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Thursday, July 18, 1991

WEATHER

Day	Hi	Lo	Precip
Wed	98	69	0.00
Thu	95	69	0.13
Fri	86	64	1.15
Sat	73	65	0.41
Sun	72	65	0.19
Mon	88	65	0.65
Precip to date			12.32

In chain reaction collision . . .

Two dead, 22 injured

(Courtesy Perryton Herald)
PERRYTON (Sp) - Tragedy struck at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 when a semi-tractor trailer rig slammed into a line of parked cars and trucks in western Ochiltree County. The impact completely destroyed one car, killing two, and damaged two Perryton Beehive day care center vans, injuring 20 children and two adult drivers.

The five vehicles - two trucks, two vans and an automobile - were east-bound waiting to be flagged through a construction area on Texas 15, approximately two miles west of Farnsworth. The tractor-trailer, owned by IOO, Inc. of Oklahoma City, driven by Luke Beamer, 41, of Jones, Okla., rammed into the vehicles, setting off a chain reaction collision.

Department of Public Safety Officer Rex Akin reported that Beamer did not apply his brakes until he was only 30 feet behind the stopped vehicles.

Killed in the collision were Marie C. Cramer, 80, of Elmhurst, Okla., and her son, Dr. Ronald Irman Cramer of Oklahoma City. They were both pronounced dead at the scene by Ochiltree County Justice of the Peace Braden Karber. He ruled that they died on impact from decapitation.

Twenty children from the Beehive were returning from a field trip to the Palo Duro Dam in two vans. Those injured were Pauline Herro, 8; Tara Gibson, 10; Tanner Hammerbeck, 7; Chris Dudley, 7; Nina Tarango, 10; Cami Dorman, 7; William Weiman, 9; Chris Ward, 8; Tamara Ward, 9;

Julia Ward, 9; Tarrah Manross, 7; Adam Lewis, 7; Lou Tarango, 7; Jeremy Lossie, 7; Tanya Gibson, 7; Cody Gift, 9; Nathan Word, 8; Alberto Mendez, 7; Dereck Wiggins, 8; and Cody Cunningham, 8.

The adult drivers injured were Rena Gay Holloway, 35, and Blinda Weiman, 36. All the children and adults were treated and released from Ochiltree General Hospital.

According to Ochiltree Sheriff Joe Hataway most of the injuries sustained by the children were cuts, bruises and abrasions. Hataway noted that all the children in both vans were wearing their seat belts at the time of the collision.

The 1984 Ford four-door sedan, driven by Dr. Cramer, was completely compacted by the impact. Akin noted in his report that the full size car was only 5 feet, 8 inches in length following the crash.

The truck driver, Beamer, was taken from the accident scene to the Ochiltree County jail. There, blood and urine samples were taken for alcohol and drug testing. The results of those tests will be available in three to four weeks, said Sheriff Hataway.

Beamer was arraigned Wednesday morning on the charge of involuntary manslaughter. The third degree felony carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. No trial date has been set and bond was set at \$12,500.

Also involved in the collision were Donald Huff of Haysville, Kan., driving a tanker truck carrying sulfuric

acid, and Douglas Unruh of Perryton, driving a Foster Testing tanker truck carrying drip gas. Neither man was injured.

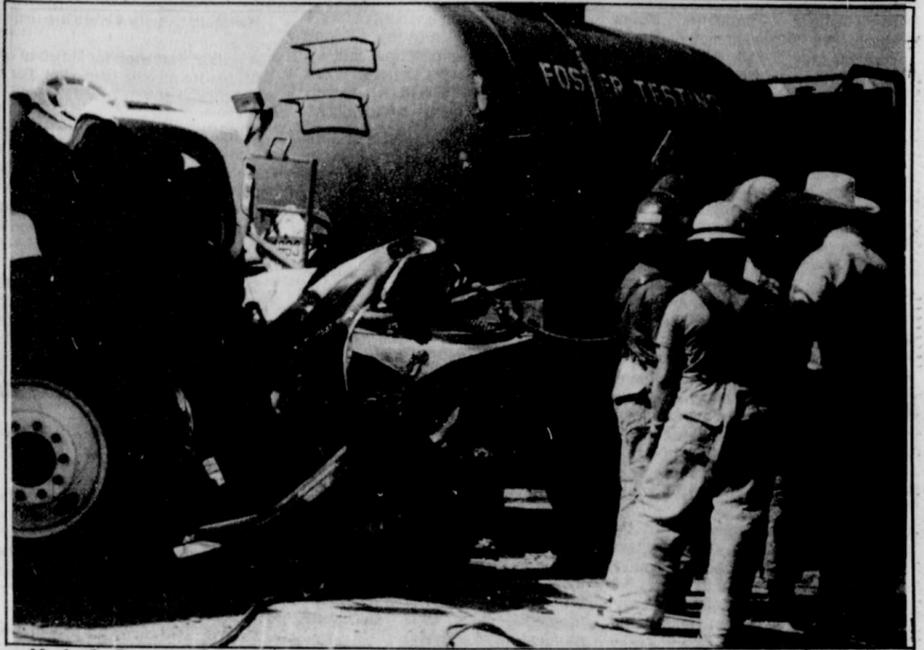
It took over three hours to remove the Cramers' bodies from the automobile, and the highway was cleared at 8:30 p.m. Autopsies were ordered on both bodies, to be performed by Dr. Sparks Veazey, an Amarillo pathologist.

Several units from Ochiltree County, the City of Perryton, Hansford County, the City of Spearman and the City of Gruver supplied emergency services at the crash site. DPS officers, led by Akin and assisted by Tony Rocha of Perryton, Ed Longoria of Spearman, Craig Hunt of Farwell, Tim Thompson of Borger and Don Copeland of Pampa, investigated the crash.

One of the Beehive vans involved in the accident was leased from Irwin Motors of Perryton. Tuesday afternoon the car dealer made another van available to the day care center, and arrangements were being made to supply another van Wednesday.

Spearman units responding to the accident scene included several vehicles and 23 people from the volunteer fire department, along with an ambulance and three EMS personnel from the Hansford County EMS, according to Fire Chief Ron Antalek and EMS Director Michele Davis.

Antalek reported that one engine See collision page 9



Marie C. Cramer of Elmhurst, Okla., and her son Dr. Ronald Irman Cramer of Oklahoma City were killed Tuesday afternoon when a tractor-trailer rig slammed into the back of their parked 1984 Ford. The impact set off a chain reaction

that damaged two trucks and two vans. Twenty children and two adults occupying the vans were injured and taken to Ochiltree General Hospital. They were treated and released.

Absentee voting begins Monday

Absentee voting for the special election that will allow County Education Districts to grant tax exemptions on residence homesteads, grant further tax exemptions on homesteads of the disabled and elderly, and allow taxation of personal property will begin Monday, July 22 and will end Tuesday, Aug. 6.

According to Amelia Johnson, Hansford county clerk, voting will take place in the deliberation room of the Hansford County Courthouse in Spearman. Voters can personally cast absentee votes between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The general voting time for this special election is set for Saturday, Aug. 10.

When Hansford County residents decide to vote, they will be faced with two separate ballots. One ballot is the countywide ballot, which has two proposed constitutional amendments on it.

The second ballot is for the school district the resident lives in, which has three proposed constitutional amendments on it. According to Johnson, all the school district ballots are the same except for the name of the district at the top of the ballot.

Explanations and pros and cons of the proposed constitutional amendments have been prepared by the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund. Explanations follow, in the order in which they appear on the county and school district ballots.

COUNTY BALLOT: PROP. 1 WORDING ON BALLOT: The constitutional amendment to allow the voters of a county education district

to adopt certain exemptions from the district's ad valorem taxation for residence homesteads and to provide for the taxation of certain tangible personal property.

EXPLANATION: The school finance law approved by the 72nd Legislature created 188 new county education districts, composed of single counties or groups of counties. These districts have the limited purpose of levying the required local first-tier tax to raise the equivalent of 72 cents per \$100 of assessed market value and redistributing the proceeds among local school districts within the county education district.

This proposed amendment would authorize the new districts to hold elections to allow voters within the districts to decide whether to grant an exemption on a percentage of the assessed value of residence homesteads; whether to grant an additional exemption on the homesteads of elderly and disabled persons; and whether to impose taxes on certain types of personal property.

In the enabling legislation that was passed during the regular session of the legislature, the amount of the homestead exemption was specified as 20 percent and the exemption for elderly and disabled persons was set at \$10,000. These exemptions would be in addition to the existing \$5,000 homestead exemption, the \$10,000 exemption on homesteads of elderly and disabled persons, and the freeze on property taxes for elderly and disabled persons.

The enabling legislation also directed the county education districts to present the propositions to their

voters in an election to be held on Aug. 10. The wording of the proposals on local ballots will be identical across the state, but the order may vary. Decisions made by voters in a district would apply in that district only, contingent upon the decision of voters statewide on the proposed constitutional amendment which authorizes these elections.

Thus, voters who go to the polls on Aug. 10 will be asked to vote simultaneously on a constitutional amendment and to vote on the local tax options authorized by the proposed amendment. If voters approve the proposed amendments statewide, the locally adopted options would go into effect without delay. This is being done in order to enable the new taxing districts to implement voter decisions in the property tax bills scheduled to go out in October.

PROS AND CONS
FOR: Trustees of the new CEDs are appointed by local school boards rather than being elected by voters, and thus do not have the discretionary authority to decide whether or not to grant these exemptions or impose these taxes on personal property. Therefore, the power to make these decisions must rest with voters in the CEDs.

This amendment would make it possible for homestead exemptions and personal property taxes to be continued, but at the option of voters rather than by action of the county education district board.

AGAINST: Passage of this amendment would shift the tax burden from residential property to businesses. It

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GISD board hires 7 new teachers

by JoAnn Morton
Editor

Two resignations were accepted and seven new teachers were hired by the Gruver Independent School District Board of Trustees at its July 10 meeting.

Resignations were accepted from Pat Burnam, high school English teacher, and Carmelita Gage, high school Spanish and elementary ESL teacher, according to GISD Superintendent Tom Cathey.

Cathey said Burnam is moving to Hobart, Okla. and Gage is moving to Tulsa.

The new teachers employed by the board include Julie Logsdon, Christy Cooper, Gail Etheredge, Steve and Darla Myatt, Elvia Martinez and Sharolyn Finley. Logsdon, of Gruver, will teach high school English and Cooper, also of Gruver, will teach first grade. Etheredge, another Gruver resident, will teach high school history along with elementary and high school P.E., said Cathey.

Coming to Gruver from Midland Greenwood are Steve and Darla Myatt. Steve Myatt will be the new girls' basketball coach. Cathey noted that Myatt, originally from Dimmitt, was an All-State basketball player from a state championship basket-

ball team in 1975. His wife Darla will teach third grade at Gruver Elementary.

Martinez, a resident of Guymon, Okla., will commute to teach high school Spanish and ESL. Finley, originally from Gruver and currently an Amarillo resident, will return to Gruver to be the Chapter 1 reading teacher.

Other business for the board included calling for a joint election with Hansford County on Saturday, Aug. 10 for balloting on a proposed Constitutional Amendment.

Approval was given to a contract with Hansford Appraisal District to perform appraisals and tax collection for the district. Approval was also given to the Appraisal District's budget. The board voted to employ Mack Hoel to perform the school district's audit for the 1990-91 school year.

Bids for cafeteria supplies were opened, with the board voting to split the bid between Ben E. Keith and San Jacinto Foods of Amarillo. Cathey said the bids involved about \$75,000 worth of food for students during the 1991-92 school year.

Board members discussed a section of school land and a rejected application to submit the land into the CRP program. Cathey said the board

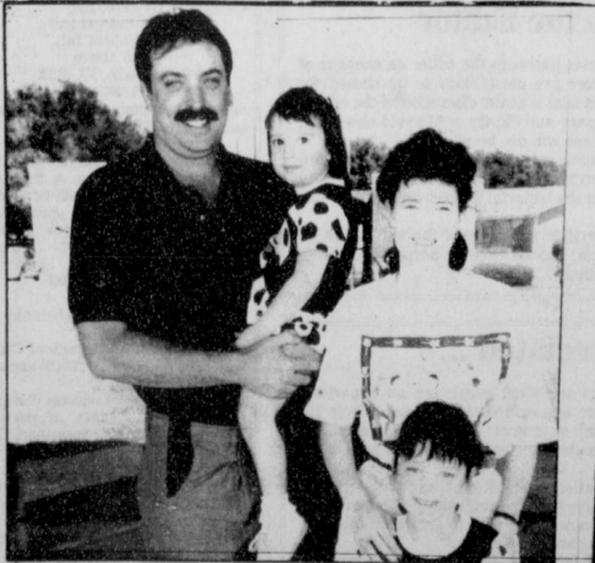
decided to reapply for placement of the land in the CRP program.

The board approved the purchase of teaching supplies for the 1991-92 school year, and reviewed the Board Basics Manual for the benefit of the three new board members. Cathey pointed out that the new members will receive a total of 10 hours of instruction from the manual during the next several meetings, for half of their required 20 hours of training credit.

In his Superintendent's Report, Cathey discussed coaching/teaching assignments for the benefit of the new board members, and refreshed the board's memory concerning conversion of a small regular school bus for the use of physically handicapped students. He said the bus will be driven to Fort Worth and converted within the next few weeks.

He also informed the board of a new state-mandated "mentor program" for teachers. He explained that a new state law requires that mentors be assigned to new teachers who come from outside the district.

The board scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m. to discuss the 1991-92 budget, and for possible action on personnel matters.



The new Gruver girls' basketball coach, Steve Myatt, visited Gruver last week with his family. Myatt's wife will be a third grade teacher in the Gruver schools. Family members include (l-r) Steve, Samantha, Darla and Cassie Myatt.

Wheat harvest over

by JoAnn Morton
Editor

After seemingly endless early mornings and late nights, the combines have left the fields and the 1991 wheat harvest is over.

A random sampling of grain elevators in the area provides a clue as to how this year's harvest went. The general consensus among elevator managers is that this year's crop was better than anticipated, but it really depends on who you talk to.

Most reports indicate that a good crop was not anticipated because of a very dry early season. But late rains seemed to help bring the wheat a little closer to the norm.

Reports range from "Pretty good - most of the farmers seemed real pleased" at Continental Grain Co.'s Capps Switch elevator, to "Better than anticipated," at Equity's Holt elevator, to "Some farmers were pleasantly surprised, some were disappointed," at Cargill's Spearman elevator.

And at Berry Grain in Waka, the elevator manager reported that even though the wheat was of good quali-

ty, "I have a farmer sitting right across from me here that says it's (the harvest overall) pretty d*** sorry."

Benny Brandvik at Capps Switch said rain delayed harvesting somewhat, but that the grain displayed good test weights, averaging 59.81 pounds per bushel. "A lot of them brought in 62-pound test weight wheat," he commented. He said some farmers came in to the elevator there reporting yields of 60 bushels per acre. The Capps Switch elevator serves farmers from Gruver to Morse to the Sunray area.

Lonnie Shields, who manages the elevator at Holt, said wheat in that area averaged 59-60 pounds per bushel, with moisture averaging 10 percent. "I really don't know about the yields, the farmers didn't say much about that, but I think it was better than they anticipated," he said.

O.E. Drake, at the Berry Grain Co. elevator in Waka, reported test

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Lake level holding

by JoAnn Morton
Editor

Water in the lake formed by the Palo Duro Dam was at a depth of about 33½ feet and "holding real well" on Friday, July 12, said Palo Duro River Authority General Manager Johnnie Lee.

"The lake level has only dropped about three feet since it peaked, and with the seepage that has to take place, it's doing real well," commented Lee. "Horse Creek is up today, too, so we're expecting even more water," he added.

The PDRA met July 9 and accepted a bid on construction of a shop building, authorized the purchase of a mower, approved a contract for engineering on a boat ramp, and discussed culture resource issues.

Lee said the PDRA board approved a contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. to provide engineering services for an east boat ramp. "Texas Parks and Wildlife will pay for about 75 percent of the cost of docks, the boat ramp and paving around the boat ramp through a grant," he said.

A shop building will be built on the north side of the lake at a cost of about \$30,000, said Lee, following the board's acceptance of a construction bid. Authorization was also given for the purchase of a mower, when a suitable one can be found.

Lee said there is another site near the project which needs to be investigated for possible historic and cultural significance. The board discussed what to do with artifacts which have already been located, noting that the artifacts must be stored indefinitely.

"Tarleton State University offered to store the artifacts at a cost of \$5,000," said Lee. "Then West Texas State University said they would store them for about \$5,500." He said the board favors storage at WTSU because of the lower cost involved, along with the fact that the artifacts would be housed closer to their original location.

Regular business for the PDRA included approval of minutes of the previous meeting, approval of the treasurer's report, and approval of claims for payment.

Minding Your Own Business

by Don Taylor Director, PSBDC

I recently asked five managers to define management and got five different answers. "Getting tasks done through others," one said. "Solving problems and making decisions," said the second. "The catalyst for accomplishing your company goals," said another. "Planning..." stated the fourth. "Management is 99 percent planning." "Uh, I don't really know," said the fifth manager. All of these answers were correct.

Small business management is a combination of planning, solving problems, making decisions, delegating, setting goals, prioritizing and dealing with the unknown. For the small business owner, management skills must be mastered to some degree if the business is to succeed. Larger businesses must accomplish the same tasks. However they often can afford a specialist - a manager to handle each area or set of tasks.

Typical entrepreneurs must truly be jacks-of-all-trades. At the ring of the telephone, they must be able to exchange the bookkeeper's hat for the customers service crown. They must change from mild-mannered human relations specialist to crusty credit collector on demand. They must plan for the future but make payroll today.

When I complained about the stress of managing my own business, my wife just smiled. She would pause - long enough for me to remember that this was my idea - and then say, "Life is hard...and then you die."

Most owners and managers, if they

were entirely truthful, would have to say occasionally, "I just don't know." It happens to all of us. Every week, we encounter first-time situations, find new problems to solve, and have new decisions to make and new directions to take.

Early in my management career, I learned it isn't a sin to say, "I don't know." The sin is omitting "but I'll find out." My clients sometimes ask questions that I can't answer. However, I always try to find out.

Management is a science of seeking. It is constantly gathering new information to enhance the decision-making process. Progressive managers learn from the success and failure of others. They must be aware of new techniques, monitor trends and build their basic skills. One of the goals of this column is to provide information that will help managers become more successful.

Every productive administrator must possess certain basic tools. They are necessary for survival and required for growth.

A carefully prepared plan may be the most important management tool. Each plan should include the mission of the company and the goals it seeks to achieve. Therefore, knowledge of the goal-setting process is critical.

Other important tools include understanding your financial statements, prioritizing tasks, managing your time, and communicating effectively.

Hansford Happenings

A blood drive sponsored by Coffee Memorial Blood Bank is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Gruver State Bank. Each blood donor will receive a small cone from Dairy Queen.

The Perryton Activity Center will have a six-week co-ed softball league starting Tuesday, Aug. 6. Deadline to enter is Monday, July 29. Sponsor fee is \$100 per team. There is a \$15 charge for non-members, but there is no charge for AC members. Interested persons should call 435-3661 to sign up.

Mop Head Creations: Mini, small and large will be presented Thursday, July 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Spearman at the Extension Homemakers Clubroom; and in Gruver from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the LaCasita Room at Gruver State Bank. Call 659-2030 or 733-2901 for reservations and a supply list.

Hansford County 4H'ers are reminded record books are due Friday, July 19.

A leather workshop for kids 9-19 will be conducted Monday, July 22. There is a \$25 fee for a basic starter kit. For reservations, call by July 18 to the Extension office at 659-2030 or 733-2901.

A Kids Cookin' School will be presented Friday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Extension Homemakers Clubroom in Spearman. Texas-New Mexico Power Company Home Economist Gloria Roberts will be teaching microwave cooking to kids. There is a class limit of 20, and reservations should be made before July 24 by calling the Extension office at 659-2030 or 733-2901. Another Kids Cooking school will be presented in Gruver soon. Details will be announced at a later date.

Swimming lessons will begin at the Spearman Swimming Pool on Monday, July 29. Lessons will start at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will end on Tuesday, Aug. 13. Lessons will be 30 minutes in length and will be offered for both beginners and intermediate swimmers. Cost for 12 lessons is \$10. Interested persons should call the swimming pool at 659-2711.

Chamber Chatter

by Cindy Blackman

The Board of Directors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting Thursday, July 11 at the chamber office. The board elected Randy Kirk as the new vice president to replace Jim Murray, who has moved to Borger.

I have had several people ask about a farmer's market to be held here in Spearman. If there is an interest, we would appreciate your calling. We are working on getting a list of growers that would be interested in setting up a booth. The date has not been set for sure, but we are looking at the first weekend of August.

The Retail Merchants are going to do something really good for the shoppers of Spearman. They are having a flea market August 2 & 3. More details will come later, but everyone needs to mark their calendars for some good deals on those two days!

There is a Spearhead Corporation meeting Thursday morning, July 18, at 8 a.m.

I want to encourage those of you who want more information about our chamber to please let me know. I've been out visiting with people this week and I'm finding that the people of Spearman are wanting to do something to get us back on our feet. One man told me we need a "shot in the arm."

If you have not been out to the

lake, you need to go see it. We are really going to have an excellent recreation area in the next year or so.

The chamber is working on a schedule of programs for the local businessman. We intend to have people from different lines of work to come and give a program for people interested in that field. Let me know if you have something special you would like information on. I think this is going to be good for our business community.

We still have \$10,000 Bash tickets for sale. Call the chamber and we can deliver your ticket to you!

Lawn care may be taxable

If you hire someone to take care of your lawn and landscaping, you may have to pay sales tax for their services. There is an exemption on lawn services provided by neighborhood kids under the age of 18 and older adults age 65 or older.

Youngsters don't have to collect sales tax on yard work as long as their income is less than \$1,000 during the preceding calendar quarter.

Lawn care services by older adults qualify for tax exemption if their total receipts for lawn care and landscaping during the previous four calendar quarters were \$5,000 or less.

Lawn care services don't include mowing street and highway rights-of-way for government agencies, mowing cemeteries, mowing or fertilizing farm or forest land and trimming trees away from utility lines. Although similar to lawn maintenance, these services are not lawn care and aren't taxable.

Police Files

Gruver Police Department

On Monday, July 8, the Gruver Police Department was called upon to deliver a message in the 700 block of Richardson.

Also on July 8, police received a report of criminal mischief at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall. According to Police Chief Steve Gaines, children had apparently entered the building's kitchen area.

On Wednesday, July 10, the GPD was called to deliver a message to a resident in the 400 block of West First St.

On Saturday, July 13, the police department assisted in a vehicle lockout in the 400 block of King.

Also on July 13, the Hansford County Sheriff's Department requested assistance from the Gruver Police Department in an attempt to locate a vehicle. Gruver police were unable to locate the vehicle in question.

Gruver Ambulance

Gruver ambulance personnel were called Wednesday, July 10 and transported a man with respiratory difficulty to the VA Medical Center in Amarillo.

Spearman Police Department

The Spearman Police Department received a report of harassing telephone calls at 3:15 a.m. and another at 8:12 p.m. on Monday, July 8.

A United States Postal Service vehicle was reported as having been damaged in a hit and run accident on Friday, July 5.

A report of disorderly conduct at

West Kenneth at Dressen was received the evening of Monday, July 8. An ambulance call was logged at 2:16 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9 in the 300 block of Dressen.

A two-vehicle accident at Hancock and Sanders resulted in no injuries and minor damage at 2:26 p.m. on Thursday, July 11. According to a police incident report, a 1977 Chrysler two-door automobile driven by Stephanie Kirk of Spearman collided with a 1983 Ford pickup driven by Lois Edna Coe of Perryton.

Spearman police responded to a report of suspicious activity in the 100 block of South Endicot on July 11.

On Friday, July 12, the Spearman ambulance was called to the 100 block of Townsend at 11:04 a.m.

A pickup pulled away from the fuel pump at Allsup's Convenience Store with the delivery nozzle still in the tank at 10:05 a.m. Saturday, July 13.

At 8:35 p.m. Saturday, July 13, Spearman police responded to a report of a family fight on Glover Place.

The Spearman Police Department received a total of 40 calls for service during the week of July 8 through July 14. The reports listed above are included in the totals.

There were six reports of disorderly conduct, one traffic complaint, two reports of suspicion, one vehicle accident, one hit and run and one traffic accident included.

Also listed were three "sick cared for" calls, seven miscellaneous office calls, six lockouts, two family fights, one report of an open door and nine calls for animal control.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

When I first heard about the Spearman School Band Program being terminated, I was very disappointed. That disappointment has now turned to sadness.

Sadness for the silence in the stands at the football games and pep rallies ... but most of all sadness for the silence of the students that have had their creative outlet taken away.

I hope the Spearman School Board will reconsider this decision to terminate the band program. Band may not be for everyone, but neither is choir or athletics. Please give the students this choice.

Sincerely,
-s- Sheila LaRochelle

Dear Editor:

Earlier this summer, I sent you a letter pertaining to the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame. I am taking

this opportunity to remind everyone that the deadline for getting in those resumes of worthy nominees is fast approaching. I feel very confident that every community in the Texas Panhandle has at least one individual who is deserving of nomination to this place of honor. I sincerely hope that you or someone in your community will take the time to submit one or more worthy veterans for consideration.

As stated in my earlier letter, the resumes must be received no later than August 1, 1991. The resume should be as detailed as possible and copies of any citations awarded will be very helpful in making the final selections. The dedication banquet will be August 16, 1991 beginning at 7 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa, Texas. Hopefully, the nominee will be in attendance to receive the engraved plaque, but in cases where that is not possible, family members of the person making the nomination may accept the award.

Please join us in recognizing the veterans of the Panhandle who have played such a vital role in defending the freedoms that we all hold so dear. Please send your resumes or direct any questions to John Triplehorn, P.O. Box 657, Pampa, Texas 79066, or you may call me at 806-669-8040.

Sincerely,
John L. Triplehorn
President

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS

Thursday, July 11 - none
Friday, July 12 - Silas Dozier
Saturday, July 13 - J.W. Davis
Sunday, July 14 - none
Monday, July 15 - none
Tuesday, July 16 - none

DISMISSALS

Thursday, July 11 - Sheila Fewell
Friday, July 12 - Lorena Rosales
Saturday, July 13 - none
Sunday, July 14 - none
Monday, July 15 - none
Tuesday, July 16 - Buena Hays, Robert Driscoll

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Wednesday, July 17 - Silas Dozier, J.W. Davis

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Please submit stories or information typewritten and double-spaced. Handwritten stories, due to the disparity in penmanship, often leave interpretation lacking. When listing names be sure to give both the first and last names. First names alone cannot be printed.

Help with this can help you get a more error-free article. We cannot be responsible for errors caused when these simple guidelines are not followed.

Readers who live outside Spearman are reminded the Reporter-Statesman has a toll-free number, 1-800-395-9482, to call with local events.

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Karen's Kozy Korner

by Karen Rabitzke

Encourage Healthy Eating Habits in Children

The summer months are an excellent time for parents to observe children's eating behavior and encourage healthy eating habits. Parents should have nutritious foods on hand and encourage children to eat them.

It's important for children to develop healthy eating habits, because childhood ways usually carry over into adult life. Studies indicate that the diet-related symptoms of some diseases are showing up in young children. Healthy eating and exercise habits developed in childhood may help prevent problems in later life.

Drinking milk is a very important habit because children need the calcium in milk to develop properly strong bones. Serving milk as a beverage with meals is an excellent way to meet the milk requirement.

Children usually prefer milk ice cold, so try serving it with ice cubes or crushed ice for a summer cooler. Snacks can also provide needed calcium if they are foods like ice cream, yogurt, cottage cheese and hard cheeses. Children can have fun learning to make nutritious milk drinks combining milk and fruit, or popsicles made with yogurt or pudding.

Grabbing a piece of fruit for a quick snack is another healthy habit parents can encourage. Children need a variety of fruits and vegetables. The summer offers a wide selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. Especially nutritious are strawberries, peaches, cantaloupes, watermelons and oranges.

Children's diets are generally lacking in vitamin A, which is found in deep yellow fruits and vegetables. Some parents have success with getting children to eat raw vegetable pieces like carrots, celery, broccoli and/or squash for snacks. While it may sometimes be difficult to get children to eat vegetables, remember that familiarity with a food often leads to acceptance, so try serving them more than once before giving up.

Since children like to snack and may need to do so to get enough food for growing bodies, teaching healthy snacking habits is especially important. Children need to learn the difference between snack foods with nutrients, which can be eaten anytime, and those composed mostly of calories and little nutritional value, which should be eaten occasionally.

While it is unrealistic to expect children never to consume such snack foods as soft drinks, cake, candy and chips they can be taught to eat these foods in moderation. Consuming too many of these snack foods, which are usually high in fat, sugar and sodium, can lead to health problems, even in children.

Having healthier snack choices available is an important part of this learning process. These might include fruit juices and drinks, cheese, peanut butter and crackers, fresh or dried fruits, cereal and milk, nuts, popcorn and other dairy snacks.

When in doubt about the value of a packaged snack food, reading the ingredient list on the label for sugar, salt and fat content can help you make wise decisions.

The summer months can offer opportunities for parents and children to learn to cook simple nutritious foods together. Learning to fix their own nutritious lunches can be a fun and a healthy learning experience, especially for children whose mothers work outside the home and who often have to fix their own lunches. Kitchen and food safety should be taught along with nutrition, especially if children are home alone.

Nutritious sandwiches can be easily put together by little ones or teenagers if the right ingredients are on hand. Leftover meats like chicken, turkey, lean roast and pork make good sandwiches. Tuna is also

a favorite with children. Adding a slice of cheese to sandwiches can help meet the day's calcium requirement. Other suggestions for lunch might include crackers with cheese, leftover pizza or meatloaf, hard-boiled eggs and muffins. A glass of milk and fresh fruit can complete a balanced nutritious lunch.

Keep Home-canned Foods Safe to Eat

Taking certain food safety precautions is extremely important in keeping home canned foods safe to eat. Unfortunately most cases of botulism, a serious foodborne illness that can cause death, come from home-canned foods. While preventing chances of foodborne illness is important, those who spend time and effort canning foods do not appreciate losing them to food spoilage.

Follow the recommended canning procedures to control the processes and microorganisms that can cause spoilage and contamination:

- The first step is to choose only fresh produce that is free of signs of deterioration like bruises, soft spots or other blemishes. Canning does not improve the quality of food. Produce should be canned as quickly after gathering as possible.

- Proper equipment and procedures are essential. Only standard canning jars should be used. Jars should be clean and free of nicks or scratches. If a product is to be processed less than 10 minutes, the jars need to be sterilized by boiling for 10 minutes. New lids are required for

each jar to assure an adequate seal. Metal screwbands can be reused if they are free of dents or rust.

- Use only researched and tested recommendations for time and temperature processing. The processing time and method depend on the type of food. A pressure canner is required for most vegetables and meats to reach the high temperatures required to kill harmful bacteria. Dial gauge pressure canners need to be tested for accuracy each year and the dial replaced if necessary. A boiling water bath can be used for foods such as fruits and tomatoes because of their high acid content. Other methods of canning such as in the oven or microwave are not safe.

- Do not try to create your own recipe or alter ingredients in a tested recipe. Processing recommendations have been tested only for the specified ingredients and may be unsafe if altered.

- The recommended headspace in jars is important to allow for expansion of liquid or food in the jar and adequate heat penetration during processing. Too little headspace can cause the food to bubble up and prevent a seal.

- Jars of food that do not seal properly may be saved if discovered and corrected no more than 24 hours after processing. The food can be refrigerated and used within a few days, frozen or reprocessed. Freezing and reprocessing do, however, result in a softer texture and reduced nutritional value. To reprocess, remove the lid and check the sealing surface of the jar for nicks or scratches that may have prevented the seal. If necessary, place the food in a new jar. Be sure there are no particles of food on the edge of the jar. Add a lid treated according to manufacturer's instructions and screwband. Reprocess the full time given in directions.

- Proper storage of canned products is important to prevent deterioration or spoilage. Foods should be stored in a clean, cool, dark, dry place. The best storage temperature is 50 degrees Fahrenheit to 70 degrees F. Foods stored in a hot place will lose quality fast and may spoil. Keep canned goods dry to prevent corrosion of metal lids, broken seals and spoilage. For best storage, use within one year.

Signs that indicate spoilage include a broken seal, bulging lid, leaking jar, spurting liquid when jar is opened, off odor, mold, sliminess or improperly colored food. In these cases, the safest policy is "when in doubt, throw it out."

Recommendations for processing and proper use of canning equipment can be obtained from the local county extension agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.



Dick Gillaspie (right), county commissioner John Deere sale representative, after taking delivery of a new motor grader for Precinct 1.

4-H junior rodeo slated

by JoAnn Morton Editor

Pull on your boots, grab your hat, saddle up and get ready for the 6th annual Hansford County 4-H Junior Rodeo, set for Saturday, July 20 at the Oscar Archer Rodeo Arena in Spearman.

Hansford County Extension Agent Burt Williams says this year's rodeo has 165 contestants from Texas,

Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado, ranging in age from under 7 all the way up to 18.

Those in the 14-18 age group will get underway at 10 a.m. Saturday. Cowboys and cowgirls under age 13 will compete at 6 p.m.

Spurring the entrants on to perform at their best, prizes will be presented to the winners, including a saddle for the All-Around Cowboy

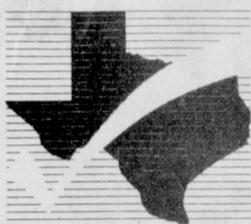
and for the All-Around Cowgirl. Buckles will also be awarded to competitors who ride and rope their way to the top of each age group.

Both boys and girls will be divided into four age groups - 7 & under, 8-10, 11-13 and 14-18, said Williams, resulting in a total of eight divisions.

Events scheduled for competition include tie-down roping, breakaway roping, chute dogging, barrel racing, pole bending, ribbon roping, goat tying and steer stopping for the older 4-H'ers. Events for the younger group will include breakaway roping, goat ribbon, barrels, flag race, calf riding, pole bending, steer riding and goat tying.

This year's rodeo announcer will be Frank Hobson from Hico, Texas. Time keepers will be Janis Maupin and Kathy Rich. Alan McCloy will be in charge of the electric eye, and the secretary is Merry Bateman. Judges are Boots Avent and Jimmy Reimer.

Some of the Hansford County 4-H'ers competing in the rodeo will be Brady Pool, Marty McCloy, Matt Eakin, Mark Eakin, Monte Eakin, Marty Eakin, Brandy Morris, Britanya Morris, Cody McLeod, Samantha Johnson, Kaylee Holt, Evan Schmidt and Shane Goodson.



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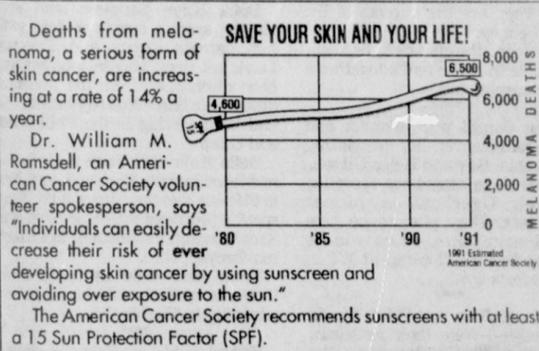
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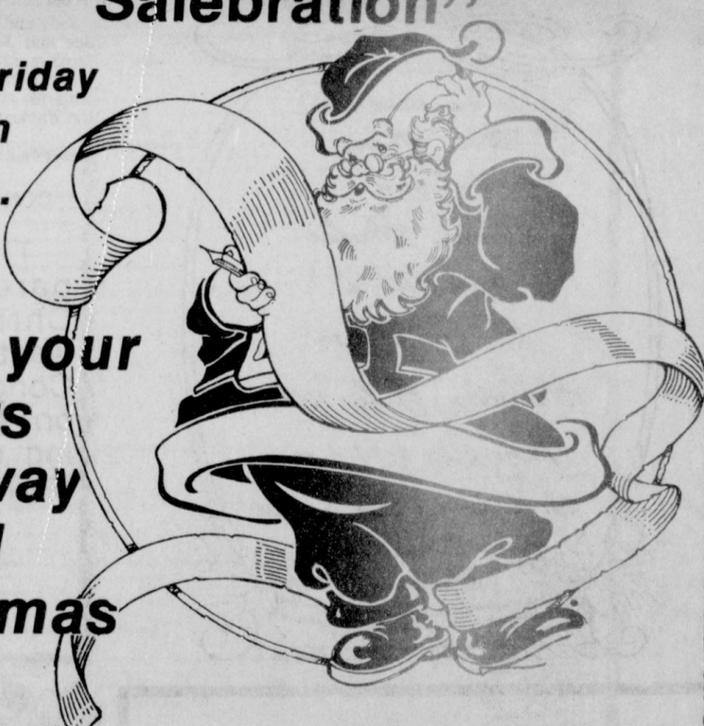
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Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Editor's note: Helen Fisher is back with the Reporter-Statesman this week. The first three items in this week's column are provided by our readers directly to the Reporter-Statesman office, and the rest is provided by our neighbor, Helen. Welcome back, Helen! Glad you're feeling better!

Connie Steger, along with her children Abbe, age 12, and Nathan, age 11, are in Spearman visiting Connie's parents, John and Virginia Trindle.

They will be here until Sunday, when they will fly back to their home in Granbury, Texas.

Edwin and Jean Percy of Spearman celebrated Christmas in June, at Elk Creek campground in the mountains of southern Colorado. Jean said the family group went so far as to find a small "Christmas tree" growing in the campground, decorated it for the occasion, and exchanged presents.

The reason for the early Yuletide celebration is that the Percys' eldest daughter April Heitz, along with her husband Layne and their two sons Joshua, age 3, and Bregan, age 2, will be leaving Aug. 6 for Czechoslovakia and won't be able to celebrate Christmas with the rest of the family.

They will be moving from Canyon to Bratislava, a town in the southern part of the Czechoslovakia, which is only 40 miles from Vienna, Austria. They plan to spend the next few years performing missionary work and teaching the Bible.

Also attending the Christmas celebration was the Percys' younger daughter Tischa Fry, with her husband Steven and their son Logan, age 2, from Abilene.

The family spent about five days up in the mountains during their early Christmas. Jean added that the men of the party spent time fishing and the women "played tourist."

Tim Woolley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Woolley, was named to the Dean's List at DeVry Institute in Irving, Texas with a 4.0 grade point average.

Johnny and Virginia White attended the White family reunion held at the home of his cousin, Peggy and Libby Mayo, on Lake Ray Hubbard near Dallas. During the time they were there, Virginia attended the Dallas Summer Musical "My Fair Lady." Her sister, Helen Rodden, enjoyed it with her. Virginia also spent

some time with her mother, Margaret Kerr.

Erin Patterson, their 6 year old granddaughter, came home with them for an eight day visit.

Erin accompanied them to Red River and Taos. She enjoyed all the activities - sightseeing, wading in the streams, square dancing at the Community House, a guided tour of the Indian Pueblo. Her greatest thrill seemed to be riding in the chairlift to the top of the mountain in Red River, saying that she was a mile high-and how she loved that!

Guests of Maxine Banister and Janice Banister last weekend were Brent Banister of Brady and his sons, Justin and Denton from Dalhart.

Others were Cathi (Crawford) and Sonny Herring of Littleton, Colo. with their children, Christi, Kelley and Andrew.

Robert and Sandra Eaton spent a long, leisurely weekend at Monument Lake. The fishing was excellent, weather fine and just what a vacation should be. Their daughter, Haley, and two of her friends, Barbara and Ronnie Ring, accompanied them.

Dr. Charles and Judy Ridge returned the early part of the week from an eight day stay at Guadalajara, Mexico. This is in the southwestern part of Mexico and a rather large industrial city set in beautiful scenery.

The Ridges visited with Jim and Jewel Behney, retirees who live there. They are the parents of Dr. Larry Behney.

They found the climate to be ideal; the people friendly; and altogether a most charming place.

Karen Cargill with Jennifer and Jason from Denver City are visiting her parents, Ray and Helen Gibson.

She came to attend the reception for Geir Overland, a former schoolmate. They plan to be here several more days. Jason will be entering basketball camp at WT in Canyon for a week.

Guests of John and Edith Pipkin last weekend were their grandson, Chris, Amarillo. Joining them the next day were Yvonda and Larry Stokes, Chris's parents, with Krystal and her friend, Kevin Hare also of Amarillo. Late Sunday they enjoyed a family cookout at the Richard Pipkins'.

They may have come to give Edith

some last minute instruction on an interesting trip she will be taking. More about that on her return.

Quentin and Lee Bob Harper of Shannon, Ill. are spending a few days with their grandparents, Carroll and Joyce Harper. The boys are vacationing with their father, Tony Harper, in Gruver.

Charles and Lola Newcomb went to Winston-Salem, N.C., the latter part of June for a reunion of the descendants of Gus and Grace Newcomb, early day settlers of Hansford County.

It was held in the home of Dick and Mary Beth (Newcomb) Auten. All of the original Newcomb children were able to attend.

In addition to the Autens and Charles and Lola, and assisting in the hosting, were the Auten sons and families - Mr. and Mrs. Dick Auten, the Todd Autens, the Rick Autens, and Mitchell Auten. Also Marcella Helzer with Marilyn and Andrea, Monterey Park, Calif.; Bill and Joyce Newcomb, Dallas; Gene and Linda Newcomb, Abilene; and LaNell Thompson with Laura of Lancaster, Calif.

Since their return the Charles Newcombs have been enjoying their great-granddaughter Ashley, who came with her parents, Gia and Jim Phelps, from Covina, Calif. They have been with Gia's father, Chuck Newcomb of Morse, who is recovering from an extremely severe case of pneumonia.

Delia Kaye Sampson and son, Haydn, spent a couple of days with her parents, Jesse and Dorothy Davis last week. Haydn, who has just been discharged from the Marines, drove from San Diego to Phoenix. He had been serving in the Philippines and Guam.

Delia Kaye flew from their home at Marco Island, Fla., and met him in Phoenix and they drove thru. They spent a few days with Mary Jou and Sam Wyson, vacationing in Cimarron Canyon, N.M.

From here they drove to Fort Worth to visit Pam Eckroat before returning to Florida.

Mansel and Diane Bryan spent one night recently with his mother, Ruth Bryan. They, together with another couple, were enroute to Red River for a week.

Mansel and Diane returned by Spearman for another visit before going home to Arlington.

Jody and Reginald Robertson and Sue and Jerry Bowling with their families attended the Watson family reunion in June. It was held in Amarillo at Thompson Park. Out of the Watson family of 14, only four re-

main, and one of them recently passed away. About 82 members attended the reunion.

Daisy Jones, Amarillo, and a one-time resident of Spearman, died July 3. Services were held at Lakeview. From Spearman Richard Melton attended.

Polly Harlan and daughter Samantha of Austin were guests of her parents, the Lester McLains, last week.

Earlier for the weekend Mona and Don May visited her parents, the McLains. They are from Austin also.

Jo Dell and Butch Tigrett and children spent last week in Fort Worth visiting her brother. They enjoyed seeing a Rangers ball game in which Nolan Ryan pitched; Six Flags; Wet and Wild; and Jo Dell managed to crowd in a mite of shopping.

Wanda and Don Smith were delighted last week to have their daughter spend a few days with them. Catherine Edwards of Chicago stayed from Thursday thru Saturday. Don and Wanda met her in Amarillo and stopped in Borger so she could have a brief visit with her brother, Don.

Enjoying (or for some, enduring) a camp-out in the mountains several days last week were the families of Ray and Judy Martin.

They cooked over campfires but did have tents and pop-up trailers for sleeping and babies' naps.

Sharing the four days with Ray and Judy were Scott and Julie Martin with two sons; Rajan and Steve Trafton with two children; and Mary Ann and Roger Morris.

Mae Scrogum and Carolyn Novozny, mother and daughter, were here a couple of days last week in the home of Loraine and Carolyn Davidson. Mrs. Scrogum and Mrs. Davidson are sisters.

They were enroute to California to visit their sons.

Fred and Jeanne Howard and son Jacob from Schuylkill Haven, Pa., visited her brother, Tom Jarvis and family, on Wednesday. They also visited her uncle and aunts, J.B. Buchanan, the John Allens, and Helen Fisher.

And from the ill: Helen Yancy is at home now, recuperating after surgery. It was done on July 5 at St. Anthony's in Amarillo. She expects to return to her duties as County Tax Collector after several more days.

Jeanette Allen is striving to keep a stiff upper lip following extremely

painful foot surgery last Friday. It was done at Family Hospital in Amarillo. It will be six weeks before she can resume normal activities.

Friends of two former residents will be interested in learning that Rhoda Overton has undergone her first series of treatments, and apparently with very encouraging results. She is cheerful and content near her son, Larry, at Port Arthur, but misses her friends here and sends greetings.

H.L. Wilbanks, now of Stinnett, has responded very well to his treatments and considers them very successful.

Lucile Hagerman, after an absence of several weeks, is at home now cheerfully receiving visits and calls. She underwent surgery at St. Anthony's where she stayed nine days. She then stayed several more days with her daughter, Valeria Huber in Amarillo. Another daughter, Verla Kunselman and four children of Plainview, brought her home and spent a few days with her.

J.T. Pond went to Pampa week before last for what was expected to

be routine cataract surgery. J.T., never one to follow the herd, found he had a rare and complicated condition and had to be sent to Dallas. The Ponds' son, David of Perryton, took them down. Preliminary surgery was done there and it is expected to be completed in the near future.

A fringe benefit of the Dallas trip was that J.T. and Ermal could enjoy their little granddaughter, Kelsey Suzanne. She is the daughter of Calvin and Mrs. Pond. She is five months old and weighs nine pounds, four ounces now. At her birth, she weighed one pound, 15 ounces and has had a difficult time staying alive. But at last, she is gaining weight and healthy, and a joy to all.

Cleo and Lowell Denman's guests over the weekend were her grandson, Glen Taylor, and wife of Muskogee, Okla., together with their five-week-old son, Micheal Thomas. Another grandson, Kyle Lee, and wife and son Andrew Joseph drove over from Amarillo for the day.

They were all pleased to learn in a conversation with Dora Kate Lee that another grandson, Kent Lee, is back from Germany and will enter Purdue University this fall.



Participants in a recent wedding style show at Hansford Manor in Spearman included (l-r) Lisa Collins, Olivia Salgado, Lori Lieb and Shanna DeArmond.

Lookin' Back

5 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, July 17, 1986

The groundbreaking for the new addition to the Hansford Manor was held on July 24.

Johnnie Lee, head of the Palo Duro River Authority, stated that brochures and slide shows were ready for presentation to the area clubs concerning the PDRA dam project.

Miss Rodeo Texas, Stacey Cook of Spearman, was an added attraction at the amateur rodeo held in Gruver. 4-H members modeled their clothing projects at the District Fashion Show on the campus of WTSU. Anne Marie Jarvis earned the chance to compete on the state level in evening wear.

10 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, July 16, 1981

Mike Dixon of Spearman was one of seventeen Texas Future Farmers of America who won college scholarships and achievement awards provided by Santa Fe Railway.

Debra Blankenship, of Morse, was chosen as one of the eight Song Girls at WTSU. She is a senior.

15 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, July 15, 1976

A bicycle safety workshop was held at the Hansford County Library. Sheriff R.L. McFarlin along with his deputies, Tommy Messer and Clint Dodd, were on hand to assist librarian Celestine Thompson with the program.

20 YEARS AGO...
Thursday, July 15, 1971
New trash containers arrived in Spearman as a change in the system is underway.

Birth announcement

Carl and Angela Looten of Groom announce the birth of their fourth child, a son, at 5:31 p.m. on Wednesday, July 3.

He weighed 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces at birth and has been named Leo Chapman. Waiting to welcome him home were his three older sisters, Sarah, 8; Faith, 5; and Leah, 3.

His grandparents include Millie Craig of Spearman and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Looten of Panhandle. Great-grandmothers are Bertha Craig of Mansfield, La. and Pauline Looten of Groom.

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In honor of
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IT'S A BOY!

Cole and Jana Ivey announce the arrival of a son, Cody Mike, on June 21, 1991, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Cody weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 21 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Steve and Mary Lou Mathews, Bill and Ginger Pittman, and Jim and Kay Ivey, all of Spearman.

Great-grandparents include Faye Cluck of Gruver; Erlis and Ethel Pittman, Morse; Elsie Mathews, Spearman; Jack and Inez Foster, Payson, Arizona; and Ann White, Spearman.

THANK YOU

We wish to convey our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who have expressed their sympathy and sadness at the passing of Maudine Patterson; we know that this loss is felt, too, by all who knew her. We further wish to thank Dr. Behney and the nursing staff of the Hansford Hospital, not only for the professional and conscientious medical treatment they provided, but also for their very personal and caring attitude which went far beyond the requirements of their professional duties. Lastly, we wish to extend our undying gratitude and sincerest thanks to Carol Hergert, Brenda Wall, and all of the other wonderful hospice volunteers whose charity and compassion is unmatched. Your gracious service to both the deceased and her family and friends is truly invaluable.

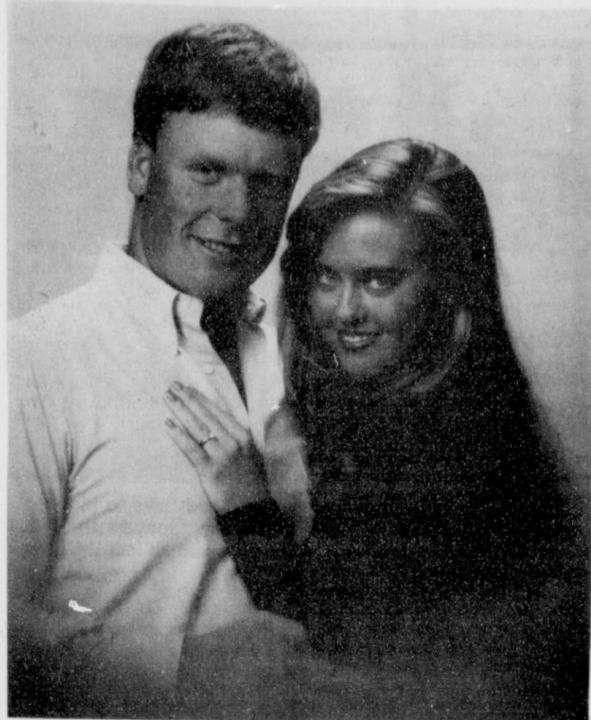
Sincerely,
The Family of Maudine Patterson

You are cordially
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Bride-elect of
Wade Burgess
on *Saturday, July 27th*
from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
at the *First State Bank*
Spearman
Gift registry at
Celebrate & Cha-Po's

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for all the love and concern shown to our family during Robert's illness. Words will never convey our feelings of gratitude from the support we received thru your prayers, cards, food, blood donations, and especially the hugs. We'll always remember your kindness.

Our sincere love,
Ronnie & Donita, Jill,
Mandi & Michael Lusby
Dorothy & Becky Lusby



Carrie Hart and Mark Guthrie announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Don Hart of Scottsdale, Ariz. and the late Mary Hart. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Guthrie and the grandson of Evelyn Guthrie and Rosa Lee Butt. The couple plans to exchange vows Saturday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Gruver United Methodist Church. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Social security news

by Virginia DeWitt
SSA branch manager

PAMPA - A new law to combat mail scams is expected to provide much needed protection to Social Security beneficiaries besieged by various solicitations under the cover of official-looking envelopes.

Called the Deceptive Mailings Prevention Act, the new law gives the United States Postal Service specific power to stop delivery of mail that gives the impression it is connected with the government.

The law says that any envelope (or the face of any postcard) that includes a name, seal, insignia, term, or symbol that could reasonably cause it to be mistaken for a mailing from the government will not be delivered unless there is also a prominent "disclaimer." The disclaimer must appear on the envelope (or face of the postcard), and must clearly state that the mailing is not made or endorsed by the government.

Many companies use "Social Security" or "Medicare" as a "come-on" to get people to read their advertisements. Even worse, some of these ads appear to deliberately try to mislead people into thinking they have to respond or they might lose Social Security or Medicare benefits.

Here are the steps you should take if you receive mail you think violates this law. First, you can go to your local post office, explain why you are concerned about the mailing, and ask the people there to forward the mailing to the Postal Inspector's office.

Second, if you prefer, you can send in a complaint directly to the Chief Postal Inspector, at this address: Chief Postal Inspector United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, D.C. 20260-2100

Be sure to give the post office everything you received including any envelope or wrapper. Also, be sure to include your name and address, the nature of your concern, and the date you got it in the mail. All the information will help the Postal Inspector take necessary action.

For other Social Security information please call the toll-free telephone number, 1-800-234-5772. The local Social Security office is located at 125 S. Gillespie. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except on national holidays.

PAMPA - Social Security seems to be working for so many people, but others end up disappointed when they start receiving benefits. They feel their retirement check falls short of their expectations.

In general, Social Security benefits were never intended to provide all of the retirement income or to replace all the pre-retirement earnings. Social Security is designed to provide a base of income on which a person can build to achieve their personal lifestyle.

Most experts agree that a person needs about 75 percent of pre-retirement income to maintain his or her lifestyle in retirement. Social Security replaces about 65 percent of pre-retirement earnings for low earners, about 40 percent for average earners, and about 25 percent for high earners. (The difference recognizes the lower earner's dependence on earnings and relative lack of access to other sources of retirement income.) With proper planning during working years, a person can use insurance, savings, investments, and other types of retirement income to supplement Social Security and provide for the later years.

Social Security now makes retirement planning a little easier. We provide a Personal Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement that shows the earnings credited to your Social Security record and estimate of the retirement, disability and survivors benefits payable on those earnings in today's dollars. This permits you to plan what else you need to provide financial security.

You can get a copy of the statement from any Social Security office. We will give you a form that you can complete to send for the statement. It usually takes about three weeks to receive your personalized benefit statement.

In the meantime, you should be reviewing your other retirement income sources - insurance, investments, and savings. Remember planning is the key to a successful retirement. Using Social Security as a base on which to build, you are more likely to end up where you want to be in your retirement years.

For other information concerning Social Security or Medicare you may call our toll-free telephone number, 800-234-5772. The Pampa Social Security office is located at 125 South Gillespie. Office hours are 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except on national holidays.

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Birth announcement

David and Sharon Rosser of Gruver announce the birth of a daughter at 5:56 p.m. Saturday, July 6 at Ochilree General Hospital in Perryton.

She weighed 6 pounds, 7/4 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth. She has been named Leslie Anne.

Her grandparents are Ted and Louise Evans of Gruver and Morris and Barbara Rosser of Spearman.

Shannon and Chip Eckhardt of Gruver are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Shyla Don Eckhardt.

Shyla was born on her mother's birthday, July 6, at Dumas Memorial Hospital in Dumas. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. Big sisters Dusty and Ronna and big brother Pake are enjoying the new addition.

Shyla's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Maupin of Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. William Don Shipley of Stinnett, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Zuick of Casper, Wyo., and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Eckhardt of Ogden, Utah.

Great-grandparents are Mary Rae Lamb of Gruver, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hart of White Deer, and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Dunn of Stinnett.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hedgecock of Morse, and Mrs. John Holthaise of Milwaukie, Ore.

Lookin' back

5 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, July 10, 1986

Lee Bob Harper, son of Tony and Lee Harper of Gruver exhibited the Champion Shorthorn Steer at the Golden Spread Classic in Amarillo. The same steer was named Champion Shorthorn Steer at the Belt Buckle Bonanza Show in Austin, which is the largest prospect steer show.

Thursday, July 17, 1986

The Gruver Little League All-Star baseball team won the Stratford Tournament.

Four members of the Future Farmers of America attended the convention in Amarillo. They were Tim Stedje, Ross Renner, Michael Booth and Trey Roberts.

Carrie Hart, 1985 GHS Homecoming Queen, traveled to Honolulu, Hawaii to represent Texas in the National Finals of America's Homecoming Queen Pageant after winning the state contest in Dallas.

10 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, July 16, 1981

Gruver residents plan to fight an attempted hike in telephone rates.

Julie Barkley, Teresa Chisum and Carol Cluck were among the 2,000 students receiving degrees in commencement exercises at Texas Tech.

15 YEARS AGO...

Thursday, July 15, 1976

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On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

During Bible Class, B.D. attempted to give us a spelling lesson. He showed us how to spell "Czechoslovakia." All this reminded me of an article telling about three people from different parts of the country who passed away at the same time. They all went to heaven and were met at the gate by St. Peter.

The first person was an architect from California. "I'd like to come in please," he told the Saint. "All in good time," replied St. Peter. "But first you have to pass one small test. You have to spell God." "Oh, that's easy," said the architect. "GOD." "Very good," said St. Peter. "Come on in."

The second person to approach the gate was a rancher from Texas. "I'd like to enter," he said. "All in good time," said St. Peter. "But first you have to pass a little test. All you have to do is spell God." "Simple," said the Texan. "GOD." "Very good," answered St. Peter. "You can come on in."

The third person, an attractive business woman from New York approached the Saint. "I'd like to enter, please." "Well," said the Saint, "you'll have to pass one small test." "Oh come on now Saint" said the woman. "I've had it rough all my life. Just because I'm a woman I've had to fight for every promotion I've ever gotten. I've had to take lower pay for the same jobs as my male colleagues and I've been continually harassed at work by a MCP boss. Now are you going to give me a hard time too?" "But it is just a little test," said St. Peter. "Spell Czechoslovakia."

Well, we have had some instances of some of our 90 year old citizens. Not long ago, I was visiting with Eva Boyd in the Spearman Drug store and she was there celebrating her 90th birthday with daughter-in-law Flossie. Several members of the Boyd clan had met over at the Manor on Sunday to observe her birthday, but Flossie had promised to take her on an outing for her birthday the next day. Mrs. Boyd has been a resident of the Manor for several months.

Also, last week, we met another outstanding lady in Perryton who is nearly 102 years old. She was at the hospital having some tests run and

she began her story by saying "I'm old enough to have had every thing wrong with me that is in the book." Since I gave her an unbelieving facial expression, she proceeded to give me her exact age in years, months, weeks and days. (She didn't bother with exact minutes.)

Anyway, her age was hard to believe, but her physical features were astounding. Her complexion was that of a much younger woman free of wrinkles that would give us a clue to an older age. Her eyes were clear and observing and her mind was sharp. She visited with me and told me she had two sons; one of which is Marvin States who many of us in Hansford County know. Also, her granddaughter is Anita States who went to Gruver schools and is one who has been given much credit for her care.

Now, that lady is more reason for me not to give up even though I can barely get up in the mornings. Here is an update on the babies born last week.

Leslie Anne Rosser was born at 5:56 p.m. in Ochilree General Hospital in Perryton on July 6. She weighed six pounds, 7 1/4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are David and Sharon Rosser of Gruver. Mother and baby are home and doing fine. The father, David, has purchased a set of "jacks" and is busy practicing for the day when Leslie wants to play.

Ted and Louise Evans are the maternal grandparents and Morris and Barbara Rosser of Spearman are the paternal grandparents and this is the Rossers first grandchild.

Since there are no "great-grandparents" there is a host of aunts, uncles and cousins to help give Leslie TLC. These include Davids brother Kenneth and wife Nancy of Amarillo. Listed on the Evans side are Mike, Debbie, Pam and Joy Evans of Amarillo; David, Nancy, Greg and Dean Evans of Winters; Tim, Renea, Jennifer, Jessica and Jason Evans of San Angelo.

The other "new arrival" was Shyla Don Eckhardt, daughter of Chip and Shannon Eckhardt born in Dumas on July 6. She weighed seven pounds, two ounces and was 19 inches long. In

addition to calling Mary Rae Lamb "great-grandma," Janis Maupin will have the honor of being "Grannie."

Members of the Ayers families attended a family reunion in Amarillo this past weekend. I haven't been able to get in contact with those in charge of the guest list but hope to be able to include the story next week.

Bob and Connie Burgoon was in the Dallas area during the last weekend for a reunion of Bob's family. Those we are happy to welcome back to Gruver after a month long visit in Arkansas were Bill and Sylvia Duncan. Weldon and Elene Green were in Abilene for a few days helping Mittie and family get ready for a move to a new house. Also, in Abilene they were able to visit son Ron Green and Laneida Burnam who were able to come to Gruver this past weekend to be a part of the farewell party given to Mike and Pat Burnam who will be moving to Cordell, Okla.

Several of the Ted Evans family were here over the weekend to check out the new baby and included David, Dean, Greg, Mike, Debbie, Joy and Pam Evans. Marisa Mills who is a friend of Joy Evans from Amarillo attended church services at UMC and sang for the congregation.

Visiting in the home of Delphine Etling was her sister Avanelle Crawford from Amarillo. Lewis and Rita Ann Holland have started the grandbaby sitting for Wesley and Anna Holland, as they are preparing for their move to Gruver on the 17th. Cass Holland's parents will be attending PSU in the fall.

Mozelle McClain is now home and recuperating from a fall at the Discovery Center. Minor bruises and injuries were received but some of the medications caused other complications.

Ross Renner, one of our favorite Marines stationed in Washington, D.C. attended the Ayres Reunion, then travelled on to Gruver for the weekend. For the Independence Day Celebration, he hosted his parents B.J. and Glenda Renner and grandmother Vivian Green and sister Viva Renner for fireworks and refreshments on the White House lawn.

Guests of Oscar and Violet Lee this week are their son Kenneth and Carol Lee and children Tommy and Tammy of the Dallas area.

REPORT OF CONDITION
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LEGAL TITLE OF BANK: Gruver State Bank
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FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT NO: 11 13 22318
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CITY: Gruver COUNTY: HANSFORD STATE: TEXAS ZIP CODE: 79040-0978 CLOSE OF BUSINESS DATE: June 30, 1991

ASSETS	Bill	Mill	Thou
1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:			
a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	0	916	1.a.
b. Interest-bearing balances	1	089	1.b.
2. Securities	11	088	2.
3. Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs	2	250	3.a.
a. Federal funds sold	0	0	3.a.
b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell	2	250	3.b.
4. Loans and lease financing receivables:			
a. Loans and leases, net of unearned income	13	312	4.a.
b. LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	0	290	4.b.
c. LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	0	0	4.c.
4. Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve (item 4 a minus 4 b and 4 c)	13	022	4.d.
5. Assets held in trading accounts	0	0	5.
6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	0	185	6.
7. Other real estate owned	0	90	7.
8. Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	0	0	8.
9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	0	0	9.
10. Intangible assets	0	0	10.
11. Other assets	0	761	11.
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)	28	435	12.
13. Liabilities:			
a. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)	26	308	13.
b. Total liabilities and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 12 a and 12 b)	28	435	13.c.
13. Deposits:			
a. In domestic offices:			
(1) Noninterest-bearing	2	937	13.a.(1)
(2) Interest-bearing	23	080	13.a.(2)
b. In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs:			
(1) Noninterest-bearing	0	0	13.b.(1)
(2) Interest-bearing	0	0	13.b.(2)
14. Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:			
a. Federal funds purchased	0	0	14.a.
b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase	0	0	14.b.
15. Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	0	0	15.
16. Other borrowed money	0	0	16.
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	0	0	17.
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	0	0	18.
19. Subordinated notes and debentures	0	288	19.
20. Other liabilities	0	0	20.
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)	26	308	21.
22. Limited - life preferred stock and related surplus	0	0	22.
EQUITY CAPITAL			
23. Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding)	0	0	23.
24. Common stock (No. of shares: a. Authorized b. Outstanding)	6,000	600	24.
25. Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock):			
a. Undivided profits and capital reserves	1	000	25.a.
b. LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities	1	530	25.b.
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	0	0	27.
28. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)	3	130	28.a.
b. Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j)	0	0	28.b.
c. Total equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 28 a & 28 b)	3	130	28.c.
29. Total liabilities, limited - life preferred stock, equity capital, and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 21, 22, and 28 c)	29	435	29.

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1. a. Standby letters of credit: Total 0-0

1.b. Amount of Standby letters of credit in memo 1.a. conveyed to others through participations 0-0

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NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER(S) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN REPORT: *Thomas W. Winder, Cashier* AREA CODE/PHONE NO: (806) 733-5061

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SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Reynolds* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *James* SIGNATURE OF DIRECTOR: *Bob*

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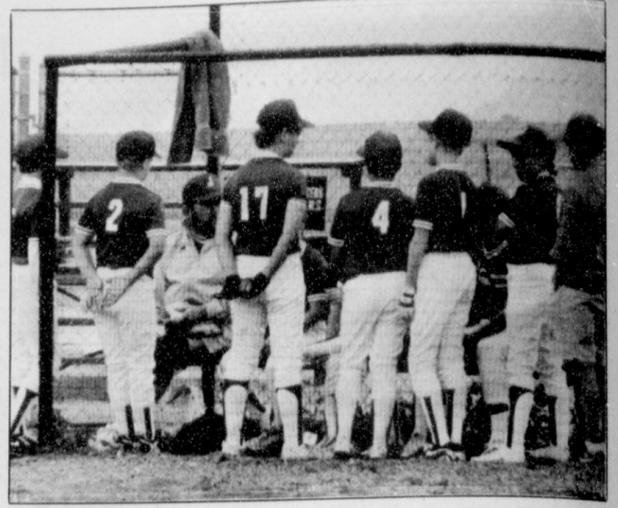
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Spearman and Gruver League coaches (l-r) Jeff Beedy, Johnnie Sutterfield and Andy Francis work to spread sand on a muddy pitcher's mound on Saturday morning. They were trying to get the field ready for the first game of the Gruver All-Star Little League Tournament. The soggy condition of the field would later force the cancellation of the tournament with the teams playing only one of their scheduled two games.



Gruver Little League All Star Josh Mayhew makes the throw to first from his shortstop position to get the third out of the second inning of Gruver's game against Guymon on Saturday morning. Gruver won the game, 2-1.



Spearman Little League coach Mike Cudd talks to his team about being prepared to play, as they wait to take the field against Guymon on Saturday morning. Spearman lost the game by the score of 4-5.

Spearman swimmers compete at Guymon swim meet

The Spearman swim team will be one of 21 swim teams to gather Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21, for the championship swim meet in Dodge City, Kan.

The Spearman swim team traveled to Guymon, Okla., on Saturday,

July 13 to compete in a swim meet there. Individual results for Spearman swimmers included:

8-under girls 50 freestyle
2nd, Adrienne Simpson, 45.69; 4th, Amber Elliott, 50.99
9-10 girls free relay

2nd place, 3:01.58, Halee Beasley, Audra Sanders, Ashley Brown, Mandy Kenney
9-10 boys free relay
5th place, 3:24.70, Aaron Winegarner, Josh Schumann, Landon Miller, Brandon Hataway

9-10 boys 50 freestyle
1st, Aaron Winegarner, 38.02; 5th, Landon Miller, 43.20
8-under girls 50 butterfly
1st, Adrienne Simpson, 53.22; 5th, Audrey Winegarner, 1:16.08
8-under boys 50 butterfly
5th, Travis Brown, 1:12.98
9-10 girls 50 butterfly
4th, Halee Beasley, 51.06
9-10 boys 50 butterfly
1st, Aaron Winegarner, 47.49; 2nd, Landon Miller, 51.79

8-under girls 50 backstroke
1st, Adrienne Simpson, 51.95; 4th, Catrina Brooks, 1:05.04; 5th, Michelle Laughlin, 1:05.73
9-10 girls 50 backstroke
4th, Audra Sanders, 52.16; 6th, Ashley Brown, 55.57
9-10 boys 50 backstroke
1st, Aaron Winegarner, 46.01

8-under girls 50 breaststroke
4th, Audrey Winegarner, 1:08.26
9-10 girls 50 breaststroke
5th, Halee Beasley, 57.13; 6th, Audra Sanders, 59.52
9-10 boys 50 breaststroke
3rd, Landon Miller, 54.44
9-10 girls 200 individual medley
2nd, Audra Sanders, 4:03.06; 4th, Halee Beasley, 4:11.07

9-10 boys 200 individual medley
1st, Aaron Winegarner, 3:34.39
10-under girls 100 freestyle
6th, Ashley Brown, 1:45.20
10-under boys 100 freestyle
2nd, Landon Miller, 1:48.05
8-under girls medley relay
1st, 4:08.93, Amber Elliott, Audrey Winegarner, Adrienne Simpson, Michelle Laughlin

Girls 400 freestyle
5th, Kristina Poole, 6:46.24
13-14 boys 200 freestyle relay
3rd, 2:29.78, Josh Winegarner, Derrick Burnett, Jeremy Sutterfield, Greg Elliott
13-14 boys 50 freestyle
1st, Phillip Sanders, 29.33; 4th, Brent Collins, 32.44; 5th, Martin

Sanders, 33.74
15-18 girls 50 freestyle
6th, Suzanne Sanders, 34.92
13-14 boys 100 butterfly
1st, Phillip Sanders, 1:13.99
13-14 boys 100 backstroke
4th, Brent Collins, 1:35.81
15-18 girls 100 backstroke
2nd, Suzanne Sanders, 1:30.97
13-14 boys 100 breaststroke
4th, Greg Elliott, 1:43.34
15-18 girls 100 breaststroke
1st, Jessica Woolley, 1:41.66; 2nd, Sonya Tindell, 1:43.48
13-14 boys 200 individual medley
1st, Martin Sanders, 3:24.35
15-18 girls 200 individual medley
2nd, Suzanne Sanders, 3:23.15
13-14 boys 100 freestyle
1st, Phillip Sanders, 1:06.60
15-18 girls 100 freestyle
3rd, Suzanne Sanders, 1:20.74
15-18 girls 200 freestyle
4th, Sonya Tindell, 3:35.84
13-14 boys 200 medley relay
1st, 2:33.63, Phillip Sanders, Greg Elliott, Martin Sanders, Brent Collins
15-18 girls 200 medley relay
1st, 2:48, Jessica Woolley, Melissa Baker, Sonya Tindell, Suzanne Sanders

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Gruver FFA attends convention

by Clay Montgomery
Gruver FFA Advisor

Gruver FFA members and officers attended the 63rd annual Texas FFA Association Convention in El Paso July 8-12.

Members attending were Max Davis, Kasey Davis and Ashley Wagner. Officers attending were Rex Ralston, president; Kenny Slough, vice president; Sharlet Slough, secretary; Cody Barkley, treasurer; Hart Derrington, reporter; and Justin Carthel, sentinel. They were supervised by Wm. Clay Montgomery, agricultural science teacher and FFA Advisor.

The Convention had over 7,000 FFA members in attendance, representing over 55,000 members and 950

local chapters statewide.

Convention highlights included a greeting from Agricultural Commissioner Rick Perry, presentation of over 100 scholarships and 1,500 student awards, elections of State President, State FFA Sweetheart and State Talent Team, discussion of old and new state association business, and a dance featuring the country group "Canyon."

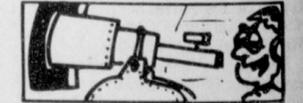
FFA is a vocational organization made up of students who are enrolled in agricultural science classes. The FFA's primary aims are to build leadership, cooperation and citizenship in its members. The Gruver FFA wishes to express thanks to the Gruver ISD and the community of Gruver for their continued support of the Gruver FFA and agricultural science programs.



Clay Montgomery



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Three take part in musical production

Three Hansford County residents - Melinda Patterson and Christi Womble of Spearman, and Mandy Winger of Gruver - are involved with the production of the musical drama "TEXAS," presented in the Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo and Canyon.

Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Patterson, is a sophomore at West Texas State University with a major in computer information systems. She works in the box office at the outdoor amphitheater where they play takes place.

Womble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Womble, is the leading flame dancer in the Prairie Fire Ballet. This is her third season as a dancer in "TEXAS." A junior at West Texas State University pursuing a degree in fine arts, she toured with the "TEXAS" company to Dallas, Austin, Monroe, La., and London, England.

Womble is a member of the Lone Star Ballet and the WTSU Dance Ensemble. She has danced in "Nutcracker," "Swan Lake," "Gala Night," "LSB Repertory 88," "A

Night on Broadway," "Dancin' People," and "The Enchanted Garden."

Winger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Val Winger, is a member of the Hospitality crew. She is a 1990

graduate of Gruver High School, where she was active in theater, speech and music programs. At present she attends Texas Tech University and appears with the University Singers.



MELINDA PATTERSON



CHRISTI WOMBLE



MANDY WINGER

Holiday deaths low

AUSTIN - Fewer persons were killed in traffic accidents in Texas during the July 4th holiday period than at any time since at least 1970, according to preliminary figures released by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"While we regret that we had seven fatalities in Texas during the 30-hour July 4th holiday period, we were pleased to see that we fell short of our estimate that 12 persons would die on Texas' streets and highways during the holiday," said DPS Assistant Director Lt. Col. James Wilson.

The previous lowest July 4th traffic death count was in 1973, when nine persons died during the 30-hour holiday period. Four others later died of injuries, pushing the final total to 13 deaths that year.

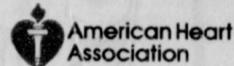
"Of the seven deaths reported this July 4th," Wilson said, "three were in motorcycle accidents, two in auto-pedestrian accidents and two in vehi-

cle accidents. In both the vehicle accidents, the victim had not been wearing a safety belt. The count might have been even lower if they had been buckled up."

All available Highway Patrol Troopers were on the roadways during the holiday period, which Wilson said may have discouraged drunken driving and speeding, the two leading causes of traffic deaths.

"Texas motorists also deserve our thanks for helping make it a safer July 4th," Wilson said.

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Lyme disease poses threat

Tick season is here, and it's triggering words of caution for anyone venturing outdoors, especially where ticks carrying Lyme disease lurk.

In recent years, Lyme disease, which is transmitted from infective ticks when they bite, has become one of the nastiest health threats facing people who work or play outdoors.

Unrecognized in the U.S. prior to 1976, now it is widespread. In 1989, 8,562 cases were confirmed in the U.S., 82 of those cases in Texas. For 1990, 7,965 cases have been tallied thus far (final 1990 national records will be closed out later this month), 44 of those in Texas. So far in 1991, 32 possible cases are being investigated by the Texas Department of Health.

Although it looks as if the disease is declining, those whose job it is to track the disease say that's not the case. "Even though it looks like a drop, I don't really think it is," said Julie Rawlings, a microbiologist in the Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division and a nationally recognized Lyme disease expert. "What's happened is that possible Lyme disease cases are not being included in the final count because they can't be verified using the more stringent reporting and verification procedures put into place during the past two years."

All but a small percentage of the cases that have been verified in Texas occurred in the eastern half of the state.

People contract Lyme disease when they are bitten by ticks infected with a certain spirochete, or corkscrew-shaped bacterium. In Texas, the spirochete may be carried by at least four kinds of ticks: the Lone Star tick, the American dog tick, the brown dog tick, and the black-legged tick.

Lyme disease has been reported among pet owners, campers, hunters, and others who work outdoors or with animals. It is difficult to recognize, because the symptoms are

similar to many other common ailments. Left untreated, it can advance from early flu-like symptoms to painful and permanent damage to the joints and debilitating damage to the nervous system.

While antibiotic treatment for Lyme disease is available, knowing about this disease and taking the proper precautions can drastically reduce the chances of getting it in the first place. Precautions to take, especially in May, June and July, include:

*Wear long-sleeved shirt and long pants, tuck pant legs into socks or into boots, tuck shirt into pants, and tape the area where pants and socks meet. This helps keep ticks out.

*Wear light-colored clothing so

ticks can easily be seen. *Spray insect repellent listing "DEET" or "permethrin" as the active ingredient on pants, socks and shoes (not on skin).

*Avoid walking in brush and tall grass. Ticks sit on vegetation with outstretched legs waiting to snag whatever animal comes by.

*Keep pets from infested areas. Since pets can bring ticks home, look for ticks on pets and remove them.

After being outdoors, promptly remove and wash clothing. Inspect your body carefully and remove attached ticks with tweezers, grasping as close to the head as possible and gently tugging the tick free without crushing its body.

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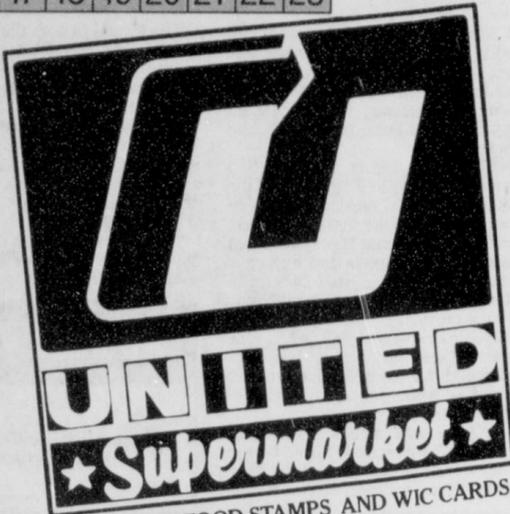
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At a June "Fun Fishing Tournament" held at White River, Ben caused quite a stir by catching a three fish limit that weighed 9.58 lbs. and

his weight was only 4.84 lbs. because he started catching smallmouth bass. Sure, there are rumors of smallies in White River, but fishing tournaments rarely indicate their presence.

At the July Luck-of-the-Draw, it was a rather reluctant Tech football player named Ben who lucked out and added to his fishing winnings that now total nearly \$600.

If you see coach Spike Dykes, tell him that the football team could use more lucky players. Ben practices hard, studies his opponents, and best

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Mel Phillips

took home first place prize money of \$255.00

One of the unique features of fun tournaments is something called the Luck-of-the-Draw, where every angler (even those who did not catch a fish) drops his name in a hat and the lucky winner wins \$50. It may have been skill that helped Ben catch 9.58 lbs of bass only luck helped with the drawing for \$50.

Now come the results of the July Fun Fishing Tournament, and guess what. Ben used his 'secret bait' to again weigh in the best three fish limit and earn first place. This time

of all, ole lucky Ben is a winner. Sometimes nice guys do finish first.

Ben's secret bait - come to the next Fun Fishing Tournament at White River on Saturday, August 10. Ben has agreed to reveal his secret lure at the 6:00 a.m. sign-in on Saturday.

Night Tournament at Baylor Lake - Saturday, July 27 starting at 12:01 a.m. and ending at 8:00 a.m. Entry limited to first 100 anglers and will cost \$50.00 until Monday, July 22, when it goes up to \$60.00. Angler with biggest bass takes home up to \$2,500.00.

Oil & gas report

WEEK ENDING JULY 11

Intentions to Drill

HEMPHILL (BRISCOE 1400' & BRISCOE Chert) Aikman Oil Corp., #1 J.P. Meek (640 ac) 1600' from North & 1700' from West line, Sec. 67, M-1, H&GN, 14 mi SE from Mendota, PD 14600' (711 Texas Commerce Bank Bldg., Amarillo, TX 79109)

LIPSCOMB (WILDCAT & BEAL Lower Morrow) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Hamker (649.5 ac) 1967' from South & 2001' from East line, Sec. 591, 43, H&TC, 10 mi west from Lipscomb, PD 10265' (Box 702500, Tulsa, OK 74170)

Application to Plug-Back

OCHILTREE (S.E. SHARE Upper Morrow & S.E. SHARE Des Moines) Balcones Production Co., #1 Henry B. Thomson (80 ac) 660' from South & West line, Sec. 39, 4, GH&H, 3 mi NW from Farnsworth, PD 7400' (808 Travis, Suite 806, Houston, TX 77002)

Amended Intention to Drill

MOORE (WEST PANHANDLE) Maxus Exploration Co., #7 Brown

(640 ac) 830' from North & 330' from East line, Sec. 138, 44, H&TC, 6 mi SW from Dumas, PD 3700' (Box 400, Amarillo, TX 79188) Amended to change well location

Plugged Wells

CHILDRESS (WILDCAT) Larance Engineering Co., #1 Kent McSpadden, Sec. 379, H, W&NW, spud 6-17-91, plugged 6-19-91, TD 6515' (dry) - Plug-Back

HANSFORD (NORTH SPEARMAN) Bob J. Darnell, #1 Alexander, Sec. 43, 45, H&TC, spud 1-2-91, plugged 1-7-91, TD 6560' (dry) - Re-Entry

MOORE (PANHANDLE) Scrib Energy, Inc., Scribner 'B' (oil) - for the following wells:
#1, Sec. 197, 3-T, T&NO, spud 6-24-81, plugged 5-7-91, TD 3704' -
#2, Sec. 177, 3-T, T&NO, spud 6-28-84, plugged 5-10-91, TD 3651' -
WHEELER (PANHANDLE) Texaco Exploration & Production, P.M. Keller, Sec. 48, 24, H&GN (oil) - Form 1 filed in The Texas Co., for the following wells:
#6, spud 1-19-35, plugged 6-8-91, TD 2621' -
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Dr. John Paul



Dear Dr. Paul, With all the scare about ticks these days, I was wondering if there are any health concerns about fleas? We have our house sprayed once a month because of our cats, but we do see an occasional flea. Should we be concerned about this?

It sounds like you're doing a pretty good job of controlling fleas. Unlike ticks, fleas do not carry diseases like Lyme disease or Rocky Mountain spotted fever, which can be transmitted to other animals and humans. Some humans are bothered by their pet's fleas, and some individuals are quite sensitive to the flea bites. Regarding concerns for your cats, fleas can cause them to have severe itching and in extreme cases, anemia and weight loss. Also, flea allergy dermatitis is very common and troublesome skin conditions of cats and dogs. For these reasons, you should continue your battle against fleas.

Dear Dr. Paul, I plan to take my dog with me on vacation this summer and wanted to know what I need to do to keep him comfortable in the car during the trip. I would appreciate your advice.

First of all, I will assume that your dog is accustomed to riding in your car and is in good health. As you travel with your dog, allow time to make regular stops to let it out of the car on a leash, for a drink of cool, fresh water and to relieve itself. Never leave your dog unattended in a closed vehicle during hot weather. If you are stopping overnight at motels, make prior arrangements with facilities that permit pets. In general use good common sense. Consider what makes you uncomfortable on a trip or in a vehicle and expect those conditions to affect your dog in a similar manner. If you anticipate any particular problems, I suggest you consult your veterinarian.

Dear Dr. Paul, I have read that veterinarians can use generic drugs now to treat animal health problems. Do you think that is all right? Should I talk to my veterinarian about her practices?

You may have read about the federal generic drug and patent restoration law that went into effect on Jan. 1, 1991. This new law provides criteria for manufacturers to get generic drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration and gives the manufacturers of original drugs added patent protection. The new law does not change your veterinarian's right to use generic drugs, so long as she or he has been using generics or original drugs in a professional, responsible and legal manner. The concept behind generic drugs is to provide safe and effective products to the end user at an economical price. In the past, not all generics have fulfilled the concept. I suggest that you talk to your veterinarian about her concept and knowledge of generic drugs.

Dear Dr. Paul, Our dog brought a baby raccoon in

from the woods. We can't locate the mother raccoon so we are trying to raise the baby. What should we do for the baby raccoon in order to keep it?

I strongly recommend that you do not keep the baby raccoon. Raccoons, and other wild as well as domestic animals, can carry rabies which is transmittable to humans. The prevalence of rabies, in wildlife tends to go through cycles and the cycle is on the upswing in the United States at this time. I urge you to take the baby raccoon, or other wild animals you might be tempted to raise, to the local animal shelter or Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for proper care.

Foodborne illness big problem

by Sandra Avant
Texas A&M Extension Service
COLLEGE STATION - Spring and summer are seasons for picnics and cookouts, but also a peak time for food-borne illness.

"Food-borne illness is a big problem during hot, hazy days because bacteria thrive in temperatures above 60 degrees," said Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, nutritionist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. More than 25 million cases of food poisoning are reported each year.

Such illnesses can be prevented, Van Laanen said, by taking proper precautions when food is prepared, stored or transported.

She offered these tips for preparing and packing food safely for outings:
• Keep everything that touches food clean. Stop and wash utensils, bowls and counter tops - everything that touches food - between working on each dish. To avoid cross-

contamination, never handle raw foods and cooked foods together. When eating outdoors, using disposables is a good idea.

• Use a fork, not your hands, to mix meat, macaroni, egg, tuna or green salad. Your hands continually pick up germs that get into fingernails and skin creases. Only vigorous washing with hot, soapy water prepares hands to safely deal with food.

• Cook meat, poultry and seafood thoroughly to kill bacteria.

• Refrigerate foods prepared the night before. Store perishables - meat, poultry or fish sandwiches, hard-boiled eggs - in the refrigerator until time to leave on your picnic.

• Give the ice chest a good washing. Use baking soda to eliminate odors.

• Use an ice chest to keep foods cold while traveling to the picnic area. Don't pack the chest too full;

use enough ice to maintain a temperature of 40 degrees or below. Use shallow containers so food will stay chilled throughout. Keep the cooler in the shade, never in a hot car.

• If bags are used to pack food, use only new, clean ones. Bags that have been used to carry groceries can pass insects or bacteria to foods. Wet or stained bags carry germs.

"When planning the menu, remember some foods are safer to take along than others," Van Laanen said. "Certain 'red flag' foods that need special care are moist, protein-containing foods such as dairy products, meats, eggs, poultry and seafood. Fried chicken and hard-boiled or deviled eggs are two foods that pick up bacteria quite easily. Cream pies and custards also may be difficult to transport safely.

Good choices for outings are meat, fish and poultry in cans that can be opened and eaten immediately, she said. Another good standby is peanut butter. Nuts, dried fruits and cereal mixtures, hard cheeses and crackers also are good choices.

Fresh fruits and vegetables go well at any picnic, Van Laanen said. But be sure to wash them thoroughly before packing to remove any contaminants.

"For outings, carry only what you plan on eating," she said. "Leftovers can be tricky. Eat as soon as possible upon arrival and never leave food out for more than two hours."

lucky to have those belts on," Davis said, "it could have been much worse."

Two nurses from Hansford County Hospital were on the scene, said Davis. Martha Donahue and Charla Roberts rendered first aid and transported five uninjured accident victims back to Perryton.

Gruber EMS responded with one ambulance unit and three EMS personnel. They transported six patients to OGH, according to Steve Gaines, Gruber police chief.

Collision from page 1

company, a rescue truck and two personal vehicles responded to the accident. The engine company stood by in case of a fire resulting from possible gasoline leaks from the fuel tanks of the vehicles involved in the accident. There was a further risk of chemical spill from the tanker truck carrying sulfuric acid.

The Spearman rescue unit assisted the Perryton unit in freeing the Cramers from their crushed car. Antalek reported that the fire department was in service for over five hours, with three of those hours on the scene.

Davis reported that one ambulance with five EMS personnel was dispatched to the accident scene. They transported six patients to OGH. "My basic job was triage," said Davis. Most of the injuries were lacerations and bruises from the seat belts, she reported. "They were so

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Purple potatoes are still in the pink

by Edith Chenault
Texas A&M Extension Service

UVALDE - Purple potatoes appear peculiar, but they are perfectly palatable. Spud-wise, purples are in the pink.

People have been seeing unusually colorful potatoes in supermarkets this spring - the flesh immediately beneath the golden skin is purple. But not to worry; this condition occurs naturally and poses no threat, said a vegetable specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"I've received an unusually large number of phone calls from throughout the state about it," said Dr. Frank Dainello of College Station. "There's nothing wrong with the potato, and the purple color makes no difference in cooking quality or taste."

Usually the purple potato is a variety called Russet Nugget, although other varieties may show the same discoloration. Many of these potatoes are coming into Texas from Colorado, where abrupt

weather changes in temperature and moisture during fall harvesting contributed to the purple coloration.

"The color is a naturally occurring plant pigment similar to that found in many fruits and vegetables such as radishes, beets or red apples," said Dr. Creighton Miller, a potato breeder from Texas A&M who helped develop the Russet Nugget variety.

The pigment is more pronounced when the potato has been under stress, such as extremely cold temperatures at harvest or in storage. It's also aggravated by poor ventilation.

Purples are peachy, but greens are grim. Prolonged exposure to light can turn potatoes green, giving them a bitter taste. The potato can be salvaged simply by paring off the green part.

To maintain the quality of potatoes at home, Miller suggested, tubers should be stored in a cool, dark, well-ventilated area. The ideal temperature for potato storage is 45 to 50 degrees.

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Remembrances of suicides, haunted hotels and tombstones

Editor's note: The following was received from Sally Boyd Davis, a resident of Longview, Texas, whose great-grandparents, grandparents and other family members were counted among the first residents of Old Hansford and Spearman. Mrs. Davis still has family members living in the area, and visits from time to time. Her aunt, mentioned in the story, is JoAnn Hawkins, and her cousin is Melba Oaks.

by Sally Boyd Davis

The best little town in the world is in the Panhandle of Texas. It's a little town where everyone knows everyone else and their business. My great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers helped found the town. My grandparents were raised there. They met and married there. They raised a family, died, and were buried there.

After my great-grandmother died, my daddy and uncle remodeled the house for my grandparents. I remember them taking out the gaslights and putting in electricity. Grandma Wilbanks never did trust

electricity.

My cousin, Melba, and I went to Grandmother's house every summer. Grandmother had a porch as wide as the house. We would sit on the porch and talk or play movie stars every day. At night we would get to sleep on the porch on a roll-away bed. Sometimes Granddad would put the bed on the side lawn and let us sleep out there. Early in the morning and late, late in the afternoon we could see the most gorgeous sunrises and sunsets in the whole world because there were very few trees to block our view. At night we would sit outside and sometimes we could watch the Northern Lights.

In the summer when Granddad harvested wheat, we would ride on the combine and play in the wheat. Then we would ride in the truck with my aunt, Jan, to take the grain to the elevator. At other times during the summer, my aunt would take us to the water well site to visit Granddad. He had learned to drill wells from Grandpa Wilbanks. In time, he taught my uncle the trade. Until Granddad's death in 1965, nearly all the wells in that part of the country,

and for several hundred miles around, were drilled by them. The others were drilled by Granddad's cousins who had learned from him or Grandpa Wilbanks.

Jan was so neat. She was only five years older than I and was more like a sister than an aunt. Melbie was my secret sharer, the sister I never had. We were the only three girls in the Wilbanks family. Of course, this did not count our mothers and one other sister.

The most wonderful thing in all the world was to get Jan to take us on dates with her boyfriends. We would feel so grown until they stopped in front of the Old Spearman Hotel. Everyone knew it was haunted, and by the time Billy Jack finished telling the local ghost stories, we were crying to go home.

As Jan progressed through school, she became fairly serious about her classmate Don. When they dated, without us, we would get permission to sit on the front porch and drink chocolate milk until after curfew time. That way we got to watch them kiss. No amount of cajoling, glaring, or threats could make us go inside because, "Granddad said we could stay outside until 10:30, so there!"

Staying home at night was fun, too. Grandmother, my aunts, and May, my grandmother's friend, would sometimes let us play Double Sol with them. Now that, as played by my family, was a really wicked game. We learned very early in life to be fast or we might come away with missing fingers, or worse. In our family, it was definitely not a game for the timid.

Oh, the pleasure found in that little town in the summer. Getting to drive the car downtown (all three blocks of it) and finding the very best spot to park was tremendous fun when you're twelve. On Saturday night everyone sat and watched the traffic. Such joy in endlessly circling Main and waving to the same people over and over, wishing that "the powers that be" would let twelve-year-olds do this in Amarillo.

Walking to the swimming pool on a hot summer day was the best. It wasn't the swimming that was so great, it was the flirting with the world's cutest boys. It was seeing all

your friends and certainly all your kinfolks, because in a town founded by your great-grandparents, you're kin to everyone.

What a thrill to go grocery shopping for Grandmother at Cut-Rate and say, "Charge it!" Better still was to go to Mr. Baggerly's. It seemed that in that dimly-lit store there was everything in the whole world. We could get anything we wanted, or more precisely, anything Grandmother wanted and walk out without saying, "Charge it," because Mr. Baggerly knew who we were. How great to walk in Rexall's or Townsend's Drug and order a "400" or an "800" if we were really thirsty. Some days chocolate milk wasn't enough and we would order a cherry, vanilla, or chocolate coke. Sometimes we were wild enough to order a "suicide." A "suicide" had all three flavors in it.

Days when Granddad stayed in the fields or at the well all day, Grandmother would send us to the post office behind Townsend's to get the mail. How grown-up we felt when we walked to the window and asked for Ed Wilbanks' mail. Then we learned the combination and we could open the box without going to the window. Wow - what a thrill!

How exciting it was to walk to the movies in the evening. How scary to walk that last block back home. We would talk in the middle of that dimly-lit street - too afraid to walk on the sidewalk next to the shrubs. We might have hit a spider web, something that still scares us all. Worse yet - who knew what would come from behind those tombstones

in Mr. Nichols' yard?

Grandmother always cooked big meals for the field hands. Sometimes we helped - more often we were sent to the hen house to kill the chickens. We never got the knack of wringing their necks. So - Jan would put the chicken's head under the broom handle, and I would stand on one end of the broom and Melbie would stand on the other. Then Jan would grab its feet and pull until its head came off. Such gruesome fun to watch the poor thing flop around with no head. But not much fun to dip it in hot water and pull the feathers off. Some days Grandmother would send us to the cellar for canned fruit or vegetables. Exciting - except when we encountered the ever present spiders, sometimes waterdogs (a horrendous yellow and black striped creature), and an occasional snake (one time only), and then it was excitement of another kind.

In the afternoon there was the quiet time playing and singing "Oh, Playmate" on the cellar door. Somehow we were too afraid of splinters to slide down that door. Then we would play "Would you rather slide down a sharp razor blade into a vat of vinegar or a vat of ?" and each vat became more atrocious.

Grandmother was deathly afraid of storms and would get us up almost nightly to go to the cellar. We didn't have to worry about a tornado siren - we had Grandmother. Sometimes she would make us go to the cellar two or three times a night.

Some days we would climb the

"huge" cedar tree in the front yard. There we could sit and visit for hours hidden from everyone's view. From there we could see the lilac bushes in Grandmother's side yard. We could also see the top of the roof that was so hard to send the ball over when we played "Annie Over."

When Melbie's mother was there, she would sometimes take lunch to Granddad, and we would go with her. The "bobbed" wire fences would be lined with coyote hides. Melbie and I would approach the hides ever so cautiously, oblivious to everything but counting those hides and being close to them when we counted. We would finally hear the sound of the car horn and would run like crazy down the dusty road trying to catch the creeping car.

The best little town in the Panhandle of Texas was something so special to us. We tried to make it just that special to our children, but never quite succeeded. That specialness belonged to our generation. Ours was the special generation - the one privileged to live in that special time of that best little town in the Panhandle of Texas.

I still go back to the best little town in the Panhandle of Texas to visit Jan and Melbie. Grandmother has been gone since 1976, and her house is no longer a part of our family. I don't drive by there anymore because the new owner has changed the outside of the house and it's just not the same. Besides, it's easier that way - to see Grandmother busily working to get everything ready for Melbie and me to spend the summer.

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Kids need summertime snacks

HOUSTON - When it comes to eating snacks this summer, it is just as easy for kids to reach for a frozen orange wedge as a sugary snack cake.

"Summer time often means increased activity for children, and with that increase comes the need for snacks to help meet their extra energy needs," said Janice Stuff, a nutritionist at the USDA Children's Nutrition Research Center in Houston.

About 20 percent of a child's calories and nutrients come from snacks. By giving some thought to snack selection, parents can provide

their children with healthy choices.

"Try to avoid spur-of-the-moment purchases like soda pop, chips and candy," said Stuff, who is also a research instructor at Baylor College of Medicine.

Stuff recommends the following summer snacks: unsweetened fruit juices, milk shakes made with bananas or fruit juice, natural frozen fruit pops (purchased or homemade), fresh fruits, frozen orange wedges or grapes, low-fat yogurt, low-salt, low-fat pretzels, whole wheat or soda crackers, graham crackers, bagels, low-sugar cereals, or raw vegetables.

"Encourage carbohydrate snacks,

like crackers and fruit juice, when your child is very hungry because these are absorbed more rapidly and will satisfy hunger quickly," Stuff said.

The plan for providing healthy snacks includes education, convenience and some pre-planning.

"Post a list of snack choices on the refrigerator," Stuff said. "Make it easy for children and family members to find snacks by designating a special area in the refrigerator and on the counter."

Stuff encourages parents to include children in grocery list planning, to store snacks in easy-open containers and to discuss proper times for snacks.

"Children should know not to have a snack too close to a meal," Stuff said. "The best time is one to two hours before or after a meal."

Most children need three meals and possibly two snacks to meet their daily nutritional requirements.



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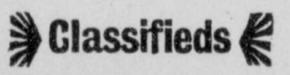
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GARAGE SALES

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF INCREASE BY HIGH PLAINS NATURAL GAS COMPANY IN RATES TO BE CHARGED ITS RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS FOR NATURAL GAS IN THE INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE CITIES OF CANADIAN, HIGGINS, AND MOBEETIE, AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LIPSCOMB, OCHILTREE, HEMPHILL, WHEELER, AND HANSFORD COUNTIES

Pursuant to the notice requirements of Section 5.08, Gas Utility Regulatory Act (GURA), High Plains Natural Gas Company (High Plains) hereby gives this notice to the public of its intent to change the residential and commercial rates presently being charged for natural gas and natural gas service in the above listed areas served by High Plains. On June 14, 1991 and July 5, 1991, respectively, statements of intent to change residential and commercial rates were filed with the respective cities and the Railroad Commission of Texas. The proposed change in rates will increase High Plains' revenues by approximately 5.8% and constitutes a major change as defined in Section 5.08 of GURA. The proposed rates in the unincorporated areas will not become effective until similar changes have become effective within the nearest incorporated city served by High Plains. The proposed rates will increase a 10 MCF residential bill by \$13.51, a 10 MCF commercial bill by \$13.99, and increase residential deposits by \$15.00. Approximately 1,503 residential and 298 commercial customers will be affected by this change. Details concerning the proposed rates may be obtained by contacting High Plains Natural Gas Company, 411 S. Second, P.O. Box 777, Canadian, Texas 79014-0777, and any affected person may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the environs rates with the Director of the Gas Utilities Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.
High Plains Natural Gas Company

NOTICE OF SALE OF OIL AND GAS LEASE

The City of Spearman, Texas, will receive sealed bids until August 20, 1991, 7:30 p.m., at which time the bids for paid-up Oil and Gas Lease on the following described lands will be publicly opened and read.
A fifteen-acre tract of land out of the West one-half of Section 66, Block 4-T, Texas and New Orleans Railroad Company Survey.
The primary term of the lease may not exceed three (3) years. The lease may provide for pooling.
The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.
All bids shall be sealed and marked on the outer envelope "Bid for Oil and Gas Lease."
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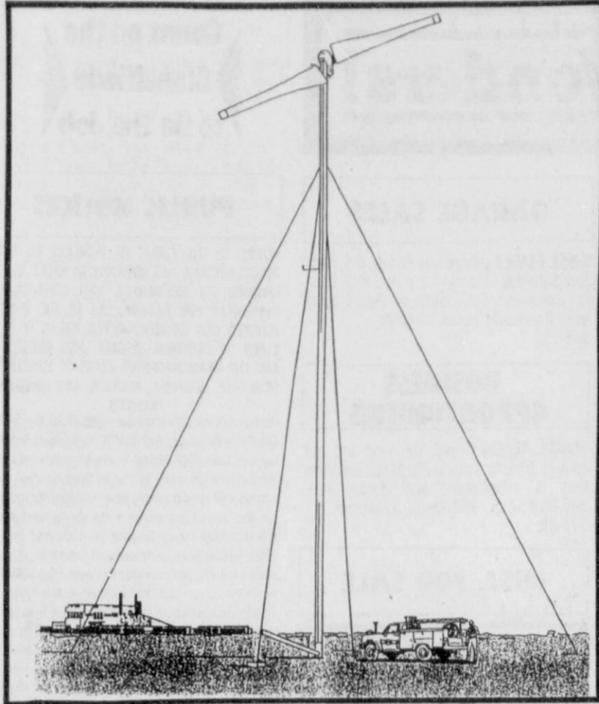
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Artist's conception of a wind turbine to be built by Southwestern Public Service Company with the assistance of a grant from the State of Texas.

SPS receives state grant for project

Texas Governor Ann Richards and State Senator Teel Bivins have announced plans for a major wind-generated electricity project in the Texas Panhandle.

Southwestern Public Service Company will own and operate the project facility through a cost-sharing arrangement with the Governor's Energy Office.

In early 1992, International Wind Systems, Inc., of Burkburnett, Texas, will install three wind turbines near the Harrington and Nichols station complex, northeast of Amarillo. The turbines will produce electricity which will enter into the SPS system.

Sen. Bivins pointed out that the state portion of the project funding is coming from oil overcharge monies that have been returned to the state.

"This project is one of the good things that's happening in the state of Texas," Bivins said. "It's a partnership between the private sector and the state that will demonstrate the potential of this alternative energy source."

SPS Vice President of Marketing Gary Gibson said each of the new turbines will have a hub height of 160 feet and blades which are 76 feet in diameter. The average wind speed of 14 m.p.h. for one year will translate into 600,000 kwh of electricity

generated from each turbine. Collectively, the turbines could provide the annual electrical energy requirements for approximately 200 residential customers, Gibson said.

The installation and purchase of the wind turbines, along with the necessary monitoring equipment, will cost approximately \$1 million, according to SPS estimates. The State of Texas is contributing almost \$56,000 toward the project.

The SPS wind turbine project is designed to develop, document and disseminate information on the feasibility of using wind generation on a commercial utility grid.

As project director, SPS Strategic Analyst Steve Jones will be keeping the Governor's Energy Office up-to-date on project developments, and will report results of the wind energy project through trade journals, trade conferences and individual site visits. The state will remain involved with the wind project, seeking data and receiving reports, for 2½ years.

Gibson said SPS is looking forward to its participation in this major wind project. "It's another component to help us diversify our energy supply mix," he said. Although intermittent, according to Gibson, the wind energy should prove to be a good supplemental source of electricity.

Harvest from page 1

weights ranging from 58 to 64 pounds per bushel, but didn't have any estimate of yield. That elevator receives grain from farms mostly between Spearman and Perryton.

Jim Williams, manager of the Cargill elevator in Spearman, commented, "Some (wheat) made 70 pounds, some made 12 or 13 pounds," with most test weights ranging from 62 pounds on down to 54 pounds, depending on how much moisture the

crop received. He noted that yields from irrigated wheat averaged 55 to 60 bushels per acre, and the dryland wheat (that was cut) averaged about 15 or 16 bushels per acre.

Rain delayed the last part of the harvest, he said, adding that he thought only 30 percent of a normal crop was harvested. "There were so many acres that weren't even cut. There was a lot of hail. Some people with good irrigated crops got hailed out," he explained.

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would affect county education districts across the state very differently. Those that are dependent primarily upon residential property would be forced to raise residential property taxes more than those that rely on commercial property.

Tax exemptions for some property owners would result in higher taxes for others. Only 259 of the more than 1,060 school districts in Texas currently grant the homestead exemption. This amendment could result in a large increase in property tax exemptions statewide, narrowing the property base that must provide the local share of public school funding, which contributes approximately half of all school funding. This would mean higher taxes for the remaining taxpayers in order to maintain the required local funding.

COUNTY BALLOT: PROP. 2
WORDING ON BALLOT: The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide educational loans to students.

EXPLANATION: This proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to allow the Higher Education Coordination Board to issue up to \$300 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to Texas students attending Texas colleges and universities. The maximum interest rate would be set by law. An interest and sinking fund would be established to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as they mature. The legislature could provide for the investment of bond proceeds and establish the interest and sinking fund.

The state cannot issue bonds to finance student loans without this constitutional amendment because the Texas Constitution prohibits the

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SPECIAL ELECTION (ELECCION ESPECIAL)
(CONDADO DE) HANSFORD COUNTY, TEXAS
AUGUST 10, 1991 (10 de agosto de 1991)

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (ENMIENDAS PROPUESTAS A LA CONSTITUCION)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION):
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No. 1

For (A Favor De)
 Against (En Contra De)

"The constitutional amendment to allow the voters of a county education district to adopt certain exemptions from the district's ad valorem taxation for residence homesteads and to provide for the taxation of certain tangible personal property."
"Enmienda constitucional que permite a los votantes de los distritos escolares adoptar ciertas exenciones de la tributación al valor (ad valorem) en plaza de los hogares residenciales, y a disponer la recaudación de impuestos a ciertos bienes personales tangibles."

No. 2

For (A Favor De)
 Against (En Contra De)

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide educational loans to students."
"Enmienda constitucional que disponga la emisión de bonos con garantía del gobierno destinados a proporcionar préstamos educativos a estudiantes."

SPECIAL ELECTION (ELECCION ESPECIAL)
(DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE)
PRINGLE-MORSE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUGUST 10, 1991 (10 de agosto de 1991)

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No. 1

For (A Favor De)
 Against (En Contra De)

The exemption of 20 percent of the value of the residence homestead from ad valorem taxation in Education District 20.
(La exención del 20 por ciento del valor de la casa residencial de impuestos al valor, en el Distrito Educativo del Condado 20.)

No. 2

For (A Favor De)
 Against (En Contra De)

The exemption of \$10,000 of the market value of the residence homestead of an individual who is disabled and of \$10,000 of the market value of the residence homestead of an individual who is 65 or older from ad valorem taxation in County Education District 20.
(La exención de \$10,000 del precio en plaza del hogar residencial de personas incapacitadas, y de \$10,000 del precio en plaza del hogar residencial de personas de 65 o más años de edad, de impuestos al valor, en el Distrito Educativo del Condado 20.)

No. 3

For (A Favor De)
 Against (En Contra De)

The taxation of all tangible personal property, other than manufactured homes, in County Education District 20 that is not held or used for the production of income.
(Recaudación de impuestos a todos los bienes personales tangibles, con excepción de viviendas fabricadas, en el Distrito Escolar Independiente 20, cuando dichos bienes no se posean ni se utilicen para producir ingresos.)

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PROP. 1
WORDING ON BALLOT: The exemption of 20 percent of the market value of the residence homestead from ad valorem taxation in County Education District 20.

PROS AND CONS
FOR: If locally-granted homestead exemptions are completely eliminated, homeowners in the local school districts that have been granting homestead exemptions are likely to face large property tax increases. This proposed exemption could cushion the impact of expected increases.

AGAINST: In districts with substantial commercial property, this proposal would shift the tax burden from residential property to business. Districts that are largely residential would suffer losses of tax revenue and would have to raise tax rates to generate the required amount of local funding.

PROP. 2
WORDING ON BALLOT: The exemption of \$10,000 of the market value of the residence homestead of an individual who is disabled and of \$10,000 of the market value of the residence homestead of an individual who is 65 or older from ad valorem taxation in County Education District 20.

PROS AND CONS
FOR: This proposal would alleviate the impact of higher school taxes on those most likely to be adversely affected by them.

AGAINST: Property taxes are already frozen for individuals 65 or older and for disabled persons; this proposal would create an even larger exemption. This proposal is not needed and would exempt many individuals who can afford to pay the higher taxes, increasing the burden on other taxpayers.

PROP. 3
WORDING ON BALLOT: The taxation of all tangible personal property, other than manufactured homes, in County Education District 20 that is not held or used for the production of income.

PROS AND CONS
FOR: This would spread the tax burden over a wider base by generating revenue from non-income producing personal property such as boats, cars, and motorcycles.

AGAINST: Appraisals, verification of property, and collection of the tax create costs to taxpayers that may offset the income generated. Many local governing bodies do not collect this tax because it has a high delinquency rate and is difficult to enforce equitably.

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