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Primary runoff . . .

Demos choose Davis

County and District Clerk Amelia Johnson reports that 30.71 per cent of Hansford County's registered voters turned out for the primary run-off election on Tuesday April 10, 1990.

In the only local primary run-off race, Democratic candidate Michele Davis was chosen as the party's candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace by 35 votes over Johnny P. Vernon. Davis

received 498 votes to Vernon's 463 votes in the unofficial tabulation.

Johnson emphasizes that the official tabulation of these and all the other run-off contests has not yet been done. Each party's County Executive Committee will canvass the votes on Friday, April 13, 1990.

According to Johnson, the nearly 31 per cent voter turn-out was a very respectable showing in Hansford County for a primary run-off

election. "I think the local race probably influenced the voter turn-out," she commented.

The election for national, state and local offices will take place on Tuesday Nov. 6, 1990.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will publish the official election results from Tuesday's primary run-off in next week's edition.



Precinct 4 resident Alice Peddy prepares to cast her ballot Tuesday as election officials Farene Williams and Charlotte Bergin look on.

4-Hers attend judging contests

Hansford County 4-H Horse Club members attended a horse judging contest at West Texas State University in Canyon on March 31. The event was hosted by Castro County. Results include:

Junior Team

2nd place in halter
3rd place in performance
3rd Overall

Matt Eakin, Matt Archer, Jake McCullough, and Monte Eakin.

Senior Individual

Dawn McCullough
3rd place in performance

3rd place Overall

At a horse judging contest at Clarendon Junior College in Clarendon on March 31, results were:

Junior Team

Matt Archer, Matt Eakin, Jake McCullough and Monte Eakin

2nd place at halter
3rd place at performance
2nd place Overall

Junior Individual

2nd place in halter - Matt Archer

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7th place in halter - Matt Eakin

10th place in halter - Jeremy Thomas

Thomas

Junior Individual

3rd place in performance - Jake McCullough

8th place in performance - Matt Eakin

Junior Individual

4th place Overall - Matt Eakin

9th place Overall - Jake McCullough

Senior Division

5th place in performance - Dawn McCullough

8th place in halter - Dawn McCullough

Skate night rolls into Spearman

by Jean Ann Behney

In case you haven't yet heard, THE place to be last Friday night was the Hansford County Activity Center, where over 150 young skaters came to rock (to popular music provided by Gary Ellsworth) and "roll" around the improvised rink.

The brain child of Kitty Edwards, who serves as secretary on the Center's Board of Directors, the Skate Night was made possible by rental skates borrowed from Perryton's skating rink, which has been closed for some time and was recently purchased by some individuals in Midland. Edwards also emphasized that the Center's Board members pitched in to prepare for the event and most worked during Skate Night as referees, at concession and ticket booths, and as doorkeepers.

Edwards reported that the idea for a skate night came when she contacted a woman in Canadian to find out what kinds of activities that town had which utilized their Y. During a visit there, Edwards' own children skated in the facility "and just had a blast!" said Edwards.

Board members of the Hansford County Activity Center decided to

pursue the idea of a Skate Night and arranged to have Ellsworth supply the music and lights. Through the Families in Action group, they got the donation of several booths, a small refrigerator and a microwave oven. Some of the members worked on smoothing out the Center's basketball court flooring. While all this was happening, Edwards arranged to borrow the rental skates from Perryton and she, Sharon Cook and Brenda Shield-knight made large signs listing the rules to be followed on Skate Night.

"I had hoped that as many as 50 kids would come to skate that first time," Edwards commented. "That would give us about \$150 which we could use to pay the monthly utility bill at the Center if we had a Skate Night every Friday each month." She said the average utility bill for the Center is about \$600 per month.

An estimated 150 young people, triple Edwards' projection, attended last week's first Skate Night. "We brought in \$480," reported Edwards, "with a few expenses still outstanding. It was overwhelming!"

The Skate Night, which ran

from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., featured "open" skating times for all ages as well as special rink time for those under 5 years, between 6 and 10 years and over 11 years of age. Periodically, the rink was cleared for adult-supervised games, including two Limbo Contests and partner races. Leah DeArmond and Jennifer Whitefield tied for first place to win the first Limbo Contest and Alexa Kuehl won the second one.

Among others, Board members Craig Schumann, Rod Fulce, Nolan Winegarner and Stephen Poole were "rink referees" at the Skate Night. Robbie Dewberry ran the ticket and skate rental booth and Linda Butt and Kitty Edwards organized the games. Susan Poole, Linda Winegarner and Janice Fulce, all wives of Board members, ran the concession stand. Denise Schumann helped as an emcee and Craig Schumann also worked as "doorkeeper."

The Hansford Activity Center will have the use of the rental skates from Perryton for another week, so the second Skate Night has been scheduled for this Friday, April 13, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All ages, including

adults, are welcome to come and skate, said Edwards, for the \$3.00 admission fee. Rental skates cost 50 cents.

Edwards commented that a few people have asked why families who already belong to the Center need to pay the \$3 entry fee. She explained that this is due to the fact that enormous amounts of money are required to keep the Center's doors open. "We were in the red when I became a Board member less than a year ago," Edwards said. "We are in the black no, thanks to the dance and last Friday's Skate Night, but people don't realize what it costs to insure this place and pay the utilities."

According to Edwards, the Center's insurance alone, which includes coverage for liability, fire and workman's compensation, runs about \$5,000 annually. "We hope to use any money made by the Skate Night that remains after we pay the utilities to improve programs and the building itself," she added.

At this time, plans are being made for future Skate Nights, including the installation of a handrail around the perimeter of the rink to aid young and inexperienced skaters. "If anybody out there has pipe or lumber that we could paint and make into a railing, that would really help us," said Edwards.

Edwards also plans to investigate the possibility of the Center's purchasing some used rental skates from a company in Dallas that sells them or from another closed roller skating rink in the Panhandle. She reported that used skates sell for between \$30 and \$50 apiece but emphasized, "We still want to buy skates for rental because we don't want any kids to be left out of Skate Night because they don't own their own skates."

Edwards described the skating events as "a good, clean alternative to television-plus it's exercise!" She said the children and teens attending the Skate Night are well-supervised by Board members and that parent volunteers would be appreciated.

"I just think this is great for Spearman," she summarized. "I had more fun on that first Skate Night just watching these kids skate. They had a really good time and laughed even when they fell down!"

Mandated reappraisal conducted

The Hansford County Appraisal District is currently conducting the mandated reappraisal for 1990 according to Alice Peddy, chief appraiser.

Reappraisals were required by law every four years prior to 1990 and now are required every three years after 1990. The last reap-

praisal for HCAD was in 1986.

The appraisal records are reviewed annually by the State Property Tax Board (SPTB). This study determines the ratio between the appraised values of the HCAD and actual market value. Low ratios result in reduced state aid to our school districts, said Peddy. Once the SPTB's valuation is certified, it is submitted to the Texas Education Agency, which uses the certified values in a formula to determine the amount of state aid each school district will receive.

Peddy said the law requires all appraisal districts to appraise all properties at 100 percent market value. According to the SPTB study, the HCAD's ratio to market value has decreased over the past four years. She said she is hopeful that the 1990 reappraisal will correct the decline. The properties with the lowest ratios are single-family residences, vacant lots and commercial real estate.

Peddy said every parcel has

already been inspected by the HCAD staff and they are currently working on upgrading schedules to reflect market values. The SPTB study indicates that homes in the Gruver School District are only 76 percent of market value. In the Spearman School District an 80 percent ratio is reported, and a ratio of 86 percent is reported for the Pringle-Morse School District. The goal of the HCAD is to increase these ratios to 95 percent. This ratio will not only be in compliance with the law, but will also assure the school districts that they will not experience reduced financial aid due to low ratios.

Each property owner shall receive a notice of reappraisal the first part of May. The notice will inform each taxpayer of last year's value and the proposed value for 1990. Instructions will also guide each taxpayer on the appropriate procedure to make inquiries to the HCAD on the proposed valuation.

SPTB study complete

The school districts and the Hansford County Appraisal District (HCAD) have received the preliminary 1989 Property Value Study results from the State Property Tax Board (SPTB).

The study is conducted annually on every appraisal district in the state and serves as a report card on the efforts of each appraisal district to appraise all properties at 100 percent market value.

In 1981, a law was passed to ban the use of assessment ratios and to appraise all property at 100 percent market value. The SPTB study is used to develop ratios in 13 different categories of property within the appraisal district. The most important use of this study is the effect it has on state funding

for local school districts.

If state funding is reduced, local school districts have to raise their tax rates to generate enough funds to cover the loss. To avoid this, the HCAD's goal is to maintain "good" ratios of at least 95 percent, said Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for the HCAD. This means property values will have to be increased to reflect actual market value, she added.

The study is also used to determine the equal and uniform appraisal of all 13 property categories. All the homes, commercial property and personal property has been appraised by the staff of the HCAD every four years while

See study page 12

Comptroller's office sends rep to help

AUSTIN - State Comptroller Bob Bullock said that a representative from his agency will be in Spearman on Wednesday, April 18 to answer questions about Texas taxes and assist taxpayers with paperwork and problems.

"I don't want to see state taxes turn into a burden for folks who can't get to a field office. Our visits are a service we're happy to provide to Texas taxpayers," Bullock said.

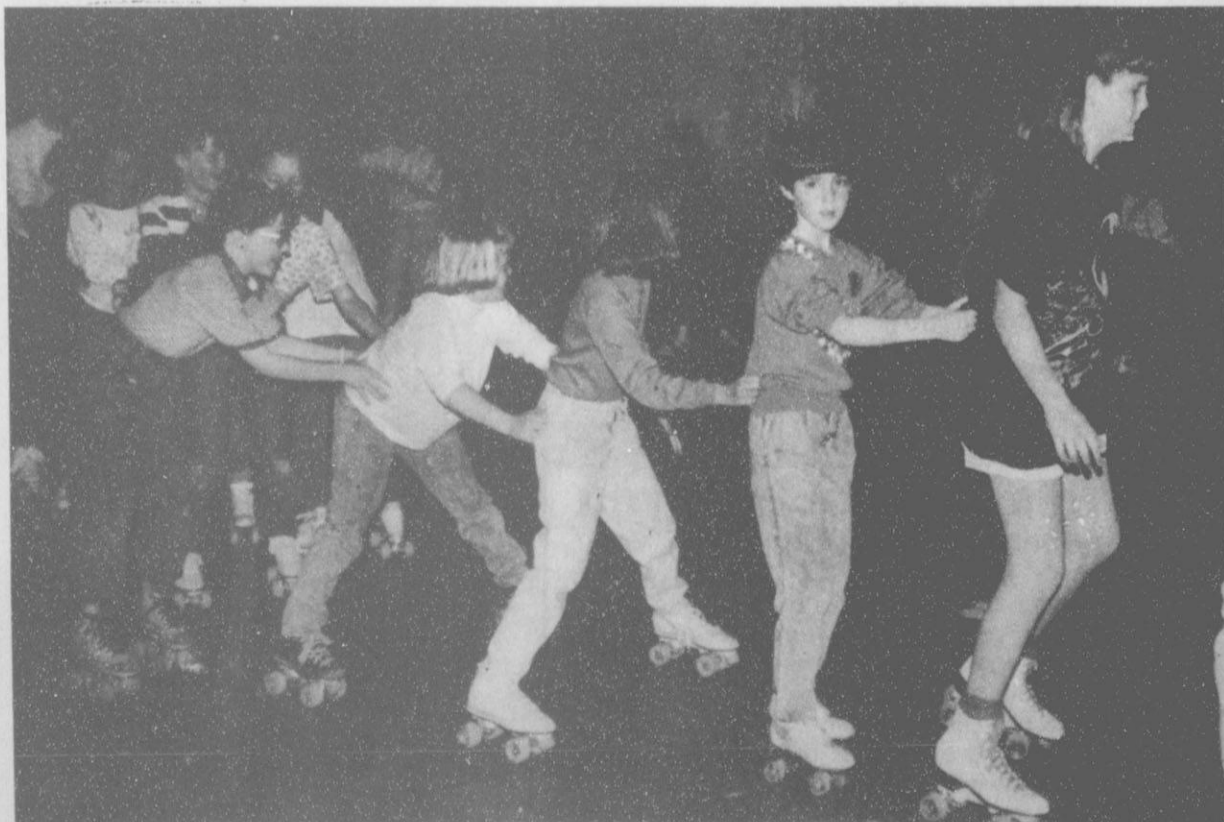
Margaret McClung, enforcement agent at Amarillo Field Office, will be at the Hansford County Courthouse, third floor Courtroom, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The public is welcome and

there is no charge.

"I'm sending my employees out to help people with questions, filling out forms, and working out problems on a local, one-to-one basis. There's some things you just can't do as well over the phone or through the mail," Bullock said.

Ochiltree and Sherman County area taxpayers who can't attend the courthouse seminar can still get individual tax assistance by calling the Comptroller's toll-free telephone number, 1-800-252-5555, from anywhere in Texas.

The Amarillo office, headed by Mort Watson, serves 25 counties in the Texas Panhandle.



Over 150 young skaters enjoyed the recent Skate Night at the Hansford County Activity Center.

Gruver School Scene . . .



The Gruver High School FFA judging team placed first in the land judging contest at the 62nd annual regional FFA Judging Contest Saturday, April 7 at

Texas Tech University. They include [l-r] Joe Sotelo, Ashley Wagner, Sharlett Slough, Cody Barkley and instructor Jim Tucker.

Gruver FFA judging teams busy

The Gruver FFA judging teams have been busy participating at different contests, in which they have done extremely well.

The land judging team first participated at the Perryton contest March 20. Members participating were Matt Etheredge, Cody Barkley, Casey Davis, Carey Kauffman, Danny Sotelo, Sharlett Slough, Kevin Spivey, Ashley Wagner, Kelly McCloy, and Joe Sotelo. Cody Barkley placed fifth high individual; Sharlett Slough was fourth high; Kelly McCloy was third high; and Matt Etheredge was first high individual. The team of McCloy, Davis, Wagner and Slough was first overall and the team placed second overall.

At the WTSU contest held March 30, the land judging team consisted of Wagner, Joe Sotelo, Slough, McCloy and Spivey placed seventh overall and at the contest at Clarendon March 31, the team consisting of Barkley, Etheredge, Wagner and Slough placed second overall with Wagner being second high individual and Slough being fifth high individual.

At the Area contest held at

Texas Tech April 7 the land judging team consisting of Barkley, Wagner, Slough and Joe Sotelo qualified for the state contest at Tarleton State University in Stephenville April 19. The team won the contest overall and Wagner was third high individual out of over 100 contestants.

The dairy product team also has been doing very well. At WTSU, the team of Billy Crawford, Vance Scarborough, Jeffrey Hand and Garrett Gumfory won the WT contest with Gumfory placing second high individual, Scarborough third high, Crawford eighth high and Hand ninth high individual.

At Clarendon, the team placed fifth overall. At Texas Tech, the dairy products team also qualified for state contest, which will be held at Texas A&M. The team placed sixth overall at Tech.

The Gruver FFA livestock team consisted of Rex Ralston, Lance Sparks, Kenny Slough, and Clint Venneman. They placed fourth overall at WTSU, and at Clarendon the team placed seventh overall with Sparks being seventh high individual.

The livestock team failed to qualify at the Texas Tech Contest, however Kenny Slough was 10th high individual out of 440 judges.

The Gruver High School FFA judging team placed first in the land judging contest at the 62nd annual regional FFA Judging Contest Saturday, April 7 at Texas Tech University.

Members of the team include: Joe Sotelo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Sotelo; Ashley Wagner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wagner; Sharlett Slough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Slough; and Cody Barkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Barkley.

The regional contests included agricultural mechanics, cotton classing, crops, dairy cattle judging, dairy foods, horse judging, livestock judging, land judging, meats judging, poultry judging, range and pasture plant identification, range and pasture plant judging and wool judging. Winners will advance to the state competition on April 19 at Tarleton State University.

The contest was supervised by Texas Tech College of Agricultural Sciences faculty.

UIL Literary Meet held

by Bob Bort

The District 1-A High School UIL Literary Meet was held this past week at Amarillo College and Gruver competitors did very well, finishing in fourth place overall in academic UIL.

Meanwhile, the elementary and junior high had their literary meet Friday, March 30 at Frank Phillips College in Borger, and they swept first place honors.

Here are the individual results for high school, for those who placed - an asterisk means they qualified for regionals in mid-April. Fourth place finishers will go to regionals also, as alternates: **Ninth Grade Poetry:** 1. *Holly Venneman; 2. *Amy Gumfory; 5. Cora Meyer.

Literary Criticism: 1. *Benny McClenagan; 6. Luke Miller. **Spelling:** 2. *Traci Crawford; 5. Ana Ortega.

Accounting: 3. *Chris Kauffman; 5. Jennifer Hart. **Informative Speaking:** 2. *Clay Gillispie; 4. Amanda Hiller; 5. Manda Winger.

Persuasive Speaking: 2. *Benny McClenagan. **Feature Writing:** 3. *Marci Roberts; 4. Amanda Hiller; 6. Gretchen Lowder.

Key Boarding: 6. Luke Miller.

Overall, Gruver finished fourth with 173 points.

Looking now at the junior high results from Frank Phillips College in Borger - they scored 211 points for first place (White Deer was second with 118 points):

Oral Reading: (Coach-Betty Chisum); 2. Jace Dawson; 3. Janyth Hart; Kim Venneman, Hart Derington - alternate.

Impromptu Speaking: (Coach - Glenda Renner); 2. Tammie Stevens; 3. Lacy Barkley; 4. Mika McLain; Melissa Stewart - alternate.

Number Sense: (Coach - Charles Haight); 2. Kimberly Wagner; 3. Anissa Ryan; 4. (tie) Janyth Hart.

Spelling: (Coach - Betty Chisum); 5. Mark Viola; 6. Gina Hoel; Kimberly Wagner, Monica Garcia

- alternate.

Science: (Coach - Jim Davis); 3. Ryon Atwood; 4. Galen Slough; 6. Grant Odom; Brady Tidwell - alternate.

Modern Oratory: (Coach - Pat Dawson); 1. Will Evans; 3. Jace Dawson; 4. Kayce Haenisch.

Expository Writing: (Coach - Dave Karlin); 3. Justin Carthel; Mika McLain, Andee Salmans - alternate.

Calculator: (Coach - Charles Haight); 5. Mark Viola.

Dictionary Skills: (Coach - Glenda Renner); 1. Sara Jones; 2. Kenton Odom; Justin Carthel, Angela Overbey - alternate.

Science: (Coach - David Flowers); 1. Mark Viola; 4. (tie) Will Evans; Kenton Odom, Justin Carthel - alternates.

Looking now at the elementary results, also from Frank Phillips College in Borger, they scored 208 points, and Claude was second with 121 points. Here are the individual results:

Story Telling: (Coaches - 2nd/3rd grade teachers); 4. Lauren Miller; Cherlynn Thompson, Jennifer Dahl, Missy Johnson - alternate.

Spelling: (Coach - Jim Roberts); 4. Amber Roberts; 5. Cherlynn Thompson; Autumn Roberts, Jill Odom - alternate.

Personal Writing: (Coach - Debbie Mayhew); 2. Stephanie Gaines; Davida Nash, Darby Johnson, Autumn Roberts - alternate.

Picture Memory: (Coach - Pat Overbey); 1. (team) Tucker Henson/Mary Dawn Henson/Davida Nash/Buster McLain; Brant Armes, Matt Overbey, Analisa Cruz - alternate.

Expressive Writing: (Coach - Linda Haenisch); 1. Kiki Carthel; 6. Memory Ross; Amber Murrell, Daniel Bort - alternate.

Oral Reading: (Coach - Roy Mayhew); 1. Bailey Barkley; 2. Doug Gumfory; Kristen Evans, Lexy Spivey - alternate.

Dictionary Skills: (Coach - Glenda Renner); 1. Kiki Carthel; Wylee Maupin, Myrium Alvarez, Jason Ward - alternate.

Number Sense: (Coach - Ron Blassingame); 1. Bailey Barkley; 3. (tie) Travis Ferguson; 5. Roxane Holt; Jennifer Stevens - alternate.

Spelling: (Coach - Vireta Knight); 1. Memory Ross; 2. Tara Shapley; 3. Kiki Carthel; Isela Moreno, Veronica Bravo - alternate.

Listening Skills: (Coach - Linda Haenisch); 4. Andy Morris; Cori Lowe, Sammy Renteria, Daniel Bort - alternate.

Music Memory: (Coach - Hayley Garland); 1. (team) Cristy Marquez/Socorro Ortega/Imelda Arzate/Memory Ross; Tara Shapley, Bailey Barkley - alternate.

McClenagan receives high honor

by Bob Bort

The Gruver Odyssey of the Mind (Omitronic Humor) team performed Saturday, April 7 at the state level in Dallas. GHS whiz kid Benny McClenagan received quite an award for his creation of the robot "Robertha," who can show any number of emotions, including crying.

The award in Division III was a long term individual award presented to McClenagan by judges Reeves, Telshik and Charlebois. To Benny McClenagan ("Dr. Feelgood") it reads as follows: "This award is based on the creative operation and conception of the manipulation of their character. He developed and created the mechanical operation of "Robertha." He described his reasoning and how he designed it. Exceptional!!"

Congratulations are extended to Benny, and to the whole cast including Jennifer Baker, Mariquit Viola, Marci Roberts and Clay Gillispie for job well done.



Gruver's UIL "Super team" of regional qualifiers includes Mrs. Burnam, Roberts, Hiller, Crawford,

Gillispie, Kauffman, McClenagan, Mr. Chisum and, not present, Winger.

Gruver Menu

GRUVER SCHOOL MENU
APRIL 16 - APRIL 20

MONDAY
CHICKEN PATTIES
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY

CARROTS
CAKE
HOT ROLLS

MILK
TUESDAY

FRITO PIE/CHEESE
FRUIT
MILK

WEDNESDAY
BEEF TIPS/GRAVY
MASHED POTATOES

CORN
JELLO
HOT ROLLS

MILK
THURSDAY

SPIRALS/MEAT SAUCE

TOSSED SALAD
APPLESAUCE
HOMEMADE BREAD

MILK
FRIDAY

HAMBURGERS
FRENCH FRIES
LETTUCE/PICKLES/CHEESE

RICE CRISPIES COOKIES
MILK
BREAKFAST

MONDAY
CEREAL
JUICE

MUFFINS
MILK
TUESDAY

TOAST
FRUIT
PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY

MILK
WEDNESDAY

COWBOY BREAD
FRUIT
PEANUTS

MILK
THURSDAY

FRENCH TOAST STICKS
FRUIT
PEANUTS

MILK
FRIDAY

CINNAMON ROLLS
FRUIT
PEANUTS

MILK

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THANK YOU

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to the following businesses who donated items for our auction and door prizes during our Center's Benefit Dinner & Dance.

Without their help it would not have been such a great success! A special thanks to Rick Riggins as auctioneer, and to the buyers!

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For more information on choosing energy efficient cooling and heating systems, call or visit your local TNP office today.



Karen's Kozy Korner

by Karen Babtzke

PESTICIDES: TO RISK OR NOT TO RISK?

Ever since the Alar and apples scare last spring, the American public has expressed a rising concern with regard to pesticides in the food supply. While scientists feel that the pesticide risk to the American public is negligible, they will admit that all the facts may not be in and that certain questions remain unanswered.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency suggest taking the following steps if you are concerned about pesticides in your food:

- Peel or remove outer layers of produce. It is possible that wax coatings of such produce as apples, cucumbers and green bell peppers can trap pesticide residues. Outer leaves on lettuce and other leafy vegetables contain higher pesticide residues. However, remember that peeling fruits and vegetables also lowers their fiber content.

- Buy fruits and vegetables in season. Out-of-season produce is often imported and only spot-checked for pesticide residues.

- Buy home-grown fruits and vegetables from farmer's markets and produce stands. Local producers are less likely to use pesticides.

- A final choice is to buy all pesticide-free produce. This produce is both difficult to find and more costly. Consumers wishing to employ this risk-management strategy should also talk with their local grocers about providing pesticide-free produce.

If you have additional questions about pesticides in foods or pesticides in home gardens, call 1-800-858-PEST, the Environmental Protection Agency's toll-free hot line.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS PAY OFF FOR IRS

Now that the Internal Revenue Service requires Social Security numbers for dependents on tax returns, the strategy appears to be paying off. Seven million dependents "disappeared" between 1986 and 1987 tax returns.

Panhandle Events

"GREASE" - Amarillo

The smash Broadway musical "GREASE" will play May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 13 at the Amarillo Little Theatre.

This production is being partially underwritten by Mervyn's and K.L.S. Radio.

For ticket information contact: Amarillo Little Theatre Box Office at 355-9991.

COMPUTER DISPLAY - Amarillo

COMGRAPHIX, Inc. will be holding an open house demonstration of the Minolta MIMS 1000 optical disc document retrieval system. This high-tech equipment will be in Amarillo on display April 18-19 and 26-27 from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at 1307 W. 7th Ave. in Amarillo, TX. Area teachers are invited to bring their data processing students for a demonstration during these times or by special appointment. For more information, call 373-9891.

June 13-August 25 - "Texas" Historical Musical Drama, Canyon. Enjoy the ceiling of big Texas sky while watching joyful experiences of pioneer life unfold in the Pioneer Amphitheater in Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo. A cast of 80 brings the history of the Texas Panhandle to life with music, dance and a thrilling light and sound experience for visitors from around the country. Created by Pulitzer prize winner Paul Green, "Texas" is a story of drought and plenty, love and hardships. Nestled beneath towering cliffs at Palo Duro Canyon, the outdoor stage is the focal point for many scenes and a variety of props, including a real train, a surrey and windmill. A Texas-style barbecue dinner is available before performances, held nightly except for Sundays. Contact "Texas," Box 268, Canyon 79105 (806/655-2181).

Hansford Happenings

The Spearman Ex-Students Association is busy planning the all school reunion for July 6 & 7 weekend. (So keep that weekend open for lots of fun). Since there are numerous ex-students who are planning on coming "home" and do not have family here if you have an extra room or two and wouldn't mind having guests for a couple of nights please call Nell Patterson at 659-2144 or Pearl Pierce at 659-3866 or 659-3505.

Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center's annual Radiothon is scheduled for Thursday, April 19. Local talent will be featured on radio station KRDF during the fund-raiser. A search is currently underway for any kind of talent for the Radiothon. Anyone wishing to volunteer talent or who knows of anyone willing to perform should contact Brenda Wall at 659-3999 or the Center at 659-3521.

"Houndball's Last Blast" is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Varsity Gym at Gruver. The senior boys basketball players will be pitted against the male GHS faculty members in the grand finale of the 1990 basketball season. The "Last Blast" will be preceded by two Little Dribblers basketball games, featuring the top two teams in the Senior Division, both boys and girls. Admission charges are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students, with proceeds going to the senior class of GHS.

First Christian Church of Spearman will hold an Easter morning sunrise service Sunday, April 15 at 6:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend the service, which will be followed by a Continental breakfast.

Census tests scheduled for April 16 at 1:30 p.m. and April 23 at 10:00 a.m. at the courthouse in Spearman have been cancelled.

The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department is presenting a Severe Weather Watch Program. The program will be on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. This program consists of severe weather watch, the spotting of tornados, what to do and where to go. The fire department invites and encourages the public to attend this program.

Lookin' Back

20 YEARS AGO...

Sunday, March 8, 1970
Washington, Texas, the small Brazos River bottom community of 300, where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed in 1836, held a formal dedication of the new \$700,000 museum to house replicas of the birth of the republic. The museum was officially named the Star of the Republic of Texas Museum.

Washington is about 20 miles northeast of Brenham, Texas. A painting hanging in the museum, which shows the ruins of the Old Blanton Hotel at Independence, Texas, was painted by Spearman's own Lucile Allen, or Mrs. John Allen. The painting won a prize at the Fair in 1969 and is on loan to the museum by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bassel of Brenham, Texas.

Chamber Chatter

by Brett Whitford

Stand Up and Be Counted! The 1990 Census, a once-in-a-decade event, started on April first. It is vital that all Americans participate fully in the enumeration!

The Census decides the appointment of the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, determines the allocation of more than \$38 billion in annual federal funding for state and local governments, and provides a host of other important data.

So count yourself in--we will all benefit from a complete and accurate count. The Census takers will be around in the next weeks picking up the completed form.

The Golden Spread Radio-thon coming up next Thursday is something we will all want to hear! Turn your radio on KRDF-FM 98.3 here in Spearman and you'll hear all the local talent. Be sure and make your pledge to the Center. This year Pete and Brenda Wall have put together another fine show of local talent, it's a day well worth hearing. It will start at 9:00 a.m. Be sure and tell the Walls how much you enjoy it!

The Miss Hansford County Pageant, as you have read, will be Friday night, June 8. Entry forms

are out and they need to be turned in by May 4. We have several of the younger age groups in already!

Thanks to Cindy Blackman and her pageant crew, we look forward to a Great 1990 Miss Hansford Pageant. If you have any questions on the pageant, call Cindy at 659-2476 or call here at the Chamber office and we will answer them. Our number is 659-5555.

The Round-Up dates have been set! The committee is working hard on the 1990 Round-Up. We have several food booths now and we look forward to having more sign up! Remind the organization you are with to have a food or game booth! It will be fun, and the variety of foods looks to be interesting! We will have a printed schedule of events soon! Keep watching the new Hansford County Reporter-Statesman! We wish the paper the best of luck in their new efforts.

At this time of year, watch out for little egg hunters on Sunday. They will be out looking for all sorts of Easter prizes. We at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce would like to wish you all a Happy Easter Holiday. Until next time,
Brett Whitford

Guidebook available

Forty thousand copies of a new guidebook have been distributed free of charge to editors and reporters, federal and state legislators, public interest groups, libraries, attorneys and others. It's entitled "The Handbook on How to Use the Freedom of Information Act: Holding the Government Accountable for its Actions." It contains information on the importance of the law and its benefit to society as well as clear, easy-to-understand instructions on how to use the

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The booklet was published by the Church of Scientology, which has successfully used the FOIA to expose government secrecy and find and correct government corruption, including alleged IRS "hit lists" of citizens targeted for political reasons, according to the Church. You can get a copy of the handbook for \$4.50 from the Church of Scientology Western United States, 1404 N. Catalina, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

APRIL CALENDER OF EVENTS

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 *All Fools' Day *U.S. Census Day *Attend the Church of your choice	2 *Round-Up Committee Chamber office 7:30 p.m. *SHS Golf District-Boys & Girls *Rotary Meeting	3 *Lions Club	4 *SHS Tennis District meet At Spearman	5 *C of C Exec. Board	6 *SHS Track District Meet At Spearman *FFA Judging At South Plains College *Flame Fellowship 7:00 p.m.	7 *GHS Track District At White Deer *FFA Area Texas Tech Judging *Jr. High Track District Meet *GHS Girls Golf At Amarillo
8 *Attend the Church of your choice	9 *Gruver Church of Christ Senior Banquet *SHS Golf District-Boys & Girls *Rotary Meeting	10 *Runoff Election *Gruver HS/GT Parents 7:00 p.m. Library *Lions Club	11 *WDSCC Exec. Board Chamber office-Noon GISD Board Meeting	12 *School dismissed early C of C Board Kay's Cafe 7:30 a.m. *WDSCC Conference Meeting 5:00 p.m. Chamber office	13 *Good Friday *No school Easter vacation *GISD School Holiday	14
15 *Easter *Attend the Church of your choice	16 *No school Easter vacation *Academic & One Act Play Regional *Oslo Lutheran Church Senior Banquet *Rotary Meeting	17 *Dist. FFA Perryton 5:00 p.m. *Lion's Club	18 *WDSCC Noon Home Demonstration Bldg.	19 *FFA State Land Judging At Tarleton	20	21 *FFA State Horse Judging at Lubbock *Moose Chili Cook-Off *SHS Track Regional Qualifiers
22 *Attend the Church of your choice	23 *Gruver Methodist Church Senior Banquet *GISD SRA Testing *Rotary Meeting	24 *Dist. FFA at Canadian *Lion's Club	25	26	27 *SHS Track Regional Meet At Abilene *State Judging at A&M	28
29 *Attend the Church of your choice	30 *Rotary Meeting					

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Social Scene . . .

Among the Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

James and Michelle Roberts proudly announce the arrival of Stormy Brook. Weighing 7 pounds and 3 ounces, she arrived by way of High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo on March 30.

She is welcomed by a four year old brother, Beau. Her grandparents are all of Mt. Pleasant - paternal are Linda and John D. Roberts, great-grandmother Anna Lou Roberts and Cora Campbell. Her maternal grandmother is Imogene Cline.

Spearman welcomes new residents, Missie and Darrell Billings. They were transferred here about a month ago by his employer - the Enron Company.

They had been lifelong residents of Canadian, so feel at home in this area. To complete the family are nine month old Samantha and three year old Dusty. Since her family is her first priority, Missie has little leisure time. She relaxes by bicycling or walking.

In Canadian she worked with the Children's crisis center.

In his leisure, Darrell is an avid fisherman.

Their church preference is the Methodist church, and they reside at 505 South Haney.

Darlene Howell and Pat Dear returned Friday from several days at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. They visited two of Darlene's sisters-in-law, whom they had not seen for a number of years.

The weather was warm and pleasant, but that country is extremely dry - so dry that water is rationed.

Johnie Clark, brother of Ivan Allen, returned to Oregon on Thursday after several weeks here. He has been here since the death of their brother in Amarillo last month.

Eulalie and W.R. Greever are back home since Wednesday from 10 days in San Antonio. They were guests of their daughter, Billie Joanne and Leslie Reynolds.

Although there was almost constant rain during their stay, they

did enjoy some sight-seeing, especially Sea World.

Jo and Marcus Larson made a trip to Lovington, N.M. last week. They attended the funeral of a friend, and they were joined by their son, Mike and Mrs. Larson of Dallas.

Ellen and Cecil Reynolds and Dallasene Reynolds were gone from Wednesday through Sunday. They were in Halsted, Kan. where Dallasene was being treated at the medical clinic there.

Lois Pearson Megert, former resident, now of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. visited briefly in Spearman one day last week. She and her daughter, Mary Smith of Pampa, called on her aunt, Ora Lee Blackburn.

Over the weekend Kaydean Smith of Floydada was in Spearman with her mother, Gertha Gamble and also her daughter, Jodie and Keith Hight.

Mrs. Smith brought her mother-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Smith, who visited in the home of her daughter, Scarlett and George Jackson.

Scarlett had been in Floydada for several days two weeks ago when her father, Charlie Smith, passed away.

Guest last Monday of Hollie and Earl Riley were Anne and Pat Northcutt of Amarillo. The Northcutts had recently been on a Caribbean Cruise.

Well, those two harbingers of spring are making their appearances - robins and the "snow birds" that wintered in the south.

Ruth and Major Lackey came in last Monday. They have been at Zapata on Lake Falcon for most of the winter. Major reports that because of the low water level in the lake, the fishing was poor. They were pleased to have their daughter, Bobbie June Wilson of Lubbock, come down and share Major's birthday with them.

Bill and Estelle Jackson arrived Wednesday from Brownsville, where they had been since early January. They report that all is well with their daughter Kay and family, who live in Brownsville.

Along with the spring breezes come Betty and Paul Hazlewood. They were at Brownsville also. Their winter activities were low key, though they did make some side trips to Old Mexico and Padre Island.

Paul was chagrined to discover that the girls on the beach were not the same girls he had seen in the advertisements! But mostly

they just vacationed--some of Paul's friends are a little curious as to how one takes a vacation from doing nothing...

It has been interesting to see and hear Jimmy Linn on national television. Jimmy, a former resident of Spearman, is part of the defense counsel for Imelda Marcos.

Kim and Halden Messamore of Sudan, with Andy and Jay, spent the weekend here in the home of Kim's sisters-Becky and Reagan Baker and Lyn and Joey Woolley. Beth Daniels, the mother of the three sisters, a former Spearman resident, is now visiting them. The Daniels now live in Plainview and while she is gone the Reverend Wesley and his brothers have gone fishing.

The Spearman High School Class of 1961 - since this is their 30th anniversary, are planning a special observance for their reunion during the all school reunion in July.

There were 56 members of the class, now scattered far and wide. All the living members have been contacted - 100%. When all else failed in the search for long, lost members, they resorted to the ingenuity for which they were known. They contacted one classmate who is a bail bondsman in south Texas, and he put his computer and expertise in gear and got results.

South America, Europe, crime, drugs, aids, politics - world problems requiring solutions from Spearman's world problem solvers, are all being shelved as of Monday. The baseball season started and all else takes a back seat.

Could this be the year that the Rangers and Astros meet in the World Series? Could be-and it could be the millennium!

To report locals, call 659-3468.

A Centerpiece

by Ernestine Gray

A good number came in Tuesday evening for a time of visiting and games, as well as good food.

Several came in Thursday for an evening of Pitch. All you people 55 and over, come and enjoy some time with your friends and neighbors.

Remember the Radio-thon coming up April 19. Anyone wishing to help in anyway, with cookies, donations or some other way, just contact someone here at the Center.

Linda Butt will start giving exercises on Mondays and Wednesdays starting April 9. These will begin at 9:00 a.m. and last around 30-45 minutes. Come get "In The Mood" with such as Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey.

Also remember that the Panhandle Transit is still here at the Center and is for everyone to use. Give Linda a call at 659-3866 and let her chauffeur you around.

Branstetter, Wilson married

Kimberly Dawn Branstetter and Christopher Jay Wilson were married Saturday, March 31 at the First Baptist Church of Spearman. The Rev. Russ Gibbs officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Bill Branstetter of Spearman. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Brian Lewis of Denver, Colo.

Matron of honor was Patty McGuire and bridal attendant was Tammy McGuire. Best man was Brian Lewis, father of the groom. The groomsmen were Richard Hicks of Perryton.

Ushers were Bruce Stinson and Julian Torres, both of Spearman.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Spearman High School and attended Texas State Technical Institute for one year.

The groom is a 1987 of Langham Creek High School in Houston and also attended Texas State Technical Institute for one year. He is currently enlisted in the United States Navy.

The couple plans to live in Long Beach, Calif.



Mrs. Chris Wilson

Club News

GLADIOLA FLOWER CLUB

The Gladiola Flower Club met Thursday, April 5 in the home of Mrs. Roy Flowers.

Mrs. Don Kunselman, president, presided over the business meeting. Roll call was answered with a favorite quilt pattern.

Reports were given from the Home Tour Committee and the Scholarship Committee.

Club members decided to help plant flowers in the planters and barrels at Hansford Manor.

Mrs. Doyle Jackson won with a home-grown arrangement. Mrs. Gordon Cummings won with a specimen, and Mrs. Roy Flowers won with a pot plant.

Mrs. Newell Allen was in charge of the program, given by Marsha Shieldknight on handling our investments after retirement.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Lloyd Buzzard, John Brown, Gordon Cummings, Irvin Davis, Kenneth Evans, Ed Haner, Don Hergert, Nolan Holt, Bill K. Jackson, Doyle Jackson, Don Kunselman, Marcus Larson, Don Smith, and Marsha Shieldknight.

Next meeting will be April 19 with Margaret Evans as hostess.

TOPS

The Spearman Chapter of T.O.P.S. (take off pounds sensibly) met Thursday. Janice Fulce opened the meeting by leading the group in the T.O.P.S. pledge. Nordeen Cochran conducted the weekly roll call.

A program on laughter and its benefits to mental, emotional and physical health was brought by Becky Myers. Fulce reported that the area coordinator will be here April 12.

Lookin' Back

5 YEARS AGO...

Sunday, March 24, 1985
Ginger Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pearson, was the winner of the Spearman Spelling Bee. Runner-up was Cacy McGill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pearson.

In the junior division the winner was James Macias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Macias. Runner-up was Brian Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Beck.

10 YEARS AGO...

Sunday, March 16, 1980
The Key Tickler's Piano Club, students of Janie Kunselman, participated in the Fine Arts Festival at Frank Phillips College. Each student played two pieces by memory. Those participating were Lynette Williams, Mary Lou Baker, Deana Turner, Mark Allen, Cristie Black, Julie Kell, Ann Sheets, Mark Garnett, April Graham, Mechelle Graham, Kari Schneider, J. Garnett, Laura Umphress, Kelli McWhirter and Denise Rojas.

15 YEARS AGO...

Sunday, March 23, 1975
Spearman High School Lynx Band was awarded a 1st division (Superior) rating at the UIL Band Contest in Panhandle. Out of 31 bands competing, only five received a superior rating from all three judges. It was the first time in six years that a concert band from Spearman had received a superior rating from each of the three judges. The band students directed by Mr. Kefer received a division 2 (excellent) rating for sight reading.



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First I want to try to express my love and thanks to all the wonderful, caring nurses and Dr. Behney for the care they gave me during my recent hospital stay. Then, to the members of my church, The First Baptist, for all the calls and prayergrams and to Russ for stopping by each day.

Next, to my family - Terry, Billie Jo and Shawn - for without those three, life could no longer go on for me. Then, to all my other "kids" - I have come to love as my own and be "Mom" to. All your beautiful flowers - so many of them - floored me and each day you all came and each time you came I knew I had the strength to go on, no matter what. MS is not only a disease of the nerves, it is also a stealer of one's faith and hope.

You all gave that back to me. I love each one of you with all my heart and you all know whom you are.

Thank you - My Love,
Sherry Moore & "Mom"

Our daughter, Teresa Sue
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Gruver Social Scene...



Jim and Peggy Pollard of Canadian announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Julie Anne Pollard of Houston, to Chad Lee Logsdon of Houston. He is the son of Bill and Kathy Logsdon Jr. of Gruver, and the grandson of Bill and Juanita Logsdon of Gruver and Fran Harbour of Dallas. The bride-elect is a 1984 graduate of Canadian High School and was graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in education. While attending Tech, she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Raider Recruiters. She is presently employed as a fourth grade teacher with the Klein ISD in Houston. The prospective groom is a Gruver High School graduate and a graduate of Texas Tech with a bachelor's degree in finance. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta and the Raider Rampage staff while attending college, and is presently employed as a credit analyst at First Interstate Bank in Houston. The couple plans a July 21 wedding, to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Canadian with Carey Hurst of Childress officiating.

Hometown News

Bobby D. Boney, son of John and Janice Boney of Gruver, Texas, joined the U.S. Army recently for a four-year enlistment to train and serve as a multiple launch rocket system crew-member.

He begins his active duty training April 24 when he reports for the combined basic and advanced training course at Fort Sill, Okla.

"Private Boney qualified and is eligible to participate in the Army College Fund. If he participates, for the first twelve months of his

enlistment, he will make a \$100 contribution into the college fund. With his contributions, the Army educational incentive bonus and the Montgomery G.I. bill included, total entitlements for Private Boney can amount up to \$25,200 to use toward obtaining college or vocational-technical education," said his recruiter, Staff Sgt. Beverly Williams of the Amarillo Downtown Army Recruiting Office.

Private Boney is a 1989 graduate of Gruver High School.

GJHS student poetry

OLD TIMER

by Will Evans

Dear Lord, please make an old timer of me.
To think about using a powderhorn,
Reloading underneath a great oak tree.
The only problem, that I was not born.

Living in the forest to hunt and trap-
After shooting a black powder, you wait,
To fire again you must replace the cap,
Without cap, it's like trapping without bait.

To pack the bullet against the powder,
Pull out the long and very tough ramrod.
If it seems to be quite a bit louder,
Then the bullet must have hit some hard sod.

The only time to get the best of fur,
Is when the temperature makes you say burr!

On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

Several weeks ago I began a new column called "The Messy Gourmet." The first recipe I printed was "Castor Oil Cookies." It must not have been very popular because I haven't had any requests for my outstanding recipes that I have been collecting over the years. Anyhow, when I have guests drop in and offer them any type of food, they look at me suspiciously and ask, "Does this have castor oil in it?" Hm-m-m...I wondered why no one came by anymore.

Now, back to last week's column, I thought everyone would be happy to know that I went through five years of old magazines and tore out my favorite looking recipes and then discarded the left over magazines. I'm not exactly through yet - I still have a small pile, but I have a pile of recipes that is now higher than the original stack. In fact, as I tore out from one, the only pages left were the inside and back pages and a lonely page from the middle that had a recipe for "stuffing made on the stove-top."

Well, I thought this was a dumb idea and I've got to get rid of this mess. Now, I was going to sort out again and I would set a guideline for keeping my most favorite. Rule #1 - was the picture of the food unusually tantalizing? (Most of us know we can gain weight by just looking at the pictures.) Rule #2 - Were the ingredients readily available? (I didn't want to drive 100 miles to get an unusual spice etc.) Rule #3 - Would the husband and kids like it (No! they wouldn't!)

So, I started flipping through pages with my mind made up to discard all but the most interesting recipes. Just imagine my surprise when I came across a page containing pictures and recipes for delectable ham bone cookies for dogs and catnip casserole for kitty-cats. I kept that one and threw away the rest!

I missed out getting to view the new Miss Molly Burnam last week, but some of you know how things are kind of mixed up on "Time Change Sunday." So, I'll have to wait until the next time. Marva, Lonnie and sister Valerie decide to visit Gruver. I keep forgetting they don't live here.

Lewis and I took time Sunday afternoon to visit Scott, Paula and our "future grandbaby." Their friends and relatives honored them with a baby shower and we were invited to help celebrate. I thought we were getting an April baby but was informed not long ago that "she" is due around the first week of May. While in Amarillo, we had a chance for a short visit with our daughter Shari and granddaughter Alicia.

Ross and Edna Marie Walker are back home from spending most of the winter at Parker Dam in California. After returning home from California, they were able to get some "fishin'" done in the Del Rio area.

Skeezee and Cease Riley also spent some time at Parker Dam.

Becky Cassidy and friends celebrated her birthday recently with

a pizza and skating party in Berger. After returning home, she shared a slumber party with friends Krystle Deeds and Lindsay Barkley. Becky was 8 years old on April 5.

New grandparents for the first time are the Tom Catheys. Their daughter and husband, Pam and Chris Fulton of Lockney, Texas became proud parents of a daughter, Laura Catherine, on March 26. She was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Pam is a teacher and Chris is a cotton farmer.

Other birth announcements come from James and Connie Walker, whose son Coulter David was born on April 1. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Among proud grandparents are the David Turners, and a brother and sister to give TLC.

Welcome visitors to Gruver recently were the Gary Leatherman family. Gary, wife Ruth and children Corrie and Drew are with the Wycliffe Bible Translators and ministered as Children's Residence Parents in Papua, New Guinea. They provided a home and guidance to children of missionary parents when they were in isolated village locations working on their Bible translation projects.

With the Easter holidays coming up, several Gruverites will be traveling out of town for visiting family and friends. Among those will be Tim and Hayley Garland and daughter Bayley. They will be in Kansas to show off Bayley in her Easter bonnet and dress to Hayley's parents, who live in Hutchinson.

Visiting in Gruver will be Donna Knoll's twin sister, Jeanne Keene of Midland. Jeanne is a first grade teacher at the new school, George Bush Elementary school. Jeanne had the opportunity to meet Barbara Bush at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the school.

Eva Boyd's brother Adam Mahieu, who was a resident of a nursing home, passed away recently. Our sympathy is extended to Eva Boyd and family. Also, bereaved is the family of Phyllis Resor and the family of her brother Alvin Christie.

Others of our community who continue to battle health problems are Hootie Cline, Carlie Knight, Don Hartranft, Gary Doty, Debbie Chisum, Victor Taylor, Ada Deakin, Beth Baker, and Dick Cearly. I haven't heard from Mae Ford lately, but we pray that she and all the others will improve. Ona McClenagan had cataract surgery on April 3 and is home. Florence Cruz had tests and is okay. Winnie Vernon was in attendance when daughter Winnell Shaw had back surgery. Winnie had some problems and experienced chest pains. She is in Amarillo staying with Judy.

Nell Thoreson is in room 230 in St. Anthony's Hospital and needs our prayers. Only family members are permitted to visit at this time but I'm sure she would appreciate cards.

Club News

XIPSI KAPPA

The home of Tracy Bevell was the site of the April 3 meeting of Xi Psi Kappa.

The business meeting was conducted by Cynthia Henson, president. Kelly Armes, social chairman, reminded members about the upcoming Founder's Day on April 17. Founder's Day will be held at the Perryton Country Club again this year.

This day commemorates the establishment of Beta Sigma Phi more than 50 years ago. Program of the Year and Girl of the Year awards will be presented, and Secret Sisters will be revealed. Xi Psi Kappa and Alpha Mu Psi enjoy this occasion together.

After the meeting, members were treated to refreshments made by the hostess, Jody Irwin then introduced her guest speaker, Julie Martin, who presented a program about nail care.

Members attending included Kelly Armes, Gail Etheredge, Cynthia Henson, Ginny Grotgut, Kelly Hart, Marian Tomlinson, Jody Irwin, Judy Stedje, Fran Duncan, Tracy Bevell, Amy TeBeest and Mary Jo Cluck.

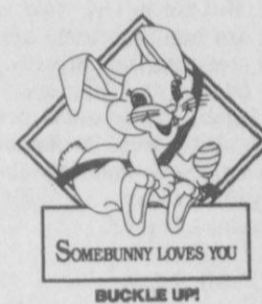
Kelly Armes hosted a luncheon for the members of Xi Psi Kappa on March 20 at her country home. Members had a Mexican food meal, with dessert after the business meeting.

Election of officers for the

1990-91 year was held. The results are Marian Tomlinson, president; Fran Duncan, first vice-president; Kelly Hart, second vice-president; Teresa Barkley, recording secretary; Ginny Grotgut, corresponding secretary; Jody Irwin, treasurer; and Jody Irwin, city council representative.

Some members will be taking leaves-of absence after Founder's Day in April. They include Cynthia Henson, Linda Venneman, Kelly Armes, Tracy Bevell, Mary Jo Cluck, Amy TeBeest and Gail Etheredge. Xi Psi Kappa extended best wishes to these women in their future endeavors.

Those attending the luncheon and meeting included Gail Etheredge, Mary Jo Cluck, Fran Duncan, Kelly Hart, Ginny Grotgut, Teresa Barkley, Tracy Bevell, Cynthia Henson, Jody Irwin, Kelly Armes, and Amy TeBeest Linda Venneman.



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Gruver Sports Scene ...

For The Short Of It

by Bob Bort

Congratulations are in order to the many Gruver High School athletes who have qualified for regionals this year. In track, there are Brice Goldsmith, Chris Spivey, Theron Park, Troy Seagler, Dan McCloy, Kyle Haenisch, Gannon Harris, Holly Venneman, Elda Pando, Brandy Shelton, Janelle Haefner, Shelley Stedje, Angela Sistrunk, and Cora Meyer. As alternates in track, there are Jason Haefner, Kasey Davis and Stacey Williams. In golf, there are Kyle Irwin, Stefan Dorman, Justin Armes, Chad Brown, Kevin Babbs and Kim Boone. And in tennis, there is Jennifer Terry. Congratulations to all our regional qualifiers!!!

Well, as I've stated many times, baseball is my favorite sport. I was worried about having to go into hibernation this season, if the lockout/strike had cancelled the season. But all is OK now - the owners are happy, and so are the players and even the umpires. The season begins on Monday, April 9, and I gave my fearless predictions in last week's **Reporter-Statesman**. Now that the season has begun, however, predictions don't mean a thing...

You have been able to read about 8th grader Jennifer Capriati before in my column. She is the 14-year-old tennis whiz, and for the second time in recent competition on the professional circuit, she advanced to the finals of a major tournament. This time it was the Family Circle Cup in Hilton Head, S.C., and she was finally beaten by 33-year-old Martina Navratilova, 6-2, 6-4. It is very hard for me to believe that she just turned 14...She will only get better.

Another outstanding teenager deserves mention here this week. Ryan White, 18 year old Indiana high schooler, died this past weekend from AIDS. It was never his fault, and he had a great will to survive. One of my all-time favorite rock singers, Elton John, dedicated his song "Candle in the Wind" to Ryan. It was a song originally written about Marilyn Monroe. Elton John sang the song as recently as one day before Ryan died, at the big Farm Aid Concert. Ryan White touched many people during his 18 years, including Presidents of the United States. He was looking forward to college.

For all of you Southerners who still think the South should have won the Civil War, there is a big event this week at Appomattox, in central Virginia. It is the 125th anniversary of the surrender of General Robert E. Lee to General Ulysses S. Grant, ending the Civil War. The surrender took place on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox Court House, a national monument. How history would have changed if the South had won!!!

The National Hockey League playoffs are already going on, and the National Basketball Association playoffs will begin in two weeks, but you haven't seen too

much about that here. That is because I don't follow pro basketball or pro hockey all that much; plus, their playoff systems are ridiculous, with virtually the whole league included in the playoffs. I do know the Detroit Pistons and the Los Angeles Lakers will be favored to reach the final series - in May??? What are they doing playing pro basketball in May??? *****

Nick Faldo from Scotland has won the big Master's Golf Tournament in Georgia for the second year in a row. His idol was Jack Nicklaus, and Faldo decided to pursue golf after watching Nicklaus in 1971. This year, he beat out a rejuvenated Nicklaus for the title. *****

For those of you who don't think raising taxes can become a crippling political move, I give you Trafalgar Square in London and Prime Minister Maggie Thatcher. Her 15-year reign is in serious jeopardy, as she has instituted a new "Poll Tax" for everyone over 18 years old, and it is extremely unpopular. This past week, riot police could not quell a near massacre with protesters, who vow not to pay the tax. Trafalgar Square turned into a bloodbath. Thatcher's Conservative Party is in deep trouble, and Labor is calling for her to resign. Though she is vowing not to resign, you are reading about it here first - I say she will eventually have to resign. She can't last... *****

Congratulations to the production "Not Like Any Other Kid," which was performed by Gruver High Schoolers at Dallas Saturday, April 7. It was the Odyssey of the Mind competition, in the Omnitronic Humor category and, as I understand, they did an outstanding job. Congratulations to Jennifer Baker, Mariquit Viola, Marci Roberts, Clay Gillispie, and especially to Benny McClenagan who received the only individual creativity award in our division, for the robot head. That award deserves a story of its own, and you can find it here in this issue of the **Reporter-Statesman**. *****

Well, I went out on a limb again last week (I seem to do that a lot) by predicting Jim Mattox will beat Ann Richards in the Democratic runoff for Governor. By the time you all read this the results will be history, of course. But the most recent poll, as this is being typed, has Richards leading 46% to 40%, with the rest undecided. I still stick by my prediction - I think Richards has lost too many points since she began campaigning, and the most recent mudslinging - that Mattox has used marijuana - will not pull it out for Richards. But I have been known to be wrong... *****

Well, it's Tuesday night, and the votes are in. It looks like the opinion polls were a better judge of the election results than I was. Perhaps I should stick to the sports world, when making predictions... Ann Richards would surely appreciate that.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that helped with this year's basketball program. Their hard work and dedication is what makes our programs such a success.

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Gruver track teams sweep district honors

by Bob Bort

The two Gruver High School track and field teams performed admirably at the District 1-A Track Meet, held at White Deer Friday and Saturday, April 6-7. A slew of Gruver competitors qualified for the Region I Track Meet, to be held in Levelland at South Plains College April 27-28. The Hounds and Lady Hounds are both district champions!

Brice Goldsmith, Chris Spivey, Theron Park, Troy Seagler, Dan McCloy, Kyle Haenisch and Gannon Harris will be the seven boys competitors who will perform at Levelland. In addition, Jason Haefner will be accompanying them as an alternate.

From the ladies team will be Holly Venneman, Elda Pando, Brandy Shelton, Janelle Haefner, Shelley Stedje, Angela Sistrunk and Cora Meyer. Kasey Davis and Stacey Williams will be going as alternates.

Looking at the girls results first, Brandy Shelton, for the second time this year, has broken the Gruver High School record in the 800 meter run. She finished first at District with a time of 2:29.49, breaking the record of 2:29.81 set at Sunray three weeks ago. Elda Pando qualified as an alternate to regionals in the 800 by finishing third at District with a time of 2:36.07, also her best time of the year. In the 400 meter run, Shelton finished first at District with a time of 61.91. Her best time of the year was last week at Miami, 61.13. Brandy is on the **Amarillo Globe-News** Area Girls Track Honor Roll in both the 800 and the 400 meters.

Gruver had an outstanding day in the 400 meter run. Not only did Shelton finish first, but Gruver ladies also garnered second and third place. Cora Meyer finished second and qualified for regionals with a time of 63.69, her best time

of the year. And third place finisher Kasey Davis really showed a gutsy performance, as she was in fifth place around the last turn, but put on a burst of speed over the last 70 yards or so and passed both Vega girls to finish third at 65.55. It was Kasey's best performance of the year in the 400 meter run.

In the 3200 meter run, Pando qualified for regionals by finishing in second place with a time of 13:14, her best time of the year. Monica Ward and Meredith Runyan both performed admirably in the 3200 by finishing fourth and fifth respectively, but it left them short of qualification for regionals. In the 100 meter low hurdles, Janelle Haefner qualified for regionals by finishing second with a time of 17.22 seconds. Her best time of the year was 16.9, set last week at Miami. In the 100 meter dash, Shelley Stedje also qualified for regionals by finishing second with her time of 12.93 seconds, her best performance of the year.

The 1600 meter relay team of Meyer (1), Holly Venneman (2), Pando (3) and Shelton (4) really showed a lot of character in finishing second with a time of 4:20.51, their best time of the year and less than one second behind the winning team from Vega. The baton was dropped by Gruver, it rolled off the track, and Gruver lost a good five seconds on the exchange. However, they still managed to finish second. It was a super effort, and they qualified for regionals.

Meanwhile, the 400 meter relay team of Haefner (1), Venneman (2), Stacey Williams (3) and Stedje (4) are alternates to regional, as they finished third at District with a time of 56.88. And the 800 meter relay team of Haefner (1), Sistrunk (2), Venneman (3) and Stedje (4) qualified for regionals by finishing second with a time of

1:53.97, their best time of the year.

In the 200 meter dash, Sistrunk finished second with a time of 27.65, her best of the year and will compete at Levelland. And lastly, in the only field event where Gruver qualified for regionals, Venneman finished second in the high jump with a leap of 5'0". Holly is only a freshman, and she was injured early in the season, but that is her best performance of the year.

All in all, the Gruver girls finished as District Champions in two events (Brandy Shelton in the 400 meters and 800 meters), and runners-up in eight other events. They finished third in three more events. Final District 1-A standings: 1. Gruver 135; 2. Vega 122; 3. White Deer 117; 4. Sunray 69; 5. Claude 57; 6. Lefors 30; 7. Groom 28; 8. Channing 4.

For the boys, in the field events the results were "comme ci, comme ca," as there were some great results and some not so great, due to the high winds in White Deer. Troy Seagler is an outstanding performer, and he is third on the **Globe-News** Area Boys Track Honor Roll in the high jump with a leap of 6'4 1/2", and Theron Park is tied for fourth at 6'4" - both those jumps set at Sunray three weeks ago. However, at White Deer, due to the high winds Park could only manage a 5'10", good for second place and a trip to Levelland, and Seagler took third place with a 5'8" jump, which will send him to Levelland as an alternate.

In the shot put, Brice Goldsmith turned in an outstanding performance with his heave of 43' 1 3/4", good for first place, and his best of the year. And Chris Spivey finished second in the discus throw, also earning a trip to Levelland with his toss of 124'9 1/2", also his best of the year. In the triple jump it was

Seagler finishing second with a leap of 39'7", and he will perform in that event at regionals. His best on the year is 41'0", accomplished twice.

The 400 meter sprint relay team of Jason Haefner (1), Gannon Harris (2), Seagler (3) and Park (4) finished third at District with a time of 47.29 seconds, their best of the year. They will be alternates in that event at regionals. In the 1600 meter relay, the team of Dan McCloy (1), Kyle Haenisch (2), Harris and Seagler took first place honors with a time of 3:33.06, their best time of the year.

In the 800 meter run, Gruver did very well. Seagler came in first with his time of 2:06.35, his best on the year. Haenisch came in third with a time of 2:09.78, also his best of the year. Seagler will compete at Levelland, and Haenisch will go as an alternate in this event.

It was all McCloy in the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes. His time of 11.14 seconds earned him first place at District in the 100 meters. This is just off of his best time of the year, set at Canadian, 11.07 seconds. In the 200 meters, 22.99 was the time for McCloy, again off of his best of the year by 4/10 of a second, but he should still be on the **Globe-News** Area Boys Track Honor Roll for the 200 meters with his time of 22.6, set last week at Miami.

In the long distance running events, Park garnered two second place finishes. In the 1600 meters he finished at 5:02.00, and in the 3200 meter run he finished with a time of 11:12, his best of the year.

In total, Gruver managed five first place finishes, five second place finishes, and three third place finishes. With that, they win the District 1-A championship!

Final points totals for the boys:
1. Gruver 154; 2. Sunray 141; 3. White Deer 126; 4. Lefors 42; 5. Vega 35; 6. Groom 20; 7. Claude 9; 8. Channing 2.

Terry advances

by Bob Bort

Jennifer Terry has defied the odds. The year after having Cindy Barkley and Brian Hoel advance to Austin with such a fine tennis program, one would expect a drop-off. But for the umpteenth year in a row, Gruver continues their fine tennis program by having at least one regional qualifier.

This year it is Terry. She is a junior, and sophomore Matthew Hoel, who was beaten out this week at Borger, along with sophomore Clay Gillispie and freshman Sharlet Slough will keep Gruver's tennis image alive for years to come.

Terry and Hoel competed at the

District 1-A championship Thursday, April 5 at Borger. Gruver finished fourth in the team standings, with 10 points. In the first round, Hoel was defeated by Jason Blankenship of Adrian in straight sets 6-3, 6-1. He was then defeated in the third place match by Judd Goolsby of Sunray, 6-4, 7-6.

Terry won her first round match over Julee Thompson of Hartley, 7-5, 6-3. That is the match that won her the right to go to Regionals, and it advanced her into the finals. There she defeated, for the second time in a week, by Shannon Fields of Groom, 6-2, 6-2. But she had won the trip to Levelland.



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 4. #4 - McCloy (2-4)

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Spearman students competed recently at the District level in UIL Literary events. Individual results follow. Regional competition will be Saturday, April 21 at Abilene.

Ready Writing: 1. Jeff Hutchison; 3. Cam Butts, 4. Kyla Nelson.

Calculator: 1. Maria Gomez; 2. Ross Jarvis; 3. Laura Dyess.

1st Place Calculator Team: Maria Gomez, Ross Jarvis, and Laura Dyess.

Number Sense: 1. Jeff Hutchison, 3. Joy Gafford.

1st Place Number Sense Team: Jeff Hutchison, Joy Gafford and Alfonso Martinez.

Spelling: 2. Jarret Swan.

Accounting: 2. Ginger Sasser; 3. Maria Gomez.

Literary Criticism: 2. Laura Dyess; 5. Michelle Cook.

Science: 5. Daryl Hawkins.

Second Grade Story Telling: 1. Amber Ramon; 4. Sidney Wood-

ington.

Third Grade Story Telling: 1. Holly Pipkin.

Third-Fourth Grade Spelling: 3. Grace Davis.

Third-Fourth Grade Personal Writing: 2. Tara Bruning; 5. Ashley Brown.

Fourth-Fifth Grade Picture Memory: 4. Spearman.

Fifth-Sixth Grade Spelling: 1. Haley Farber; 4. Regan Boxwell.

Fourth-Fifth-Sixth Grade Oral Reading: 4. Cory Butler.

Fourth-Fifth-Sixth Grade Number Sense: 1. Clayton Hergert; 4. Britt Savage.

Fifth-Sixth Grade Listening Skills: 1. Brent Collins; 4. Phillip Sanders.

Fifth-Sixth Grade Music Memory: 5. Spearman.

Fifth-Sixth Grade Expressive Writing: 1. Tiffany Bruning; 3. Lacie Baker.

Seventh-Eighth Grade Spelling: 1. Regina Biggers; 2. Leslie Swan, 4. Rainey Whittington.

Seventh-Eighth Grade Expository Writing: 1. Alisha LaRochelle; 3. Elizabeth Pipkin; 5. Carrie Pearson.

Seventh-Eighth Grade Modern Oratory: 5. Elizabeth Pipkin.

Seventh-Eighth Grade Impromptu Speaking: 2. Nikki Strawn.

Seventh-Eighth Grade Calculator Application: 3. Jason Swink; 4. Jason Varnon.

Seventh Grade Science: 2. Molly Blackman; 4. Amy McCubbin.

Eighth Grade Science: 2. John Holt; 3. Alisha LaRochelle; 4. Chad Gardiner.

Seventh-Eighth Grade Number Sense: 3. Cass Lasater; 6. Alma Martinez.

One-Act Play: Haley Lair and Cacey McGill - Honorable Mention All Star Cast.



Advancing to regional UIL Literary competition are [l-r] Jeff Hutchison, Joy Gafford and Alfonso Martinez, the first-place Number Sense team at district; and Laura Dyess, who placed second in Literary Criticism at district.



Participating in the district UIL Literary meet were [l-r] Ginger Sasser, second place in Accounting; Maria Gomez, third place in Accounting; and Michelle Cook, fifth place in Literary Criticism.



The SHS Calculator team [l-r] Maria Gomez, Ross Jarvis and Laura Dyess, placed first in district; and Daryl Hawkins took fifth place in Science at district.



At the district UIL Literary meet, placing first, third and fourth in Ready Writing were [l-r] Jeff Hutchison, Cam Butts, Kyla Nelson; and placing second in Spelling was Jarrett Swan.

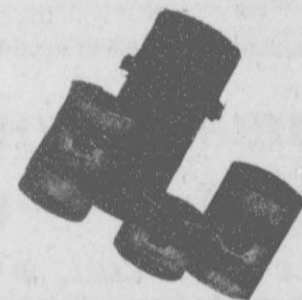


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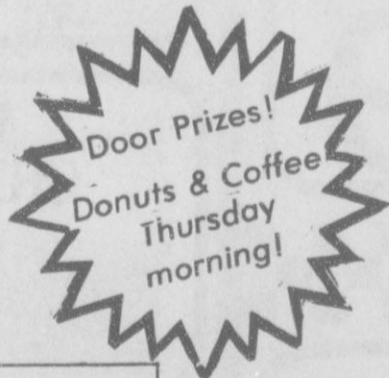
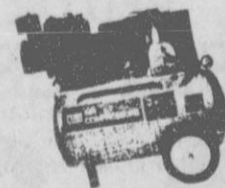


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Greenhorn Hoosier "Texified" in two years

by Jean Ann Behney

Reporter's note: I received a startling request early this month for a "funny article" about my first two years as a Spearman resident. My initial reaction was "Have I really only lived in Texas two years?" [OMNIPRESENT INDIANA ACCENT NOTWITHSTANDING] Our family's move here on Good Friday of 1988 [ever afterward recalled as Good Grief Friday] seems a lifetime ago. Nevertheless, my friend's suggestion for a humorous piece on my experiences here fueled the fires of some not-so-long-ago memories which I decided to write down. Here they are!

An Easter Blizzard, Panhandle-Style

The weary family pulled into a quiet, rainy Spearman, Texas after a grueling 12-hour drive from northern Missouri. It was 1 a.m. and there were no signs of the moving van which contained every atom of their personal belongings. There were no signs of life in the town either, unless you counted the wicked northern wind whipping through the ghostly winter branches of a few shivering trees.

But then some blue square signs marked with white "H"'s led the family to the county hospital and moments later, a surprisingly energetic administrator bounded out and led them to a snug motel room. All five Behneys collapsed, the parents trying to forget that the alarm clock was cruelly set for 6 a.m., when the movers swore they'd be chomping at the bit to unload the van.

Six a.m. came and the father stumbled out of bed and to the window to spy the moving van parked nearby. He also spied... SNOW. Several inches of the stuff, in fact. He groggily apprised his wife of Mother Nature's silent nighttime deed and they groaned simultaneously.

By eight a.m. (when yelling and pounding on the exterior of the moving van finally roused the two comatose moving men) mountains of boxes were being hurriedly thrown into the family's new apartment while the snowflakes whirled joyously overhead. The three small children romped in their sandals and sunsuits. It seems their mother had been told by a Missourian, now the object of a fervent death wish, that April in Texas is HOT and DRY. Somewhere in the chaos of cartons were mittens and hats and coats, but who had time to find them? Father was due at his interim job (Texas medical licenses are issued about as quickly as it takes an arthritic armadillo to cross the highway) in Oklahoma that same afternoon!

That first husbandless Saturday night in Spearman, Texas rated about a nine and a half out of ten on a Thrills and Chills Scale. At 1 a.m. (rapidly becoming a familiar reckoning hour) the three-year-old child awakened with a high fever,

crying and clutching her right ear.

There was not yet a telephone in the apartment. After an hour or two of pacing and rocking the child, the mother decided to wake up the other two kids and take all three to a telephone in order to call the local doctor. Three biceps-building trips to the car later, she sank into the driver's seat and turned the key. Nothing happened.

Twenty minutes and three more return trips later, three wide-awake children sat in a little row on the old sofa in the new apartment and eyed their newly-single parent curiously as she paced and talked to herself. "Can't wake up the neighbors...or can I? Can't leave the kids to walk to a pay phone..." The baby began to play in melting puddles of snow on the carpet, his oldest sister fell asleep, and the sister with the earache cried loudly.

At 7 a.m., the car did start and the mother drove through big piles of mushy, melting snow looking for a pay phone. (If you have never been to Spearman before and do not know where anything is, finding a pay phone is like finding a cowboy without a dog riding shotgun in the back of his pickup.) Finally she ended up waking someone at the motel and using the office telephone there to contact a physician. Mercifully, the motel owners did not comment on the woman's attire--the tropical sight of which alone qualified her for involuntary commitment.

Easter morning dawned sunny and...hot! Friday's eight-inch snow was miraculously reduced to a few puddles and the steadily dripping eaves at the apartment. The "sick" child was hopping around like a bunny and cramming her mouth with Easter candy. That first unforgettable weekend in Hansford County was finally over.

What's That Again?

No one warned me that my native English-speaking abilities would never be adequate in Texas. I discovered that Texans have a language all their own and some vocabulary unfamiliar to those from other small, humble states to the east.

Speaking of East, that's where this mid-Westerner's home state is located, according to local Texas wisdom. "Where're ya'll from?" we were frequently asked in our earliest weeks in Hansford County. Upon answering "Indiana" the inquirer invariably scratched his or her head and ruminated reflectively, "Oh, Back East, ya mean." Indiana...Back East? Later, I was informed that any piece of land on the "wrong" side of the Mississippi River is Back East. I have learned not to push the concept of the Midwest in Texas, when only three geographical regions are officially recognized: Texas, "Back East" and "California, where all those crazy people live."

Given these options, I'll claim Texas! Back East, Hoosiers don't have exactly the same expressions as

you guys--I mean, ya'll. The first time a clerk in a Spearman store told me she'd "holler at" me when my merchandise arrived, I left wondering what I had done to deserve such treatment. At least she was warning me in advance, I reasoned, but why was she feeling compelled to yell at me when I picked up my package?

Then there were all those Hansfordites who would assure me that they were "fixin' to do" this, that and the other thing. As this expression came out of their mouths, I found myself surreptitiously looking for their toolboxes or at the very least, a pouch of screwdrivers hanging from their belts.

I am still working on getting my Texas meals straight, after nearly fainting when people I'd invited to dinner promptly presented themselves on my doorstep at high noon. Dinner here is lunch in Indiana. I discovered belatedly and supper is a Hoosier's dinner. I don't know what Texans do for lunch, except that food portions here are so enormous, they probably had to cut that meal out completely just to be able to fit through restaurant doorways.

Another matter entirely was the expression "feed lot." On

Mother's Day Sunday of my first May here, some Gruver acquaintances kindly invited me and the kids to their family ranch to dinner. (And yes, by this time I knew enough to show up at noon.)

Following the directions to the ranch which I'd hastily scribbled on an old envelope, I read, "After turn-off, go west until you cross the creek." Sure enough, a few miles later, I spied a sign "Horse Creek." It wasn't that simple, however, because I noticed as I crossed the creek that there was no creek there. In fact, it didn't appear that a single molecule of water had ever graced this land for miles in any direction.

"They said I'd cross the 'creek,' not 'an old dry creek bed,'" I reasoned, "so I'll keep going." Next on my notes were the words, "Pass the feed lot and go one mile further."

I did not know what a feed lot was, but vividly recalled my direction-giver saying, "You'll KNOW when you get to the feed lot." I thought "Hmmm, feed lot must mean cows - er, cattle - eating." I glanced out the right front window and immediately saw three steers placidly grazing near a barbed-wire fence. "The

feed lot!" I announced triumphantly. "That means the next house is it."

At the next house, a strange woman looked at me in consternation and repeated, "Now where do you think you're going?" I explained about the creek and the feed lot. "The feed lot!" she exclaimed. "You haven't passed that yet. It's miles west of here." I paused and offered apologetically "I'm not quite sure what a feed lot is, exactly." The woman began to laugh. "You'll know when you get there!" she promised.

Back on the highway, I mulled over this mystery and drove further west. Gradually, I noticed my eyes were starting to burn. My oldest child piped up from the back seat, "Mommy, my eyes are crying but I'm not sad. What is it?" Then came that overpowering aroma to unsuspecting Indiana nostrils and the sight of - surely! - millions of bovines crowded together in pens that stretched for miles and miles. With streaming eyes, I chirped to the children, "I guess this is a feed lot!" There was a silence. The baby chuckled and the oldest hung out the window, fascinated, but the middle child asked, worriedly, "Can we eat at McDonald's

instead, Mommy?"

My kids are far ahead of me in the road to becoming Texans, probably because they have younger, more adaptable brain cells. After a few months in Spearman, my middle child asked one dusky afternoon, "Is it not?" "Is it not WHAT?" I mumbled, nose in book. "Is is NOT?" she asked impatiently and enunciating clearly. "Is what NOT WHAT?" I queried, lowering my book. She made an exasperated sound and said, "Mommy, is it dark outside yet???"

Well, things are going great here in Hansford County, Texas, for this transplanted Hoosier. I have climbed to the top of a windmill and waded in the cool waters of its tank. I've spotted my first armadillo and can now boast I know the difference between a bull snake and a rattler. Although my Indiana accent remains, the word "ya'll" drops automatically from my lips. I've even broken in my first pair of cowboy boots!

This Texas adventure has been a very positive experience, thanks in great part to the friendly, funny folks of Hansford County who not only tolerate but warmly welcome newcomers from Back East with a lot to learn.

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Dear Dr. Paul: I recently took my seven-month old black Lab to the vet for her rabies shot, and he said it was time to think about putting her on something to prevent heartworms. What causes heartworms, and how serious a problem are they?

Heartworms are long, slender worms that infect dogs and, only

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harm to a dog, but heavier infections will interfere with the heart's function and ability to pump blood. Early symptoms are coughing and a lack of stamina. Later, the dog may even collapse due to heart failure. Heartworm is a serious problem, so be sure to consult your veterinarian regarding diagnosis, treatment and most importantly, prevention.

Dear Dr. Paul: I've been treating my pigs for scours but nothing seems to work. Could something else be wrong?

Whipworms could be one possibility. They're difficult to detect and often are misdiagnosed as dysentery, coccidia, E. coli, TGE as well as a number of other bacteria, viruses and parasites.

Most other internal parasites produce a large number of eggs which can be detected in the manure by a veterinarian using a microscopic exam. That's not necessarily true with whipworms, so they often are undetected. If scouring in your pigs is not responding to other forms of therapy, work with your veterinarian to see if whipworms might be the problem. There are only a few dewormers that are highly effective against whipworms. So if you do deworm, make sure the correct product is used.

If you have questions for Dr. Paul, write to him at: Ask The Vet, P.O. Box 20421, Kansas City, MO 64195.

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Property tax pamphlet available

Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for the Hansford County Appraisal District, offers area property owners a pamphlet called "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities" to help them save on their property taxes.

Published in both English and Spanish by the State Property Tax Board in Austin, the pamphlet explains how the property tax system in Texas operates and offers suggestions for possible tax savings. Peddy noted that the pamphlet applies to property taxes collected by all types of taxing units: counties, cities, school districts and special districts (such as municipal utility, junior college, and hospital districts).

Homeowners may qualify for various property tax exemptions offered by taxing units on residence homesteads, Peddy said. In Texas, a homestead is generally the house and yard used as the owner's principal residence. The pamphlet lists and explains each exemption and how to apply for them.

For example, all school district homeowners are eligible for a \$5,000 general residence homestead exemption. In addition, certain disabled homeowners and those aged 65 or older may qualify

for an additional \$10,000 school exemption from the value of their homesteads.

"A school tax freeze, or ceiling, on the residence homestead is a benefit for a homeowner who was 65 or older on January 1 of this year," Peddy said.

"In other words, the homeowner's school taxes cannot increase above the amount assessed in the year the homeowner first receives the over-65 homestead exemption. This tax ceiling stays in effect as long as the elderly homeowner owns the homestead and doesn't make an improvement or addition to the house, such as a pool or patio," Peddy continued.

New legislation provides an additional tax benefit for certain homeowners. If the surviving spouse of an over-65 homeowner is at least 55 at the time of the older spouse's death, then he or she can retain the tax ceiling. Before this new legislation took effect, the younger surviving spouse would have lost the tax ceiling.

The chief appraiser pointed out, though, that over-65 homeowners do not need to reapply for the exemption this year if they received the exemption and tax ceiling last year. Only those who became 65 during 1989 and those

who have never had the exemption and tax ceiling must apply in 1990.

Homeowners are also eligible for a \$3,000 general homestead exemption if the county levies a tax for farm-to-market roads or flood control.

Peddy added that any taxing unit may offer a local-option homestead exemption that allows a percentage of each residence homestead's appraised value to be exempt. In 1990, a taxing unit may exempt up to 20 percent of each qualified homestead's appraised value.

The pamphlet also describes other exemptions available, such as those for disabled veterans, other disabled persons, and senior citizens.

Productivity appraisal is another type of tax relief available to owners of agricultural or timber land. It is available in two forms, generally referred to by its location in the Texas Constitution: "1-d" or agricultural-use appraisal and "1-d-1" or open-space land appraisal.

Landowners who wish their land to receive 1-d appraisal must apply each year. A signed, sworn application must be filed with the chief appraiser by April 30. However, owners of land receiving 1-d-1 appraisal do not need to reapply, unless the chief appraiser requests in writing that they do so.

Because the qualifications are less restrictive, many landowners choose to apply for 1-d-1. However, if the land's use is changed to a nonagricultural one, the period for recapturing lost taxes is longer than for 1-d appraisal.

"Appraisal district personnel can offer more information about special land appraisal, tax reductions, and exemptions," Peddy said. The information is also found in the "Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities" pamphlet.

She said the pamphlet also contains information about preparing and presenting a protest to the appraisal review board (ARB). The ARB is an appointed body that examines appraisal records and hears protests to ensure that property values are fair and uniform.

Another section deals with the procedures voters must follow to petition for an election to limit the amount of tax increase adopted by any taxing unit.

"I urge all property owners in the Hansford Appraisal District to read the pamphlet and avail themselves of all possible property tax relief," Peddy said. "Remember, all applications must be filed with the appraisal office by April 30, and protests must be filed by May 31."

Exemptions available for disabled veterans

Veterans with a service-connected disability can receive property tax relief in 1990 by filling out a simple exemption form at the Hansford County Appraisal District office, Chief Appraiser Alice Peddy said.

The amount of exemption is based on the veteran's percentage of service-connected disability and can range from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Peddy explained who is eligible for the application:

- * a disabled veteran;
- * a surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran, as long as the spouse remains unmarried;
- * a surviving minor child of a deceased disabled veteran, if the veteran's spouse does not survive the veteran and if the child is both under 18 and unmarried;
- * a surviving spouse of a person killed while on active duty, whether the spouse is remarried or not at application time;
- * a surviving minor child of a person who was killed on active duty, if the child is both under 18 and unmarried.

"Any eligible person who has not received this exemption before must apply by April 30," Peddy said. "But, if you received the exemption in 1989, you do not need to reapply in 1990."

An applicant can claim the exemption on only one piece of property, such as a home or any other property the applicant owned on January 1. The applicant must be a Texas resident in order to qualify and must file the exemption application at the appraisal district office by April 30.

An applicant may be required to provide proof of the service-connected disability, such as documentation from the Veterans Administration or the branch of the armed services in which the veteran served. Depending on the applicant, proof of marriage, death, or age may also be required.

Obtain an application form and more information about specific qualifications from Peddy at the Hansford County Appraisal District office, 709 West Seventh, Box 567, Spearman, Tx or by calling 659-5575 in Spearman or 733-5139 in Gruver.



Robert Jeffrey Sheets of San Antonio, son of Mrs. Sharon David of San Antonio, has earned his teaching certificate in Industrial Education. He has been student teaching in San Antonio this past semester and has been hired by Texas A&M as a research teacher beginning September 1, 1990. The grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Novak and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sheets, all of Spearman, he was named the Distinguished Honor Graduate in Industrial Education from the Department of Industrial, Vocational and Technical Education at Texas A&M.

Teacher job fair set

The West Texas State University office of career planning and placement will host a Teacher Job Fair Monday, April 23 in the Activities Center Ballroom.

Representatives from more than 100 school districts and three states will be available from 2-6 p.m. with information and applications.

"Anyone looking for a teaching position, whether it be entry level or because of relocation or a layoff, should mark this event on their calendars," Gene Parker,

director of career planning and placement, said. "It is the largest teacher job fair in the Southwest United States and the most effective and inexpensive way to find out about local and regional employment opportunities."

According to Parker, individuals seeking employment at the job fair should bring multiple copies of their resumes and should dress as if attending an interview.

The Teacher Job Fair is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the office of career planning and placement at 806-656-2345.

Boone readies for regionals

by Akiko Bort

Kim Boone, district 1-1A champion as a golf medalist, will be advancing to the Regionals in Sundown on April 24 and 25. She competed at District on April 3 and came back as the champion. Her score was a 97. We will definitely hear a lot from her in years to come, as she is only a freshman.

She says she's really excited about capturing the district title, and that she "can't really believe it yet." She expects the competition to be tough and is going to have to play her best. Kim has done extremely well all season, and seems surprised at that fact. Although she has been golfing on

and off for about three years now, this is her first real experience.

Kim's dedication has shown in her results. Part of her dedication involves practicing three or four times a week, and hitting balls every day.

The Gruver boys golf team finished second at District on April 3, and will be advancing to the regionals in Levelland on April 24 and 25. Their scores at District were: Kyle Irwin-89, Chad Brown-86, Stefan Dorman-89, Justin Armes-94, and Kevin Babbs-107. Their team score was 358, and they finished second to Claude, Luke Miller had a 101, and Brent Stedje had a 115 in individual competition, in singles.

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Obituaries

Kaysha Renee Flores

Kaysha Renee Flores, 1½-year-old daughter of Rosa Flores, died Sunday, April 8.

She was born May 30, 1988 at Perryton. Her father, Tommy Flores, preceded her in death in June, 1988.

Survivors include her mother; maternal grandfather, Joel Olivarez of Spearman; maternal grandmother, Evelina Luna of Big Spring; paternal grandparents, Homer and Bernice Flores of Spearman; and great-grandparents, Oscar and Rosa Rojas, Dora Olivarez, Elodia Flores and Pablo Torres, all of Spearman.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, April 11 from Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Spearman. Interment was in

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Hansford Cemetery under direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

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Carroll Cone

PHOENIX, Ariz. Carroll Cone, 81 of Black Canyon City, Ariz., died Tuesday, April 10 in a Phoenix hospital. Mr. Cone, a former Spearman resident, was the brother-in-law of Cleo Denman of Spearman.

He is survived by his wife Chloe of the home; two daughters, Barbara Dear-Matthews of Mesa, Ariz. and Phyllis Kennedy of Prince George, Canada; two sons, Wayne Cone of Littleton, Colo. and Trent Cone of Buckeye, Ariz.; two sisters; one brother; 15 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Hometown News

Pvt. 1st Class Paulino Lopez Jr. has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Stewart, Ga.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

He is a cannon crewman with the 14th Field Artillery.

Lopez is the son of Paul and Adela Lopez of Spearman, Texas.

The soldier is a 1984 graduate of Spearman High School.



Oil, gas figures released

January crude oil and natural gas production figures for Hansford County were released recently by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Total natural gas production in Hansford County during the month of January was 2,526,309 mcf (thousand cubic feet). A total of 31,133 barrels of oil were produced in Hansford County that month, according to the RRC.

Statewide, Texas crude oil production averaged 1,741,818 barrels daily in January, according to preliminary figures released by Railroad Commission Chairman Kent Hance. January 1989 preliminary production was 1,841,824 barrels daily.

This figure compares with preliminary December 1989 production of 1,675,160 barrels daily. Final production reports for December indicated average production at 1,697,929 barrels daily.

The preliminary Texas oil production figure for January is 53,996,346 barrels, up from 51,929,949 barrels in December. January 1989 preliminary Texas oil production figure was 57,096,548 barrels.

Hance said the state's top producing counties, rank ordered by preliminary January production, were: Gaines, 3,613,390 barrels; Andrews, 3,264,627 barrels; Ector, 3,184,691 barrels; Yoakum, 2,893,770 barrels; Hockley, 2,669,014 barrels; Gregg, 2,464,214 barrels; Pecos, 2,349,087 barrels; Crane, 1,579,411 barrels; Scurry, 1,275,365 barrels; and Kent, 957,313 barrels.

Hance announced that Texas oil and gas wells produced 487,105,568 mcf of gas in January, compared to the December gas production total of 473,034,908 mcf. January production was down 0.75 percent compared to January 1989 production of 492,831,941 mcf.

The state's top producing counties, rank ordered by preliminary January production were: Pecos, 28,940,077 mcf; Zapata, 25,448,941 mcf; Webb, 24,860,094 mcf; Panola, 17,596,333 mcf; Hidalgo, 15,569,865 mcf; Crane, 12,955,975 mcf; Hemphill, 10,083,088 mcf; Ector, 9,713,750 mcf; Crockett, 9,544,725 mcf; and McMullen, 8,675,637.

Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center's annual Radio-thon is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Local talent will be featured on radio station KRDF during the fund-raiser. A search is currently underway for any kind of talent for the Radio-thon. Anyone wishing to volunteer talent or who knows of anyone willing to perform should contact Brenda Wall at 659-3999 or the

Center at 659-3521. Some of the talent she has already lined up includes: Laquita Evans, Ciria Vela, Gwen Benson, Gloria Knox, Cyndi Pearson, Sue Fiel, Stan Cobb [Cowboy Jack], Eddie Gale Martin, Robin Castillo, Kathy Archer, Lessa Miesner, Sammie Goehring, Michelle Cook [Miss Hansford], Candy Boxwell, Marilyn Edwards, Brenda Whitford, Sparkie's Wild Turkeys Band and Servants of Faith.

Tax deferral available for elderly

Texans aged 65 or older can postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homesteads by taking advantage of a tax option called over-65 deferral. The elderly homeowner simply signs a deferral affidavit at the Hansford County Appraisal District office.

This special form of tax relief can also halt a lawsuit already filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's homestead, according to Alice Peddy, chief appraiser of the Hansford County Appraisal District. To stop a delinquent tax suit, Peddy said, the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending.

"This law means that, if the proper affidavit is on file, an older

homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Peddy said.

Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can initiate or pursue a suit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that homestead.

Peddy stressed, though, that tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the homestead; it does not cancel them. During the deferral period, taxes and delinquent interest continue to add up, she said. "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns or lives in the home, those accrued amounts become due. Taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred tax and interest."

While a penalty may not be imposed on the delinquent taxes during the deferral period, the filing of the deferral affidavit will not forgive penalties which were already due. Also, an additional penalty associated with referring the account to a delinquent tax attorney may be charged if taxes remain delinquent more than 90 days after the deferral ends.

Forms for filing a tax deferral affidavit are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Peddy said. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Hansford County Appraisal District, 709 West Seventh, Box 567, Spearman, Tx 79081 or by calling 659-5575 in Spearman or 733-5139 in Gruver.



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