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Hospitals become focus

Hospitals everywhere will be a primary focus over the next two weeks, as the May calendar sees Nursing Home Week (May 13-19), Hospital Week (May 6-12) and National Nurses' Day (May 7).

At Hansford Hospital and Manor, outstanding volunteers will be recognized in a special awards presentation Sunday, May 6 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend this reception in the manor dining room.

Speaking of Hansford Hospital's future, Administrator Al LaRoche said the current emphasis is on physician recruitment. "This is the first time we've been down to one doctor that I'm aware of," LaRoche commented, adding that the county needs

three physicians.

The hospital board recently hired two professional physician recruiting firms, Jackson and Coker and Physician Resource, to aid in the search for new doctors. LaRoche said these firms are paid a retainer fee for their efforts in locating doctors interested in coming to this county to practice medicine.

Last week representatives from both recruitment companies visited Hansford County on two separate days to gather statistical data on such things as the patient drawing area and available medical and non-medical facilities. Dr. Laurence Behney was also interviewed by the recruiters about his perspective on what the com-

munity has to offer a doctor and his family and the amount of time it takes to develop a successful practice.

In addition to the primary goal of recruiting at least one and possibly two doctors, LaRoche said 1990 will see the hospital's implementation of a grant program in the area of providing chemotherapy to outpatients. At this time, Harrington Cancer Center is working up the budget to be submitted to LaRoche for staff training by Harrington personnel. "We will be paying the Harrington people to train our people," said LaRoche, who added the initial training sessions have been

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Mayor Bob Pearson [seated] signs a proclamation declaring May 6-12 as Hospital Week and May 13-19 as Nursing Home Week. He is watched over by [l-r] Jody Harnish, Manor activity director, Carol Hergert, Manor director of nursing, and Kay McFarlin, hospital director of nursing.

Residents head to polls

Hansford County residents will head to the polls again on Saturday, May 5 to choose who will govern their communities and their schools.

Gruver and Spearman will be holding both city and school board elections. Pringle-Morse residents will be choosing school board members.

Gruver residents will be voting to fill the city commission seat vacated by E.A. Williams. There is one candidate for the position, Jack H. Weldon, a last-minute entrant in the election. Gruver residents may also write-in a candidate's name on the ballot if they choose. The Gruver city election voting booth will be at the Gruver Elementary Library.

The Gruver ISD School Trustee election will be at the elementary library as well. There are three candidates on the ballot, running for two positions. Each voter will vote for two of the three men on the ballot.

Candidates are Bart Thoreson, Stan Seagler and Ray Etheredge.

Spearman voters will all be voting at the same location. Both the school trustee and city elections are being held in the central hallway of the east end of the high school.

The Spearman ISD board has two positions up for election. The two incumbents are both in the election, along with two other candidates.

Don Townsen and Phillip Renner are the two incumbents. Carl Kunselman and Craig Schumann are the two candidates trying to unseat the incumbents.

Each voter will have the chance to choose none, one or two of the men.

The Spearman city election consists of races for a mayor and two alderman positions. Bob Pearson, incumbent mayor, chose not to run for another term. Burl Buchanan stepped forward to put in his bid for the job. He is

running unopposed.

For the two city alderman positions, the two incumbents are the only candidates. They are Bob Boxwell and Donald Reed.

In Pringle-Morse CISD, voters will be choosing three three-year term school trustee positions and one one-year term position.

There are three candidates for the three-year term positions. They are Jon Jarvis, Nathan Sargent and Mark McCloy. The two one-year term candidates are Bob Womble and Ronnie King.

Voters may cast their votes at the school.

In order to vote in these elections, you must be a registered voter in the community or school district in which you are voting.

According to election officials, it would be ideal if voters brought their voter registration cards with them when they come to cast ballots, but it is not required.

Spearman PTA to screen new film

The Spearman PTA is presenting a new film, "Molder of Dreams" to school teachers, parents and students to recognize teachers and celebrate their contributions to young people during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-12).

The film will be shown Monday, May 7 at the Spearman High School Auditorium. During the evening, the PTA will recognize two teachers whom it has recently honored. Sandee Smith, third grade teacher, was nominated by the PTA for the prestigious 1990 National PTA Hearst Outstanding Educator

Award. Verlan Winegarner, fifth grade teacher, has been awarded a special lifetime membership in the PTA for his years of involvement in the organization.

According to Teacher Appreciation Week Committee Chairperson Judy Hutchison, the film "Molder of Dreams" is an inspiring work which stresses the role of adults in helping young people realize their hidden potential.

The story of Guy Doud, a former "class nerd" who grew up to find himself in the White House Oval Office receiving the National Teacher of the Year

Award, the film demonstrates how those who cared about Doud as a boy enabled him to rise above his "loser" stereotype at school. A Focus on the Family Films release, the movie also gives a true account of one of Doud's students.

"We in the PTA believe that alongside the home, teachers have the special privilege of molding the lives of our children," said Hutchison. She emphasized that the general public is cordially invited to attend the screening of this film Monday evening along with all teachers in Spearman.

Members attend PTA day

AUSTIN - Betty Womble and Johnny Jarvis of Pringle-Morse and Judy Hutchison, Lyn Woolley and Teresa Kirk of Spearman were among several hundred PTA members who attended the 14th annual PTA Day at the Capitol in Austin on March 21.

Womble is the District 8 PTA president, Hutchison is the newly elected Spearman PTA president and Woolley is the vice president.

PTAers heard about the state of education from Commissioner of Education Dr. William N. Kirby and Will Davis, member of the State Board of Education. The Hon. Carl Parker, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and Charles Miller, chairman of the Governor's Task Force on Educa-

tion, gave reports on plans to finance the state's educational system as required by the Supreme Court ruling on Edgewood v. Kirby.

Following lunch with legislators from their home districts, PTAers were free to visit the Capitol gallery to view the special legislative session on school financing in action.

The PTA Day program was arranged by State PTA Legislative Chairman Rexine Howell, Austin, who provided an update on legislation that concerned PTA issues. Texas PTA President Mary Short of Richardson, who heads the child advocacy organization which has 780,000 members in more than 2,500 local units, was on hand to greet the participants.



Taking part in the PTA day activities at the Capitol in Austin were [l-r] Teresa Kirk, Judy Hutchison, Betty Womble, Rep. Dick Waterfield and Lyn Woolley.

Jobless rate given

The Texas Employment Commission reports a 2.8 percent unemployment rate for Hansford County during the month of March.

According to TEC figures, Hansford County had a total civilian labor force of 3,784 persons in March. Of that number 3,878 persons were employed and 106 were jobless.

"With numbers this good, it ought to feel better than it does", Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers of the TEC said, referring to the new statewide unemployment rate that places the Texas jobless rate at the lowest level in over five years.

The March rate is placed at 5.7 percent. "Although we are still higher than the national average, we are down from last month's rate of 7.0 percent and that's a relief,"

Nabers said.

"One year ago the jobless rate was 6.8 percent and the last time Texas saw a rate this low was December of 1984. This leads us to believe that the economy is stronger but we are not confident that the average household is enjoying a higher standard of living," Nabers said.

Nabers went on to say that she also believes the hiring done by the federal government in connection with the Census enhanced the state's employment picture and pointed out that those are temporary jobs.

Growth in Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment (the count of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs) in the state slowed between February and

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The year of the dandelion . . .

Wily weeds defy gardeners' efforts

by Jean Ann Behney

The dandelions in my yard are starting to taunt me. No kidding! I swear a clump of them chorused "Nanny nanny boo-boo! You can't get us!" the last time I got out there to use weed-killer.

As I do daily battle with the sunny yellow-headed bumper crop of these little monsters, I find myself entertaining dark fantasies in which a crippling blight attacks only them and then a terrible plague of locusts drops miraculously from the skies of justice to finish each weed off in a great, happy chomping of jaws.

Since blights and plagues have not yet arrived to save the day from the Dreaded Dandelion, I have taken some primitive measures: poison and up-rooting.

Around these parts, the jugs of chemicals advertising dandelion death all contain the same thing - something called 2,4-D. This poison is so bad, its manufacturers give it this innocent abbreviation instead of revealing its real name

to consumers.

They do list on Dandelion-Be-Dead, and in no uncertain terms, moreover, (and in graphic detail!) exactly what little ol' 2,4-D can do to the humans using it were it to be accidentally inhaled or sprayed on one's skin.

Therefore, the first time I used this poison, I suited up as would a fireman about to enter the arena of a three-alarm blaze. Only my eyes showed, as these were squinting poisonously as I lumbered out into Dandelion Land with my trusty spray bottle of smelly 2,4-D. Did the dandelions only seem to cower before my misty sweep of poison? It was hard to be sure. I just kept pacing back and forth across the lawn administering the stuff.

About this time, my kindergarten hippy-hopped into the yard, home from school and gaily calling out, "Mommy, is that you? Why are you wearing that funny outfit?"

You look like the Tin Man on Wizard of Oz!"

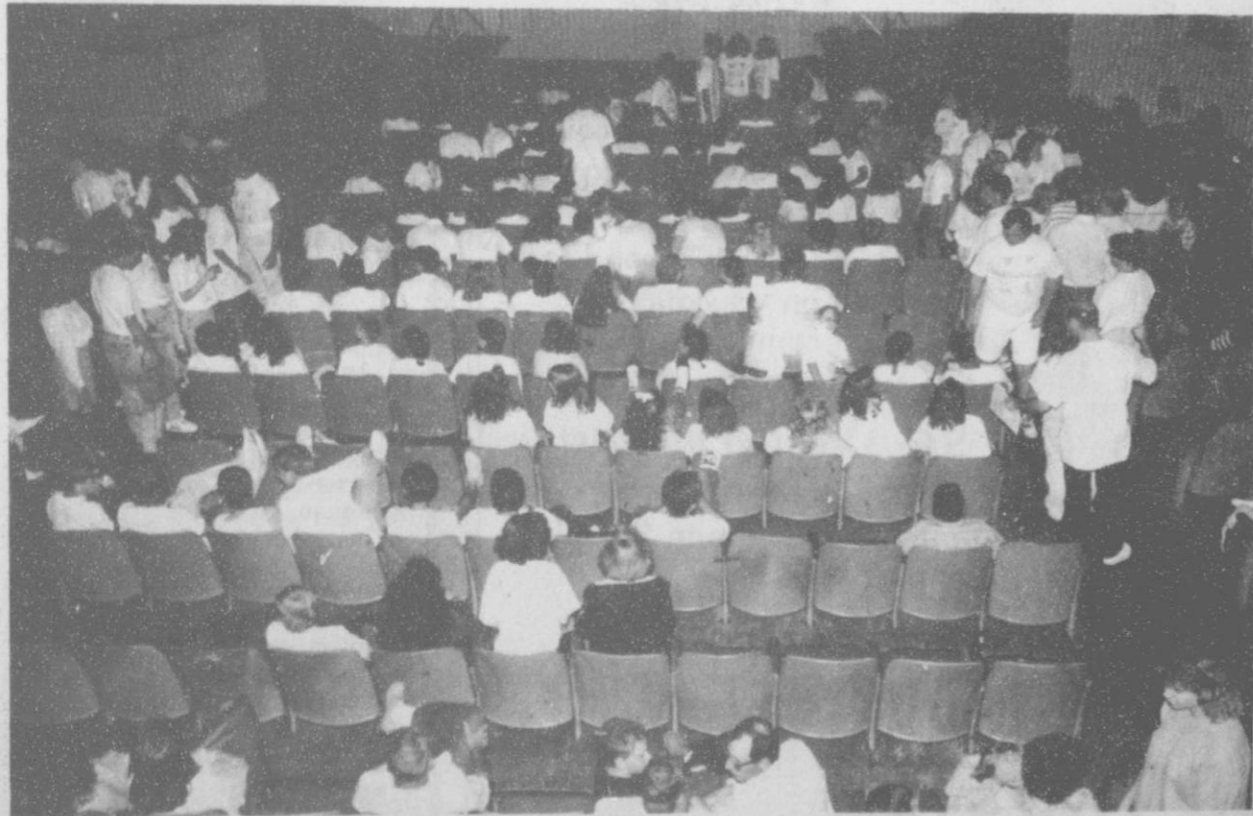
"Off that grass!" I shrieked in response. "This is POISON I'm spraying!"

She leaped off the grass, examining the ground closely. Suspicion dawned in her eyes and she said darkly, "Wait a minute. There isn't any grass in this yard." Pause. "Mommy, are you KILLING ALL THESE PRETTY YELLOW FLOWERS??"

The ensuing discussion rapidly regressed to a stalemate as I turned off the water fueling my poison bottle and tried to explain dandelions' dastardly yard take-overs. She responded with "GOD made dandelions, Mother!" and at these words, all the relieved "flowers" at our feet raised their perky yellow-or-gray heads, whispering, a la Munchkins, "We're saved! The wicked witch is dead!"

Not dead, perhaps, but certainly withering on the vine in the face

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The Lyric Theater was nearly full for the group "Gabriel" was the featured entertainment. thirtysomething II wrap-up celebration. The singing

Flame Fellowship celebrates one year

The Top-of-Texas Flame Fellowship Chapter is celebrating its first anniversary in May.

Chapter President Alice Miller has been personally acquainted with the founder of Flame Fellowship International, Marcia Kendall, for many years and says that when she was approached a year ago about starting a Flame chapter in this area, she was very eager.

Miller says she felt then, and still feels, that there is a need in the panhandle areas of Texas and Oklahoma for a place "where women of all denominations could meet and share their faith."

Spearheaded by a group of women with a desire to unite the churches in this area, the local chapter is steadily growing. Miller points out, "The main focus of this chapter is not to take the place of the existing churches, but to expand on what the churches are teaching. We teach and preach Jesus."

"We teach no specific doctrine except that of the Bible," she continues. "Therefore, we hope the organization will be appealing to all denominations without the restrictions of the church doctrine set by each

denomination." The group's primary goal, according to Miller, is "to tell everyone we can about Jesus and His love for them." Group members' aim is "to minister to the family as a whole," and one way to accomplish their goal is to help fulfill some of the physical needs of area families while reaching out spiritually. The chapter provides grocery items to families in various situations of need. And since the chapter is not identified with any church organization other than Flame, the recipient families "don't feel pressured to attend any particular church as a 'thank-you,'" explains Miller.

She says, "We wish to reach the people that most aspects of a church organization don't touch - such as the poor, the lost and the hurting."

Flame Fellowship is an organization of Christian women from nearly every denomination who meet in local chapters across America. Flame began as a prayer group in Marcia Kendall's Dallas home in 1975, and has grown to an international organization with thousands of members. Members are still encouraged to evangelize their homes and communities.

Panhandle Events

CHILD CARE TRAINING

The Department of Human Services Child Care Licensing staff will train Registered Family Home providers on the new Minimum Standards that are effective July 1, 1990.

Training sessions are scheduled for May 12 at the Moore County Annex, 314 E. 1st, Dumas, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and for June 9 at the Texas A&M Research Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Four hours of training will be given to each caregiver who completes the session. This training will count toward the required 20 hours of annual training.

People who are caring for children or planning to open a child care facility may need to register. The Child Care Licensing Law (Human Resources Code, Chapter 42) requires anyone who keeps four or more children in their home, not counting their own, to be registered. Minimum standards to protect the health, safety, and well-being of children must be followed.

If you have any questions about the law and other requirements, call the Department of Human Services, Child Care Licensing Office at 806/376-7214.

RODEO - DALHART

The Hartley County 4-H Parent/Leaders Association is sponsoring a Youth Rodeo to be held on May 18 & 19 at the XIT Arena in Dalhart.

The Friday night performance will start at 7:00 p.m. while the Saturday night performance will start at 6:00 p.m.

Age groups at these two performances include: (9-11), (12-14) and (15-18).

In addition to the two night performances, the Pee Wee Rodeo will be held on Saturday May 19 at 11:00 a.m. for age groups (7-8) and (6-under).

Also a Youth Jack Pot Team Roping, and Adult-Youth Jack Pot Team Roping will be held Friday, May 18, after the regular rodeo performance and Saturday May 19 at 3:00 p.m. Team Roping entry is made on arrival, but entry deadline for the regular rodeo is Friday May 11.

For more information or for entry blanks contact the Hartley County Extension Office at 235-3122.

LA LECHE LEAGUE PAMPA

The Pampa group of La Leche League will hold its first meeting of a new series on Thursday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m., at 629 Sloan, Pampa. Following meetings are June 14, July 12 and August 9.

The group will meet the second Thursday of each month. During a series of four meetings, the group informally discusses different phases of breastfeeding. Topic for the first meeting is "Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Child."

All women who are interested in nursing their babies are in-

ited to attend.

For further information about the Pampa La Leche League Group, call 659-2962 in Spearman.



Air mail stamps were already in use in 1918.

Hansford Happenings

Gruver I.S.D. has scheduled a meeting for parents of participating students in the Chapter I Reading Program for May 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary Reading Lab. The meeting will include a discussion of Chapter II Block Grant funds on the design, planning and implementation of these programs. Kelly Shapley, Chapter I reading teacher, will be on hand to discuss program goals, strategies and individual student achievement with parents. Bob Burgoon, elementary principal, will review the Chapter II programs with reference to the allocation of funds. All parents are urged to attend this meeting to offer input into the operation of these programs.

There will be a pistol silhouette shoot Sunday, May 6 at the Hansford Gun Club range.

Hansford Showtime Car Club will host its "Spring Fling II Shine and Show" Saturday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Gillaspie Auto and Truck Center parking lot in Spearman. The show is open to all vehicles. No trophies will be awarded, but dash plaques and "goodie bags" will be presented to the first 99 entries. Proceeds from the show will be donated to the Lions Club for use in its leader dog for the blind program. More information can be obtained by contacting Sam Abston at 659-3019, Joe Close at 659-3097, Joey Woolley at 659-3550 or Terry Schneider at 659-3691.

The week of May 6-12 has been proclaimed "Pet Week" in Spearman by Spearman Mayor Bob Pearson. In conjunction with Pet Week, Hansford County Veterinary Hospital and the City of Spearman Animal Control Department will conduct a week-long rabies/vaccinations clinic, to be held at the veterinary hospital. The veterinary hospital is located at 405 S. County Road #1. The clinic is scheduled for May 7-11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on May 12 from 8 a.m. to noon. Vaccinations and tests for dogs and cats will be available at discounted fees. City tags for dogs and cats will also be available.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Spearman is a great place to live! Some of the reasons are: the newspaper, the radio station, our churches, our police department, our sheriff's department, First State Bank, and last, but not least, the people.

The Board members of the Panhandle Crisis Center thank you for your support during April, Domestic Violence Month.

We're swimming through a river of change - we've spent the last decade standing on the

river bank, rescuing women who are drowning. In the next decade, some of us will have to go to the head of the river to keep women from falling in the river.

Thank You,
Eddie Largent



A biathlon from Gruver to Spearman will highlight the 1990 Hansford Round-Up Saturday, June 9. The biathlon is composed of a 10 mile bike ride followed by a three mile run. Individual awards will be presented to the top three men and women in each age group. Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers overall for men and women. T-shirts will be given to all entrants. Age categories are 13-under, 14-16, 17-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 and 60-over. Entry fee is \$10 if paid by May 25 or \$12 if paid after May 25. Early registration is encouraged. Pre-registered entrants may pick up packets at 7:00 a.m. on race day. Late registration will be at 7:30 a.m. that day. More information can be obtained from Joe or Wanda Archer, 403 S. Barkley, Spearman, TX 79081, (806) 659-3519.

First Baptist Church of Gruver will host a series of revival meetings Sunday, May 6 through Friday, May 11. Travis LaDuke, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dalhart, will be featured speaker at each of the meetings. Sunday evening services are at the regular worship hour, 7:00 p.m.; and services Monday through Friday will be at noon and at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

A training to enable Hansford County farmers and ranchers to obtain a private applicators license is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8. Training will begin at 9 a.m. and should conclude by 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Extension Homemakers Clubroom at 309 N. Bernice in Spearman. New regulations taking effect January 1, 1990 concerning the buying and application of hazardous or restricted use pesticides will affect many farmers and ranchers in the county. Anyone having a need for this license should contact the Hansford County Extension Office at 659-2136 or 733-2901.

Palo Duro Players are sponsoring "Read My Lips," a lip-sync contest for area students of all ages. The contest will be staged at Gruver High School auditorium on Thursday, May 10 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and proceeds will benefit the non-profit Palo Duro Players. Students who wish to enter can pick up entry forms at their schools. There are three age categories for entrants, and a \$50 prize will be awarded for the best act in each category. Three judges will be present, all from Clarendon College. Contest winners will also perform at Hansford County's Round-Up on June 9. Both solo and group acts are invited to enter the contest. All entries must be received by Tuesday, May 1. Entrants will have a dress rehearsal Tuesday, May 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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MAY CALENDER OF EVENTS

To put dates on this calendar, please call the Spearman Reporter Phone 659-3434.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 *Law Day	2	3 *Pringle-Morse Pee Wee Track Meet *National Day of Prayer	4 *Spearman Track State Qualifiers *Flame Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	5 *Cinco de Mayo
6 *Attend the Church of your choice	7 *Spearman Rotary	8 *Spearman Lions Club	9 *Gruver Lions Club	10 *SVFD 7 p.m.	11 *Spearman Track State Meet	12 *Spearman Music Festival
13 *Mother's Day *Attend the Church of your choice	14 *Spearman Rotary	15 *Spearman Lions Club	16 *Gruver Lions Club	17 *SVFD 7 p.m.	18	19 *Armed Forces Day *Hansford Golf Club Men's Ind. Tourn.
20 *Attend the Church of your choice	21 *Spearman Rotary	22 *Spearman Lions Club	23 *Gruver Lions Club	24 *SVFD 7 p.m.	25 *Pringle-Morse last day of school	26
27 *Attend the Church of your choice	28 *Memorial Day *Hansford Golf Club Memorial Day Scramble	29 *Spearman Lions Club	30	31		
	*Spearman Rotary	*Spearman Lions Club				

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Gruver

Social Scene ...

On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

Now that we have that annual spring-time ritual known as the IRS filing deadline behind us and most of us planning on relaxing for another year, I thought maybe it would be appropriate to have a little chuckle at the expense of the IRS.

I had heard that the agency was so overworked and understaffed that it might be years before they catch up with those who don't pay or make a mistake on their forms.

You see, the income tax is like a girdle. If you put the wrong figure into it, you're apt to get pinched. And that is just what old "Joe Blow" is feeling after being notified that his income tax return is being audited by the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS Auditor said, "Let's begin with where you claim depreciation for your wife."

Anyhow, I thought you might enjoy this little tidbit, whose author is unknown.

Death And Taxes

Tax his cow, tax his goat,
 tax his pants, tax his coat.
 Tax his crops, tax his work,
 tax his tie, tax his shirt.
 Tax his chew, tax his smoke;
 teach him taxes are no joke.
 Tax his tractor, tax his mule,
 teach him taxes are a rule.
 Tax his oil, tax his gas,
 tax his notes, tax his cash.
 Tax him good and let him

know— after taxes he has no dough. If he hollers, tax him more; tax him 'til he's good and sore. Tax his coffin, tax his grave, tax the sod in which he lays. Put these words upon his tomb: "Taxes drove me to my doom." And after he's gone he can't relax; they'll still be after Inheritance Tax!

Well, I'm sure that a lot of us have had instances where we come out at the bottom of the pile after doing battle with the IRS. Quoting my letter from the IRS after being advised to send payment to them even though they made the mistake, "Thank you for the prompt payment. No further correspondence is necessary." Period! Some day, they will get their justice and I hope I'm around to help serve.

I was told that the Amarillo paper had an interesting article about how much we are taxed etc. within the past two weeks. If anyone still has the paper or article, I would appreciate a photocopy or the original or whatever.

Several of our travelers have returned from some exciting R & R but after visiting with several, it seems to be "Go, Go, Go" instead of Rest & Relaxation. I think they get more R & R at home.

Club News

Xi Psi Kappa

Xi Psi Kappa met in conjunction with Alpha Mu Psi on April 17 at the Perryton Country Club to celebrate the 58th anniversary of Founder's Day for Beta Sigma Phi.

Cynthia Henson, 1989-90 president, presided over the installation of the 1990-91 officers. These officers include Marian Tomlinson, president; Fran Duncan, first vice president; Kelly Hart, second vice president; Teresa Barkley, recording secretary; Ginny Grotegut, corresponding secretary; and Jody Irwin, treasurer.

Jody Irwin read the history for 1989-90 and presented the scrapbook to Cynthia Henson. Mary Jo Cluck, 1988-89 president, presented Henson with the President's Tray.

Fran Duncan received the "Program of the Year" award. Mary Jo Cluck was recognized as "Girl of the Year."

Marian Tomlinson conducted the drawing for 1990-91 "secret sisters."

Those attending Founder's Day from Xi Psi Kappa included Cynthia Henson, Linda Venneman, Ginny Grotegut, Marian Tomlinson, Fran Duncan, Kelly Armes, Tracy Bevell, Kelly Hart, Teresa Barkley, Gail Etheredge, Amy TeBeest, Jody Irwin and Mary Jo Cluck.

Gruver Music Club

The Gruver Music Club will hold its annual Style Show on Tuesday May 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the Methodist Fellowship Hall in Gruver. The Music Club luncheon will be at noon for members and guests. Each one is to bring a salad.

This is the final meeting for the summer season in celebra-

tion of National Music Week, May 6 to May 13.

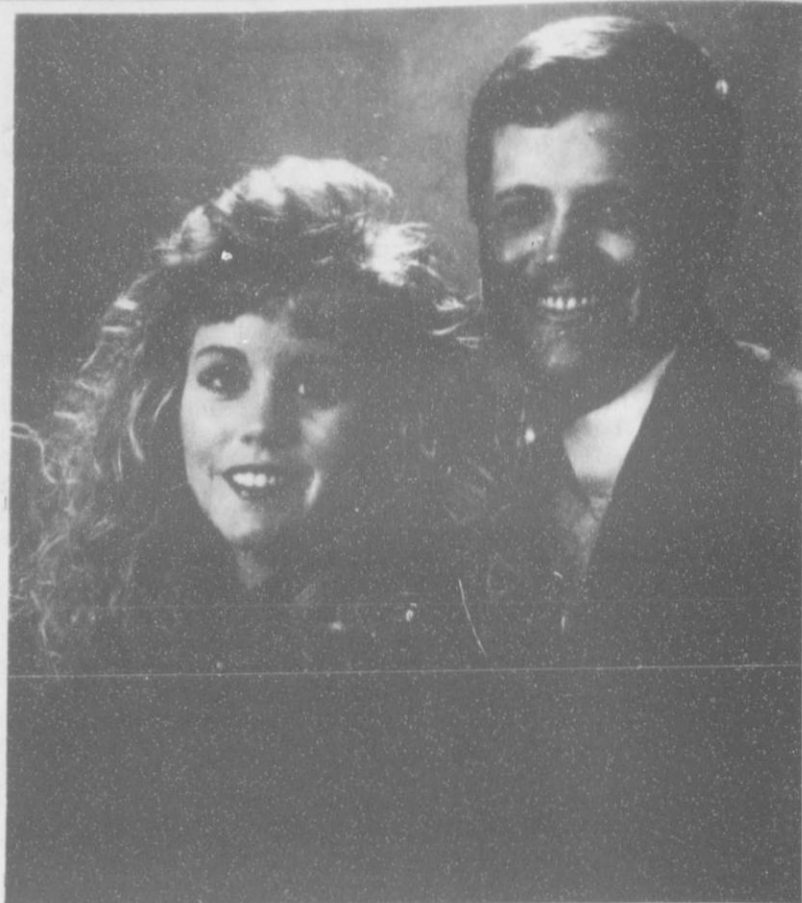
The club is sponsoring a poster contest for 6th graders to promote music in the home, school, and for life in abundance with musical participation. Winners will be announced and posters will be displayed. First, second and third place winners will be awarded cash prizes.

Alpha Mu Psi met in conjunction with Xi Psi Kappa on April 17 at the Perryton Country Club to celebrate Founders Day.

Pam Harris, historian for Alpha Mu Psi, presented an amusing and accurate account of the year's events. She then presented former Alpha Mu Psi president, Angela Grotegut, with the yearbook.

The program also included the presentation of "Girl of the Year" and "Program of the Year" awards. "Girl of the Year" was Pam Harris, and "Program of the Year" went to Toni Atwood whose program was on personalities.

New president Tonni Yanke conducted the drawing for the coming year's "Secret Sisters."



Jerry Stubblefield of Houston and Huberta Stubblefield of Perryton announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia, to Trevor Williams, son of Jerry and Rita Williams of Gruver. The couple plans to wed June 9 at the First United Methodist Church of Perryton. The bride-elect received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from West Texas State University. She is a member of ZTA sorority. The prospective groom is an agricultural education major at Texas Tech University. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Ladies look ahead to state meet

by Bob Bort

"Oh gosh - I'm so excited about going to Austin. Ever since I started running the quarter, I've always wanted to go." Those are the feelings of freshman Cora Meyer regarding the Lady Hounds' May 11-12 trip to the State meet.

"Ever since I was a little girl, one of my biggest dreams was to go to state in track," adds freshman Holly Venneman. "I'm living out a dream."

"I'm really excited about going to Austin, but nervous!" freshman Kasey Davis admits pragmatically.

Junior Brandy Shelton is also excited, but she will benefit from experience. Last year she placed sixth in the 400 meters at Austin.

Shelton comments, "Coach Flowers told us my chances in the 800 meter run were for fourth at Austin - that's where I'm sitting now. He said I could probably win the quarter, or get second. In the mile relay, our chances look to be for getting third."

Shelton has added incentive for doing well at Austin. "I am trying for a four-year scholarship in track, and I hope to do as well as possible this year and next year, as a senior, to qualify for that scholarship," she explains.

Gruver has qualified, with Shelton in the 400 meter run and the 800 meter run and with Meyer-Venneman-Davis-Shelton in the mile relay. The Lady Hounds came within three points of winning the regional meet at Levelland. If the mile relay had run anywhere near the 1990 record 4:12, which they ran in the

prelims, they would have won the meet. The team ran 4:19 in the finals, to finish second in that event.

"I expected us to do well at regionals, and going to state has always been my goal," states Venneman. Shelton concurs, "I wasn't surprised by our second place finish at Levelland - I expected us to do well."

"I had a good year in athletics," says Meyer. "Sometimes it is really hard to squeeze in homework, so athletics doesn't necessarily help in academics. Especially during cross country season, doing homework was hard. But cross country helped a lot in basketball and track seasons."

Shelton adds, "I think athletics is totally separate from academ-

ics, and just because you participate or do well in athletics does not help you to do well academically.

Davis also sees the benefits of cross country track. "I think the cross country program this past fall really helped me by building up my endurance."

Venneman has the concluding comment about this year's GHS Lady Hounds track team. "This girls' track team has gotten to be so close - we've gone through the bad times, and always pulled through. Coach Flowers always has something positive to say."

Traveling to Austin with tracksters Shelton, Venneman, Meyer and Davis will be alternates Elda Pando and Shelley Stedje.

Bikers raise \$3,360

by Bob Bort

1990 "Wheels for Life" bike-athon coordinator Dave Karlin reports the April 20 event in Gruver was a tremendous success, raising \$3,360 in needed funds for children's cancer research. It was Karlin's first year to head the event here in Gruver, and he couldn't be happier about the results.

"I would like to thank my key workers - especially Dixie Karlin. I couldn't have done it without her. She handled all the bookwork," said Karlin.

Karlin also thanked his eight young helpers, Jered Bass, Paul Renteria, Mika McLain, Dawn McCullough, Gina Hoel, Sara Jones, Wynn Maupin and Andee Salmans, for their efforts.

The ride this year honored Ellen Marie, a solid tumor patient at St. Jude's Hospital. Riders were "spokesmen" for all kids with cancer. The ride was a vital part of the fight against childhood cancer at St. Jude's.

Karlin said those who donated money are to be congratulated, along with the bikers. Eighty bike riders received certificates for their participation in "Wheels for Life." Sixty-five received t-shirts for collecting over \$25 apiece. In addition, 15 participants received free tote bags for collecting more than \$75 individually and three bikers were recognized for collecting over \$150 each. They were Jona Boney, Rob Murrell and Scott Stedje.

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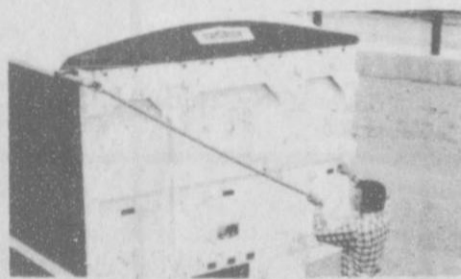
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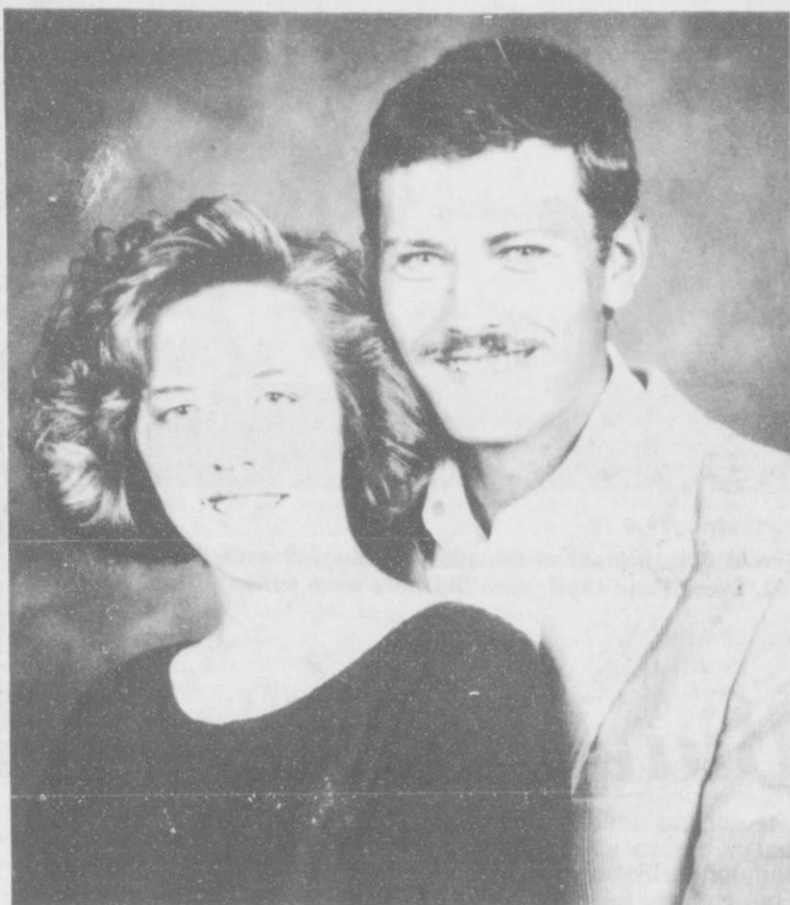
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Spearman Social Scene . . .



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hand of Spearman announce the engagement of their son, Rickey White, to Sandy Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chesely Phillips of Valley Mills, Texas. The couple plans to be wed July 21 at First Baptist Church of Spearman.



Kellie McWhirter, a 1987 graduate of Spearman High School, has been chosen for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma national honor society in business and management. Currently a junior at Baylor University in Waco, she maintains a 3.89 GPA. To be eligible for membership in Beta Gamma Sigma, a student must rank in the upper five percent of the junior class or the upper 10 percent of the senior class. McWhirter is the reigning Miss Wheatheart and will be a contestant in the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant to be held July 14 in Fort Worth. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, Gamma Beta Phi honor society and Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity. She was also elected Alpha Tau Omega sweetheart for the 1990-91 year. She is the daughter of Steve and Sheri Benton of Spearman and Lloyd McWhirter of Denver, Colo.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Last week, Irving and Betty Davis attended the annual reunion of the 99th Bomb Group, held at Huntsville, Alabama. Three years ago they enjoyed being at the reunion in Dallas, and an earlier one at McAllen.

This unit was stationed at Foggia, Italy, and flew and maintained B-17 bombers. Irvin was a tailgunner and out of the crew of ten who served with him, four were at the reunion. There were 360 members and wives at this reunion.

When the Davises arrived at Huntsville, Irvin thought they surely had stumbled into a gathering of senior citizens, but soon realized that all but he had reached the "metallic" age—silver in their hair, gold in their teeth and lead in-ersomeplace. Some may have lost their punch, but gained a paunch!

The three-day festivities included reminiscences, food, and fellowship. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed a tour of the historic old homes, some pre-civil war. The assembly was climaxed by a tour of the Space and Rocket Center, part of NASA.

On the return trip, which took them through Tennessee and Mississippi, the Davises visited some of Betty's relatives at Marlow and Minco, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Copeland are at home after two weeks in Colorado near Denver. They were guests of their daughter Joe Lynn and Bob Leland of Broomfield.

Spearman's population will increase by two for the summer months with the arrival of Lee and Melvin Nicholas. She is a sister of Mary Schumann and they will spend the summer here. They are retired and live near Conway, Arkansas, near their daughter.

Most Spearman football fans haven't followed the New York Giants much, but will be interested now that Ed Cunningham has signed with them for the next season. Ed is the son of School Superintendent

Ed and Gladys Cunningham of Fritch and the nephew of Billie Haden.

Dora Lee Jarvis, daughter Joanna and mother, Mrs. Reed of Stinnett returned Friday from an extended visit in Louisiana. They took Mrs. Reed back for a visit with her two sisters and a brother. They were in eastern Louisiana at Rayville, then to Caushatta in Southern Louisiana.

Guests of Freda and Bruce Sheets for a couple days last week were old friends, Harry and Irma Douglass. They had wintered at Fulton, Tx. on the coast and were enroute to their summer home at McCook, Neb. During their visit, friends took them to the Palo Duro dam site, which impressed them greatly

Club News

Rainbows and Rangers
Nine squares danced to the calls of Gary Schick of Borger Saturday night in the County barn.

Visitors from Perryton were Leroy and Dixie Hargues, June Kindy, Landrum Osborne, Ed and Lois Merydith, Glenda Bryant, Ginnie Pilcher, Carol Highfield, Don and Darless Bishop, Marvin and RaDonna Hessel, Ray and Brenda Griffin, Leroy and Bonnie Reeves, Norma and James Burris and Raymond and Susan Hessel.

From Booker were Jack Clarke, Clyde and Jody Bechthold and George Born.

Those from Borger were A.G. and Charlene Sherwood, Gib Gibbons and Charlie and Lois Williams.

From Liberal was Tommy Maupin; from Fritch were C.A. and Wilda Brown; from Goodwell, Okla. were Lester

and Peggy Miller; and from Guymon were Kay Whaley, Gaylene and Anita Miller, Sylvia Butts and Ross Bryan.

Members present were Sonny and Marlane Nollner, Johnny and Virginia White, Delbert and Louise Timmons, Danny and Debbie Herrington, Alvin Byers, Donald Newman, Rusty and Judy Tindell, Worley Smith, Carol Short, Gwen Shuler, Charles Bartz, Joe and Wanda Archer and Cecil and Myrna Biggers.

Future new members were LeRoy and Paula Hall, DuWayne and Martha Thurman, Mary Schumann, Jimmy and Donetta Greene, Samme Goehring, Mike Hulett, Bonnie Ball, Jim and Kathy Morley, Becky Lusby and Ronnie and Vicky Bullard.

The group's next dance will be a "Plus Dance" with Murry Beasley calling, on May 10.

Hometown News

Karl Schneider of Spearman has been elected as a junior class officer at McMurry College at Abilene. The McMurry Student Government election for the 1990-91 school year was held April 2.

The most inclusive of the McMurry student organizations is the Student Association. Composed of full-time students of the college, this organization exists primarily to promote the democratic expression and exercise of student opinion, and to represent, serve and assist students in matters relating to student social life, activities and elections.

The leadership of the Student Association is the McMurry Student government which is divided into executive, judicial and legislative branches, the last of which is composed of the Senate. All officers of the Student Association are elected by the student body or appointed by the Executive Council

Lip sync contest set

Palo Duro Players President Linda Butt has announced a "lip sync" contest for students of all ages. The competition will be Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gruver High School Auditorium.

Titled "Read My Lips," the lip sync contest will feature students in three age categories dancing and miming the words in popular songs. The best act in each category will win a \$50 prize, according to Butt.

"The Palo Duro Players are putting this contest on as a fund-raiser for future projects," commented Butt. She said the original contest entry deadline of May 1 has been extended to Friday, May 4 and that the time limit of two minutes per act has also been

extended to five minutes to allow for more students to enter. All entrants must come to a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 at Gruver High School Auditorium. Butt said, "Everyone is reminded to bring their act's music on cassette tape to dress rehearsal."

Entry forms for "Read My Lips" are available at all school campuses in Morse, Gruver and Spearman as well as Perryton and Stinnett. There is a \$15 entry fee for group acts and a \$10 entry fee for solo acts.

Butt said three judges from Clarendon College will be present the night of the competition to award the prizes. Gary Ellsworth of Spearman will emcee the event.



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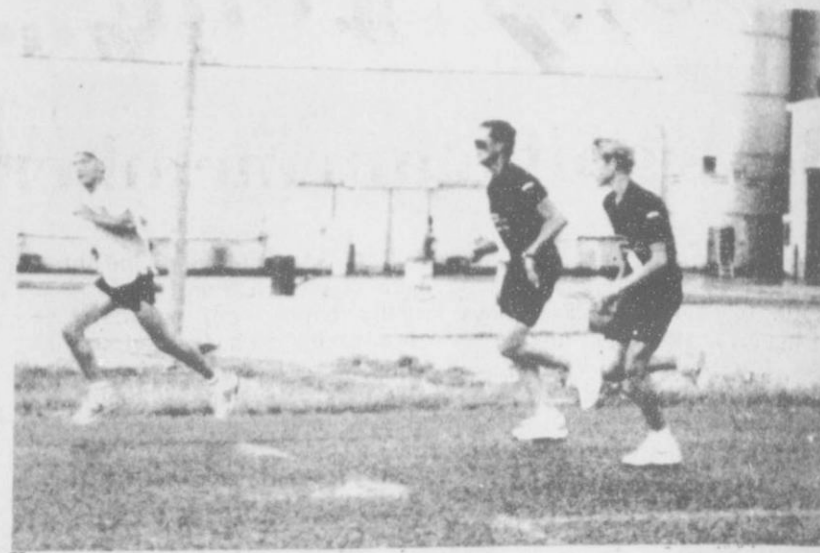
Spearman Sports Scene...



Joy Gafford [left] and Jill Lusby begin their workout on Tuesday in preparation for the state track meet. They overcame windy weather as well as the other competitors at the regional meet to earn the trip to Austin. Gafford will be running the 300 m hurdles. Lusby will be competing in the 800 m run.



According to Coach Kurt Ashmore, Cam Butts [left] and Tamri Townsen played one of their best matches to win the regional tennis tournament in Abilene. They leave for the state tournament next week.



Jerold Blan, winner of the 1989 biathlon, crosses the finish line at 51:52. Second and third place finishers were entrants from Amarillo.

Biathlon slated

The second annual Hansford County Celebration Biathlon is scheduled for Saturday, June 9. The course for this year's race will be the same as that covered in the 1989 race, which begins at the east edge of Gruver and ends in front of the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman.

This year's race is sponsored by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce and Enron. Entry forms are available at the chamber office, and the deadlines for entries is May 26. The forms should be submitted to race directors Joe and Wanda Archer in Spearman.

The first annual Hansford County Celebration Biathlon was held in June 1989. The winner was Spearman's own Jerold Blan, who covered the 10-mile bicycle ride and three-mile run in 51 minutes, 52 seconds. Last year's entries included biathletes from Spearman, Gruver, Amarillo, Boys

Ranch and from Liberal, Kan. Other winners from the 1989 race included, in the 13-under age group, 1) Adam Queener, Spearman; and 2) Jeremy Sutterfield, Spearman. In the 17-19 age group, Spearman entrants took the top three places. They were 1) Jerold Blan, 2) Chance Jackson and 3) Tracy Thompson. The top two finishers in the 20-24 age group last year were 1) Luis Nava, Spearman; and 2) Ricky Lopez, Spearman.

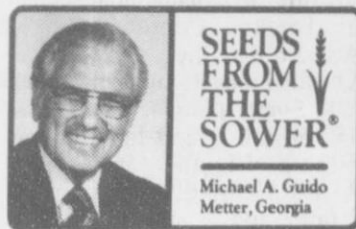
In the 30-34 age group, top finishers from the Hansford County were 2) Todd Parker, Gruver; and 3) Philip Archer, Spearman. Robert Queener, Spearman was the third-place finisher in the 40-45 age group, and Dave Karlin, Gruver finished second in the 46-49 age category.

Winning the 50-54 age group was Isabel Martinez, Spearman; and the winner in the 55-60 age division was Joe Archer, Spearman.



The girls' golf team is getting ready for the state tournament. They were led to a second-place finish at the regional tournament by Nancy Ivey. They are

pictured here practicing their sand shots. Team members are [l-r] Monica Blackman, Ivey, Sunshine Smith, Cindy Melton and Marci Womble.



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Gruver Sports Scene

Boys golf team members surprised

by Bob Bort

Gruver High School has fielded a state tournament calibre boys golf team for 1990, and talking to these five talented individuals leaves no doubt as to why they are champions. But it wasn't supposed to be this way. Were they surprised?

"Yes, I was surprised that we did so well at Levelland," states senior Kyle Irwin. He continued, "I was just happy to make it there, but I thought that was the best we could do. If we go down to Austin thinking we can win, and we do now, then we can win."

Stefan Dorman, senior, relayed a humorous story. "I wasn't really surprised at my score, but I was surprised by our making it. We all came in and turned in our cards after the second day - sat down, drank a coke, all discouraged. Coach Banks and Randy Brown said, 'Come in, we think you got third place - a medal.'" When we found out we got second place, we were really surprised!"

Kevin Babbs, a junior, was not just surprised - he was "shocked." "If we play well at Austin, we should do alright," says Babbs.

Chad Brown, the youngest member of the team as a sophomore, says, "I thought we had a chance after the first day, as we were only a few strokes down. We came out and seemed to relax the second day, and played really well, which is what we needed."

Justin Armes, one of the three seniors on the team, says "I'm really happy, but surprised, I didn't think we had a shot at it. I think we will probably be in the middle of the teams at Austin."

How this team does at Austin seems to be the biggest area of immediate concern, now that regionals is behind them. "I don't know much about our chances," says Dorman. "Unofficially, I've heard there is a team out of region II that beat our two-day score by 20 strokes. So the competition will be tough."

"I don't know what our chances are at Austin," adds Brown. "I know Claude will be there, and they're pretty good, but I think we can beat them."

There can be no doubt that the work habits of the members of this team have contributed largely to its success this season. "We practice every day," says Irwin. "Either we play nine holes, or hit two buckets of shag balls."

"On weekends, I try going over as much as possible," says Babbs.

"After we get home from our daily practices at school, 7th hour, my dad tries helping me." Babbs and Brown are involved with off-season football practice, but still get their golf swings in. Either they play nine after school, or hit on the range.

For most of these quality individuals, golf has been part of their lives for several years. Armes has been golfing for 4 years, but

confines his play to "mostly during the season."

"My brother took me golfing the first few times," says Dorman. "I've probably been golfing since the 5th or 6th grade."

"I've been golfing seriously since the 5th grade," adds Irwin.

"I try to play as much as possible - after school with the team, and once or twice each weekend, and I've been doing this seriously for about 3 years, but I've played for maybe 4 or 5 years," notes Brown. Babbs started golfing as a freshman.

How do these high schoolers look at golf being treated as a "minor" sport?

"No, I don't think golf receives too little attention," states Irwin. "Golf is not a spectator sport like basketball and football - the people in Gruver care about golf, but they can't come out like it was a spectator sport to support us, like they can for football and basketball."

Armes adds, "Golf is not nearly as exciting for the people watching." But Babbs says, "Yes, golf really does receive too little attention. Some people don't even know there is a golf team. They just think of football and basketball. But I understand it is not a spectator sport, and it's not as exciting for people watching."

"I don't think golf receives too little attention," says Dorman. "I'm a really big football fan myself, and you can't expect golf to draw as much attention, because it's not a spectator sport. Plus the schedules are drawn up for basketball and football to attract fans. Just parents and a few chosen friends turn out to see us play 18 holes of golf."

Brown agrees with the majority. "Golf is not a spectator sport, and I think that's why it gets less attention. It's not nearly as exciting for the people watching, as, say, football or basketball." Dorman has the concluding comment. "The 3 seniors, Justin, Kyle and myself were talking, and we're really happy. After 4 years of football and basketball, we finally qualified for state in a sport!"

Last week in my haste to get the Gruver boys golf story in the paper, I made an error. I reported in the story that the last Gruver team to make it to Austin was the 1985 boys track team, which finished second. It was not. I conveniently left out the 1986 state championship track team. How I forgot that, I'll never know.

Coach Mike Banks' Gruver boys golf team of Kyle Irwin, Stefan Dorman, Justin Armes, Chad Brown and Kevin Babbs will not be the only team from Hansford County in the "minor" sports to compete at Austin. The Spearman girls golf team and girls doubles team in tennis will also be there. So, congratulations to them, too! Now comes the wait to find out who qualifies for Austin in the track events...

In the "team" sport of tennis doubles competition, Steve and Scott Duncan placed second in Austin in 1985, so I really did not have time to research that Gruver golf article from last week properly. Suffice it to say, though, that it is still a great accomplishment for the boys golf team.

The first word out of Levelland this afternoon, Saturday, is encouraging, as the rumor is that the Gruver girls have finished second at regionals. I feel guilty this year about not going down there to watch them first hand, but I just couldn't make it this time.

I tried to take pictures of the two track teams, and of Jennifer Terry, our regional tennis competitor, this past week, and they were supposed to make it into last week's newspaper. But the pictures didn't print, and we don't really know why, as all the pictures I took of the bike-a-thon turned out well. So, I feel guilty about not having pictures of our track teams yet.

This week's issue of the Reporter-Statesman should have a myriad of sports stories included, but I wish to get away from sports for a moment. One of my favorite programs on TV, as I've mentioned before, is "This Week In Japan" on CNN. Now the program has undergone a facelift, beginning this week. It is now titled "East Meets West," and deals with stories from all over Asia, not just Japan. My

feeling is that "Japan-bashing" has reached high levels in the U.S., and there was a great deal of resentment toward CNN for presenting a mostly favorable program on our greatest economic competitors, with a large number of Japanese advertisers supporting the program. This week's show, with stories from South Korea, China, Philippines, Sri Lanka, in addition to Japan is an attempt not to pay so much special attention to Japan alone. I have yet to determine whether or not it is an improvement.

Also on CNN, the program "The Capital Gang" dealt with the travesty of the Texas gubernatorial race, so I am not the only one who has done some bashing of candidates Williams and Richards...

The good news is that the Gruver Lady Hounds came within one second of being Region I Track Champions for 1990. If the 1600 relay had not finished second by one second to Petersburg, they would have emerged as champions as a team. But the bad news is that, despite their second place finish, the Lady Hounds only qualified four ladies for the state meet in Austin on May 11-12. Brandy Shelton finished second in the 400 meter run and in the 800 meter run, qualifying for state in both events. And the 1600 meter relay team of Cora Meyer, Holly Venneman, Kasey Davis and Shelton ran their best time of the year (4:19.29) to finish second and qualify for Austin. But the Gruver Greyhounds boys team did not qualify anyone, so only four tracksters will be heading for Austin. But it was an excellent year for both Hounds and Ladies.

In tennis, Jennifer Terry was beaten at Levelland in the first round, but it was also a great year for her, in qualifying for regionals. Congratulations to all our regional qualifiers.

Baseball season is really upon us, and it looks as though there will be more of it for Gruver fans this season. The word is that the GHS



People believe if a spider crawls towards you, you will have a quarrel.

1990 seniors have issued a challenge to take on any team that is willing. In addition, my son Lee, age 16, has been working out with a local team of men who will be playing this summer for the first time. The Gruver Little League also held its first organizational meeting this past week, and the little league season should be getting under way towards the end of May. It is encouraging that some of the older youth are involved now.

The Hubbell space telescope is the greatest advancement in the field of science and technology in many years. The goals of the research which will take place with the Hubbell are limitless. Some of the discoveries will be so new, they are beyond our ability to imagine them yet...

There is a report today that another U.S. hostage in Lebanon will be freed in the next few days. (I am writing this on Sunday). His name is Frank Herbert Reed, and he is from Bedford, Mass., where he has a wife and 9-year old son. Of course, much ado was made this past week about freed U.S. hostage Robert Polhill, who has received quite a bit of press coverage.

The hostages are of less value to the captors today than they have been in past years. It seems to be of more importance to countries like Iran and Syria to improve relations with the United States. But it is my impression that no improvement in relations will occur until all the hostages are freed.

Lithuania declared independence from the Soviet Union in March. Since then, despite drastic economic measures taken against the rebel Baltic republic by President Gorbachev, U.S. President Bush has done little or nothing. He has infuriated the Lithuanian people and the 100,000 Lithuanian-Americans who live here in the U.S. Gorbachev has done so much in the past year to tear down the walls separating Eastern Europe from us, that it is my opinion that Bush is afraid to rock the boat. Relations with the Soviet Union are so important at this time that Bush feels his hands are tied, and he cannot take measures against the U.S.S.R. for cracking down in the case of Lithuania. It is a pathetic situation for a U.S. president to be in.

Terry falls at Levelland meet

by Bob Bort

Jennifer Terry had a great year in tennis singles. She made it all the way to regionals at Levelland after finishing second in District 1-A, before she finally ran into a brick wall.

Terry was matched against tournament top-seed, Holly Dodd of Sanderson in the first round, and it was too much. Dodd won 6-0, 6-0, but ended up finishing third at Levelland.

"It is a hard feeling (getting beat like that), but I don't feel too bad," says Terry. "There was no wind on Thursday, and her slices were really tough on me. But on Friday there

was a lot of wind that came in, and her slices were going to the net." Amanda Anderson of Borden County beat Dodd, but Misty Porter of Petersburg took the championship.

Jennifer and her family will be moving to Lamesa this summer, and she will be attending Lamesa High School as a senior next year. "Lamesa is class AAA this year, but will be moving up to class AAAA next year," Terry added. "I do look forward to continuing with the tennis there."



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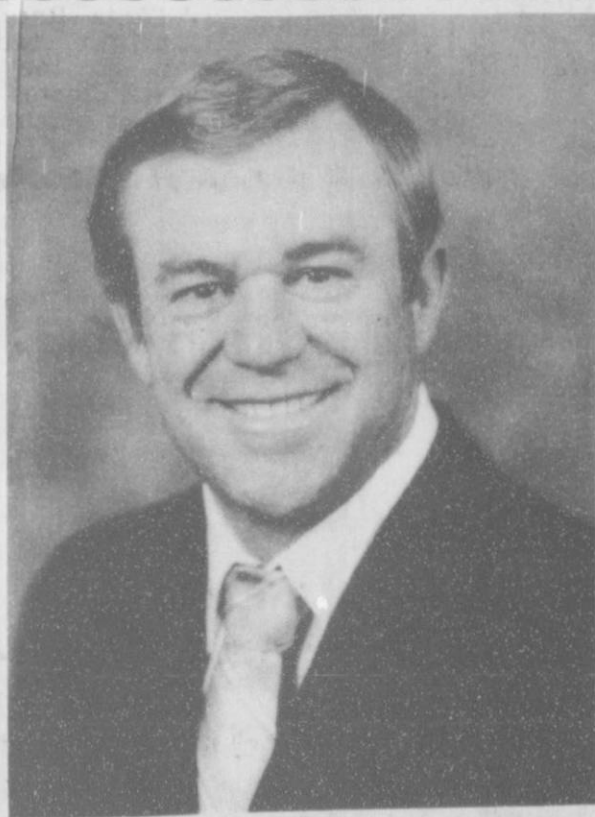
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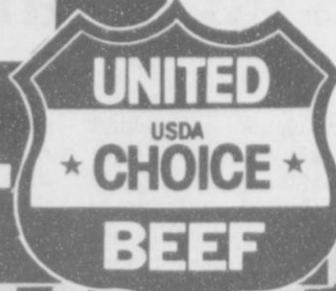
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ASST. 16 OZ. **\$1.29**

FINE FARE PORK & BEANS
16 OZ. **3 \$1** FOR

MRS. BAIRD'S SPLIT TOP WHITE BREAD
24 OZ. **.89**

FINE FARE APPLE JUICE
64 OZ. **\$1.19**

Nonfood

BOUNTY TOWELS
ASST. JUMBO ROLL **.79**

TIDE DETERGENT
\$1.50 OFF LABEL ASST 136 OZ. **\$6.79**

Health & Beauty

CREST TOOTHPASTE
4.6 OZ. TUBE **\$1.19**

Meat

GOOCH GERMAN SAUSAGE
REGULAR OR MESQUITE
12 OZ. PKG. **\$1.09**

MANAGER SPECIAL

BUY 2 LB. CARTON SADDLERS BAR-B-Q BEEF GET 1 PINT CARTON POTATO SALAD FREE

Frozen

BANQUET DINNERS
(EXCEPT HAM OR BEEF)
ASST. **.99**

HORMEL BLACK LABEL BACON
REGULAR LOW SALT MESQUITE
1 LB. PKG. **\$1.49**

Produce

DOLE GOLDEN RIPE BANANAS
3 LBS FOR **\$1**

PLAINS ICE CREAM
RED OR GOLD RING
1/2 GAL. **\$1.79**

COUNTRY PRIDE GRADE A WHOLE FRYERS
LB. **.59**

SWEET JUICY WINESAP APPLES
3 LB. BAG **.99**

Dairy

LAND O LAKES MARGARINE QUARTERS
1 LB. PKG. **2 \$1** FOR

PLAINS HOMO MILK
GALLON **\$2.19**

USDA CHOICE SUPER VALU PAK **CHUCK ROAST**
(BLADE CUT)
LB. **\$1.09**

UNITED CHOICE BEEF SINGLE PAK LB. **\$1.29**

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Dandelions useful to humans in several ways



Suzanne Sanders and James Cunningham

Lions clubs hold sweetheart contest

On Friday, April 20, the district Lions Club Sweetheart contest was held in Dumas. Suzanne Sanders represented Spearman Lions as their sweetheart. While Suzanne didn't place in the top five, two relatives of Spearman residents did place and win.

Shelli Knox, daughter of David Knox, and granddaughter of Don and Gloria Knox, won the District 2 Lions Sweetheart Contest. Shelly lives in Hart, Tx. and represents Hart Lions. She is the daughter of 1965 Spearman High School graduate David

Knox and his wife Retta. Another entrant was Christi Close, daughter of Carl and Jenny Simmons Close of Borger. Carl is the twin brother to Carol Stumpf and he and Jenny both are also graduates of Spearman High School. Christi won 2nd runner-up representing the Borger evening Lions.

The contest featured a brunch for the girls with personal interviews following. The girls were served lunch and then practiced their performances at the Dumas High School prior to the evening event.

by Jean Ann Behney
For those Hansfordites still out there harvesting dandelion crops, there is good news.

Dandelions actually have several uses to humans outside of the "decorative lawn weed" category and have been eaten and drunk in several forms from the time Europeans introduced them to the American Indians.

It seems the leaves of this plant are quite edible, in fact, and an enterprising salad-maker can add them to other, more familiar greens. According to certain cookbooks, these leaves are best eaten when freshly-picked, boiled in water and then chilled in the refrigerator. Iroquois Indians preferred the boiled leaves as a side dish to fatty meats.

Dandelion roots can be roasted and, when a crispy brown, ground up to make a caffeine-free substitute for coffee! The roots can also be used to make a tea the American Indians drank for heartburn. They also once drank a tea made of dandelion leaves for a "tonic," according to Micheal A.

Weiner's Earth Medicine-Earth Foods. (Reporter's note: In my own recent experience, this tea is a rather bitter drink!) Dandelion leaves can be either boiled (five to 15 minutes) or steamed (five to 20 minutes) to make this tea.

Another book reveals that Kiowa Indian women boiled dandelion blossoms with the leaves of pennyroyal, an aromatic American mint, and drank the tea thus made to relieve "cramps and pain associated with menstruation."

Medicinally, the dandelion was also known to have been used as a diuretic by the French and the English centuries ago.

And who hasn't at least heard of dandelion wine? Although recipes vary, most dandelion wines are made when the flowers are carefully removed from their stems and steeped in boiling water and then fermented for several weeks. The late Euell Gibbons of television commercial fame remarked in his book *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*, "My 'drinking' uncle says that, even during the worst blizzard in January, a glass of

Dandelion Wine will bring summer right into the house."

Dandelions have been found to be rich in vitamins A and C. There have been some important historical instances in which dandelions served as a survival food. One of the more remarkable of these documented cases was in Minorca, one of the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean, where all the inhabitants subsisted on dandelion roots after their harvest was destroyed by locusts.

It might be suggested that eating or drinking any part of a dandelion may be considered something of an acquired taste. Deer find the leaves delicious, however, and grouse and pheasants favor the seeds.

Although the dandelion has been called "a plant too common to need description" by many, there is at least one poem that was written in homage to it. In her "Dandelions," poetess Helen Gray Cone describes them thus in one verse:

"They shook their trembling heads and gray

With pride and noiseless laughter;

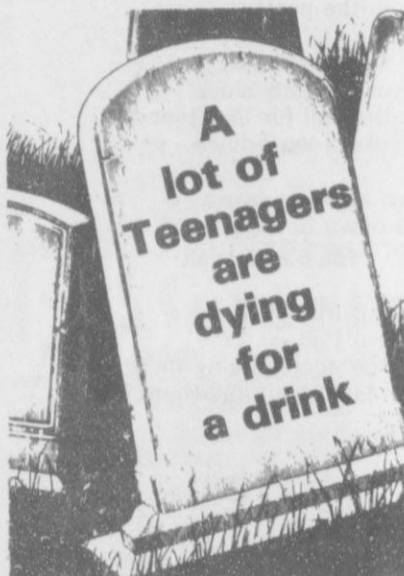
When, well-a-day! they blew away.

And ne'er were heard of after!"

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The word dandelion comes to our language from the French name "dent de lion," which means "lion's tooth." The plant was named this because of its jagged, toothlike edges of its leaves.

Reporter's note: I wish to thank Hansford County Librarian Rita Curtis for providing me with a wealth of material on dandelions. As usual, she was indefatigable and industrious in finding me information and a bit intrigued as well by my sudden interest in this lowly weed! If Rita could have a nickel for every time she has plucked the perfect book from amongst the thousands on the shelves [without needing to consult the card catalogue, needless to say!], she would be a millionaire!



Texas Department of Public Safety
State Department of Highways
and Public Transportation



A sizable oak tree typically gives off 28,000 gallons of moisture in a season.



A student once handed in a paper claiming that a triangle with angles of 135 degrees is called an obscene triangle.

REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the

FIRST NATIONAL BANK of SPEARMAN City

in the state of Texas, at the close of business on March 31, 1990
published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.
Charter Number 18609 Comptroller of the Currency Southwestern District

Statement of Resources and Liabilities

ASSETS

	Thousands of dollars
Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,113
Interest-bearing balances	4,339
Securities	14,073
Federal funds sold	1,425
Securities purchased under agreements to resell	0
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	15,846
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	204
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	15,642
Assets held in trading accounts	0
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	458
Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets	0
Other assets	660
Total assets	38,708
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	N/A
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	38,708

LIABILITIES

Deposits:	
In domestic offices	35,703
Noninterest-bearing	2,619
Interest-bearing	33,084
Federal funds purchased	0
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0
Other borrowed money	0
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	318
Total liabilities	36,021
Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus	0

EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus	0
Common stock	1,000
Surplus	1,000
Undivided profits and capital reserves	687
LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities	0
Total equity capital	2,687
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	N/A
Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	2,687
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	38,708

We, the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.

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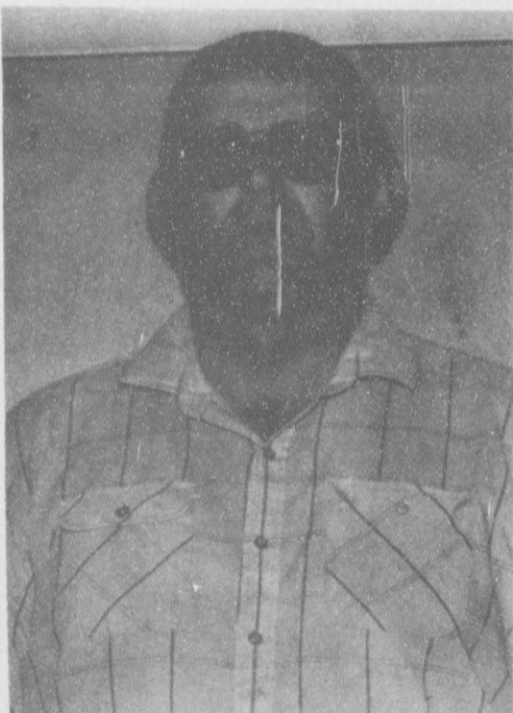
VICE PRESIDENT AND CASHIER
Title

of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

James Capel
Shelby
Directors

Lynnhe Maize
Signature

April 26, 1990
Date



VOTE

Sat. May 5, 1990

DON REED

for city councilman

★ Married with four children ★ Member of First United Methodist Church

★ Spearman resident for 27 years ★ Member of Spearman Lions Club

★ Superintendent of Transpetco for 10 years

I will strive to maintain the quality leadership the Spearman City Council has set forth throughout the past several years.

Please exercise your right to vote Saturday May 5, in the city election.

Your vote would be appreciated.

Thank you,
Don Reed

Pol. adv. pd. for by Don Reed, Election Committee, Don Reed, treasurer 622 S. Townsend,
Spearman, TX 79081.

Gruver

School Scene . . .

GHS students attend FHA convention

GJHS student poetry

by Akiko Bort

An FHA convention was held on April 27 and 28 in Dallas. This meeting brought together thousands of Future Homemakers from all over Texas.

Cathy Minter, Amy Mounts, Akiko Bort and Mrs. Pennye Ralston, advisor of the Gruver FHA, travelled from Gruver to attend the convention, which was held at the Dallas Convention Center.

The convention started with a meeting Friday evening. Sue Bracksieck, one of the three speakers present at the convention, spoke about how to be a good

leader, and how to follow dreams.

The following morning George Dare, a professional singer, spoke about believing in one's self and never giving up on goals. Cynthia McClure, the third person to speak, was a television news reporter. She spoke about how to go on, even feeling worthless and depressed.

The convention also consisted of several workshops dealing with subjects such as how to be champions, success, and self-defense, to name a few. New state officers were elected, and several exhibits were presented.

It was a great time for everyone, according to the group.

McClenagan honored

Benny McClenagan of Gruver has been named a United States National Award winner in Foreign Language by the United States Achievement Academy. The award winners total less than 10 percent of all American high school students.

McClenagan, who attends Gruver High School, was nominated for the award by

Carmelita Gage, Spanish teacher at the school. He will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

McClenagan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean McClenagan. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Ayres Jr. of Gruver and Mrs. Ona McClenagan of Gruver.

GJHS student poetry

Mother Earth

by Justin Carthel
Mother earth, she gives us so much,
But yet all around, people fuss.

She reaps us food; gives us water,
But what do people do to it?
They trash, bash and pollute a bit!
And then they complain and wonder,
Why it's smoggy and there's acid rain.

So take care of mother earth
And don't be a pain,
Because there is but one Earth
To live upon and give birth.

by Karlah Heath

PEOPLE

There are lots of people in this world.
Some are big, and some are small.
Some are doctors, some are lawyers.
Some are fat, and some are skinny.
Some are old, and some are young.
There are boys, girls, men, and women,
Some are tall enough to reach the sky.
But some are short, and don't go very high.
There are pretty ones, and ugly ones,
But each and everyone is just fine.

GRUVER FOOTBALL

by Robert Whitaker

Football is Gruver's favorite sport.
There is no better kind or sort.
To Gruver, football is a contact game
We can really make our opponents lame.

I'm the linebacker in the middle.
Their big huge line calls me a riddle.
But when I blitz with a giant blast,
Their offensive line is in the past!

Steven Flowers is our tough tailback.
He doesn't cut the secondary any slack.
When we give Steven the ball for the Hounds,
He runs very fast to make a touchdown.

The other team's coach starts to frown
As Gruver beats them down to the ground.

The Berlin Wall

by Steve Pando
The tearing down of the Berlin Wall,
The destruction of it wasn't all -
It changed the lives of the people living there.
Since then, they can go just about anywhere.
Now it seems to me,
That they are really free.

Since the Berlin Wall
Began to fall,
A new picture was painted of a beautiful sight.
It seems we're getting out of a hole, that leads
to a light.
And it'll bring peace,
All over the seas.

Gruver Menu

GRUVER SCHOOL LUN- CHROOM

MAY 7-MAY 10

MONDAY
CHEESE SANDWICHES
TATER TOTS
FRUIT
COOKIES
MILE

TUESDAY
NACHOS WITH MEAT
BEANS
FRUIT
MILK

WEDNESDAY
FISH NUGGETS/TARTAR
SAUCE

MACARONI/CHEESE
GREEN BEANS
COBBLER
CORN BREAD
MILK

THURSDAY
FRITO PIE/CHEESE
FRUIT
MILK

FRIDAY
NO SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
MONDAY
CEREAL
MUFFINS
JUICE
MILK

TUESDAY
BISCUITS/SAUSAGE
FRUIT
MILK

WEDNESDAY
COWBOY BREAD
FRUIT
PEANUTS
MILK

THURSDAY
TOAST
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY
FRUIT
MILK

FRIDAY
NO SCHOOL

Regional track results

GREYHOUNDS

Discus
Chris Spivey, 5th - 128'4"
High Jump
Theron Park - 6'0"
Triple Jump
Troy Seagler - 39'4"
100 Dash
Dan McCloy, 4th - 11.3
200 Dash
Dan McCloy, 5th - 23.2
800 Run
Troy Seagler, 4th - 2:07.7
1600 Run
Theron Park - 5:10

LADY HOUNDS

High Jump
Holly Venneman, 5th - 4'10"

100 Dash
Shelley Stedje, 3rd - 12.87
200 Dash
Angela Sistrunk - 27.2
400 Run
Brandy Shelton, 2nd - 61.9
Cora Meyer, 5th - 66.3
800 Run
Brandy Shelton, 2nd - 2:26.6
Elda Pando, 4th - 2:36
3200 Run
Elda Pando, 7th - 13:32
800 Relay
Janelle Haefner, Angela
Sistrunk, Holly Venneman,
Shelley Stedje, 4th - 1:52
1600 Relay
Cora Meyer, Holly Venneman,
Kasey Davis, Brandy Shelton,
2nd - 4:19.29

Going Strong In The 90s . . .

HANSFORD HOSPITAL & MANOR

Sometimes in the routine and the rush of every day, we forget: Caring is what this nursing facility is about. If it were not for our community involvement in this hospital district, we would not have the quality facilities we have. We would like to thank these clubs, businesses, organizations and individuals for their support:

Hansford Hospital Auxiliary
Ministerial Alliance (Spearman & Gruver)
Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center
Spearman Rotary Club
Gladiola Flower Club
Happy Homes Extension Club
Chamber of Commerce Women's Division
Perceptor Epsilon Zeta
Twentieth Century Club
Northern Natural Retirees
Laureate Gamma Gamma
First National Bank
Town & Country Extension Club
Lady Fair
Laquita Evans
Charles Brillhart
Vivian Green
Charmian Lyle
Wanda Widener
Mary Ruth Connell
Spearman Ind. School District
Claudine Clark

Spearman Lions Club
Spearman Jaycees
Rho Rho Sorority
Spearman Study Club
Dahlia Flower Club
Xi Zeta Upsilon
Servitors
First State Bank
Moose Lodge
Prairie Garden
Sacks Third Avenue
Cates Men and Boys
Bunkhouse
J.G.'s
Coy Bennett
Elene Green
Pauline Winger
Dorothy Woolley
Betty Uptergrove
4-H Club
Alma Ward
Girl Scouts

Spearman Chamber of Commerce

We would like to invite you to our Outstanding Volunteers Awards Presentation on Sunday, May 6th, 1990, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the dining room of Hansford Manor.
Please come say thank you! Everyone is welcome!

By supporting our local hospital and nursing home, you can assure your loved ones access to health care services. During Texas Hospital Week, May 6-12th and National Nursing Home Week, May 13-19th we recognize the valuable contributions made to our community by you. The residents and patients count on us! We count on you!

VOTE

Burl Buchanan

For Mayor City of Spearman

Sat. May 5, 1990



Independent Insurance Agent - Successful Businessman
Owner of the Hansford Agency

Board of Director of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
City Council Member - 7 years
Lions Club - Past President and Member
Member of the Chamber of Commerce
Past YMCA Board Member
Chairman - High Plains Natural Gas Rate Case Steering Committee
Active Member First United Methodist Church
Father - Husband

BURL BUCHANAN HAS A PULSE ON OUR COMMUNITY!
Burl's objective is to hold down taxes while
at the same time continuing to improve our community!

WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN ELECTING

BURL BUCHANAN

A MAN WITH A CONSCIENCE AND A VOICE
FOR THE PEOPLE OF SPEARMAN!

Burl would like to encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote

Pol. adv. pd. for by Burl Buchanan, Box 608 Spearman 79081, Kitty Edwards, Campaign Treas.

Spearman

School Scene



Science fair held

Spearman fourth grade teacher Frieda Burgess's students presented their science projects in the school library on Thursday, April 26. School Superintendent Larry Butler was present to judge the experiments and award six prizes for the best ones.

Winners in this year's science fair were: First place - Kasey Dunnihoo; Second place - Brooke Trantham and Ashley Brown; Third place - Keisha O'Quin; Fourth place - Ashley Brown; Fifth place - Nicholas Vinson; and Sixth place - Jocelyn Edwards and Lindsey Smith. Ashley Brown competed with both an individual and a team project.

Students with winning projects were awarded special ribbons and personal pan pizzas from the Spearman Pizza Hut.

Science fair projects ranged from the manufacture of rock crystals and model volcanoes to conduction of electricity and magnetism. Burgess, who

teaches science to all fourth graders in Spearman, has sponsored the fair for the past five years.

"I think the kids need to have hands-on experiences and they really like to do these experiments," she reported. She commented that this year is the first time she has had all the fourth graders participate in the science fair. In years past, just her own class participated, but now that the fourth graders pass classes, she teaches science to all of them.

According to Burgess, the children get the ideas for their projects from books of science experiments she has available in her classroom. She said the erupting volcanoes are always popular, but noted the variety of projects displayed at this year's fair. Spearman students in other grades had the opportunity to view the science fair displays throughout the school week.

Spearman Menu

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| <p>HIGH SCHOOL
 MONDAY
 TACOS
 PINTO BEANS
 SALAD BAR
 SOPAIPILLA/HONEY MILK</p> <p>TUESDAY
 GRILLED CHICKEN ON BUN
 STEAK CUT FRIES
 SALAD BAR
 CAKE
 MILK</p> <p>WEDNESDAY
 LASAGNA
 GREEN BEANS
 SALAD BAR
 BREAD STICKS
 MILK</p> <p>THURSDAY
 HAMBURGER
 FRIES
 SALAD BAR
 MONKEY BREAD
 MILK</p> <p>FRIDAY
 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES
 VEGETABLE SOUP
 SALAD BAR
 CHERRY CRISP
 MILK</p> <p>JR. HIGH-ELEMENTARY
 MAY 7-MAY 11
 MONDAY
 TACOS</p> | <p>TACO SAUCE/CHEESE CUP
 REFRIED BEANS
 LETTUCE/TOMATO
 SOPAIPILLA/HONEY MILK</p> <p>TUESDAY
 GRILLED CHICKEN ON A BUN
 STEAK CUT FRIES
 LETTUCE/TOMATO
 PICKLE/ONION
 PURPLE PLUMS
 CAKE
 MILK</p> <p>WEDNESDAY
 LASAGNA
 GREEN BEANS
 SLICED CARROTS
 BREAD STICKS
 APPLESAUCE
 MILK</p> <p>THURSDAY
 HAMBURGER
 FRIES
 LETTUCE/TOMATO
 PICKLE/ONION
 MONKEY BREAD
 MILK</p> <p>FRIDAY
 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICHES
 VEGETABLE SOUP
 CORN ON THE COB
 ROASTED PEANUT CUPS
 CHERRY CRISP
 MILK</p> |
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Hometown News

LUBBOCK - Carlee Jane Dixon, journalism major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Dixon of Spearman, is among 51 Texas Tech University students selected for the 1990 Who's Who in America Universities and Colleges. She was recognized during an induction and reception held on April 22 in the University Center Courtyard. The recipients were selected by a

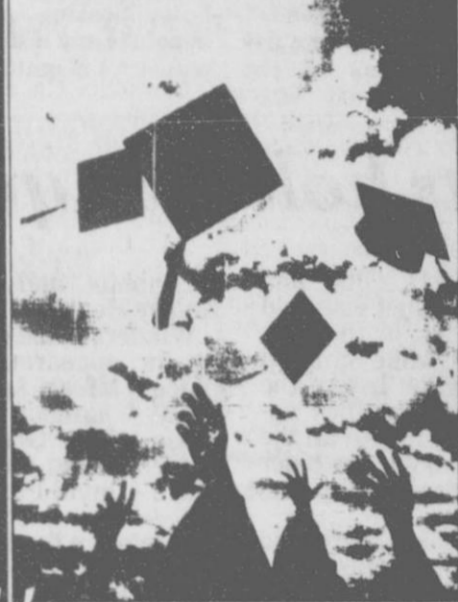
Texas Tech committee of faculty, staff and past recipients evaluating academic achievement, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for success.

Dixon is one of the 1990 honorees from more than 1,400 higher education institutions around the nation and from several foreign countries.

Spearman PTA Presents ...

Molder of Dreams

Featuring Guy ...
Former National Teacher of the Year



Within every heart there lives a fragile hope... a dream.

Special Screening! Teacher Appreciation Night
 Monday, May 7
 7:00 p.m. High School Auditorium

Hometown News

Two Hansford County students were among selected Texas Tech University scholars inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society during an April 4 banquet.

Karen A. Baggerly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Baggerly of Spearman, and Anne M. Potts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Potts of Gruver were among the 1990 honorees.

Baggerly is a graduate nursing student at Tech, where she is active in Sigma Theta Tau and Delta

Delta Delta. Potts is a junior secondary education major at Tech. She is a member of High Riders, Golden Key National Honor Society and Wesley Foundation.

Membership in the national honor society is open to students in any of the university's academic disciplines. Recipients must be senior, law or graduate students who rank in the top 10 percent of their class or juniors who rank in the top two percent of their class.



SPRING FLING II SHINE & SHOW

Saturday
 May 5, 1990

10:00a.m. TO 4:00p.m.

At

Gillaspie Auto and Truck Center
 Hwy 207 South

FEATURING:

- Pokey's Pulling Trucks
- Moon Man's Rock and Roll Show
- James Cunningham's 1936 Olds classic from The Great American Race



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To Spearman ISD Voters:

I am a candidate for the Spearman School Board this year.

My wife, Lynna, and I have four children - Randie, 15, Ronda, 12, Reagan, 8, and Rhett, 1. I have lived most of my life in Spearman. I

graduated from Spearman High School and attended Texas Tech for two years, majoring in Animal Science.

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

Being a landowner and farmer and rancher, I am concerned about keeping taxes as low as possible but not to the extent that our children suffer an educational decline.

I also want to promote a good extra-curricular program as I feel it is a catalyst for a good education.

With my business experience and the six years of experience I have had on the board, I feel this gives me the ability to make sound decisions for the school.

I have taken pride in serving on the Board for the past six years and would appreciate your vote on May 5th.

Thank You,

PHILLIP RENNER

Pol. Adv. paid for by Phillip Renner

Weeds from page 1

of a six-year-old's irrefutable logic. Even the already-2,4-D'd neighbors of these untouched dandelions seemed to come back to life the instant I halted my poison patrol.

Forty-eight hours later, the yard boasted at least twice as many little yellow heads dancing merrily in the breeze. Had I used the wrong dosage of poison? I wondered, still tasting the acrid 2,4-D in the back of my throat. The soles of my Poison Day shoes had suddenly detached themselves from their leather uppers the day after being exposed to 2,4-D and my husband had remarked that I was "obsessing" about weed control. Hmm ... bad taste in mouth, deteriorating shoes, wild mood swings ... just exactly who had been poisoned here, anyway?

It was high time for another course of action in the dandelion Wars, so I purchased an old-fashioned pry-'em-up-by-the-roots tool. This lethal instrument featured a sharp two-pronged tip guaranteed to "get the whole weed and nothing but the weed."

Deftly, I inserted the tip beneath the pink stems of the

nearest dandelion and in a quick upwards thrust, out popped the plant. "Easy as pie!" I exulted, moving one quarter of an inch to the next dandelion.

736, 737, 738 ... On hands and knees, my sun-blistered nose itching and my back and arms aching, I counted each uprooted dandelion and doggedly threw it into one of several bulging grocery sacks. I had now cleared approximately three square yards of the south corner of the front lawn. Where dandelions had sprouted, there were now dirty little holes pock-marking the patches of struggling grass blades.

At about this point, a helpful neighbor sauntered by and offered, "Your kind of grass won't spread to fill in those holes. You really ought to be poisoning those weeds instead."

I refused to grace this suggestion with more than a growl and crawled to the next dandelion.

That night, I called to my husband from the bathtub, where I lay soaking away dirt (and hopefully any residual 2,4-D in my pores). "I'm quitting at 2,000, so I

am almost halfway done." He poked his head in the doorway, inquiring with one raised eyebrow, "What did you do with all those dandelions you pulled up, anyhow?"

My mind was temporarily blank (the 2,4-D?) but then I gathered my wits together and responded, "What did I DO with them? Why, threw the bags full of them into the dumpster in the alley, of course!"

He began to back away from the room, saying nervously, "Those bags wouldn't happen to be the ones our daughter is emptying out in the back yard, would they?"

Howling and howling simultaneously, I jumped from the tub and raced to the window. Our clever girl had indeed "rescued" all those harvested broad-leaved victims from the trash and was humming a little tune as she tenderly laid them out all over the yard. In response to my frantic window-pounding, she looked up, smiled seraphically and said, "Oh, look, Mommy, what I found in the dumpster! I guess this was just my lucky day, wasn't it?"

I must have fallen with a tremendous thump to the floor. All I know is ever since that moment my eyes refuse to focus (the 2,4-D?) on anything below knee level. Instead, I spend a great deal of time staring at bushes sprouting darling little purple flowers.

And I have, in fact, decided to look on life with a more positive attitude. This is, after all, the Year of the Lilacs.

Scouts hold banquet

The Boy Scouts Blue and Gold Awards Banquet was held Monday, April 30, in the high school cafeteria. Mike Simpson gave the invocation before the scouts and their families enjoyed hamburgers, with all the trimmings, cooked by the older scouts. Homemade desserts were also served.

After the meal, Candy and Terry Delozier recognized the volunteers that helped with the cub scouts during the year. They were Mike Simpson, Linda Cummings, Larry and Lori Scroggs, Frances and Roy Pipkin, and Debbie Hornsby. As the leaders were called, they presented the boys in their troops with the badges they had earned.

Devin Delozier received two special awards at the banquet. He received the Arrow of Light Award, which is the highest award a cub scout can earn and also the Scout of the Year Award. The Scout of the Year Award plaque will be on display at Hansford Implement with names of all winners listed since the plaque was started in 1980.

The trophies were then awarded to the winners during the year. Those receiving trophies and the event in which they placed are as follows: Dad/Lad Cake Bake (appearance) first place - Cody Brooks, second place - Josh Bynum, third place - Devin Delozier, fourth place - Adam

McCubbin, and fifth place - Kelsey Henton.

Winners in the Pinewood Derby for appearance were first place - Micah Antalek, second place - Landon Miller, third place - Clint Goodman, fourth place - Evan Cudd, and fifth place - David Parker.

Placing in the Pinewood Derby Race were first place - Evan Cudd, second place - David Zabin, third place - Dwayne Creel, fourth place - Phillip Creel, and fifth place - Jordan Brock. The Raingutter Regatta Boat Race winners for appearance were first place - David Parker, second place - Devin Delozier, third place - Landon Delozier, fourth place - David Zabin, and fifth place - Micah Antalek.

Winners in the boat race were first place - Mario Salazar, second place - Brace Scroggs, third place - Micah Antalek, fourth place - Glen Powers and fifth place - Chris Cummings.

Special thanks went out to the following volunteers who helped during the year. They were Verlin Winegarner, Kelly Fuller, Wayne and Kathy Biggs, Larry Trospen, Jim Brown, Loyal Turner, Dick Gillespie, Don Townsen and Don and Edie Hawkins.

Ed Dear was recognized for his help as auctioneer for the annual Dad/Lad Cake Bake, as were the business and individuals that bid on the cakes.



Here are the 19-member Gruver Greyhounds and Lady Hounds Region I traveling squads. The Hounds and the Lady Hounds both became District 1-A champions and did well at Levelland, with the ladies garnering second place. Top row: Troy Seagler, Gannon Harris, Dan McCloy, Theron Park, Brandy

Shelton, Kyle Haenisch, Chris Spivey, middle row: Monica Ward, Kasey Davis, Stacey Williams, Elda Pando, Sandra Royval, Angela Sistrunk, Crockett Tidwell, kneeling: Holly Venneman, Janelle Haefner, Amy Gumfory-manager, Shelley Stedje and Cora Meyer.



These six Lady Hounds will be travelling to the state meet in Austin on May 11-12. Left to right, they are Kasey Davis, Shelley Stedje, Elda Pando, Cora Meyer, Holly Venneman and Brandy Shelton. The mile relay team of Meyer/Venneman/Davis/Shelton

finished second at Levelland with a time of 4:19.29, their best of the year, but they ran a 4:12 in the prelims. Shelton also qualified in the 400 meters and in the 800 meters.

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Letter To The Editor Positive approach considered

Dear Editor:

I have read with astonishment the letter from Gregg Smith, a resident of Amarillo, not the Spearman Independent School District. If my memory serves me correctly, a letter of similar intent was distributed in our community at election time last year. If the true welfare of the district is of foremost importance, why do these types of innuendos and remarks of slander appear at election time? Hopefully, the community of Spearman is not going to delve into political mud-slinging as we do at the state level.

As to the accusations of the letter, the best thing an individual could do would be to go back and

consider what evolved. The school district was fortunate to receive the bulk of the Birdwell Estate. The irony behind this endeavor lies in the fact that the land, money, etc. could have gone to the John Birch Society, or even to an individual. Thankfully, this did not happen. As to the district being cheated or not receiving as much as it could, not true! Are we looking the gift-horse in the mouth? Nothing illegal has taken place, nor will it.

Those who question the authority of the executor need to read the will and all of the legal transactions. Each action was achieved in complete compliance with the will and the law. In fact, the land could have been sold for .01 cent an acre

if so desired, or even given away. The entire school board was given all of the information regarding the Estate and the sale of land and other holdings. Check all of the records and documents. Each transaction was handled legally and has been filed accordingly.

Before casting stones, please take the time to look at what really took place, not the accusations of a non-resident from Amarillo.

The school system has been greatly blessed by the Birdwell Estate. At sometime in the future it will save the taxpayers a great deal of money. To me, this is the positive approach we should be considering, not the negative.

-s-Larry Butler Superintendent

TO THE VOTERS IN SPEARMAN ISD

Phillip Renner, while a member of the Spearman School Board, purchased land from the Gus Birdwell Estate, from which the Spearman ISD will receive the proceeds of the sale at some point in time. This land was sold to Mr. Renner, without competitive advertised bidding, by the executor of the estate whom is also a business partner of Mr. Renner. While it is difficult to determine the actual value of farm land it is known that dry land farms in Hansford County have been sold for up to \$100 per acre more than Mr. Renner paid for the Birdwell land with irrigation wells (Martin-Archer land sale \$400/acre, Renner App. \$265).

We are also concerned that the current school board members voted to accept this and other land sales of the Birdwell Estate without competitive bidding.

We are not associated with any candidate but believe the voters in the Spearman Independent School District should know the facts.

Citizens for Better Government -s- Gregg Smith, trustee

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The Residents & Staff request the pleasure of your company at an Awards Presentation honoring our OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS of Hansford Manor & Hansford Hospital Sunday, May 6, 1990 from two o'clock until four o'clock in the dining room of Hansford Manor 707 S. Roland

Obituaries

James Willis White
 PORUM, Okla. - James Willis White, 73, died Sunday, April 30. Born in McLean, Mr. White moved to Spearman in 1926 from Roberts County. He had lived in Porum since 1982. He married Katie Ivey in 1936 at Spearman. She died in 1970.

He married Anna Renna Ivey in 1970 at Tempe, Ariz. He was a farmer, a rancher and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Nicut, Okla.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Venita Matthews and LaQuita Eller, both of Woodward, Okla.; a stepson, Jim Ivey of Spearman; two brothers, Kiff E. White of Spearman and Tommy White of Alba, Texas; four sisters, Virginia Head of Spearman, Catherine Hall of Pampa, Elizabeth Carr of Miami, Texas and Frankie Sloan of Breckenridge, Texas; 14 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 3 from First United Methodist Church of Spearman with the Rev. Todd Dyess, pastor, and the Rev. Ed Baker, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church of Nicut, officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery under direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be to the American Lung Association.

Thomas H. Etter
 Thomas H. Etter, 87, died Tuesday, May 1.

Born in Booneville, Mo., Mr. Etter moved to Spearman in 1938. He married Helen Richardson in 1942 at Amarillo. He was a U.S. Army Air corps veteran of World War II.

He established the Soil Conservation Office in Spearman in the late 1930s and was the first soil conservationist in the county. He retired from the soil conservation service and began farming in the 1950s. He was a member of the Hansford Masonic Lodge No. 1040 AF&AM, the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, the First Presby-

terian Church and a former member of Lions Club. He held a degree in agronomy from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Survivors include his wife; a brother-in-law, Arnold Richardson of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, May 4 at 11 a.m. from First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Sam Steele, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Nelda Jean Cook
 Nelda Jean Cook, 51, died Sunday, April 29.

Born in Earlington, Kan., Mrs. Cook had lived in Spearman since 1976. She married Leland Cook in 1962 at Miami, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Carl Ray Cook of Okinawa and Edward Cook of Spearman; two daughters, Lois Marie Cruz of Kernersville, N.C. and Karen Cook of Spearman; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dozier of Independence, Kan.; five brothers, Alfred Dozier of Hepler, Kan., Richard Dozier of Wellington, Kan., the Rev. Dwight Dozier of Waskom and Cecil Dozier and Jimmy Dozier of Topeka, Kan.; six sisters, Dora Page of Hepler, Kan., Mary Shelton of Colorado Springs, Colo., Bertha Redebaugh of Topeka, Kan., Betty Farnsworth of Independence, Kan., and Faye Pettyjohn and Lucille Dozier, both of Wichita, Kan.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, May 3 in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Dwight Dozier, a pastor in Waskom, officiating. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery under direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

City manager completes training

A. J. Ratliff, City Manager of Gruver, was one of 18 area professionals recently recognized for completing a 15-hour economic-development training course.

The course, "Economic Development Strategies of the '90s" was co-sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) and Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC). The program's purpose was to update local community leaders, such as Bain, on the latest issues in economic development.

"New legislation has greatly expanded the role of government in economic development at the local levels, and one of our program objectives was to disseminate information covering recent changes," said Perina Strickland, PRPC's director of economic development.

Cheryl Pink, an economic-development specialist at SPS, served as instructor for the course.

Certificates of completion were awarded to professionals

from Amarillo, Dimmitt, Dumas, Friona, Perryton, Groom, Canyon, Borger, Stratford, Gruver and Pampa.



A.J. Ratliff

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March, with just over 15,000 jobs added during the month. Almost three-fourths of the total increase in March was concentrated in Services, where Health Services and Business and Repair Services showed the strongest gains. Trade exhibited moderate advances in March, as did government. Losses occurred in Manufacturing, Construction, and in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

All of the Metropolitan Statistical Areas for which data are currently available reported lower unemployment rates in March compared to February levels.

MSA's with the lowest unemployment rates in March included: Bryan-College Station, at 3.2 percent; Lubbock with a 3.9 percent; Austin with a 4.1 percent rate; Dallas, Fort Worth-Arlington and Victoria which had a 4.5 percent rate; and Houston, with a 4.6 percent jobless rate.

Areas with the highest rates in March continued to be the border MSA's. These included: McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, with a rate of 21.4; Laredo with a 11.4 percent rate; Brownsville-Harlingen, at 10.8 percent; and El Paso, with a 9.5 percent unemployment rate.

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tentatively scheduled for June 18 and 26.

Hansford Hospital opened its own pharmacy and began renting durable medical equipment last year, and these businesses will continue to grow and be an important part of the hospital's services to the public. LaRoche said the hospital owns 24 portable oxygen concentrators and all are currently being rented by local residents. He said he will be purchasing two more of these shortly.

The mammogram machine will also play an increasingly useful role in the hospital's on-site facilities. "We started this program last year when we purchased the unit," said LaRoche.

With the recruitment of two more physicians, there will come the opportunity to implement a Home Health Agency in this county. LaRoche has researched this possibility thoroughly and said, "Basically what this is is health professionals go into patients' homes to provide care and services - everything from doing their dishes to changing dressings and hanging i.v.s. It really runs the gamut."

Another specific goal related to physician recruitment is recapturing some of the non-obstetrical patients who are currently going to Perryton for medical care. According to LaRoche's statistics, the 14-44 year old female non-obstetrical population represents the market our county needs to recapture.

"When we had three doctors here, we captured 88 percent of the patients in a 35-mile radius," said LaRoche. "We can get back up to this amount if we get the additional doctors. One doctor just can't see everyone."

The hospital administrator said he remains cautiously optimistic in terms of the hospital's future. "We are facing a lot of challenges right now," he summarized, "but we had a great year financially in 1989 and we'll come out of this tough year stronger than ever. That's the way I have always seen it happen: we hit a difficult stretch and then we come out even better when we get through it."

Teachable Moments

by Nicki Soice

In order to best determine where our youth are we must first take a survey. You are to answer this just as you think the youth in our high schools would answer it.

How many of you already know that you do not intend to smoke as adults. We know that, if by the age of 16 you are a smoker, chances are you will spend your life as a smoker. If at the age of 16 you are a non smoker, chances are you will live your life as a non smoker. If you owned a cigarette company and wanted to sell a product, who would YOU target? There are 2 exceptions. The first is if you go to college; can you survive the first two years as a non smoker. The second is if you go

the the military and again the test is can you survive the first two years as a non smoker. If so, chances are you will have it made.

How many of you already know that you do not intend to use cocaine and/or crack because in essence they are the same drug? The decision may appear to be simple but you will need to have already made your decision before someone offers you the drug. In the state of Kansas, treatment facilities are seeing full stages of addiction after 1 or 2 times of use. It is an extremely addictive, and I might add deadly drug.

Now the question you knew was coming. How many of you already know beyond a shadow of a doubt that because of the legality of it

you do not intend to use alcohol of any kind, including beer, wine, wine coolers, champagne, or hard liquor mixed in any kind of drink until you are at least 21 years of age?

Why is there such an attitude difference? Why is it that our youth can clearly say they don't want to smoke, aren't considering cocaine, but have such a relaxed attitude towards the use of alcohol? Youth don't just go out and GET an attitude, it is acquired from all that they see and hear around them. They get it from us, the adults in this world. And, remember, for those under 21, alcohol is an illegal drug.

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