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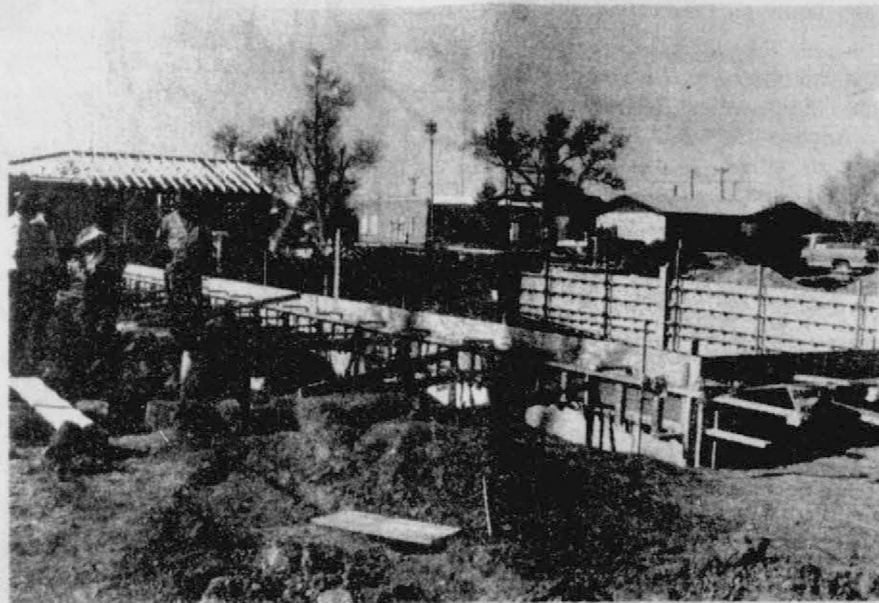
THE GRUVER STATESMAN, GRUVER, TEXAS 79040

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1985

## Cement poured for new swimming pool



Workers have installed the water system for the new Gruver swimming pool.



The new Gruver swimming pool was "poured" Wednesday of this week.

## Easter Egg Hunt

A city wide Easter egg hunt will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the practice football field for children ages 0 thru 1st grade. The hunt is sponsored by Alpha Mu Psi.



## Elementary & Junior High win district

The Gruver Elementary and Junior High Literary Team won the District Academic Contest which was held on March 23, at Booker, and March 30 at Borger. The district was new for Gruver but the team responded as they have in the past by winning for the 7th straight year. Final point totals were: Gruver 165; Booker 115; Wheeler 55; Follett 55; Darrouzett 20; Miami 20; Briscoe 10; Allison 5; Kelton 5; Higgins 0; Mobeetie 0.

The students and teachers are to be congratulated for hours of preparatory work. It pays off in awards and recognition for our school. Individual participants and winners were:

Oral Reading: Amanda Hiller; Kevin Babbs; Gretchen Lowder; Eva Babbs; Cindy Barkley, 4th place; Jeanne Potts, 5th place; Christy Brown; Krista Stedje.

Spelling and Plain Writing: Ashley Wagner, 1st place; Gretchen Lowder, 6th place; Jennifer Hart; Luke Miller; Tony Sotelo, 4th place; Todd Shapley, 6th place; Anne Marquez; Denise Lopez.

Ready Writing: Expressive-Gretchen Lowder, 2nd place; Amanda Hiller, 3rd place; Marci Roberts; Katie Williams. Expository-Manda Winger, 2nd place; Brent Stedje, 5th place; Theron Park.

Number Sense: Jennifer Hart, 2nd place; Katie Williams, 4th place; J.J. Renteria; Lee Bort; Grent Wagner, 4th place; James Villalobos; Vance Scarbrough; Joe Sotelo.

Story Telling: Kenton Odom; Hart Derington; Traci Smith; Janyth Hart.

Picture Memory-2nd Place Team: Kenny Slough; Tera Boyd; Stacey Bruns; Cinnamon Martin; Benny McClenagan; Shannon Pool; Traci Crawford.

Impromptu Speaking: Katrina Bratton, 1st place; Manda Winger, 2nd place; Debbie Hathaway, 4th place; Shelley Stedje.

Modern Oratory: Shelley Stedje, 1st place; Jennifer Pries, 2nd place; Amy Sparks, 3rd place; Theron Park.

Personal writing: Cora Meyer, 1st place; Cody Barkley, 2nd place; Jennifer Baker, 3rd place; Traci Crawford.

Music Memory-2nd place team: Amanda Hiller, Chris Kauffman, Cuca Marquez, Marci Roberts, Gretchen Lowder and Kevin Babbs.

## GHS wins UIL Literary Meet

Gruver High School participated March 23rd at Booker and March 30th at Frank Phillips College in the U.I.L. 2-A competition. Twenty-one students placed, with thirteen eligible to participate at the Regional Meet in Levelland. A total of 160 points were gathered by these outstanding students. As always, the administration, teachers, and parents are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our students.

The Gruver High School U.I.L. Team won the Literary Meet.

The following students will compete at the Regional Contest in Levelland, April 13th: Jackie Sparks, 1st Informative Speaking; Kelon Morley, 1st Science; Carrie Hart, 2nd Persuasive Speaking; Holly Holt, 2nd Science; Andrea Whitaker, 2nd Prose Reading; Dee Dee Womack, 2nd Informative Speaking; Scott Duncan, 2nd Calculator; Joby White, 2nd Feature Writing and 2nd Editorial Writing; Brian Gillispie, 2nd Number Sense;

Pam Doty, 3rd Persuasive Speaking; Viva Renner, 3rd Ready Writing and 3rd Editorial Writing; Sally Holt, 3rd typing and Debbie Burton, 3rd Spelling.

The following students placed in the Literary Meet but are not eligible to attend the Regional Contest: Malissa Fairbanks, 1st 9th Oral Reading; Ron Green, 2nd 9th Oral Reading; Rebecca Dillow, 4th Poetry Interpretation, alternate; Linda Vasquez, 4th Informative Speaking, alternate; Sharon Reynolds, 4th News Writing; Cheryl TeBeest, 5th Prose Interpretation; Viva Renner, 5th News Writing; Julie Deakin, 5th Persuasive Speaking; and Kip Pittman, 6th Editorial Writing.

The final point totals were: Gruver, 160 points; Follett, 105 points; Booker, 85 points; Wheeler, 60 points; Kelton, 45 points; Miami, 35 points; Briscoe, 10 points; Allison, 0 points; Darrouzett, 0 points; Higgins, 0 points; and Mobeetie, 0 points.

### OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

CITY ELECTION  
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(ELECCION DE LA CUIDAD)  
 (CIUDAD DE GRUVER, TEXAS)

INSTRUCTION NOTE (Nota de instruccion): Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "x" in the square beside the candidate's name. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada candidatura poniendo una "x" en el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato).

For MAYOR — Vote for one (1):  
 Para ALCALDE — Vote for uno (1):

J. C. Harris

For COMMISSIONER — Vote for one (1):  
 Para COMISIONADO — Vote for uno (1):

Roy Byrd

April 6, 1985  
 16 de Abril de 1985

### TRUSTEE ELECTION GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (ELECCION DE REGENTES) (DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE GRUVER)

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For TRUSTEE — Vote for two (2):  
 Para REGENTE — Vote por dos (2):

Billy Logsdon Jr.

Tony Shapley



“He Is Risen!”

### Estimated taxes due April 15

Some wage earners and other individuals who have income other than wages may be required to file estimated tax payments, the Internal Revenue Service says. The due date for the first quarterly estimated tax payment for 1985 is April 15.

You are liable for filing a declaration of estimated tax if you have income not subject to withholding of more than \$500 and you expect to owe at least \$400 on next year's return. The IRS states that you are also liable if you expect to owe at least \$400 and your gross income is more than: \$20,000 - if you file as single, head of household, or qualifying widow or widower.

\$10,000 - if you are married, can file a joint declaration, and both of you have received wages for 1985.

\$5,000 - if you are married and cannot file a joint declaration.

Just like withholding by employers, the IRS says, estimated taxes are paid in advance of the actual tax return, Form 1040, due for the year. Estimated taxes are normally paid in four installments, and there is a substantial penalty for underpayment of estimated taxes.

For 1985 returns, the three other estimated tax installment dates are: June 17, 1985; September 16, 1985; and January 15, 1986.

### Texas Aggie Muster planned

Former students and friends of Texas A&M University will assemble in Borger April 21st for the annual Texas Aggie Muster. The Muster activities will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a luncheon to be held at the Prime Rib Restaurant in Borger. The luncheon will be followed by the Muster ceremony and a program. All former students, their families, and friends of Texas A&M University are invited to attend.

The Aggie Muster dates back to the mid-1880's and has been held annually since. During wars, the Aggies mustered in foxholes, on the battlefield, aboard ships, in airplanes, and in hospitals. During

World War II, a Muster was held on Corregidor Island shortly before the Japanese captured the island.

Every Muster ceremony is the same. The Texas Aggies pay their respect to their nation, the state of Texas, their University, and to those who are absent, because of death, since the last Muster. When the names of the honored dead are called from the Muster Roll, a friend answers, "Here". More than 500 Musters will be held around the world this year on April 21st, wherever Texas A&M former students live and work.

Anyone wishing information about the Muster may call the officers of the High Plains A&M Club at 273-6036 or 878-2240.

## Miss Hansford County Contest

This year's Miss Hansford Contest will be held on Saturday, May 4, in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Any girls who will be sixteen by that date, but who has not yet turned twenty-one is eligible to compete. There will be a Coke Party held for all those interested in participating, and the date will be announced shortly.

The Miss Hansford Escort Contest will again be held in conjunction with this year's pageant. This contest is open to any girls and boys, but will be limited to ten couples. The first ten couples to

have their entry blanks turned in to Jackie Pearson at Kid's Stuff will be accepted. These entry blanks may be picked up from Kid's Stuff

anytime during business hours beginning Monday, March 25. The age limits on the contest are that

the children be at least four by the date of the contest, but not yet six.

Anyone interested in participating in either of these contests should contact either Jackie Pearson at 659-2608 or Judy Nelson at 659-3424 or 659-3608 for more information.




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**Library News**

As our thoughts turn toward the Easter week-end, many books of inspiration come to mind. Two authors who are well read in the inspirational section are Helen Steiner Rice and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. *Loving Thoughts* by Helen Steiner Rice is a collection of outstanding poems that have never before been published. Vibrant, worshipful, and joyous, every poem is certain to refresh your faith as Mrs. Rice draws your attention to God's love, mercy, and limitless blessings. Allow these precious treasures, shared from her heart, to enrich your faith.

Like the proverbial apple a day, a good daily dose of encouragement can keep you happy and healthy and full of enthusiasm. In *Have A Great Day*, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale shares 366 simple yet powerful daily meditations that will energize you with the spirit of strong-willed optimism. Brief in format but colossal in impact, Dr. Peale's "spirit lifters" will dispel your doubts and fears and help you persevere and thrive in all your pursuits. You're sure to be blessed, enlightened, motivated, and enriched by these daily vitamins for character growth. One of Dr. Peale's daily "gems" is as follows: "Don't you know the world is full of problems?" asked the negative thinker. "But the world is also full of the overcoming of problems," replied the positive thinker.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
More information about the Summer reading program will be forthcoming! We plan to have a very exciting and productive reading program for our youth, so be looking for more details soon!

**TIRED OF PAYING HIGH PRICES FOR BOOKS?**

Please be aware that any book you might need or want is probably just a phone call away. Interlibrary Loan is a service available to you, and the only expense to you will be the postage to return the book when you have read it. Take advantage of this outstanding service to our patrons.

**VISIT...VISIT...VISIT**  
Perhaps you are not aware of the "treasures" on the shelves of your community library. Library hours are 2:00-6:00, Monday thru Friday. **OPEN DOOR...INSERT FOOT... FILL YOUR MIND!**

**Tech honor roll students**

More than 1,800 students at Texas Tech University qualified for the president's and dean's honor rolls in the university's six colleges during the 1984 fall semester.

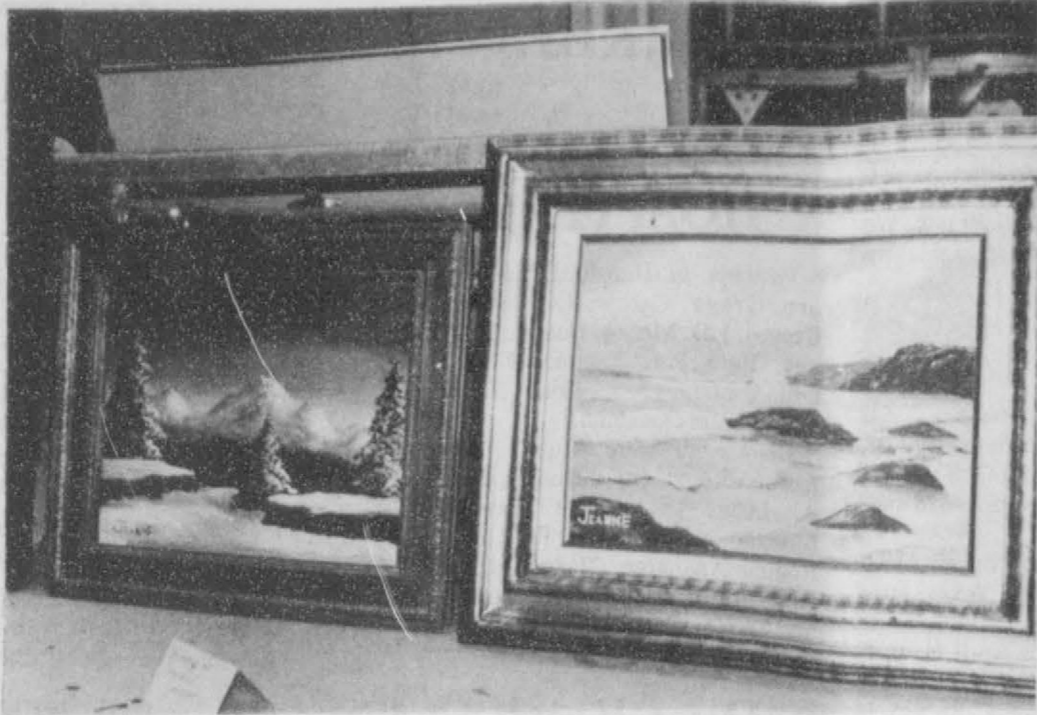
To make the President's Honor List, a student must earn a perfect 4.0 (A) grade-point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. For the Dean's Honor List, a student must finish 12 or more semester hours with a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

Students making the honor rolls included the following from Gruver: Richard Schad, Douglas Garrett, Jody Bradford, and Roy Gammon, all on the dean's list.

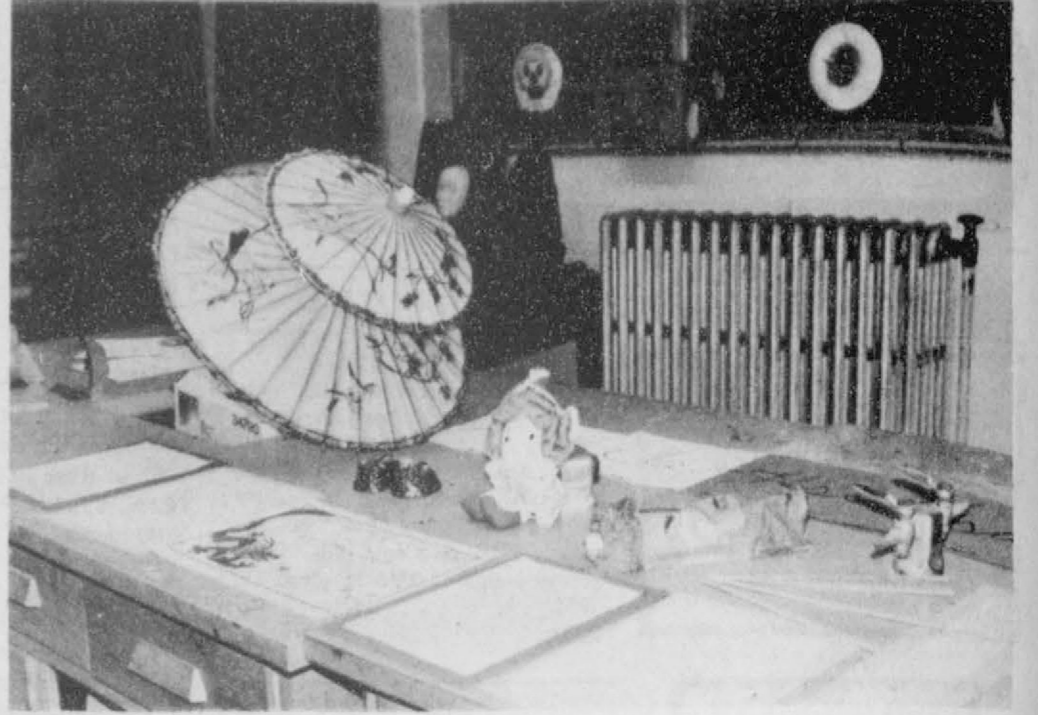
**Scholarship offered**

The Anadarko Basin Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) is offering a scholarship to interested high school seniors or college undergraduates planning on pursuing a degree in Geological or Petroleum Engineering. To qualify, the applicant must be a resident of one of the counties included in the Anadarko Basin Section, and have a scholastic grade point average of B or above. Details are available in many local high school counselor's offices or can be obtained by contacting Brian Powers at (316) 624-6241 Ext. 347. The deadline for applicants is April 20, 1985, and the scholarship recipient will be notified by May 1 1985.

No candidate polled a majority of the popular vote in the 1824 election between Andrew Jackson and John Quincy Adams because the Democratic-Republicans were a loose coalition of competing groups. Adams was elected by the House of Representatives. By 1828, the supporters of Andrew Jackson became known as Democrats, and John Quincy Adams' and Henry Clay's backers were Republicans.



Pictured are two paintings by Jeanne Potts that were displayed at the Junior High Open House.



Pictured is a display from the gifted and talented art class at the Gruver Junior High Open House.

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## Southwestern Bell Telephone's

### Pair Frogger "Leaps" over timely repairs

"Bone's Pair Frogger" is not an old-time elixir sold by traveling medicine men. Instead, it's an invention of a Southwestern Bell Telephone employee that can cure customer service ailments 16 times faster than other remedies.

Ron Bone, a manager in the company's Dallas network operation, has invented a device called a "pair frogger" that can reduce the amount of time needed to restore a customer's dial tone from four hours to 15 minutes.

The pair frogger basically is a cord with a plug at each end—simple in design but electronically sophisticated. The device allows a telephone company employee to quickly find a working pair of wires to serve a customer when the original pair of wires develops a problem.

The invention also will cut down on Southwestern Bell expenses and help improve productivity, benefiting the company's customers.

The pair frogger and its use seem like a simple matter. However, Bone's invention was four years in the making. And he wasn't the only one to address the problem. Several other employees sought ways to expedite the response time to restoring a customer's dial tone.

"I look back and ask myself why I didn't think of the solution sooner," Bone says. "But it was a difficult problem to resolve because of the technical needs."

The unusual name for the invention came about the time Bone was making the first model. A couple of telephone terms coupled with a chance view of a frog caricature sealed the name.

"Pair refers to the wires serving a particular customer. 'Frogging' in telephone jargon refers to jumping from one pair of wires to another.

When Bone's wife received a set of lapel buttons in the mail

from the American Society, the name was born.

"One of those buttons had a caricature of a frog on it," Bone remembers. "When I saw that, the name 'pair frogger' seemed to fit perfectly.

"The pair frogger provides a way to bypass specific tasks which in the past have been required before service could be established or restored," Bone explains.

The invention allows a central office technician to "leap frog" from faulty wires serving a customer to a working line.

"From the time the problem was reported to the time dial tone service was restored used to take four hours," Bone said. "Now service can be restored in 15 minutes."

The invention will be used throughout Texas and the other four states served by Southwestern Bell. The technology soon will be available to other local telephone companies.

Bone is cultivating other ideas for the telephone company.

"A lot of employees have ideas that could save Southwestern Bell time and money, and enable the company to provide better service for its customers," Bone indicates. "I'm glad to see the company encouraging such ingenuity."

## Snippets

U.S. government agencies responsible for weather and related communications have used women's names to identify major tropical storms since 1953. A U.S. proposal that both male and female names be adopted for hurricanes starting in 1979 was accepted by a committee of the World Meteorological Organization. Male and female names are now used alternately.

## Property renditions due May 1

Alice Peddy, chief appraiser for Hansford County Appraisal District, reminds district residents that property renditions must be in the appraisal office before May 1.

A rendition lists taxable property on a special form available at the appraisal office, and can include the owner's opinion of the property's value. Anyone who on January 1 owns or manages tangible personal property used to produce income must render that property for taxation. Examples of personal property which must be rendered are business inventories, office furniture and fixtures and business vehicles.

Property owners must file renditions with the chief appraiser of the county appraisal district in which the property is located. The chief appraiser may also require a person to render any other taxable property that he owns or manages, by delivering written notice of the rendition requirement and an appropriate rendition form.

Although Texas law doesn't require the average property owner to render a home or personal property not used to produce income, anyone may voluntarily file a rendition with the appraisal district.

Rendition is a means for the taxpayer to record his opinion of his property's value. By rendering the property, the owner also gains the advantage of being sure he'll get notice if a higher value is placed on the property by the appraisal office, allowing the owner time to protest the value to the appraisal review board.

Any taxpayer who believes that his property's value has decreased during the preceding tax year, for any reason other than normal depreciation, may make a "report of decreased value" to the chief appraiser. This report describes the property and states the nature and cause of the decrease.

Forms for renditions and the report of decreased value may be

obtained from the Hansford County Appraisal District office. Anyone filing a rendition or report must include all the information requested on the form, and it must be signed by the property owner or authorized agent.

When rendering property, it is not necessary to state a market value for it, Mrs. Peddy said. She also said that renditions and property reports are confidential and not open to public inspection.

The forms should be filed with Mrs. Peddy before May 1 at the appraisal district office, 709 West 7th, Spearman. For more information, call 659-5575 or 733-5139.

## Keep your dogs up

The City would like to remind residents that during this time of year, the City receives numerous complaints about dogs running at large. The City is already receiving complaints in the South part of town.

If you own a dog, the dog must be kept on your property and must have a city dog tag. The tags can be purchased at the City Hall. State Law provides that all animals must be vaccinated against rabies.

Please see that your animal is complying with the law. This will save you fines which will be the result of your dog running at large.

When Janet Gaynor won the first actress Oscar in 1927, Emil Jannings got the first best actor award for his performance in "The Way of All Flesh."

Michigan has two names, the "Great Lake State" and the "Wolverine State."

The African nation of Burundi's ethnic makeup consists of 85 percent Hutu, 14 percent Tutsi and 1 percent Twa.

Lenin (Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov) died on Jan. 21, 1924.

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## Karen's Kozy Korner

### DECORATIVE TILES ADD CREATIVITY

Decorative tiles are showing up in what were once considered unconventional places. They are no longer to be found only on counters and back splashes or baths and showers.

Using decorative tiles for baseboards is different yet highly practical too. Insets on cabinet doors to match counter tiles also make a nice effect. Other new uses for tiles include lining door facings, outlining windows and covering fire boxes. With the popularity of houseplants, ceramic tiles are also a natural waterproof way to cover window seats and tables.

Ceramic tiles may be used in a single pattern or a combination of patterns which create a new art form. There are now full wall patterns creating a scenic or floral effect which are adjustable according to wall size. The scope of your creativity is really the only limit on using tiles.

Our proximity to Mexico makes Mexican hand-painted tiles a

Southwest favorite. The tiles are handmade and hand painted and are often a bit out of square and slightly pillowed or warped. Mexican tiles are reasonably priced and can be installed by homeowners themselves.

The greatest producers of ceramic tiles are the Italians. Their tiles are usually 8 by 8 inches and vary from the strictly machine-made to the more expensive, decorative hand-painted variety. Most of the Italian tiles can be used for floors as well as counters and walls. The floor tiles are rated by the manufacturers as to the toughness of their glazes - residential, light commercial and heavy commercial.

Beautiful decorative tiles are also produced in Holland, Portugal and Spain. They are an old art form that is finding new expression in contemporary American homes.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

### Confusing?

Teenager to his father: "But Dad, I've got to be a nonconformist-how else can I be like the other kids?"

-Record, Columbia, S.C.

"In God we trust," designated as the U.S. national motto by Congress in 1956, originated during the Civil War as an inscription on U.S. coins, although it was used by Francis Scott Key in a slightly different form when he wrote "The Star Spangled Banner." In the anthem, Key wrote: "In God is our trust."

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## WHAT IS A TAX RENDITION?

This public service message from the State Property Tax Board, local taxing authorities and this newspaper explains the process.

A rendition is a report a taxpayer makes which lists the taxable property he owned or managed and controlled on January 1, 1985. A rendition also gives a taxpayer the opportunity to record his own opinion of what the value of his property should be.

Not every taxpayer has to file a rendition, but there are important reasons why a taxpayer may wish to do so.

Renditions must be filed: (1) for all tangible personal property used to produce income; or (2) on any other taxable property if required by the chief appraiser.

Renditions may be filed by any taxpayer who wishes to preserve certain valuable rights.

Even if you aren't required to prepare and file a rendition on your property, there are several good reasons why you should do so:

- By filing a rendition, you have placed on record your own opinion of your property's value.
- You create a responsibility on the part of the chief appraiser and the appraisal review board to notify you if they intend to increase the value of your property by any amount over the value you rendered. Further, you have the right to protest to the appraisal review board either the increase in value or any other decision affecting the taxability of your property.
- You place your correct mailing address on record, thus ensuring receipt of tax bills. If your tax bill goes to an old or wrong address, you may be liable for penalty and interest if your taxes are paid late.

Besides a rendition, you may also file a special form called a "report of decreased value," if the value of your property decreased during the preceding tax year for any reason other than normal depreciation. The appraisal office will inspect the property to verify any reported change in appraised value and its cause.

You should file renditions and other property reports with the county appraisal district office any time from January 1 through April 30. The appraisal district has rendition forms available for various types of property, as well as other property report forms.

Your appraisal district can also give you a free copy of the Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities pamphlet which explains exemptions, appeal rights, and other details of the local property tax system in Texas. Or contact the State Property Tax Board in Austin.

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Phone 659-5575

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State Property Tax Board  
Box 15900  
Austin 78761-5900



## ¿QUE ES UNA RENDICION?

Este anuncio de servicio público de parte de la Oficina Estatal de Impuestos sobre la Propiedad (State Property Tax Board), los gobiernos locales y este periódico explica el proceso de las rendiciones.

La rendición es un informe de parte del propietario acerca de la propiedad bajo su control sujeta a los impuestos desde el 1º de enero del año en curso. También de esta manera el contribuyente puede registrar su opinión en cuanto al valor de su propiedad.

Aunque no se requiere rendición en todos los casos, hay ventajas por las cuales usted debería hacerla.

Se requiere rendiciones para (1) toda propiedad de bienes muebles tangibles (tangible personal property) que se utiliza en la producción de ingreso y (2) propiedad de bienes raíces (real property) exigida de parte del evaluador principal.

Se permite rendición de cualquier contribuyente quien quiera proteger ciertos derechos importantes.

Aunque no se requiere una rendición en cuanto a su propiedad, hay varias ventajas por las cuales debería hacerla:

- Al hacer una rendición, usted registra su opinión acerca del valor de su propiedad.
- Usted crea la responsabilidad de parte del evaluador principal y la junta de revisión de valuación (appraisal review board) para que le notifiquen si ellos tienen la intención de aumentar el valor de su propiedad sobre el valor que usted estimó.
- Usted establece su domicilio correcto, lo cual asegura el recibo de sus cuentas de impuestos. Incluso si su cuenta de impuestos se envía a un domicilio erróneo, usted será responsable de la multa e interés que acompañan un pago tarde.

Además, usted puede registrar un informe especial, el cual se llama informe de valor reducido, si acaso el valor de su propiedad disminuye por motivos fuera de la depreciación normal. El distrito de valuación (appraisal district) inspeccionará la propiedad para verificar tanto el cambio del valor registrado como su origen y características.

Las rendiciones y otros informes de propiedad deberían registrarse con la oficina del distrito de valuación de su condado entre el 1º de enero y el 30 de abril.

Los formularios de rendición para los diferentes tipos de propiedades y esos para registrar propiedades se encuentran disponibles en la oficina del distrito de valuación. Su distrito de valuación ofrece copias gratuitas del folleto, "Los Derechos, los Remedios y las Responsabilidades del Contribuyente a los Impuestos", el cual explica las exenciones, los derechos de protesta y otros detalles del sistema de impuestos sobre la propiedad en Texas. También puede ponerse en contacto con la Oficina Estatal de Impuestos sobre la Propiedad.

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## Surprise snow blankets area

Where else but in the Texas Panhandle can you have 70 plus degrees one day and snow the following night? Snow began falling Friday night in Spearman and fell most of the day Saturday. About two inches of snow had accumulated Saturday morning but most of it melted as it fell the rest of the day.

A hard freeze Sunday morning took care of apricot and peach trees that were in full bloom. Most of the cherry trees had not bloomed.

## Haying & grazing approved for county

Any producer who wishes to hay or graze their set-aside acres, after May 15th, must sign a request to do so with the Hansford County ASCS office. A \$10.00 field visit fee

will be required. This request must be filed before May 15, 1985. If you have any questions contact the ASCS office.

### Museum Needs

1. Money
2. Pioneer dresses
3. Old children's clothes
4. Rope bottom chairs
5. Old pine table (small) for Kitchen. May be a home-made one.
6. Wall blackboard from old school.

### Organization against forced school consolidation

Spokesmen for Texans for Local Control of Public Education Wednesday urged members of the House Public Education Committee to approve a proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit forced consolidation of Texas' school districts.

"On paper, consolidation may be better, but in long term reality, it is not better -- educationally or economically," said Joe Atkinson, member of the board of trustees of Hunt Independent School District and secretary of TLCP.

Atkinson said that TLCP, a statewide organization of more than 600 members including more than 200 school districts, strongly supports the proposed amendment, House Joint Resolution 33, sponsored by Rep. Bill Haley, D-Center. He added that advocates of consolidation overlook that in small school districts, such as Hunt ISD, the school is the focal point of the community.

"The community calendar is framed around school," he said. "It is the foundation of our community on which all activities are based. If the foundation is taken away the heart of our community will be gone."

Dr. Eli Douglas, superintendent of Garland Independent School District and president of TLCP, said that most consolidation movements have been directed toward small, rural school districts, but that opposition to consolidation is shared by school districts of all sizes and geographic location.

Douglas said that research shows that small districts generally have smaller pupil-teacher ratios, greater student retention rates, greater levels of student satisfaction, higher opportunities for student participation in school-related activities, a higher degree of individual attention toward students, and a much larger percentage of students who hold positions of importance and responsibility.

## Ag-Use valuation can bring tax relief

Is the land you own being used for agricultural purposes? If it is, then you may be eligible for tax relief on that property.

According to Alice Peddy, chief appraiser of the Hansford County Appraisal District, landowners can apply for special lower valuation of their land based on what it will produce rather than what it would sell for in the open market.

Landowners should apply before May 1 this year for any property to receive agricultural-use valuation, or for open-space land valuation of any property that did not receive that type of appraisal in 1984. Applications made after May 1 and until the appraisal records are approved are subject to penalty for late filing.

Mrs. Peddy said that the legal basis for special land appraisal is in the Texas Constitution in Art. 8, Secs. 1-d and 1-d-1. "The two types of land and valuation are commonly called ag-use or 1-d and open-space or 1-d-1," she added.

"The requirements for application and for qualification of both the land and the owner are different for the two types of appraisal," Mrs. Peddy said.

For 1-d ag-use valuation, the owner must apply to the chief appraiser each year. The land must be owned by a "natural person," not a corporation, partnership, agency or organization; the land must have been devoted exclusively to agricultural use for at least three years before the year application is first made; and the agricultural business conducted on the land must be the owner's primary occupation and source of income.

Also, the chief appraiser must determine that the landowner qualifies and must approve the application. The owner has to file a sworn statement each year he applies, attesting to the land's agricultural use.

For the other type of land valuation, 1-d-1 open-space, the land

may be owned by an individual, corporation or partnership, and the agricultural business need not be the principal business of the owner. Agricultural and timber lands and ecological laboratories are eligible for 1-d-1 appraisal.

However, the land must be involved in qualifying agricultural use to the degree of intensity generally accepted in the area; it must have been devoted principally to a qualifying use for at least five of the preceding seven years; and, again, the chief appraiser must approve the application.

Once the chief appraiser approves an application for 1-d-1 valuation, the landowner need not apply again as long as the land qualifies, unless the chief appraiser requests another application to confirm current qualifications.

Mrs. Peddy also pointed out the possibility for a "rollback tax" under either form of special land valuation. This liability for additional tax is created under 1-d valuation either by sale of the land or by a change in use of the land. The rollback extends back to the three tax years prior to the year in which the changes or sale occurs.

Under 1-d-1, a rollback is triggered only by a change in use to a nonagricultural purpose that would not qualify for productivity valuation. Taxes are recaptured for the five years preceding the year of the change.

The additional tax is measured, Mrs. Peddy said, by the difference between taxes paid under productivity valuation provisions and the taxes that would have been paid if the land had been put on the tax roll at market value.

Mrs. Peddy noted that owners of agriculture lands located in more than one appraisal district must apply for productivity valuation with each district. Failure to do so could result in one or more taxing

units taxing the land on its full market value.

More information and application forms are available from the appraisal district office. Personnel there will be able to assist landowners with the information necessary to determine if their property qualifies for the special valuation. The office is located at 709 West 7th, Spearman, Texas and open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Sesquicentennial committee to meet

Albert Graves, chairman of the Hansford County Sesquicentennial committee announced that the committee will meet Thursday noon, April 4 at Cattleman's Restaurant. Plans are to discuss more detail plans for Hansford County for 1986 celebration.

Everyone is urged to attend.

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### CC's Closet opens here

A new business opened last week in Spearman. Carolyn Collier has opened CC's Closet at Chalor's.

Carolyn, the wife of Ted Collier, is an accomplished seamstress. She makes her own clothes, as well as those of her daughter and grandson.

Nostalgia is the process of being able to recall spawling in a summer field and the ability to forget the ants beneath you.

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She will be selling caftans, coverups, casual patio and at home attire as well as cotton summer dresses.

Stop by and visit with Carolyn and see these lovely creations.

The boss grumps that when he asked us to give the job everything we had he didn't realize we were in bankruptcy effortwise.

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### Spearman Moose Lodge

5th Annual

### Easter Egg Hunt!!

Sat. April 6th, 10:00 a.m.

East of High School

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6 and under 7-10 11-14

3 Prizes in each group.

All Hansford County Children Welcome



### Moose Lodge sponsors Easter Egg Hunt

The Moose Lodge will sponsor their 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 6th, at 10:00 a.m. In case of rain, it will be held Sunday at 2:00 p.m. There will be 3 prizes in each of two age groups,

6 and under, and 7 and over.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held east of the High School in Spearman.

All children in Hansford County are welcome.

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## LAND PRODUCTIVITY VALUATION



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The Texas Property Tax Code provides a form of tax relief for farmers and ranchers. If you qualify, your agricultural land will be taxed on its productive value rather than its market value. Productivity valuation may lower the 1985 taxes on your agricultural or open-space land.

If your land has never received open-space (1-d-1) valuation, or if your land has been receiving agricultural (1-d) valuation, you must apply to the appraisal district office before May 1 this year to get tax relief for 1985.

If your land received open-space (1-d-1) valuation in 1984, you will not need to reapply for 1985 unless required by the chief appraiser. Remember, however, that the law requires annual applications for agricultural (1-d) valuation.

For additional information, contact the appraisal district office at the address shown below:

HANSFORD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

Alice Peddy

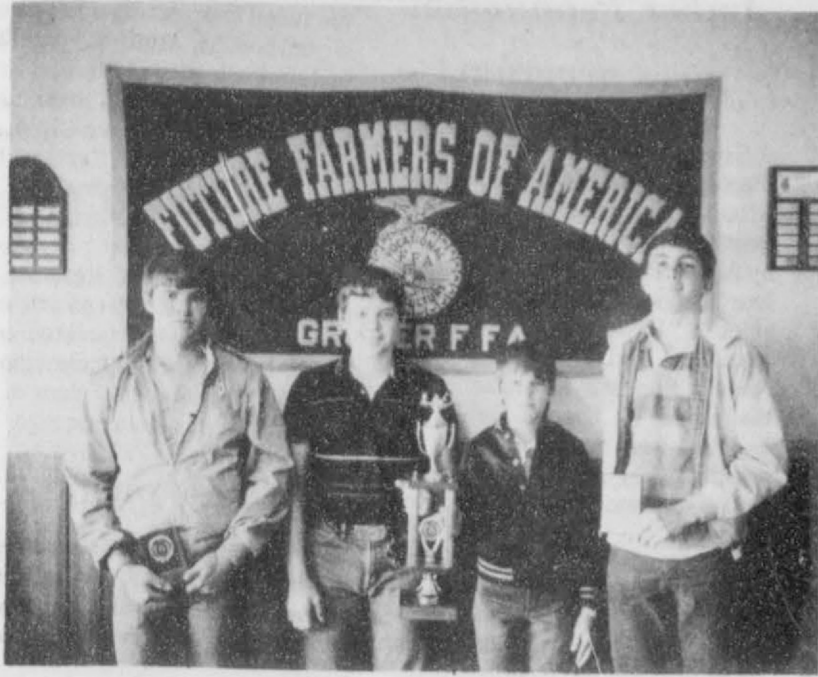
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The Gruver Livestock Team was 1st out of 43 teams at the contest held at Clarendon. Members of the team are, left to right: Gregg Haight, Chris Morris, Slavin Sparks and Tim Stedje.



Trey Roberts won 1st place in the Entomology Contest held at Clarendon.

## Gruver citizens raise funds for public pool

By SCOTT BLACKWELL  
Globe-News Staff Writer

GRUVER — When Gruver City Manager Jim Ratliff told citizens last spring if they wanted a new public pool they would have to raise the money for it, he wasn't very optimistic.

Ratliff said an appropriate pool would cost at least \$200,000. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department might offer a grant to pay for half of the cost. But the city had no funds for a pool, he said, so at least half of the project would have to be financed through donations.

So, spurred by a city council committee, citizens dug deep into their pockets and raised the necessary \$100,000.

The \$100,000 was accepted in December. But after the low construction bid was accepted in January, the price tag rose to \$240,000. And since, citizens have pledged an additional \$40,000 to take care of the price increase.

"It's a generous little town," said Ila Jo Hart, head of the 20-member swimming pool finance committee that has been calling and visiting Gruver residents asking for donations since last spring. Ratliff said Gruver raises

about \$110,000 in ad valorem taxes per year.

"I think it's really something because people realized that their children and other kids needed a place to learn how to swim," Mrs. Hart said. "Last summer, I didn't think we'd make it, but we did."

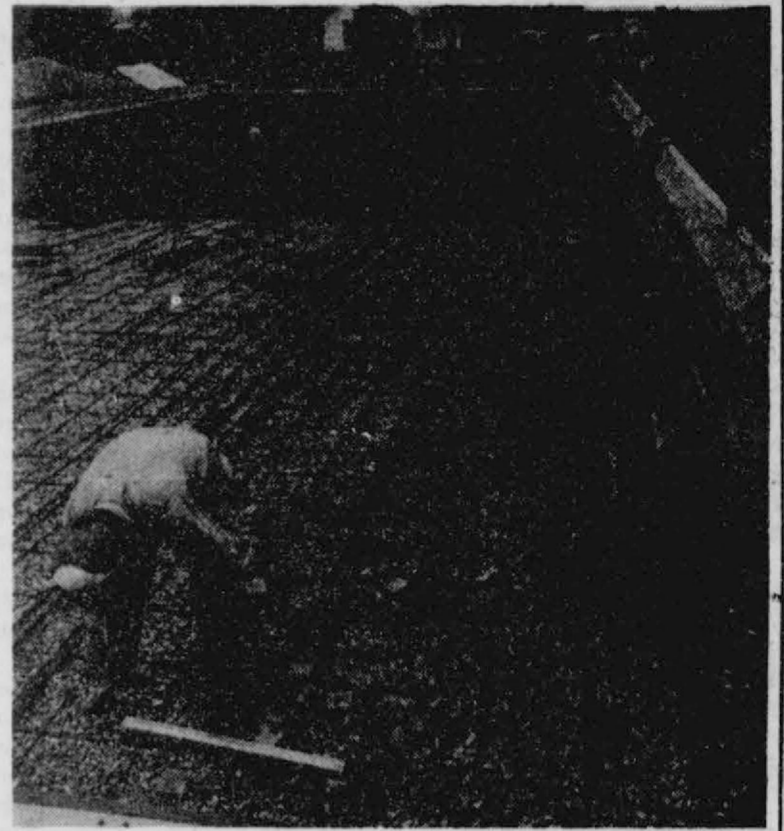
She said Gruver lost its only public pool four years ago when an indoor facility at the high school developed a leak that would have cost nearly as much to fix as building a new pool.

Since the indoor pool closed, she said, Gruver residents have had to drive to Spearman to swim. The old pool will be filled in and converted to a community center, Ratliff said.

"I was surprised," he said. "I told other city officials that the city would request a \$100,000 grant from Parks and Wildlife because I thought that was all they (citizens) could raise. I didn't ask for \$120,000 because I didn't have that kind of faith in the town."

But Ratliff was pleasantly surprised.

The pool, Ratliff said, is of a 25-meter design, or 35 feet by 85 feet, with two diving boards and a separate 10-foot by 20-foot wading pool. The facility also will include a

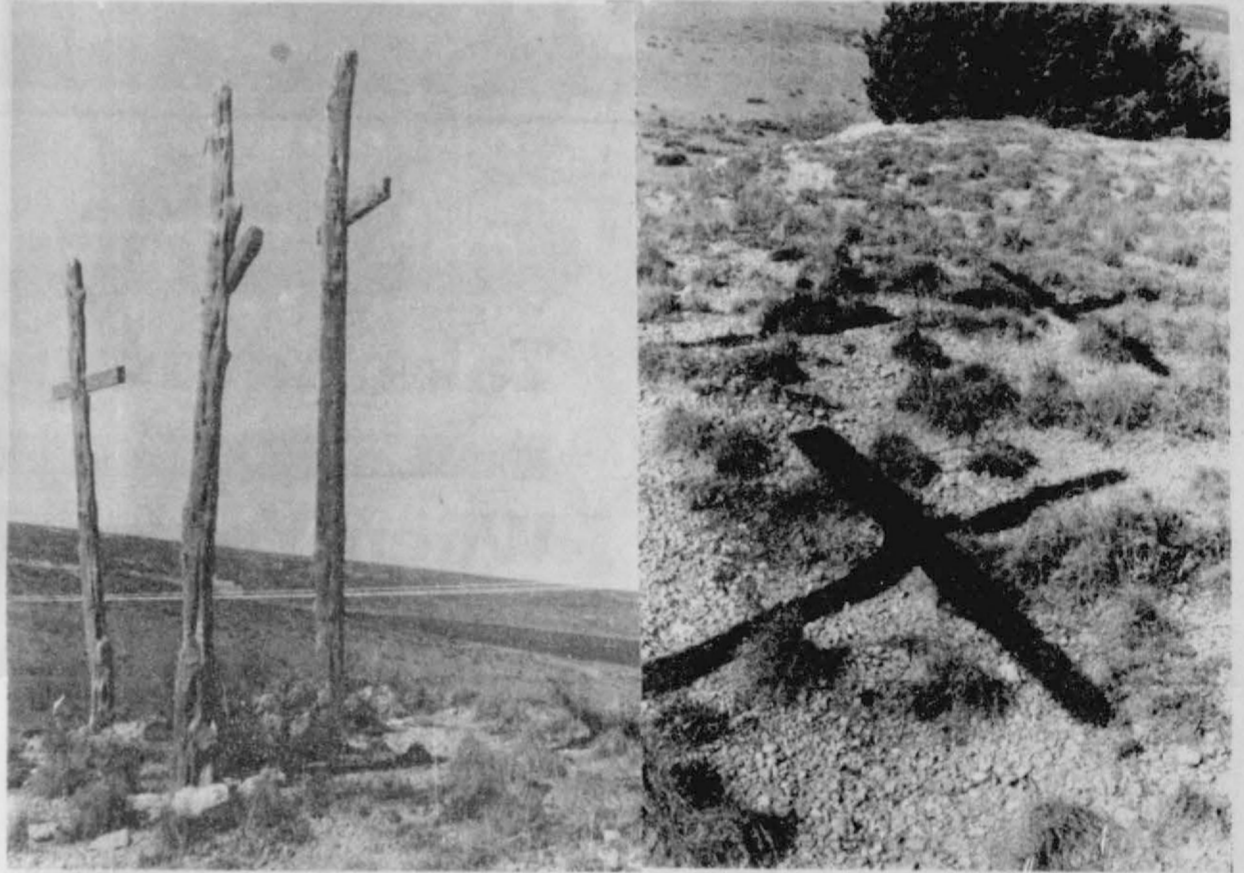


—Staff photo by SCOTT BLACKWELL

Swimming hole ... new pool takes shape.

bathhouse, he said. Wiley Hicks Jr. Inc. of Amarillo is building the pool in the city park. It is scheduled to be completed by May 1. Ratliff said the pool should be open by June 1.

**"Up from the grave"**



## Goat shares purchasers thanked

The Agriculture Committee of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following for participating in the Goat Share and helping the boys and girls that did not make the show.

Hergert Pontiac, Buick, GMC, Brown, Graham & Co., Billy Britt Jarvis Law Office, The Desk Set, Claudine's Creation, Mr. and Mrs. Willard McCloy, Craig and Judy Solomon, Erlis Pittman, Bob Pearson, Bernice Clawson, Cecil and Margaret Ralston, Paul Woolley, Stephen Zuberbueler, Turner and Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Hix Spivey, A.M. Whitefield, Betty Lookingbill, Lynn and Jan Stedje, James Stedje, Jack Gillispie, Holt and Stavlo Trucking, Dan Ralston, David Armes, Joe and Linda Veneman, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stedje, Bill Pittman, Hutchinson County Farm Bureau/Oran Burton, Del-

bert McCloy, Mr. and Mrs. Fran Haefner, Buddy Lowe, Jr., Karen Sparks, John Knudson, Bill and Dorothy Cator, Gary and Connie York, Brice and Martha McRee, KRDF-FM, Berlin and Ludene Beck, Spearman Equity, Sparks Bros., Drilling, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Spivey, Gruver Lumber Co., H & H Water Well Svcs, Unusual Collections, Lee Phillips, Toby Phillips, Kool Machine, Don Allen, Steve Groce, J and C Applicators, Jim Turner, Consumer Sales Co., Gene Harris, H and H Oil Field Service, Lewis Mize and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lieb, Double C Feed Personal Service, Burt and Lynell Williams, A & L Printing, Kauffman and Payne Inc., Gruver Redi-Mix, H & M Hot Oil Service, Terry Butt, Medford DeCamp, Richard and Wanda Wagner, Spearman Reporter and Spearman Pizza Hut.

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## Lunch Menu

LUNCH MENU  
APRIL 9-12  
MONDAY  
No School  
TUESDAY

Pigs-in-blanket  
Corn  
Fruit  
Cheese sticks  
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Chicken patties  
Mixed vegetables  
Mashed potatoes  
Fruit cobbler  
Hot rolls  
Milk

THURSDAY

Spaghetti w/meat  
Tossed salad  
Applesauce  
Hot bread  
Milk

FRIDAY

Hamburgers  
Tater tots  
Lettuce, Cheese, Pickles  
Cookies  
Milk

Calendar  
of Events

GRUVER HIGH SCHOOL  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1 - \*Golf - Booker; FHA-7 p.m.  
April 2 - \*Golf - Spearman; PTA - 7  
p.m. - Kindergarten  
April 4 - In-Service Day - Perryton

## Students get

## Easter holiday

April 5-8 - EASTER HOLIDAY  
April 5-6 - High School Boys Track &  
Golf - Amarillo  
April 6 - Ag Judging Contest -  
Levelland  
April 9 - 4-H - 7 p.m. - Co. Barn  
April 11 - Tennis - Perryton  
April 11-12 - State FHA  
April 12-13 - Jr. High & High School  
Boys & Girls Track - Spearman  
Regional UIL - Levelland  
April 13 - Ag Judging Contest - Texas  
Tech  
April 15 - Tennis - Gruver - North  
Zone; GCTA - 7:30 p.m. - Cafeteria  
April 16 - \*Tennis Finals - Canadian;  
End 5th 6 Weeks  
April 18 - District Ag Record - 5 p.m. -  
Pampa  
April 19 - Methodist Senior Banquet -  
7 p.m.  
April 20 - \*High School Boys & Girls  
Track - Higgins - District Track  
Meet  
April 22 - Church of Christ Senior  
Banquet - 7 p.m.  
April 25-27 - State Academic - Austin  
April 25-26 - Greater Southwest  
Music Festival - Amarillo  
April 27 - Junior-Senior Prom; State  
Ag Contest  
April 29-30 - UIL Regional Golf - 9  
a.m. - Levelland Country Club  
May 1-2 - Regional Tennis - Levelland  
May 3-4 - Regional Track - Levelland

## NOTICE

Due to shipping difficulties,  
the Girls' Sandals advertised  
on page 5 of this week's sale  
circular will not be available.  
On page 8, the 3-Pack Tube  
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## On the go with Joy

Sometimes I get a little tired of writing this column and decide I won't write another word. Then someone says "Well, I just subscribed last week and now you aren't going to do anything." So--I give it one more try. But I keep trying to come up with a new approach and wonder if a new title would be more effective--like "On the Way Back with Joy". No scratch that idea.

Anyhow I have just returned from Purcell, Oklahoma where my parents have just recently moved to. The town is located about 35 miles South of Oklahoma City on I-35. Now, last November as we were returning from Arkansas, I said, "Just think, we probably won't ever be traveling over this road again."--just because I thought my parents would be moving to a location further south of Dallas. Isn't it nice that the Lord found a place closer to me and my brother in Dallas and most of the grandkids and great-grandkids too? It is also nice that my Dad is closer to a brother and his wife in Oklahoma City and a sister near Tulsa and Mom is closer to one of

her sisters in Miami, Oklahoma and a brother near Afton and the other sister in Wichita Falls. Now, hopefully we can find time to do all the visiting that I have planned. Anyhow, I was very pleased to get to visit my Uncle Herb whom I hadn't seen since 1973. We had a good time reminiscing about my first and only roller coaster ride and to hear a little bit of his dry humor.

For instance, he told about seeing an accident recently. Two cars run together and when they got settled down, one car was upside down and the other car was down-side up--but Uncle Herb couldn't remember which was which. Now sometimes, we don't know when he is telling about an actual true story or telling a joke, but when you see the eyes twinkle of this 80 year old man, you know to laugh right along.

While we were in Purcell, there was a lot of rain--in fact the month of March was real wet, but they have had so much rain that one man was cleaning the debris out of the creek behind his house and he looked up and there were a couple of frogs wearing life jackets...

Cator Services  
Held Thursday

Alvin W. "Speck" Cator, 71, of Gruver died Tuesday.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Thursday in First Christian Church with the Rev. Gene Clack and the Rev. Kerry Hurst officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mr. Cator was a lifelong resident of Hansford County. He was a farmer and rancher. He was a member of First Christian Church. He married Rosalie Davis in 1940 in Guymon, Okla.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Larue Mayo of Dalhart and Amy Babbs and Angie Pool, both of Gruver; two sons, D.A. and Bill, both of Gruver; three sisters, Vina Haupe of Sunray, Eva Pierce of Spearman and Bessie Mitts of Gruver; one brother, R.L. "Bob" Cator of Sunray; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Gruver Cemetery Association or the organization of your choice.

Amber Pennington  
gives program

Gruver Music Club met Tuesday, March 12 at the Methodist Church. After the regular order of business, members enjoyed a lovely program by Amber Pennington. Amber sang four songs: "Step into the Sunshine", "Live for Jesus", "Penny Arcade", and "Me and Little Andy". She was accompanied on the guitar by Brenda Dahl. The meeting was concluded with the meditation by Marguerite Nelson. Hostesses were Mary Hart and Nell Thoreson.

The Gruver Music Club met Tuesday, March 26, at the Methodist Church. Following the regular order of business, members enjoyed a delightful program given by Janet Irwin, Connie Wilson, and Shannon Taliaferro. Louise Etter gave the current musical note. An inspiring meditation was given by Nelle Thoreson. Members then enjoyed refreshments served by hostesses: Rita Williams and Ada Joyce Stedje.

We want to remind everyone of the home tour coming soon. It will be on Sunday, April 21, and will feature the homes of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chapman and Mrs. Sam Cluck.

## Arts &amp; Crafts Class

The Gruver Junior High has a new class this year. It is an arts and crafts class for the talented students. One of the requirements to be able to attend this class is to have a high scholastic average.

## Slow pitch

A slow-pitch softball tournament will be held April 19, 20, and 21.

The tournament will be sponsored by Pan-Tex Federal Credit Union.

April 15 is the deadline for entries.

1st, 2nd, 3rd and Sportsmanship trophies will be awarded.

Entry fee will be \$85.00. For more information, contact Gilbert Chavez - 806-273-7029 or Tony Patak - 806-273-7630, Borger.

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