cross training.

Shin splints are caused when muscle along the long bone in the leg does not expand enough to absorb the shock of a workout. "The shin bone absorbs that shock," said Dr. Donald Baxter an orthopedic surgeon at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Cross training-varying the type of workout activity-works different muscle groups and may help prevent shin splints.

Baxter suggests stretching the shin muscles by leaning against a wall with the palms of the hand flat, the arms at full extension. Then slowly fall forward so the chest moves to the wall. Hold and repeat this 10 to 20 times before running.

Whenever you feel pain during a workout, that activity should be stopped, Baxter said.

A sore shoulder in athletes may signal more than just tired muscles. It could be a rotator cuff injury.

The rotator cuff is a tendon that forms a circular joint where four muscles support and move the arm bone. If the cuff is damaged or torn, the top of the arm bone may press into the shoulder.

"People in their 50's and beyond are susceptible to this because of a lifetime of wear and tear on the shoulder," said Dr. Gerard Gabel an orthopedic surgeon at Baylor College of Medicine.

Physical therapy can usually correct the problem, but sometimes surgery may be required to rebuild the cuff.

Behne earns Moose Lodge degree

On Saturday, May 27, Verlin Behne received the highest degree of the Loyal Order of Moose, The Pilgrim Degree of Higher Merit. This degree is only awarded once a year to two-hundred and thirty Moose members by Moose International. There were four recipients from Texas this year.

The Pilgrim Degree is awarded to a Moose member on Merit of service, total of members signed,

years of service, offices held locally, state and nationally.

Verlin joined the Loyal Order of Moose as a charter member in Spearman Lodge #2212 in 1977. He has served in every office of the lodge except governor which he received as an honorary award in 1982. He joined the Legion of the Moose, the second degree, in 1978, and he received his Fellowship Degree in 1981.

Verlin has served as administrator of Spearman Lodge since 1980. He is presently serving his second term as president of the Top of Texas District I of the Texas Moose Association and secretary of the Big Bend Legion #179.

He also works with the Texas Moose Association Drug Awareness program. He has served on many state offices and committees.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT

Charlie West, 706 Lee Drive, Spearman, Texas 79081 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for a permit (Proposed Permit No. 03784) to authorize disposal of waste and wastewater from a swine operation. The swine operation will consist of a maximum of 3840 head at Section 148 and 3840 head at Section 4. The waste treatment facilities will include two storage ponds for washdown water, flushwater and stormwater retention. Wastewater from the ponds is to be disposed of by irrigation on agricultural land. Manure and separated solids are to be applied, for beneficial use, as fertilizer on agricultural land. No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State is authorized by this permit.

The swine operation consists of two facilities in Hansford County, Texas. Section 148 is located on the south side of an unnamed county road, approximately 1 mile west of the intersection of the county road and Farm-to-Market Road 760. This intersection is approximately 4 miles south of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 760 and Farm-to-Market Road 759. Section 4 is located on the east side of Farm-to-Market Road 760, approximately 5 miles south of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 760 and Farm-to-Market Road 759. This location is in the drainage area of Segment No. 0100, an unclassified segment draining out of the State.

The Executive Director of the Commission has prepared a draft permit based on the application submitted by the applicant and other information presently available.

A Hearings Examiner of the Commission will conduct a public hearing at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 6, 1995, Hansford County Courthouse, District

Courtroom, 1 Northwest Court, Spearman, TX. to receive evidence on the conditions, if any, under which the permit may be issued, and determine whether State Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act may be issued. This hearing will be held under the authority of Sections 26.021 of the Texas Water Code and the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

The record of this proceeding will include evidence and testimony taken at the public hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time and place to place, if necessary, to develop all relevant evidence bearing on the subject of the hearing. The Commission reserves the right to schedule or reschedule hearings as it deems necessary. Further information concerning any aspect of the application, if available, may be obtained by contacting Bob Sweeney, Staff Attorney, Mail Code 173, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, telephone 512/239-0600. Information concerning any procedures of the hearing may be obtained by contacting Bill Zukauckas, Hearings Examiner, at Mail Code 102, the same address or by telephone at 512/239-4100. Information concerning participation in hearings may be obtained by contacting Mark Alvarado, Public Interest Counsel, at Mail Code 103, the same address or by telephone at 512/239-6363. When contacting the Commission regarding this application, reference the TNRCC docket number given at the top of this notice.

Persons desiring to protest the granting of this application, who have not previously requested a hearing in writing, should file written protests with the Commission prior to the hearing date and serve copies of the written protest on the applicant and all designated parties, if any. The written protest shall: show the name and address of the protestant; identify the pending application by TNRCC docket number; state the basis of the

protestant's interest and any relevant facts and conclusions; describe the location of the protestant's property relative to the application; and propose any amendment or adjustment to the application which, if made, would result in withdrawals of the protest. Persons desiring to present information relating to the application must appear at the public hearing either in person or by representative and present such information, subject to all applicable rules of evidence. Information offered in written form without the writer's presence will be noted by the Commission but will not be considered as evidence since the right to cross-examine is absent. No person will be admitted as a party to the proceeding unless the person complies with Commission Rules which require a justiciable interest and attendance at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative with settlement authority. Additionally, any representative who has been retained for this proceeding will be expected to attend the hearing and to participate in settlement negotiations and other matters. The original of any document filed prior to the hearing must be filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk, Mail Code 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you want the hearings examiner to consider a document, you must show that the original of that document has been filed with the TNRCC Chief Clerk.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this hearing and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or braille, are requested to contact the Hearings Examiners Office at 512/239-4100 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least two (2) work days prior to the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Issued this 25th day of May, 1995. Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

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