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Happy July 4th!



Corbin Hughes tries his hand at the drums during Heritage Days held June 14, 2003. Corbin is the son of Jennifer and Ramon Lozano of Spearman. Photo by Clayton Smith

Emergency Farm Loans Accepted

On May 22, 2003, President Bush amended Presidential Major Disaster declaration #1465 to include nine additional counties in Oklahoma as a major disaster. This action was based on damages and losses caused by severe storms and tornadoes that occurred from May 8, 2003, and continuing. The contiguous counties in Texas also eligible for this designation are Hansford, Hemphill, Ochiltree, Sherman, and Wheeler.

This designation makes family-sized farm operators in both the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA). FSA will consider each loan application by taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability, and other eligibility requirements.

Farmers may be eligible for loans for 100 percent of their actual losses (minus other compensation) or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less (maximum amount \$500,000). The farmers must be unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders to be eligible for the emergency loans. The interest rate on the actual loss loan is 3.75%.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an emergency loan. Proceeds from crop insurance are taken into account when determining eligibility.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until January 22, 2004, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Applications may be obtained at the local FSA office.

FSA is a credit agency of the US Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are US citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which US citizens hold a majority interest.

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The Hansford County Library Board and staff would like to thank everyone in our community who has contributed to our endowment fund or to the microfilm

reader/printer fund and helped make this new addition to our library possible. We strive to provide the best service to all our patrons, and this will help us in an area that we have been unable to fulfill requests for prior to acquiring this new machine.



Named All Around Cowgirl, June 21, Jessica Schmidt was presented with a saddle at the conclusion of the Hutchinson County Junior Rodeo. In the two-day competition, Schmidt won first and 2nd in barrels, 2nd and 3rd in poles, a 1st in break-away roping, 1st and two 2nds in poles, and 3rd in goat tying.

Laugh
and
Live



by Catherine R. Smith
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The following was sent to from my very special person, my Aunt Dee. I hope you enjoy it.

A woman named Emily renewing her driver's license at the County Clerk's office was asked by the woman recorder to state her occupation. She hesitated, uncertain how to classify herself.

"What I mean is," explained the recorder, "do you have a job, or are you just a ...?"

"Of course I have a job," snapped Emily. "I'm a mother."
"We don't list 'mother' as an occupation... 'housewife' covers it," said the recorder emphatically.

I forgot all about her story until one day I found myself in the same situation, this time at our own Town Hall. The Clerk was obviously a career woman, poised, efficient, and possessed of a high sounding title like, "Official Interrogator" or "Town Registrar." "What is your occupation?" she probed.

What made me say it, I do not know...The words simply popped out. "I'm a Research Associate in the field of Child Development and Human Relations."

The clerk paused, ball-point pen frozen in midair, and looked up as though she had not heard right. I repeated the title slowly, emphasizing the most significant words.

Then I stared with wonder as my pronouncement was written in bold, black ink on the official questionnaire.

"Might I ask," said the clerk with new interest, "just what you do in your field?"

Coolly, without any trace of fluster in my voice, I heard myself reply, "I have a continuing program of research, (what mother doesn't), in the laboratory and in the field, (normally I would have said indoors and out). I'm working for my Masters, (the whole darned family), and already have four credits, (all daughters). Of course, the job is one of the most demanding in the humanities, (any mother care to disagree?) and I often work 14 hours a day, (24 is more like it). But the job is more challenging than most run-of-the-mill careers and the rewards are more of a satisfaction rather than just money." There was an increasing note of respect in the clerk's voice as she completed the form, stood up, and personally ushered me to the door.

As I drove into our driveway, buoyed up by my glamorous new career, I was greeted by my lab assistants - ages 13, 7, and 3. Upstairs I could hear our new experimental model, (a 6 month old baby), in the child-development program, testing out a new vocal pattern.

I felt triumphant! I had scored a beat on bureaucracy! And I had gone on the official records as someone more distinguished and indispensable to mankind than "just another mother."

Motherhood.....What a glorious career! Especially when there's a title on the door. Does this make grandmothers "Senior Research Associates in the field of Child Development and Human Relations" and great grandmothers "Executive Senior Research Associates"? I think so!!! I also think it makes Aunts "Associate Research Assistants."

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

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It's a fact of life - businesses depend on customers. It's also true that in the competitive world, businesses must offer a better product or better service to attract new customers as well as keep their current customers.

But these truisms do not seem to apply to the US Postal Service. The President's Postal Commission is currently investigating ways to "improve" the postal service.

One of their suggestions is to require newspapers to be worked at mail processing plants which would cause flats to be back-hauled to the processing postal plant where they would be delivery-point sequenced.

This is known as the Corporate Flats Strategy, and it means that community newspapers could be delayed an estimated two days by the process.

"This kind of in-county delivery delay would turn our newspapers into history-papers," said J. Tom Graham chief operating officer of the Westward Communications.

Alternative delivery methods are few and unworkable. Carrier delivery is not an option for many newspapers such as the Hansford County Reporter Statesman since many subscribers are rural dwellers. The delivery of the newspaper two or three days after publication would greatly diminish its value.

The delay would also have the potential to curtail advertisement, the life blood of the community newspaper, since shopping information and special promotions would not be timely.

In small towns, the Corporate Flats Strategy would be like a slap in the face to the hometown newspaper which has been a dependable, steady, and often one of the largest supporters of the postal service in the community.

The public can learn more about the plan by logging onto www.ribbs.usps.gov and clicking on Corporate Flats Strategy, located on the left menu. They can also file comments by contacting USPS Vice President John Rapp at FlatStrategyFeedback@usps.gov.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to let the USPS know that "delay" and "improvement" are antonyms not synonyms.

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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Hansford Golf Club Hosts Tuesday Night Scrambles
The Hansford Golf Club began the Tuesday Night Scrambles on April 29th. Tee-off is at 6 p.m. each Tuesday. Contact Ross Donahue, Curtis Covington or Sheri Benton for more information.

Spearman Lynx HS Band Discount Cards
The Spearman Lynx High School Band has some Discount Cards left from their fundraiser earlier this year. The cards originally sold for \$10 each, but are now being sold for only \$5 each. They offer discounts from the following businesses: Simple Simon's Pizza, Smoke House Restaurant, Sonic, Tang's Chinese Food, Amigos Cafe, Pizza Hut, Prairie Garden Flowers, Dreamer's Salon, Dairy Queen, Celebrate, J&M Service Center, Panhandle Diner, Jeanette's Sweet Creations and the Mutt Hut. If you would like to purchase a card, please leave a message for Anna Marie Holland at the Jr. High (659-2563) or the High School (659-2584). We would also like to thank the businesses who supported us by offering these discounts.

Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Radio Auction Donation
The Golden Spread Senior Citizens are seeking donations for their annual Radio Auction, to be held July 17th & 18th on KRDF-FM. We are seeking items such as furniture, crafts, household goods, tools, vehicles in running condition, etc. (Sorry, we cannot accept used clothing.) For more information, call Kathy Bryant at 659-3030.

Area Agency on Aging Seeks Volunteers
The Nursing Home Ombudsman program of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle is actively seeking individuals to serve as advocates for residents of area nursing homes. Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the Panhandle. Ombudsmen promote resident rights, quality of life and quality of care by identifying and resolving complaints, by or on behalf of residents. To learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity, please contact Jeff Price or Tanya Mock of the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at (800) 642-6008.

Boy Scout Fundraiser
Harry Stumpf, financial chairman of the Spearman Boy Scouts, began the annual Boy Scout Fundraising Project on Monday, March 3, 2003. Donations may be mailed to: Boy Scouts, 301 W. 12th, Spearman, TX 79081.

Breast Cancer Screening
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on July 28, 2003. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram, and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 358-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

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Amarillo's 3-on-3 Streetball Challenge
Amarillo's original 3-on-3 street ball event returns, for the 12th consecutive year. Tip-off for the 2003 Streetball Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 and Sunday July 13. Held in the downtown area for the eighth year in a row, the 2003 Streetball Challenge will be played on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th blocks of Polk and Tyler streets. The tournament is open to male and female players. Divisions begin at the 10 and Under age group, and progress through the adult Supreme Court division. Teams will be grouped into divisions with teams of similar age and playing ability. Entry fees are \$96 per team with an entry deadline of Wednesday, July 9, at 5 p.m. Entry forms are to be turned into Kids, Inc. located at 27th and Osage. Each player will receive an official event t-shirt, and each team is guaranteed a minimum of three games. Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each division. All proceeds from the 2003 Streetball Challenge will support the athletic programs offered by Kid's, Inc. For more information, call Kid's Inc. at (806) 376-5936.

Midsummer Tropical Night Area Singles Fellowship
The Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo will sponsor an area singles fellowship on Friday, July 25, 2003. This will be an alcohol-free and smoke-free environment for all area singles to fellowship together and will be held at the Paramount Terrace Christian Church bus barn located at 2827 Mays (look for the pink flamingos!). Paramount Terrace Christian Church is sponsoring this event to reach out to singles all over the panhandle regardless of religious affiliation. The fellowship will include a cook-out dinner and games beginning at 7 p.m. A dance and games will be held from 9-11 p.m. We will have a Hawaiian shirt contest, beach ball volleyball and door prizes. The cost is \$8 per person. Tickets must be bought through the Paramount Terrace Christian Church office by July 21st. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (806) 353-6615.

Youth Art Festival
A Youth Art Festival will be held on Saturday, July 26th, from 10:00 to 3:00 in Pampa and Miami. All area youth age 18 and under are invited to participate. \$1,000 in cash prizes will be given away in four categories. Kids or their parents may register online at www.pampastrIBUTE.org, or by phone at 806-868-2094. If it's visual art, it can be displayed; graphic designs, photography, sculpture, 3-D art, painting, drawing, ceramics...

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Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson



A picture of the small boats (water wagons) that the mini-boat club uses.



Ken Scoggins, Saturday's winner, with two bass that weighed 5.31-pounds.

Lake Level--June 30, 2003--32.98 feet (-.32)

We decided to try the number in parentheses to tell how much the Lake level had gone up or down in the past week. With the good rains Saturday night (1.12 inch at the office gauge), I really expected to see the level go up instead of down.

Jim reported an active weekend as they were hosting the Miniboat Bass Tournament and the RV Club that Van Bradford of Gruver had made reservations for.

Ken Scoggins of Perryton won

the bass tournament by catching two bass that together weighed 5.31-pounds. Jerry Graves of Amarillo came in second with 1 bass that weighed 3.81-pounds, and Butch Williams, also of Amarillo, was third with a bass that weighed 3.12-pounds.

The R.V. Club had 11 spaces filled. They had a fish fry Friday night, and on Saturday afternoon Rex Ralston showed them the classic cars that his grandfather Cecil Ralston had collected and restored. Cars from others in the Gruver area were also shown.

There were 15 campers using the hookups behind the dam and 7 on the office side. Many boaters were out on the weekend.

One of the campers asked Jim Friday morning if there were any cougars in the area, as they had seen a big cat. Although the ears were pointed, and they couldn't see the tail, the couple thought it was too large for a bobcat. However, the cat was in the place Jim frequently sees a bobcat, and because the ears were pointed rather than rounded, he seemed inclined to think it was probably a bobcat.

Kermit McKee asked me the name of the yellow flowers growing west of Gruver in sizable acreages. I had noticed some beautiful ones at Old Hansford. The ones west of Gruver are Greenthread with some Engelmann's Daisies mixed in.

Library Receives New Microfilm Reader/Printer

Hansford County Library has a new microfilm reader/printer, thanks to the Mary Alice Stinson Gibner Endowment fund and donations from several local genealogy club members.

The new microfilm reader/printer was purchased from Lason, Inc. in Amarillo and installed Friday, June 27. A technician from Lason showed the library staff and several interested board members and genealogy club members how to operate the new equipment.

The Library has had a microfilm reader for many years, but it did not have printing capabilities. All of the old local newspapers up through 1974 are currently on microfilm, and a grant has been written and submitted to get the rest of the local newspapers put on microfilm. Now that the library has the ability to print out copies of articles from these newspapers, it will be much easier to provide the information that our patrons need from back issues.



The Cub Scout Pack 578 recently held a Pinewood Boxcar Derby Race. Scouts participating were: (L-R) Seth Carson, Jackson Davis, Bradly Duvall, Richard Jarvis, Devin Wells and Geoffrey Patrick. Earlier in the year, they enjoyed tours of the Spearman Fire Department, Hansford Museum and KRDF-FM Radio Station.

Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434.

July 3
Birthday - Julie Gumfory, Randy Lowe, Todd Williams, Charlie Lopez, Audene Beck, Lynn Sheets, Trudie Gordon, Meredith Benton, Ronda Gibson, Gene Reynolds, Trevor Shipley, Debra Gallimore, Verlin Behne, Bill Porter, Cheryl Salgado, Henniretta Andrews
Anniversary - Bill & Verna Strawn

July 4
Birthday - Barry Barkley, Donna Been, Gene Duncan, Mary Weldon, Farene Williams, Faye Cunningham, James Umphress, Ofelia Vela, June Patterson, Melvyn Bradley, Kim Swink
Anniversary - Mike & Kathy Peck, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Post oak, Mr. & Mrs. Jerald Ray Scribner

July 5
Birthday - Sydney Clawson, Kent Benton, Mrs. George Rook, Mack McLain, Linda Walker, Jamie Davis, Tom Dortch, Dawn Bridges, Connie Gibson Dixon, Blayne Schrader, Alfonso Martinez, Melanie Elliott
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Been, Mike & Kathy Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Wilkerson, Burton & Wanda Schubert

July 6
Birthday - Scott Attwood, Monte Beck, Rickey Shields, Gene Dennis, June Day, Kimberly Ann Vasquez, Cody Benton, Lometa Sparks, Alan Biggers

July 7
Birthday - Pat O'Connell, Steve Benton, Brenda Sue Bowling, Greg Meisner, Steve Lesly, Virginia Reyes, Magda Rivera, Brian Sparks, Justin Bowman, Daniel Ward, Karen Pierce, Mattie Davis, B.J. Hughes, Reid Swan
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Bratton, Kelly & Johnie Fuller

July 8
Birthday - Buddy Benton, Janna Nickles, Aaron Hart, Craig Morris, Gay Pipkin, Luis Martinez, Jody Fowler, Samantha Prouty, Loree Espinosa, Kathy Lindsey
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Clawson, Leo & Phyllis Cummings, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Fulce, Mr. & Mrs. Greg Miesner

July 9
Birthday - Edith Smith, Donna Farris, Johnny Jo Roach, Sally Swan, Kyle Kirk, Sean Travers Baker, Donna Custard, Sharolyn Finley, Darlene Hoel
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Booth, Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Taylor, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Finley, Joanna (Moore) & Wayne Pierson, Kevin & Ann Rook, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bagwell

July 10
Birthday - Steven Greever, Donna Sheets, Lorene Kunsleman, Carolyn Shields, Cathy Gafford, Mitch Gillian, Belinda Francis, Felix Lopez, Jolynda Vasquez, Justin Bass, Jerrill Key, James Sursa
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Randy Kirk

July 11
Birthday - Louis Schnell, Marvin Jones, Danny Pope, Juanita Paul, Sharon Archer, Scott Russell, Kenneth Schaeffer, Debbie George, Zeke Henson

July 12
Birthday - Carolyn Fletcher, Larry Hicks, Justin Horton, Jenie Kirkland, J.W. Jenkins, Cheryl Long, Glenda Guthrie, Olga Gafford, Lucas Biggs, Stan Josephson, Dustin Irlbeck, Charlie Spencer, Madison Schad, Colton Meek
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Fred Davidson, Harold & Joyce Crooks

July 13
Birthday - Mary Schroeder, Terri Ann Porter, Ron Clark, Gary Burke, Roulder Jackson, Clay Schnell, Claude (Junior) Crossland
Anniversary - Allen & Margie Alford

It's A Girl!



Danny and Debbie Herrington proudly announce the arrival of their youngest granddaughter.

Allison Rachel was born June 3, 2003, to parents Monty and Annessa Harrington of Liberal, KS. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 1/4 inches long. Allison has one sister, Samantha May, who is three-years-old.

Other grandparents are David and Diana Sharon of Follett.

Great-grandparents are Ms. Bobby Sharon of Foltett and Ed and Sharon Merydith of Perryton. Great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Rachel Merydith of Perryton.

Monty moved to Liberal after graduating from Spearman, where he met Annessa, a graduate of Follett. After graduating from Southwest Kansas Technical School, he began working as a diesel mechanic at Central Detroit Diesel.

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 Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.
 Wed. Youth: 7
 Pastor - Bob Elder

First Christian Church
 (Disciples of Christ)
 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:50 a.m.
 Minister - Gary Smith

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 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
 Wed. Fellowship Meal: 6 p.m.
 Wed. Disc. Time: 8:30 p.m.
 Wed. Youth Mtg.: 6 p.m.
 Pastor - Patrick Six

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 901 Roland • 659-2792
 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m.
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English (aired on KRDF-FM 98.3)
 Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish
 1:30 p.m. - Gruver - Christo
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 Rev. Guillermo Morales

First United Methodist
 407 S. Haney • 659-5503
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m.
 Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
 High School: 6 p.m. Sunday
 Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed.
 Pastor - Ken Cole

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

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 1101 Bernice • 659-2252
 (Worships with First Presbyterian Church)

Union Church
 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 10:45 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.
 Pastor - Bill Sparks

Fellowship Baptist
 1102 S. Archer • 659-2783
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 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
 Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
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 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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 Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
 Youth: 7:30, Sunday
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 Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m.
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 733-2651
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 Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
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by Harletta Carhel

Guthrie Family Moves
The Mark Guthrie family has moved to Canyon.

Mark, Carrie, and their children Gaitlin, a fifth grader, Grace, a second grader, and Chloe, will be missed, but best wishes go with them in their new home.

Storms Cause Damage
In addition to hail damage reported in recent thunderstorms, the storms have also caused damage to several Gruver businesses.

Sunray Coop was without phone service several days last week due to storm damages, and Gruver City Hall had computers, radios, and phones down on Monday, June 30, which were damaged by lightning on Saturday, June 28.

The June 28th thunderstorms brought 1/2 inch of rain in the Bernstein area, .94 at Gruver City Hall, and over two inches at the Jon Jarvis residence, southeast of Morse.

No 100 Degree Days Yet
Gruver City Hall has yet to record the first 100 degree day of 2003, and no one seems to be complaining.

The century mark was just missed on June 1 when a high of 99 degrees was reported.

Rain Slows Harvest
Both Sunray Coop of Gruver and Bernstein Elevator reported that the wheat harvest had been slowed by rain.

While Bernstein Elevators report that the harvest is winding down, Sunray Coop reports most producers have completed one-half to three-quarters of their harvesting.

While the quality of the wheat has been good, elevators are reporting weeds are becoming a problem in the harvest.

Volleyball Tournament Begins
Although there will be no July 4th celebration in Gruver this year,

the Gruver Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a volleyball tournament which began July 2 and will conclude July 4.

Winners will be listed in next week's column.

JH Summer Session Ends
Summer school for junior high students ended Thursday, June 26, with a trip to Panhandle Plains Museum.

Principal Matt Branstine reports the students were most interested in the Indian displays. He was quite surprised that many of the students had never ridden an elevator and were quite enthralled by it.

Summer school will continue in Gruver Elementary until July 11.

Community Care Concerns
Arturo Salazar has begun his chemo therapy treatments.

Dormans Welcome Little Miss
Stefan and Donna Dorman announce the adoption of their daughter Tatum Ruth who was born April 23, 2003.

Her grandparents are James and Ann Dorman of Gruver.

Panhandle Alliance To Meet
Panhandle Alliance, Inc. a Texas non-profit corporation promoting clean air, clean water, clean land and the quality of life has slated a meeting and homemade ice cream supper Tuesday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunray Community Building.

In addition to an informational meeting, Lance Burton of Pampa will provide a recap of the May 3rd, Fort Worth Forum.

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Gruver FFA students (L-R) Colby Red, Jessica Montgomery, and T Jay Sherrill participated in the Area I Leadership Camp.

Gruver FFA Participates In Summer Activities

Gruver FFA members Jessica Montgomery, Colby Red, and T Jay Sherrill recently attended the Area I FFA Leadership Camp in Clarendon. As Area I Vice-President T Jay Sherrill led a workshop entitled "The Speed of the Leader Determines the Rate of the Pack."

This workshop motivated young FFA students to become more actively involved at the local, district, area, and state levels of FFA.

Colby Red, Top-O-Texas District President helped lead district officers in a vespers ceremony consisting of how to battle with daily concerns.

Other events attended during leadership camp were ag relays and a banquet dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hawkins, long-time supporters of Area I FFA.

Sherrill also served as one of the Area I FFA officers in the ground breaking ceremony of the new livestock facility at Clarendon College.

The role of the leadership camp is to equip FFA members with skills to be leaders.

The 75th annual state FFA convention will be held in Houston July 7-11.

Representatives of Gruver FFA will attend the convention. T. Jay Sherrill will help with the voting delegate floor as Area I tries to vote in their candidate for state president.

Several other students will be attending the convention as well. Some students will be receiving their Lone Star degrees, and the chapter will be honored with the Golden Horizon award.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Ashten Breck Medford, eight years old, is visiting her grandparents, Kerry and Sandi Foster of Gruver. She will be here two weeks while her mother is at One Way Methodist Church camp at Ceta Canyon serving as counselor. Her parents are Bobby and Drista Medford of Amarillo. Ashten is planning to volunteer at the Manor in Spearman while she is here.

Dorcus Collard returned home recently from Medford, Oregon later than usual as she stayed there for the graduation of her granddaughter, Megan Collard, daughter of Vicki and Randy. She finished Dow High in Midland and will enter Miami University in Miami Oxford, Ohio. She plans to get her degree as a Nurse Practitioner.

Dorcus is in good health after undergoing heart surgery in November. Her daughter, D'D and husband, Donald Bagwell of Warrington, New York were in attendance and visited often. Randy, Vickie, and D'D are all Spearman High graduates.

Don and Lynanne Maize returned from a 17 day stay at Fun Valley, Colo.

They were camping out and enjoying scenery, weather, food, and the association with their family. Those sharing were daughter Gerri and Jeff Colvin with Caison, Devon, and Libby and Peyton Sampson with Slade and Jamie Maize.

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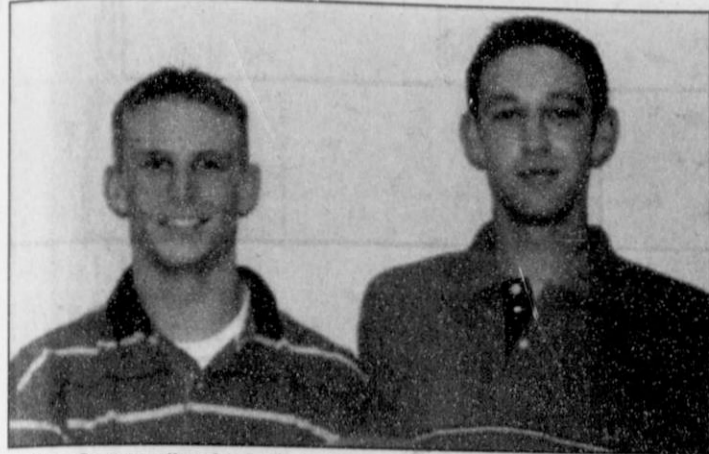
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The Outstanding Lynx Tennis Award was presented to 2003 State Doubles Champions Kevin Beedy and Adam Cherry.

SHS Athletic Banquet



Receiving honors for football were (L-R): Outstanding Offensive Award - Kevin Beedy and Dustin Mackie; Head Hunter Award - Colton Miller and Lance Baker. Lance also received the Lynx Fighting Heart Award.



Basketball Awards went to (Front, L-R) Outstanding Lynxette - Keilee Goodheart, Fighting Heart - Ashlee Flowers and Krista Kirkland Award - Elsa Vargas; (Back, L-R) Most Valuable Player - Kevin Beedy, Fighting Heart Award - Adam Cherry, and Krista Kirkland Award - Mindee Gillaspie



The Outstanding Lynxette Tennis Award was presented to 2003 Singles State Champion Lindsey Short



Travis Brown was named Outstanding Lynx in Golf.



Claudia Vaquera was named the Outstanding Lynxette in Track and Paul Bynum was named Outstanding Lynx.



Cheerleader Dana McLaughlin received the Spirit Award.

Thank You!

The Booster Club Officers would like to thank all the Booster Club members who worked so hard throughout the year to make 2002-2003 a success. We would also like to thank this community for the support it gives for these kids. The Booster Club could not function without you!



Six athletes were honored with the Iron Woman Tri-Athlete Award. They were (L-R) Lindsey Short, Macy Harbour, Ashlee Flowers, Cayla Smith, Jordan Short and Claudia Vaquera



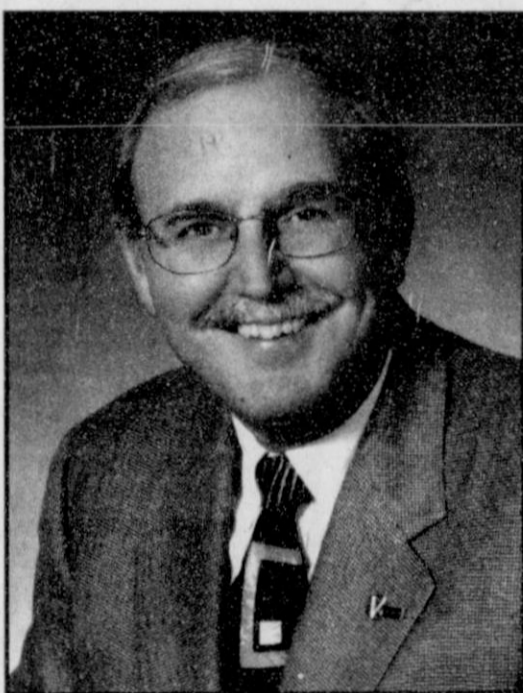
Adam Cherry and Cayla Smith were honored as the Cross County Outstanding Lynx and Lynxette Awards.



The Booster Club was very proud to award \$9000 in scholarships this year. Each of the following recipients was award a \$500 scholarship: (Front, L-R) Colton Miller, Lance Baker, Paul Bynum and Lance Smith; (Middle, L-R) David Pipkin, Nicole Ramon, Eric Vasquez, Dustin Mackie, Jessica Crossland, Elsa Vargas and Mindee Gillaspie; (Back, L-R) John Thomas, Kevin Beedy, Scott Sauer, Travis Brown, Garrett Griffin, Adam Cherry and Jeff Swan

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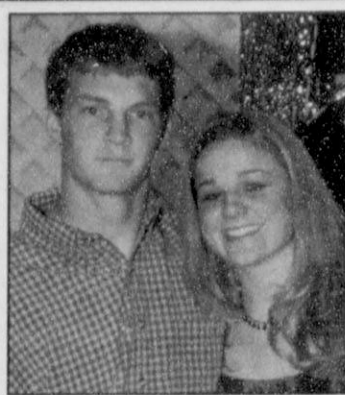
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Hunter Bevill (left) and Christi Clift were named the Outstanding Athletes of the Year at the Greyhound Awards Banquet.



Aaron Boyd (left) and Christi Clift were named the Athlete Scholars of the Year for their achievements in sports and scholarship.

GHS Athletic Banquet



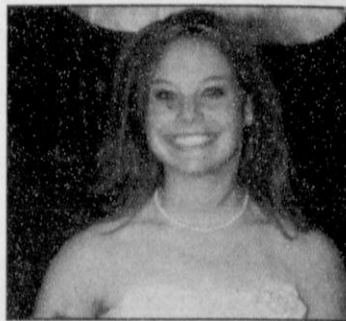
Honored with the Fighting Heart Award at the GHS Athletic Banquet were (from left to right) Lisa Johnson, basketball; Aaron Boyd, football, and Amy Watley, basketball.



Netting the tennis award at the GHS Athletic Banquet were (front row, left to right) Sammi Johnson and Laina Grotegut for girls tennis and (back row) Aaron Boyd with Coach Rob Schmucker, and Wade Stewart for boys tennis.



Greyhound football kudos went to (left to right) Aaron Boyd, outstanding lineman; Brandon Casdorph, Fighting Spirit; Daniel Hernandez, Bob Bailey Fighting Heart and Hunter Bevill, Outstanding Back.



Meagan Knight was honored with the Fighting Heart Award in Cross Country Award.



The track fighting heart award were Daniel Hernandez and Blythe Finley.



Winning the Golf Fighting Heart award were Katie Jones (left) and Cody Mac Been.



Wade Stewart was cited with the Bob Bailey fighting Heart Award in basketball.



The Lady Hound basketball team was given the outstanding girls basketball award. They are pictured with Gareda Meier, the Outstanding Fan of the Year. From left to right they are (front row) Christi Clift, Meagan Knight, Gareda Meier, Ashleigh Sherrill, Cassie Myatt, and Amy Watley; (back row) Blythe Finley, Lisa Johnson, Teal Armes, Laina Grotegut and Brandi Griffin.



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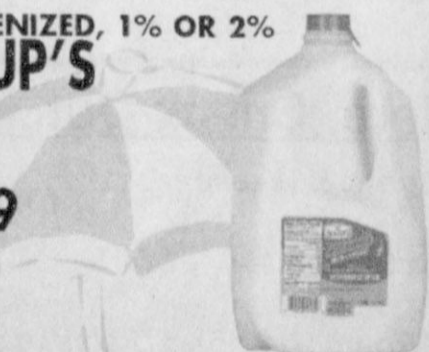
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West Nile Virus (WNV) and Encephalitis a Threat to Horses in Hansford County; Vaccination Can Provide Protection

A few moments with your local veterinary practitioner in Hansford County can help protect horses, mules and donkeys against mosquito-borne diseases, advises Dr. Terry Conger, veterinarian and state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. Vaccines are available to protect horses against three viral diseases that pose a risk to Texas horses: West Nile Virus (WNV), and Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and (WEE). The three diseases are forms of "sleeping sickness" that can cause infected horses to develop debilitating fever, swelling of the brain, muscle tremors, weakness and extreme fatigue, and in about a third or more of cases, death of the animal.

"As of June 24, 26 cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) have been reported this year by the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Zoonosis Control Division, which maintains the state's statistical database for reporting laboratory-confirmed WNV cases in humans, mosquitoes, birds, and horses," said Dr. Conger. "According to the TDH, the 26 cases have been confirmed in one horse each in Angelina, Calhoun and Van Zandt Counties. WNV also has been

detected in six birds and four mosquito pools in Harris County; one bird in Orange County; one bird and two mosquito pools in Dallas County; four mosquito pools in Tarrant County, three mosquito pools in Jefferson and two in Nueces Counties."

"In June 2002, Texas had its first case of WNV, and by year's end, 1,699 equine cases had been reported. Hansford County had 10 equine cases. Denton County was hit hardest, with 69 equine cases," explained Dr. Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. "More unreported cases undoubtedly occurred across the state, as owners may have been reluctant to ask their veterinarian or the TAHC for assistance. Only laboratory-confirmed cases are included in the state's database. Most private veterinary practitioners send blood or tissue samples for WNV testing to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in College Station or Amarillo."

WNV infection was first detected in the U.S. in New York in 1999, and since then, the virus has swept across the country, spread by infected mosquitoes that have fed on birds carrying the disease. Only four states on the U.S. mainland have not reported cases: Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Utah. Dr. Conger said it is likely

that these states also will eventually have cases of WNV.

"Sporadic outbreaks of WEE and EEE also occur throughout the U.S., and this year we may have cases in Texas, as South Carolina, Florida and Georgia have already confirmed EEE in horses. Because Texas has a large mosquito population and history of infection in past years, it is prudent to have equine animals vaccinated against WEE and EEE every year," said Dr. Conger.

"It is important to note that the vaccines for WNV, WEE and EEE do not provide cross-protection. For example, WNV vaccine protects only against WNV." As of late June, 14 horses in South Carolina have been diagnosed with EEE. In Florida, more than 110 EEE cases in equine animals have been confirmed, and in Georgia, a dog, three birds and 16 horses have tested positive for the disease.

"WNV, EEE and WEE are going to be with us always, as these diseases have become endemic in our country. Even if you try to reduce the mosquito population in your area, vaccinating against these mosquito-borne diseases still needs to be part of routine horse health maintenance," said Dr. Conger.

Dr. Conger explained that the WNV vaccine for horses vaccination requires a series of two shots, administered three to six weeks apart. After the second injection, several more weeks must pass before full immunity is developed. Equine animals vaccinated last year should receive a single WNV booster this year. In areas where mosquitoes are a continual problem year-round, animals should receive a WNV booster every six months. "Owners should take action now to get their equine animals vaccinated, before cases become more widespread," urged Dr. Conger.

"EEE and WEE vaccines are available in a combined product. To develop disease protection, the animal will need two injections, 30 days apart. A booster shot is then needed annually or biannually."

While no vaccine can guarantee 100 percent protection, it's much better than no protection," commented Dr. Conger. "Last year, Colorado State University followed more than 500 equine animals infected with the WNV in Colorado and Nebraska. The death rate was greater than 36 percent in animals that had not received vaccine. The death loss dropped to around 20 percent for animals that had received at least one dose of WNV vaccine. Of the 13 animals properly vaccinated with two doses of vaccine, a dozen survived."

Dr. Conger said equine animals infected with WNV, EEE or WEE, may exhibit similar signs, including fever, irregular gait, teeth grinding, drowsiness, an inability to swallow. Affected animals may be paralyzed and be unable to rise. He said TAHC and public health officials advise owners to have sick animals tested to diagnose the disease that caused illness or death, because rabies always must be considered when an animal is disoriented or staggers. If an owner has been exposed to rabies while caring for a sick horse, appropriate preventive health measures must be taken immediately, he said.

"WNV, EEE and WEE impact a community's animals, and owners should take advantage of opportunities to protect their stock by reducing mosquito populations and vaccinating," said Dr. Conger. "Although these 'sleeping sicknesses' aren't regulatory diseases, veterinarians are required to report cases, so that disease trends or outbreaks can be followed and all preventive and educational measures can be taken."

Lakefest Variety Shows Held At Lake Meredith

Tuesday nights this summer will hold something special for those who make their way to the shores of Lake Meredith.

Following the tradition set in the summer of 2002, the Center for Texas Culture will present a series of "Texas Style" variety shows featuring talent from across North Texas.

The June 24th show was the first of the 2003 season and featured a wide range of musical and specialty acts which provided patrons an evening of first-class entertainment.

The Fritch Fortress Amphitheater at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, also home to the hit outdoor musical Lone Star Rising, has undergone significant changes since the production opened two seasons ago. A new seating area, added landscaping and new technical equipment have been incorporated into the lakeshore facility.

Lakefest will be onstage at 8:15 Tuesday night through August 12th. The park will open at 6:15 p.m. for those who wish to bring a picnic and enjoy the beautiful lake setting. Admission is \$5 per person with children 6 and under free. Concessions will also be available.

Be sure to catch "Stars Over Texas", a celebration of the culture of Texas featuring the singers, dancers, and actors of the show Lone Star Rising. This colorful production will be hosted by the Ambassador hotel on I-40 West in Amarillo and catered by the Ambassador's phenomenal chefs.

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Tickets for Lone Star Rising, "Stars Over Texas" and Lakefest can be reserved by calling (806) 274-90500 or (806) 331-2510.

Reporter Statesman Cited For State Award

The Hansford County Reporter Statesman took fourth place in the feature story division of the 2003 Texas Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by the Texas Press Association.

Harletta Carthel's winning features were "Tipping Their Hats, Cowboys To Honor Cluck's Legacy, Life With Rodeo Dedication," which was a biography of the life of the late Bob Cluck as a cowman and his association with rodeo and the cowboy life and her feature on former Spearman resident Jeffrey Gressett and his work as a teacher in Los Angeles and Saudi Arabia entitled "Teacher 'Schooled' In World's Classrooms."

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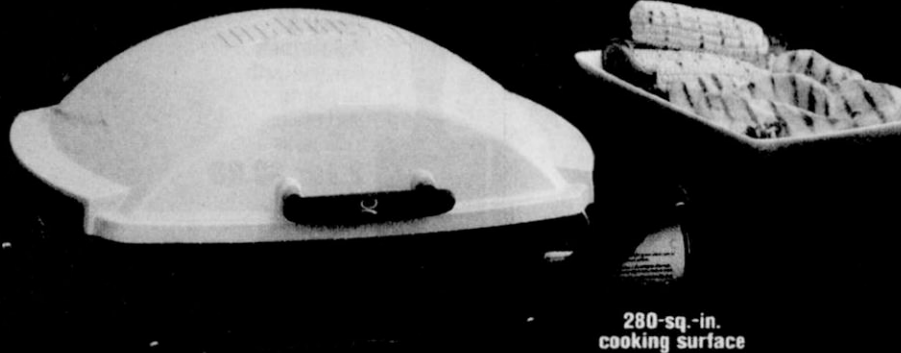
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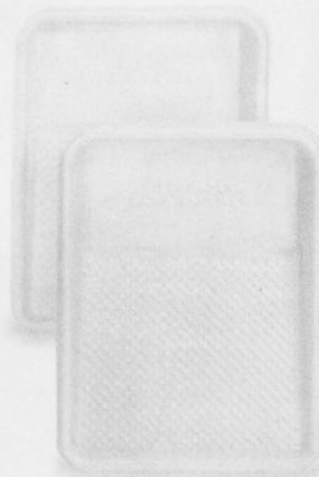
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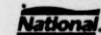
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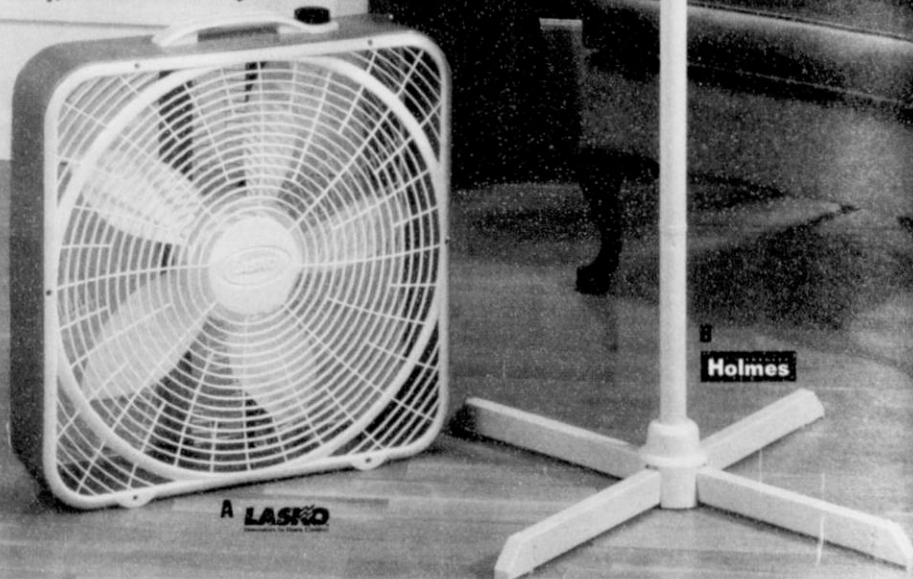


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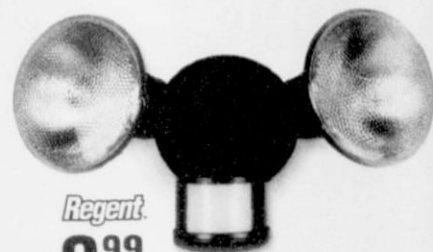
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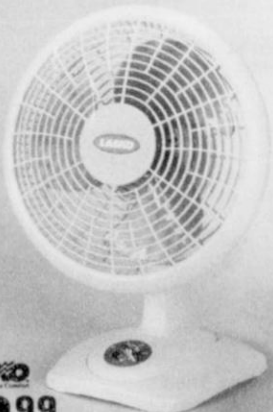
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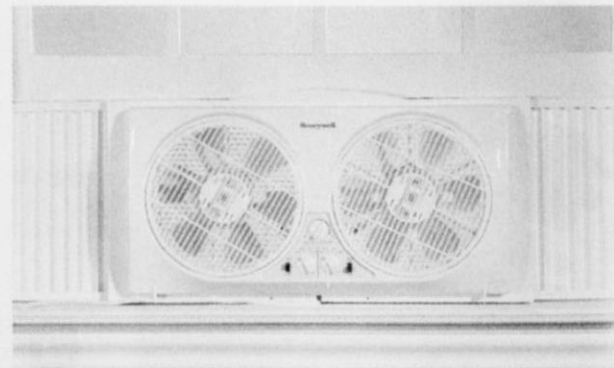
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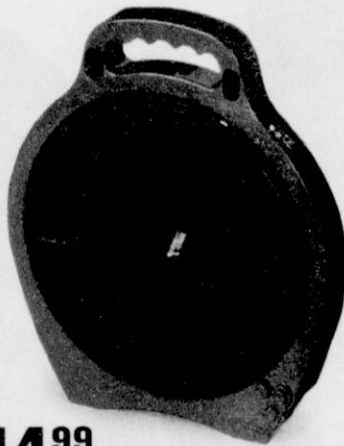
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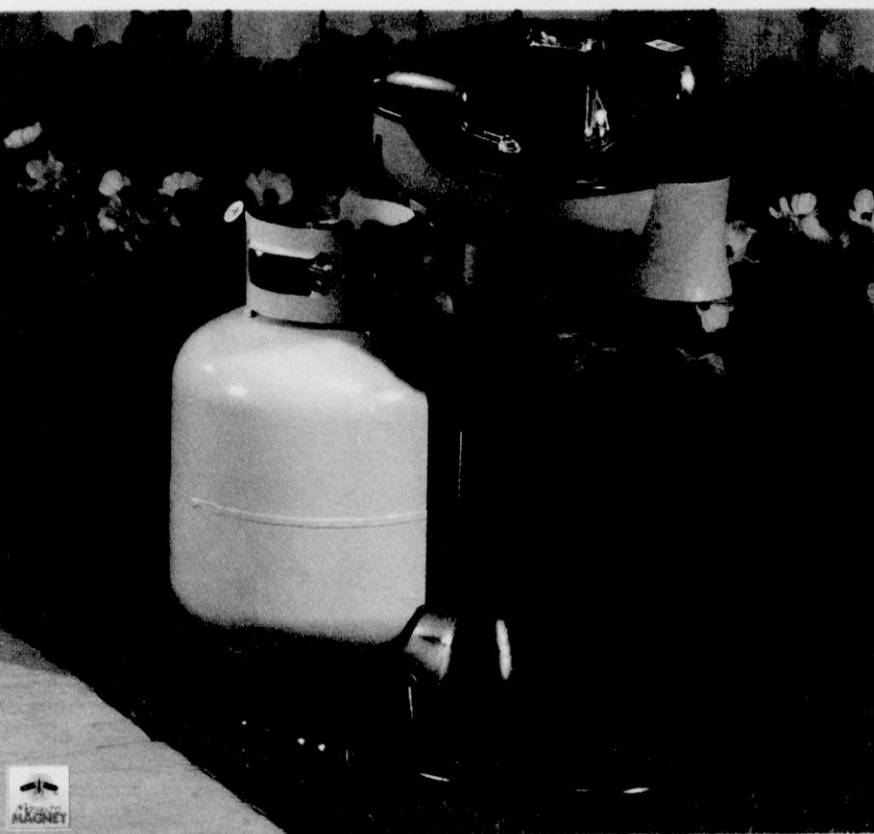
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