

Hansford County's fifth decade:

The dust bowl years of the thirties

Editor's note: This is the fifth article in the Spearman Reporter's historical series celebrating one hundred years of Hansford County history. Beginning with this decade [1930-40], we will no longer be providing a timeline of historical events with our articles, but will endeavor instead to present the most significant happenings of each ten-year period. This first half of our 1930's article deals with the Dust Bowl. The second half, which will be published next week, covers Hix Wilbank's years as county sheriff, including his solving of the county's infamous murder mystery, and a few memorable social happenings of the thirties. Readers are invited to contribute their own stories, photographs and general information to this series and can arrange to do so by telephoning the Reporter at 659-3434.

by Jean Ann Behney

A full-page advertisement in the New Year's edition of a 1930 Spearman Reporter newspaper proclaimed in large print:

"As we forge onward into the dawn of a new year, where we will be apt to meet storms of unknown strength...let us ever keep before us the knowledge that in union there is strength. As a united community, we can meet and overcome all...we can make this, our home town community, better and more prosperous, come what may."

These were prophetic words, for the fifth decade (1930-1940) of Hansford County was to prove itself to be by far the most challenging of all. The Great Depression of 1929 reached the Texas Panhandle by the early '30's, marked by plummeting prices for farm and ranch products and massive unemployment, and on its heels came years of devastating dust storms.

Wheat King Era Causes overplowing

As readers will recall from previous articles in this history series, the combined effects of modernized farm equipment and intensified market demand for farm and ranch products in the late teens prompted farmers to plow up thousands of acres of heretofore untouched land and ranchers to overstock their rangelands. This, as agricultural historians remind us, was the era of

the Wheat Kings.

Soil experts recommended diversified farming, which would have necessitated different tillage operations at different times of the year, but they were ignored by most, for the price of wheat had hit an all-time high of \$2.00 per bushel during the late teens. Despite steadily declining wheat prices in the following years, yields continued to rise rapidly. A wheat "glut" occurred as farmers harvested as many as 50 bushels per acre, and prices plunged to 50 cents per bushel by the summer of 1931. Hansford County residents recall seeing the wheat piled up outside the grain elevators as there was more of it than there was storage space!

After this last bumper crop year, however, prices plunged still further--to 20 cents per bushel in Amarillo by August of '31--to reflect decreased demand as the country battled its way through the Great Depression.

And then the worst thing happened--drought. All those newly-plowed wheatfields turned to dust without moisture and simply "blew away" with the first strong winds. By 1933, drought had struck in earnest, according to the Robertsons in their *Panhandle Pilgrimage*, and for the remainder of the decade, except for the year 1937, "below average rainfall was to plague" the Panhandle.

"Worst storm in history" strikes

The worst dust storm of the decade struck on Sunday, April 14, 1935. The month of April in this year had zero recorded moisture in the Panhandle. Two usually clear days had preceded the storm, so people were looking forward to some leisure outdoor activities after church. But then, "day turned into night" as the two-mile high black clouds of dust came rolling across the land. A reporter at the *Pampa Daily News* described it as "ebony-blue clouds of boiling, billowing smoke" that struck with a "swishing, gritty noise" and caused complete darkness.

The newspaper reported that 150 people out on roads when the storm hit had to spend the night in the Stinnett Courthouse. The thickness of the dust in the air caused a smothering sensation to anyone caught out in it. Ila Mae Buchanan recalls that this storm was so severe her sister asked her to place a wet sheet over her newborn baby's crib. Some esti-

mate that over 90 percent of the poultry flocks unprotected by a shelter were killed in the storm, and within several days, countless people developed sore throats, dust colds and ulcers of the eye.

The newspaper *Texhoma Times* estimated that in 11 months of 1933 alone, there were 139 bad dust storms, and this was just the beginning. By the mid-thirties, one quarter of Panhandle farmers had been forced to leave their farms and before the end of the decade, as many as 80% of the farmers in some Panhandle counties were on government relief programs. Hansford County had fewer leave and fewer go on relief than the typical county and many believe this is because of the great spirit of cooperation that sprang up among businesses and residents.

Jesse Spivey tells the true story of going to the bank in Gruver hoping to borrow \$10.00 so she and her husband could take their little girl to the doctor for treatment. The child was suffering from "dust pneumonia" caused by the dust-filled air. "Mr. (Haden) Hart and Mr. (Paul) Higgs couldn't loan us any money through the bank, not even \$10, but one of them reached into his pocket and took out the \$10 to loan it to us personally. That's how our bankers were in those times," she says. The Spivey's daughter later recovered.

Living on credit

Mrs. Spivey also recalls how farm families with no income were able to purchase food: "Mickey Westerfield (who owned a grocery and dry goods store in Gruver) was our good friend. He let families charge their bills for a

year and we'd also bring in eggs and cream to him to trade for other items. I don't know how he was able to do this, but he did."

Herb Kirk's farm family fed themselves on chicken. They had purchased 500 of the animals in 1933. "In order to feed them, I'd kill and cook a jackrabbit real crisp

and then chop it up on a chopping block." He says that the chickens came to know what the sound of the ax meant and would fly from everywhere to roost on him while he prepared their meal! Kirk and his wife later made 25 separate

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This is a picture of a photograph of the Panhandle Dust Storm of April 14, 1935. The picture hangs on the wall of the Spearman Reporter office. The names on the photo are White and Wright.

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First through sixth graders

Spearman students compete in meet

Spearman school students in grades one through six competed in a school track meet last Tuesday, May 9. Ribbons were given to students who finished in first through sixth places in each event, plus participant ribbons to everyone who entered. Placings were as follows:

FIRST GRADE GIRLS

- 50-yard dash**
1st - Kathryn Murphy 9.56;
2nd - Natasha Burch 9.75;
3rd - Leslie Widener 9.80;
4th - Stephanie Bynum 10.06;
5th - Augustina Carbajal 10.08;
6th - Marcella Macias 10.30.
- Standing long jump**
1st - Haley Beasley 5' 0"
2nd - Amber Raymon 4' 11"
3rd - Brooke Lesly 4' 9"
4th - Christi Wall 4' 7"
5th - Lindsee Donnell 4' 6"
5th - Janae Watley 4' 6"
5th - Dusty Eckrad 4' 6"
5th - Angela Pipkin 4' 6"
6th - Kathryn Murphy 4' 4".
- 75-yard dash**
1st - Haley Beasley 13.07 [new]

- 2nd - Amber Ramon 13.87
3rd - Audra Sanders 14.12
4th - Camille Smith 14.15
5th - Dusty Eckhardt 14.17
6th - Lindsee Donnell 14.18.
- 100-yard dash**
1st - Haley Beasley 17.52
2nd - Janae Watley 17.96
3rd - Amanda Schneider 18.09
4th - Audra Sanders 18.84
5th - Camille Smith 18.93
6th - Amber Ramon 18.95.
- Softball throw**
1st - Amanda Schneider 43' 4"
2nd - Augustina Carbajal 40' 10"
3rd - Audra Sanders 39' 8"
4th - Janae Watley 39' 4"
5th - Natasha Burch 38' 2"
6th - Erica Flores 34' 7".

FIRST GRADE BOYS

- 50-yard dash**
1st - Kelrey Henton 9.46
2nd - Chris Schmer 10.09
2nd - Travis Sherlock 10.09
3rd - Brian Schaner 10.11
4th - Mickey Schoenhals 10.19
5th - Evan Cudd 10.21
6th - Kirby Hergert 10.42.
- 75-yard dash**
1st - Ryan Gibbs 12.79 [new]
2nd - Dan McCown 13.06
3rd - Jordan Brock 13.15
4th - Jeremy Ledgewood 13.16
5th - Clayton Wilkerson 13.52
6th - Jeremy Mackie 13.61

- 100-yard dash**
1st - Jordan Brock 17.36
2nd - Dan McCown 17.71
3rd - Dusty Barber 17.97
4th - Jeremy Ledgewood 18.11
5th - Clayton Wilkerson 18.46
6th - Jeremy Mackie 18.58

- Standing long jump**
1st - Jordan Brock 5' 0"
2nd - Dan McCown 4' 11"
3rd - Dusty Barber 4' 5"
4th - Landon Delozier 4' 4"
5th - Juan Reza 4' 3"
6th - Evan Cudd 4' 2"
6th - Sean Baker 4' 2"
6th - Regan Renner 4' 2"
6th - Jake Coates 4' 2".

- Softball throw**
1st - Aaron Winegarner 74' 10"
2nd - Jeremy Ledgewood 74' 5"
3rd - Rajan Gibbs 68' 7"
4th - Teddie Whitefield 66' 10"
5th - Clayton Wilkerson 65' 4"
6th - Richard Goehring 64' 6".

- SECOND GRADE GIRLS**
- 50-yard dash**
1st - Leshe Holton 8.43 [new]
2nd - Meagan Sasser 8.53
3rd - Brittany Beedy 8.73

- 4th - Jackie Aldridge 8.75
5th - Jessica Carr 9.07
4th - Gayle Mayfield 9.19.
- 75-yard dash**
1st - Meagan Sasser 12.50 [new]
2nd - Mia Sasser 12.59
3rd - Leslie Holton 13.06
4th - Brittany Beedy 13.08
5th - Holly Pipkin 13.28
6th - Betsy Holt 13.30.
- 100-yard dash**
1st - Mia Sasser 16.85 [new]
2nd - Megan Sasser 16.86
3rd - Betsy Holt 16.94
4th - Jessica Carr 17.05
5th - Holly Pipkin 17.53
6th - Cassie Butts 17.86

- Standing long jump**
1st - Holly Pipkin 5' 6"
2nd - Brittany Beedy 5' 4"
2nd - Leslie Holton 5' 4"
3rd - Dawn Loomis 4' 11"
3rd - Juanita Rosales 4' 11"
4th - Betsy Holt 4' 10"
4th - Cassie Butt 4' 10"
5th - Kristi Carbajal 4' 8"
6th - Lisa Swink 4' 7".
- Softball throw**
1st - Gayle Mayfield 59' 7"
2nd - Jessica Carr 45'
3rd - Stephanie Bowling 44' 2"
4th - Jackie Aldridge 44'

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Heart Association to present awards

The public is invited to attend the "Annual Meeting" of Hansford County Division of the American Heart Association. Although the Board of Directors meets each month, this meeting is especially planned for awards and medical information of interest to everyone. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m., First Christian Church, Spearman.

Highlights of this year's activities and presentation of awards will be included in this meeting. The keynote speaker will be Dr. R.

Lowell Chaffin, M.D., a noted physician specializing in Internal Medicine and Cardiology. He is associated with the Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic of Amarillo.

Dr. Chaffin is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical School at Galveston. He began his practice in Amarillo in 1978. He is on staff at St. Anthony's Hospital, N.W. Texas Hospital and High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

His presentation next Tuesday evening will be "Heart Risks and You." A reception will follow.



First grade girls pushed themselves to the limit as they competed for ribbons in the 100 yard run.



These Spearman elementary boys gave it their all last Tuesday afternoon at Lynx stadium. The weather was pleasantly cool as many parents came to watch their children compete. Most of the students seemed to relish the competition, no matter what the outcome.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Now that the school trustee election has drifted into history, I feel an explanation is required from the administration and board regarding the letter "mailed to 100 prominent individuals and businesses in Spearman." Consider yourself fortunate if you did not receive one!

Straight and truthful answers were available when the party fashioned the slanderous epic and I sincerely hope the answers presented in this letter put to rest the feeble attempt to discredit our school system.

The initial point of contention centered around a rather ill-informed precept of a new junior high being built. A new junior high was not voted upon, nor was it intended for this phase of the building program. This was clearly stated in the brochure made available to everyone before the election. Facilities were planned to create a true elementary campus, K-5. The current junior high facility houses grades 4 and 5 in the east end of that complex. That area of the junior high (the 1923 building) will be demolished due to severe structural damage. The new physical education complex mentioned is not a varsity competition gym. It was built to provide a physical education setting for our younger students. By law we are required to offer physical education to all students. Our winter months prohibit us from being outdoors for all of these classes. Classes for math, science and English will meet in regular classrooms, not on the gym floor. How absurd a thought.

The priorities of the district remain the same as always, those of the academic nature. English, reading, math, science, writing, all are priorities. It is very evident that Spearman I.S.D. concentrates on the core curriculum. When we are number 16 out of 1,069 school districts in TEAMS test results (the top 2%), our teachers are doing an excellent job. We do, however, place an emphasis on our other programs, specifically in this case our music program. Once again someone received incorrect information. A band teacher has already been hired. We are searching for a choir teacher. Does this sound like we are not hiring for these positions? The one small room idea is rather ludicrous. The band hall at the junior high remains intact. The current all-purpose room in the elementary will be the choir room. The facilities will be more than adequate and well-qualified instructors will be directing the programs.

The "cut your budget or else lose your salary raise" threat is one of the most ridiculous statements in the letter. To begin with, the points taken out of context were stated in a memo to all personnel regarding the budget for 1989-90. The original budget requests came in at \$354,000. above last year's budget.

I had asked everyone to use last year's figures in developing their budgets, and for a purpose. The economy is still depressed. State funds will probably be less. The community cannot stand another large tax increase. So, as a result of this unreal figure, I gave them three choices, not threats, in bringing the budget back to reality. The point that really concerns me is that a memo for school personnel was distributed to the community. Would you like for your employees to take your business out into the public? I think not.

As for the athletic budget, let me make some clarification. Of

the total \$3,400,000. budget, the athletic budget is a mere .09% of the entire figure. Many communities around us range from 10-12% in this category. Also, the gate receipts from athletic contests range from \$18,000-\$20,000. This offsets part of the expenses. When cuts were placed on other budgets, the athletic budget also received cuts; voluntary by those involved. Sufficient funds are allocated for English workbooks and other needed materials. If our academic budgets have been so drastically cut, why are we still scoring in the top 2% on TEAMS exams and at, or above, the national norms? The teachers in Spearman I.S.D. have much more than teachers in many districts across the state. No one is suffering due to budget cuts.

After this dispatch of disgust reared its ugly head, teacher after teacher either called, stopped me in town, dropped in for a visit, and assured me that there was not a morale problem, in fact, they were very happy. I have been told by these people, that only a very few malcontents fall into this category and if they are unhappy they should move to another community which indulges in self-pity. How do we have a morale problem when people are happy and pleased with their situation? There is not a morale problem.

Each month before our regular board meetings, or special board meetings, an agenda is prepared and a meeting notice is posted. This is far from being secret or hidden in nature. The minutes from said meetings are a matter of public record and are available for anyone to read at anytime.

Perhaps the most galling and perplexing statement in the letter was the attack on Bob Pearson. If it had not been for his efforts, the money now coming into the school system from the Gus Birdwell Estate, would be going to a society with little concern for our community and school system. You do not bite the hand that feeds you! We are very fortunate to receive these monies and everyone should be grateful for the gift!

We have an excellent school system in every aspect. I am not saying we cannot improve in several areas, but I do firmly believe we have many blessings to be thankful for and the community and school alike do not need productions such as the "letter." For you that feel otherwise, let me encourage you to look on the other side of the fence. Without a doubt, you will find the grass is not as green and the majority of the people are not the calibre of the fine people in Spearman. You and I alike have a duty to Spearman-buildup, not tear down.

Sincerely,
Larry Butler
Superintendent

Trailride offered at Palo Duro Canyon

Saturday, May 27 it's the sixth annual Panhandle Heritage Memorial Trailride to benefit the Texas Head Injury Foundation. Sponsored by the Randall County Sheriff's Posse.

Riders will have a choice of two trails that vary in length and time through both Palo Duro and Caprock Canyons, featuring sights only visible from horseback! Meals are provided chuckwagon style and awards will be presented. To find out how to sign up or sponsor a rider call: 655-2286 or 655-0824 or 359-4497.

moves all around the Panhandle seeking work of any kind, but they always intended to return to their place in Hansford County one day, and they did.

Erlis Pittman points out that everyone was "scrambling to make a living" and that Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal programs played a significant role, along with local bankers, in preventing foreclosures on farms and ranches. The late Clay Gibner said in a 1986 interview with Mary Lou Mathews that "We just went along with our customers (at the First State Bank in Spearman), renewed their notes, and everybody that stayed and tried...we finally came back and did very well."

Gibner also related that the banking business was easy to do during the Dust Bowl, because "You just opened up, made change and closed, and that was it! No one expected to borrow any money, and nobody had any security, no crops being raised."

Many forced on relief

Those who did not have salaried jobs learned to live on credit, like it or not, and when it came down to taking charity or having the little ones go hungry, the head of a household went on relief. FDR's famous relief programs involved public service projects in return for a paycheck. Two of the WPA's projects in Hansford County included the building of the roads between Spearman and Stinnett and Spearman and Perryton. As P.A. Lyon of Spearman explains, between their modest work relief wages and loans from the Federal Land Bank and Commissioner's Loan Program, "Not too many lost their land. It was just a matter of hanging on until things got better." P.A. Lyon Senior was the secretary of the Federal Land Bank in these years.

There was a saying in the Dirty Thirties: "Use it up, wear it out, make it do." Those interviewed who were children and young adults during the Dust Bowl claim they did not realize how hard things were. As one person commented, "The folks didn't complain about how poor we were and since everybody was in the same boat, we kids didn't really know any different." He said that shoes and clothing had to last two or three times as long and people "Ate a lot of canned beans," but that those who stayed tried to maintain—at least outwardly—an optimistic outlook.

Despite the sandy grit in their food, under their eyelids and in their beds after each dust storm, Dust Bowl survivors recall, people still got together socially and were able to make jokes about the dust. The Robertsons point out that it was during this Depression decade that talking "color" movies came to entertain everyone, and this time period also gave birth to popular board games "Knock-knock" and "Little Moron" jokes, swing music and dancing and increased interest in libraries. (Spearman's 29th Century Club got a Public library fund going between 1932-1934.)

Miller's dust storm humor

The late Bill Miller Senior published the *Spearman Reporter* during this time, and he was well-known and much appreciated for his ready wit when it came to reporting news of the endless barrage of dust storms. In one issue, after a particularly horrendous siege of storms, the following "photo" appeared along with this explanation:

"Street scene of Spearman,

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Texas, a little town directly in the path of the terrific sandstorms that have been ravaging the entire Panhandle for the past week. This scene is looking east from the Spearman Reporter to the Post Office. If you will turn the picture around, you have a view looking west from the Post Office to the Spearman Reporter. Sidewise, you get a reproduction of the living room in your own home.

The special photographer for the Reporter, who snapped this picture for the paper, was struck on the head by a piece of flying debris (a mules shoe just in from Missouri) and has been delirious ever since. The only audible words in his muttering were to the effect that he liked the place and was going to plant 3 sections of wheat as soon as it stopped raining."

By 1936, soil erosion projects were going strong in Hansford County, thanks in large part to federal government funding. These were called Reclamation Projects and were backed with \$2 million dollars from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Panhandle and other stricken areas.

The "contouring" cure for soil erosion

The dirt had "blown" because there was inadequate vegetation or top soil to hold it, and one solution for the poor fields left was contour plowing. Using this technique, farms "listed" the land into alternate ridges and furrows of six to eight inches in depth. The dirt clods in these ridges "broke the sweep of the land," as the Robertsons reported in *Panhandle Pilgrimage*, and the furrows "caught the moving earth which otherwise would have blown away in sand storms." Technical explanations aside, the simple and happy result was that it worked! Since over 40,000 Panhandle farmers participated in contour plowing, dust storms began to space out and lessen in severity after 1936. In a delightful coincidence, rain began to fall at about this same time.

Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was also planting trees for wind shelters, replanting severely damaged land to grass and building water reservoirs. CCC workers in Hansford County helped create Marvin Jones Lake near Canadian.

A less significant yet undeniably symbolic development was the birth of gardening and flower clubs in the county during the Dust Bowl. At a time when no one could coax a wheat plant from the ground and hideous dirt covered every surface and turned the sky a dull color, women joined clubs which encouraged the planting of backyard gardens and flower beds.

Flower clubs lift morale

It is said that the Dahlia, Delphinium and Jonquil Clubs were inspired by Mrs. H.A. Nichols, a Methodist minister's wife who lived in Texhoma during the Dust Bowl. One of the main purposes of the clubs and the flower gardens they inspired was to lift the morale of all who stuck it out in what has been described as "the most godforsaken place on earth." Club officers of the original Spearman organizations were Mrs. F.J. Hoskins, Mrs. C.A. Gibner, and Mrs. Birtie McNabb.

The Hansford County residents interviewed all claim that there was an underlying optimism which sustained everyone in these worst of times. Faith in God and the belief that better times were ahead contributed to their perseverance. On the other hand, they also readily admit to the reality that "For most of us, there is no place else to go." Many owned their home places and had no money or transportation to seek a better life elsewhere. Many of these Dust Bowl survivors are descendants of the county's original pioneers, from whom they say they inherited their strength of character.

"I think we did the best thing, just trying to get through it," Jesse Spivey muses. "It was a very bad time, yet it came to an end and we were all the stronger for it. And now I see in my own children this same optimism."

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Local "dirty thirties" survivors dust off a few memories

by Jean Ann Behney

For this issue's coverage of the Dust Bowl era, several Hansford County residents described the infamous storms for those too young to remember.

Buddy Etling: "Just as our county's pioneers saw potential, enjoyed the creeks, enjoyed the fruits of the land in good years and established homes; during dry cycle years of the '30's, they bore heartbreak of created weather extremes in drought, high winds, little production, sacrifice and health hazards of intense blowing topsoil."

Herb Kirk: It was the roughest thing I've ever seen in my life, those dust storms! We couldn't even grow weeds. The fields and pastures were completely covered with dust, often clear up to the fence tops. The dust storms came rolling across the plains, 200 to 300 feet high with no clouds above them, and it would grow darker and you just didn't know what was going to happen."

Vi Whitson: It was the most trying time of my life. We couldn't grow any wheat. There were days we couldn't let the children go to school. We couldn't keep the house clean. Those of us who stayed learned to eat the dust, and to sleep with it. It was everywhere, and there was nothing to be done except wait it out."

Ila Mae Buchanan: You'd get up in the morning and you'd see where you had lain, because there would be an outline of dust around where you had been on your pillow! We kind of laughed about this in a way, because what else could you do?"

J.B. Buchanan: "When the storm was coming up, you'd think the world was coming to an end. It would roll with all different colors in it, rolling like fire. I've never seen an artist's painting of it that

showed the colors of the dirt." Jesse Spivey: "So many people nowadays think this year's dry weather is so bad, but the Dust Bowl days were much worse. These big black storms would come on strong winds. It was just real black. The storm would blow the chickens right out of the yard, over a half mile away from home. A few survived this, but most didn't."

Hansford County Historical Trivia

...Did you know that a pair of handcuffs dating back to the 16th Century was discovered buried four feet underground near the Palo Duro Creek in 1930? The handcuffs were made of hand-forged steel and found during the excavation of a vat, according to a *Spearman Reporter* newspaper. Although the discovery of this object was not named in the newspaper article, the story went on to say the Sheriff Hix Wilbanks loaned the handcuffs to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society shortly after they were unearthed. The handcuffs were evidently studied by experts, who believed they were the kind used by Coronado hundreds of years ago. There was even speculation that the handcuffs had been buried on some person, since they were found locked! Do any of our local history buffs know where these handcuffs are today?



The Bell X-1 was the first plane to officially exceed the speed of sound. It was flown on October 14, 1947 by Major Charles E. Yeager. The plane was nicknamed "Glamorous Glennis."

Quiz Time! Quiz Time!

Each decade in the newspaper's Centennial Series has an accompanying quiz made up of one short answer question and one "think about it" question. This week, we are repeating the questions published in last week's issue as our series author is still looking for answers from readers! Jean Ann Behney has been unable to discover the answer to the first question and would prefer presenting readers' opinions over her own on the second question!

named? "Think About It" Question: Which was the greater devastation for Hansford County--the Great Depression the entire country underwent after 1929 or the Dust Bowl era this specific region of the United States experienced? (There is not necessarily a correct or incorrect response to this query! Readers may prefer to use personal perspectives over historical evidence.)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS

Short Answer Question: For what or whom was the town of Morse

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75-yard dash
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2nd - Kasey Dunnihoo 12.69
3rd - Brooke Trantham 13.10
4th - Nakoa Anderson 13.31
5th - Jana Brock 13.32
6th - Jennifer Shaner 13.34.
100-yard dash
1st - Keisha O'Quinn 17.00
2nd - Kasey Dunnihoo 17.09
3rd - Jana Brock 17.34
4th - Lindsey Smith 17.38
5th - Leia Mackie 17.99
6th - Brooke Trantham 18.03.
softball throw
1st - Lindsey Smith
2nd - Casey Alvarado
3rd - Nakoa Anderson
4th - Lena Harbour
5th - Misha Davis
6th - Tara Bruning

THIRD GRADE BOYS
50-yard dash
1st - Nicholas Vinson 8.46
2nd - Michael Gallegos 8.48
3rd - Josh Bynum 8.77
4th - Jeremy Freeman 8.94
5th - Lance McMahan 8.97
6th - Mac Butts 8.99.
75-yard dash
1st - Jamie Townsend 12.15
2nd - Josh Bynum 12.32
3rd - Mike Butts 12.52
4th - Michael Gallegos 12.88
5th - Geder Munoz 13.37
6th - Derek Kuehl 13.42.
100-yard dash
1st - Jamie Townsend 16.39
2nd - Nicholas Vinson 16.41
3rd - Mike Butts 17.04
4th - Derek Kuehl 17.59
5th - Geder Munoz 18.03
6th - Mac Butts 18.20.
Standing long jump
1st - Jeremy Freeman 5' 7"
2nd - Josh Bynum 5' 6"
3rd - Mike Butts 5' 3 1/2"
4th - Jason Sanger 5' 3"
5th - Mac Butts 5' 1 1/2"
6th - Geder Munoz 5' 1".
softball throw
1st - Jamie Townsen 132'
2nd - Michael Gallagos 122' 8"
3rd - Joey Salgado 101' 7"
4th - Derek Kuehl 94' 3"
5th - Jason Genn 85' 9"
6th - Mario Salazar 85' 7".

FOURTH GRADE GIRLS
50-yard dash
1st - Mandi Lusby 8.39
2nd - April Sharp 8.49
3rd - Sheri Smith 8.89
4th - Christie Bates 9.15
5th - Virginia Carbejal 9.17
6th - Marissa Rodriguez 9.19.
100-yard dash
1st - Smanatha Beasley 14.70
2nd - Shayla Barber 15.92
3rd - Mandi Lusby 16.41
4th - Ashly Doolley 17.63
5th - Amanda Vargas 17.73
6th - Tara Butts 17.83.
Softball throw
1st - Maria Hernandez 90' 0"
2nd - Shayla Barber 78' 8"
3rd - Macy Shieldknight 66' 0"
4th - Ashley Doolley 55' 11"
5th - Virginia Carbajal 55' 1"
6th - Tara Butt 53' 7".

FOURTH GRADE BOYS
Standing long jump
1st - Blake Beedy 6' 7"
2nd - Cody Baskin 6' 2 1/2"
3rd - Devin Delozier 5' 10"
4th - Britt Savage 5' 8"
5th - Michael Witten 5' 7"
6th - Tyler Lair 5' 4".
50-yard dash
1st - Blake Beedy 8.01
2nd - Michael Witten 8.43
3rd - Devin Delozier 8.65
4th - Clint Faries 8.71

5th - Travis Loomis 8.75
6th - Eric Cudd 8.81
7th - Kevin Baker 8.83.
100-yard dash
1st - Michael Witten 16.42
2nd - Cody Baskin 16.80
3rd - Clint Faries 16.82
4th - Felix Lopez 16.92
5th - Travis Loomis 17.06
6th - Britt Savage 17.07
7th - Kevin Baker 17.15.
200-yard dash
1st - Blake Beedy 35.79
2nd - Britt Savage 35.98
3rd - Jeremy Thomas 36.39
4th - Eric Cudd 37.39
5th - Felix Lopez 38.13
6th - Jake Howard 39.03
7th - Victor Favela 39.39.
Softball throw
1st - Franki Dominquez 112' 6"
2nd - Tom Kirk 105' 10"
3rd - Travis Loomis 98' 8"
4th - Felix Lopez 97' 2"
5th - Jake Howard 88' 10"
6th - Brian Robertson 87' 7".

FIFTH GRADE GIRLS
50-yard dash
1st - Andrea Aldridge 8.01
2nd - Tiffany Rex 8.08
3rd - Kelly Shieldknight 8.49
4th - Courtney Doolley 8.56
5th - Wendy Woolley 8.63
6th - Maria Rodriguez
100-yard dash
1st - Kara Townsen 15.24
2nd - Angie Rosales 16.36
3rd - Toni Scroggs 16.66
4th - Kim Healey 17.72
5th - Norman Hinojos 18.46
6th - Kathym Pipkin 18.80.
200-yard dash
1st - Tiffany Bruning 35.26
2nd - Kelly Shieldknight 35.98
3rd - Toni Scroggs 36.22
4th - Angie Rosales 36.46
5th - Michelle Clubb 39.32
6th - Chayci Shaver 40.19.
Softball throw
1st - Kara Townsen 139' 4"
2nd - Tiffany Bruning 120'
3rd - Tiffany Rex 91' 1"
4th - Chayci Shaver 89' 8"
5th - Misty Vigil 86' 1"
6th - Angie Rosales 84' 2".
Running long jump
1st - Andrea Aldridge 11' 9"
2nd - Tiffany Bruning 11' 6"
3rd - Kelly Shieldknight 10' 2"
4th - Crystal Boyd 9' 7"
5th - Regan Boxwell 9' 3"
6th - Tatum Wood 8' 10".

Hurdles
1st - Andrea Aldridge 10.95
2nd - Tatum Wood 11.86
3rd - Crystal Boyd 12.36
4th - Michelle Clubb 14.12
5th - Summer Riggins 14.93
6th - Chayci Shaver 18.91.
Relay
1st - Riggins, Woolley, Rex, Townsen 109.18
2nd - Clubb, Baker, Bruning, Aldridge 110.82
3rd - Hughes, Shaver, Shieldknight, Doolley 114.22
4th - McCubbin, Burgess, Boyd, Alvarado 115.09
5th - Rodriguez, Scroggs, Eaton, Burton 116.97.

FIFTH GRADE BOYS
50-yard dash
1st - Cory Butler 8.10
2nd - Kevin Slater 8.17
3rd - Brent Collins 8.30
4th - Shad O Quin 8.31
5th - Jason Villines 8.63
6th - Jason Holten 8.73
7th - Bill Pittman 8.76.
100-yard dash

1st - Lee Jarvis 16.56
2nd - Shan O'Quinn 16.58
3rd - Heath Archer 16.61
4th - Kevin Slater 16.64
5th - Jose Torango 16.64
6th - Gavin Crum 16.93
7th - Gabriel Rodriguez 17.40.
FIFTH GRADE BOYS
Running long jump
1st - Martin Sanders 12'
2nd - Cody Tigrett 11' 8"
3rd - Cody McLeod 11'
4th - Jason Villines 10' 5"
5th - Carey Fulce 10' 4"
6th - Greg Elliott 10' 1"
6th - Gavin Crum 10' 1".

Softball
1st - Jason Garrett 133' 8"
2nd - Joe Jenkins 130' 4"
3rd - Lee Jarvis 112'
4th - Matt Gafford 107' 4"
5th - Carey Fulce 106' 5"
6th - Ryan Mestas 104' 2".
FIFTH GRADE BOYS
Hurdles
1st - Coyt Tigrett 10.73
2nd - Martin Sanders 10.75
3rd - Cory Butler 11.16
4th - Gavin Crum 11.27
5th - Carey Fulce 11.50
6th - Brent Collins 11.53.

FIFTH GRADE BOYS
400 relay
1st - Covington, Pittman, Gafford, Tigrett 108.11
2nd - Cook, Rodriguez, McLeod, Jarvis 110.23
3rd - Parker, Villines, O'Quinn, Slater 110.48
4th - Ralston, Wagner, Collins, O'Quinn 111.35
5th - Biggs, Hergert, Crum, Saunders 111.54
6th - Varenhorst, Fulce, Elliott, Archer 112.80.
200-yard dash
1st - Martin Sanders 32.54
2nd - Coyt Tigrett 32.87
3rd - Lee Jarvis 33.11
4th - Cody McLeod 34.32
5th - Shan O'Quinn 35.42
6th - Heath Archer 37.31
7th - Greg Elliott 38.26.
6th GRADE GIRLS
50 yard dash
1st - Veronica Rosales 7.86
2nd - Bertha Vargas 8.67
3rd - Heather Reimer 8.68
4th - Starr Salter 8.73

SIXTH GRADE GIRLS
5th - Patricia Ortega 8.81
6th - Tina Baumgardner 9.06.
100 meter dash
1st - Veronica Rosales 15.10
2nd - Monica Magallanes 15.51
3rd - Nora Nava 16.43
4th - Haley Eaton 16.53
5th - Patricia Ortega 16.59
6th - Bertha Vargas 16.68.
200 meter dash
1st - Ashly Shieldknight 31.45
2nd - Lindee Cook 33.19
3rd - Kristina Poole 34.19
4th - Molly Blackman 34.23
5th - Nora Nava 35.03
6th - Mandi Lair 36.66.
Softball throw
1st - Nora Nava 98' 7"
2nd - Veronica Rosales 83' 1/2"
3rd - Kiki Kelp 72' 8"
4th - Tina Baumgardner 72' 6"
5th - Traci Martin 71' 3"
6th - Jill Clement 68' 3".

Long jump
1st - Ashly Shieldknight 13' 1 1/2"
2nd - Monica Magallanes 11' 5 1/2"
3rd - Lindee Cook 10' 8"
4th - Mika Pipkin 10' 7"
5th - Molly Blackman 10' 4"
6th - Kiki Kelp 10' 4".
Shot put
1st - Lee McCown 27' 7"
2nd - Trey Porter 25' 6"
3rd - Scott Scroggs 25' 4"
4th - Radar Garcia 24' 7"
5th - Jack Stark 22' 6"
6th - Jesse Garcia 21' 8".
Hurdles
1st - Lee McCown 9.90
2nd - Chad Wilkerson 9.92
3rd - Shane Schneider 10.43
4th - Chris Jenkins 10.88
5th - Ronnie Ring 11.13
6th - Justin Arnold 11.16.
400 relay
1st - Carrasco, Mendoza, Howard, McCown 104.09
2nd - Carrasco, M., Ortiz, Castillo, Jenkins 104.74
3rd - Hutchison, Riggins, Schneider, Garcia 108.7
4th - Macias, Baker, Moore, Sutterfield 109.7
5th - Winegarter, Harbour, Queener, Garcia 110.06
6th - Kunselman, Holquin, Baca, Wilkerson 111.29.
200-yard dash
1st - Trey Porter 31.29
2nd - Lee McCown 31.51
3rd - Chad Wilkerson 33.29
4th - James Mendoza 33.36
5th - Justin Arnold 34.14
6th - Jeremy Sutterfield 34.37
7th - Shawn Moore 35.34.

SIXTH GRADE BOYS
50-yard dash
1st - Radar Garcia 7.47
2nd - Joshua Castillo 7.71
3rd - Jesse Garcia 7.77
4th - Javier Carrasco 8.00
5th - Brad Brown 8.10
6th - Chris Jenkins 8.16
7th - Mario Carrasco 8.31.
100-yard dash
1st - Radar Garcia 14.53
2nd - Joshua Castillo 14.87
3rd - James Mendoza 14.88
4th - Jeremy Sutterfield 14.89
5th - Javier Carrasco 15.47
6th - Jesse Garcia 15.73
7th - Brad Brown 15.86.
Long jump
1st - Jeremy Sutterfield 12' 8 1/2"
2nd - Trey Porter 12' 4 1/2"
3rd - Joshua Castillo 12' 1 1/2"
4th - James Mendoza 12'
5th - Alvin Harbour 11' 6 1/2"
6th - Joe Breeden 11' 4"
6th - Justin Arnold 11' 4".

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Dalhart, Tx. 79022
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Spearman Chamber of Commerce Tennis Tournament scheduled
The Spearman Chamber of Commerce has scheduled their annual Open Tennis Tournament for May 20 and 21 at the Spearman High School's Omni Courts.
Entry fees for the tournament are \$8 for single events and \$16 for doubles teams. Limitations are set at two events per person.
Entries are to be sent, with check payable to the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, to Scott Beedy, Box 522, Spearman, TX. 79081. Entry deadline is May 18 at 9 p.m.
The tournament directors, Jeff and Scott Beedy, reserve the right to reclassify and combine divisions when necessary.
Play in the tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. on May 20. Tournament and concession proceeds will benefit the Spearman Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact Jeff Beedy at (806) 659-2541 or 659-3847; or Scott Beedy at 659-2518 or 659-3885. An entry blank for the tournament can be found below.

Send entries, with check payable to Spearman Chamber of Commerce, to:

Scott Beedy
Box 522
Spearman, Texas 79081

Men's singles	_____	A	_____	B	_____	C
Men's doubles	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Women's singles	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Women's doubles	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mixed doubles	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Name: _____ Doubles partner(s): _____
Address: _____ Event _____ Name _____
_____ Event _____ Name _____
Telephone: _____ ENTRY DEADLINE: May 18, 9:00 p.m.
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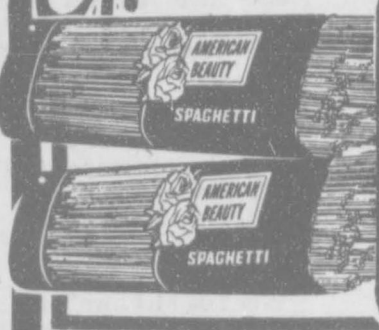
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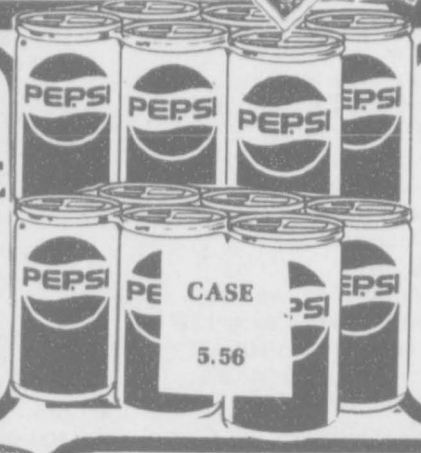
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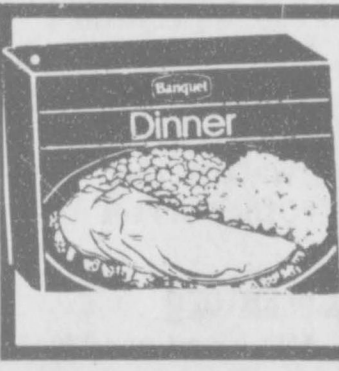
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Mother's Day Natural cooling methods suggested for summer

If the most popular Mother's Day gifts are to be believed, nobody's perfect—except Mom.



Children are the most frequent Mother's Day gift givers.

While Father's Day cards and presents often poke fun at Dad, Mother's Day gifts generally compliment Mom in a positive, light-hearted way, according to Hallmark Cards.

It's the message that's usually the key to a gift's appeal. For example, one Hallmark mug proclaims: "Working Moms...The Eighth Wonder of The World." A gift bag spells out MOM with the first letters of the words, "Magnificent Outstanding Marvelous."

Who are the most frequent Mother's Day gift givers?

Children. About half of all youngsters under the age of 19 give a gift to Mom.

With summer approaching, it's time to start thinking of ways to beat the impending Texas heat. One way to feel more comfortable and save money too is by utilizing natural cooling techniques. Shading and ventilation are two natural cooling methods that offer an alternative to air conditioning and can result in significant energy savings.

The best way to reduce solar heat gain is to block the sun before it enters your home by shading walls and windows. Shading devices such as shutters, porches, overhangs, trellises, shrubs, and trees can prevent 95 percent of the sun's heat from reaching a home's interior.

Shading south-facing windows can best be accomplished by using deciduous trees that block the summer sun but shed their leaves in winter to allow for solar heating. It is important to provide ventilation at the top of awnings or similar devices so that hot air does not become trapped under the overhang and add to the heat load.

Interior shades, blinds, and drapes will reflect 20 to 50 percent of the sun's radiant energy back through the glass. This defense against unwanted solar gain is improved with opaque materials, lighter colors, reflective backings, and shades that fit close to the glass. Because some heat inevitably escapes into the house instead of being reflected back to the outside, interior shading is most effective when used along with exterior shading devices.

During moderate seasons, ventilation is another effective alternative to air conditioning. Ventilation in your home will help increase comfort inside a building by keeping inside temperatures near outside levels.

When using cross ventilation, it is important to realize that the wind creates areas of high and low pressure around a house. High-pressure areas form where wind strikes the building and "backs up." Low pressure areas occur where velocities are high and eddies form on the downwind side.

To make the best use of cross ventilation, open the windows about half-way on the high-pressure side of the house to allow air to enter the house there. Open them completely on the low pressure side to draw the air out of the house.

Better ventilation will occur when windows are located on opposite or adjacent walls rather than only on one wall. Also, a greater area will be called if the air flow has to change direction in the room. For this to occur, inlets and outlets should not be located directly opposite each other.

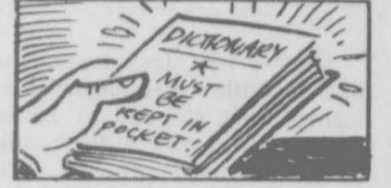
Another way to keep incoming air as cool as possible is to minimize the amount of pavement in the wind's path. Concrete or asphalt driveways and patios absorb heat from the sun, raising the temperature of air coming in contact with these surfaces. Shading paved areas will reduce this unwanted heat gain, as will substituting materials such as grass, wood decking, white marble chips, and gravel.

Natural cooling techniques such as shading and ventilation are becoming more popular as energy costs in Texas continue to rise.

These techniques will help reduce the need for air conditioning and reduce the total cooling energy used.

If you need additional information on cooling alternatives, request the free publications "Natural Cooling" and "Shading" from the Energy Hotline by calling 1-800-643-SAVE or write: Texas Energy Extension Service, Center for Energy and Mineral Resources, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-1243.

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Sin is first appealing, then appalling; first alluring, then alienating; first deceiving, then damning; it promises life but produces death. Sin is the most disappointing thing in the world.

Looking for a good time? Try the Lord. The Bible says, "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly."

For Rent

FOR RENT: Trailer space in Spearman, fenced yard, underground utilities, close to High School and swimming pool. Call 435-5080. S23-RTN

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HELP WANTED: Cleaning Lady. 1 to 1 1/2 hours a day. \$5.00 an hour. Call 659-2125. S28-2tp

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HELP WANTED

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HANSFORD

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84TH Judicial District Court of Hansford County, on the 9th day of May, 1989 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of **HANSFORD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GEORGE ROOK ESTATE Cause # 347** and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 11:00 OCLOCK A.M. on the 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said Hansford County, in the City of SPEARMAN Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Lot 1, Block 48 of the Original Town of Spearman, Hansford County, Texas

Levied on the 9th day of May, 1989 as the property of THE ESTATE AND HEIRS OF GEORGE ROOK, SR. BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 49, PAGE 124, IN HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,163.25 with interest from the 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 1989 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of HANSFORD COUNTY, CITY OF SPEARMAN, SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 9TH day of May 1989.

R. L. McFarlin, Jr.
SHERIFF
HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HANSFORD

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 84TH Judicial District Court of Hansford County, on the 9th day of May 1989 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of **HANSFORD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARIE ABELL C/O GRACE SANDERS Cause # 295-A** and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 11:00 OCLOCK A.M. on the 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 1989 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said Hansford County, in the City of SPEARMAN Texas, the following described property to wit:

LOT 10, OWENS SUBDIVISION OF OUT LOT #3 LYING ADJACENT TO THE CITY OF SPEARMAN, HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS.

Levied on the 9TH day of May 1989 as the property of THE ESTATE AND HEIRS OF MARIE ABELL SANDERS BY VIRTUE OF A WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN VOLUME 40, PAGE 488, IN HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,131.06 with interest from the 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 1989 at 10 per cent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of HANSFORD COUNTY, CITY OF SPEARMAN, SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 9th day of May 1989.

R. L. McFarlin, Jr.
Sheriff
Hansford County, Texas

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HIGH SCHOOL MENU MAY 15 - MAY 19

- MONDAY**
SOFT BURRITOS
REFRIED BEANS
SALAD BAR
CAKE DOUGHNUT MILK
- TUESDAY**
STEAK FINGERS
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
SALAD BAR
HOT ROLL
PEANUT BUTTER BLEND MILK
- WEDNESDAY**
2 CORN DOGS
MACARONI CHEESE
BREADED OKRA
SALAD BAR
PINEAPPLE-UPSIDE DOWN CAKE MILK
- THURSDAY**
HAMBURGER
FRIES
SALAD BAR
CHOCOLATE CHIFFON PIE MILK
- FRIDAY**
BAR B Q FRANKS
POTATO SALAD
SALAD BAR
COLE SLAW
CORNBREAD
BUTTER-HONEY/opt. MILK

ELEMENTARY-JR. HIGH MENU MAY 15 - MAY 19

- MONDAY**
JUICY BURGER
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BUTTERED CORN
PAK OF RAISINS
COOKIE MILK
- TUESDAY**
STEAK FINGERS
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
SEASONED GREEN BEANS
HOT ROLLS
PEANUT BUTTER BLEND MILK
- WEDNESDAY**
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MACARONI CHEESE
BREADED OKRA
BLACKYED PEAS
PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE MILK
- THURSDAY**
HAMBURGER
FRIES
LETTUCE/TOMATO
PICKLE/ONION
CHOCOLATE CHIFFON PIE MILK
- FRIDAY**
BAR B Q FRANKS
PINTO BEANS
POTATO SALAD
COLE SLAW
CORNBREAD
BUTTER/HONEY-opt. MILK

Spring Band Concert

May 18
7:00 pm.
High School Auditorium

Illustration of a band marching.

Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Doris and T.C. Kitchens returned on Wednesday after more than a month's absence. In the early part of April, they went to Tahoka, taking their house trailer, and spent a few days with their daughter, Barbara, and family.

After several days at Lake Brownwood, they visited relatives in Abilene and also Austin.

After an interesting tour of the scenery and tourist attractions in the Hill country, they thoroughly enjoyed several days of sight-seeing in San Antonio.

It was here on the 18 that they were notified of the passing of a brother-in-law in Virginia. They left immediately, and pulling the trailer and driving constantly, it was a long, hard trip but they reached Wyethville in time for the funeral.

After a few days there, they made a little more leisurely trip home. They stopped at Broken Arrow, Okla., where their other daughter and family live. After resting and enjoying the school activities of their grandchildren, they made the last lap home.

Guests of Juanita and J.L. Pierce have been his sister and brother-in-law, Peggy and Bob Ferguson who also visited other

relatives here.

They, with his father Arnold Ferguson, all from Sun City, Ariz., are renewing friendships in Gruver the rest of the week.

They are all former residents of Hansford County.

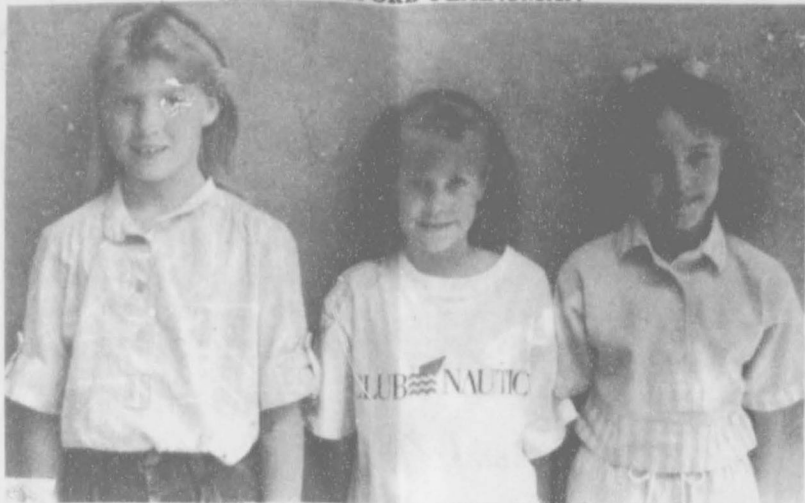
Mrs. Eva Adkinson, who underwent major surgery about ten days ago in Lubbock, no doubt was aided in her recovery by the arrival of good friends on Monday.

Wilma Lackey, Ernestine Gray and Sheila and Clay Fewell drove down to see her. She has recovered sufficiently to be moved to Hobbs, N. Mex. with her daughter.

Karen Goodman, editor of the three Hansford County newspapers, is making her resignation public.

Karen exemplifies the potential of a Spearman High School graduate. With no other background in publishing or journalism, she has performed admirably, and Spearman school personnel can be justifiably proud of her. She was appointed editor unexpectedly with very little preparation, and has worked long hours to publish the papers.

All the neighbors wish Karen and her family the best of luck.



Our newspaper, regretfully, left off the names of these three Spearman elementary girls who received honors at the district UIL events last month. [L-r] Tara Bruning and Jacque Aldridge placed in the Story Telling event and Shari Smith placed in Ready Writing.

Hospital district initiates Employee of Month award

Hansford County Hospital District has instituted an "Employee of the Month" award program. Each month an employee will be recognized for outstanding job performance and exceptional caring attitude towards patients, residents and visitors.

"The Board of Directors felt that with so many dedicated employees, special recognition needed to be given to thank them

for their continuing efforts," explained Albert LaRoche, hospital administrator.

The "Employee of the Month" will receive public recognition, a day off with pay, and a parking space for a one month period.

The public is invited to submit written nominations to Tina Freeman, Personnel Director, at Hansford County Hospital District, 707 S. Roland, Spearman, Tx. 79081.

Advice offered employers

Dear Commissioner Nabers: Back in December of last year I had to lay one of my employees off because business was so bad. He filed a claim for unemployment benefits which I did not protest. He found another job right away so he did not draw any benefits that I know of, but yesterday I got a notice from the TEC advising me of my chargeback potential. The form number is FL-62. Why is the TEC just now notifying me of my financial liability and what about the fact that my ex-employee went to work for someone else?

— J.R. Garland, Tx.

Dear J.R.: The form FL-62 that you received is generated by computer at the time the first check for unemployment benefits is cut. The claimant involved here filed no continued claims and was paid no benefits back in December because he found another job right away. The potential lia-

Board meeting set for May 22

The incoming executive board of the Hansford Hospital Auxiliary met May 9 at the Hansford Manor.

Jo Larson, president, called for a May 22 meeting at 9:30 at the Manor.

The year's work schedule will be determined. All members are urged to attend.

Anyone interested in giving of their time and effort for a very worthy cause are asked to contact Jo Larson at 659-2004 or any officer and or member.

bility on the claim was, however, established at the time of filing of that initial claim and remains locked in for an entire year for your company and any other base period employers.

Now the claimant is again unemployed and has filed an Additional Claim for benefits based on his most recent work separation. Because benefits have actually been paid this time, you and all the other base period employers on the initial claim have been notified of your potential chargeback liability. The other base period employers will now be given an opportunity to protest chargebacks to their accounts. Your company, however, had its opportunity to protest the payment of the claim at the time it was filed back in December. If there was no reason to protest at that time, then your company's account became subject to chargeback liability for any benefits the claimant might draw during the entire benefit year.

This situation does not occur with such frequency that an employer will automatically recognize it when it happens. Anytime you receive a notice that you do not understand, call your local TEC office for clarification.

Dear Commissioner Nabers: What is the maximum amount of benefits available to an unemployed person?

— P.W. Lubbock, Tx.

Dear P.W.: The amount of benefits available to a given individual will depend upon that person's wage earning history. Currently, a claimant who qualifies for the maximum available by law could receive \$210 a week for 26 weeks. Many workers will not qualify for this maximum payment. The average benefit amount since January of this year has been running around \$154 a week.

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Club News

THE HANSFORD CO. HORSE CLUB

by Sandi Rich

The Hansford Co. Horse Club met on May 2 at 7 p.m. in the Spearman Co. Barn. The officers elected for this year are as follows: Mark Eakin - president; Shanna DeArmond - 1st vice president; Dawn McCullough - 2nd vice-president; Mike McLean and Matt Archer - 3rd vice presidents; Hailey Lamb - secretary; Kyle Deeds - council delegate; Sandi Rich - reporter/historian.

Please note the following riding session and location of each: May 18 - 5:30 p.m. - Tack and equipment and how they are used. Reining demonstration and training techniques - Gruver Arena, leaders: Billy Hayes and Bonnie Jarvis.

May 23 - 5:30 p.m. - English equipment, dress, and riding, Spearman Arena. Leader: Bonnie Jarvis.

Please feel free to bring a horse and ride at these sessions, even if you don't participate in the events being demonstrated.

RAINBOWS & RANGLERS

Rainbows and Ranglers Square Dance Club held their monthly Plus Dance Thursday night at the county barn. Six squares enjoyed the calling of Murry Blasley from Texhoma, Okla.

Visitors from Walsh, Colo. were Larry and Eileen Hall and Kent and Marilyn Hetrick; from Goodwell, Okla. were Lester and Peggy Miller and Dick and Kay Whaley; from Guyton, Okla. were Ross and Robba Bryan; from Elkhart, Kan. were Cecil and Maudie Stewart; from Dalhart were Harry and Mary Reynolds; from Dumas were Garland and Ginger Smith, Joe and Kathy Irven, and Ray and

WTSU to host

school board

workshop, May 16

School board members and district superintendents are invited to attend the Spring School Board Workshop from 1-5 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 in the Activities Center on the West Texas State University campus in Canyon. The Texas Association of School Boards' event is sponsored by WTSU, Education Service Center XVI and the Canyon Independent School District.

Participants may register from 1-1:30 p.m. the day of the workshop for a \$3 fee.

A general session with keynote speaker T. Boone Pickens, general partner of Mesa Limited Partnership, is scheduled from 1:40-2:25 p.m. Pickens will speak on the corporate view of public education.

Specialized group sessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. and 3:40 p.m. Workshop topics include New School Board Member Training, Strategic Planning: A Vehicle for Improvement, Legislative Update, Educational Finance and Tax Equity, Hot Legal Developments Affecting School Districts, Current Special Programs and Mandates, and Keeping Pace with Health Care Trends. Sessions will be conducted by members of the Texas Association of School Boards.

For more information, contact Dr. Jim Kidd, dean of the WTSU College of Education and Social Sciences, at 806-656-2600.

Wilma Pershall;

From Fritch were C.A. and Wilda Brown, Shorty and Leola Albert, and Morris and Ada Creel; from Booker were Clyde and Jody Bechthold, and Jack Clark; from Perryton were Ed and Lois Merydith, June Kindy, Howard and Nancy Barkley, Violet Helker, Kenneth and Carolyn Limbocker, Billy and Nora Johnson, and James and Norma Burris.

Members present were: Joe and Wanda Archer, Benny and Joyce Byers, Danny and Debbie Herrington, Sonny and Marlane Nollner, Delbert and Louise Timmons, and Johnny and Virginia White.

The Graduation Dance for those taking lessons will be Friday, May 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the county barn.

The next regular Mainstream Dance will be May 27 with Richard Olsen of Spearman calling.

RHO RHO SORORITY

by Janie Kunselman

Founder's Day supper was held at the First United Methodist Church recently for the Rho Rho Sorority.

President, Tina Wilmeth conducted the installation service for the new officers. All the sororities had chicken/spaghetti, tossed salad, french bread, and bundt cake supper. Each sorority presented awards for the year.

Rho Rho's officers for the coming year are: president, Pat Cudd; first vice-president, Beth Raper; second vice-president, Stephanie Crossland; recording secretary, Patti Schnell; treasurer, Elaine Morris; corresponding secretary, Brenda Pierson; and extension officer, Jan Williamson.

Cora Queener was honored as the "Woman of the Year." Rho Rho pledges presented a skit. The Historical committee's skit was a slide presentation with patriotic music entitled "The Sororities State of the Union Address."

Awards received by Rho Rho members were: Pat Cudd - second vice-president, Chairman of the Year, and perfect attendance; Barbara Townsen - first vice-president and membership chairman; Janie Kunselman - secretary; Denise Donnell, corresponding secretary; Elaine Morris - treasurer; and a baby charm; Brenda Winegarner - extension officer, and chairman of the Historical Committee; Donna Murray - program chairman, and parliamentarian; Leslie Cazares - publicity chairman; Sammie Goehring - ways and means chairman, perfect attendance, and Rosebud chairman; Becky Beedy - courtesy chairman; Stephanie Crossland - service chairman, Chairman of the Year, and Program of the Year; Tina Wilmeth - president, Valentine Queen, and Girl of the Year; Pledges of the Year were LeeAnn Sheets and Laura Dear.

Members present were: Tina Wilmeth, Pat Cudd, Janie Kunselman, Denise Donnell, Elaine Morris, Brenda Winegarner, Leslie Cazares, Stephanie Crossland, Sammie Goehring, Donna Murray, Kristi Ramon, Beth Raper, Jan Williamson, Laura Dear, Brenda Pierson, Patti Schnell, Lori Scroggs, and LeeAnn Sheets.

Honorary members present were: Peggy Archer, Francis Cudd, Alta Fisher, and Mary Lou Wysong. The honorary members were each presented with a yellow rose.



The amoeba is considered the lowest form of animal life.

The Hansford Report

By Karen Goodman

This is one of the most difficult articles I have written during my position as editor of this newspaper. I am taking the opportunity to inform our readers and subscribers of my resignation from duties at the newspaper office.

I am very grateful to the many people of this community who encouraged me and enabled me to function in this position as editor. I sincerely appreciate the patience that most of you showed during the changes that have occurred at the newspaper office.

I am unsure who will assume the position as editor upon my departure, which will be the end of next week, but I hope that he or she will have as much support and encouragement from the community as was given me.

A community newspaper can

greatly contribute to positive changes in the community, and I sincerely hope the paper will thrive in the future, along with the community.

Senior Center

to have annual

membership meeting

The Golden Spread Senior Citizen Center will have an annual membership meeting Sunday, June 11 at 2 p.m. in the Golden Spread Center at 14 S. Haney, Spearman, Texas. All sustaining members are urged to attend. The meeting is open to all interested individuals and all participating members.

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