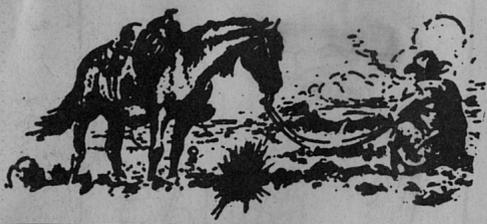


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Monday afternoon at 4 p.m., Will Parks, District Engineer of Childress with the Texas Department of Transportation, served as master of ceremonies and gave the main address at the newly dedicated Soldier Mound Historical Monument about 4 miles north of Spur. He is shown here at left. The young men in front of Mr. Parks are Wesley Brendle, Reagan McLenny and Dillon Brendle. They planted wild flower seed and Buffalo grass seed in the roadside park area. At right are Heather Willis, a high school student who is a descendent of early settlers of this area. Her grandfather, J. W. (Doc) Edwards, came to this area in 1891. She planted a Red Maple tree at the park. The maple is not native to Texas as the pioneers who settled this area were from other parts of the country. At far right is Shay Baldrige, president of the Spur High School Student Council who gave a reading about trees. The trees and tree planting materials were donated by employees of the Texas Department of Transportation, Childress District.



Mrs. Oleta Holloway, Dickens, at right with shovel, planted a Red Oak tree at the roadside park. The Red Oak is native to Texas. Mrs. Holloway is one-eighth Native American and she planted the tree in remembrance of all Native Americans. Standing next to her is Ben Overstreet, Dickens, one of Dickens' County early day settlers. Members of the Dickens Department of Public Transportation crew, who will be responsible for keeping the roadside park and watering the trees, include, left to right, Travis Bateman, Don Baxter Raymond Adams, Ronnie Ressel and Pete Lindsey, who is the superintendent. Rev. Jack Moffatt, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Spur, gave the closing prayer. A brass marker, that will be placed at the top of the Soldier Mound monument, has been ordered by Dickens County and will be put in place when it arrives.

The Editor's Corner

By Joe Harrison

Readers will note three letters to the editor in this week's edition. Perhaps now would be a good time to re-emphasize our Letter to the Editor policy which is stated in our masthead which appears each week on Page Two.

The local newspaper should be a forum for public opinion for the community. However, we run into a problem for people who write letters to the editor, very often exceed the recommended word limit of 250. (The A-J suggests 200 words in their Letter to the Editor policy). We also need the letter writer to be properly identified. Therefore we ask that the letter be signed, with a phone number and address included. These precautions are routine to prevent someone from writing a letter to the editor and signing someone else's name to it.

We do not limit the letter writer to 250 words to squash an opinion, but to hold the length down due to space limitations. We have to put out a paper that is supported by advertising to stay in business. The more advertising we have, the more room we would have for letters to the editor and other feature material.

However, we understand that when someone feels very strongly about an issue, sometimes it is difficult to get that opinion in the space suggested. So, we have accepted three letters that go over the 250 word limit although we would prefer they be within those bounds.

Regardless of how strongly we feel about the subject in question, we should keep our opinion within the limits of good taste and keep in mind, that we are all human and have human frailties.

I served on the school board for a time and while I found this service very rewarding--at times it was very disheartening. Sometimes we forget that the school administration and the school board are closer to the situation than anyone and therefore should be more knowledgeable. They have to work within a tight list of state regulations and must be careful in their decision-making process especially in the realm of dismissing a faculty member. Often the decisions they make are not popular and our recourse is through the election process.

The filing deadline to get on the ballot for positions on the Spur City Council or on the Spur School board of trustees, is March 23. (This will be past the deadline when many of you get to read this, however). If you want to be a part of the decision-making process, throw your hat

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DEC Plans Electric Camp For 4Hers This Summer

Dickens Electric is proud to sponsor and contribute to the youth of the service area in various activities.

One example is the successful stock show season which has just passed. DEC has contributed to each county in their seven county service area. Stock shows help young people develop responsibility, leadership, and management skills used in everyday life.

In the fall DEC will sponsor, for the 29th year, the Youth Tour oratorical contest. This will send two deserving students from the service area on an all expense pay trip to Washington, D.C. for two weeks. What a trip! This summer Scott Harrell and Johanna Nuding, both of Jayton High School, will be spending two weeks in Washington, D.C.

Also this summer, plans are being made for DEC to sponsor an Electric Camp for 4-Hers in their service area. More details will be forthcoming on this

camp as plans are finalized.

Helping sponsor judging contests for FFA and 4-H members, baseball teams, various awards, and donating to scholarship funds to aid students who wish to continue their education, are a few more ways DEC serves the youth of their service area.

Dickens Electric Cooperative, Inc. cares about the youth of today, because we know they will be the leaders of tomorrow!

Chamber Will Tonight At 7:30

The Spur Area Chamber of Commerce will meet Thursday night, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Among the items of business will be the election of four directors according to Chamber president, Jody Barr.

Weather

DATE	MAX	MIN	PRECIP.
14	64	36	
15	76	39	
16	74	39	
17	77	39	
18	89	54	
19	81	48	
20	91	49	
21	87	44	

Spur One Act Play Will Be Presented Here March 24

The Spur High School one act play, "Scenes and Revelations" will be presented Thursday night, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the Elementary auditorium.

The play is presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

The play will run approximately 40 minutes and the public is invited to attend according to director, Jim Devenport.



The Spur High School One Act Play, crew, cast and director are pictured here. Stretched out in the foreground is play director, Jim Devenport; first row, from left are Kaci Brownlee, Vallye Maben, Elisha Ball, Scott Rankin, Christy Henderson and Jalene Young; next row, Blake Ball, Ryan Middleton, Raegane Richey, Anna Casey and Jamie Flud; back row are William Snook and Kyle Hulme. According to information received at press time, the play has been selected to advance to District March 25 at Paducah. Plays start at 4 p.m.

Spur Bombers Win VFW Tournament

The Spur Bombers won the championship of the 28th annual Spur VFW Outsiders Basketball Tournament played here Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Bombers earned their way into the championship finals by defeating Motley County, 87-77; Jayton, 76-68 the Lubbock Outlaws in the Saturday night finals, 74-62.

The order of finish included the following:

Spur Exes, eighth; Motley County, seventh; McAdoo, sixth; Post, fifth; Patton Springs, fourth; Jayton, third and Lubbock Outlaws second with the Spur Bombers taking home the traveling

trophy. (If they win the tournament three consecutive years, they get to keep the trophy).

The coveted Sportsmanship trophy went to the Spur Exes. This award is determined by a vote of the players.

Jayton opened the Thursday night action with a 86-75 win over McAdoo; the Bombers downed Motley County 87-77; Lubbock Outlaws 88, Post 75; Patton Springs downed the Spur Exes, 67-62.

Friday action saw McAdoo edging Motley County, 59-56; Post downed the

Spur Exes 67-60; Spur Bombers tripped Jayton 76-68 and Patton Springs lost to the Lubbock Outlaws, 96-64.

Saturday night pitted the Spur Exes against Motley County with Motley winning, 97-73; Post edged McAdoo by one point, 55-54 and Jayton downed Patton Springs 81-70 prior to the Bomber-Outlaw shootout.

Lloyd Rinehart, speaking on behalf of the Spur VFW said: "I would like to thank the teams who participated in this tournament and to the fans who supported it. Also I would like to thank each and everyone who helped put on this annual event."



Pictured above are team representatives who accepted trophies Saturday night at the Spur VFW Outsiders Basketball Tournament. Top row, left to right, Todd Baker, Spur Exes; Lamar, Motley County; Trent Van Meter, McAdoo; Larry McClenny, Patton Springs; Bubba Edwards, Jayton; Lubbock Outlaws (unknown) and Curtis Bethany, Spur Bombers. A representative from the Post team was not present for the award ceremony.



SPUR VFW ALL STAR TEAM--Left to right are Trent Van Meter, McAdoo; Brain McClenny, Patton Springs; Edleman, Motley County; kneeling, Reggie Osborne, Spur Bombers and "Smitty" of the Lubbock Outlaws. The Post representative on the All Star team is not pictured. On some of the games only numbers were used to identify players, so some names are not available.

Spur Band Feature Twirler Places High At Nationals

Serena Melton, feature twirler for the Spirit of Spur Band, under the direction of Todd Baker, participated in the National Baton Twirling Association Southwest Regional Championships in Denton this past weekend.

Contestants in the Championship Contest came from Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. On Saturday, Serena competed in the 1994 Southwest Regional Championship

Basic Skills Strutting and Twirling Competition. This consists of 20% modeling score, a 40% strut score, and a 40% solo score she placed 5th in a field of 14.

On Sunday, Serena competed in the 1994 Southwest Regional Championship Solo Events. She placed 1st, Southwest Regional Champion, in her Solo Twirl division. She also placed 3rd in her Fancy X-Strut division.

Serena will participate in the Hub of the Plains, National Baton Twirling Association in Wolforth, Texas in April. Serena's twirling instructor is Annette Brown, Lubbock.

Spur 8th Grade Class Schedules Bake Sale March 26

The Spur Junior High 8th grade class has scheduled a bake sale for Saturday, March 26.

The bake sale will be held at Spur Super Market and at Lawrence Brothers IGA beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing until 12 noon.

They suggest it would be a great time to purchase bake goods for Easter.

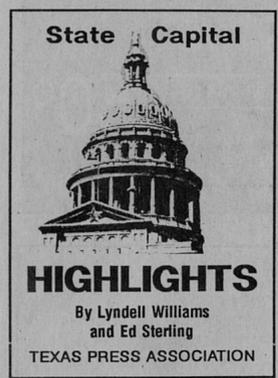
Proceeds from the bake sale will be used to defray expenses of the Junior High Banquet.

LOCATIONS
 Dickens County TTAC field, Medders Oil Co. No. 7 Pitchfork L&CC "DD"; 1470 FEL, 3406 FNL, Section 13, Block D, T.A. Thomson survey, A-555; 20 miles northeast of Spur; projected depth 4,300 feet.



SERENA MELTON
 FEATURE TWIRLER

Congress To Push For Incentives, Production, Regulatory Relief



AUSTIN — Thirty U.S. House members from Texas and 77 other members of Congress are calling on President Clinton to convene an energy summit to find ways to shore up the battered domestic energy industry.

In a letter to Clinton, the bipartisan group of lawmakers from 29 states pointed to the "alarming deterioration" of the industry.

Since oil prices slumped last October, more than 13,500 jobs have been lost in the domestic industry — which lost half a million jobs in the last decade.

"The statistics speak clearly to the crisis which the domestic industry and nation face," the lawmakers wrote in the letter coordinated by Sen. David Boren, D-Okla.

Last year, the nation posted its lowest domestic oil production since 1958, averaging 6.8 million barrels a day.

The members representing one-fifth of Congress, want to talk to Clinton about tax incentives to encourage new drilling, production and regulatory relief.

"The collapse of oil prices that began last October has driven U.S. prices below the cost of much of our domestic production, the congressmen wrote.

The White House has stood firm against intervention to halt the downward spiral of oil prices and the administration rebuffed attempts by independent producers

to obtain a floor on import prices or an oil import fee.

Meanwhile, the Index of Leading Texas Economic Indicators indicates moderate growth during the third quarter of the year, according to the state comptroller's office.

"Last month, some of our indicators dipped slightly, suggesting that there might be a few clouds on the summer horizon," said Comptroller John Sharp. "But those clouds seem to have blown over."

Sharp said the price of oil, down 25 percent from a year ago, is the only negative economic indicator on the index.

Bullet Train in Jeopardy
A proposed bullet train may be derailed unless the franchise-holder responds by the end of this month.

State officials last week notified Texas TGV Corp. that they will consider termination of the franchise to build an \$8.4 billion high-speed rail system.

Texas TGV, a French-American group was awarded the franchise in 1991 to link the state's major cities.

The company missed a deadline Dec. 31, 1993, to come up with \$170 million in equity financing.

Since then, Gov. Ann Richards and legislators have called on the High-Speed Rail Authority to revoke TVG's franchise.

But before the authority can start a termination proceeding, it must give Texas TVG a chance to show the company has done what was required to retain the franchise.

The High-Speed Rail Authority has given Texas TVG until March 31 to respond.

David Rece, president of TVG, said he thought the company had met the requirements of the franchise agreement and that the project could be built.

Health Textbook Withdrawn
A textbook publisher has decided to stop marketing its high school health book in Texas rather than make changes ordered by the State Board of Education that deal mainly with sex education.

"We simply cannot produce a product that does not provide children with adequate instruction

on life-threatening issues," said William Talkington, president of Holt, Rinehart and Winston Inc.

Talkington's comments came in a letter to Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno. Talkington wrote that "the mandated revision of the product results in a 'Texas' only program, which makes the venture economically unfeasible to pursue."

Other Highlights

■ A former Teacher Retirement System executive has filed a \$1 million libel lawsuit against Texas Attorney General Dan Morales, saying Morales issued an inaccurate report that led to his firing. Owen Reichman, 51, former director of the TRS real estate division, was fired last year.

■ Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has asked the attorney general for an opinion on the legality of a proposed coastal management plan backed by Land Commissioner Garry Mauro. Perry, a Republican, says the draft plan circumvents state law by giving an overseeing body power over development. Mauro, a Democrat, has defended the proposal.

■ Mainstream Austin Coalition, composed of political, religious and business representatives has organized to oppose attempts to repeal Austin's policy that provides insurance benefits for unmarried partners of city workers. City voters will decide in an election on May 7 whether to keep the domestic partners policy.

■ A Texas A&M University search team has picked three finalists for the school president's position. The finalists are Ray M. Bowen, interim president of Oklahoma State University; James N. Corbridge Jr., chancellor of the University of Colorado at Boulder, and Luis M. Proenza, acting vice president for academic affairs and research for the University of Alaska System.

■ Speaking at a medical convention in Atlanta, Ross Perot denounced President Clinton's health plan and urged the nation's doctors to mail him \$1,000 apiece to help draft a better one. Perot promised to chip in \$1 million himself.

COW POKES

Courtesy Dickens Electric



"I borrowed \$1000 and paid back \$500, so now we're even, we both lost \$500!"

AND THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS...

SPUR--IN THE BEGINNING

From the files of The Texas Spur, compiled and edited by Lillian G. Nay

McADDO GRADUATES VISITORS HERE MONDAY

Members of the graduating class of the McAdoo High School were in Spur Monday, having our local photographer, Mr. Kilgore, make them a class picture. The personnel of the class are: Misses Beulah Mae Phifer, Virginia Adams, Lucille Morris, Willie Pearl Bass, Lena Mae Barrington, Thresa Neely, Aline Allen and Messrs. Raymond Eldredge, Marshall McDonald, Otho Powers and John Hammonds. These young people are to be congratulated upon the completion of the high school course of McAdoo high school and we wish each of them much success throughout the years.

5-18-33 PITCHFORK COWBOY FATALLY INJURED

Luther Miller, 25 year old son of Mrs. W. E. Miller of Black River, Arizona, an employee of the Pitchfork Ranch, was fatally injured Tuesday afternoon of last week when his horse collided with a steer. In the melee Luther was thrown from the horse and suffered a fracture at the base of the skull, never regaining consciousness. V. V. Parr, manager of the ranch left immediately for Stamford with the injured man, taking him to the Stamford Sanitarium for surgical attention. Death occurred about 7 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. His grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Taylor and brother, Raymond, of Dickens were with him at the time. Webber Williams was called to bring the remains back to Dickens where funeral services were held Thursday, interment being made in Dickens cemetery. Mrs. Miller and a brother of the deceased, who lives in Florida were here for the funeral.

SPUR LADIES ARE ACCIDENT VICTIMS

Mrs. J. C. McNeill, III, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hogan, Mrs. Pauline Clemmons, Spur and Miss Johnnie Fielder of Dallas, narrowly escaped critical injury when their car overturned near Aspermont Sunday afternoon, on a return trip from Dallas. Miss Fielder

He'll spend half a day looking for vitamins to make him live longer--then drives 90mph on a slick pavement to make up for lost time.

He ties up his dog--but lets his sixteen-year-old run wild.

He will work hard on the farm so he can move into town--where he can make more money, so he can move back to the farm.

He's the only fellow in the world who'll pay 50¢ to park his car so he can eat a 45¢ hamburger.

We're the country that has more to eat than any other country in the world--and more diets to keep us from eating it.

We're the most ambitious people in the world, and we run from morning to night trying to keep the earning power up with the yearning power--but still we're pretty nice folks. Most of the world is itching for what we have, but they'll never have it until they start scratching for it the way we did.

was most seriously injured receiving a severe cut on a limb which required 20 stitches. Others of the party were severely shocked and are suffering superficial cuts and bruises. Injured members of the party were carried to Aspermont for first aid and on to this city for further medical attention. Miss Fielder is under care of nurses at the Ned Hogan home.

5-25-33 LARGEST CLASS IN HISTORY OF SCHOOLS GRADUATE THIS WEEK

The spur High School will close a successful term this week with the commencement exercises for the largest graduating class in the history of Spur High School, there being sixty-nine young men and women who will finish here this year. The term may be considered as unusually successful in that it was in the face of serious financial and other difficulties that the term was completed and that full affiliation and the high standing of the school in the Southern Association maintained. The faculty is to be congratulated and commended for the sacrifices and efforts on their part to make this possible. BACCALAUREATE SERMON- Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour at the Palace Theatre, Rev. F. G. Rodgers, Pastor of the First Baptist Church will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon to the large graduating class and others who desire to attend. On the program also will be the Junior Class in the capacity of a choir. COMMENCEMENT- The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Bradford Knapp, President of Texas Technological College, Lubbock Tuesday night, May 30 at the Palace Theatre when the graduating exercises will be held. JUNIOR HIGH CLOSING EXERCISES TO BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT- Rev. Joe E. Boyd, Minister of the Methodist Church, will deliver the address to the graduating class of spur Junior High School Monday night, May 29th at the East Ward Auditorium. Principal Foy Vernon will present diplomas to the thirty-five members of the graduating class. Valedictory address will be made by Gladys Roberson. Others on the program will be Mary Louise Lisenby, Salutatorian; Helen Hale, Class Prophet; Sylvan Golding, Class Poet; Joe E. Boyd, Jr. Piano solo; Norris Russell, who will present the Class Colors and the Class Song by the entire membership. EAST WARD TO HOLD CLOSING PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 26

PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES- CLASS OF 1933

Processional- Mrs. D. L. Granberry and Mrs. Webber Williams; Invocation, Rev. Joe E. Boyd; Salutatory, Eloise McCrary; Class Song, Class of '33; Piano Duet, Eloise McCrary and Mary Wooten; President's address, Ray E. Dickson; Valedictory, Mary Belle Ensey; Address, Dr. Bradford Knapp; Presentation of Diplomas, Supt. Sam Z. Hall; Recessional- Mesdames Granberry and Williams. CLASS ROLL; Ray E. Dickson, Jr., President; Clinton Barrett, Vice-President; Mary Belle Ensey,

Secretary-Treasurer; Mary Wooten, Reporter; Julia Mae Albin, Vivian Applegate; Annie Bateman; Novella Campbell; Mildred Collier; J.P. Carson, Jr.; J. C. Cooper; Jimmie Cross; Reuben Draper; Lora Dozier; Arthur Lee Dunn; Nellie Sue Durham; Clarence Foreman, Pauline Foreman, Mattie Ellen Foster, Theodora Fry, Luther Garner, Bender Gray, John H. Gray; Marcille Greer, Lucille Harris, Dial Hindman, Spurgeon Hutto, Opal Jackson, Jack Jones, Nina Mae Johnson, Leonard Joplin, Dorothy Kerley, Eloise Lane, John H. Latham, Glenn McClain, Tommie McArthur, Eloise McCrary, Malissa McKay, Winnie McKeever, Herman Messer, Jack Moore, John F. Moore, Lloyd Morris, Martha Nichols, Estelle Oliver, Essie Overstreet, Velma Parks, Alfred Payne, Johnnie Powell, Mildred Rape, Eldon Rawlings, Rowena Saxon, Catherine Shields, Auden Simmons, Angeline Smith, Loretta Sparks, Beatrice Spivey, Ruth Stinnett, Opal Stubblefield, Lavon Thornton, Pearl Wade, Wanda Watson, Nadine Westerman, Dillard Williams, Betsy Wilson, John Hiner Wilson, Dortha Jean Wade. (I have copies of the Class Song, the Class History, the Class Prophecy, and the Class Will if any of you 1933ers want a copy or perhaps there are children or grandchildren who would like a copy. L.G.)

JUNE 8, 1933 GIRARD DRAMATIC CLUB TO PRESENT PLAY

The Masque and Sandal Dramatic Club recently organized by the young people of Girard, will give their first presentation Friday, June 16, at the school house at 1:15 P. M. The play is a two act comedy, "Patty Saves the Day" with the following cast: Mahle Jackson, Lula Waggoner, Evelyn Fincher, Ermagene Mayfield, Maggie Lee Harwell, Viola Vincent, Wayford Cooper, Arvis Gilbert, Glen Harwell and Glen Spradling. There will also be a humorous monologue by Gathan Huset and a dramatization of that favorite, "When You and I Were Young, Maggie", with Cybul and Clifford Phipps singing, a group of young children doing the minuet in colonial costume. No admissions will be charged but a free will offering will be taken.

SPUR BAKERY INSTALLS AUTOMATIC BREAD SLICER

The spur Bakery under the able management of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fox this week has made good on their policy of "keeping up with the times" and getting the latest equipment as soon as it has proven a success and an improvement. An automatic, power-driven bread slicing machine has been installed and is now in operation which at one movement will slice an entire loaf of bread into uniform neatly cut, half inch slices. The bread is then wrapped and sealed in moisture proof wrappers and offered for sale at the same price as the unsliced loaves. Mr. and Mrs. Fox's efforts to render the very best regardless of the fact they have no competitor, should be rewarded by showing them a preference over foreign concerns.

As Others See It...

...And Say It!



Mary Ann Sarchet--Briscoe County News:

While going through the files of the Briscoe County News, I found that in March 1944 a Tale Tale Contest was held in Silvertown. The winning tales were printed in the newspaper.

MY GREATEST BEAR HUNT

Once in an early day there was an old Justice of the Peace up in Wizzard County, Arkansas. Now you'll think that

there ain't no county by that name. He, the J.P., believes in enforcing the law to the letter.

One day there was a traveler that came long riding a mule. The river happened to be up and he got to the river and got drowned. The mule swam out and they caught him, and tied him up. The town citizens drug the river, got the dead man's body and the old J.P. preceded to hold the inquest. This old J.P. always got all his evidence sur-

rounding the case. He examined the body and found a pistol. Meanwhile he looked up the law and found that it was a fineable offense to be found with a pistol.

The old Justice of the Peace fined the dead man \$25.00, he sold the mule and pistol to pay for the fine and the court costs.

Kim Pease--Rotan Advance:

Dr. Nolan Kinsey, Rotan School Superintendent, sent a letter to all principals recently requesting that they made every effort to see that students and faculty get publicity for their accomplishments in the local newspaper. Great. We continually receive criticism for not having some event in the paper that is going on at school. We have a news basket at both the Rotan and Roby high schools and only ask that basic information be provided to us. Dr. Kinsey's letter will help. Thanks.

Jim Reynolds--Tulia Herald:

If time permitted, I believe I could write a book about antics of my oldest grandson, Brandon, who is now at the ripe old age of 3 1/2.

Not many days ago, the baby sitter had trouble making out what 1 1/2 year old Bobby was saying. Bobby talks a lot, but frequently he is the only one who fully realizes his message.

"Brandon, what is Bobby telling me?" asked the sitter.

"Oh, he's speaking Spanish," Brandon responded nonchalantly. "He wants the ball."

To my knowledge, neither of the boys' parents is fluent in Spanish or any language other than English and West Texas. Where Brandon hatched that idea is anybody's guess.

Jimmy Taylor--Paducah Post:

An American yells for the government to balance the budget, then takes his last time to make a down payment on a car. He whips the enemy, then gives them the shirt off his back.

He yells for speed laws to stop fast driving, then won't buy a car if it won't run at least 100 mph.

He knows the lineup of every baseball and football team in the National League--but doesn't know the words to the National Anthem.

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Local Library Announces Plans To Meet Open Record Regulations

At the regular meeting of the Dickens County-Spur Library Board Monday of this past week, it was decided to take action to meet requirements of the Texas Open Records Act.

The board has issued the following public announcement so that Library users may realize that the library is planning immediate changes in some of their procedures.

The freedom to read encourages responsible citizenship and open debate in the marketplace of ideas. The guarantee of privacy for readers, hearers, and viewers ensures this freedom. The library is a central source where information and differing points of view are available.

On September 1, 1993, a new amendment to the Texas Open Records Act (Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, article 6252-17a) went into effect. This

amendment makes library records confidential and holds the library responsible for protecting these records. Library users will be free to use the library and its materials and services without fear of intrusion, intimidation, or reprisal.

The amendment covers records of Dickens County-Spur Public Library which identify or serve to identify a person who requests, obtains, or uses library materials or services; for example, a patron's name, address, or telephone number; or the type of material requested by a patron. Protecting the confidentiality of our patrons is a primary concern of Dickens County-Spur Public Library and there may be some changes in our procedures as we make sure we carry out this responsibility. If you have any questions concerning this Confidentiality policy, please let us know, and we will be glad to answer them.

Library Notes

by Ethel McArthur

Last Sunday, when I returned home from church, I found a note stuck to my front door. It said someone told them I might be of help in locating the original home of Lee and Cora Barber and that they would return on Monday. Pat and Faye Barber and their nephew, Allen Barber came to the library Monday and spent the entire afternoon with us. We think we determined the location of the William Lee and Cora Barber home. It was on Willard Street just a few lots north of my home and built the same year, 1909.

In trying to help Pat and Allen I fortunately recalled Everett's dad, Ed McArthur had been a close friend of Lee Barber. Lee moved to Alaska after his sons had gone up there, but Ed and Lee continued to correspond. After I married into the McArthur family, Ed McArthur would share the letters with us. Lee loved the beauty of the state and wanted Ed to bring his family up there.

Allen Barber has lost his father, Pat's brother, and wants to learn more about Spur where his grandparents had lived and also about Texas.

When I came to Spur in 1938, Lloyd Barber must have still been living here on Hill Street for I taught his daughter, Dorthea Jean. Anyway I thoroughly en-

joyed helping them local items of interest. They took the books to The Texas Spur to get copies of a number of items. They returned the books at closing time with excitement about meeting Joe and Jo Ann Harrison and also with the success of their afternoons endeavors.

On Tuesday, Roy and Mary Norman came in looking for information on the Butler family. I gave them the same resources I had the Barbers the day before, but there were a number of patrons in the library at the time and I didn't get the particular Butler family they were researching. I did observe they copied some cattle brands, but I am sure all their questions were not answered. They ask the location of the funeral home and if I thought they could get a map of the cemetery.

A challenging book that I have been reading is Tim Hansel's *You Gotta Keep Dancin'*--in the midst of life's hurts, you can choose joy! This is an excellent book for physically disabled or handicapped persons, but I myself enjoyed the insight that could be applied to my minor discomforts.

During Black History Month we pulled a lot of books about or by black people for display. When we were placing them to the regular place on the shelf, I took *Sojourner Truth, a Self-Made Woman* by Victoria Ortiz home with me for I thought that such a queer name to give a girl. I learned that her mother gave her the name Isabella. Sojourner stated "My name was Isabella but when I left the house of bondage I left everything behind." Sojourner Truth chose her new name as she walked down a New York highway one day in 1843, thus beginning a remarkable career as a sojourner-a traveler- and a bringer of truth to American people. Though she could not read she held the attention of white audiences speaking from the heart. The truths she spoke were the harsh facts of social injustice. She knew first-hand the cruelty of slavery; she had borne it for thirty years. And she also knew the frustration of being a woman in a country run by men. In her four decades of public life she was an ardent fighter for the rights of blacks and women.

can always depend on our volunteers. They are so great.

Thanks to the ones that helped at the tea table last week.

I would also like to thank Harold May for going to the food bank for us and also for working for me Thursday while I attended a SPAG meeting in Lubbock.

Monday night was fun night. I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our wonderful volunteer firemen practiced Monday night using our building for part of their practice.

I hope people of Spur and surrounding area will praise our firemen when you see them for the work and donating their time to the public.

Remember these dates.

Exercise class Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Blood Pressure Checks, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

Bake Sale, Friday, April 1st at 8:30 a.m.

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Hope to see you at the Center.

Dovie Nichols
Site Director

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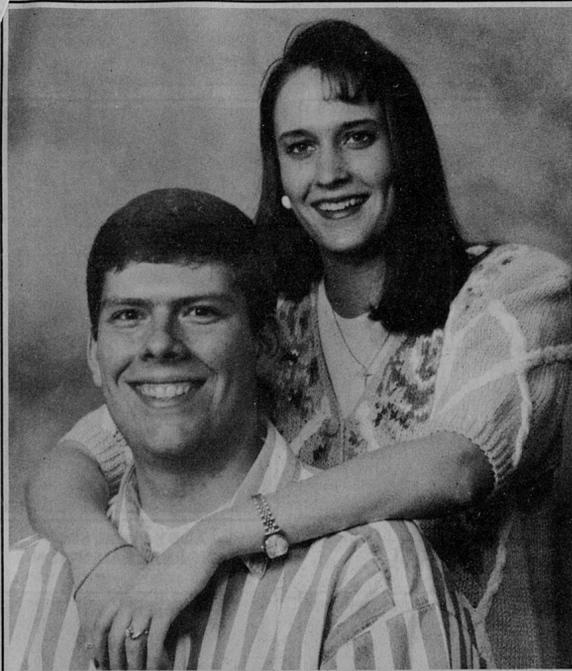
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Business Women's Association Plans To Meet March 26

A chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is now forming for working women of Dickens, Spur and area counties.

All interested women should come by the Dickens County Courthouse on Saturday, March 26, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for more information and membership forms. Locally call Kendra Clark at the Courthouse 623-5532, Barbara Neely, 800-408-5346. Barbara Neely teaches defensive driving in Dickens every other month.

ABWA membership is open to all working women. ABWA is the largest working women's organization in the United States.

South Dickens County Senior Citizens Dovie Nichols, Site Director

Easter is almost on us. We are to have our Easter bake sale on Friday, April 1st. Check us out for your Easter goodies.

We had green onions brought in to us the other day by a very good man, Alvis Bilberry. Thank you Alvis.

We also had donations made to the Center by J.D. Baxter and Cecil Brittain. These people realize the need here. Thanks to you all.

Mr. Wampler will be here April 1st. He's a hearing aid specialist.

Mary Hinson was our hostess last week. Thanks Mary.

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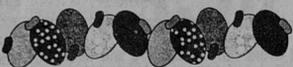
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Spur Care Center

by Elke Porter, Activities Director

We are happy to have our residents back from the hospital. Jake Shackelford, Mary Phelps, and Myrtle Carothers.



LORI ANN RAMERIZ
EMPLOYEE OF MONTH

Betsy Erath is in the hospital for some surgery.

We welcome new residents to our facility this past week. Mrs. Winnie Ellis and Gracie Kimmel.

The residents are enjoying sitting outside these pretty days.

FHA group, Rena Jones, Instructor, will visit the residents with Easter Greetings.

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Lori Ann Ramirez was selected as Employee of the Month. Lori has worked here since October. She came to Roaring Springs from San Angelo. Now she is living in Spur. Her hobbies are cooking and working. Lori is always neat and is concerned about the residents being neat and clean. She takes time to talk to them and sincerely cares.

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Spur Basketball All District Selections Are Announced

Spur High School landed nine members on the All District basketball teams according to an announcement this week by Bulldog Coach Roddy Clark and Spurette Coach Cheryl Anderson.

Heather Cash and Kandice Givens, both juniors, made the girls All District first team while Dionne Robertson, senior, was listed as Honorable Mention. Dionne was also selected as the Bulldogs Basketball Sweetheart.

Making the first team for the Bulldogs were senior Shawn McDonald and junior

Marshall Newman. Making the Honorable Mention list were seniors Robert Fernandez, Andy Hale and Chad Key along with junior, Michael Kelley.

McDonald was voted the Spurette Basketball Beau. He averaged 18.8 points per game while Newman scored an average of 10 points per game along with 10 rebounds.

Coach Clark said the following made up the boys All District team:

From Petersburg, Bryan Stephens,

Brannon Rodgers, Brannon Seth and Chris Travis; Lorenzo placed Dustin Klafka, David Guzman and Dion Mitchell while Motley County had Conway Clary and Frankie Ortiz on the squad (along with McDonald and Newman from Spur).

The Honorable Mention list included the four from Spur, mentioned above, along with Daryl Stephens, Petersburg; Jarrod Brooks and Kevin Keltz, both of Motley County and Billy Dominquez of Lorenzo.



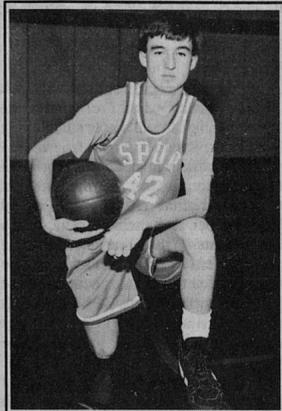
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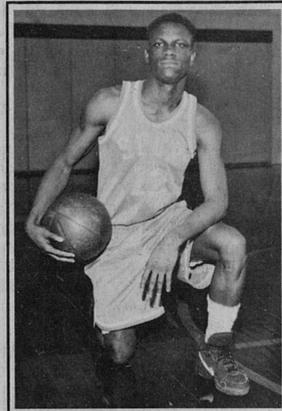
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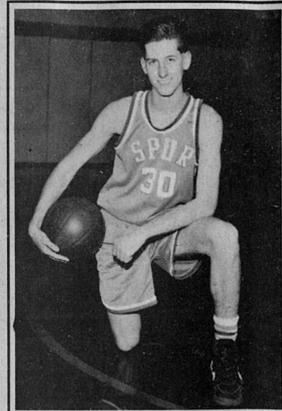
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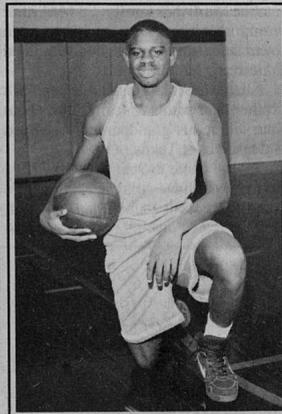
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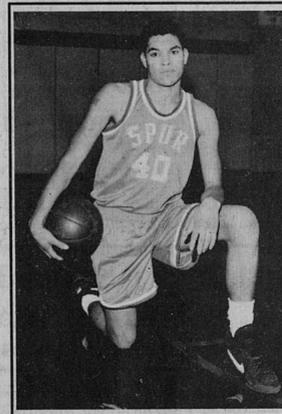
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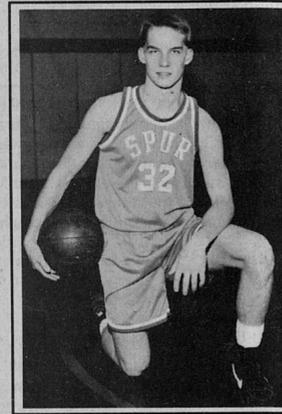
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CHAD KEY, SR
HONORABLE MENTION

Polish Exchange Student Seems Right At Home Here

Ed Henley Texas Tech Senior Student. Research for this article made possible through a grant by Reader's Digest.

Spur High School Polish foreign exchange student Paul Wysocki is the guest of Mina and Trey Pellizzari and their sons, Damin and Dustin, Spur.

Wysocki's hometown is Ciechnov, Poland, which has a population of 60,000. His mother is a bank director and his father is in the restaurant business. The school Paul attended had an enrollment of 5,000 students.

"Friends are easy to make at Spur high," said the junior exchange student. "It's easier getting to know everyone compared to my school at home."

According to his host family, Wysocki has adapted well since arriving in August of 1993.

"When I got here, it was hot. It doesn't get near that hot in Poland, so I stayed kind of tired until I got more used to the climate," Wysocki said.

He plans to graduate from Spur high next year. At six foot, five inches tall, Wysocki hopes to play basketball for the Bulldogs, along with competing in the shot and the discus.

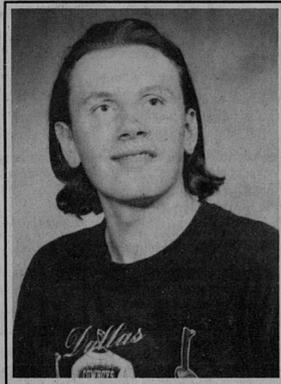
Damin, Wysocki's classmate; shares his room with Paul, which he now considers a "brother". This summer, the good friends will travel to Poland and Europe together.

"He's a fun guy to have around, but I hide food from him because he will eat it all up," Damin said of his roommate.

Apparently Wysocki has developed an admiration for junk food, American food, Mexican food, or any food that might be readily available.

"He's like one of the family now, but it's hard to keep food in the house," said Mina Pellizzari of her house guest. "When Paul first came he was shy, but now he'll really open up."

Wysocki hopes to return home and attend Poland Business College to study banking. But for now he's happy with just being a young man living with his friends in Spur.



PAUL WYSOCKI
POLISH EXCHANGE STUDENT

Bulldogs Fourth At Jayton Track Meet Saturday

The Spur Bulldog varsity track team placed fourth out of 20 teams competing at the Rolling Plains Relays in Jayton Saturday.

Robert Lee won the meet with 175 points while Spur scored 42. There was only one division with all class teams competing.

Spur results in the boys division included the following:

400 meter relay--Bear Long, Monty Thomason, Scott Rankin and Marshall Newman, third, 46.6;

100 meter dash--Monty Thomason, first, 11.29;

300 meter hurdles--Scott Rankin, first, 42.43;

200 meter dash--Bear Long, fifth, 25.11;

high jump--Robert Fernandez, second, 6 ft. 2 inches.

"We had only nine boys competing due to spring break," Coach Dewayne Sexton reported. (Only two girls com-

peted for the Spurettes due to the same reason--spring break).

LaTrisha Perry scored the only points for the Spurettes of Coach Cheryl Anderson as she placed second in the shot put with a throw of 32 ft. 8 inches. Megan Clifton competed in the two mile run.

This week the Spur tracksters will be split as one group will go to the San Angelo Relays on Friday and Saturday while the rest of the squad will compete at Aspermont in the Double Mountain Relays. The Spurettes will also compete at Aspermont.

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Swiss Exchange Student Says Class Scheduling Is Different

Eddie Henley, Texas Tech Senior researched information for this article made possible through a grant from Reader's Digest.

Swiss senior foreign exchange student, Mike Ritschard enjoys the opportunity to attend Spur High School and the hospitality of the people of Texas.

Ritschard is the guest of Mike and Diana Flud, Spur. The Fluds have three daughters Jamie, Julie, Joanne, and son, Josh.

"I have enjoyed living here because all of my friends from school are always coming over," Ritschard said. "Everybody hangs out here and we play pool on the Flud's billiard table."

Ritschard's hometown, Bern, is the capitol of Switzerland, which has a population of 300,000. His father is a computer technician and his mother makes ceramic glassware.

At Spur High School, Ritschard enjoys participating on the football team. He had previously played football in Switzerland for a European league.

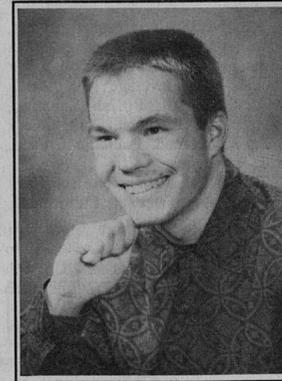
According to Ritschard, the biggest difference between schools in Switzerland and in Texas is the class scheduling.

"The Swiss school system schedules classes like colleges do here," Ritschard explained. "Classes are held every other

day instead of everyday."

Since he arrived in August, Ritschard has been able to travel to Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Ruidoso, N.M. He said everywhere he has been the people of Texas have treated him friendly.

Ritschard will graduate with the Spur high class of 1994, and return to Switzerland on June 27.



MIKE RITSCHARD
SWISS EXCHANGE STUDENT

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Joe,
While attending the Spur School Board meeting March 14th, I witnessed a lynch mob in action. I saw a teacher victimized by innuendos, rumors, half truths, and outright lies. I observed the Spur School Board cave in to pressure exerted by a handful of malcontents and vote to refrain from continuing our girls basketball coach, Cheryl Anderson's contract.

Ms. Anderson has demanded excellence from our daughters in an age where mediocrity is the norm and, for this she has been persecuted by a group of parents who apparently feel that their daughters should not be required to conform to rules that apply to all other students. Marsha Sharp, should she ever move to high school basketball, would be well advised to stay well away from Spur, Texas.

I could be wrong, but I believe that the primary responsibility of a parent or a teacher is to prepare children to be responsible adults. Barring fatal accidents or illnesses, parents will eventually die and leave their children to face the world alone. Will our children be able to survive in the world without us? Have we succeeded as parents if we make life so easy for our offspring that they can't survive when we've gone? Once our children leave the city limits of Spur, Texas, they will find that nobody cares who their parents are or whether or not they were a cheerleader or played high school basketball. What will we do when their college coach yells at them, or throws a clipboard, or lets them sit on the bench, or has them run laps for drinking over the weekend?

Cheryl Anderson has been guilty of expecting our daughters to achieve excellence, she has been guilty of expecting them to accept responsibility, she has been guilty of support team spirit, she has been guilty of loving our daughters and sons. Sure, she has yelled at them, she has pushed them, she has encouraged them, she has supported them. And, now she has been condemned.

I don't profess to place Ms. Anderson on the same level as Jesus Christ, but I do see some parallels. I see a group of people condemning an individual for caring enough to attempt to lift others to excellence. I wonder how many of our teachers whose contracts were renewed can see the handwriting on the wall? What will happen to the teacher who gives the student the grade he or she deserves instead of the grade the parent expects? What will happen to the next teacher who demands excellence in the classroom or playing field? What will happen to the next coach who refuses to allow a student to participate in a ball game because he or she is concerned about the probability that the student will be injured? What will happen to the next teacher who takes an interest in his or her students?

I suggest that those of us who want a quality education for our sons and daughters, those of us who support a teacher who strives for excellence, those of us who want our children to learn responsibility, and those of us who want our children to be able to survive as adults in the world outside the city limits of Spur, Texas, contact our school board members in support of Coach Cheryl Anderson.

If those of us who want the best for our children don't stand up and be counted we will deserve to live by a decision prompted by a vocal minority.

Sincerely,
Woody W. Woodward

Editor's Note: A word of explanation needs to accompany this letter and the one immediately following. As I understand it, if the School Trustees take no additional action, and there is no action by Coach Anderson, her contract will be auto-

atically renewed on April 1, 1994. The same will be true of Jim Devenport's contract. Contracts of both teachers were tabled by the School Trustees.

Dear Editor:

Basketball mania has swept this area thanks to the National Champion Lady Raiders. While many of you are fans of Lady Raider Coach Marsha Sharp, you might be surprised that two years before Tech won the National title, Coach Sharp was unhappy with her team's direction of moral, attitudes and discipline. She decided to "clean house" and called each player and told them what she expected of them; demanded they follow her program rules and goal plan or they would need to give up their scholarship. Three of them actually gave up a free education because of their lack of respect and commitment. Look how those who prospered who respected her and her program and stayed!

As a big fan of basketball, I follow local high school girls teams closely. Here in Slaton, women's basketball is the major attraction besides the Tech teams. Slaton has several State Championship trophies and a winning tradition--they also have a coach who is very aggressive, tough and demands a lot of her players. Commitment to her program and team goals is the most important ingredient to her program. Most people admire the players who participate; they are respected by their peers and adults alike because they are challenged. Although the parents don't always like the coaches actions, they understand that their support and guidance is necessary even when their daughter comes home with her feelings hurt. They accept the guidelines of the program or you don't participate.

I have always had a great amount of pride in being "from Spur" and an ex-student of Spur High. Even though I don't make Spur my home today, I try to support and attend as many events as possible since I have family members involved. No one more than me wants to see those kids be champions in life and be the best that they can be. But sometimes being a winner doesn't mean you always finish first; or playing the most in a ballgame. A winner is being a person you are proud of, knowing you are striving to be your very best and not tearing anyone down in the process. This is most important in school athletics as this is usually the most exciting entertainment in small towns.

I was especially excited a few years ago when Cheryl Anderson was hired to take over the Spurette basketball program. I didn't know her personally, but I felt that Spur needed someone in that position to build tradition and a long term future for the program. I felt that we had been denied that all these years because the girl's coach was often more qualified to be on the football field than on the basketball court. A strong program starts before Junior High by building desire and teaching fundamentals. She stepped into a program that had none of that. I attended almost every Spur basketball game this season and have seen Coach Anderson around the students. I have been there when she yelled at my loved ones and it sent chills up my spine. But I have also been there and seen how my niece has matured and increased her confidence and ability under her guidance. Most of the girls play because they love the game, and of course they would all like to play all the time, but everyone can't play at once.

Coach Anderson has been willing to spend her "off time" in Spur opening up the gym and making the facilities available for the kids to practice and have fun. This is a real asset to the kids and the school.

Although we might not always agree with what she does, it is always easier to be on the sidelines and point out a better way to do things. Managing young people and their emotions is part of her job that is not always easy. When you're in that position your objective is not always to be the most popular, but to have their respect. That will come from

who teach these same principals at home. We must teach our children that while they might not always like what she does, she IS the coach and is more experienced and her position deserves their respect. If they don't like what/how she does things, then they need to make sure they stay out of trouble, finish their education and become a coach and they can do things their way. Getting rid of every coach who steps on toes is not the answer. A program will never prosper, nor will QUALITY coaches want to be a part of a system that has a reputation of parents who won't allow a coach to demand commitment and effort from the kids. You do not see long lines of coaches wanting a job in this kind of atmosphere.

Let's give her the opportunity to build a program in Spur that is strong and growing. If you have a conflict with her, go to her and discuss it. Give her an opportunity to be aware of your feelings. She won't be changing her program to please your child, but I feel she would be open to a discussion. If you deny her that opportunity to represent herself and consider her innocent of any accusation until proven otherwise.

Coaches can be positive influences on our children with athletics as a teaching tool to build our children's character. If that is not the case with your child, then perhaps they should participate in another activity. Get a copy of the book on Coach Marsha Sharp as required reading for you and your child if they're going to be a part of athletics.

The people of Spur are fine people. Let's not forget to give everyone an equal chance and to show all newcomers to Spur that it is a great place to call home.

Individually our kids are good, as a team they are champions!

Sincerely,
Pat Heinrich
Slaton, Texas

Editor's Note: The Texas Spur is receipt of another letter, on an entirely different topic, but it was not accompanied by a phone number or address. If the person who wrote this letter will provide additional identifying information, we will be happy to publish the letter. Writers of Letters to the Editor are reminded that a phone number and address need to accompany the letters in order for them to be published. Also a maximum of 250 words is strongly suggested. Letters containing libelous or other reflections of a persons' character, will not be published.

Letter to Editor:

I would like to address some issues concerning our School Officials, School Board Members, Parents, Students and the Community of Spur:

Rehiring of Coaches--We have been putting a lot of emphasis on our coaching staff. When is the next School Board meeting? Is it after April 1st? If the School Board does not meet again until after April 1st, then Coach Anderson is automatically rehired. Seems to me this is the easy way out for our School Board. Why can't you people make a decision? You always seem to take the easy way out!

We really seem to have a problem getting a good coach and one that will stay. This position takes a special person. One that can motivate a student that might have little talent into one that has a great talent. A coach that makes a student feel good about themselves and not always criticizing them. You yourself as a coach need to also possess this talent of getting a student to respect you. You can't just love the sport you've got to guide our kids, teach them, make them feel good about themselves, but a team player. It takes effort.

I'm not trying to tell you how to do your job, but I don't feel we get any of this effort from our coaching staff. Don't give up so easy. After all you are the ones who chose the teaching and coaching profession.

I feel there is too much emphasis put on football. Why does it always have to be football and why not all sports that our kids participate in? I see many of the School Board Members, Teachers and Parents faces at the football games, but not at the Basketball, Tennis or Track functions. It shouldn't matter that you don't like that particular sport it should matter that our community support every sport and school function. I don't make every single game or school function, but I do try to make as many as I can and volunteer when I can. When our kids don't see our community support, then they don't want to participate in sports of school functions. We should have more kids participating. We came really close to going to the play-offs in boys' basketball this year. Where were you Coach Sexton and Coach Hensley? Was it a football training?

Our Superintendent and Principals--We are having real problems here. I don't

know about you but from my experience in dealing with Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Walker and Mr. Carroll, you ask and question and you get an answer like "the State requires it", "let me check with our lawyer", quotes of policy that don't make any sense. They are all doing a really bad job of running our school. Mr. Carroll, please do something about the lunchroom. It is gross! If you are not over the personnel at the lunchroom then who is? If it is you, Mr. Hamilton, then please do something about it. Mr. Walker please read the Spur School policy book. You don't have a clue to what the School policy is, do you? Mr. Hamilton, see that these people are doing the jobs before they get recommended for re-hire. To the School Board, make sure Mr. Hamilton is doing his job and its a good job before you re-hire him.

Spur Community--We are the ones who vote for our School Board. We need to put some thought into who we elect for these seats. Also, we need to encourage people who are active in our school functions, go to the ballgames, have children in school, to run for these seats. These people are the ones who are supposed to be making decisions based on what is best for our kids and our school. Don't just vote for the same school board member because he has been there for years. He may not be doing such a good job. Don't just rule out that a woman could do a good job. Right now we have all men and I don't feel they are doing a good job.

Students--You are the people that make our schools. When you are winners we the City of Spur are winners. You all have some kind of talent! Always remember your education comes first. Your education is what gets you through life. Playing sports is what will maybe help get you that scholarship to continue

your education. You can achieve your goals from your education.

We can make our School a better place for our kids. It not only takes parent involvement it also takes teamwork from our School Board, School Officials, Teachers and the Community of Spur. We need the best people we can get to help guide and educate our kids. I just want for the kids to come first in all the decisions that are being made by our School Board and School Officials.

Mona Reynolds

Editor's Note: You are welcome to your opinion, Mona, but I feel you were a little harsh on Coach Sexton and Coach Hensley who attended a football clinic. During basketball season, I would guess they are present on the average of eight to ten games (or maybe more) each week, which is a pretty tough schedule in my book. I try to attend as many school functions as I can but I absolutely can not attend every one.

I especially appreciate the cooperation I receive from the coaches and school officials, (Spur, Jayton and Patton Springs) in helping us cover activities that we can not cover in person.

The Editor's Corner

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in the ring. But I warn you, be prepared to take the heat or get out of the kitchen.

Apologies to the Spur VFW for my faulty memory. This was spring break week and we had our sons and their families with us part of the time. Dan Robertson, at Dan's Pharmacy, has ordered film for me for the past two weeks, but they had not come in on Thursday of last week. Dan said the film would be in on Friday afternoon. Friday afternoon I took four of my grandkids to the golf course where I caddied (and refereed). I guess my memory took a spring break because I did not think of the film again until Pete Hagins called me about 10 p.m. Saturday night to see if I could take pictures at the tournament. I could not since I was out of film.

Thanks to Leo Day Jr. for taking the tournament pictures. I sure appreciate it! Sorry about that fellows. I think that is the second VFW tournament I have missed.

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you are physically handicapped, for any reason, and wish to talk with others who are handicapped also, please come to a newly formed support group at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Spur, on Monday, evening from 6-7 p.m. on March 28th.

Rose Mary McArthur
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To the Voters of Dickens County, Precinct #2:

I wish to express my gratitude to all of you who voted in the Primary Election. I appreciate the support you gave me which has allowed me to be in the run-off election on April 12th.

I will try to see as many of you as time allows before then, but at this time I am asking again to be your choice for Commissioner of Precinct 2. The choice will be yours, so please vote on April 12, 1994.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!
Thank You,
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What Puzzles You About Fat?

Shirley Long, CEA-HE
Kent County

What puzzles you about fat? The facts about the fat in your diet can sometimes be puzzling, but there is information available to help put the pieces together. One such source is an exhibit prepared by the Kent County Home Economics Committee and Extension Service, currently on display at the Kent County Library in Jayton. You are invited and encouraged to stop by the library and take advantage of the researched information available.

You have probably heard the words low fat, but what does that mean and how do you make sure that your diet is low in fat?

To begin with, you need to know about the two kinds of fat. The first kind is saturated fat. Saturated fat increases your cholesterol and deposits it in your arteries. The main source of saturated fat are the fats in animal products, such as meat, cheese, milk, butter and lard.

The other kind is unsaturated fat. Unsaturated fat helps lower your cholesterol level if you use it instead of saturated fat. These fats are found in oils from plant seeds like corn, soybeans, sunflowers, cotton seeds, olives and peanuts. Unsaturated fats are the main source of essential fatty acids which your body can't "make" from other things you already have in your body. You must EAT these fatty acids, and that's why they're essential.

You must be aware of fat in the foods you eat. Products advertised as having "no cholesterol" might be high in saturated or unsaturated fat. You need to look on the nutrition label to tell how much saturated fat something contains.



"What Puzzles You About Fat?" is the title of an exhibit prepared by Kent County Extension Home Economics Committee currently on display at the library in Jayton. Pictured are members Monica Martinez, Tammy Harrison, Christy Chisum, Donna Kidd and Bessie Trammel.

All fats are high in calories, containing 9 calories per gram. One tablespoon of any fat contains approximately 120 calories. It is recommended that only 30% of the day's calorie intake come from fat.

To calculate that into the grams which may be listed on nutrition label, use this formula. If you consume 1200 calories per day, multiply 30% x 1200 = 360 calories divided by 9 calories per gram of

fat = 40 grams of total fat per day. At different calorie levels, the grams of total fat allowed to stay within the 30% limit would be: 1500 calories = 50 grams; 2000 calories = 67 grams; and 2500 calories = 83 grams of fat per day.

Be sure to visit the Kent County Library for additional fat facts.

The Cooperative Extension Program offers educational programs and materials to all people regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, religion, national origin, sex or handicap.

Citizens Against Government Waste Honor Stenholm

Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) today present the 1994 Grace Caucus Award to Congressman Charles Stenholm in recognition of his efforts to cut government spending through implementation of Grace Commission and other waste-cutting recommendations.

Stenholm was presented the award by CAGW co-founders J. Peter Grace and Jack Anderson and CAGW President Thomas A. Schatz at an event honoring the 190-member bipartisan Congressional Grace Caucus. This caucus was established in 1985 to promote implementation of the 2,478 Grace Commission recommendations made in 1984, as well as other waste-cutting reforms. Approximately 65% of the Commission's recommendations have been enacted, saving taxpayers more than \$250 billion since 1986.

"Creating a more efficient government was an idea that shook Washington to its core when Peter Grace reported his findings to President Reagan back in 1984," said Schatz. "The concept has come into its own in 1994, thanks in large part to the perseverance of Members like Charlie Stenholm. While much work remains to be done, Charlie deserves credit for his frontline work in the fight to restore fiscal responsibility as a stalwart Caucus member."

KENT COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS

By Wyvonne Spray
To report News Call
237-4010



Nadine and T.J. Miller have recently gone to Clarkville, Tennessee and picked up their grandson, Clint Miller. They took him to Freer where he is spending two weeks with his dad, Jody Miller and also his uncle, Tommy and Melinda Miller.

Larry and Sandy Williams and girls of Sundown, have been here visiting his family, Jack and Edith Williams, Jack and Cherry Williams, J.T., Amanda, Joy and Rexie, and also Odessa Jones.

Visiting Grace and Amos Fincher last Wednesday was their daughter, Bernice Martis. She brought them a cake. They went and visited Lois Simmons and took her some cookies. They talked about old times and people, some of which Bernice didn't know and a few Grace didn't.

Over the weekend visiting Grace and Amos Fincher was her sister, Anna Lorene and Dick Hunnicutt, Waco. They were on their way home from Idalou.

Amos Fincher went to Lubbock to see the doctor, Tuesday.

Tommie Boswell was here over the weekend. She was up at the Nursing Home visiting with Ruby Kirby and Cindy Daugherty and I went up there for a minute and ran into her.

Mitzi Smith, Spur came by to see me the other day. I thought she was lost, cause I haven't seen her in so long. But she said she had heard through the grapevine that I had lost a lot of weight. So I asked her, well what do you think?...She said she couldn't believe her eyes. I told her I had lost about 70 pounds. She said she just keeps up with me through my column, and I hadn't said anything. So this is for the rest of my friends that keep up with me through the paper. Next time you see me you might have to look twice! Ha! Ha!

Deb Clements and Aaron, Lubbock were in Girard over the weekend visiting her parents, Pat and B.R. Goodall.

Dennis took Clyde and Laura Spray to Abilene on Sunday for Clyde to start on his treatments again. They spent the night with Bob and Mary Childress.

Saturday, Laura Spray came over to the house and we were sitting and talking and we heard some music outside and we couldn't figure it out. So I got up to look out and it was an ice cream truck.

Little League Association To Meet Tuesday

The Stonewall-Kent Little League Baseball Assn. will hold a joint meeting on March 29, 1994 at 7 p.m. at the Jayton School Cafeteria.

Purpose of the meeting is discuss various schedules, teams, rules, etc. All interested persons are welcome

What a surprise! So boy I got my billfold and said come on nanny let's go. It was neat to see an ice cream truck in Jayton.

Jacey Kidd, Midland was honored by his parents, Kenny and Roni Kidd with a birthday supper at Perini Ranch Restaurant in Buffalo Gap on Saturday, March 12. Those attending were Donnie and Shirley Carriker, Austin; J.A. and Joy Kidd, Steve and Donna Kidd, Brandon and LaTasha and Jan and Buddy Gallagher.

Ray and Katherine Smith went to Keys, Oklahoma to visit their son, William Ray and Charylene Smith, Cody and Christy.

Alta Jean and Garth Gregory had their grandchildren, Clay and Kayla Jackson, children of Tricia and Kyle Jackson, Abilene and Cody Nelson, son of Penny and Russ Nelson, Lubbock. Their parents came Friday night and all left Saturday.

Stacy Carter, Abilene, daughter of Jan Carter spent Spring Break with her grandmother, Estelle Luna. Estelle took her home on Friday.

Trey and Jennifer Harrison, Arlington spent last week with their grandparents, Jan and Billy John Harrison. They are the children of Billy and Debra Harrison.

Jan and Buddy Gallagher went to Midland last Wednesday to visit his brother, Dan and Evelyn Gallagher. Dan had some minor surgery on his shoulder on Thursday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Dorothy Nash, Steve Carr, Dana Brinkman, Tim Shafer, Jeanell Arnold, Cory Long, Ashley Grice, Will Glosson, Heather Wilson.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Jim and Deanie Matthews, Roy and Christine Bennett, Beryle and Jean Murdoch, Ronnie and Madonna Cheyne.

Aspermont SBA To Distribute Commodities

The Aspermont Small Business Association will distribute commodities in April in Kent County.

Watch this newspaper for additional details and dates.

Jayton Athletic Booster Calls Important Meeting

The Jayton Athletic Booster Club will have a meeting Wednesday, March 23rd at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

We will be discussing plans for the Awards Banquet.

We would like to invite and encourage everyone to attend.

Kent County ASCS

by Norma Jo McDonald, CED

The Final Sorghum Deficiency payment rate for 1993, has been announced at the following:

Planted payment acreage is \$0.25 per bushel

Producers enrolled in 0/92 sorghum are guaranteed the rate of \$0.70 per bushel.

These payments will be issued as soon as possible.

Sign-up for the 1994 Farm Programs will continue through April 29, 1994. If you have not sign up, please call for an appointment as soon as possible. Do not wait until the last week. There is considerable paperwork and it takes awhile to complete everything. Advance deficiency payments will be issued as soon as all required forms have been filed and approved.

The Final Date to certify Wheat and/or Oats for Grain is May 1, 1994. Even if you do not participate in the program you still need to certify planted acres in

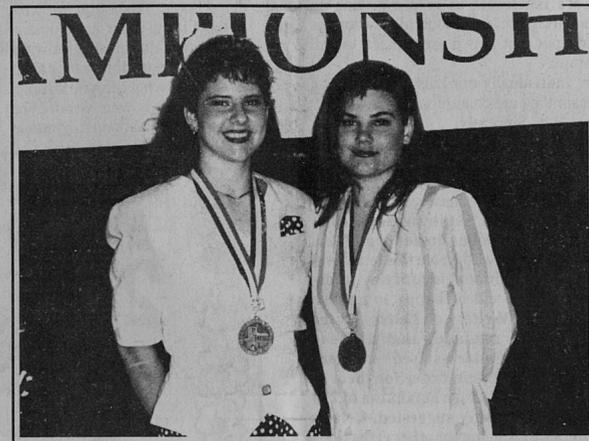
order to hold your bases. If you are using wheat for grazing etc., on ACR (set aside), or for CUPAY you still need to certify by May 1, 1994. REMEMBER the Pull OFF date for grazing Wheat for Grain was March 15, 1994.

ALL Farm Plans, including structural practices, must be completed by January 1, 1995. If you have any questions on your farm plans, please contact the Soil Conservation Office.

Any changes on your farm (sale of land, adding a new farm, dropping a farm, etc.) must be reported as soon as possible, in order for your files to be updated.

Foreign Investors who have purchased Agriculture land are required to report these transactions to the ASCS office in the county where the land is physically located, within 90 days of purchase. Failure to do so could result in a Penalty.

Have a nice day!!



JAYTON DEBATE TEAM WINS SILVER MEDAL AT STATE--Stephanie Holder and DeDe Freemyer had a successful trip to the State Cross-X Debate Tournament March 13-15. The sophomore team lost the gold medal by a split decision to a Junior-Senior team from Lindsay. DeDe also won the Golden Gavel Award. The Golden Gavel Award is given to the speaker with the highest points in the preliminary rounds. Mrs. Elwanda Hahn is the debate coach. Mrs. Rita Holder accompanied the team and coach to Austin.

Proper Nutrients Important For Local Pecan Production

Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG
Kent County

With the coming of spring many people began thinking about all the things that need to be done in the yard. Questions that developed lately in my office is fertilizer for pecan trees.

As everyone knows pecans depend heavily on water, zinc, and nitrogen. The three combined are the most important nutrients for the pecan tree.

Timely application of these nutrients are probably just as important as the nutrients themselves. A pecan tree will do most of its yearly growing from early April to early May and efficient watering at this stage is very critical to initiate strong vigorous growth, and at this time you should make sure that the soil has been wetted to the full depth of the trees roots. If winter rainfalls have not replenished the soil moisture to this depth, early spring irrigation should be applied, and then followed with regular watering schedule through October.

When looking at fertilizer and applications the primary two things that should be considered are nitrogen and zinc. Nitrogen is a fertilizer that should be applied in early spring at a rate of 1/3 to 1/2 pound per one inch of diameter of trunk. Applicator may be split 1/2 in April and 1/2 in May. Nitrogen is a vital nutrient in increasing pecan production.

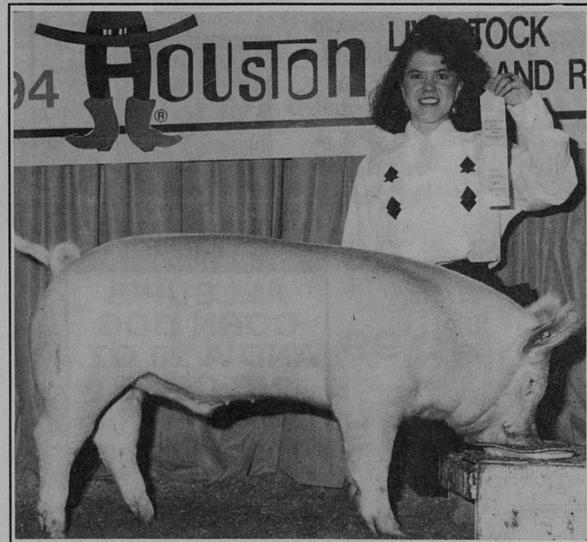
Along with water and nitrogen, zinc also plays a very important role in pecan production. Zinc application works best as a foliar spray mixed with water for absorption. Soil applications in this area are generally useless due to soil types. Applications should be applied to mature trees beginning at green tip up to 8 weeks after green tip (see spray schedule for Texas below) young trees should be sprayed every two weeks from April to August. These applications are important to prevent rosette.

When spraying Zinc applications it is very important to use adequate amounts of water for proper absorption.

Zinc Spray Schedule for Texas Mature Trees

1st Spray	Green Tip
2nd Spray	1 week after Green Tip
3rd Spray	3 weeks after Green Tip
4th Spray	5 weeks after Green Tip
5th Spray	8 weeks after Green Tip

Young Trees
Spray every two weeks from April to August.
Be sure to read all labels



On March 2 and 3, Joy Stanaland took a pig to the Houston Livestock Show. The pig was entered in the medium weight York class division, under the supervision of Floyd Collins and the Jayton FFA. Joy received fourth place with her pig. She is the daughter of Jody and Brenda Stanaland, Girard.

To The People of Kent County:

I would like to thank the people of Kent County for the warm and courtesy way that I was received during my campaign for Kent County Justice of the Peace. Thank you for your support and words of encouragement. It meant a great deal to me. I enjoyed visiting with you and everyone made me feel welcome in their homes.

I would also like to thank the other candidates in this race for the clean and friendly way it was run.

As a candidate in the April 12th Run-Off Election, I am once again seeking your vote and support. If I was not your choice in the March Primary, I am asking that you consider me in the Run-Off Election. I would feel very honored to serve you in this office.

Thank you,
Mattie Hilton

(Pol Adv. Pd. by Mattie Hilton, Box 143, Jayton, Texas 79528)

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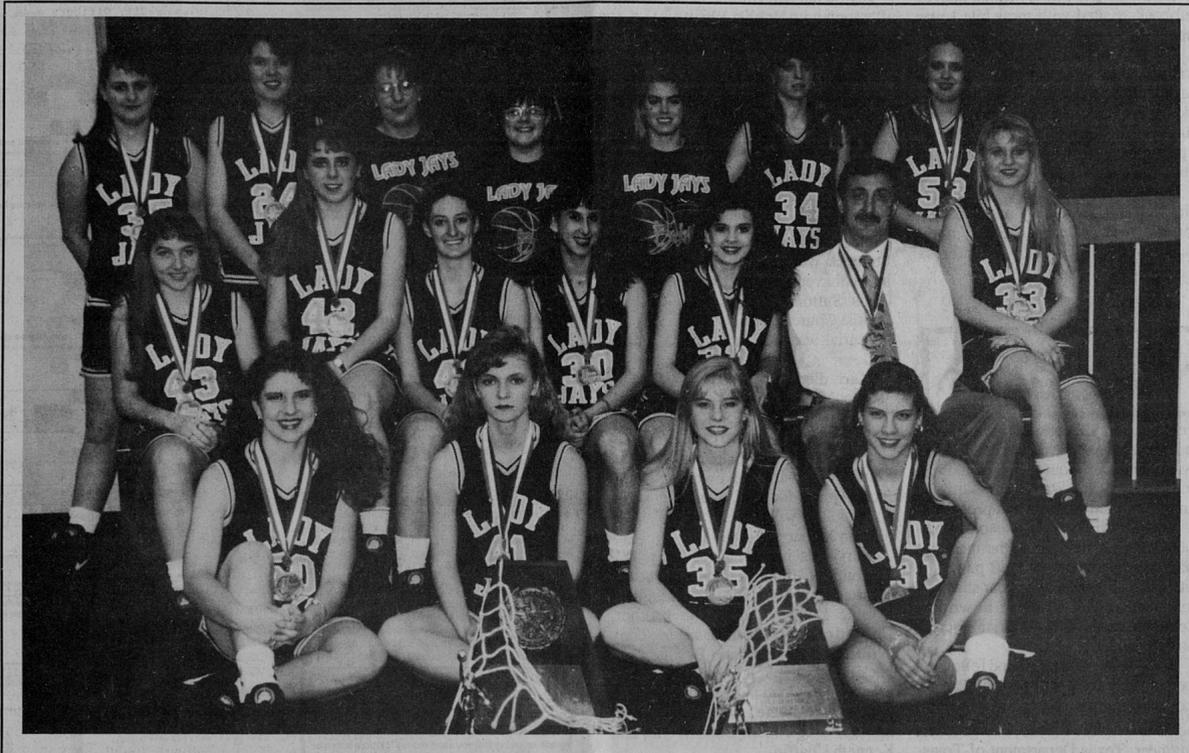
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JAYTON LADY JAYS

1994 Record: 34-3

Opponent	Jayton Score	Opp. Score
Post	48	27
Lamesa	52	35
Wolfforth Frenship	37	35
Lovelady	61	76
Post	59	40
Blackwell	68	23
Munday	75	40
Hawley	71	35
Monahans	68	23
Haskell	50	31
Waco Midway	44	58
Abilene	48	32
Blackwell	71	25
Coahoma	64	38
Aspermont	63	19
Lamesa Klondike	73	37
Guthrie	40	39
Lubbock Roosevelt	69	31
Trent	61	17
Haskell Paint Creek	86	27
Lueders Avoca	80	41
Rochester	75	32
Rule	95	23
Trent	66	26
Paducah	94	23
Haskell Paint Creek	76	13
Lueders Avoca	79	33
Rochester	78	32
Rule	75	24
Jacksboro	54	35
Bryson	59	15
Guthrie	31	25
Forsan	39	28
Weatherford Brock	53	46
Alvord	55	39
Moulton	50	44
Sudan	36	40



JAYTON LADY JAYS VARSITY ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION
53	ASHER PARKER	Center
50	STEPHANIE STANLEY	Center
43	BROOK BALDRIDGE	Guard
42	MARCI FOSTER	Forward
41	DEVIN GALLOWAY	Center
40	RACHEL BROWN	Center
35	SHER STANALAND	Forward
34	KRISTI DOWNING	Guard
33	RUSTI JETER	Guard
32	JOHANNA NUDING	Guard
31	KRISTI HARRIS	Forward
30	BUFFI FERGUSON	Forward
24	JOY STANALAND	Center
5	KATIE WILSON	Center
2	ESTHELLA HERNANDEZ	Guard

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Highway News

by Mary Putman, Correspondent, 271-4596

Pat Hightower had a birthday Saturday, and on Sunday, her daughter, Hollye and her husband, Rickey Martinez, Lubbock, joined Pat, Cliff and Hillarye and Virgie Powell and all celebrated her birthday.

Jane and Becca Bridge, Afton visited the Hightowers and Virgie Powell, Sunday afternoon. Jane and her children, Clay and Becca met a group in Durango, Colorado and went skiing earlier in the week.

Cheryl and Leonard Harper, Panhandle, left home at 5 a.m. on Friday and drove to Spur and got to J.W. and Dorothy Thomason's home around 8 a.m. They worked all day helping around the place for Dorothy. Leonard put an electric plug in for Dorothy's kiln. He brought his tiller and tilled the flower beds. They spent the night and went home Saturday.

Laton and Winnie Mae Smith, Austin, came last Monday with Geraldine and Jim Daughtry, Taylor, to Spur and visited Vera Smith and Earl and Irelia Thomason at the Spur Care Center. Earl came home from the center last week.

Laton, Winnie Mae, Geraldine and Jim went back to their homes, but Winnie Mae and Laton returned Monday to stay a few days with Earl.

Harry and Bessie Lee Martin drove to San Angelo on Tuesday of last week and stayed until Thursday afternoon visited their granddaughter, Carol Scott

and her son, Jacob.

Donna Carr, Azle arrived in Girard Tuesday at her parents, Nelda and Russell Wright's home where she stayed until Thursday. Rodger and Teressia Marley, Russ and Elaine were already there. They left their children there to play with Amy and Brent Carr and they went on to Jacksboro and visited Elmer and Anita Marley. Donna left on Thursday and took Amy and Brent home and took Russ and Elaine to Jacksboro to be with their parents and grandparents.

I went to Lubbock on Tuesday morning and stayed until Thursday afternoon with my daughter, Anita and Larry Hahn. Blake Crawford was there with his grandparents during spring break. Shelia and Shirley Hahn, both of Lubbock, visited with me while I was there.

Oleta Hahn was at Girard off and on during last week. On Wednesday, Donna Carr, Nelda and Russell Wright, Brent and Amy Carr and Russ and Elaine Marley went out to Oleta's farm and had a picnic. Russell trimmed the orchard while they were there.

Edna Bilberry, Barbara Kautz, Dickens, Dustin, Jeremy and Timothy Porter drove to Quitman Friday night and attended the wedding of Teresa

Wyatt and Richard McLemore on Saturday. Ronnie and Marcella Bilberry, Kelsie and Kati and Stacy and Same Whitley and children went to Six Flags and then on to Quitman for the wedding.

Annette Evers, Lubbock came to Spur with Wanda Thomason Friday. She spent the weekend with J.W. and Dorothy Thomason and Wanda stayed with her father, Earl Thomason.

Oleta Hahn went to Girard, Sunday and spent the day with Nelda and Russell Wright and their guests, Rodger, Teressia, Russ and Elaine Marley. They all attended church services at the Jayton Church of Christ Sunday morning.

On Saturday, Rodger, Teressia, Russ, and Elaine Marley and Nelda and Russell Wright visited Oleta Hahn and mowed her yard and cleaned up the weeds for her.

Preston Baker and his son-in-law, Mr. McWilliams, visited Jim and Robbie Wyatt, Friday.

On Saturday, Wayne and Nig Wyatt and Bessie Lee Martin visited with Jim and Robbie Wyatt.

Joy Stanaland, Girard, spent Sunday afternoon with Robbie Wyatt.

Obituary

John Karr

Services for John M. Karr, 69, of Lubbock, were at 2 p.m. March 18, 1994 in Resthaven Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Sutton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park.

Karr died Wednesday, March 16, 1994 at his residence.

He was born May 28, 1924 in Rotan. He was manager of the Golden Horsehoe Drive-In, the Trail Drive-In and Sunset Drive-In. He owned Buffalo Steak House for five years and was a cowboy. His wife, Ellen "Jackie" Karr, died on January 29, 1994.

Survivors include three sons, Bill McGuire of Lubbock, Dennis of Amarillo and Rick of Arizona; one daughter, Debbie Long, Slaton; one brother, Clifford of Lubbock; three sisters, Tony Williamson, Spur; Marie Beadle, Lubbock and Dot Barclay, Midland; seven grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Pallbearers were Lynn Buck, Harmon Bishop, Greg Joiner, Dana Weller and Kenneth Chaffin.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

Paducah Mental Health Center To Hold Open House March 24

The Advisory Board and Staff of the Cottle-Dickens-King Mental Health Center are hosting an Open House on Thursday, March 24 from 2-4 p.m. at the Paducah Center.

The outreach Center originally opened on December 6, 1971 under the direction of Kenneth Trent who operated the Center for several years. Sandra Hajek was employed as secretary and continued to serve in that position until September of 1992. When the Center first opened, it was an extension of the Vernon State Hospital and was located in the basement of the VFW Building.

After the restructuring of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Center is now an agency of the Community Programs Department of the Wichita Falls State Hospital.

The primary goal of the Center has always remained the same. The Center provides counseling services for residents who meet the necessary criteria of TDMHMR priority population guidelines and are having temporary or long-term difficulty coping with stressful situations in everyday life.

In the past, the Center was located in the Old Hospital building and later in the Old Clinic office. For the past several years, the Center has been in the back of the Richards Memorial Hospital (Southwest entrance).

The Center is presently staffed with two full-time employees and three part-time employees. A psychiatrist is available for consumers monthly and Dr. Maxwell Gardiner serves as con-

sulting physician.

In addition to the Paducah Center, a satellite office was opened in Spur at the Rural Health Clinic in 1991. Staff travel to Spur weekly to provide mental health services to Dickens County residents.

The Advisory Board members encourage everyone to stop by during the Open House to see the nice facility the County is providing for an important community service. Literature about the services provided at the Center and other referral information will be available. Refreshments will be provided by the Cottle County 4-H Club and the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program.

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the Registered Voters of Dickens, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Dickens, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 7th, 1994, for voting in a City Officers election, to elect 3 Councilmen.

(Notifíquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el día de 19 para votar en la Elección para 3.)

LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Dickens City Hall, 501 Montgomery Street, Dickens, Texas (Location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 18, 1994 (date)

(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el 18 de April) (fecha)

and ending on May 3, 1994 (date)

(y terminando el 3 de May) (fecha)

Additional absentee voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en ausencia además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de las maneras)

Date (Fecha) Hours (Horas)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletines que se recobren en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Sadie King
(Name of Absentee Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación en Ausencia)
501 Montgomery Street
(Address) (Dirección)
Dickens, Texas 79229
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Código Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 15, 1994 (date) (fecha)

Issued this 8th day of February, 1994.
(Emitted este día 8 de February, 1994.)

Walter Stinson
(Signature of Presiding Officer) (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

*If absentee voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of absence voting, delete this part.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct public hearings at two sites in the Abilene District to discuss the 1995-1997 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

The public hearings will be held April 5 in Stamford and April 7 in Colorado City. Both meetings will begin at 6 p.m. In Stamford the hearing will be held in the VIP Building, 508 East Gould, and location in Colorado City is the District Courtroom, 349 Oak Street.

The 1995-1997 TIP is a three-year plan developed by the Texas Department of Transportation for Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor Counties.

The TIP includes a priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out within the 3-year period, and a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented.

The financial plan indicates resources

from public sources and private (if any) that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the plan, and recommends any innovative techniques to finance needed projects and programs.

Those desiring to make oral comments or presentations at the meetings may register starting at 5:30 p.m. Any interested persons may appear and offer comments, either orally or in writing. Comment cards will be available at registration.

A 10-day comment period following the public hearing will permit other interested persons to submit written comments to Maribel P. Jaso, P.E., District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604.

All written comments must be received at the Abilene District office no later than 12 noon on April 7, 1994.

The Texas Department of Transportation's TIP proposal can be examined during business hours through May 31, 1994, at the Abilene District Office, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene.

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Sue Mayo, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday & Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.

Afton Baptist Church
C.L. Atkinson, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 8 p.m.

Dickens United Methodist Church
Rev. Jack Moffatt
Sunday Morning Service, 9 a.m.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Temple Baptist Church, Spur

Rev. Melvin Owens
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 5 p.m.

Lake Side Baptist Church, Spur
Raymond Roberts, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 5:30 p.m.

Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Assembly of God Church, Spur
Bob Wright, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7 p.m.

Highway 70 Church of Christ, Spur
Ernest Bishop, Minister
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Service, 10:30 p.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.
Ladies Bible Class, 9:30 a.m.
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Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7 p.m.
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H.T. Stanaland, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7 p.m.
Peacock Baptist Church
Rev. Frank Slayton
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Spur
Dr. Genoa Goad, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Christian Training, 6 p.m.
Evening Service, 7 p.m.
All Children's Activities, 5:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, Spur
Rev. Jack Moffatt
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Wednesday Service
Chancel Choir, 7 p.m.
Children's Choir, 4 p.m.
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
First Baptist Church, McAdoo
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7 p.m.
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Service, 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening, 5 p.m.
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Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Worship Service, 11 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 6:30 p.m.
McAdoo United Methodist Church
Morning Service, 9 a.m.
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Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.
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Thank you,
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Public Notice

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There will be a Sheriff's Sale on the Kent County Courthouse steps. The sale will consist of oil Royalty owned by Frank G. Woodwide. Lease # 1580-M00015-802-0097650 Section #33, Block # 5-H&GN Survey, .02083. Taxes are delinquent since 1985. Sale will be April 5, 1994. Time of sale 10 a.m. 20-4tc-49-\$6.90

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- 18 overbed tables variable height, top width 31 1/2"x 14"

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Bids will be opened at 11 a.m. Monday, March 28, 1994 in the Commissioners' Court in Jayton, Kent County Texas.

Kent County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids must be directed to:

Kent County Commissioners' Court
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21-2tc-

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For information on how to apply, contact the Personnel Office, Abilene, Texas (915) 676-6845.

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Bids will be taken until 2:30 p.m. on Monday, 28 March 1994 by the Kent County Commissioners Court for 24 pagers and 3 encoders for Kent County emergency service use. Details are available from the office of the Kent County Judge.

The Kent County Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept the most advantageous bid.

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NOTICE

Bingo Will Be On May Ballot
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NOTICE

The Dickens County Commissioners' Court will accept bids for the following items:

- 1 (1) 1994 car with police package
 - 1 (1) 1994 motor grader with trade in that can be seen in Precinct 1.
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Dear L. G., I don't know where to start because I can't remember the last note---1991 or 1992. So I'll start with 1992--- a bitter-sweet year for us. In March we drove to Florida and spent a week with a couple of long time friends who live in Minneapolis. They have two furniture stores in the twin city area, but two of their grown sons work in the business so they are able to get away for extended periods of time. They have a very nice cab in on a lake in Wisconsin and they spend a lot of three-day weekends there in both summer and winter. Nice work if you have two smart sons. Wayne and I worked together at Wards in the '50's. He was the Regional Personnel Manager and I was the Regional Operating Manager in the Wards old Region 4, headquartered in St. Paul. Some of the people we knew when we were in Minnesota like to spend the winter months in Florida or visit in March were there and they like to party, the old ones and the not so old (in their 50's and 60's). We were very glad to get home to REST! We planned our trip to travel through Houston on Sunday in the A. M., but even then there was so much traffic, I was so tense I clinched my teeth so hard I had trouble removing my dentures!! We decided then that our future travels would be by air, or old folks' club tours or have our daughters drive. In April '92 my sister passed away, my one and only sibling. She was 83. In May we went to Las Vegas with the Senior Friends Club, a group of nuts who enjoy living. Some of those old widows tell jokes that make me hang my head. We actually won some money. I bankrupted a dollar slot machine and that brought so many security people you would have thought I had robbed the cashier's cage. I guess after they reviewed their upstairs tape, it was decided I didn't cheat so I received all my winnings. In May our youngest granddaughter, Rene' graduated from A & M with a degree in animal science. From about age 10 she was in love with horses. When she was in high school she bought a horse and trained him as a Jumper. She must have done a good job since she won a wall full of ribbons. I think she was a freshman in college when the horse let himself out of the stables and got into a barbed wire fence and cut himself so badly she had to give him to the A & M vet school, but he was never able to jump again. Rene' joined the A & M women's Polo team, and the team traveled quite a bit and because of people she met she spent one summer vacation working for a polo school in New York state. When she graduated she worked for a polo stable in California for a short time and then

was offered a job training polo ponies for the McFaddin ranch near Victoria. I guess the ranch had one oil or gas well for about every 10 cows. Here again she had the opportunity to travel, expenses paid, with the ranch manager and co-owner and his wife, primarily in Texas and New Mexico and Colorado. She acted as his groom and played in some mixed matches, whatever that means. She sold a number of the horses she trained, but she never found a rich husband, all too old, she said. After several injuries she decided a career in horse training wasn't for her, so she's going to graduate school at A & M this fall. Her course - Agricultural Engineering and environmental management. Then on June 28th our beautiful 25 year old, oldest granddaughter was married. She received her degree from Texas Tech, fashion design and merchandising. It pleased old Grandpa that she liked retailing. During her summer and Christmas vacations she worked for J. C. Penney and she served her internship at Penneys in College Station and they hired her as a Management Trainee. She married a tall lanky Aggie who is never going to win a handsome man contest, but I guess is pretty smart since he took and passed all three parts of his CPA exam on the first try. He was an accountant for Panhandle Eastern in Houston

and has since been promoted to Auditor. After their married Lorna was promoted to one of their stores in Houston. On July 25, less than a month after she married, it was her morning to open the store early for the non-selling personnel. She left their home at 6 a.m. and less than 5 minutes later she was in an auto wreck and was killed instantly. The balance of 1992 was a quiet and somber time for us and we finally got back into our normal routine in January and February of 1993. We went back to Las Vegas in March and lost all we won the previous year. Helen sews, bridge twice a week, has her little garden and her flowers and plants, gets pleasure from her humming birds and cardinals and fusses at the squirrel and black birds---and talks on the telephone. Me? I read a lot, 3 daily papers and two weekly conservation publications, try to find suitable investments, write the President and my congress people tho it doesn't do any good and write letters to the editors. Right now I'm trying to sell an idea of a required high school education. Not one single response from about the 20 or so I've sent out. I haven't talked to Ohma Gorham, Melba Jo Hazel, Fayteen Smith or Norman Priest in a long, long time. Better get on the ball. At the present time Clifford Hunter and wife are on a trip to Maine and Canada, including Nova

Dickens News

by Mary Ann Warren, Correspondent

So much has happened these past three weeks that it has been impossible for me to get a Dickens News column written. For all those many people who have asked about David's condition, I am happy to report that at long last he is improving. He has been in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock for the last four weeks. He had surgery on March 3rd, and complications resulted in his long stay there. We appreciate everyone who has helped our family through this trying time and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your prayers and thoughts that have helped to keep us going. Connie has been almost constantly at the hospital, and their friends from Silverton have been there for them. You never know how much friends mean until you are in this position. We extend belated expressions of sympathy to the family of Marie Roberts who had been ill for so long and died in the hospital at Lubbock, recently. Spring Break has come and gone for students at Patton Springs and Spur

Schools. We are sure they all enjoyed the break, and probably the teachers enjoyed it as much or more than the students.

Visiting with Mr. Colquitt Warren recently were his daughter, Jean Lyles and husband, Euman who came through Dickens on their way to their home in Hereford. They had spent the winter months in Mercedes in the Valley, where they enjoyed beautiful weather while we were having the cold, cold days. Also visiting him was his daughter, Jane Latimer, Lubbock.

Martha Ferguson accompanied her daughter, Ginger and Shannon Jones to Youth-A-Rama in Abilene during Spring Break. Also attending were Tommy Henderson and Travis Henderson and Issac McCurran. Shannon was entered in the Speech Competition where she earned a gold medal for her speech and also the right and privilege to advance further in the competition in Oklahoma in April. Congratulations to Shannon for this accomplishment.

Visiting in Dickens with Jody and Cody Warren and children were her sisters, Heather and Laura on Spring Break from school in Hobbs, New Mexico. Their parents, Otis and Patty Bliss came for the weekend and to take their daughters home. While in Dickens they helped celebrate birthdays for Colquitt Warren who was 91 years old and Dylan Warren who was one year old. A cook out was held at the John Warren home for this occasion. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Euman Lyles, Charles and Evelyn Lyles and son Cary, Jane Latimer, Otis and Patty Bliss, Heather and Laura, Susan Horan and Katy, John and Joan Warren, Shannon and Heather, David, Jody, Tonya and Makayla Warren and the honorees.

Fruit trees are in full bloom around the area and we are hoping that there will not be another cold spell that will kill the fruit this year.

A controlled burn on a ranch near Guthrie has become a major grass fire in King and Knox Counties. Fire Departments from all over the area are assisting in fighting the fire.

Robert and Betty Thornton made a trip to the Dallas area over the weekend to take two of their grandchildren, who had been visiting here during spring break, home. They had made a trip to Amarillo for Robert to see the doctor and took a picnic lunch to Palo Duro Canyon. The children really enjoyed the sites in the Canyon.

Janet Martin and children Jason, Jennifer, Jaye Martin and children, Lindsay and Matthew and Susan Horan and Katy all visited with the Warrens in Dickens and spent some time with David at the Hospital. Michelle Warren spent part of her spring break in Dickens visiting with the Warrens and her grandmother Edna Bilberry and Barbara Kautz and her family.

A birthday surprise party honored Bob Ferguson at the home of Faye Atkinson recently. We wish Bob many happy birthdays, and are sorry this message comes late.

Von and Nina Hammons visited with friends and relatives in Dickens recently. Von was seeing a doctor in Lubbock.

Nurse Requests Article On Tanning Beds

Kaia Hawley, Nurse Practitioner at the Spur Primary Health Clinic, requests that the following information regarding tanning beds be made available to the public.

In recent years, scientists have linked sunburn with increased melanoma risk, and tanning booth operators have sometimes used this association as a sales point.

San Angelo Winds Up Show Season

Robert Herrington, CEA-AG Dickens County

Eleven youths from Dickens County participated in the 1994 San Angelo Junior Livestock Show held March 9-12. County participants included: Stefanie Drennan, Clinton Adams, Shayla Faubus, Jared Faubus, Becky Ramage, Drew Baker, Kyle Rainbolt, Mindy Rainbolt, Rodney Adams, and Britni Adams in swine and Heather McGalliard with a steer.

Drew Baker and Shayla Faubus made it back to the final judging in their class and narrowly missed getting placed. Britni Adams for the second year in a row placed 4th in the heavy weight crossbred class and received \$550 in the stock show sale. Britni said, "she was very thankful to her brother, Rodney and her parents because they all worked on the kids projects together."

As we finish another stock show season some kids were fortunate to place their animals well and others were not so lucky. I think as teachers, parents, supporters, and kids we need to remember that Agricultural Education is more than ribbons, prize money and recognition.

Sometimes we forget why it is we use livestock and other Agricultural and Home Economics projects to educate our youth.

Scotia, L. G. I started this "note" more than two weeks ago. This will teach you to ask for a "note" from me!! Must quit. Best regards to all. Clifton Pope '36

Shop At Home

Since developing a gradual, even tan helps prevent sunburn, they theorized, using a sunbed or sunlamp might reduce risk of melanoma. However, research has proven that any form of tanning damages the skin, thereby increasing the risk of basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas.

And now, Swedish studies show that indoor tanning also increases one's chance of developing melanoma. In fact, the greater the use of tanning machines, the greater the risk of developing melanoma.

In a study of 400 melanoma patients and 640 healthy controls, 15-75 years old, the researchers from the Southern Swedish Regional Tumor Registry in Lund, found that people across age groups who used sunbeds or sunlamps 1-3 times a year had twice the risk of developing melanoma as those who didn't use the machines.

Those who used them 4-10 times a year had nearly 4 times the risk and those who did so more than 10 times a year had 7 times the risk.

"The results imply that young people have greater exposure to tanning machines, with a corresponding greater risk of melanoma," said study investigator John Westerdahl, M.D. To reinforce these results, the investigators are now studying a larger group of people under 30.

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MONDAY: Burritos, Corn, S Peaches, Milk
TUESDAY: Salmon Patty, Gr Beans, French Fries, Rice Krispy Treats, Milk
WEDNESDAY: Barbecued Chicken, Ranch Beans, Sliced Potatoes, Sliced Bread, Milk
THURSDAY: Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Salad, New Peas, Garlic Toast, Milk
FRIDAY: Hoagies, Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Pickle Spears, Milk

BREAKFAST
MON. Juice, Cereal, Toast, Milk
TUES. Juice, Waffle Sticks, Milk
WED. Juice, Biscuit, Sausage, Milk
THURS. Juice, Muffins, Milk
FRI. Juice, Oatmeal, Toast, Milk

Setting The Record STRAIGHT!

Last week an article was printed on the Jayton NHS. Destry Layne is also a member of the organization, she was unable to attend the evening in Lubbock. Destry is a junior and the daughter of Kip and Elayna Lane.

Thanks So Much

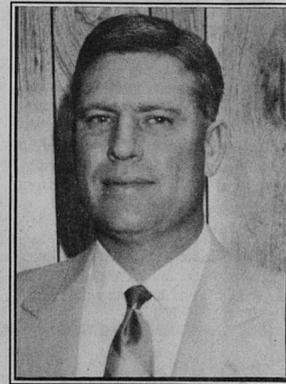
I appreciate all voters in Precinct 4 who considered me in the March 8th Primary election. Also thanks to the many people outside this precinct with their moral support.

It was so great to be received the way I was. That good 'West Texas hospitality is still alive and well in Dickens County, Texas. The questions and comments of concern that I've gathered from you all is greatly appreciated and will be used constructively.

I would appreciate your vote, again, on April 12th in the run-off for County Commissioner in Precinct 4.

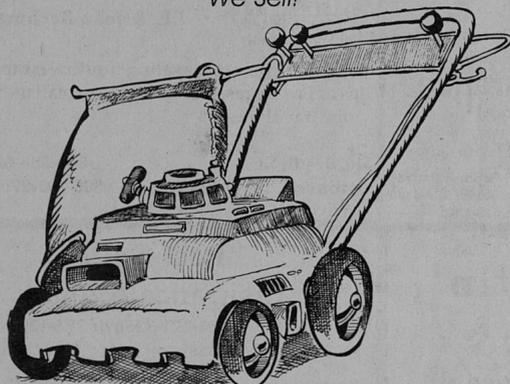
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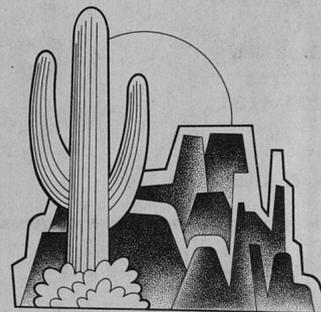
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