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**Northwest Texas
Healthcare System**



ECA of the Year

Dwayne Comp of Spearman H&S EMS was named the 2003 PEMSS ECA of the Year. Dwayne was a vital part of his EMS and community even before he became certified. He was always eager to help with the mechanical operations of the service. He is willing to place the needs of the service before his own, and will respond at any time he is needed. Besides being an active member of the service, he has a family including four children, and operates his own business.

**School Board Filing
Time Nears**

With 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 15, being the deadline for filing for a place on the May school board election, Gruber has had five persons to file while Spearman has had three to file, and Morse has had no filers.

In Gruber the seats of Davin Winger, Paul Stavlo, and Buddy Lowe, Jr. are expiring. To date, Winger, Stavlo, Jeff Graves, Curt Fitzgearld, and Pat Harris have filed.

Spearman filers include Stephanie Crossland, Will Jarvis, and Box Boxwell, the three incumbents whose seats are expiring.

Morse reports no filers for the seats of Betty Womble and Carolyn Shields.

Even though all three schools will be on spring break next week, the business offices of the schools will be open until 5:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to file.

All school board seats are for a three-year duration.



West Texas A&M University crowned royalty March 5 at the annual All-University Formal. Members of the royal court included, from left to right, Garrett Griffin—prince, a sophomore accounting major from Spearman; Chelsea Glover—princess, a freshman general business major from Arvada, CO. Not pictured are Tonya Murray—queen, a senior mass communications major from Odessa; and Barry Procter—king, a senior biology major from Friona.

**Pringle-Morse CISD Protests
State Property Values**

Superintendent Kent Hargis received the Pringle-Morse CISD's 2003 Property Value Study and immediately noticed that the Comptroller's office estimated \$9,000,000 more than the local tax roll-value assigned by Hansford County Appraisal District. Further study revealed that the Comptroller had placed a \$188.61 value per acre on dry land crops and Hansford County Appraisal District had placed a \$99.54 value per acre on the same rural real property.

law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins, and Mott are under contract to handle the protest.

Before February 1st of each year, the Texas Comptroller's office estimates and certifies to the Commissioner of Education the preliminary total taxable value of the property in each school district. This begins a process that allows district's to review the study, and protest if necessary. The final taxable values will be certified to the Commissioner of Education for use in distributing financial aid to school districts.

"This could end up costing the district thousands of dollars in recapture payments or 'Robin Hood' payments to the state next school year," stated Mr. Hargis. "We have no choice but to formally protest the study."

"The values will not affect the landowner's pocketbook, because taxes have been paid on the 2003 local values," continued Hargis.

Pringle-Morse CISD and Hansford County Appraisal District are filing a joint protest with the State Comptroller's Office this month. The Austin



La Familia, a new Spearman restaurant, was welcomed to the business community with a ribbon-cutting by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce.

Pictured are (left to right) Jason Cantrell, Brian Gillispie, Gina Gillispie, Judy Yarbrough, co-owner Norma Vargas, Missie Bates, Martina Miller, Robert Patrick, Caroline McLeod, Steve Hartgraves, Mark Murray, Diana Bynum, and co-owner Martha Rosales.

Located at 14 Haney, the restaurant is open from 6 a.m.- 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The business's phone number is 659-1088.

SHOWING OUR PRIDE COUNTYWIDE



The eighth grade construction class of Coach Greg Gibson were recently "caught" cleaning up the vacant lot on Main Street in Spearman between Gordon's Drug and Interstate Bank. The class removed all the scattered brick from the lot and sorted them into usable and unusable piles.

For their efforts in beautifying Hansford County, they will be recognized with a "Showing Our Pride Countywide" certificate.

Election Results

The Republican primary election was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2004. A record 60% (1926) of the 3,268 registered voters in Hansford County voted in the primary. A record 660 were early votes, breaking the previous record of 354 set in 1998.

Listed below are the results for Hansford County, followed by the results for Texas. (Winners are in bold print)

Results for Hansford County

President/Vice-President	George W. Bush (I)	1,603
	Uncommitted	225
Railroad Commissioner		
	Robert Butler	463
	Victor G. Carrillo (I)	469
	Douglas G. Deffenbaugh	106
	K. Dale Henry	152
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3		
	Harriet O'Neill (I)	1,095
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5		
	Paul Green	695
	Steven Wayne Smith (I)	433
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9		
	Scott Brister (I)	1,049
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2		
	Guy James Gray	572
	Lawrence "Larry" Meyers - I	470
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5		
	Cheryl Johnson (I)	694
	Patricia Noble	358
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 6		
	Michael E. Keasler (I)	650
	Steven M. Porter REP	402
State Senator, District 31		
	Bob Barnes	28
	Kirk Edwards	241
	Lee Gibson	31
	Jesse Quackenbush	16
	Kel Seliger	1,455
	Don Sparks	64
State Representative, District 88		
	Warren Chisum	1399
Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 4		
	Jim Campbell	1142
District Judge, 84 Judicial District		
	William D. "Bill" Smith	1326
District Attorney, 84 Judicial District		
	Clay L. Ballman	1209
County Judge, Unexpired Term		
	Cody J. Cazares	459
	Benny Wilson	1465
County Attorney		
	John L. Hutchison	1475
Sheriff		
	Lance A. Swan	277
	Edward Mayfield	276
	Pete Ochoa	367
	Gary Evans	1006
County Tax Assessor-Collector		
	Jackie Reed Nelson	546
	Linda Cummings	1383
County Chairman		
	Tammy Kay Batton	1435
County Commissioner, Precinct 1		
	Butch Reed	350
County Commissioner, Precinct 3		
	Ty Williams	108
	Charlie Bell	79
	Tim Stedje	231

Results for the State of Texas

President/Vice-President	George W. Bush (I)	632,400
	Uncommitted	51,364
Railroad Commissioner		
	Robert Butler	132,697
	Victor G. Carrillo (I)	280,630
	Douglas G. Deffenbaugh	72,591
	K. Dale Henry	79,511
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3		
	Harriet O'Neill (I)	510,443
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5		
	Paul Green	293,319
	Steven Wayne Smith (I)	258,627
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9		
	Scott Brister (I)	496,777
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 2		
	Guy James Gray	184,902
	Lawrence "Larry" Meyers (I)	341,007
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 5		
	Cheryl Johnson (I)	288,078
	Patricia Noble	236,968
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals Place 6		
	Michael E. Keasler (I)	296,572
	Steven M. Porter	217,090
State Senator, District 31		
	Bob Barnes	1,847
	Kirk Edwards	22,483
	Lee Gibson	391
	Jesse Quackenbush	406
	Kel Seliger	41,820
	Don Sparks	1,138

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Live, Laugh & Love

by Catherine R. Smith
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I would like to share two stories with you this week. The first was sent to me from Deborah Jacops. The second is from Janie Kunselman. They are both about Alzheimer Disease.

My grandfather, George Collin Watkins, had Alzheimer's, and I would like to dedicate this column in his memory. He was a wonderful man and deeply loved by his family.

It was a busy morning, approximately 8:30 am when an elderly gentleman, in his 80's, arrived to have sutures removed from his thumb.

He stated that he was in a hurry as he had an appointment at 9:00 a.m.

I took his vital signs and had him take a seat, knowing it would be over an hour before someone would be able to see him.

While taking care of his wound, we began to engage in conversation. I asked him if he had a doctor's appointment this morning, as he was in such a hurry.

The gentleman told me no, that he needed to go to the nursing home to eat breakfast with his wife.

I then inquired as to her health.

He told me that she had been there for a while and that she was a victim of Alzheimer Disease.

As we talked, and I finished dressing his wound, I asked if she would be worried if he was a bit late.

He replied that she no longer knew who he was, that she had not recognized him in five years now.

I was surprised and asked him "And you are still going every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?"

He smiled as he patted my hand and said . . . "She doesn't know me, but I still know who she is."

I had to hold back tears as he left, I had goose bumps on my arms, and thought, "That is the kind of love I want in my life."

True love is neither physical, nor romantic. True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be. . . . And that, my friends, says it all!

Alzheimer's Prayer

Please grant my visitors tolerance for my confusion, forgiveness for my irrationality, and the strength to walk with me into the mist of memory my world has become. Please let them take my hand and stay awhile, even though I seem unaware of their presence. Help them to know how their strength and loving care will drift slowly into the days to come just when I need it most. Let them know when I don't recognize them that I will, I will. Keep their hearts free from sorrow for me, for my sorrow, when it comes, only lasts a moment, then it's gone. And finally, please let them know how very much their visits mean, How even through this relentless mystery, I can still feel their love.

May God bless and keep you; May He make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

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Catherine :)

Residents Invited To Forum On Community Issues

What does our community need? What could be improved? What would make life better for everyone who lives here?

All local residents who are interested in a better future for themselves, their families and our community are invited to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23rd at the Fellowship Hall of the Spearman Church of Christ, 121 S Haney in Spearman.

The Forum is being conducted in every county as a state-wide effort of Texas Cooperative Extension, an agency of the Texas A&M University System, to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups and organizations to identify issues and concerns.

"We want to get broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and for Texas as a whole," said Dr. Chester Fehlis of College Station, Extension director. "We also want other local, state and federal agencies and organizations to participate. Many of the needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through cooperation and partnerships among the agencies and organizations that serve them."

The Futures Forum process will help Extension develop its long-range plan for the next four years, 2005-2008, Fehlis said. However, he emphasized that the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common needs and define a process for addressing these needs to create a better economic, environmental and social situation in communities across the state.

"We view this as a partnership effort, all of us working together for the future of Texas," Fehlis said.

Please call Hansford County Extension Agents Burt Williams or Peggy Winegarner for more information (659-4130 or 733-2901).

Ag Week is Here.

Fast Facts: Texas Agriculture Packs a Punch

* Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income.

* The food, horticulture and fiber industry is the second-largest industry in the state and generates \$73 billion a year for the economy.

* Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production.

* Ninety-two percent of Texas' agricultural operations are still run by individuals or families.

* Twenty-nine percent of agricultural producers were women in 2002; the number of women who were principal operators increased 7 percent from 1997.

* Although agriculture employs one out of every five working Texans, less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

* Texas farmers grow more than 60 different commercial fruit and vegetable crops.

* Texas ranks first in the nation in the number of cattle and calves, accounting for 15 percent of the U.S. total. The Lone Star State also is the top producer of cotton, sheep, wool, goats, mohair and horses. The state's top crops also include vegetables, citrus, corn, wheat, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, hay and rice.

* Besides livestock and crops, the state's agriculture industry includes timber/forestry, aquaculture, bees/honey and nursery/greenhouse.

* Texas is one of the leading exporters of agricultural commodities. Texas' top agricultural exports are live animals and meat; cotton and cottonseed; feed grains and products; hides and skins; wheat and products; and feeds and fodder.

* Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber for 128 people - 94.3 in the United States and 33.7 abroad.

* Texas' 1 million horses, representing approximately 15 percent of all horses nationwide, makes the state a leader in the United States. Texas also leads the nation in the number of registered American Quarter Horses, American Paint Horses, Appaloosa horses and American Miniature Horses.



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HANSFORD HAPPENINGS

Register Tapes for Education - Gus Birdwell Elementary
The Gus Birdwell Elementary PTO is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Gus Birdwell Elementary would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be taken to the Elementary Office.

Register Tapes for Education - Pringle-Morse CISD
Pringle-Morse CISD is proud to announce that they are saving register tapes for educational equipment. Register tapes can be collected from any Lowe's store and redeemed toward valuable educational equipment such as computers, science, band or sports equipment and more. The program kicked off on September 1, 2003 and register tapes can be collected until March 31, 2004. The students and faculty of Pringle-Morse CISD would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from Lowe's in order to help them receive their needed equipment. Register tapes may be given to a Pringle-Morse CISD student or mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062.

Spearman Boy Scouts Meet
The Spearman Boy Scout Troop meets every Tuesday night from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Scout Hall, located at 5th and Hazelwood. Doug Cummings is the Scout Master. All boys age 11-18 are invited to attend and find out more about scouting. All Scouts are reminded to attend every meeting. For more information, call 659-3942 or 659-2378.

Hospice Bereavement Support Group
A new Hospice Bereavement Support Group will be held March 22nd through April 19th on Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. This support group is being sponsored by Hansford Hospice Volunteers and is open to all persons dealing with grief. It will meet in the First Methodist Church parlor in Spearman. For further information, or to enroll, please call the Hospice office at (806) 659-5811, or call Ken Cole at 659-5503.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help
AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions through April 9th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on March 29, 2004. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Reyna Ruiz Scholarship Fund
A scholarship fund has been established for Reyna Ruiz through the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Donations may be mailed to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ruiz Scholarship Fund, PO Box 127, Spearman, TX 79081. Reyna is the daughter of Elva Ruiz and the late Gerardo Ruiz of Spearman.

Medical Fund Established for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez
A medical fund has been established at First State Bank for Melissa (Robinson) Vasquez. Melissa has been fighting cancer for several years on a dis continuing treatment. Donations may be sent to First State Bank, Melissa Vasquez Fund, 1 NE Court, Spearman, TX 79081.

Hearts of Gold Gala
The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host the Hearts of Gold Gala on Friday, April 23, 2004 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in honor of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring an assortment of heart-felt items from generous local merchants. Savor a feast prepared by the Williams Family and served by a wealth of local celebrities at 7 p.m. The generous, life-saving contributions of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard will be shared at 8 p.m. A live auction will be held at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any of the following board members: Kay Hobbs, Patricia Bratton, Sharon Swan, Amy Babbs, Missie Bates, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Penny Ralston, Anita Sumner or Anna Beth Wood. Sponsorships are also available.

Great Plains Ag Credit Stockholders' Meeting
The Annual Stockholders' Meeting of Great Plains Ag Credit will be held on Friday, March 12th at the Amarillo Civic Center Regency Room. The business meeting begins at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. Great Plains Ag Credit serves over 700 member stockholders throughout the north and south plains through its production credit association and federal land bank operations. The Association is based in Amarillo with a regional credit office in Plainview and has nine office locations.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group
Open meetings will be held on Thursday night from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29 S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Beware of FAFSA Web Scam
Seniors, senior parents, and parents of college students should use the web site www.fafsa.ed.gov when filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. There is currently a website that has found an interesting way to get in the college-bound's pocket. Known as fafsa.com, the website charges a fee for submitting the application. There is no fee for submitting the fafsa form on the www.fafsa.ed.gov site.

Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office
Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) now has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's services.

PANHANDLE PLANNER

First Annual Senior Day Announced for OPSU
Oklahoma Panhandle State University invites all area high school seniors to campus on Friday, March 26th. The event, hosted by the OPSU High School and Community Relations department, will celebrate the students' completion of their high school careers. Many events are planned throughout the day. Sign-in will take place in the Student Union Ballroom from 9-9:30 a.m., followed by a short welcome from OPSU President Dr. David Bryant, and Vice President of Outreach Wayne Manning. A variety of entertaining and informal sessions will be offered by each academic department during the morning. After lunch, campus clubs will be set up in the plaza for outdoor games and will also have information available about their organizations. Dinner, a hamburger cookout, will be served at 5 p.m., and final door prizes will be awarded. Any student attending Senior Day who enrolls for the Fall 2004 semester will receive a one-semester \$300 Aggie Scholarship, and one lucky winner will receive a one-year tuition scholarship for up to 30 hours of coursework. For more information, contact High School and Community Relations at 580-349-1312 or contact your high school counselor.

Ochiltree County Grain Sorghum Meeting
An Ochiltree County Grain Sorghum meeting will be held on Monday, March 22nd at the Expo Center in Perryton. Registration will be from 8:30-9 a.m., followed by the following seminars: 9-10 a.m. - Dryland Sorghum Management by Dr. Brent Bean TCA, 10-11 a.m. - Sorghum Insect Management by Dr. Carl Patrick TCE, 11 a.m.-12 noon - Sorghum Irrigation by Dr. Leon New TCE, 12-12:30 p.m. - Ochiltree County Hybrid Trials by Mr. Scott Strawn TCE. 2 CEUs will be offered for this seminar. For more information, contact Scott Strawn at 806-435-4501.

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Our Deepest Sympathy

VEDA MORRIS BLEVINS



AMARILLO - Veda Morris Blevins, 80, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at Amarillo, Texas. Funeral services were at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 6, 2004 at the Stewart Funeral Chapel in Hollis, Oklahoma. Rick Simonson officiated and burial followed at Gould Cemetery in Gould, OK. Stewart Funeral Service, Hollis was in charge of services.

Veda Morris Blevins was born November 13, 1923 in Gould, Oklahoma to William Henry and Angie Lena Morris. She attended Gould School for eleven years. Veda and William Carey Blevins were united in marriage on August 30, 1941 in Hollis, Oklahoma. Veda lived in Gould until 1956, she moved to Spearman, Texas, living there until 1977, moving back to Gould until 2002 before moving to Amarillo, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gould, Oklahoma, a member of the Home Demonstration Club, and she volunteered for the Community Action program. Veda enjoyed her family, fishing, and reading.

Mrs. Blevins is survived by sons, Dee Blevins and wife Jeanette of Plainview, Texas and Bari Blevins and wife Cindy of Amarillo, Texas; daughter, Janice Turner and husband Max of Amarillo, Texas; sister Lena Haynes, Edmond, Oklahoma; 2 sister-in-laws Helen Blevins, Gould, Oklahoma and Pauline Wynn, Mangum, Oklahoma; 7 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Veda was preceded in death by her husband William Carey Blevins in 2000, her parents, 4 brothers and 2 sisters.

Thank You

I want to thank all the people who sponsored me in the Walk For Kids Sake last Saturday. We are so fortunate to live in a county that pulls together for good causes. I am so proud to say I have lived in Hansford County all my life, the people here go above and beyond to aid those in need. Working for the Panhandle Crisis Center I am in constant contact with those in circumstances beyond their control and have need of such organizations like Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Your donation either of time or funds to this organization will be able to function yet another year! THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Bigs is very active in the Spearman schools and the organization is working to bring the program to children in need at the Gruver Schools. In order to do just that they need some people to volunteer to be a Big Brother or a Big Sister.

Please thank these people if you see them: Haley Shields, Linda Travis, Harry and Hazel Stumpf, Charles Shieldknight, Bill Logsdon, Candy Boxwell, Hansford Agency, Brock Insurance, Benny Wilson, J. Kenny Norris, David & Denise Scott, Pittman & Sons, Inc., Hi-Plains (Irene Snider), Jim & Kathy Morley, David & Phyllis Collins, Bob Pearson, Rod Sumner, Loyall Turner, Bill Watts, Joe Robinson, Kenny & Brenda Red, Charles V. Bell, Mark K. Irwin, Bort Agency, Pat & Pam Harris, Lane Salmans, Ronnie Williams, Larry's Welding, Juan Garcia, Sonny Blankenship, Rex & Adam Casdorff.

I also need to especially thank my husband Rex, who helps me by getting donations in Gruver. What a blessing to live in such loving communities as Spearman and Gruver. THANKS AGAIN HANSFORD COUNTY!

Jamie Casdorff

Happy Birthday!

Editor's Note: This Happy Birthday list is run as a public service by the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman. We apologize if any names are misspelled. If you know of a name that needs to be changed, added or deleted, please call 659-3434. Thank you, Catherine

March 11
Birthday - Daniel Rojas, Nina Hendricks, Dorothy Buzzard, Monty Dixon, Bob Breedson, Sandi Holt, David Ortega, Willie Jones, Felipe Dominguez
Anniversary - Buddy & Amber Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Brummett

March 12
Birthday - Loree Hart, Jason TeBeest, Lindy Tolleson, Judy Martin, Loraine Davidson, Sherry Bullard, J.L. Griffin, Sammi Johnson, Makenzie Crane, Katie Hintergardt
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Andy Hoel, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Henson

March 13
Birthday - Fran Duncan, Bonnie Frick, Gene Leatherman, Brady Tidwell, Vernon Pipkin, Gary Pracher, Roy Flowers, Shannon (Holton), Steinberger, Chuck Fletcher, Lynell Williams, Kevin Bynum, Gretchen Collinsworth, Jerry Garcia, Dolores Moreno, Larry Butts, Hadley Fletcher, LeAnn Sheets, Thomas Cain, Pam Mayfield
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Willie Vasquez, Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Acker, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Vasquez Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Jim Dick Goodall

March 14
Birthday - Sue Gerardy, Chris Johnson, Brandy Shelton, Buck Tidwell, Steve Cook, Barbara Brown, Reagan Renner, James Ray Barimus, David Terry, Kelly Mills, Curtis Dudley, Mike Wilhelm, Madison Williams
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Robertson, Charles & Betty West, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bishard

March 15
Birthday - Trina Horton, Jerry Bowling, Randy Stafford, Darlene Schick, Parrish Larson, Gary Osborne, Mona Rivera, Richard Varnon, Trent Seagler, Ora Fay Watkins, Krista Dement, Araceli Briones, Trenton Finley
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Bill Roberston, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bynum, Mr. & Mrs. T. Venneman

March 16
Birthday - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice

Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Bates, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Suzanne Schad, Hadley Spivey

Anniversary - Carey & Denise Bridges, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Womble

March 17
Birthday - Dala Cathey, J.P. TeBeest, Elvana Davis, Kathy Slater, Carrol VanBuskirk, Tony Barrera Jr., Tony Miller III, Jamie Thomas, Terry Latham, Jason Genn, Anna Soto, Kathy Brown, Makayla Wheelock
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ooley, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Christy

March 18
Birthday - Danny Henson, Tony Harper, Charles Friday, Cody McLeod, Kenny Virden, Laura Garcia, Tobe Shields, Connie Hobbs, Kelsey Henton, Matthew Bain
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Pearcy, Mr. & Mrs. Ken Bullard

March 19
Birthday - Barry Haenisch, Melinda McCullough, Kerri Minter, Ron Gibson, Altha Groves, Vera Mae Hays, Pete Garcia Jr., Jesse Ruth Gerrard, Rose Marie Bruning, Cathy Davis, April Knight
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wilson

March 20
Birthday - Mack Bevil, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Ila Mae Buchanan, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Toni Vera, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Garry Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Rocio Garcia
Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. M. Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Benny McCullough, Mr. & Mrs. Rod Barkley

March 21
Birthday - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarrango, Maxine Bannister, Jose Tarango
Anniversary - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver

March 22
Birthday - Veta Allaway, Charmaine Gross, Maggie Key, Bob Miller, Payton Mitchell, Marty McCloy, Kelly Rauscher, Randie (Renner) Baumann, Roy Garrard, Rosalinda Vela, Tim Kizzar, Alice Miller, Michael Burke, Doug Gumfory, Tavo Borunda, Jorge Soto, Carla Jones, Debbie Clement, Andy Lindsey, Reid Wilson, J.J. Gallegos
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Thank You

Thanks so much to everyone who called to check on the two of us, sent a card, or said a prayer. Mike and I are both much better, and we appreciate your concern.

Carla Johnson



Milestone Meals Honorees

(Front, L-R) Charia Hargis, 24 yrs.; Yolanda Jones, 5 yrs.; (Back, L-R) Steve Hartgraves, CEO; Diana DeLaCruz, 8 yrs.; Tammie Burch, 3 yrs.; and Samantha Morrow, 2 yrs.; not pictured are John Kunselman, 11 yrs.; Linda Dodson, 1 yr. Each month HCHD employees whose date-of-hire anniversary occurs in that month are invited for a special lunch in the Board Room with the Chief Executive Officer, Steve Hartgraves. Hansford County Hospital District, its Administration, Board of Directors, and Staff appreciate the efforts these employees make for the citizens of Hansford and surrounding counties.

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The Gruver Grapevine

by Harletta Carthel

Boys All-District Picks Named

Five Hound basketball players have been cited for district honors. Cody Mac Been was named the Most Valuable Player of the district while Carlos Borunda was named the Outstanding Defensive Player of the district.

Lance Williams, Cass Cooper, and Matt Messer were named to the all district, second-team.

Rainfall Recorded

1.95 inches of rain were reported by the City of Gruver in rain showers during the week. It was the first measurable precipitation in March 2004.

Spring Break Slated

Gruver students and teachers will enjoy a spring break from classes, March 15 - 19. School will resume Monday, March 22.

Students Leave For Houston Stock Show

4-H and FFA students whose animals are competing in the Houston Livestock Show left Wednesday afternoon, March 10.

Preliminary sifting of swine projects is slated at Brenham with lamb preliminary judging at Rosedale. All steers are judged in Houston.

School Board Meets In Special Session

The school board met in special session Monday, March 8, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the business manager position.



Engagement Announcement

Jim and Verlene Bass of Gruver announce the engagement of their daughter Sara Nicole to Trevor Chisum. Trevor is the son of Jody and Pam Chisum of Perryton.

Sara is a 2002 graduate of Gruver High School and is currently attending West Texas A&M University as an accounting major.

Trevor is a 2002 graduate of Perryton High School and is currently employed in Hereford.

The couple plan to wed May 29, 2004 at Whitaker Ranch in Canyon.

The bride-elect and groom plan on residing in Canyon until graduation.

Among The Neighbors

by Helen Fisher

Dorothy and Don Hudson were delighted to have all four of their daughters at home together for the first time in four years.

Spending the weekend in Gruver where they all grew up were Jean Harris of near Gruver, Judy Buchanan of near Oklahoma City area and Jackie Hudson of Chico, CA where she teaches at California State College of Chico, and Nancy Sambaiew who lives at Norman, OK with her husband, Vlad. He was unable to come as he is teaching at the University of Oklahoma. Nancy retired from the State Department last year.

The Amarillo Globe-News recently carried the lengthy obituary of former Spearman resident, Reba Barkley Huffhines in Oklahoma City. She had formerly lived in Amarillo for many years.

She was a member of a prominent family in Hansford and Spearman. Her parents were Judge and Mrs. A.F. Barkley, and the sole survivor

of the original family is Gertrude Archer of Lubbock.

JoAnn McClellan underwent surgery in Ft. Worth last Wednesday. She is doing well and is expected to leave the hospital this Monday. She will remain in Ft. Worth as their son Chris lives there. Wilson is with her.

English teachers have our respect and sympathy, but sometimes they no doubt hear some humor. Like the little boy, who was asked to write a sentence using the words defense, defeat and detail, came up with "De cow jumped over de fence, de feet before de tail."

If you have information you would like to include in this column, you may call Helen Fisher at 659-3468, Merry Sparks at 659-5849, or submit it at the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman, TX 79081; or you may call (806) 659-3434; fax (806) 659-3368; or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--March 8, 2004--26.72 feet (+0.18)

The office rain gauge caught 2.27 inches of rain during the gentle rains of last week. There was very little runoff from the dry ground, but Jim said Horse Creek ran just a tad. The Lake rise at the peak was 3 inches.

He thinks the eagles have gone now, but the blue herons and cormorants are preparing their nests. Geese and sand hill cranes are flying north, and it is time for the buzzards to come back.

The beautiful weekend saw increased activity, as a lot of fishermen were out, while others just drove around to see what changes the rains had made, if any. Jim didn't hear of any big catches by the fishermen. There were no RV campers, but a troop of Boy Scouts from Guymon put up their tents in the Park on Saturday and spent the night.

In Dale Rollins' column

Wildlife by Design in the March 4 Livestock Weekly, I found some items of interest on quail. Bob whites and blue quail do hybridize. Their offspring, as in all true hybrids, is sterile. Someone called these little birds "blobs," and the name stuck. They are rare, but Dale had a friend who had killed 11 blobs in his hunting career.

Since we have both blues and bobs at the lake, perhaps some of you have seen one of these blobs. Since Dale didn't describe what one looks like, a picture would be great.

Dale went on to say blue quail tend to prefer drier landscapes than do bob whites. He quoted a biologist saying that if you see jackrabbits think blue quail, but if you see cottontails think bob whites. Jim and I didn't agree with this wholeheartedly, as we both could think of blue quail hanging around equipment and buildings where cottontails were plentiful.

Editors Note...

Freedom of speech is one of the guarantees of the First Amendment of our Constitution, so we encourage readers to express themselves, even if we don't agree with what is said. However, freedom involves responsibility. Therefore, the only letters we will consider publishing are from individuals who are willing for their names to appear with the letter. Letters must contain the telephone number, address and a personal signature of the writer. We will not knowingly publish any letter containing libelous statements.

In the event that numerous letters are received concerning the same subject, letters can be limited to one pro and one con letter per publication. Eligible letters will be published in the order in which they were received.

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The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman

It's A Boy!

Orlando and Kyla (Brown) Ortiz of Spearman proudly announce the arrival of their son, Matthew Zane Ortiz.

Matthew was born February 23, at 11:34 p.m. at Baptist Saint Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He weighed 6 pounds and 14 ounces and was 19 and 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Teresa Brown of Amarillo, Bobby Brown of El Paso, TX, and Antonio Ortiz of Spearman.

Great grandparents are Wanda Brown of Spearman and the late John L. Brown, Harold and Ila Mallow of Amarillo, Catalina and Jesus Espinosa of Spearman and the late Zenaida and Luciano Ortiz of Dallas.

Matthew also has a chosen granddad, Jeff Neie of Amarillo.

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Employee of the Month

Hansford County Hospital District's Employee of the Month for March 2004 is Diana Cantu. Diana is currently a CNA in the Hospital but has also worked in the Dietary Department, as a CNA in the Manor, and as a clerk in the Personnel Department. Diana began work at HCHD on May 3, 2001.

Diana was nominated for this honor by four of her co-workers: Tammy Herndon, Sharon Sutton, Regina Biggers, and Christa Covell, RNs at the Hospital.

The reasons Diana was nominated include:

- Dedication to HCHD
- Uplifting personality, giving encouragement to patients and peers
- Will come in ANY time needed for ANYTHING
- Very sweet to everyone at all times
- She hits the floor running, is a self-starter and can multi-task without getting flustered.
- She helps all departments by interpreting, and helping lab and x-ray
- Diana gives care with kindness and respect, maintaining the patient's dignity
- She is easy to work with and be around
- She follows the Golden Rule when interacting with others
- Congratulations, Diana - Keep up the good work!

Mona Sandoval, Manor CNA, was also nominated for Employee of the Month for March.

The Employee of the Month receives a reserved parking space for the month, one paid day off, and will be nominated for Employee of the Year.

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Bridal Registry

Meg Woolley & Ben Walton - March 13
Christi Sultemeier & Bill Jack Pittman - March 20
Jess Anne Fernandes & Michael Lusby - March 27
Jennifer Laxson & Aaron Langston - March 27
Sara Bass & Trevor Chisum - April 17 (Gruver)
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Inside Hansford County Central Dispatch



Pictured are the five telecommunication dispatchers for Hansford County Central Dispatch Office. They are (front, L-R) Brenda Vera and Danny Hendricks; (back, L-R) Suzy Gaitlin, Debbie Hornsby and Misty Rodgers.

submitted by Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, Jr.

The Hansford County Central Dispatch Office has a total of five telecommunication dispatchers, who are also jailers for the Hansford County Jail. Each of them are certified with the Texas Commission Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education of Austin. During their shift, they are performing both jobs.

Debbie Hornsby is the head telecommunication supervisor with 20 years of experience. Brenda Vera is the assistant telecommunication supervisor with 17 years of experience. Danny Hendricks has 4 and 1/2 years of experience. Misty Rodgers has been with the county for 18 months, along with Suzy Gaitlin at 7 months.

As dispatchers their duties consist of several tasks, such as answering six different lines for the Sheriff's Office, Spearman Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Gruver Police Department, and the Hansford County/Gruver line for the other employees of the courthouse.

They also answer the 9-1-1 emergency calls.

They dispatch Spearman EMS and Fire Department, Gruver EMS and Fire Department, along with the Morse Fire Department. And when necessary, they call out the power companies, along with the on-call personnel for the cities of Spearman and Gruver, contact the wrecker services when requested, notify the coroner, dispatch the Texas Department of Transportation for road hazards, assist in contacting Lifestar. Other duties include answering the City of Spearman and City of Gruver lines after five p.m. and on weekends and holidays. They also make courtesy calls to notify the owner of cattle that may be on the road.

The office also has a program called Big Mouth for residents in the county who come in and register. This program is used in the events of severe thunderstorms or tornado weather. When severe weather is in the Hansford County area, the Big Mouth computer alerts the resi-

dents in the correct zone where the storm is. During the times of bad weather, there's always two dispatchers on duty.

They also keep daily dispatch logs of all incoming calls, fuel report logs for Spearman Police Department and Fire Department. On call logs for the city personnel after five p.m. and on weekends. Keep an animal control log of all incoming animals that are placed in the shelter and the dispositions. Keep records of the racquetball rental and turn on fees after hours for gas/water.

They type up incident reports for deputies, make copies, fax to the appropriate prosecutor when necessary. Complete arrest files, which includes a card file, classification sheet entering the driver's license, vehicle information, a wanted person check and a criminal history report that is obtained from TLETS system in Austin. Prepare letters for the sheriff and deputies when requested.

They prepare monthly reports for the state such as the Uniform Crime Reporting forms, jail

report for the SSA, district and county attorney's office, separate jail report for the Jail Commission, and fee reports for the County Treasurer.

Jailers responsibilities are booking, fingerprinting and photographing of both females and males, placing the individual in the proper cell, give hygiene products, and clean clothing (jail uniforms). Type up fail dockets. Place their belongings in bags, Enter the arrest information into the computer database, make arrangements for inmates to go before a judge to set bond. Type up bond information, collect bond fees, double check wanted person's record to see if subject has any other outstanding warrants. Clear he/she from computer. make copies of the bonds for the inmate, bondsman, attorneys, and judges.

Dispatchers keep logs on jail checks hourly, and monitor them constantly on cameras. Suicide checks are done every 15 minutes. Keep medical logs for inmates taking prescriptions. log in when meals are served, which is three times daily, and what was on the menu. Keep jail clean at all times; weekly shake-downs. Prepare bimonthly meal report for the court system. Pickup commissary supplies for the inmates from the grocery store.

Our office also enters items into the Texas Crime Information Center and the National Crime Information Center (TCIC/NCIC), such as stolen vehicles, trailers, four-wheelers, weapons, and so forth. They also enter wanted persons into TCIC/NCIC for warrants on theft by checks or and other criminal investigations.

Law enforcement communications are the backbone of law enforcement. Without it the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement is almost nil. I take this time to compliment the efficiency of the Hansford County Central Dispatch employees, and commend them for a fine job.

Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Thank you to the First Assembly of God for having church for the residents on the 29th. Just think if it had not been leap year we could have missed it-- there usually is not a 29th. Enough funny stuff-- we do so appreciate those that put out the extra effort to come to the Manor so that the residents can have church on Sunday.

Monday morning was ushered in with our usual chores. Dot was sure happy to see us. He always wonders if we will let him go out in the back yard for the day. Many residents get a great deal of enjoyment from watching the rabbit graze, hop and play with the dogs.

One of our residents is 102 years old and his favorite thing is for us to bring Dot to his room for the day. A friend of mine built a cart for the rabbit cage to ride on with wheels on it. That makes it possible to wheel him from room to room. Our 102 year old friend always says, "Oh, look at the little bunny - I love him - I love him - I love him and I wouldn't mind if he stayed the night." That makes it great!

Later in the morning we had our Newscurrents Program. This week the topic of discussion was the new cars that are being built. One is called Nascar 4 which is run on hydrogen. There was also much information on the Atkins and Southbeach diets, leap year, and about the French considering a ban of Muslim girls wearing headscarves in school. Our residents are very savvy and have seen many different cars in their lifetime.

Tuesday morning was spent in Musercise. It is lighthearted fun and amazing how much it lumbers you up.

That afternoon we showed a film of "The Passion of Christ" from Eureka Springs in the living room.

That night we took all that wanted to go to the Lyric Theater to see "The Passion of

the Christ" in downtown Spearman. Thank you to Gary, Peggy, and Alton Ellsworth for your assistance with the residents and thank you to Charley and Claudine Laxton for helping.

You know scripture says that everywhere Jesus went there was dissension stirred up. The viewing of this movie has been no different. All that went with us were blessed and very happy that they were afforded the opportunity to go. Thank you to all that helped make it possible!

When we came out of the theater, it was raining!! I took that as a sign that all was well since we had not seen rain in so very long.

I was afforded the rare opportunity to watch Anne Whitaker teaching the Bible study on Wednesday morning and enjoyed watching her patience. Thank you Anne. Wednesday afternoon was filled with busy hands working on St. Patrick's Day decorations.

Thursday morning we were back to practicing on olympic games. Almost everyone here participates in one game or another. The olympics will soon be here!

That afternoon the auxiliary hosted bingo for the residents. Thank you auxiliary for all that you do!

Friday morning was right back to practice on the olympics, but then that afternoon was spent just enjoying Steve Mathews on his keyboard. The residents love music and Steve is very good. Thank you Steve! Some danced, some sang, some clapped and some just enjoyed! We had a great week!!

I had to laugh-- one resident told me the other day that she had trouble keeping her laundry caught up because we keep her so busy all the time around here--that made me smile.

Hansford SWCD Hosts Meeting

The Hansford County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) hosted a meeting of the Panhandle Association of Conservation Districts on February 17, 2004. The meeting was held at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman.

The Panhandle Association is comprised of SWCD Directors from the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. The group meets twice a year to discuss current conservation programs, legislative actions, and to share information on conservation concerns in our area.

Spearman Mayor Steve Benton was on hand to welcome those in attendance to the Spearman area. Ken Starcher of the West Texas A&M University Alternative Energy Institute was present to give a program on energy windmills in the Texas Panhandle area. Members of the Southwestern Pioneer Windmill Association provided a short program on their work, inviting the attendees to visit the windmill park. Gina Gillispie of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce provided door prizes along with Keith

Lamb and the Hansford SWCD.

A short business meeting was conducted, including the election of officers for 2004, sponsoring the 4-H Range Contest, and offering CEUs at future meetings.

The Hansford SWCD would like to extend a special thanks to First State Bank, First National Bank, Gruver State Bank, Interstate Bank, Hansford Implement, and Five Star Equipment for helping sponsor the day's activities.

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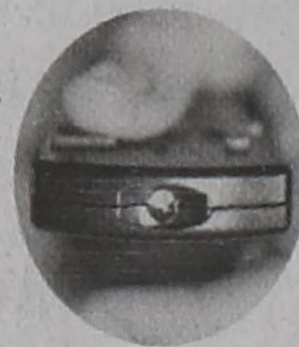
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Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet

Citizens of the Year

In a town like Spearman there are many people qualified to be named "Citizen of the Year." Each year someone who stands above the rest is selected to be honored.

This year's honorees have stood out for a long time and their work has not gone unnoticed. Some people work for various civic groups and organizations, others provide the tools, equipment, money, cars and the day-to-day support that all civic work requires. This year's recipients provide both.

Sometimes two people work so close together they are always seen as one. Each compliments the other and the sum of their work is greater than the sum of several. Such is the case with Ron Willis and Don Maize.

I suspect more address books in Spearman have Ron and Don's cell phones listed for emergencies than the usual civic numbers one would expect. If you need help with anything from an extra driver for Meals-on-Wheels to snow cleaned off a driveway, these are the guys you would call and could expect to respond.

Some people help in their small field of expertise. Ron and Don help in all fields. A small list of the organizations they support includes: Hansford Hospice, Southwest Windmill Association, Hansford Museum, Hansford Cemetery, Hansford Gun Club, and the First United Methodist Church.

Don is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and (although I don't know how he passed the physical) an honorary member of the Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce.

Don received extra education from the U.S. Army and Ron received his extra education from Oklahoma.

Ron's expertise in the kitchen is well-known in the church as he works, along with Don, with several dinners each year.

Organizations aren't the only ones who benefit from Ron and Don's efforts. A call from someone needing a ride to the drug store, help to get to the doctor's office, and assistance with chores while they're away or recovering are always answered. It is doubtful that anyone in Hansford County has been untouched by the tireless efforts of Ron and Don in some form or another; some may be unaware of it, but the results are still there.

This past summer Ron and Don spent several weeks updating the water system at Hansford Cemetery. They take care of the routine maintenance, help people find lots, oversee the actual burial, keep up the records and pay the bills.

Ron and Don also help manage the actual work of people who are assigned to perform community service in lieu of fines or jail. They are very considerate of these people and their circumstances, making the best use of community service time to improve things for all of us. The cemetery and museum benefit greatly from efforts that most of us are unaware of. We just expect it to be taken care of, and it is.

People in community service organizations know that Ron and Don can be called on for any need. This is such common knowledge that when activities are in the planning stages, someone automatically volunteers Ron and Don for a part and lets them know about it later.

Many people in town needing repairs to their cars or houses, but cannot afford it, have found Don and Ron offering to help. They have built ramps and rails for those who have found it difficult to get around in their own houses.

It's hard to understand someone who postpones their own work and hobbies so they can work for others in need, but that is what happens. Ron has had a tractor project on hold since retirement; Don has had a similar project on hold for several years. Meanwhile, they are working on a different to benefit civic organizations such as the Windmill Association and Hansford Cemetery, as well as various individuals in need.

Don was born and raised in Hansford County, and is a graduate of Spearman High School. He worked in farming, drilling water wells, Excel Chevrolet and retired from Northern Natural Gas Co.

Don is married to Lynanne Maize and they have three daughters, Gerri Colvin and husband Jeff of Carrollton, Tammi Simpson and husband Lance of Borger, and Jami Maize of Amarillo. They have five grandchildren, Carson, Devon & Libby Colvin, Peyton & Slade Simpson.

Gerri is a teacher in a private school in Carrollton. Tammi is a Social Worker at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Jami is a Social Worker at Plum Creek in Amarillo.

Ronnie is the son of Ila Willis and the late Dow Willis of Spearman. He has a sister, Linda Winegarner & husband Norlan of Spearman and a brother, Tim Willis and wife Stacy of Canyon. He also has five nieces and nephews, Josh, Keith & Cami Winegarner and Caleb & Maddy Willis.

Employee of the Year

The recipient of the Spearman Rotary Club's Employee of the Year was Spearman first grade teacher Kristi Ramon.

Kristi demonstrates commitment and tireless dedication to her field of work and has made a tremendous contribution to our community.

Through the years she has willingly served on several committees that have resulted in positive action and improvements for the school system as well as fellow teachers. She was not only willing to help design and instigate these changes, but has also taken an active roll to ensure their success by being a positive example. All the while, earning the love and respect of her peers - a testament of true talent.

For the last several years, Kristi and fellow first grade teacher Karla Flowers, have also served as ambassadors of Spearman through the presentation of workshops to other teachers on a regional level. During the last year, word of their talents reached down-state and they were asked to present their work at the state level. As a result, requests for their presentation have been coming in from other regions in the state.

Kristi's dynamic personality and zest for life not only make her an extraordinary employee and teacher, but a very special person as well. She has dedicated fifteen years to our community's children by serving as a teacher, mentor and mom-away-from-home. Her teaching method includes the precise blend of discipline, guidance and tolerance, but most importantly, love.

While her fellow teachers and employer have been benefactors of her talents, the most important group of recipients have been the children of Spearman. It is Kristi's love for children and genuine interest in their success that has made her one of the best in the profession.

One national consultant working for the local education service center (who has observed teachers from all over the nation) made a point to inform the school principal that she was one of the best they had ever observed nationwide. According to the principal, this has occurred many times when trained observers visit her classroom.

Kristi's commitment to her students does not end when they leave the classroom. They continue to receive words and notes of encouragement throughout their school years and beyond. Each eighth grader who was in her class receives a picture from their first grade year along with a story they wrote while in her class. Young students often make their parents stop and wait so they can go to her because she always has a smile, words of encouragement and a hug for them.

Spearman is truly blessed with a wonderful school system full of great professionals, including first grade teacher Kristi Ramon.

Spearman Rotary commends Kristi for the great strides she has taken to improve our children's future. We are not only fortunate, but blessed to have her.

Business of the Year

Golden Spread Sales Co. was the recipient of the Business of the Year Award at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet, held February 28, 2004.

During the past 37 years, Golden Spread Sales has been a part of almost every activity thinkable in Spearman. Their employees and management have served in the Chamber of Commerce, Spearman Lions Club, Spearman Rotary Club, Spearman Jaycees, Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, and many other organizations.

Golden Spread Sales and its employees pride themselves in serving their customers. The current staff has over 90 years combined service to the people of Spearman and Hansford County.

Some of the projects Golden Spread Sales Co. has been involved with include the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America, The Spearman Scholarship Foundation, Hansford County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale, Hansford County Golf Club, Hansford Hospice, Spearman Little League, Miss Hansford Pageant, Panhandle Crisis Center, Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Project Graduation, Spearman Swim Club, Spearman Band Boosters, Spearman Lynx & Lynxette Booster Club and the Yucca Girl Scout Council.

Golden Spread Sales Co. opened their doors in 1967 at 412 Collard and has been an icon in Spearman for thirty-seven years. They moved to their present location in 1991. It has been a company of honesty, integrity and service to Spearman, with their motto being "Experience you need - Service you've come to expect."

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"We appreciate all of our customers who have helped to make Golden Spread Sales Co. the company it is today," stated Everette Tracy.

Hearts of Gold Gala

The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host the Hearts of Gold Gala on Friday, April 23, 2004 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in honor of Lloyd and Dorothy Buzzard. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any board members.

Thank You

To receive the "Employee of the Year" award while serving with such great co-workers is truly an honor. I would like to thank all of our teachers for their dedication and commitment. Spearman is lucky to have such talent in a small town. A special thank you goes to my co-workers Karla Flowers, Jennifer Nollner, Verlan Winegarner and Karen Thompson for your talents, support and friendship.

I would also like to thank Kent Hargis, our former principal. He played a key roll in encouraging new ideas and staff development in our elementary school. His leadership and friendship have also played a key roll in my development as a teacher.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Rod Sumner and the school board for their willingness to have open and honest communication with teachers and staff. Your efforts to hear all sides of an issue are greatly appreciated.

In addition, I would like to thank Mr. Sumner for being a good friend to Tindle and myself without letting it interfere with his professional duties and obligations as Superintendent.

I would also like to thank the parents and grandparents of Spearman. Thank you for trusting me with your children. Each of them bless me every day with

their own unique perspective on our world. I am as much their student as they are mine.

A special thanks goes to my husband, Tindle. He has always supported me. Being married at the young age of 18 and going to college was not easy. Tindle encouraged me and gave me the love and support I needed to make it through. It is because of him that I was committed and

finished school. He has always supported me in my job, never complaining when I would be gone overnight for a workshop or had to work late.

Spearman is a wonderful community. Tindle and I consider it a privilege to have been able to both work and raise our children here.

God bless each of you,
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A Long Goodbye

by Gina Gillispie

I don't like long goodbyes and it seems that I've been saying goodbye for several months now.

When I began to think about what to say, my first thought was to tell you about the achievements and accomplishments of the chamber in the years that I've been Executive Vice-President. But as I pondered those accomplishments, what I began to realize is that what I truly have are some unforgettable moments and I would much rather share the personal side of it with you.

An unforgettable moment can be powerful or simple, but is always so defining that it moves you. Many times, amid the turmoil and controversy, an unforgettable moment can let you know, without a doubt, that you have done the right thing.

I will never forget my first chamber banquet as Cindy was saying her farewell. I had been at the Chamber for a few months, and it was evident how beloved she was. I expressed that night that I had some big shoes to fill. I decided later, however, I better just get my own shoes. And so I did.

I quite vividly remember one of my very first Retail Merchants meetings when Brad Beedy was making his displeasure with me quite clear. As I quietly ate my salad, I nodded and told him I would try to do better. I've always liked Brad, but that's when I really starting liking him, because he expected something from me and didn't mind telling me. (And there's nothing wrong with that!)

While I'm talking about Beedy's, I also remember when we landed the cable contract, Jeff wanted to go on record as not wanting me to have any part of that income as I had not yet deserved it. I feel pretty confident I finally did prove myself to him, but whether I did or didn't would never change the fact that one day very recently I needed Jeff for a personal matter, and when I called him, he was in my office within 15 minutes - as my friend.

And speaking of friends, the chamber office never lacks them. I have had inspiration from so many people that I will miss more than they will ever know. I love the fact that people just pop in to say "hi," give me their opinion, or sit and visit on a cold, snowy day. These moments are philosophy in action.

In particular, Britt Jarvis drops by often to tell me, "the lights are on, the sign says closed, you are, and I'm confused." This sentence could vary in many ways, but he was just making sure that I was at my post selling sunshine.

Other pop-ins included Don, Ron, Dean, Randy, Gary, Mike, Orvil, Bob, and the occasional Linda, Cheryl or Leona. Two of them never ceased to amaze me - Clementine Renner and JD Wilbanks. I have never seen someone learn something new and different on a daily basis as much as JD. He is truly an inspiration to me.

I have my own little view from my chair, and you would be amazed at what I see - Sheri Benton pushing a grocery cart of books down the street; Bob Farr sweeping his porch in the mornings; people going to the flower shop with very sad or happy faces; and Alfred carrying Peggy's packages to her car on a day with no snow or rain - a normal day with an abundant amount of customer service (because Cates is not that close to the Chamber).

Now let's talk about some funny moments. I will never forget Secretary's Day, when the bosses were doing a skit and acting like their secretaries, and Larry O'Neal (with his necklace and earrings) racing to the back of the room with a cup of coffee while trying to answer his phone. This runs closely with Kathy Bryant's hat and the effervescent talent of the Kahuna Tuna's.

I also remember the Heritage Days Parade that was held in spite of the 80-mph winds. I can still see the Texas Tech Masked Rider turn the bend at the courthouse, holding on to her cowboy hat with her cape waving straight behind her.

I also remember when someone had the idea for the Chamber to sponsor a fishing tournament. Imagine Sharon Cook hooking a slimy worm for a little boy entered in the tournament. She sat at the lake all day - and it was 107 degrees! That's when it hit me that she's just a pretty darn nice lady and a pleasure to have as a president.

There have been proud moments, too. Giving our first scholarship to a graduating senior, and giving one every year since; having the Chamber's idea for a Post Card Contest being copied by many other Chambers, including Amarillo.

It has been said that life is not measured by moments that you breathe, but moments that take your breath away - and I've had several - being among the masses to watch the first windmill raised at the now famous JB Buchanan Windmill Park; watching master fiddler Randy Elmore bring a blind boy into his arms to help him pluck the strings of his instrument as they played a simple song; or going out on a limb to hold the first Cinco de Mayo Celebration. (I will never forget sitting outside my office during the Cinco de Mayo

dance and catching a glimpse of Eric inside. I could only make out his silhouette, but I remember thinking, "Is he smoking? in my office? As I watched I realized that he wasn't smoking - the he was bringing his medal to his lips, holding it up and then kissing it.)

I can't close without mentioning one more worthy moment (I have thousands, but I will only mention one). I remember sitting in my car at 7 a.m., drinking a cup of coffee in my pajamas, while Brian set up road blocks for the parade. Every kite needs a string, and I can't thank Brian enough for his unending support and all he has done to help me through these years.

Women's Division News

by Judy Yarbrough, Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Past President

We had a full and wonderful year and I would like to share some of the highlights with you.

Our year began with decorating for last year's Chamber banquet, which was a lot of fun.

Last year we took the total scores for the boys and girls home varsity basketball games and donated that amount of money to Hospice.

Our major and one of our most important fundraisers is the Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant, which takes a lot of planning and hard work, plus a little coordination. That same week we have a float in the Heritage Days Parade featuring our Miss Hansford winners.

We took on a new project this year, the Salsa Contest held during the Cinco de Mayo celebration. We had several entries. We also had a booth called Margarita Ville, where we sold virgin margaritas, which went very well.

In September we sponsored Jessica Freeman for the Miss Texas Teen Pageant, as she was a former Miss Hansford Teen.

We also sponsored Samantha Hargus in the Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program in Austin. She received first place in the poster contest.

We had a booth at the Fall Carnival and we helped with Bingo at the Manor.

Chamber Board News

by Missie Bates, Spearman Chamber of Commerce Past President

What a year! I can't believe it has gone so quickly. Although it has gone by so fast, we truly got a lot accomplished.

Although last year's banquet was held during the height of flu season, it was one of the best attended banquets in recent history, with 210 attending.

Other events included the Secretaries Day Luncheon held at the First Christian Church.

One of the highlights of the year was the First Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration, which was very successful. An art contest was conducted for Mrs. Smith's 5th grade classes, with C.J. Renteria placing first. The Cinco de Mayo King was Eric Vasquez and the Queen was Lorena Lopez.

Heritage Days brought rain, but that didn't dampen the celebration. There was lots of food and fun, a great parade and a wonderful street dance held at the mall.

The Chamber Board Golf Tournament was held in August, which was enjoyed by everyone participating.

The Chamber sponsored a Mexican Food Luncheon for Boss' Day in October.

The end of the year meant new board members and the election of officers. Members going off the board were Justin Boyd, Rosalee Bueno, Debbie Eslick, Rosi Martinez and Kevin McDonald. New members were Diana Bynum, Anna Fishburn, Steve Hartgraves, Keith Height, Jeanette Hodges, Pete Ochoa and Judy Yarbrough. Current members include Missie Bates, Jason Cantrell, Gina Gillispie, Martina Miller, Mark Murray, Robert Patrick, Lenny Pecha, Cindy Scriber and Rod Sumner.

New members to the Chamber included Bishop Cottage, Cargill, Gordon's Drug (under new owners David and Sandy Johnson), Grammy's Gifts & Goodies, KRDF (under new ownership), Paula's Creations, Palo Duro Cafe (under new owner Ruth Jenkins), S&P Hunts (Caleb Patterson and Joel Shields), Servantez Estate Repair, Texas Alligator Ranch, Tong's and Willis Boyd Dirt Service.



SHS Inducts NHS Members

Nineteen new members were inducted into the Spearman High School Chapter of the National Honor Society. They are (front row, left to right) Lindsey Short, Adriana Pinon, Timberly Thomas, Jena Cherry, Adriana Mendoza, and Si Li Tang. (second row) Aleisha Sweet, Jordan Short, Britta Vanderburg, Samantha Cazares, Tabatha Shields, and Maribel Moreno (third row) Alejandro Rios, Sonny Parker, Jarick Howard, Eric Flores, Tonya Hart, Steven Vaquera, and Abby Winegarner

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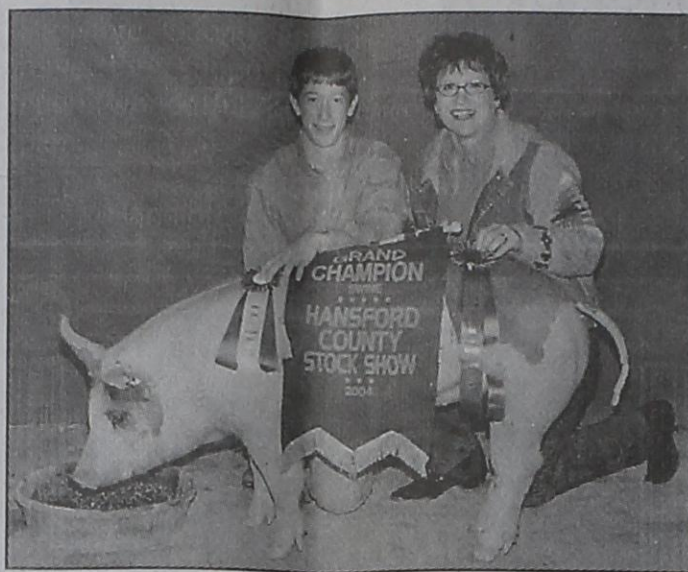
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2004 Hansford County Stock Show



Tucker Williams is shown with his steer that was named Grand Champion Steer in the Hansford County Stock Show. Buyer of the steer was E.A. Williams.



Hansford County's Grand Champion Swine was exhibited by Tyler Lane (left). His buyer was Panther City Cattle Company.



Blayne Baker (left) exhibited the Grand Champion lamb of Hansford County. The lamb's buyer was Berry Grain, represented by Brent Thornton.



The Reserve Champion steer was exhibited by Rhett Renner (extreme right). His buyer was Hansford Veterinary Hospital represented by (left to right) Scot Martin and Clint Irwin



The Reserve Champion Swine of the Hansford County Stock Show was shown by Blayne Baker (right). Buyer of the animal was Hansford Implement, represented by Norlan Winegarner.



Tara Shields (right) is pictured with her Hansford County Reserve Champion lamb. Her buyer was Richie Thompson, representing Five Star Equipment.



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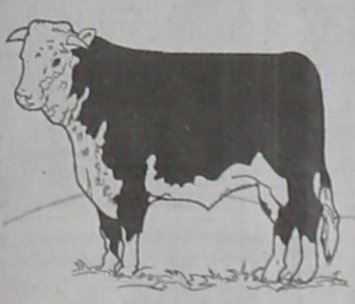
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Class II

Addam Ferguson, Spearman 4-H; Britney Montgomery, Spearman FFA; Callie Stedje, Gruver 4-H; Anthony Ochoa, Spearman 4-H; Cody Rutledge, Morse 4-H; Jesse Bucknell, Gruver 4-H; Jimmiee McCloy, Morse 4-H.

Class III

Rachelle Holt, Gruver 4-H; Lauren Ferguson, Spearman 4-H; Halli Mans, Spearman 4-H; Joey Pearson, Spearman 4-H; Seth Thompson, Gruver 4-H; Elena Vargas, Spearman 4-H; Brian Close, Spearman FFA.

Class IV

Seth Clemmons, Morse 4-H; McKenzie Crane, Gruver 4-H; Preslee Baker, Spearman 4-H; Dani Wheelock, Gruver 4-H; Sonny Parker, Spearman FFA; Reese Clark, Morse 4-H; Christian Patrick, Spearman 4-H; Will McCloy, Morse 4-H; Eva McCloy, Morse 4-H.

Class V

Tabatha Shields, Spearman 4-H; Jessica Schmidt, Morse 4-H; Seth Salgado, Spearman 4-H; Amanda Pearson, Spearman 4-H; Sheldon Field, Morse 4-H; Tate Batton, Spearman 4-H; Justin Thompson, Gruver 4-H; Brenna Reid, Morse 4-H.

Class VI

Tara Shields, Morse 4-H; Noemi Rodriguez, Spearman 4-H; Allison Brown, Spearman 4-H; Cory Graves - Gruver Jr. FFA; Justin Parker, Spearman FFA; Matt Wheelock, Gruver 4-H; Tyler Lane, Morse 4-H; Christen Ferguson, Spearman 4-H; Shelby Wagner, Gruver 4-H.

Class VII

Blayne Baker, Spearman 4-H; Eric Flores, Spearman 4-H; Kali Shields, Spearman 4-H; Brian Johnson, Gruver 4-H; Orie Cooksey, Spearman 4-H; Jessica Jarvis, Hansford 4-H; Lanie Graves, Gruver 4-H.

Steers

Grand Champion - Tucker Williams
Reserve Grand - Rhett Renner
Junior Showmanship - Taylor Williams
Senior Showmanship - Bailey Reid

Class I - Light

Rhett Renner, Spearman 4-H; Jacob Lieb, Morse 4-H; Tracy Brown, Spearman 4-H.

Class II - Light Medium

Taylor Williams, Gruver 4-H; Charles Slough, Gruver 4-H; Lexi Batton, Spearman 4-H.

Class IV - Medium Heavy

Tucker Williams, Gruver 4-H; Brenna Reid, Morse 4-H; Lance Williams, Gruver 4-H; Tate Batton, Spearman 4-H.

Class V - Heavy

Bailey Reid, Morse 4-H; Rachelle Holt, Gruver 4-H; Audrey Lieb, Morse 4-H; Nick Slough, Gruver FFA.

Swine

Grand Champion - Tyler Lane
Reserve Grand - Blayne Baker
Junior Showmanship - Seth Thompson
Senior Showmanship - Garrett Martin

DUROC

Breed Champion - Forrest Lopez
Reserve Breed - Allison Brown

Class I

Forrest Lopez, Gruver 4-H; Payton Thoreson, Gruver 4-H; Jordan Hicks, Gruver FFA; Jessica Montgomery, Gruver FFA; Kyler Cator, Spearman 4-H; Audrey Lieb, Morse 4-H.

Class II

Allison Brown, Spearman 4-H; Casey Cator, Spearman FFA; Sheldon Field, Morse 4-H; Greyson Karlin, Gruver 4-H; Austin Benton, Spearman 4-H; Kali Shields, Spearman 4-H.

HAMPSHIRE

Breed Champion - Blayne Baker
Reserve Breed - Cason Finley

Class III

Maloy Martin, Spearman 4-H; Preslee Baker, Spearman 4-H; Laurcen Williams, Gruver 4-H; Lindsey Clift, Gruver 4-H; Matthew Jarvis, Spearman 4-H; Trent Goodheart, Spearman 4-H.

Class IV

Amanda Pearson, Spearman 4-H; Lauren Patterson, Spearman 4-H; Britney Montgomery, Spearman FFA; Joey Pearson, Spearman FFA; Tracy Brown, Spearman FFA; Wade Evans, Spearman FFA; Matt Messer, Gruver FFA.

Class V

Blayne Baker, Spearman 4-H; Cason Finley, Gruver 4-H; Halli Mans, Spearman 4-H; Tanner Irwin, Gruver 4-H; Lynn Vela, Gruver FFA; Taylor Williams, Gruver 4-H; Lexi Batton, Spearman 4-H.

Class VI

Hudson Williams, Gruver 4-H; Cody Benton, Spearman 4-H; Cory Graves, Gruver Jr. FFA; Cody Rutledge, Morse 4-H; Stuart Martin, Spearman FFA; Jessica Schmidt, Morse 4-H; Victoria Vela, Gruver FFA.

YORKS

Breed Champion - Garrett Martin
Reserve Breed - Keilee Goodheart

Class VII

Keilee Goodheart, Spearman 4-H; Nick Slough, Gruver FFA; Seth Salgado, Spearman 4-H; Britta Vanderburg, Spearman FFA; Lance Huddleston, Spearman FFA; Charles Slough, Gruver FFA.

Class VIII

Garrett Martin, Spearman 4-H; Zack Nollner, Spearman FFA; Jack Karlin, Gruver 4-H; Clete Vanderburg, Spearman FFA; Cara Gwin, Spearman FFA; Justin Parker, Spearman FFA.

CROSS

Breed Champion - Tyler Lane
Reserve Breed - Megan Stedje

Class IX

Brenna Reid, Morse 4-H; Bryce Jarvis, Spearman 4-H; Timber Barkley, Spearman 4-H; Justin Thompson, Gruver 4-H; Zack Murray, Spearman FFA; Miles Messer, Gruver Jr. FFA.

Class X

Seth Thompson, Gruver 4-H; Emily Hood, Spearman FFA; Sawyer Sutterfield, Spearman 4-H; Lanie Graves, Gruver 4-H; Dakota Cator, Spearman 4-H; Michael Torres, Spearman FFA.

Class XI

Rachelle Holt, Gruver 4-H; Orie Cooksey, Spearman 4-H; T Jay Sherrill, Gruver FFA; Hutch Reed, Gruver FFA; Jared George, Spearman FFA.

Class XII

Tate Batton, Spearman 4-H; Jeffrey Rice, Spearman 4-H; Leigh Anne Winger, Gruver Jr. FFA; Reagan Karlin, Gruver 4-H; Rhett Renner, Spearman 4-H; Reid Winger, Gruver FFA; Channing

Burgess, Spearman 4-H.

Class XIII

Tyler Lane, Morse 4-H; Bailey Reid, Morse 4-H; Lance Williams, Gruver 4-H; Jessica Jarvis, Spearman FFA; Seth Clemmons, Gruver FFA; Jacob Lieb, Morse 4-H.

Class XIV

Megan Stedje, Gruver 4-H; Mabry Sutterfield, Spearman 4-H; Malissa Montgomery, Spearman 4-H; Callie Stedje, Gruver 4-H; Rily Urban, Morse 4-H; Tucker Williams, Gruver 4-H.

Commercial Steer Results

Grand Champion - Jimmiee McCloy
Reserve Grand Champion - Lance Williams

Tracy Brown, Spearman 4-H; Rhett Renner, Spearman 4-H; Will McCloy, Morse 4-H; Rachelle Holt, Gruver 4-H; Tucker Williams, Gruver 4-H; Megan Stedje, Gruver 4-H; Callie Stedje, Gruver 4-H; Eva McCloy, Morse 4-H; Tara Shields, Morse 4-H; Tabatha Shields, Spearman 4-H; Charlie Slough, Gruver 4-H.

Livestock Judging Contest - Individual

High Individual - Beau Skinner, Hugoton, KS; Halli Mans, Spearman 4-H; Megan Gouch, Hugoton, KS; Tucker Williams, Gruver 4-H; Kyler Moon, Seward County, KS; Kali Shields, Spearman 4-H; Casey Cator, Spearman 4-H; Nick Slough, Gruver 4-H; Callie Stedje, Gruver 4-H; Bailey Reid, Morse 4-H.

Livestock Judging Contest - Team

High Team - Hugoton, KS: Chandler Sandoval, Megan Gouch, Beau Skinner, Trevor Winchester; Hansford County JV: Austin Benton, Dakota Cator, Charlie Slough, Tucker Williams; Hansford County SR: Casey Cator, Bailey Reid, Nick Slough, Clete Vanderburg; Seward County 4-H: Kyler Moon, Travis Winchester, Kayloni Williams, Toni Brose; Piggy's: Bryce Jarvis, Allison Brown, Halli Mans, Seth Salgado; Hansford County Champion: Eva McCloy, Lonnie Born, Brenna Reid, Callie Stedje; FBRJ: Reagan Karlin, Bryson McAlister, Sheldon Field; Hansford County Wild Indians: Cody Benton, Matthew Jarvis, Will McCloy, Taylor Williams; KJJ: Kali Shields, Jessica Schmidt, Jessica Jarvis; Meade 4-H: Layne Clawson, Kyle Ross, Carl Clawson.

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SCHOOL DOCKET

Hansford County

March 8-12 - Texas Public School Week
 March 15-19 - Spearman, Gruver, and Pringle-Morse School Spring Break
 March 10-21 - Houston Livestock Show and Sale

Gruver High School

March 15-19 - GISD Spring Break
 March 25 - Zone B One Act Play Contest; Clarendon
 March 31-April 1 - Academic UIL Competition, Amarillo College

Gruver Jr. High

March 15-19 - GISD Spring Break

Gruver Elementary

March 12 - Jump Rope for Heart
 March 15-19 - GISD Spring Break

Spearman High School

March 11 - Spearman High School Open House; 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 March 12-13 - Panhandle Track Meet
 March 13 - Spearman Dual Tennis Tournament
 March 15-19 - SISD Spring Break
 March 15-16 - Clarendon Tennis Tourney
 March 15 - Canadian Girls Golf Tourney
 March 16 - Canadian Boys Golf Tourney
 March 19 - Spearman Dual Tennis Tourney
 March 19-20 - Perryton Track Meet
 March 23 - Palo Duro Tennis Tournament (Amarillo)
 March 24 - RTPE Test (3rd-12 Grade)
 March 24 - District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) meeting; HS Library; 4 p.m.

March 25 - Zone B One Act Play Contest; Clarendon
 March 26 - FFA CDE Judging Contest; WTAMU
 March 26-27 - Spearman Tennis Tourney
 March 26-27 - Dumas Boys Golf Tourney
 March 26-27 - Stratford Track Meet
 March 27 - High School Academic UIL Competition; WTAMU
 March 27 - FFA CDE Judging Contest; Clarendon
 March 28 - Small Schools State Academic Contest; Belton
 March 29 - District Golf Tourney, Round One; Boys at Phillips, Girls at Borger Country Club
 March 30 - District One Act Play Contest; WTAMU
 March 31 - UIL HS Choir Concert/Sight Reading Contest; WTAMU

Spearman Jr. High

March 15-19 - SISD Spring Break
 March 24 - RTPE Test (3rd-12 Grade)

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March 15-19 - SISD Spring Break
 March 24 - RTPE Test (3rd-12 Grade)

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The following Lynxettes basketball players were named Academic All-District: Sami Cazares, Ashlee Flowers, Saylee Flowers, Keilee Goodheart, Macy Harbour, Tonya Hart, Kelcee Rex, Jordan Short, Lindsay Short, Cayla Smith and Jocelyn Whitefield.

Spearman Lynxettes

SUNRAY TRACK MEET

February 26 & 28, 2004

Varsity Girls

1st - Sunray, 217; 2nd - White Deer, 155; 3rd - Dalhart, 114; 4th - Booker, 42; 5th - Spearman, 32; 6th - Stratford, 10
800 M Run: 4th - Melissa Lesly; **100 M Hurdles:** 2nd - Mallory Paul; **400 M Run:** 2nd - Melissa Lesly; **High Jump:** 3rd - Sonny Parker; **Long Jump:** 5th - Sonny Parker; **Triple Jump:** 4th - Claudia Vaquera - Macy Harbour

CANADIAN TRACK MEET

March 5 & 6, 2004

Varsity Girls

1st - Sunray, 217; 2nd - Perryton, 155; 3rd - Stratford, 114; 4th - Panhandle, 89; 5th - Spearman, 71; 6th (tie) - Gruver & White Deer, 41; 8th - Canadian, 27; 9th - Highland Park, 18; 10th - Wheeler, 14; 11th - Wellington, 10
3200 M Run: 4th - Tabatha Shields; **400 M.**

Relay: 3rd - Spearman (Claudia Vaquera, Mallory Paul, Sami Cazares, Macy Harbour); **800 M. Relay:** 5th - Spearman (Kelcee Rex, Sonny Parker, Cayla Smith, Macy Harbour); **400 M. Run:** 1st - Melissa Lesly (60.97); **200 M. Run:** 2nd - Melissa Lesly; **1600 M. Run:** 6th - Tabatha Shields; **1600 M. Relay:** 4th - Spearman (Claudia Vaquera, Sonny Parker, Macy Harbour, Melissa Lesly); **High Jump:** 1st - Sonny Parker, 6th - Cayla Smith; **Long Jump:** 3rd - Sonny Parker; **Triple Jump:** 6th - Sami Cazares; **Pole Vault:** 4th - Jentry Edwards, 5th - Macy Harbour

Gruver Greyhounds

CANADIAN TRACK MEET

March 5 & 6, 2004

Varsity Boys

1st - Canadian, 131; 2nd - Perryton, 113; 3rd - Panhandle, 108.75; 4th - Gruver, 69.75
800 M. Run: 5th - David Pueblo - 5th; **100 M. Dash:** 4th - Tyler Lane; **800 M. Relay:** 4th - David Pueblo, Hutch Reed, Sammy Pena, Jose Rodriguez; **400 M. Dash:** 2nd - Tyler Lane; **200 M. Dash:** 3rd - Hutch Reed; **1600 M. Relay:** 3rd - David Pueblo, Hutch Reed, Jose Rodriguez, Salvador Luciano; **Long Jump:** 2nd - Tyler Lane; **Shot Put:** 5th - Oscar Medina; **Triple Jump:** 6th - Tyler Lane; **High Jump:** 5th - Hutch Reed; **Pole Vault:** 2nd - Matt Messer, 3rd - T Jay Sherrill, 4th - Brock Irwin

Junior Varsity Boys

3200 Meter Run: 3rd - Hugo Chivira, 4th - Steve Villegas; **800 Meter Run:** 2nd - Bryant Halley; **1600 Meter Run:** 2nd - Steve Villegas; **Shot Put:** 6th - Travis McDowell



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Palo Duro Supper Club has applied for private club registration permit for location of 22 S. Archer, Spearman, Hansford County, Texas. Officers being: Dave Hand Jr. - President, Gary Woolley - Secretary, Ruth Jenkins - Manager. 2(3-4-02)B

PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 10, 2004, Valor Telecommunications of Texas, LP (Valor) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between Valor's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule §26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valor's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, Valor proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on Valor's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees.

Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$6 in Year 1, \$8 in Year 2, \$3 in Year 3, \$2 in Year 4, \$1 in Year 5. Valor proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$0.66 in Year 3, \$0.4 in Year 4, \$0.2 in Year 5. Valor is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, Valor may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges.

If Valor's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on Valor's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse Valor for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs Valor seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, \$3,791,870 in Year 2, \$1,333,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call Valor at 1-877-520-5220.

The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. 4(3-4-04)B

AVISO

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecommunications de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded

Local Calling Service - ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación, VALOR propone implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años comenzando el día que la Comisión sumete el orden final, por la solicitud de Valor. La Comisión puede establecer sobrecargos ELCS for cualquier duración. Sobrecargos ELCS se aplicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

Valor hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada línea residencial: \$.86 en Año 1; \$.85 en Año 2; \$.03 en Año 3; \$.02 en Año 4; y \$.01 en Año 5. Valor hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada línea comercial: \$1.72 en Año 1, \$1.70 en Año 2; \$0.66 en Año 3; \$0.4 en Año 4, y \$.02 en Año 5.

Corrientemente, Valor esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS interines aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65 por mes por cada línea residencial, y un interin sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada línea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interines serán ultimamente aprobadas por la Comisión, es posible que Valor estará disponible a reembolsar todo o parte de los cargos interines.

Si la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación de Valor esta aprobada, el efecto neta anual de tasas para Valor en Año 1 serán cero desde que los sobrecargos solicitados son apuntados a reemplazar tasas y a reembolsar a Valor por los gastos aumentados y asociados con la provision de ELCS. El estimado total de tasas perdidas y cargos aumentados que Valor trata de recuperar sobre este procedimiento es \$3,867,372 en Año 1; \$3,791,870 en Año 2; \$133,831 en Año 3; \$89,220 en Año 4, y \$44,610 en Año 5.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propostados, o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 21 de Abril, 2004, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136. 4(3-4-04)B

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Persons who qualify for the Assistant Manager and Lifeguard positions must be able to obtain certified lifeguard training.

For further information, contact City Manager Robert Patrick at 659-2524. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 30 SW Court. The City is an EOE. 3(3-4-04)B

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals addressed to Robert Patrick, City Manager, City of Spearman, PO Box 30, Spearman, Texas 79081-0037 for the rehabilitation/cleaning of Water Well No. 10 entitled Water System Improvements Rehabilitation/Cleaning of Water Well No. 10.

will be received in the office of the City Manager, City of Spearman, at City Hall, 30 Southwest Court, Spearman, Texas, until: March 25, 2004 2:00 p.m.

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

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to but not less than five percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen days after receipt of Contract Documents, enter into a contract with the City of Spearman and will execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Contract Documents are on file and may be examined in the City of Spearman, City Hall, 30 Southwest Court, Spearman, Texas, phone (806) 659-2524. Plans and Specifications may be obtained from the Engineer, Brandt Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, phone (806) 353-7233 at a cost of fifty dollars (\$50.00), non-refundable, for each set of plans and specifications.

Performance and Payment bonds shall be set forth in the Contract documents. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, the Owner reserves the right to adopt such interpretations as may be most advantageous or to reject the bid as informal. No bid may be withdrawn until the expiration of 30 days from the bid opening date.

Robert Patrick, City Manager City of Spearman 2(3-4-04)B

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The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of North Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. met at the Cooperative's headquarters located in Perryton, Texas, on March 2, 2004. Three Directors shall be elected by and from the members at the 60th annual meeting of the Cooperative to be held on April 19, 2004, for a term of three years. The committee has prepared and posted at the Cooperative headquarters a list of nominations for Directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district. Those nominated include:

- District 2 Dorsey Schad
District 4 Don Boone
District 5 Lyndon Imke Craig Young

The actions of this Committee in no way shall prevent additional nominations by petition as provided for in Section 4.06 of the Cooperative Bylaws. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the committee is posted.

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The lonely windmill
It always stands alone
Always out on the prairie
Is the place it calls its home

Yes, the windmill is so neglected
We let the oil run dry
Yet it stands tall and erect
With its head up in the sky

The horses always slobber
After they've taken their good drink

The windmill is most neglected
Of anything on the range
Although it's so neglected
It keeps pumping just the same

Everything comes to the windmill
To drink and quench its thirst
Without this precious water
We couldn't stay on Mother Earth

The Kildeer and the Quail
And the Prairie Chicken too---
They all come to the windmill
Just like the cowboys do.

It gives out living water
Just like the son of God
They are both so neglected
By us who tread the sod

The cows and calves drink their fill
Around the big round tank

To you, O lonely windmill----
I do thank you and God
Without you two together
We could not have made it
On this good old Western Sod
*Marvin Carnegey
Laverne, Oklahoma*

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