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Hansford Hospital Bonds... voting on Tuesday at four locations

At 7 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, Hansford County voters can begin regular voting on the issuance of \$4.7 million in bonds by the Hansford County Hospital District. There will be four polling locations. The polling location a person votes at is based on which voting district that person lives in. Poles will stay open for the voters till 7 p.m.

Voters living in voting precincts 1, 2, 5 and 6 are to vote at box #1 located at the Hansford County Barn in Spearman. Harry Stumpf is the presiding judge and Charles Newcomb is the alternate.

Box #2 is located at the County Barn in Gruver. Voters living in voting precincts number 3 and 4 vote at this location. Faye Dahl is the judge and June Barkley is the alternate.

People living in voting precinct number 7 vote at the Oslo Lutheran Church. Wayne Olson is the judge and John Dahl is the alternate.

Morse Community Building is where precinct number 9 voters will place their ballots. Vicky Urban is the judge and Susie Womble is the alternate.

The judges and the alternate count the ballots and record the count on summary forms which

can be posted at the polling places and then used by the Hansford County Hospital District Board of Trustees when they canvass the election. The results of the election are not final until the board has checked the election judge's figures and certified the vote counts are right. Ann Snow, Hansford Hospital business manager, said the canvass of the election will take place Thursday, April 9.

Until the canvass the votes will be double locked in four metal precinct boxes. The boxes will be kept at the Hansford County Court House.

Plan now for tornadoes

Spring can mean severe weather and tornadoes. Many Hansford County residents still remember the tornadic activity which destroyed property in Spearman and the surrounding area in the spring of 1990.

Although the storm did extensive property damage, no resident was injured or killed. This can be, in part, attributed to early warning systems and emergency management procedures used by the city and county government.

However, residents can take their own precautions to assist

themselves in the case of severe weather. Plan now for severe weather to come. This can help prevent injury or death.

April 5 through April 11 is Severe Weather Awareness Week for citizens in West Texas.

Severe weather warnings issued by the National Weather Service are ineffective if the public does not receive the warning, or do not know the safety procedures. The West Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week is designed to teach people these procedures so that they can protect their lives

when severe weather threatens.

On Wednesday, April 8, at approximately 10:30 a.m. a tornado See **tornado page 12**

Due to several technical errors and to the importance of the Hospital Bond Issuance story, the Gruver and Spearman UIL Academic Meet results and picture and several sports stories are not in this paper. They will be in next weeks papers. The paper regrets any inconvenience this may cause our readers.



"The Taffetas," a musical journey through the "fabulous Fifties," will make a stop in Spearman on April 4 at 8 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. All proceeds will go to the Golden Spread Senior Center.

Of interest to local folks will be Hansford County's own Candy Boxwell who plays one of the five sisters making up "The Taffetas." Other cast members include Kelly Johnson, Cara Johnston, Liz Allen-Grabber, Elizabeth Pelton and Shawn Walsh as the television host. Allen Shankles is the director, Lorene Strickland will direct the music and Suzy O'Kelly will be choreographer.

The story tells of the singing group making its debut appearance on the television show "Spotlight on Music." Musical numbers will include "The Hop," "Where the Boys Are," "Johnny Angel" and "Mr. Sandman."

"The Taffetas" opened to whistles and applause at the Amarillo Little Theatre. The musical is now on the road as ALT's touring production for 1992.

Make your plans to attend, knowing that your attendance is helping the Golden Spread Senior Center.

Questions about hospital district bonds answered

Question and Answer: Hospital \$4.7 Million Bond Issue
By Jean Ann Behney

Reporter's note: Over the past several weeks, individuals both for and against the proposed Hansford County Hospital District's bond issue of \$4.7 million have approached me about researching answers to questions and/or presenting factual information regarding this topic. The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman's editor, Mike Hulett, agreed to print the results of my endeavors. I did not accept pay-

ment for my work from either the hospital district or any individual or group. My questions were collected from 11 individuals in Gruver, Spearman and Morse, most of whom were undecided as to their vote for or against the project. (Those in favor of the project had already obtained, in their view, satisfactory answers to their questions.) I stopped question-hunting after the eleventh interview because at that point I wasn't getting any new questions.

Some of the questions and answers presented have already been

covered in previous newspaper articles by Hansford Hospital Business Manager Anne Snow and at the public forums presented by the hospital. My repetition of these details is for the benefit of people who missed them elsewhere.

The following is a factual reporting of the answers I was given during face-to-face interviews with local officials and long-distance telephone conversations with out-of-county officials. Where I have paraphrased answers, I limited myself to stating as closely as possible the gist of what my notes indicated the individuals being interviewed said. Direct quotations, though preferable, weren't always possible because I could not take my notes fast enough to get the answer word for word. Each answer is attributed to an individual.

PART I: WHY THIS PROPOSAL, WHY NOW?

QUESTION: What are the reasons—in order of priority—for the proposed \$4.7 million bond issue by the Hansford County Hospital District (hereafter referred to as HCHD)?

ANSWER: 1. Nursing home expansion, from 84 to 120-125 beds, to take care of the increasing number of aged persons in the county. The Hansford Manor currently has one available semi-private suite bed and a waiting list of four or five individuals wanting private suites and two individuals wanting medical beds. (Reporter's note: During our first interview, Hospital Administrator Al LaRoche and I were interrupted by a phone caller interested in the last available bed.)

2. Improvement of outpatient service areas shared by the nursing facility and the hospital.

3. Renovation of the current hospital building to comply with life safety codes. (Hospital is currently deficient in its wall and roof structures, ventilation system and has no sprinkler system.) Also replacement of antiquated and/or deteriorating mechanical systems (electrical, heating and air condi-

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QUESTION: Why have this bond issue now, when the economy is in recession both locally and nationally?

ANSWER: We have the lowest bond interest rate in 20 years. In the early 80's, interest rates rose to 11 and 12 percent, but currently the rate is 6.045 percent. -paraphrase of answer by Bob L. Davis, vice president, financial advisor, Southwest Securities, the underwriting company for proposed bond issue.

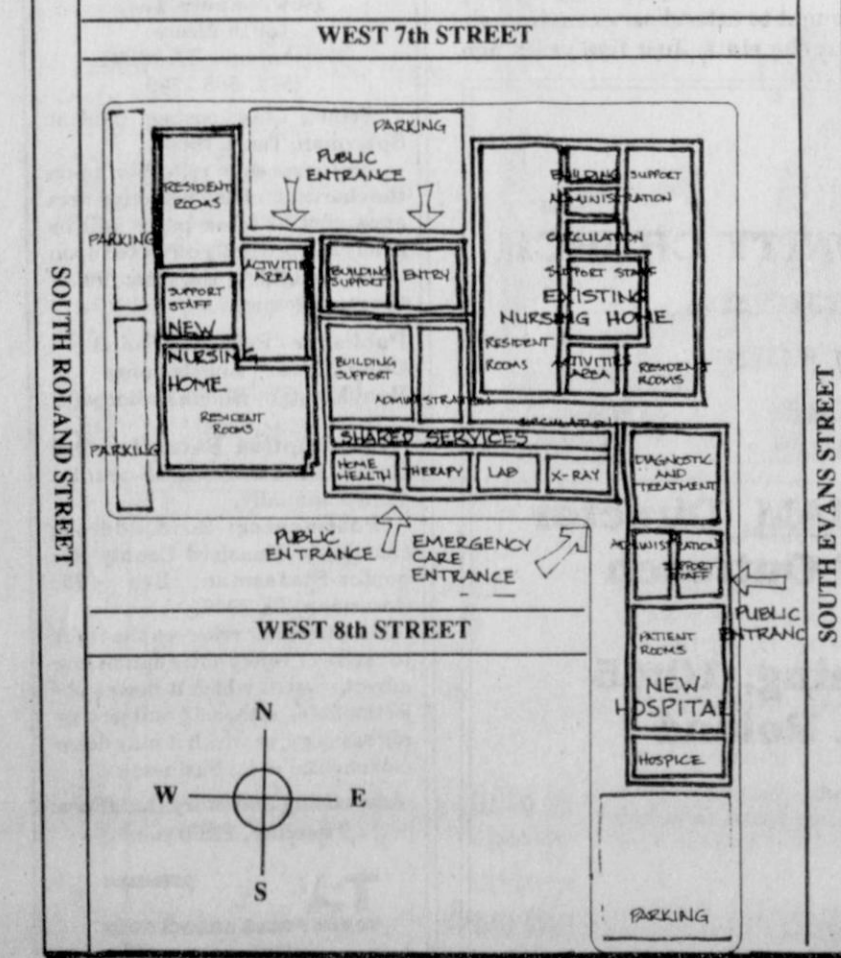
To see how the \$4.7 million is budgeted for the proposal, see Chart 1 below.

QUESTION: Well, how about closing the hospital for three or six months to bring it up to the codes and keeping it a hospital?

ANSWER: "There was never any question of closing the hospital, because we didn't want the district to be without it for the amount of time it would have to be closed. There was never any doubt that the repairs could not be done without shutting it down for six months or more. In that amount of time, the medical staff would have had to take jobs in other communities, and both doctors would have probably relocated, too. The board picked the best option we could in terms of cost. We spent two years studying this thing and this was the best solution all around." -Alton Ellsworth, HCHD board president

Hansford Hospital & Manor Revised Building Proposal C

NEW NURSING HOME/NEW HOSPITAL DEPARTMENTAL/PARKING LAYOUT



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"Because we need the room at the Manor now! The Manor is full and there are people on a waiting list. And waiting (to do the expansion/renovation) will cost more because the interest rates will probably be on the increase. We need a reason to bring young people back into the community, and this will create new jobs in the medical field, one of the leading fields across the country for job opportunities." -Verna Lee Shirley, member HCHD Long-Term Strategies Planning Committee

Reporter's note: According to an Amarillo Globe-News article published Sunday, March 22, 1992, Hansford County was ranked 63rd in economic growth out of 205 rural Texas counties. The article, titled "Report says diversity is key to success," was based on a study done by the comptroller of public accounts and covered the period from 1985-1990. According to the report, Hansford County experienced a gain of 192 in employment and a gross sales gain of \$4.1 million during that period. I will not try to analyze this report here, and provide its Hansford County statistics as general information only. Readers are reminded that the period studied ended in 1990.

QUESTION: The proposed project calls for building a new 12-16 bed hospital (see diagram) first then closing the existing hospital for renovation to an expanded nursing facility. Why? And what part of the \$4.7 million goes to each part of

the plan?

ANSWER: To get the Hansford Hospital into compliance with licensing requirements and to keep the construction costs workable, the existing hospital has to be closed. This is because it only has one hall for patient rooms, meaning there is no other place to put patients in the hospital during construction, as in a hospital with two patient halls, and as it is, it is almost impossible to keep a facility within regular licensure requirements during construction. You could try working down one wall and one side of the patient rooms on that hall, but the length of time required for the construction would almost double, and the cost per square foot would go up. To do this, you'd also have to first construct a way to shut off power and water in just one half of the hallway at a time. Right now, you can't do this at Hansford Hospital.

To try keeping the hospital open while renovating it would have pushed the project costs up over \$6 million, and the board wanted it achieved for between \$4 and \$5 million.

The HCHD board was adamant about saving the 1961 hospital facility, and their choosing this option of the ones we presented them was the cheapest way to go. In fact, it will save something like \$700,000 to \$900,000 to do this option. (Reporter's note: The other two options included building a nursing home addition and renovating current hospital as a hospital OR renovating hospital now and building a nursing home addition in 3-4 years.) The best way to renovate the hospital for an expanded nursing home facility is to completely close it, and with the new hospital facility already built, the county would not have to go without its hospital during the renovation phase of the project. -paraphrase of conversation with Robert H. Cox, President, Cox/Croslin and Associates, Austin, Texas, architectural firm under contract to HCHD for the proposed project.

"Cost to renovate the facility to meet current codes and standards were estimated to exceed more than half the cost of a new facility due to the extensive amount of work required to upgrade the building's fire ratings and to replace the antiquated mechanical and electrical systems. The current facility would also require some additional new floor area to meet the space requirements of the current licensing standards." -from the report "Long Range Facilities Analysis, Hansford County Hospital District, Spearman, Texas," by Cox/Croslin and Associates, architectural firm employed by HCHD

QUESTION: Do you know of any rural hospitals in Texas that have closed for extensive renovations like the ones proposed for Hansford Hospital?

ANSWER: "We haven't had any close due to this circumstance, because normally this is just not affordable. What do you do with the medical staff during this time? The rural hospitals that have closed in Texas have closed because of lack of funds. Normally (for a renovation) See **bonds page 6**

Hansford Happenings

A new hospice training class will begin Tuesday, April 7 in Spearman. Anyone interested in taking the hospice training class should contact Kim Sherlock at 659-3539, Verna Lee Shirley at 659-5565, or Brenda Wall at 659-2535 or 733-2954, for more information.

"The TAFFETAS," presented by the Amarillo Little Theatre, is scheduled for April 4 at 8 p.m. in the Spearman High School auditorium. Proceeds will benefit the Golden Spread Senior Citizens Center. Tickets are now on sale at the Golden Spread Center and are available from board members. Interested persons can call 659-3866 for delivery.

A representative from the Pampa Social Security office will visit Spearman on Thursday, April 9 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hansford County Courthouse. No visits are scheduled for May or June. Social Security has a toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, available to persons wishing to make inquiries or appointments.

The Spearman Classroom Teachers Association is sponsoring a "Meet-the-School-Board-Candidate" forum to be held in the Spearman High School Auditorium at 7 p.m., April 14.

The Hansford Hospital Auxiliary Spring Luncheon will be April 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Ivy's Hunger Cowboy. Members and guests will be dutch treat. All urged to attend.

First United Methodist Church's first Sunday Devotional with Linda Latta, April 5.

First United Methodist Church's UMW Senior Supper, Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30.

Junior Babe Ruth-Baseball, ages 13-15 sign up at Activity Center or by contacting Jeff Beedy at 659-3847 or 659-2541. Deadline April 9, 1992. Jeff will be at the Activity Center on April 9, 1993 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. to sign up anyone interested in playing. NO LATE SIGN UPS ACCEPTED! For further information contact Jeff Beedy.

At the movies . . .

Beginning Friday, April 4 and running through Tuesday, April 7 at the Lyric Theatre of Spearman will be "JFK" on screen 1 at 7:30 p.m. and "Stop! or My Mom Will Shoot" on screen 2 at 7:15 p.m.

"JFK" stars Kevin Costner, Tommy Lee Jones, Joe Pesci, Gary Oldman, Sissy Spacek and Donald Sutherland.

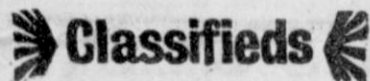
The film starts with documentary footage of President Eisenhower's farewell address. It cuts a desolate highway where a woman has been pushed from a moving car. After being transported to a hospital she deliriously warns of a plot to kill President Kennedy.

It cuts to Dallas where the shots heard round the world. Then to Garrison's office. An assistant DA brings news of the shooting. The investigation begins.

Technically, its hard to imagine

a greater achievement than "JFK" stated a leading review magazine. The film travels at a lightning pace, making its three plus hours seem much shorter. The script combines the paranoid edge of conspiracy literature with a sort of populism. The familiarity of the cast only adds to the impact. "JFK" is RATED R

"Stop! or My Mom Will Shoot" is a comedy starring Sylvester Stallone and "Golden Girls" Estelle Getty. Stallone plays an LAPD sergeant in Los Angeles. His mother, Getty, witnesses a murder. Now he's on his mom's case. The only problem is his over protective mom is on his case as well. JoBeth Williams co-stars as Stallone's supervisor and girlfriend. "STOP! OR MY MOM WILL SHOOT" is RATED PG-13



At The Lyric Theatre . . .

FRIDAY, APRIL 4-TUESDAY, APRIL 7
Bargain Nights Mon. & Tue. All Seats \$3
Closed Wednesday & Thursday
Screen 1 - 7:30 p.m. Screen 2 - 7:15 p.m.



113 Main, Spearman

Chamber Chatter

by Cindy Blackman

On March 26 and 27 I attended a conference in Dallas sponsored by the Texas Chamber of Commerce. It included chamber executives from Texas and was a really good meeting. It gave me a chance to visit with other people in the chamber business. We discussed chamber members, special events, professional development and local government relations.

Starting next week, a new feature in Chamber Chatter will be statements from different board

members, women's division members and ambassadors.

On April 14 Beltone Hearing Aid representatives will be in the office from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Next Defensive Driving Course will be held May 4 and May 5. Call the chamber office for more information.

Plans are underway for the Hansford Round Up to be held May 30 through June 6. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

Don't forget to return the July 4th Survey so we can plan for you.

CTA host candidate forum

The Spearman Classroom Teachers Association is sponsoring a "Meet-the-School-Board-Candidates" forum to be held in the Spearman High School Auditorium at 7 p.m., April 14.

All of the twelve candidates that

have announced for the Spearman Board of Trustees have indicated that they will appear on the program. Each candidate will have an opportunity to present a statement plus addressing specific issues.

If you have a specific question, or an issue that you think should be addressed, please dial 659-2791 and leave it on the answering machine. Deadline for questions is April 6.

Candidates appearing at the forum are Reagan Baker, Sheri Benton, Bob Boxwell, Billy Brown, Larry Butts, H.M. Garrett, Carolyn Gressett, Carol Hergert, Albert LaRochelle, Tom Latta, Archie Smith, and Richie Thompson.

Absentee voting for the Spearman Board of Trustees election begins April 13 and will conclude April 28. The election is Saturday, May 2.

This is the fourth year that a forum for board candidates has been sponsored by the Spearman C.T.A.

An informal reception will be held following the forum.



DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY AT 2A.M. EVERYONE NEEDS TO SET THEIR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Recently, some written materials have been circulating opposing the Hospital Bond Election. I would like to correct some of the misleading information contained in these materials.

1. A list of tax rates for various panhandle counties claims to make a comparison. It is easy to publish a list of numbers, but one must question what they mean. On this list the Hospital District's tax rate is compared with that of Northwest Texas Hospital's. Not only is this absurd, it's misleading.

Another comparison, that at face value may be more realistic, is with Dumas (Moore County). They have a hospital and a nursing home, and pay a lot less in taxes. BUT their tax base is three and a half times that of Hansford's! The same goes for Ochiltree County - their tax base is 29% higher AND they have twice as many patients and twice as many physicians! Some of the counties used for comparison do not even have a hospital! Most do not even have a nursing home.

Recently, a man from Crowell,

Texas, was bragging about how low his taxes were. But Crowell has no hospital. Crowell has no doctors. People in Crowell must drive 30 miles for any kind of service. You get what you pay for.

2. One statement made by these opposing materials is false. They say that "...a total of \$6.825 million is being asked for to build a new hospital and add 34 beds to the manor." This is incorrect. This bond election is for \$4.7 million. The balance of the \$6.825 million mentioned is for the existing bonds and for the costs of issuing bonds. The debt of the Hospital District will increase \$4.7 million.

3. These materials do make a positive point: Taxes for the District have been decreasing. This is due to the diversification of services, increasing the number of residents in the Manor, and more efficient use of staff. A larger nursing home will be even more efficient.

I hope that anyone who reads this material and is concerned about it will check it out with the Hospital District. It is not easy to be well-informed about complex issues. But, for the sake of our elder citizens, our children and loved ones, it is necessary.

Sincerely,
Anne Wickman Snow

Police Files

SPEARMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Spearman Police Department reported a total of 42 incidents from March 23 to March 29.

Officers answered calls on four counts of disorderly conduct, three traffic accidents, two traffic violations, one DUI, one vandalism, one burglary, three alarm incidents, one accident other than traffic and one suspicion charge. They assisted residents, one escort and four lock-outs. An outside agency was also assisted by the department. The department received one lost persons report and four misc. calls for an officer. They followed up on two cases that were under investigation and verified one 911 call. There were 11 animal control calls.

On March 23, a resident in the twentieth block of Archer reported receiving harassing and profane telephone calls. Another resident, in the 1000 block of Dressen, reported receiving a threatening telephone call on the same day, Monday.

An automobile accident was reported in a parking lot in the 400 block of E. 11th. A vehicle operated by Cass Jack Lasater was being back out from a parking space and it struck a parked vehicle belonging to Shannon Kay Holton, stated the police report.

On Friday, March 27, another automobile accident was reported. Both vehicles were travelling in the 500 block south on Hwy 207. They were beside each other when Benito Rios Puentes attempted to change lanes. His vehicle struck the vehicle of Hobart Glenn Buxton.

At 6:25 p.m. on March 28, a call was received by the department. Initially the call was received as a possible motor vehicle/pedestrian accident. On arrival, officers determined that a 9-year-old girl was injured in a bicycle accident. A witness stated that the girl was travelling fast and she had gotten to close to the curb. The girl lost control of the bicycle. She injured her chin and elbow. She was taken

to the Hansford County Hospital for treatment.

Also on March 28, A business was reported burglarized. It was reported that \$355 in property was taken and another \$325 in damage was done.

On March 29, a 36-year-old male was arrested in the 7th block of Cotter. The individual was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

GRUVER POLICE REPORT

Gruver officers issued four citations and one warning during the week of March 20 through March 27.

On Monday, March 23, the police received a complaint from the 600 block of Cluck about children playing with matches in a vacant home. The parents were contacted and are taking care of the problem.

Also on March 23, officers delivered a message to the 300 block of Garret.

Another message was delivered on Tuesday, March 24. This message, which pertained to a boiler problem at a feedlot, was delivered to an individual attending a meeting at the Hansford County Barn.

On Wednesday, March 25 the police received a call from 911. They had received a call from an individual but got disconnected. When they tried to call the individual back there was static on the line. Officers went to the 300 block of Cluck to check on the woman. Her telephone had malfunctioned, but the individual was OK.

Police received a call on Thursday, March 27, to pick up a dog. The dog was trapped in a cage at the 700 block of King. The dog was taken to the pound.

Also on March 27, Allsup's reported a suspected theft. Someone had driven away from the pump without paying. The person was identified and the officer collected payment for the fuel. The officer determined that the incident was a mistake. Each of the individuals thought the other one had paid.

WIC Serves Half a Million

Each month, more than half a million pregnant women, babies and children younger than 5 now can benefit from the state's Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The program provides free, nutritious foods, nutrition education and counseling, as well as general information and referrals to other health and social services.

Debra Stabeno, chief of the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Bureau of WIC Nutrition, said, "The Texas WIC program has expanded in the past year because we have begun highly effective cost-containment measures and because of cost of WIC foods has not risen as quickly as projected. The savings allow us to serve more eligible participants." Stabeno said that the combined factors have produced an over-all increase of nearly \$33.4 million dollars for the program.

"We have for years aggressively sought to extend services throughout the state. Just five years ago,

we were only able to serve 182 of Texas' 254 counties - about 21.2 percent of the state's eligible clients. With improvements in the program, we now serve all Texas counties, and can reach more than

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Saturday
April 4, 1992

Spearman High School Auditorium
8:00 p.m.

\$8.00 Adults
\$5.00 Student

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TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH of Spearman Invites you to hear

VALSON ABRAHAM, Director
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Sunday Morning, 10:45
at 1109 S. Roland



These students will receive certificates for top finishes in the District 8 PTA Reflects Contest. The certificates will be awarded at the districts annual Spring Conference in Amarillo. Tom Kirk's first place literature event winner will be performed. The kids pictured are Kirk, Brandon Clyburn, Mikki Roper, Lacy Miesner, Chad Scarborough and Amber Ramon.

County PTA members attend conference

Seven area PTA members will attend the sixty-ninth annual Spring Conference of District 8, Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, on Tuesday, April 7, at the Harvey Hotel in Amarillo.

Spearman members attending are PTA President Marlene Miller, Vice-President Kim Sherlock, Treasurer Jan Howard, Parliamentarian D. Dee Ellis and District 8

Field Representative Teresa Kirk.

Gruber members attending are Jo Clawson, District 8 publication and public relations chairman and Johnny Jarvis, District 8 PTA board members.

Kirk and Clawson are encouraging any individuals interested in attending to contact them. If you would like more information about the conference call Kirk at 659-2794 or Clawson at 733-2247.

Several speakers and workshops are scheduled for the conference.

Dixie Surratt, Texas PTA first vice president, from Panhandle is the speaker during the general meeting. She is speaking about "Put Kids First-Get Involved." This is also the theme for the conference.

During the luncheon David Green, KVII TV News Anchor is giving a presentation on "Raising Parents." He will present the highlights from this special series of news clips that received the Texas PTA Phoebe Award for excellence

in TV programming in November.

Workshops offered are: "Legislature Involvement," Marvis Knight, Texas PTA legislative Chairman; "Effective Programs," Jim Walton, Texas PTA director of services; Making and Setting Priorities in Our Lives," Scott Greer, Youth Minister, Paramount Terrace Christian Church; "Why Waiting is Worth the Wait," Charise Nesbitt, Amarillo Area Crisis Pregnancy Center.

A presentation on site-base decision making will be given by Jim Walton. It will feature the process of site-based decision making and the state law that mandated campus-level teams to make decisions about the way our schools operated.

Parents and community are welcome to attend this presentation.

Members will be able to view local award entries and visit with fund raising exhibitors.

Library book notes

TV WANTED: A Commodore personal computer has been donated to the library for use by our patrons, but it needs a small monitor or television set to make it work. If anyone has something like this that they might like to donate to the library, please give me a call or come by and talk to me about it. Our phone number is 659-2231, and our hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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Spiritually Speaking

By Martin Gauby, Pastor Waka Church of the Brethren

It was Monday morning and a beautiful spring day had arrived. I was in the church yard pulling weeds, more from a desire to be outside enjoying the morning, than with any hope I would rid the yard of weeds. In the midst of this enjoyment, I reflected how springtime brings newness to our world and to our lives. In the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes writes that "there is nothing new under the sun." I much more prefer the New Testament reference to many things. In 2 Corinthians we can read: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

The springtime of the year is one of my favorite times. The green grass to mow, gardens to grow, warm fresh breezes to enjoy make me feel physically new again. I and many I talk with express a new enthusiasm for life's challenges, even life's struggles. This is also the Lenten Season, a season when

the newness of our lives with Christ is emphasized and enjoyed. We may get tired of some of the same old experiences and even relationships. But if we will make this Lenten/Easter season a time of celebrating and reaffirming our spiritual springtime, all things can be made new again. Without God, we tend to tire of life and its demands. With God, knowing His Son, Jesus, as our Savior and Lord, challenges, relationships, each new day can be a new joy and experience.

Yes, life can be hard. We do hurt and grieve and may even occasionally despair. However, let us see this time of year and the Easter time as a time to claim the spiritual health and strength of our lives. In the words from Isaiah: "Those who wait upon the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary." Our bodies will sometimes become weary. Our spirits can soar with God. Thank God for the newness of the presence and power of God in our world and in our lives.



India leads the world in the total amount of tea used each year—about 650 million pounds.

School menu

Gruber School Menu April 6 - April 10

Monday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Green Beans, Pudding, Biscuits, Milk

Tuesday: Tacos, Cheese, Lettuce, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Corn, Jello, Hot Rolls, Milk

Thursday: Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Beans, Fruit, Milk

Friday: Chili Cheese Dogs, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

Salad Bar: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Breakfast

Monday: Oatmeal, Donut Holes, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Toast, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday: Cowboy Bread, Fruit, Milk

Thursday: Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Juice, Milk

Friday: Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Milk

Pringle Morse Lunch Menu April 6 - April 10

Monday: Mexican Meat loaf, Nachos, Salad, Fruit, Milk

Tuesday: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Gravy, Peas, Salad, Hot Rolls, Milk

Wednesday: Turkey Sandwiches, Lettuce and Tomato, Chips, Fruit, Milk

Thursday: Barbecue Chicken, Fries, Onion Rings, Slaw, Milk

Friday: Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Ice Cream, Milk

Breakfast

Monday: Cereal, Toast, Apple Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Waffles, Sausage, Grape Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Oatmeal, Cinnamon Toast, Orange Juice, Milk

Thursday: Donuts, Cheese Toast, Apple Juice, Milk

Friday: Biscuits, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk

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Among the Neighbors

by Helen Finser

Bill Martin was taken by ambulance to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo on Thursday after neighbors discovered he had fallen in his yard. He had a broken hip and came through the surgery fine, but will be hospitalized for some time with a heart condition. His children, June and Billy of Spearman and Carman George of Vinson, Okla. have been with him. His room at St. Anthony's is 549.

Helen Etter returned the middle of the week from a pleasant stay at Olathe, Kan. in the home of Andy and Ann Etter. They found many places of interest in the countryside, including the Minnonite settlement and did some interesting shopping in out-of-way places.

Helen had been in Lubbock the previous week with her brother Arnold and Betty Richardson. Betty has since been hospitalized and is seriously ill.

Floyd and Ruby Hull spent four days last week helping their son Wilbur celebrate his birthday. Wilbur and family live at Lake Travis near Austin.

Among the winners at the American Canadian River Cutting Horse Association held at Hemphill County Exhibition Center recently were:

Open Class - First, Woods Colonel, Boyd Rice; \$25,000 Non-Pro - First, Hesa Playboy Olena - A.D. Reed; \$3,000 Novice - Second, Taco Peppa, Boyd Rice - Ronnie Seal; \$1,500 Novice - First, BB Angelia, Boyd Rice; \$100,000 Non-Pro - First, Hesa Playboy Olena - A.D. Reed.

Buford Baker underwent orthopedic knee surgery last Tuesday at St. Anthony's and was able to return home on Thursday. His rapid recovery was due in part to having the surgery performed by a team of Doctors of Sports Specialists. He is able to move about though it will be

at least a week before he can return to his work.

Any person who misses "The Taffetas" on April 4 will sure regret missing it when the reviews are made. It is sponsored by the Golden Spread Center and is a production by the Amarillo Little Theatre. It will be at 8 p.m. and even without Spearman's contribution to the cast, Candy Boxwell, the toe tapping music and fun will be worth twice the admission.

A note from Vickie Melton, Rawlins, Wyo., brought cheering news about Mike. He is nearly through with his radiation treatments after 6 full weeks and the prognosis is good. The Hodgkins disease was diagnosed in the early stages.

Mike, Vicki and Dan and Earl want to express their deep appreciation to all those who sent cards and in any way showed their concern. It was so encouraging to hear from each.

Mike Hulett, Publisher of the Reporter-Statesman paid such a gratifying compliment to the Hansford County schools recently. Mike, a former science teacher in various San Antonio schools, some affluent, some middle, some underprivileged - stated that each time he goes into the schools for interviews or pictures with the students, he is impressed by the courteous, cooperative attitude of the students - different from the city schools.

So - parents, teachers and students - take a bow.

Mr and Mrs Dale Hendricks spent a pleasant five days visiting their son Ray and family at Lufkin and daughter Cindy Caldwell and husband at Houston. The Hendricks were awe-struck by the beauty of the dog wood in bloom and the profusion of wild flowers of every description and in every di-

rection.

Brenda Annens with Cody and Sage spent the week-end here with her parents, Ray and Sylvia Robertson. The Annens live in Dimmitt.

When Pam Cates was a senior in Denver City High School, she had a role in the high school UIL play "Once Upon a Playground." The years rolled by and she is now the mother of a high school junior - Amber Cates. Imagine her surprise when she learned that Amber has a role in the Spearman High School UIL play - "Once Upon a Playground"—however not the same role.

Results of the UIL contest held in Boys Ranch on Monday are elsewhere in this issue.

Guests of Mrs. Sada Hoskins over the weekend were Sada Ruth and Howard Long of Bartlesville. They also visited Joan and Johnny Lee and Frances Kilgore.

Joan had returned earlier in the week from two weeks with their daughter, Jhonette and Larry Boyle and daughters. They live in Kansas City and the girls were on spring break so Joan had quality time with them.

Burl and Nellie Buchanan were in Dallas during the weekend. They attended a banquet Saturday evening at which Burl was presented an award for a Distinguished Agency by the All-State Insurance Company.

Hometown news

Local Man Elected To Farm Credit Committee

Spearman resident Jon Michael "Mike" Garnett was elected last week to a three-year term on the Farm Credit Bank of Texas Retirement Committee.

The seven member committee provides input on retirement and related benefits issues to the bank's management and board.

Garnett, who also serves as vice chairman of the High Plains Federal Land Bank Association of Pampa, farms both irrigated and dryland wheat and grain sorghum in Hansford and Ochiltree counties.

He is one of two Federal Land Bank Association representatives on the committee.

Club news

On March 19, the Gladiola Flower Club opened the new year with a spring luncheon in the home of Mike Hergert.

The tables were decorated with pink table clothes and different colored bird houses for the center pieces.

Favors for each member was one of the small bird houses.

Wanda Brown gave the blessing and welcomed everyone to a new year. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Pres. Charlise Baker called the meeting to order with roll call.

Home tour was discussed but was put on hold until the next meeting. There were only two homes at this time.

Margarette Evans passed out the new year books.

Rose Cummings won the tulip specimen. Next meeting will be April 2 in the home of Judy Martin.

Members present were Dickie Allen, Charlise Baker, Myra Berner, Wanda Brown, Dorothy Buzzard, Rose Cummings, Betty Davis, Margaret Evans, Ann Flowers, Dorothy Haner, Mike Hergert, Virginia Herd, Fay Holt, June Jackson, Lorene Kunselman, Jo Larson, Judy Martin, Grace Smith, Kathleen Sutton and Virginia Trindle.

Club news

The Spearman Book Club met March 24 in the home of Virginia White.

After refreshments were served, a short business meeting was held. Patty Shepherd gave an interesting review of George Burns book, "Wisdom of the 90's", written with Hal Goldman.

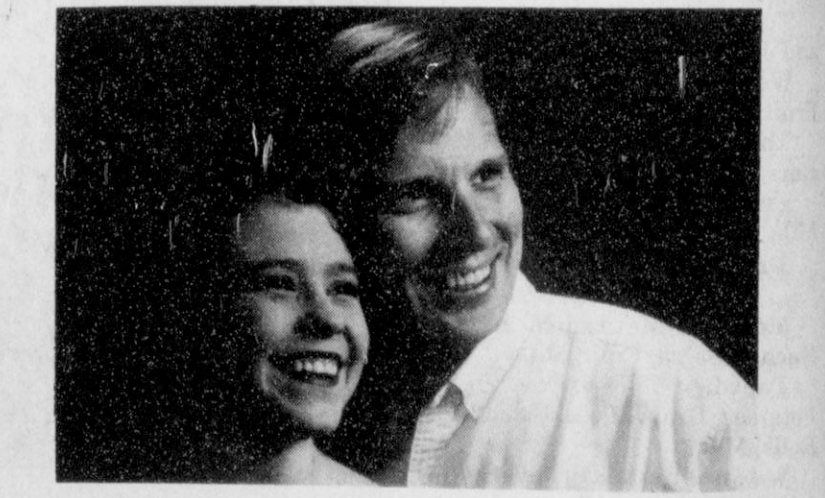
Members present were Athalie Traylor, Altha Kirk, Georgiann Hutchison, and Virginia White.



Heather Lynn Brannon of 15200 Aylesbury, Silver Spring, Md. and James Randall Fewell of 517 Wallace, Whitewright, Tx are planning their wedding for Saturday, June 27, 1992 at the First Baptist Church at Whitewright to be performed by Rodney Stanford of Tom Bean. Miss Brannon is the daughter of Ms. Vickie Brannon of Whitewright. She graduated from Whitewright High School and the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. She is employed by Uniformed Services Medical School at Bethesda, Md. Fewell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay D. Fewell of Spearman. He graduated from Spearman High School and West Texas State University at Canyon. He is employed by Whitewright Independent School District.



Mr. and Mrs. Phillip D. Turner announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Deana Renee' to Jeffrey Carl Shields son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul VanSteenburg of Houstonia, Missouri and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shields of Guyton, Oklahoma. The couple plans to be married on June 20 at the Spearman Church of Christ. The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Spearman High School and has attended Lubbock Christian University and Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford, Oklahoma. She is currently employed by Dunlap's of Amarillo. The prospective groom is a 1986 graduate of Turpin High School, Turpin, Oklahoma. He currently attends Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford, Oklahoma majoring in Industrial Technology.



Connie Sue Wooley and David Steven Rantala announce their engagement and approaching marriage. They plan to marry Sunday, May 17, 1992, in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, on the campus of Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas. Miss Wooley attends TWU. Mr. Rantala attended University of Minnesota, Duluth, and will be a student at University of North Texas in the fall.

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On The Go With Joy

by Joy Henderson

Signs of spring are in the air and it seems that we are definitely ready. Even though we have had a nice mild winter, I think everyone is excited about a new beginning. Our "green thumb" ladies were down at the park getting the weeds out and I noticed that the flower beds at the schools are looking fresh and cultivated. I have even heard the rumble of lawn mowers in the distance at evening tide. Then, there is M.H. who has begun making preparations for his garden. Last but not least, we have those gorgeous tulips blooming, the purple wild flowers growing like weeds and then all those little white petals blowing all over the place.



Kenneth Slough of Gruver, TX, recently was awarded a \$750 Joseph Fleming Memorial Scholarship at the Oklahoma State University College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources Awards Banquet. OSU agriculture students will receive more than \$300,000 worth of scholarships and awards to offset educational expenses for the 1992-93 academic year. (OSU Agricultural Communications photo.)

AMBUCS hosts bazaar

AMBUCS spring Craft Bazaar will be held at the Moore County Community Center, 16th at Maddox, Dumas, on April 4 and 5.

The bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the bazaar is \$1 and will benefit Meals on Wheels.

Craftsmen from New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas will offer folk art painting, jewelry, stained glass, metal sculpture, appliqued clothing, southwest designs, porcelain dolls, spring arrangements, ceramics.

Other items they will offer are oil paintings, spin art t-shirts, hand painted shirts, children's clothing, crocheted baskets, afghans, country crafts and woodwork.

Since 1987 the Moore County AMBUCS has raised more than \$15,000 for local charities in fund raisers such as the craft bazaar. AMBUCS is a national organization of professional men and women.

All of this has brought my attention to a revival of the sunbonnets. Seems like one of my friends has been getting some orders to make them an old fashioned slot bonnet for some of the upcoming summer festivities and parades where some of the ladies dress in pioneer costumes. Then for you ladies that like to go out and sit by the old fishing hole, a slot bonnet is just the thing for shading the face. But the story I will always remember was told me by Ruby Heath several years ago.

I had never heard of slot bonnets - just regular sun bonnets. But Ruby was telling that even her sons wore bonnets when they were toddlers and her story was about one time they were traveling a long distance and had camped near Wayne, Okla. They got up the next morning and started the day's journey toward the east. When the sun became hot and Ruby reached for the bonnet to protect W.H.'s face and keep him from being sunburned, she realized it had been left behind. Well,

since that was a necessary part of the attire, nothing would do but for them to turn the wagon around and go back for it. When I say wagon I don't mean the station wagon either. I mean a horse or mule drawn wagon probably the kind similar to Little House on the Prairie.

There have been other men around in this area that told of wearing bonnets and maybe even little boy dresses while they were growing up. I'll bet they were mighty happy for the time they advanced to britches.

Well, this has been a slow-start morning for me, I'd better get on with my business. Little Kelsey Morris (one of the twins) had to return to the hospital for treatment for yellow jaundice. This usually consists of a few hours under an ultra-violet lamp, but anyhow everyone is back home except the grandmother who are really handy to have around.

Last week, I forgot to mention that Bernice Dudley was visiting a daughter in Abilene when she began to have heart problems and complicated by diabetes made it necessary to be hospitalized. I think they have her more stable after she entered the hospital.

Some of this lingering sinus infections and side effects suffered by Pauline Winger and Charmian Lyle caused Pauline to be admitted to the hospital for a few days. Even though Charmian had a cracked rib, she was at home but in quite a bit of pain. Leo Frazier has been in a lot of pain with (probably) arthritis in her neck and she has been unable to turn her head very much.

Well, let's hope the wonderful rain we had will help a lot of our

health problems get better.

Sympathy is extended to Geneva Edleman on the death of her brother, Gene Hightower. Also, one of my aunts, Nadine Schmitz of Wichita Falls passed away last week. Her funeral was March 27. We were able to visit briefly with her the first of the month.

Some of the visitors to Gruver recently were Ron and Virginia Hilbig of Booker. He represents the Gideon organization and spoke at the Methodist Church services. Also visiting was Christina Cuccaro of Aurora, Colo. She is Sue Gerardy's granddaughter. Monty and Becky Teeter visited Gruver as they were on their way to Sunray. They are from Kansas.

Mighty happy was Val and Marlene Winger as they are entertaining granddaughters Valerie and Molly Burnam for Friona. Their mother Marva brought them.

We bid fond farewell to Robyn Smolinski who was guest here for a couple of weeks in the home of Ross Renner. Robyn was scheduled to leave for her home in New York where she is employed as a professional Nanny. While here, she toured the Henderson pig farm and was given permission to take a little runt piglet home with her. However an extra stop by her flight home made the trip with a piglet in her suitcase inadvisable. Or did it? Maybe we should go count the baby pigs.

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Spearman Texas Department of Health is offering vaccines for many childhood diseases on April 2 from 10 a.m. to noon at 720 South Archer.

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mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae type B).

A fee will be charge. The amount of the fee will be based on family income, size and ability to pay. The money received goes towards the clinics expenses.

For those unable to make this date, there are two other offices in the area.

Perryton Texas Department of Health office will offer vaccines on April 14 from 10 a.m. to noon at Ochiltree County Courthouse in Perryton.

The Borger Texas Department of Health office will offer vaccines on April 28 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 600 Cedar, Suite 600 in Borger.

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Mrs. Thelma Hinds of Austin, Texas announces the engagement of her daughter, Daphne Tane Hinds to Kelly Wade Mills, son of Jerry and Sandra Mills of Perryton. The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of McCallam High School in Austin, and a 1984 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. Daphne is employed as an Accounts Examiner with the Texas State Comptroller in Austin. The groom-to-be is a 1980 graduate of Gruver High School, and a graduate of Texas Tech University. Kelly is employed as a Hydrogeologist with Raba-Kistner-Brytst Consultants, Inc. in Austin. The wedding will be held at 11 a.m. on April 11, 1992 at Woolridge Park in Austin. A reception at Scholz Garden will follow.

ACS campaign for funds

by Joy Henderson

April is the month that the American Cancer Society meets and conducts their annual Cancer Crusade to raise funds for research, patient services and other activities organized to fight this dreaded disease.

The Hansford unit met March 26 at B & B Industries hospitality room where the Spearman ladies hosted a noon luncheon of pizza. Also a delicious pumpkin roll was served as dessert.

Mozelle McClellan president of the group gave the welcome and introduced Tony Lloyd, field services director from Lubbock.

After staff reports given by Amy

Marshall of Amarillo and officer reports given, a plaque from Life Guard was awarded to Dolly McWhirter and James Dorman who serve as Public Education committee members.

Members attending prepared Crusade Kits to be handed out to those helping with the fund-raising April 1-17. Those attending were Mozelle McClellan, Amy Marshall, Tony Lloyd, Virginia Taylor, Clementine Renner, Joy Henderson, Arbeta Nobles, Pat Morely, Dolly McWhirter and Elmo McClellan.

The meeting adjourned and the next meeting will be April 30 with Gruver hosting.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

It seems so long ago - that is, the 28th of February, 1992, when the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District elected to present to the voters of Hansford County a \$4.7 million bond election.

Both the Board and Administration have attempted to present the facts to the voters at various meetings in order for the voters to make an informed decision on this very important issue for the hospital district.

We really do understand the economic impact this will have on the local taxpayers. Please don't forget that we as your friends and neighbors are also business people in Hansford County and what has an impact on you also affects us.

We wish we could have waited until 1996 to start on this project, but time just would not be on our side. The Manor is full and will be unable to help those in need, causing families to send their aged parent to other towns until an opening occurs, should one open at the Manor. To those of us on the Board, this was an unacceptable situation to tolerate. If the bond proposal does pass on the 7th of April, 1992, we will still have a 2 year wait before we will have additional Manor beds available to help those who have a need. God only knows what people will do during this time.

As to the hospital, we hope that everyone understands that we have an aging physical plant, build in 1961, that needs a great deal of work done to it - electrical, mechanical and air conditioning system. We all know that now is not the best of times, but at the same

time, the bond rates are the lowest in 20 years. If we elected not to do the project now we know that sooner or later it would be forced on us, and with a greater chance that the bond rates would be much higher than they are now, which would mean a higher overall cost at a later date.

We looked at various scenarios as to financing a project of this size, plus keeping any tax increase as low as possible. It is our opinion we did the best we could with what was available at the time.

We as a Board have endeavored to try to make sure that Hansford County does not become a county without a medical facility or doctors in it as 57 other counties are without a hospital and 19 counties in Texas are without doctors at the current time.

We hope that you are proud of our hospital district. We as a Board are constantly told by visiting relatives what a fine facility we have in Hansford Manor and the quality of care it provides to the residents who live there.

In closing, please let me say that regardless of how you feel about the project, please vote, that is the American way. We thank those who have had input into this very important project, both for and against.

Happy is that person who can detect some good in what at first seemed all bad.

On behalf of the Board of Directors
Hansford County Hospital District,
Alton Ellsworth
President

Unemployment on Decrease

Hansford County unemployment rate was 4% for February. Out of 3,864 total possible workers in the county, 3,711 had jobs. That left 153 individuals unemployed.

Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers stated in her news letter, "The unemployment rate is still too high, but at least the numbers this month look better than last month's. Approximately 40,000 fewer Texans were looking for work in February, and that is good news provided they joined the ranks of the employed.

Currently the unemployment count is still 150,000 higher than a year ago. February's 7.9% jobless rate is .4% less than a month ago, but is 1.7% higher than at this time last year.

Nabers stated, these numbers show us the smallest job gain in over three years for this time of

year. This is a troubling sign.

Analysts are predicting growth in the spring. Many reasons back this prediction, interest rates are low and there is a demand for all kinds of consumer goods including housing.

Another issue that affects the economy is consumer confidence. This seems to be on the upswing, according to the news letter.

The finance, insurance and real estate sectors showed growth, but wholesale and retail trade, mining, manufacturing, construction, transportation and public utilities continue to cutback.

Amarillo was ranked third for the lowest unemployment rates in February with 6%.

El Paso had the third highest unemployment rate for a metropolitan area with 11.5% in February.

The Family of R.T. Farris

Wish to thank everyone that brought food and sent flowers in our time of sorrow. Also to thank the Ladies of the First Baptist Church that prepared lunch for us all. And we especially want to thank Dr. Charles Ridge and the nurses and staff of Hansford Hospital. They were without a doubt the kindest and most thoughtful of any hospital that we have ever been patients in. Our thanks & Love to everyone.

Kathryn (Kate) Farris
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you do a replacement facility first, whether that its a brand new building or a wing addition, and then you close and renovate the other." -Dave Altman, Chief Architect of the Health Fac., Licensing and Certification Division, Texas Department of Health (Note: Altman is not associated with the proposed project.)

QUESTION: Well, how is it possible for Hansford Hospital to operate with deficiencies in its life safety code in the first place?

ANSWER: "We get waivers for these deficiencies from the Medicare people when they come and inspect the hospital annually." -Al LaRoche, Hansford Hospital Administrator

QUESTION: Is there any possibility these waivers won't continue to be given each year?

ANSWER: "The rural hospitals that've closed in Texas didn't close because of their deficiencies, but because they didn't have the funds to stay open. Waivers can be re-

scinded at any time, with the hospital getting 30 to 60 days to comply with the codes. Right now there is a movement in medicine to alleviate all the waivers, but trying to predict (when and who) is like playing Russian roulette." -Dave Altman, Texas Department of Health

"I have been given no reason to think our waivers will be taken away any time soon." -LaRoche

QUESTION: What do you predict will happen in the next five years if the deteriorating systems are not repaired/replaced and the deficiencies not brought up to code?

ANSWER: One of the things that keeps rural hospitals open is their image. When people go in an old-looking facility, they ask if the technology used there is outdated. People, especially young people, want a new facility with new technology. They aren't as likely to use a hospital in an old building. Another thing you have to look at is, what if there's a fire? The attorneys are almost guaranteed a win if

it's on record that the hospital's safety standards were deficient. This sets a liability on the hospital's head. -paraphrase of answer given by Altman

"One thing is the boilers. Our mechanical people said their components would have to be replaced (inside and out) in another two to five years. That will cost 75% of a new boiler. Another thing is the wall and roof on the east side of the building have major structural problems. I can't visualize the Department of Health coming out and putting a lock on the door, but the safety of the building would begin to be questioned by medical staff." -Cox

"The heating and air conditioning systems will have to be replaced in the next five years. New systems will save the hospital \$4,400 a year, or \$88,000 over 20 years at today's prices. (based on cost per square foot comparisons between the hospital and the Manor)

"The plumbing lines are too old and hard to keep clear, because the pipes were built in 1961 before we had plastics in pipes and the metal pipes have built up mineral deposits so thick there is hardly a hole left. We do spot repairs all the time, but sometimes that creates a bigger problem because the joints break loose when the maintenance people are working on them, they're so old.

The hospital will have to close within the next five years from now for at least a few weeks for these things to be replaced." -LaRoche

QUESTION: What will happen in the next five years if the nursing home is not expanded?

ANSWER: We will be turning away people from this county and other surrounding counties who want and need beds there, either for themselves or for their relatives. Also, studies show that the smaller nursing facilities, like those with 30 to 60 beds, are just not making it financially. We are licensed for 84 beds at Hansford Manor, and we only have one available bed at this time. With the expansion project, we'll be adding 33 beds. -paraphrase of answer by LaRoche

What Proposed Project Involves, in Terms of Construction/Renovation and Future Hospital Jobs and Finances

QUESTION: What, in a nutshell, would the proposed bond issue finance in terms of construction and renovation at the HCHD? How long will it take to complete the project?

ANSWER: In the option selected by the HCHD board, all expansion would occur within the existing boundaries of the hospital and Manor. The renovation/construction schedule would take two years. It would include construction of a new hospital on the elongated site formed by the partial closing of West Eighth Street, an area currently serving as a hospital parking lot. (See hospital diagram) This new hospital would have 12-16 patient beds. -source: "Long Range Facilities Analysis, Hansford County Hospital District, Spearman, Texas," a report by Cox/Croslin and Associates

QUESTION: Why 12-16 beds? What is the average daily patient census now?

ANSWER: The average daily patient census at Hansford Hospital is 4.3. The highest census in the past three years has been 15 patients, on 6/10/89. The existing hospital has 28 beds, 20 of which are set up for in-patient care. -source HCHD census records, courtesy Administrator LaRoche

"The minimum number of beds that Cox/Croslin would recommend for any facility is 16 in-patient beds. Then rational behind this recommendation is that the minimum level of staffing allowed by the licensing standards will support approximately 10 to 20 beds. To meet the licensure standards, a minimum level of service and floor area must be provided. This minimum area will easily support an in-patient size of approximately 16 to 20 beds.

If the current hospice program requires four to six beds, the total bed count, allowing for emergency needs, could be projected to the range of 10 to 15 beds. Our report has focused on a minimum of 16 in-patient hospital bedrooms. The

A FISTFUL OF FACTS:

Subject-- The Hansford County Hospital District's Proposed \$4.7 million Bond Issue

Purpose of the Bond Issue: to finance construction of a new, scaled-down hospital and renovation of existing hospital to an expanded nursing home.

Why the Hospital District Wants the Bond Issue: The board and administrators point to a full Manor (only one bed remained available at press time) and antiquated/deteriorating/substandard 1961 hospital facility; also emphasize low bond rates currently available

Cost to the Hansford County Taxpayer: 3.3 cents for every hundred dollar valuation of property, over a 20 year period, with industry/utilities paying 68% of the new taxes and home and landowners paying the other 32%. (See table for estimates)

additional rooms will allow for some minimum level of potential growth in the in-patient hospital census, growth of the hospital program or expansion of other programs that could require the need of in-patient services. When the hospital is...replaced and new facilities are available to the public, some increased use of the facility by local residents could also be anticipated, thereby increasing the daily in-patient census." -"Long Range Facilities Analysis, HCHD, Spearman, Texas," Cox/Croslin and Associates

QUESTION: Back to the actual project. What other construction would there be in addition to the new hospital?

ANSWER: A new shared services area would be between the nursing facility (the renovated "old" hospital) and the new hospital. Shared services includes rooms housing X-ray, lab, therapy, diagnostic and treatment, and home health. A public entrance and an emergency care entrance would be located on this shared service area on West Eighth Street, and a public entrance would also be located on Archer Street for the new hospital. -source: Revised Proposal C, diagram, Cox/Croslin and Associates

QUESTION: What would approval of the proposal mean in terms of new jobs and the financial picture at the HCHD?

ANSWER: "Adding 33 nursing home beds would create a need for 25 new employees, with a payroll of \$373,334. This in time would create \$197,867 in wages available for local spending. Research provided by the HCHD indicates 67% of wages are spent locally by employees in rural communities. Local purchases by the HCHD are estimated to increase by \$40,000. The total cash flow from new nursing home beds would be approximately \$120,300, assuming 70% of the beds were private pay and 30% medic-

aid. -source: "Economic Impact of Additional 33 Nursing Home Beds on Hansford County" and "HCHD Proforma Cash Flow Statement for Proposed 33-Bed Nursing Home Addition," reports prepared by Anne Snow and Al LaRoche

QUESTION: Do we have the people in the county to fill these 26 jobs if the bond issue passes?

ANSWER: "There are over 100 unemployed people in Hansford County who are either collecting unemployment or actively seeking work or both. Some people would come from this (pool). Some people would come from outside, such as grown children of local folks who are finishing up their schooling and would like to come back here to live if they can find jobs. I'll admit there may be problems filling some of the positions, but these would be manageable problems! We may have to do a lot of our own training or offer assistance financing training like we did with our LVNs getting their RNs, but we'll manage." -LaRoche

QUESTION: Has staff been cut at the Manor in the past three years?

ANSWER: "Absolutely not. As the Paid Hour Analysis book shows, the staff has actually increased. There were 23 aides last year and this year we have budgeted for 27. You can see that we actually paid more aides to work, for example, this past month than a year ago in that same month." -LaRoche

(Reporter's note: My brief examination of the Paid Hour Analysis book, which breaks down the total paid hours every two weeks by job description, bore out LaRoche's answer. He did discuss a problem that he admits has been encountered: nursing aides calling in sick or not showing up for work during weekend shifts. LaRoche said he is currently trying to combat this problem by coming up with a pay-

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TABLE 1

Estimated Cost of \$4.7 Million Hospital Bond Issue to Home and Landowners (source: prepared by Anne Snow, hospital business manager)

Resident with \$40,000 home (after homestead exemption): \$9.90 additional tax per year
 Resident with \$60,000 home (after homestead exemption): \$16.50 additional tax per year
 Resident with \$80,000 home (after homestead exemption): \$26.40 additional tax per year

Landowner with irrigated farm section with an average taxable value of \$122,240:
 \$40.34 additional tax per year
 Landowner with dryland farm section with an average taxable value of \$64,000:
 \$21.12 additional tax per year
 Landowner with grassland section with average taxable value of \$22,400:
 \$7.40 additional per year

To see exactly how much the tax increase would be in an individual case, simply divide the taxable value of your property by 100 and multiply by .033. These estimates are based on an adjusted taxable value in Hansford County of \$354,000 and 95% tax collections. The 1992 adjusted taxable value has not yet been determined, but these values change yearly. (See Chart 2)

GARDEN TIME

Second best...but just as good for wildlife

By CRAIG TUFTS

Many gardeners followed the lengthy battle over the selection of the national flower. In the end, the rose beat the marigold, but only, perhaps, by a nose. For wildlife and ecologically-minded gardeners, the marigold is every bit as desirable as the rose and surpasses it in a number of ways.

Yard patrol is one of my gardening joys. Armed with binoculars for spying on the avian and lepidopteran denizens of my quarter acre (and the common ground back forty), I spend hours of enjoyable meandering, checking out the shadubush crop, looking for the monarch eggs on milkweeds, verifying that first ever mourning warbler back in the scrubby tangle that marks the property line.

Marigolds aren't finicky plants and roses are. Too many roses mean less meandering time. Therefore, I plant hundreds of marigolds. They thrive in full sun, average to poor soil, and provide continuous bloom if you keep seeds from forming. For the wildlife gardener, marigolds provide nectar for butterflies, seeds for juncos and sparrows, and if you choose your varieties carefully, offer a degree of nematode and insect control. Here is a brief evaluation of marigold species and some of my favorite varieties.

French marigold (Tagetes patula): Despite the name, an American native, as are all other marigolds. Well over 200 varieties are available but for butterflies, choose single ones, such as Naughty Marietta or those just barely double. The size of the plant or flower is not important. Hybrids of this and the African marigold such as Burpee's Mules or Park's Hi-Gs offer almost nothing to wildlife but do sport incredibly large, long-lasting flowers. Thompson and Morgan offers the best line of single French marigolds.

African marigold (T. erecta): Tallest of the clan but one with little wildlife value. Breeders took the wild

single flowered form and bred out most of its nectar and seed producing capability.

Signet marigold (T. tenuifolia): Although relatively unknown to many gardeners, this is a plant to try. The flowers are single and small but numerous. They attract some butterflies and many other beneficial insects. The seed is small and slender and of limited bird feeding value. Thompson and Morgan carry varieties.

Sweet-scented marigold (T. lucida): Not great in bloom and not a plant whose seeds a cardinal can feast on, but you can eat it! This is a perennial species and an herb grown by Native Americans in the southwestern U.S. With a smell somewhere between anise and tarragon, it's worth a try.

Irish lace marigold (T. filifolia): My source is a naturalized Nebraska population of this Central American flower, but you can find it in your Park's catalog. Grow it as a border for its lacy foliage which is sweetly pungent. The flowers will go nearly unnoticed but I'll bet it's a great insect repeller. Try it!

For wildlife habitat information, contact the National Wildlife Federation, Dept. BN, 1412 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-2266.

Craig Tufts is a spokesperson for the National Wildlife Federation. GT916740



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HANDY MAN

Re-Roofing Adds To Curb Appeal Of Home

The old adage about not fixing something unless it is broken certainly applies to the roof over your head. Homeowners generally do not pay close attention to their roofing needs unless there is a leak or storm damage.

However, re-roofing, particularly if your home is more than 15-years old, can save you from a rather damp surprise the next time it rains. It can also add significantly to the value of your home.

Because of this you should always consider re-roofing with quality materials. No matter what style home you have, new roofing adds dramatically to the curb appeal of your home. High quality roofing materials also give you added peace of mind with their workmanship and warranties.

For years the only roofing material option available to many homeowners was the three-tab asphalt shingle. Today, however, that is no longer the case.

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One of the first things to do when thinking of re-roofing is to inspect the roof. Brittle, curled or missing shingles or shingles without granules are signs of a roof in need of replacement.

You next need to determine the number of shingles you will need for the job. Shingles are sold in squares as noted above. You need to determine the square footage of your roof for this purpose. To do this measure the distance along the eave and rake of your roof. Multiply the length of the eave times the length of the rake and you will get the square footage.

Quality roofing materials generally have installation instructions included. However, your local home center will gladly supply needed advice and instruction. Some manufacturers, such as Masonite Corporation, have instructional videos available for this purpose.

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A few reasons why it would be financially sound to pay off the present bonds before obligating the taxpayers of the County for \$4,700,000 more:

1. Oil and Gas values, the largest of the county tax groups, are down. The price of natural gas is directly related to the amount of taxes received from natural gas. The price of natural gas has steadily decreased in the last year.

1990	\$167,093,400.00
1991	\$159,779,170.00
LOSS	\$ 7,314,230.00

2. In 1990 the hospital received \$1,503,000 from taxes. The 1991 projected tax the hospital will receive is \$1,450,000.

3. Total county valuation dropped \$10,000,000 from 1990 - 1991.

4. School taxing is still undecided.

5. Hansford County population dropped by 361 from the 1980 to 1990 census.

6. The actual amount of the BOND when all the extras are rolled in is \$6,825,000.00 !!! According to the Southwest Securities Inc. projected "Debt Service Schedule."

7. The pay out on this new BOND will be approximately \$11,887,349.79.

8. The yearly payments on this BOND will be between \$584,000.00 and \$589,00.00 for 20 years.

9. The new BOND, when sold, may be extended up to 40 years.

WE PAY SOME OF THE HIGHEST
TAXES IN THE PANHANDLE

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ment differential plan for aides working these less desirable shifts.)

**PART III:
Current Hospital Financial Picture, Proposed Bond Issue's Financing for Project, What Passing the Bond Issue will Mean to Taxpayers**

QUESTION: Let's turn for amount to the financial end of things. What is the HCHD's current financial situation?

ANSWER: In fiscal year 1991, the HCHD had an excess of \$450,000 of revenue over expenses. The hospital lost \$1,126,526. The gain in monies was due to taxes the HCHD received each October through February, from homeowners, landowners, industry and utilities. Some monies are also received from general contributions, grants and interest income. The District receives 38.5 cents of every \$100 valuation, and this totalled 1,476,655 in 1991. Right now we have over \$714,000 in county-held certified CDs. This amount includes the \$450,000 gained in 1991. This total is the District's reserve funds. Our current debt is \$1.6 million, all for the Manor's 1986 addition, and this is scheduled to be paid off in 1996. The HCHD's annual payroll is \$2.2 million (or \$166,000 per month) and its 1992 budget is \$5.1 million. There are 123 employees (full and part-time), making us the second largest employer in the county, and the average salary is \$11.60 per hour. (Note: This information was taken directly from HCHD's financial records books. The pronoun "we" is used because the HCHD belongs to all of us paying taxes in Hansford County.)

QUESTION: Why couldn't the reserved \$714,000 be used for part of the project?

ANSWER: Because a reserve fund is not extra money you can spend on new things. It is there for when things go wrong. An example would be if expenses exceed what is in the checking account before the tax monies start coming in in October. A hospital district is not a cash flow operation. It is not-for-profit. The receipts aren't going to meet the expenses. The hospital district does not take in enough money to meet month-to-month operating expenses. The taxes make up the difference. -James Cunningham, chairman, HCHD Long-Term Strategic Planning Committee

"That reserve is for bad times, like if one of your physicians leaves suddenly. We were down to one doctor two years ago, and it took six

months to recruit another one. During that time, we had to hire emergency room physicians and because we had that fund, we were able to afford to do this and hang onto the one doctor we already had.

You know, \$700,000 is not a lot of money for a reserve fund on a hospital district that has an annual operating budget of \$5.1 million! Just look at payroll, for instance. That reserve fund would only get us through four months of payroll if the hospital was closed (as in the case of renovations). -LaRoche

Reporter's note: I did some checking into the hospital district's financial past. The hospital became part of the tax district in 1973. The most recent year that it lost (financially) was in fiscal year 1985-86. At that time, there was a loss of \$167,000. Board members inform me the loss was due to poor management, changes in the Medicare payment system and failure to diversify into outpatient areas. According to LaRoche, who was not the administrator at that time, there was no money in reserves during this period. In fiscal 1985-86, the hospital experienced a gain \$36,000, and there have been gains since then.

QUESTION: Let's look at the financing proposed for the upcoming bond election. Why can't we pay off the remaining \$1.6 million debt on the Manor before we do this renovation/building project?

ANSWER: "You can pay the \$1.6 million off first, but you're looking at a large tax rate. The interest rate on these outstanding bonds is 6.90 (1993), 7.0 (1994), 7.1 (1995) and 7.2 (1996). To pay off the outstanding bonds, you're looking at a 13 to 14-cent tax increase for the first four years of the new bond issue. By combining the outstanding bonds with the new ones, which will be paid over a 20-year period, the tax increase is only between three and four cents.

The outstanding bonds will still be paid off by 1996 and at the rates already listed, not at the rate for the \$4.7 million bond issue. This is because the funds are placed in escrow for the people who own them, and the debt will be taken off the hospital district's books.

The question is, do the people want heavier tax rates for the next four years (until 1996, when the \$1.6 existing bond is paid off) or to combine this outstanding bond with the proposed bond to have a lesser increase in the tax rates for the 20-year period of the new bond issue?

It is not necessarily economically advisable to pay off one debt first if the need for the second bond issue

is now." -Bob Davis, Southwest Securities, financial advisor to the HCHD

"The board told me in no uncertain terms that it would not take before the voters any option that would mean a tax increase of 13 or 14 cents, even for a four-year period. That's why in the current proposal, the outstanding bonds would be rolled over into the new bond issue." -LaRoche

QUESTION: Explain how the \$4.7 million would be generated in this bond issue. Who would pay into it and what amounts?

ANSWER: A tax increase of 3.3 cents per \$100 valuation over a 20-year period is what the HCHD would need to provide the extra funds for the proposed \$4.7 HCHD project. Homeowners and landowners' taxes make up 32% of that total with the major portion, 68%, coming from industry (oil, gas, etc.) and utilities operating in Hansford County. (For estimates of what this increase would mean in actual dollars for home and landowners, see Table 1. Currently, the HCHD gets 38.5 cents of each hundred dollar valuation. The proposed increase would change this amount by 3.3 cents, or to 41.8 cents.) -Anne Snow, hospital business manager

In 1991, the county's total adjusted taxable value was put at \$387,189,091. This is the figure on which the governing bodies of tax-supported organizations, such as the school and hospital districts, base the tax rates they fix in order to generate the monies they need for operating funds.) -paraphrase of answer by Alice Peddy, Chief Appraiser for the Hansford County Appraisal District

QUESTION: But what if the

county's total adjusted taxable value goes down? What will this mean if the bond issue has passed but, for example, the gas and oil industries no longer have to pay as much in taxes because of decreased tax valuations?

ANSWER: "Nobody can predict what assessed valuations are going to do, but if that happened, the tax rate would have to increase. However, we figure this bond issue on \$384,000,000, three million less than the 1991 amount, and at a 95% collection rate. In Hansford County, tax collections have run 99%. So, we've built in some leeway...some safety valves into this thing...if there is some downward fluctuation in the taxable value." -Bob Davis, Southwest Securities

"We won't have the 1992 adjusted taxable value for the county until the first of May because we're still in the process of adjusting our figures on local properties and the gas and oil are done by an outside Amarillo facility because they are so specialized. There is no predicting this (the adjusted taxable value) because it depends upon the economy, the market values, which change. I'm hoping it stays the same as last year. We had 32 abandoned or plugged wells in 1991, but 39 new wells in 1992. On the new wells, though, I still have to find out if they're in Hansford County (Note: the appraisal district and Hansford County are not exactly the same boundaries) and how much they are producing. It is the drastic fluctuations created by our gas and oil industries that make it impossible to predict whether it (the adjusted taxable value) will go up, down or stay about the same from year to year." -Peddy

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It Was A Dirty Job, but...

Just returned from attending the world's largest sportsman show called the World Fishing Fair at the Bass Pro Shop in Springfield, Missouri. What a show! What a business! This was my first trip to visit the "mecca" of the fishing world and to say I was impressed is an understatement.

The people of Bass Pro from John L. Morris, president and founder, down to the army of clerks and cashiers share one common trait: they were friendly and genuinely interested in making sure I had a good time. The fact that my old fishing buddy Dean Logan and I spent some major money on fishing equipment was nice, but these people made us glad to shop at their store. Other retail businesses could learn some valuable lessons from Bass Pro.

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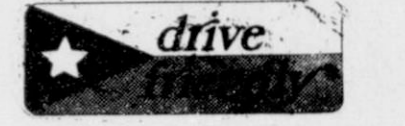
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the clothing necessary to enjoy that fishing and hunting. Did I mention the three-story waterfall or the collection of old fishing lures and rods? Finally, everything is priced below retail, and manufacturers delight in offering special deals.

Really, it would be worth taking a family vacation to Branson, Missouri, so you could sneak off to the Bass Pro shop!

The Fishing Fair, held every four years, included 150 of the world's leading tackle manufacturers and seventy seminars by over 40 fishing pro's! Special tents were erected so the thousands of anglers could see their fishing heroes. It is difficult to capture the scale of this angler's extravaganza, but rest assured that Dean and I plan on returning in 1996. We just might meet you at the waterfall and walk over to a seminar by ole Jimmy, Bill, or Hank. Okay?

Next Baylor Lake Big Bass Tournament is 7 a.m., Saturday, April 11. Entry fee is \$50. until Monday, April 6th, when it increases to \$60.00. Based on 100 entries, the winner makes \$2,500 and each hourly winner takes home \$100.00. For details call 806-353-3654.



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- Yes to economic development and 26 more jobs for Hansford County.
- Yes to modern health care facilities:
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 Shot Put: Brian Kidder, 3rd, 43'10"
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 400 Relay: Brian Beck, Chris Strawn, Jason Varmon, Tim Dooley, 6th, 45.85
 800 Run: Cody Pipkin, 2nd, 2:06
 110 H.H.: Jason Varmon, 5th, 15.9
 1600 Relay: Brian Beck, Cody Pipkin, Chris Strawn, Tim Dooley, 3rd, 3:31.79
SPEARMAN JUNIOR VARSITY
FRITCH TRACK MEET
 Long Jump: Radar Garcia, 2nd, 19'8"
 Pole Vault: Dee Mayfield, 2nd, 10'6"
 400 Relay: Lonny Gallegos, Josh Furlow, Dee Mayfield, Radar Garcia, 6th, 48.6
 200 Meter: Josh Furlow, 3rd, 24.48

110 H.H.: Radar Garcia, 1st, 16.75
 100 M.: Josh Furlow, 6th, 11.63
 300 H.H.: Radar Garcia, 4th, 36.55.
SPEARMAN 8TH GRADE BOYS
FRITCH MEET
 HIGH JUMP - Sanders, 6th
SPEARMAN JUNIOR HIGH 7TH GRADE BOYS
FRITCH RELAYS
 400 M. Relay - Savage, Witten, Salazar, Miller, 5th, 54.02
 100 M. Dash - Salazar, 5th, 13.3
 300 M. I.H. - Witten, 5th, 32.1
 1600 M. Relay - Beedy, Miller, Howard, Savage, 4th, 4:28.
SPEARMAN VARSITY GIRLS
FRITCH MEET 3/27, 3/28
 100 M.H. - Joy Gafford, 2nd, 15.77; Suz Sanders, 6th, 18.79
 400 M DASH - Mary Cook, 3rd, 65.19
 200 M DASH - Suz Sanders, 2nd, 27.19
 100 M DASH - Michelle Garnett, 1st, 13.12
 300 M.H. - Joy Gafford, 1st, 48.66
 800 M RUN - Jill Lusby, 3rd, 2:37.3

HIGH JUMP - Suz Sanders and Mary Cook, Tied for 2nd
200 RELAY - Suz Sanders, Shannon Holton, Michelle Garnett, Jill Lusby, 4th, 1:52.8
400 RELAY - Mary COOK, Sonya Nitschke, Jill Lusby, Joy Gafford, 2nd, 4:17.1
4 X 100 RELAY - Michelle Garnett, Holly Jarvis, Shannon Holton, Sonya Nitschke, 3rd, 53.35
SPEARMAN 8TH GRADE GIRLS
FRITCH MEET
 200 M. Dash - Townsen, 2nd, 28.51
 1600 M. Relay - Townsen, Bruning, Shieldknight, Dooley, 6th, 4:52.74
 800 M. Relay - Townsen, Bruning, Shieldknight, Dooley, 3rd, 2:02.56
 Discus Throw - Townsen, 1st, 95'; Bruning, 6th.
 Triple Jump - Townsen, 1st, 28'4"
SPEARMAN 7TH GRADE GIRLS
FRITCH RELAYS
 1200 M. Run - Rodriguez, 1st, 4:36; Smith, 8th, 4:58
 400 M. Relay - Beasley, Barber, Butt, Lusby, 3rd, 57.71
 800 M. Run - Rodriguez, Smith, Pipkin, 2nd, 2:53
 400 M. Dash - Barber, 1st, 1:10.73
 200 M. Dash - Beasley, Goodman, Butt, 3rd, 28.67
 1600 M. Relay - Smith, Rodriguez, Barber, Beasley, 2nd, 4:44.
 800 M. Relay - Butt, Goodman, Dooley, Lusby, 7th, 2:15.18

Triple Jump - Beasley, 3rd
Long Jump - Beasley, 2nd
Running High Jump - Barber, 2nd, 4'4"
GRUVER VARSITY BOYS
FRITCH RELAYS
Total Points - 29
 3200 M. Run - Cody Barkley, 11:07.5, 4th
 400 M. Relay - Matt Etheredge, Victor Lopez, Trent Seagler, Raul Villegas - 45.61, 5th
 800 M. Run - Scott McCloy, 2:06.9, 4th
 1600 M. Run - Cody Barkley, 4:56.9, 3rd; Max Davis, 5:11.2, 6th.
 1600 M. Relay - Trent Seagler, Shannon Pool, Ryon Atwood, Victor Lopez, 3:36.17, 5th.
 Pole Vault - Shannon Pool, 12'0, 3rd.
GRUVER JV BOYS
FRITCH RELAYS
Total Points - 7
 3200 M. Run - Joe Bravo, 12:18.2, 3rd
 110 M. H.H. - Kevin McNett, 18:54, 6th.
GRUVER 8TH GRADE BOYS
FRITCH RELAYS
 1200 M. Run - Bailey Barkley, 1st, 3:58
 800 M. Run - Bailey Barkley, 1st, 2:27.02
 200 Low Hurdles - Sammy Renteria, 3rd, 30.17; Daniel Bort, 4th, 30.24
 400 Relay - Juan Arreola, Daniel Bort, Max Frick, Wylee Maupin, 4th, 52.06
 1600 M. Relay - Juan Arreola, Daniel Bort, Max Frick, Wylee Maupin, 3rd, 4:06.09
 Discus - Juan Arreola, 1st, 126'2"
 High Jump - Wylee Maupin, 2nd, 5'8"
 Triple Jump - Wylee Maupin, 4th, 34'11"; Juan Arreola, 5th, 32'
GRUVER 7TH GRADE BOYS
FRITCH RELAYS

Total points - 74
 400 M. Dash - Jarrod Hoel, 2nd, 61.0
 Shot Put - Scott Stedje - 6th, 30'3"
 Discus - Scott Stedje, 6th, 84'
 Long Jump - Jarrod Hoel, 3rd, 5'
GRUVER VARSITY GIRLS
FRITCH MEET
5TH PLACE - 74 1/2 points
 3200 M. Run - Brendy Brown, 6th, 13:41
 400 M. Relay - Tisha Ralston, Julie Meyer, Janelle Haefner, Holly Venneman, 5th, 54.09
 100 M. Hurdles - Janelle Haefner, 3rd, 17.01
 800 M. Run - Cora Meyer, 5th, 2:40
 300 M. Hurdles - Wynn Maupin, 53.02, 4th
 1600 M. Run - Brendy Brown, 4th, 6:14
 1600 M. Relay - Cora Meyer, Julie Meyer, Kasey Davis, Holly Venneman, 3rd, 4:19.8
 800 M. Relay - Janelle Haefner, Cora Meyer, Julie Meyer, Holly Venneman, 3rd, 1:52.5
 Triple Jump - Wynn Maupin, 1st, 35'1 3/4"; Julie Meyer, 6th, 31'2"
 Long Jump - Wynn Maupin, 3rd, 15'6 1/2"
 High Jump - Holly Venneman, 1st, 5'1"; Mika McLain, 5th, 5'0".
GRUVER 8TH GRADE GIRLS
FRITCH MEET

3RD PLACE
 100 M. Hurdles - Molly McLain, 5th, 18.8
 800 M. Run - Joni Hart, 1st, 2:42; Myriam Alvarez, 5th, 2:59
 400 M. Run - Cristy Marquez, 6th, 71.7; Myriam Alvarez, 5th, 71.2
 200 M. Hurdles - Molly McLain, 3rd, 35.6
 200 M. Dash - Tara Shapley, 4th, 28.9
 1200 M. Run - Joni Hart, 1st, 4:26 (ties school record); Josie Pool, 5th, 4:50
 Shot Put - Julie Aguilar, 5th, 25'
 Triple Jump - Joni Hart, 4th, 27'9"; Tara Shapley, 5th, 27'6"
 Long Jump - Tara Shapley, 2nd, 13'; Myriam Alvarez, 4th, 12'11 1/2"
 High Jump - Molly McLain, 1st, 4'8"; Josie Pool, 4th, 4'6".
GRUVER 7TH GRADE GIRLS
FRITCH MEET
 800 M. Run - Amy Gillispie, 6th, 3:01.7; Erikka Barrera, 7th, 3:02.7
 100 M. Dash - Erica Blount, 5th, 14.3
 200 M. Dash - Amber Murrell, 1st, 27.76 (new school record)
 1200 M. Run - Erikka Barrera, 5th, 4:52.4
 Shot Put - Cara Hathaway, 3rd, 25'1/2"
 High Jump - Amber Murrell, 3rd, 4'4".

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Letter to the editor

Dear editor,
 I recently spent many hours researching the proposed Hansford County Hospital District (HCHD) bond issue of \$4.7 million for construction of a new hospital and renovation of the old hospital to an expanded nursing facility. This proposal will go before the voters of Hansford County on Tuesday, April 7, 1992.

While doing my question-and-answer gathering, I was impressed over and over again with two things: the sophisticated questions local citizens were asking about the project and all of its economic ramifications, and the willingness of those associated with the HCHD proposal, both locally and in Austin and San Antonio, to share information with me.

When I took on this research, I was not certain of what my own vote would be, and it was never my intention to use a newspaper article to promulgate personal views. What I did hope was that the facts I gathered would enable undecided voters to make a decision, or to finalize the decision they had already made, based on information they may not have had earlier.

The point of this letter today is to encourage everyone to vote. The last two bond issue elections for the HCHD were decided on the basis of totals of fewer than 700 voters in 1979 and only 464 voters in 1985!

Every registered voter in this county can have a voice in the important upcoming bond issue election. I say "can have" because that voice will be heard only if he or she takes the time to go to the polls, or in advance of that day, to vote absentee. The outcome will be a true reflection of the desires of the community only if voters express themselves. First, we have a responsibility to inform ourselves about the issue up for election, but then we have to follow through and vote according to our beliefs.

Tuesday, April 7, 1992 is just around the corner. Will you be at the polls?

Jean Ann Behney

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A los votantes registrados del Pringle-Morse, Texas:

Notifiquese, por las presentes, que las castillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. el 2 de Mayo de 1992 para votar en la Eleccion para Electra dos personas para la escu e la. Direccion(es) De Las Castillas Electorales La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Superintendent's Office, 100 Fifth Street, Morse, Texas entre las 8 de la manana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el Abril 13, 1992 y terminando el Abril 28, 1992.

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Bob Womble, presiding officer

S23-1tc

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION to the registered voters of Pringle-Morse, Texas. Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., on May 2, 1992, for voting in a School Trustee election, to elect two School Board Trustees. Location(s) of polling places

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Jack H. Weldon
Interim Superintendent
Pringle-Morse CISD

S23-2tc

NOTICE: Spearman Independent School District is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of computer lab printers. Bid specifications are available at the Business Office located at 403 E. 11th Street, Spearman, TX 79081. Deadline for submitting bids is May 11, 1992 at 7 p.m. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. S23-1tc

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF SPEARMAN, TEXAS, CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Spearman, Texas, shall convene at 7:30 p.m. on the 14th day of April, 1992, at its regular meeting place in City Hall, 30 S.W. Court, Spearman, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) the construction of improvements and extensions to the City's Waterworks and Sewer System, including improvements to the wastewater treatment plant, (ii) the construction of a solid waste transfer station, (iii) the purchase of a fire pumper truck and (iv) professional services, such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a limited pledge of the net revenues of the City's combined Waterworks, Sanitary Sewer and Gas Systems. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

-s- Cheryl Gibson
City Secretary, City of Spearman, Texas

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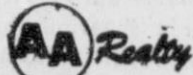
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Obituary

Clarence Weeks, 85, died March 25 in the St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

He was born March 20, 1906, in Winterset, Iowa, to W.J. and Elsie Weeks. After attending Pleasant Plains Grade School, Goodwell High School, he attended Oklahoma State in Stillwater.

Mr. Weeks farmed in the Pleasant Plains area and was instrumental in organizing the No Man's Land Senior Citizen Center in Guymon. He married Esther West, May 5, 1976 in Guymon.

The Week's had been living in the Hansford Manor for the past

three years.

Survivors include his wife, Esther of Spearman; four children: Bob Weeks of Vista, Calif.; Gene Weeks of Downey, Calif.; Don Winter of Guymon; Darlene Mendenhall of Guymon; one brother, Russell Weeks of Guymon; several nieces and nephews including Mrs. LoRee Booth of Spearman; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 28 at the Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church. Burial was at Elmhurst Cemetery.

A Clarence Weeks Memorial has been established for the Hansford

Hospice in Spearman, the No Man's Land Senior Citizen Center and the Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, both in Guymon. Memorials will be accepted at the Henson Funeral Home, Box 1306, Guymon, Okla. 73942.

Tornado from page 1

National Weather Service Amarillo - County Warning Area

Union 21	Clairton 24	Texas 31	Beaver 32		
	Dallas 18	Berman 25	Hansford 32	Ochiltree 33	Lipscomb 19
	Hartley 21	Moore 27	Wheeler 43	Roberts 16	Hemphill 28
Quay 25	Oldham 13	Potter 30	Carson 48	Gray 40	Wheeler 24
	Deaf Smith 22	Randall 47	Artesian 20	Dosley 24	Collingsworth 24
29	Curry 35	Parmer 37	Castro 49	Swisher 28	Briscoe 32
Roosevelt 33				Hall 10	Childress

Reported Tornadoes by County
1950 - 1991

NOAA Weather Wire.

Residents in their homes, schools, hospitals and businesses will be able to see if they would receive a warning in a timely manner. They are encouraged to take the same precautionary actions that would be carried out during an actual tornado.

If threatening weather is expected on April 8, the drill will be conducted on April 9 at 10:30 a.m.

dents in the area should take cover quickly.

Tornadoes can strike at any time and at any place. National Weather Service bulletins will provide weather information, if it seems threatening. Residents are urged to keep up on developing weather conditions.

The following information was provided by the National Weather Service to help residents plan ahead for the possible severe weather:

-Occasionally have a tornado drill so that family members know what to do and where to go in case of an actual tornado.

-In homes, get away from windows, doors and outside walls. Go to a basement, first floor bathroom, closet or room at the center of the house. Take along blankets or pillows to protect yourself from falling debris.

-In schools, go to the basement or lowest floor interior rooms or

hallways. Stay away from windows and large areas such as gymnasiums and auditoriums.

-In public buildings, go immediately to designated shelter area, an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor. Do not go to your parked car.

-In open country, look for suitable shelter. If there is no time, leave your car and lie flat in a ditch or depression. Avoid trees, metal poles and other electrical conductors.

-Mobile homes and cars, should be abandoned immediately. If there is no other shelter nearby, take cover in a ditch or depression.

Do not leave your shelter until the storm threat is past!

Following these safety procedures can help Hansford County repeat its 1990 record, no injuries or deaths during a tornado.

CAR CARE

Every engine needs protection from summer heat

You're in bumper-to-bumper traffic and the temperature is 90 degrees. Suddenly the "engine" light comes on, steam rises from under the hood, and you end up at the side of the road, frustrated and stranded.

This kind of situation is every motorist's nightmare. But, by providing your car's cooling system with the right kind of maintenance, this troublesome situation can be avoided.

To help keep your engine cool in spring and summer heat, First Brands Corporation in Danbury, Conn., the manufacturer of Prestone cooling system products, has provided a few helpful suggestions.

Draining and flushing a vehicle's cooling system should be the first steps in preparing it for spring and summer driving. This can be a simple procedure that can significantly help to rid the system of any accumulated rust, grease and dirt that often collect as sediment, and as a result, hinder the cooling system's performance.

However, flushing the cooling system with just water isn't enough. A product designed specifically for this task, such as Prestone Super Flush, should be included in the flushing process. It is safe for use in all engine cooling systems and can cut through 53 percent more oil, dirt

and rust than water can. To help in the flushing process, First Brands also offers a Prestone Flush 'N Fill Kit that contains all the fittings and tools necessary to make the process easy and quick.

Once the cooling system has been thoroughly flushed, the next step is to refill the system with the proper mixture of antifreeze/coolant and water. The total mixture amount of antifreeze and water is dependent upon the cooling system's capacity. Vehicle owners should check the owner's manual to determine their system's capacity.

According to the experts, a minimum 50-50 mix of Prestone Advanced Formula Anti Freeze/Coolant and water can raise a cooling system's boiling point to 265°F., and a 70-30 mix (70 percent antifreeze/coolant to water) can provide maximum boilover protection up to 276°F.

If the vehicle was manufactured in the past decade, it probably has a coolant recovery reservoir. This enables the owner to check the coolant/water level by simply seeing how much coolant is in the reservoir. For older cooling systems that don't have recovery reservoirs, owners should make sure the coolant/water level is approximately one inch from the filler neck.

drill is planned for the Texas Panhandle Warning Area. At that time, there will be a special test of the NOAA Weather Radio alarm system, as well as transmission of a Tornado Drill Exercise on the

Tornado shelters in Spearman are located at the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman City Hall and Spearman High School.

Gruver's tornado shelters are located at the City Library, 504 King, and at the basement of the Junior High Library, 405 Garrett.

The National Weather Service pamphlet states the differences between a tornado watch and a tornado warning, knowing the difference could save lives.

A tornado watch is issued by the Weather Service when the conditions are right for a tornado to form. A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted. All resi-

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To the person who borrowed my ALUMINUM LADDER from the property at 224 S. Bernice - Please Return It. I NEED IT.
B.J. Grayson

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

At a recent presentation by Al LaRochelle, Administrator of the Hansford County Hospital District, we were told that the cost of the bonds to be voted on April 7 would mean a rise in his taxes of \$12 — the cost of two pizzas or twelve lottery tickets.

This comment saddened me, because it divides the taxpayers into those on a salary and the opposing group who farm and ranch or have a business. Mr. LaRochelle openly gave the valuation of his home and in a letter gave his salary and car allowance saying they are of public record. I mean no disrespect to our able administrator by using the following figures to make the contrast between a salaried person and a

farmer.

Mr. LaRochelle makes a salary of \$65,000 plus \$250 per month car allowance. In addition the HCHD pays half of his Social Security or FICA tax, matches 4% for retirement, has a self-funded employee health plan that costs his entire family \$132.02 a month, and, as he has been with the District between 5 and 10 years, he gets three weeks paid vacation. Mr. LaRochelle's house was valued at \$60,000 and with \$12,000 off for a homestead, he was taxed at \$48,000. For total taxes in 1991 he would have paid \$1,275. If the .033 rate change is voted, his additional tax would be \$15.84 for the HCHD.

Now let us take a farmer who also lives in Spearman in a house equivalent to Mr. LaRochelle's:

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This farmer is looking at total taxes. He isn't talking pizzas or lottery tickets. He sees the headlines about the Spearman City Council showing intent to issue \$1,000,000 in certificates of obligation. He knows that house tax may jump again. He knows that he will pay his own Social Security tax, and that his retirement fund will be up to him. He knows that he gets no paid vacations or sick leave, and that his health insurance is astronomical.

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