

Rudolph Pleads Guilty to
Atlanta Olympics Blast
Former fugitive Eric Rudolph
pleaded guilty on Wednesday to
the bombing of the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and a string of subsequent blasts, citing a hatred of abortion, gay rights and the federal government as his motivation for the attacks.

House votes to end estate taxes

The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday voted to permanently end the estate tax as part of a Republican push to extend President Bush's tax cuts beyond the end of the

US Moving Toward A Flat Tax Bigger tax breaks for wealth produces a system in which the middle class pays about the same as the rich.

Sharon says no plan to strike Iran nuclear sites

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, following talks with U.S. officials on Iran's nuclear program, said Israel was not planning a military strike on Iran to prevent it from getting the bomb.

Arab League Says Israel Ignores Bush on Settlements Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa accused Israel on Wednesday of belittling a call from President Bush to halt settlement expansion on occupied land.

Algerian Convicted in British Chemical Strike Plot

Britain has convicted an al Qaedatrained Algerian man of a plot to launch chemical and bomb attacks in the biggest UK terrorism case since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, after a global investigation across 17 countries.

New U.N. Peacekeeper Stance Seen Stabilizing Haiti

A more aggressive stance by U.N. acekeepers in recent weeks has put Haiti on a path to stability, the eader of a Security Council mission to the Caribbean nation said on Wednesday.

Canada Finally Unveils Plan

to Meet Kyoto Targets After a decade of dithering on how o meet its commitments under the Kyoto climate change accord, Canada's Liberal government on Wednesday finally unveiled a C\$10 billion (\$8 billion) sevenyear plan to cut emissions of reenhouse gases.

Palestinians See Limited Coordination on Gaza Pullout The Palestinian Authority decided on Wednesday on limited coordination with Israel on its planned pullout from occupied Gaza and to place all evacuated land under government control, a senior official said.

Lebanon PM Quits, Says Still

Time for Elections Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister stepped down on Wednesday, abandoning efforts to form a government to lead the country to general elections, but said there was still time to hold the poll as expected in May.

U.N. Approves New Treaty Against Nuclear Terrorism

The 191-member U.N. General Assembly approved a nuclear terrorism treaty on Wednesday that would oblige governments to punish those who illegally possess atomic devices or radioactive materials.

> Violence Flares in Iraq; U.S. Hostage on Tape

U.S. contract worker taken hostage in Iraq this week appealed for his life in a video released on Wednesday and asked the U.S. administration to negotiate with the insurgents on his behalf.

WEEKEND WEATHER **FORECAST**

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Southeast winds 15 to 20 mph. FRIDAY - Partly cloudy with a

20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds around 15 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph in the afternoon.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows around 50. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s. SUNDAY - Partly cloudy with a

20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid

SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 40s.



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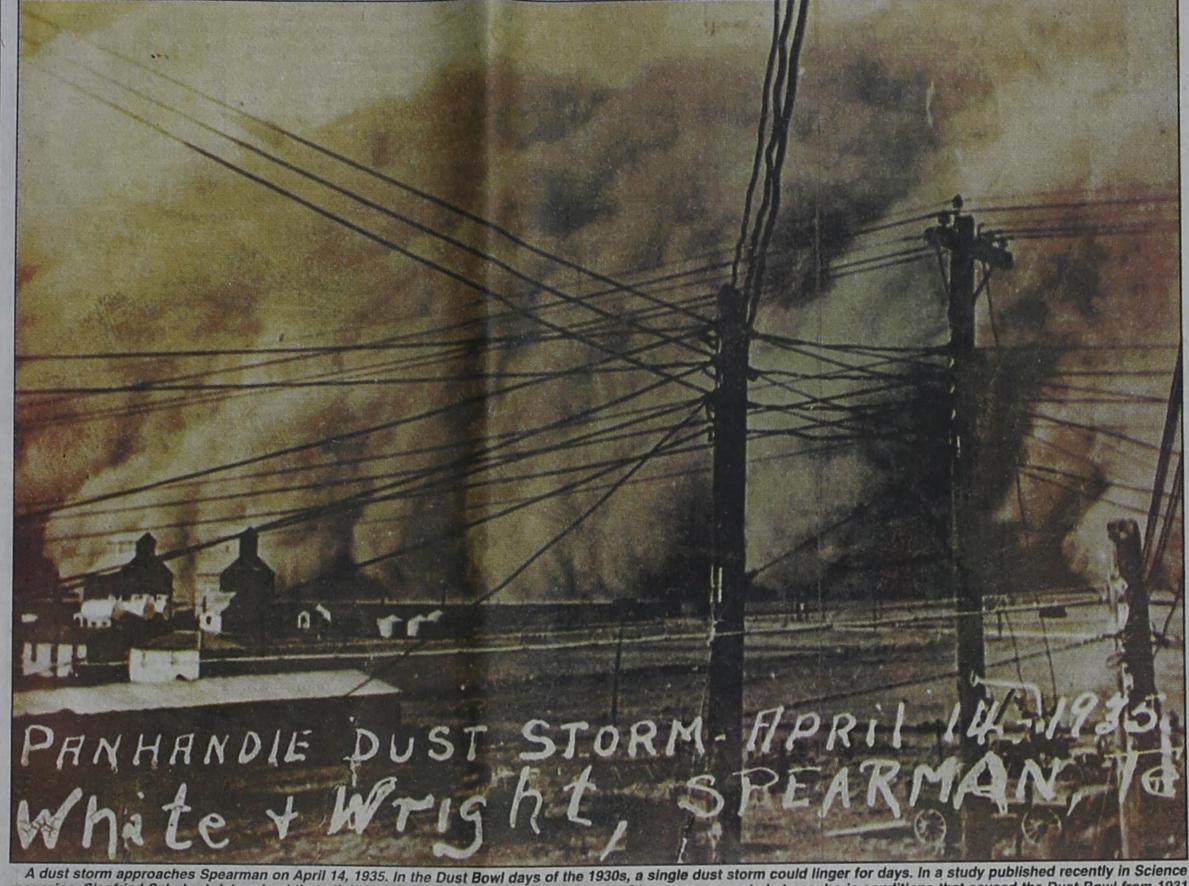
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"Black Sunday" remembered 70 years later



magazine, Siegfried Schubert determined that slight changes in the surface temperatures of two oceans created atmospheric conditions that caused the Dust Bowl from 1931

by Betsy Blaney, Associated ers continued to plow and plant.

Will-Allen Jameson still remembers the sound the huge, rolling wall of dust made before it reached her family's West Texas ranch.

"You could kind of hear a faint roar, and it would get real quiet," the 76-year-old Plainview woman said as she described one of the many dust storms she witnessed as a youngster. "Birds were alarmed. They could sense something was coming up."

It was the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s, a time when drought choked the Great Plains stretching across Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado. Soil from America's breadbasket filled the skies. Sometimes a single dust storm lingered for days.

The storms were the result of a severe drought - beginning as early as 1931 and not ending until the fall of 1939 - and poor agricultural practices.

Grasslands, which held soil in place, had been plowed and replanted with wheat. With rain, the crop was abundant. But when drought struck in the 1930s, farm-

With no ground cover remaining, the winds whipped the soil sky-

Now, more than 70 years later, a scientist with the National and Space Aeronautics Administration studying moisture and air patterns in the atmosphere believes he may have stumbled upon why the drought occurred in the first place.

Siegfried Schubert, a meteorologist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., wrote in a study published last month in Science magazine that slight changes in the surface temperatures of two oceans created atmospheric conditions that caused

the Dust Bowl. "The 1930s drought was the major climactic event in the nation's history," Schubert said. "Just beginning to understand what occurred is really critical to understanding future droughts and the links to global climate-change issues we're experiencing today."

In the 1930s, tropical Pacific Ocean temperatures were cooler

than normal and tropical Atlantic Ocean temperatures were warmer than normal, producing a weakened low-level jet stream that sent it further south, he said. The variation in sea surface temperatures were only a few tenths of a degree centigrade.

The jet stream normally moves westward over the Gulf of Mexico before turning northward, bringing moisture and rain to the Great Plains. The weakened jet stream in the 1930s also carried less moisture, and farmland on the Great Plains dried up.

For the next nine years, yellowbrown dust blew on the southern plains; walls of black dust rolled across the northern plains. Breathing became a chore. Children donned dust masks to go to and from school, and wet sheets were used to try to stop dust from getting into homes. Farmers looked on in despair as crops blew away. Schubert said his study was aimed at evaluating an atmospheric

using satellite observations. He and his colleagues used data taken from ship records to create starting atmospheric conditions for the model. They then let the model run on its own and used only observed monthly global sea sur-

circulation model NASA devised

face temperatures. "Right now what we need to do s find out what caused those sea surfaces temperatures," Schubert said. "We need to understand the whole system, the ocean and the atmosphere.'

The study also found that droughts can be localized because of soil moisture levels, particularly during the summer. When rain is negligible, less evaporation occurs and that leads to even less rain.

John M. Wallace, a professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle and one of those who reviewed the study for Science, called the findings invaluable the first to make a persuasive case between rainfall on the Great

Plains and the sea surface temperatures in the tropics.

"It doesn't make any exceptional claims, but it just identifies one of the factors that can influence the summer rainfall over the southern United States," Wallace said. "Their paper is really quite modest in claiming what this will give us. It won't enable us to say, 'This is going to be a drought year.' But it will enable us to get a feeling for the odds, the probabilities.

"Anything that can get a leg up on what's coming next summer is going to be useful."



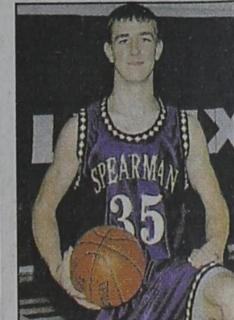
Spearman High School senior Jeff Brock has been awarded the National High School Athletic Institute's prestigious All-American Scholar Athlete Award for the sports of football and basketball. The selection is based on high academic excellence, overall athletic performance in the sports selected and moral force of character.

Jeff Brock was also selected to participate in the Golden Spread All Star Basketball Game on Thursday, April 14th. The game will be held at the West Texas A&M Event Center at 8

Jeff is the son of Kim and Stephanie Brock of Spearman.



Lindsey Short was recently named to the All-Region Basketball Team by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches. Short, a junior at Spearman High School, is the daughter of Kyle and Lisa Short.



Caleb Gillaspie will participate in the Golden Spread All Star Basketball Game on Thursday, April 14th. The game will be held at the West Texas A&M Event Center at 8 p.m. Caleb, a senior at Spearman High School, is the son of Dick and Leann Gillaspie.

The deadline for the April 28th issue of the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be Monday, April 18th. The deadline for the April 21st issue will be Thursday, April 14th.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman office will be closed April 27th-29th, and will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 2nd.



Spearman ISD school nurse Linda Winegarner accepts an Automated External Defibrillator from Patricia Bratton, president of the Hansford County Heart Association and Krista Markham, the new director of the Amarillo Heart Association. An AED was donated by the Heart Association to the Gruver school system as well as the Spearman school system.

Guest Editorial

Your right to know about government depends on editorial freedom

by Richard Stone

Publisher, The Cameron Herald

For over 200 years, the only help that newspapers needed to report on the workings of government (or anything else) was the First Amendment

The founders of this country believed that a free press is so important, that "right" was enshrined at the very top of the Bill of Rights.

Unfortunately, over the last several years, decisions handed down by state and federal courts have slowly stripped away that First Amendment remedy until it affords virtually no protection at all.

This means that publishers have to weigh the chance of a libel suit or a district attorney's subpoena each and every time his or her newspaper

reports a controversial story.

Some newspapers could have information that, if published, could expose corruption in government or force the local "good old boy" network into the sunshine. But few newspapers can write and publish those stories because most of this information depends on a confidential source. In Texas, that confidentiality cannot be guaranteed and sources know it so these stories go unreported. Just like most of our advertisers, most community newspapers in

Texas are small businesses that operate on very thin profit margins. If small newspapers had to literally keep an attorney on retainer to fight potential libel suits or defend against adventurous state prosecutors, very few could stay in business for very long.

That situation is why two Texas legislators have filed bills (one in the Texas House, one in the Texas Senate) that would grant reporters and publishers a limited, sharply defined ability to protect themselves and confidential sources.

Senate Bill 604 by Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and House Bill 188 by Aaron Pena, D-Edinburg, would bring into existence what is known by the media as a "shield law," something 31 states and the District of Columbia already have, to help reporters resist the disclosure of information or a confidential source.

The protections in the original bills don't extend to information relating to violent crimes or eyewitness accounts. Reporters wouldn't be able to shield evidence of a murder or use these protections to avoid testimony regarding an incident they witnessed. But it would help reporters and publishers shield government "whistle-blowers."

Obviously, many in government - especially in law enforcement don't like this idea. Just read this item that was posted on the Texas District and County Attorney Association's website after a hearing in the Texas Senate last week:

"We ... wonder what public policy interest justifies requiring [prosecutors] - and the defense bar - to fight the media for evidence in their

As if it's a newspaper's job to collect information for prosecutors. It's

A free press has a place in our society and that place is just as important in a town like (Cameron) as it is in Austin or Washington.

The function of a newspaper in our democratic society is to help readers (taxpayers, citizens) monitor local government. That objective look at the workings of local government is the service small newspapers across Texas provide their readers each week.

It is not a newspaper's place to be an information-gathering arm for local prosecutors. Newspapers cannot meet that obligation very well if they have to practice defensive journalism. These two bills would help change that and return a measure of free-

dom to the press in Texas.

Urge your Senator to vote with Sen. Ellis for the original version of this bill.

Stone is a member of the Legislative Advisory Committee for the Texas Press Association and the Texas Daily newspaper Association.

Federal Government keeps more secrets for longer

new record for keeping secrets in likely be a bigger pile of secrets it 2004, during which government employees chose to classify information a record 15.6 million times, according to new government figures released this week and highlighted today in an update to tor OpenTheGovernment.org's Secrecy Report Card.

The total number of secrecy decisions is 10 percent higher than the total in 2003. The new data, released by the government's Information Security Oversight Office, show secrecy continued to grow in 2004. For example:

* When given a choice, government employees last year chose to keep their new secrets longer than in years past: Two-thirds (66 peremployees chose to keep those released in summer 2005. new secrets for more than a decade.

old secrets to the public dropped to its lowest point in nearly a decade -28 million pages in 2004.

* The government must declassify 260 million pages of existing old secrets by the end of 2006. We in February 2013, but then will deductible.

The federal government set a have to contend with what will created in the meantime.

> "The new data show government secrecy continues to hurt the public's chances of making our families safe," noted Rick Blum, direc-OpenTheGovernment.org coali-

OpenTheGovernment.org, broad coalition promoting open government, today updated its Secrecy Report Card to add government data released this week showing the government continued in 2004 to expand secrecy at the expense of greater public access to government documents and public scrutiny of government decisions. An expanded version of the cent) of the time government Secrecy Report Card will be

The data was released this week by the federal government's * At the same time, the flow of Information Security Oversight Office, a part of the National and Records Archives Administration.

OpenTheGovernment.org is sponsored by the Fund for Constitutional Government, a calculate that at its current rate the 501(c)(3) charitable organization. government will complete the job All contributions are fully

O. How will the passage of the school bond election affect property taxes?

A. The SISD expects that an annual assessment of \$.35 on each \$100 of valuation will be necessary to "pay-off" the bond over the proposed 30-year period. This tax rate will cost a taxpayer, owning a house worth \$100,000, approximately \$297.50 per year, that's less than \$25 per month.

A rancher who owns a section of Class 1 grassland will pay approximately \$108.80 per year. That's less than \$10/month.

Taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older who have applied for and received the Age 65 Freeze will see no increase in taxes on their homestead.

From 1988 until 2004, the taxpayers of SISD have paid \$.11 per \$100 valuation to retire the bond that was approved in 1987. This bond was retired in 2004. The passage of this bond election will result in a NET increase of approximately \$.24 per \$100 valuation over what taxpayers have paid from 1988 to 2004 to fund the last facility improvement. The only property taxes affected by the bond election will be property taxes paid to SISD, not those paid to Hansford County, the Hospital District etc.

Political Ad Paid for by "The Vision of Purple Pride Committee"

Letter to the Editor

EDITORIAL & OPINION

Dear Editor,

As treasurer of the Vision of Purple Pride Committee, I would like to clarify what costs our committee is covering. From private donations we have collected funds to pay for yard signs, door hangers. "YES" buttons, newspaper ads. and other miscellaneous expenses. We have had donations of various sizes and will gladly accept further financial help.

I am pleased to be part of this Vision of Purple Pride Committee. I do have a vision for an efficient, beautiful facility for our Spearman kids. I do not want to spend have to do that if this bond fails. I will have to do that if this bond \$25,000 to repair an antique elevator in the junior high, and we will have to do that if this bond fails. I a wise use of our tax money.

school bond. I do have a vision for our Spearman ISD.

Judy Nelson

Dear Editor,

Our current junior high building was built two years before Claude was born and has been attended by three generations of our family! There are many more families in Spearman who can say the same

Our "new" high school is now forty-three years old and has been attended by two generations of families. We're way behind on our school facilities.

I intended to vote for the bond issue before I went to the open house, but what I saw up there was have educated us without the tax- tant. payers providing facilities, nor could we have given our six children the educations that they have,

If the people that now have their children raised and educated, their businesses established, etc. are not willing to educate the coming generations, they are making a big mistake. Take a trip to a third world country!

Thank God that you are one of the ones that are financially well off so that you can pay taxes. Be thankful for our educators and teachers that are willing to be some of the lowest paid professionals! Be thankful for our school board personnel that are willing to give their time and energy to this project. It is strictly volunteer.

Claude and Jo Nell Sheets

Dear Editor,

Why should I vote "yes" in the upcoming bond election?

Good question! Fair question! I believe there are a number of reasons. Let me enumerate several.

1. The junior high building is about 75-years old. We did some remodeling of the building about 25 years ago. That included lighting, heating, ceilings, etc. That, however, was a stop-gap measure. There are more significant problems today that have been enumerated. The building, in my opinion, just needs replacing.

2. There are more serious con-\$150,000 to build an ADA cerns about the elementary buildapproved restroom, and we will ing and the need to add additional rooms. When I retired in 1985, do not want to spend \$45,000 to there were about 27-30 staff memreplace an antique boiler, and we bers in that building. There are now 42-45 staff members. Part of fails. I do not want to spend this is due to the 5th grade being in the elementary building today. The major problem, however, is the mandated programs. These include do not think these expenditures are migrant, bilingual, dyslexia, prekindergarten, "all-day" kinder-I will definitely vote for the garten, reading recovery, counselor, etc. It is true that some funding is provided for salaries for these additional programs. There is no additional funding provided, however, for facilities for these programs.

> 3. If the jr. high building is replaced, it is necessary to replace the jr. high/elementary cafeteria. Weather can be a serious problem for elementary students going to the cafeteria. A facility that permits all students the opportunity to go to the cafeteria without going outside just appears to be the correct thing

4. I feel that parking/traffic flow is an important feature that has not been discussed. Our community is extremely fortunate that we have had no serious accidents and/or injuries through the years. This proposed program makes it possiappalling and depressing. When ble for all students to be unloaded Claude and I were school age kids, and picked up at "off-street" parkthere was no way our folks could ing areas. I feel this is very impor-

> 5. We just may be a spoiled community. Rash statement? Probably! Why? Because we have not had a "major" school bond election in over 40 years. The bond election for the high school in the early 60's was the last one. We have not had a large bond payment tax since then. Just a thought!

6. Community pride! During the 17 years that I was privileged to be a part of the school system in this community we considered, by those in the Panhandle area, to be the "elite" school system in the are. I would love to see that perception continued.

Just some thoughts! Have a good day! Please vote

James Cunningham

10th Anniversary of **Oklahoma City Bombing**

By Carolyn Cummings

As the 10th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing approaches this nation somewhere close to 9 in the morning on April 19th will pause... to reflect, to remember and, yes, once again to mourn. Mourn for the 168 lives lost on that fateful morning when a nations innocence was shattered forever by a blast in the heartland. We mourn for those lost and we will mourn for our nation, which will never again be as it once was. A lifestyle that we once took for granted; now gone .

In the quiet, secure serenity of that morning just as everyone was settling in to begin their usual, normal tasks of the day Timothy McVeigh parked a Ryder truck at the Murrah Federal Building. He must have turned his back on the building and the truck, walked away blending into the work a day world of activities. Then came the blast, loud, scattering and destructive... destroying lives, buildings and a nations warm, comfortable and secure feelings.

Just as the first shots of the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Concord on April 19, 1775 became known as "the shots that were heard around the world" this blast in Oklahoma City was not only heard around the world; this resounding sound shook a nation to it's core and reverberated around the world. This senseless act of McVeigh's form of :"freedom of speech" keeps echoing today. He thought to destroy, but he overlooked the resilience of this nations heritage.

The people of this nation have faced wars-civil and world, wealth and poverty and devastation and grandeur. The one thread that has held this nation together throughout the years is that the people rebound by pulling itself up by it's boot straps and they join together in one spirit. That very spirit started just moments after the explosion. Rescue workers, firemen, policemen and the everyday man came together to help. These small gestures taking place in that turmoil gave hope and started this nation on the road to healing.

The residence of Oklahoma City have taken rumble and near ruin and have turned it into a remarkable memorial and tribute to those 168 people whose lives were lost that day.

A visit to the site leaves you in wonder and awe. The green, grassy knoll where the children played. The tranquil waters of the reflection pool capturing the mirrored image of the nearby church steeple. The arches at each end of the pool denoting the time of 9:02. Even the clump of gnarled concrete just off to the side; the remains of part of the parking garage. Then the empty chairs dedicated to the memory of those 168

Just across from this is the museum which houses the thousands of items left on the fence. The letters from school children from across the nation to the citizens of Oklahoma City. And now the museum will be the home for the axle and insulation from the Ryder truck still marked with

That blast shook this nation, but it did not make us give up. On the contrary it became somewhat of a call to arms. We waved our flags and dug in because after it all we remembered: "United we stand and God bless

A Pastor's Perspective Do we live in fear or love?

By the Rev. Brenton Haworth, Minister

Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Fairview, Oklahoma

Recently, I reached in and pulled my pocketknife out to trim some tape, and I couldn't help thinking that that knife went to Alaska on our dream 30th anniversary trip--IN MY POCKET! Obviously our trip was before the terrible events of September 11th, and I don't want to be-little the efforts our government has been making to help increase our security. Yet that little knife with an inch and a half blade certainly seems a long way from a terrorist's tool, and I started reflecting on just how much fear in which we have been living since September 11

Especially during the recent elections, I heard a great deal about all the things I, as an American citizen, should be fearful of. Added to that was that it seemed every other day there was another adjustment by our government of the Terrorist Alert. The news broadcaster on the evening news would announce in somber tones, "Today the alert level has been moved from yellow to orange," and I'm sitting there wondering, "Is that an

In writing this, I want to offer you a gift, which is an alternative to the fear that seems to surround us. It's as difficult to achieve and maintain as it is to live in fear, but far more rewarding and joyous as you work to live in it. What is this gift? The Apostle John describes it better than I in I John 4:18, "There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

This love is active, it is a verb and not a noun, it is found in little seldom-seen things, and most of all, it involves setting ourselves aside, to seek what is good for someone else. You begin to see how tough this is, especially when the 2 most-used words today are "me" and "mine."

Part of the joy is that as Christians, we don't have to pursue it alone, that our Savior promises to walk with us and strengthen us as we are 'made perfect in love." Further, God, in His love for us, gives us the freedom to choose, so my prayer is that you will choose love, not for your sake, but for the sake of our world and especially in response God in Christ Jesus has placed on our hearts. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you.





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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

April 14 Birthday - Ross Bulls, Cynthia Floyd, Verla Kunsleman, Dorsey Perez, Ryan Perez Anniversary - M/M Ronnie Lusby, M/M Daniel Harvey April 15

Birthday - Cathy Boone, Jim Roberts, Danny Knox, Dorothy Faye Baggerly, Michelle Beedy, Eva Mae Reger, Kenneth Pierce, Emma Garcia, Margie Crockett, Stephanie Campbell, Nicole Ramón, Jeff Coates, Gross, Austin Wesley Thompson, Skyler Sumner Anniversary - M/M Victor Soto, M/M Wally Berner

April 16 Birthday - Rod Barkley, Amber Knight, Anise Renner, Clayton Thompson, Cathy Patterson, David Knox, Edward Beck, Walter Jones, Alice Rodriquez, Tylan Pearce, Vernon Morris, G.W. Robinson, Jim Tucker, Joann Baca, Dorsey Perez, Matt Anderson Anniversary - M/M Mitch Hoover

April 17 Birthday - Tim Garland, Gary Smith, Bill Porter, Linda Mosier, Anissa Ryan, Edgar Nava, Cheryl Hill, Kendra Jones, Jimmy Tope, Alfred Avila, Albert Avila, Tavo Hermissillo, Jenifer DeLaCruz, Norma Reis, Maurine Stenson, Ann Pape, Callie Stedje, John Smith, Katie Reed, Wendy Frick

Anniversary - M/M Julian Rodriquez, M/M Bruce Bailey, M/M Tim Garland, M/M Henry Garcia, M/M Bill Hunter

April 18 Birthday - Billy Kelly Jr., J.D. McCoy, Gregg Farr, Victor Rios Jr., Cacy Vaughn, Jena Cherry, Cha'tae Avila, Jennifer Gonzales, Elmo Dahl, Jeb Lee, Israel Arzate

Anniversary - M/M Steve TeBeest

April 19
Birthday - Hunter Bevill, Opal Barnes, Bobby Snider, Landon Swan, Sterling True, Norman Gilmore, Lori Diffie Johnson, Blare Dudley, Jessica Blake, Victoria Temple, Crystal Gross, Socoyyo Tarango, Hortencia Trejo, Elizabeth Castillo, Jocelyn Whitefield, Jamie

Anniversary - John & Tammy Woodward

April 20 Birthday - Mickey Maupin, Reid Winger, Dorothy Lusby, Ed Pearson, Nita Baker, Leann Carson, Denise Rojas, Gary Easley, Matt Zachary, Gary Koons, Jared Harrison, Valarie Perez, Inez Arzate, Ethan Novak

Anniversary - Oliver & Mary

April 21 Birthday - Martin Trejo, Janet Henson, Tracy Holladay, Heather Reimer, Danny Lopez, Holy Renee Baker, Lauran Urban, David Link, Patsy Sparks, Randa Myers

Anniversary - M/M Terry

April 22

Birthday - Chelcie Davis, David Link, Shelly Stedje, Sharon Wilson, James Martin, Bonnie Garnett, Loyd Cator, Clifford Hornsby, Rosalinda Vela, Mary Parker, Mary Ojeda, Margie Galvan, David Roy Martin, Cindy Womble, Lisa Tarango, Troy TeBeest, Donna Cook, Velma Deweese, Debbie Hornsby, Janice Fulce, Hannah Babitzke, Speck, Karen Brendon Carter

Anniversary - M/M Pablo Perez, M/M Brad Renick, M/M Joe Lopez, M/M Victor Lopez

April 23 Birthday - Sam Garnett, Juan Renteria, Rosa Linda Vela, Brea Archer, Dustin Barber, Stacy Poole, Patricia Dunaway, Sharon Coble, Frank Prouty, Seth Blane, John David Brown, Curtis Covington, Shonda Odegaard, George Aquero, Macy Jones, Stephen Cook, Ramsey Jenschke

April 24 Birthday - Kerri Barkley, Jenna Beth Kiser, Bart Shapley, Greg Slough, Mike Scroggs, Murl Pearson, Josephine Salgado, Wendy Woolley, Odell

Anniversary - M/M Wayne

April 25
Birthday - Jerry Orr, Robert
Hagerman, Keith Lewis, Pat
Underwood, Donna Hill, Meagan Burrell, Mia Burrell, Greg Breland, Mary Bayless, Jodi Martin, Roy Garcia, Joe

Anniversary - M/M Lewis Hill

April 26
Birthday - DeeDee Johnson,
Juanita Logsdon, Benny McClenagan, Angie Remmel, Kenny Slough, Lyndee Lyndee Ferguson, Linda Garcia, Ricky Ellsworth, Bob Marsh, Juan Rojas, Summer Riggins, Donna Duggan, Larry Ross

Anniversary - Pete & Kim

Avoiding Money Order Fraud



(NAPSI)-A new counterfeiting scheme has allowed scam artists to cash in thousands of phony money orders-and Americans are footing the bill. Fortunately, there are ways to protect yourself.

According to U.S. Postal Inspectors, the scam begins when a victim is contacted by someone through an Internet chat room or online auction site. The con man claims to have financial problems and to need help cashing money orders. The person "in need" often claims to be living in a foreign country (usually Nigeria), but the scam artist can cook up the scheme from any location.

Victims are lured into the scam when they are told they can keep some cash from the money order as

payment for cashing it and wiring the difference to the con man. The scammer then mails the victim a counterfeit money order with instructions for the victim to deposit it in his bank account and wire the money back to the fraudster. Victims usually learn the money order is counterfeit only when they attempt to cash it or when their bank account takes the hit for the full amount of the money order after the bank refuses payment on the bogus deposit.

The good news is that legitimate money orders have security features that help distinguish them from counterfeit notes. For a full list, visit the Web site www.usps.com/missingmoney orders/security.htm.

Knowing the signs of an authentic money order helps, but according to Postal Inspectors, so does using your head. They warn that most lures promising quick and easy money are cast by fraudstersand if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

For more information, visit www.usps.com/postalinspectors.

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GEORGE D. STEAKLEY JR.

SPEARMAN - George D. Steakley Jr., 99, died Saturday, April 9, 2005. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2005 in Westlawn Cemetery in Borger with the Rev. Jim Medley, First Baptist Church of Spearman, officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. Steakley was born Oct. 14, 1905. He married Effie Mae Henderson. He was the owner and manager of a service station and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Borger.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Jo Jackson of Spearman; two grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

CARROL WALTON

EULESS, TEXAS - Carrol Walton, 76, passed away Saturday, April 9,

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at North Euless Baptist Church, 505 W. Harwood, Euless. Burial was in

Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park. Carrol was a member of the Estelle Masonic Lodge of Euless, the Scottish Rite of Fort Worth and of Legion Post 379 in Bedford. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from Texas Instruments.

He served as a deacon at North Euless Baptist Church for 40 years. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Louise Walton; children, Linda Gammill of Bedford, Freddy Walton of Spearman, Gary Walton of Granbury, Kathy Sittig of North Richland Hills; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a host of relatives and friends.

LORENE WHITLEY UPTERGROVE CLOVIS S. UPTERGROVE

SHERIDAN LAKE, COLO. - Lorene Whitley Uptergrove departed this life April 3, 2005, at her home. Services were held at Sheridan Lake Bible Church, Sheridan Lake, Colorado on April 7, 2005 with Pastor Larry Gitchel officiating. Interment was April 8th at Hansford Cemetery in Spearman.

Lorene was born October 16, 1918 in Mexhoma, Oklahoma. She married Clovis S. Uptergrove on August 24, 1940.

Clovis S. Uptergrove departed this life January 31, 2004 at his home. Services were held at Sheridan Lake Bible Church, Sheridan Lake, Colorado on February 3, 2005 with Pastor Larry Gitchel officiating. Interment was February 4th at Hansford Cemetery in Spearman, Texas. Clovis was born November 4, 1918 in Beckham County, Oklahoma.

Lorene was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters. Clovis is survived by two brothers, Hubert and wife Laverna of Big

Springs and Roy Lee and wife Betty of Spearman; and one sister, Beth Miller and husband Jay of Borger.

Clovis and Lorene are survived by their two children, Judith Ann Tuttle (husband Larry) of Towner, Colo. and Joseph Edward (wife Teresa) of Idaho Falls, Idaho; the Tuttle's two daughters, Rhonda (husband Mike Koehn) and daughter, Emily of Breckenridge, Colo. and Kimberly (husband Tim Freeman) of Trinidad, Colo.; Joe and Teresa's children, Joey Uptergrove of Sallisaw, Okla., Andrea (husband Roy Miller) and children Krissy, Dani and R.J. of Idaho Falls, Idaho; and Jason Uptergrove (wife Tracey) of Carlsbad; New Mexico; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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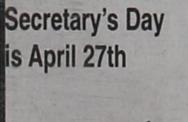
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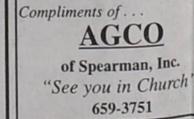
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Whitson named new Dean of Agriculture at OSU



by Gary Shutt Communication Services Oklahoma State University

Dr. Robert E. Whitson, associate vice chancellor and associate dean at Texas A&M University, has been selected director and dean of the Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, pending the approval of the OSU/ A&M Board of Regents at tomorrow's meeting in Stillwater. His appointment will be effective June 1.

In addition to his current duties, Whitson is life sciences deputy director for the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station for Texas A&M University and the Texas

A&M University System. He's professor of the department of His academic and business experibeen in the position since August

"We have hired an outstanding agricultural expert and leader," said David J. Schmidly, OSU System CEO and President. "Dr. Whitson has worked in extension, led an experiment station, and served as a department 'head and dean. He brings vast experience to one of OSU's most important and influential positions.

search committee for the hard work they did in helping us hire the No. 2 agriculture person at one of the nation's largest land-grant universities. Dr. Whitson is extremely knowledgeable about commodity groups and issues and well versed in working with the legislature. We're delighted to have Bob join the OSU team," Schmidly said.

Along with his strong administrative background, Whitson has experience as a rancher and farmer, extension specialist, professor at Texas A&M, and as a banker.

ty for me at one of America's top said. "I look forward to working with the talented and dedicated faculty, students and staff to continue the strong legacy of agricultural learning, research and application at Oklahoma State University."

Prior to his current position, Whitson was department head and

rangeland ecology and management at Texas A&M from May 1993 to August 2003. He oversaw the leading academic program for outreach, and he recognizes how the study of rangeland ecosystems important it is to our state and in the world. During this time he nation for OSU to be on the cutting also was interim department head for the Texas A&M department of animal science from January 2002

to July 2002. Oklahoma's Secretary of Agriculture and member of the Antonio. He started in 1981 as an "I want to thank Ed Miller for OSU/A&M Board of Regents, assistant vice president, was named the solid job he has done as interim Terry Peach, commented about a vice president in 1982 and dean. And I want to thank our today's announcement, "I am became senior vice president in extremely pleased with the appointment, which is the product of an extensive national search. Whitson's experience and background in agricultural sciences and research initiatives are very Texas A&M from September 1974 impressive.

"On a personal side, his ability to secure research funding, understanding of the importance of research and his front line scholarly work speak volumes about the caliber of person we've been able to hire for this critical position, not only at OSU but also for our state. "This is a tremendous opportuni- I am looking forward to working with him as Oklahoma's Secretary agriculture colleges," Whitson of Agriculture to serve the needs of our state, region and nation and strengthen Oklahoma's agriculture industry," Peach said.

> OSU/A&M Board of Regents, said, "We've hired a first-rate administrator, faculty member, researcher and agriculture expert. send e-mail to Gary Shutt

ence will be an asset. He is committed to the land-grant mission of teaching, research and extensionedge in agriculture education, research and science."

Before his most recent positions at Texas A&M, he spent 12 years at Frost National Bank in San September 1984.

Prior to his banking experience, Whitson was an associate professor in the departments of range science and agricultural economics at until November 1981.

Before going to Texas A&M, he was an area farm and ranch management specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service from March 1969 to September

Whitson earned his B.S. in range management from Texas Tech University, his M.S. in agricultural economics from Texas Tech and his Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Texas A&M.

Whitson, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and his wife Linda have two Jay Helm, Chairman of the children and five grandchildren. Whitson becomes the 18th dean

> in the school's history. For information about this page,



Engagement Announcement

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Michael McLain of Gruver, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mika Marie McLain of Fort Worth, to Matthew Allen Devaney, also fo Fort Worth. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Allen Devaney of Cleburne, Texas.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don McLain of Spearman, Mrs. Marie Gregg and the late Dr. Damon Donald Gregg of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

The prospective groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Samuel Walls of Cleburne and the late Mr. and Mrs. David Devaney of St. Augustine, Florida.

Mika is a 1994 graduate of Gruver High School and a graduate of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Matthew is a 1991 graduate of Cleburne High School and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma, as well as the Texas Christian University Farm and Ranch Management Program.

Both the bride-elect and prospective groom currently live in Fort Worth.. The couple plan to marry May 21, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Gruver.

School dismissed at Elementary on Tuesday due to gas leak

On Tuesday, April 11, 2005 an evacuation of Gus Birdwell Elementary School was conducted due to a gas leak.

According to Mr. Sumner, Superintendent of Schools, the smell of gas was reported to the office by several teachers as they began their school day. The building was immediately evacuated after a gas detection unit detected gas near the ceiling tiles in the 4th and 5th grade hallway.

All the elementary school students were taken to the gymnasium while the building received a thorough inspection by city workers. It was during that inspection that a gas leak was found in a wall heater in a mechanical closet. All other gas lines were inspected and no other problems were detected. A plumber was contacted and the defected heater was removed and the gas pipe capped.

Mr. Sumner indicated that since there was a gas build up between the ceiling tiles and the building's roof, he felt it was in the best interest of the students to send them home for the rest of the day. He added that he did not feel the students were in any eminent danger; however, in the exercise of precaution and for the safety of all the students and staff he wanted the building aired out before the elementary students returned to

Mr. Sumner also commented how efficient the parents were contacted by the staff and complimented the parents for showing up at school so quickly to take their children home.

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Hansford Manor Schedule April - 2005

Friday, April 15: 9:30 a.m. -Kindergarten Singers, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Birthday Party, dining room, featuring Barbershop Quartet of Amarillo

Saturday, April 16: open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or

Sunday, April 17: 3 p.m. -Church service, living room, Apostolic Faith Church

Monday, April 18: 10 a.m. -Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 Sewing, activity room; 6:30 p.m. -Bingo, dining room, Hospice Volunteers

Tuesday, April 19: 10 a.m. Exercise, living room; 2:30 -Manicures, activity room

Wednesday, April 20: 10 a.m. -Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room Thursday, April 21: 10 a.m. -

Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. -Bingo, dining room Friday, April 22: Play dominoes or Skip-Bo or watch a movie. (Activities Personnel will be gone

to Amarillo to attend seminar.) Saturday, April 23: open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes

Sunday, April 24: 3 p.m. -Church service, living room, First Christian Church of Spearman; Passover begins

Monday, April 25: 10 a.m. -Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 Resident Council, activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Hospice Volunteers

Tuesday, April 26: 10 a.m. -Exercise, living room; 2:30 -Happy Hour, activity room; 5:30 p.m. - Christian Buffet, dining room, Sacred Heart Catholic

Wednesday, April 27: 10 a.m. -Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room

Thursday, April 28: 10 a.m. -Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. -

Sunday-Thursday

11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

Bingo, dining room

Friday, April 29: 10 a.m. -Cooking Club, activities room; 2:30 p.m. - Life Enrichment, living

Saturday, April 30: open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes

Hansford County Calendar March 13-20, 2005

April 14-17 - SHS Band Trip to Corpus Christi

April 14-15 - HS District Track Meet, Panhandle

April 15 - Donuts with Dads, Gruver Elementary, 7-8 a.m.; Show & Tell, Gruver Elementary, 7:50-8:30 a.m.

April 18 - 10th & 11th Grade Science TAKS Test; Exit Level Science Retest; 8th Grade Science Field TAKS Test

April 19 - 10th Grade Math TAKS Test; Exit Level ELA Retest; SDAA Math TAKS Test; 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Math TAKS Test; Building Bridges Meeting, Elementary Library, 7 p.m.

April 20 - 11th Grade Math TAKS Test; Exit Level Math Retest; SDAA TAKS Test; 4th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Reading TAKS Test

April 21 - 9th Grade Math TAKS Test; 10th & 11th Grade Social Studies TAKS Test; Exit Level Social Studies Retest; 5th Grade Science TAKS Test; 8th Grade Social Studies TAKS Test

April 22 - Junior High Dance, Cracker Box Gym, 6-9 p.m. April 22-23 - Regional UIL Academic Meet, Abilene

April 23 - HS Regional Qualifiers Track Meet; Spearman ISD Bond Election. Administration Office, 7 a.m.-7

April 25-26 - Regional Golf Tourney Tournament, Boys & Girls, Baird

April 26 - Job Shadowing, Amarillo, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

April 26-27 - TPRI Testing. Kindergarten only April 27-28 - AA-Region One Tennis Tournament, Abilene; Junior High UIL Choir Contest,

Amarillo April 27 - Physics/Anatomy trip to Lubbock

April 28 - IPC Trip to Palo Duro Canyon April 29 - Spearman ISD,

Pringle-Morse CISD School Snow Day, No School April 29-30 - HS Regional Track

Meet, Abilene



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by Merry Sparks

There are weeks that it is so easy and fun to write this column and there are weeks that it is very difficult. I hate sounding so redundant. The truth is that even when it sounds like we do the same things over and over it is never the same. There is always something special that happens to make the same Empty Stocking Fund to help thing different. That is the way it is defray the cost. In the future the with bingo, exercise, and all of the employees of the Manor will be other activities that we do over and having bake sales, raffles, and cook over. This is one of those difficult offs. Isn't it nice that the employees or ducks would squawk, pop up weeks so I choose to skip over some things this week and expand the Residents to take on such a would come up and a really ugly on the different things.

Many thanks go out to the Church of Christ of Gruver for bringing services last Sunday. The roster showed that 16 Residents participated in the services. I know churches of Hansford County participating in this ministry.

..... The Preceptor Sorority hosted bingo on Monday night after a day full of different things going on. Thank you to the Preceptor Sorority! You made it fun.

The week started off unusually busy. We have had four new Residents come to neighbor with us in the last week or so and have been enjoying getting to know

The morning Newscurrents program was well attended and very informational. Our elders (the Residents at Hansford Manor) are very interested in world events and there is always good interaction with them during this program.

During exercise on Tuesday I was going down the hall and saw staff and Residents alike shaking weights with the rhythm of the music. Some of the music we use just demands that we get up and dance. I love seeing Residents and staff dancing with glee to the

The morning seemed so taxing that we watched a movie during happy hour about cowboys. It was a light hearted movie and an enjoyable time to just relax and enjoy each other's company.

Wednesday afternoon the Residents worked diligently on different projects that they are painting for our huge bazaar in May to help pay for some of the special

the Residents and the public to cowboy hat, some with candy. enjoy. If you have articles that you

activity department. We also are taking donations at the activity department for the project! I say kudos to you!

Thursday was back to exercise in the morning and bingo after lunch. Thank you to the auxiliary for hosting bingo on Thursdays! I have to snicker just overhearing some brag that all that attended were blessed about how many quarters they won and we appreciate all of the and others reply in disbelief that they only got one.

> Friday was a special event. We had a total of 28 people go to the Big Texan in Amarillo with us for lunch, fun, and a program.

When we arrived at the Big Texan they had special tables set up for us and met us at the front door to help. We had a delicious lunch of barbequed ribs, brisket, and sausage along with some of the best peach cobbler that I have ever had. As they served us the staff continued to stop to visit with first one and then another. The staff at the Big Texan really rolled out the red carpet for us and treated our Residents like Kings and Queens.

furniture that we have coming for out with mementos, one with a new

Next they furnished us with would be willing to donate to this tokens to play the one armed banbazaar, please drop them off at the dits with and turned on the guns at the shooting gallery. That was really funny! When you shot a red dot with the laser from the guns, something would happen. One was a girl dummy dressed up that would stand halfway up and make silly sounds. At another location frogs care enough about the Manor and and down, and another area a lid man would raise up and groan. It was hilarious! We elected Doyle Jackson to do the shooting for us since we were not getting along too good. My favorite was a dummy man sitting at the piano and when we hit his target he would shake and play the piano.

After we had played ourselves out one of Hansford County's own, Hody Porterfield put on an interesting program about Indian history in the United States. He had bows, tomahawks, hatchets, and many other articles to show how they were made and what for. He lived with the Cree Indians in Canada for a period of time and learned much about their history. I noticed that the room was very quiet and everyone appeared to be very interested in what he had to share.

Thank you to the Big Texan and to Hody for such a great day!

Thank you also to Judy Nelson, Claudine Laxton, Doyle & June Jackson, Alice Peddy, Brandy, Gerry, Greg & daughter, and the After lunch we took a tour staff for making the day go by through the gift shop. Some came smoothly and with great pleasure!

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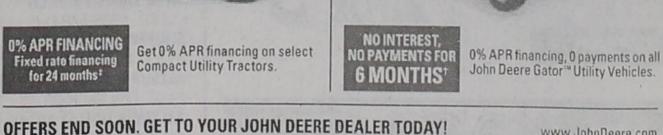
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VARSITY LYNXETTES West Texas Relays - 4/1/05

The Lynxette High School Track Team placed 2nd with 93 points at the West Texas Relays on April 1, 2005. Borger took 1st place with 151, 3rd place was Panhandle (91), followed by Dalhart with an 89 for 4th place; then Sanford-Fritch (63), Boys Ranch (43), West Texas (37), River Road (34), Bushland (10) and last was Highland Park (8).

3200 M. Run: 2. Tara Shields, 6. Amy Brown; 800 M.: 1. Jessica Diaz, 6. Aleisha Sweat; 100 M. Hurdles: 3. Cayla Smith, 4. Kylee Howard; 800 M. Relay: 4. Kylee Howard, Christy Lang, Sonny Parker, Macy Harbour; 1600 M. Run: 2. Jessica Diaz, 6. Amy Brown; 1600 M. Relay: 5. Macy Harbour, Tara Shields, Sonny Parker, Christy Lang; High Jump: 1. Sonny Parker; Long Jump: 3. Kylee Howard, 4. Tara Shields, 5. Sonny Parker; Triple Jump: 1 Kylee Howard; Pole Vault: 1 Macy Harbour, 5. Christy Lang

7TH GRADE LYNXETTES

Lynx Relays - 4/2/05 Spearman Junior High placed 3rd with a 95. Perryton was 1st with a 158 and followed by Panhandle scoring 108. Fourth place was a 92 for Canadian. Fritch came in 5th with a 57 and ended with 6th place going to West Texas.

800 M. Run: 2. Brittany Vasquez, 3. Julie Diaz; 400 M. Dash: 1. Leanna Espinosa; 200 M. Dash: 1. Leanna Espinosa; 1200 M. Run: 3. Brittany Vasquez; Long Jump: 2. Leanna Espinosa; Triple Jump: 2. Leanna Espinosa; Pole Vault: 1. Sutton Garnett

8TH GRADE LYNXETTES Lynx Relays - 4/2/05

1. Perryton 168.5, 2. Panhandle 123.5, 3. Spearman 93, 4. Sanford-Fritch 89, 5. Canadian 55, 6. West Texas '47

100 M. Hurdles: 2. Bond Pittman; 100 M. Dash: 1. Bond Pittman; 200 M. Hurdles: 1. Bond Pittman, 31.13, NEW MEET RECORD; High Jump: 1. Haley Smith; Triple Jump: 1. Bond Pittman, 2. Destiny Fisher

VARSITY LYNXETTES Lynx Relays - 4/8/05

Spearman placed first with 153 points for the track meet held on April 8th. Panhandle was 2nd place with a 123 followed by Canadian with a 120. Next (4th place) was Stratford, 90, 5th was Fritch, 87

Track: 3200 M. Run: 1. Tara Shields, 2. Amy Brown, 5. Tab Shields; 400 M. Relay: 4. Cayla Smith, Christy Lang, Mallory Paul, Maria Davila; 800 M.: 3. Jessica Diaz, 5. Aleisha Sweat, 6. Maria Davila; 100 M. Hurdles: 2. Kylee Howard, 4. Cayla Smith; 800 M. Relay: 4. Kylee Howard, Jessica Diaz, Sonny Parker, Macy Harbour ;400 M. Dash: 3. Macy Harbour; 300 M. Hurdles: 4. Kylee Howard; 200 M. Dash: 4. Sonny Parker; 1600 M. Run: 1. Jessica Diaz, 4. Amy Brown, 5. Tab Shields; 1600 M. Relay: 2. Macy Harbour, Tab Shields, Sonny Parker, Christy Lang; Discus: 6. Jordanna Lozano; High Jump: 1. Sonny Parker; Long Jump: 2. Sonny Parker, 4. Kylee Howard, 6. Tara Shields; Triple Jump: 1. Kylee Howard; Pole Vault: 2. Christy Lang, 3. Macy Harbour, 5. Jessica Diaz

7TH GRADE LYNXETTES District Meet - 4/9/05

Spearman 7th grade girls placed 3rd in the District 7-AA track meet held on April 9, 2005. Not to be outdone the 8th grade girls also placed 3rd.

2400 M. Run: 2. Preslee Baker; 800 M. Run: 1. Julie Diaz, 3 Brittany Vasquez; 800 M. Relay: 3. Preslee Baker, Sutton Garnett. Brittney Vasquez, Leanna Espinosa; 400 M. Dash: 1. Leanna Espinosa, 3. Martha Chevez; 200 M. Dash: 2. Leanna Espinosa; 1200 M. Run: 1. Sutton Garnett, 3. Julie Diaz; Pole Vault: 1. Sutton Garnett 6'00

8TH GRADE LYNXETTES District Meet - 4/9/05

100 M. Hurdles: 1. Bond Pittman; 100 M. Dash: 1. Bond Pittman; 800 M. Relays: 3. Dee Dee DeLaRosa, Chasity Thomas, Haley Smith, Jennifer Perez; 200 M. Hurdles: 1. Bond Pittman; Triple Jump: 1. Bond Pittman; Pole Vault: 1. Bond Pittman, 2. Destiny Fisher

PRINGLE-MORSE

Sunray Bobcat Relays - 2/25/05 100 M. Dash: 3. Jenna Wilson; 200 M. Dash: 4. Jenna Wilson: High Jump: 1. Jenna Wilson; 100 M. Dash: 1. Daniel Sanchez; 200 M. Dash: 1.- Daniel Sanchez; Long Jump: 3. Daniel Sanchez; Discus: 2. Daniel Sanchez

Canadian Wildcat Relays - 3/4/05 100 M. Dash: 4. Jenna Wilson;

and Gruver came in in 6th place 200 M. Dash: 5. Jenna Wilson; Shot Put: 3. Kara Ingram; Discus: 2. Kara Ingram; Triple Jump: 5. Jenna Wilson; Long Jump: 1 Jenna Wilson; High Jump: 3 Jenna Wilson; 100 M. Dash: 1 Daniel Sanchez; 200 M. Dash: 1. Daniel Sanchez; Discus: 4. Kara Ingram

> Miami Relays - 3/18/05 100 M. Hurdles: 4. Kara Ingram: 400 Relay: 6. Kara Ingram, Molly, Zimmer, Marisol Hernandez, Jenna Wilson; 800 Relay: 6. Kara Ingram, April Medrano, Amy Tolleson, Marisol

Hernandez; 1600 Relay: 4. Amy

Tolleson, April Medrano, Brittany

Small School District 1-1A Wheeler - 4/1/05

Barnes, Marisol Hernandez

Pringle-Morse Boys took 1st place with 147 points. Team members were Luis Ruiz, Freddy Bonilla, Ramiro Rivera, Jose Sanchez, Eric Velasquez, Dalton Sparks, Sheldon Field, Daniel Sanchez, and David Sanchez.

The Pringle-Morse Girls received 64 points for 5th place. The team included Brittney Barnes, Hernandez, April Marisol Medrando, Amy Tolleson, Jenna Wilson, Mary Beth Hargis, and

Molly Zimmer. 400 M. Relay: 5. April Medrano, Zimmer, Marisol Molly Hernandez, Jenna Wilson; 800 M. Relay: 5. Amy Tolleson, Mary Beth Hargis, Marisol Hernandez, April Medrano; 1600 M. Relay: 5. Marisol Hernandez, Mary Beth Hargis, Amy Tolleson, Brittany Barnes; 100 M. Dash: 1. Jenna Wilson; 200 M. Dash: 2. Jenna Wilson, 3. Molly Zimmer; High Jump: 1. Jenna Wilson; Long Jump: 1. Jenna Wilson; Triple Jump: 4. Marisol Hernandez, 5. Molly Zimmer; Discus: 5. Brittany Barnes; 400 M. Relay: 1. Freddy Bonilla, Daniel Sanchez, David Sanchez, Jose Sanchez; 800 M. Relay; 3. Luis Ruiz, Dalton Sparks, David Sanchez, Sheldon Field; 1600 M. Relay: 4. Dalton Sparks, David Sanchez, Daniel Sanchez, Sheldon Field; 100 M. Dash: 2. Daniel Sanchez; 200 M. Hurdles: 2. Jose Sanchez; 400 M. Dash: 1. Jose Sanchez; 800 M. Run: 1. Luis Ruiz, 5. Freddy Bonilla; 1200 M. Run: 1. Luiz Ruiz, 2. Freddy Bonilla; High Jump: 1. Freddy Bonilla; Long Jump: 1. Jose Sanchez, 3. David Sanchez; Triple Jump: 1. Jose Sanchez, 5. David Sanchez: Discus: 6. Daniel Sanchez; Shot Put: 3. Daniel Sanchez

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GOLF VARSITY LYNX

Borger Tourney - 3/3-4/05 Tracy Brown - 83+81=164; Mark Thomas - 87+88=175; Collin Gillaspie - 88+88=176; Bryan Thomas - 97+90=187; Stuart Martin - 74

Dalhart Tourney - 3/8/05 Stuart Martin - 74; Brodie Savage - 86

Canadian Tourney - 3/17/05 The Spearman Team took 1st place for the Canadian event. Stuart Martin - 79; Brodie Savage - 83; Tracy Brown - 83; Mark Thomas - 83; Collin Gillaspie - 91; Bryan Thomas - 86

Guymon Tourney - 3/24/05 Stuart Martin was 2nd place individual medalist. The team took Ist place.

Stuart Martin - 73; Brodie Savage - 78; Tracy Brown - 83; Mark Thomas - 92; Collin Gillaspie - 85; Team Total - 319

Dumas Tourney - 3/29/05 The team took 1st place and Tracy Brown was 2nd place individual medalist.

Stuart Martin - 79; Brodie Savage - 84; Tracy Brown - 77; Mark Thomas - 94; Collin Gillaspie - 85; Team Total - 325

Perryton Tourney - 4/2/05 The team took 3rd place with a

total of 312. Stuart Martin - 76; Brodie Savage - 79; Tracy Brown - 80; Mark Thomas - 86; Collin Gillaspie - 77

District Tourney, Borger April 4 & 11, 2005

Individual medals were awarded to Stuart Martin for 1st place, to Brodie Savage for 2nd place and to Tracy Brown for 4th place.

The team took 1st place followed by Panhandle for 2nd place. Both teams will advance to Regionals on April 25th and 26th in Baird near

Stuart Martin - 72+78=150; Brodie Savage - 78+77=155; Tracy Brown - 72+86=158; Collin Gillaspie - 82+94=176; Mark Thomas - 86+95=181

VARSITY LYNXETTES

Borger Tourney - 2/25-26/05 Borger, Dalhart, Shamrock, Canyon, River Road A and Spearman participated at this event

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Emily Hood - 146+130=246; Maribel Moreno - 147+0=147; Hannah Haddock - 137+114=251; Cara Gwin - 124+106=230; Crystal Brodie Savage - 87+76=163; Bridwell - 139+115=254; Team Total - 981

> Canadian Tourney - 3/7/05 Jessica Brown - 118; Emily Hood - 128; Crystal Bridwell - 134

> Dalhart Tourney - 3/8/05 Sonny Parker - 119; Jessica Brown - 116 ;Crystal Bridwell -

Dumas Tourney - 3/28/05

Kristen Parker - 131; Cara Gwinn - 108; Emily Hood - 134; Hannah Haddock - 124; Crystal Bridwell - 119; Team Total - 482

JV LYNXETTES Dumas Tourney - 3/28/05

The JV Girls took 1st place. Mattie Davis - 127; Kyla Reed -126; Kim Bergan - 138; Lisa Espinosa - 119; Team Total - 510

TENNIS

VARSITY LYNXETTES District Tournament April 7-8, 2005

The Lynxettes are the District Champions, with four qualifying for the Regional Tournament in Abilene on April 27 & 28 in Abilene.

Jordan and Lindsey Short won the Girls Doubles Title in their first tournament after Jordan's knee surgeries.

Tonya Hart and Saylee Flowers held off five match points and won a dramatic come-from-behind second place match against Canadian. Caleb Gillaspie and Brynr

Garnett won fourth place. They did a great job of competing in Caleb's first year of tennis. Ashley Hernandez finished third in Girls Singles and is an alternate

the Regional Tennis Tournament. This the second time this talented senior has placed third in District. The JV girls also won the district

"The tennis team did a great job at the district tournament," said Coach Kyle Short. "I am really proud of everyone. We had a great year and these kids worked hard to

title, and went 1st, 2nd and 3rd in

improve their skills. We would like to thank everyone who supports tennis."

ALLSUPS

LYNX SINGLES

Elliott Sheets lost to Adam Guy of West Texas 6-4, 6-2

LYNX DOUBLES

Keifer Sumner and Colby Odegaard lost to Luo/McCollum of Boys Ranch 7-6, 6-1

Caleb Gillaspie and Brynr defeated Lamberson/Reyna of Highland Park 6-0, 6-0. They then lost to Young/Mau of Panhandle 6-2, 6-4, finishing in fourth place.

LYNXETTES SINGLES

Ashley Hernandez defeated Overall of West Texas 6-0, 6-1 for her first match. She then lost to Ashley of Canadian 6-1, 6-2, but came back to defeat Lopez of Canadian 6-0, 6-1. She finished in third place after being defeated by Rascon of Highland Park 6-1, 6-1.

Abby Winegarner defeated Johnson of West Texas 6-1, 6-1 in her first match, but was defeated by Rascon of Highland Park 6-0, 6-0 in her next match.

LYNXETTES DOUBLES

Jordan Short and Lindsey Short became the district champions by winning all three of their matches. They defeated McBrayer/Leamon of West Texas 6-1, 6-0; Nall/Schafer of Canadian 6-0, 6-1 and Hart/Flowers of Spearman 6-0,

Tonya Hart and Saylee Flowers finished in second place. They defeating Nall/Schafer of Canadian 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 after losing to the district champions. Hart/Flowers defeated Luginbyhl/Frost of West Texas 6-0, 6-0 and Brewer/Linquist of Boys Ranch 6-2, 6-4 before being matched with Short/Short.

JV LYNXETTES SINGLES

Kelcee Rex finished in first place after defeating Trudy Hart of Spearman. She defeated Boys Ranch 8-0 and Schneider of Spearman 8-4 before her win over

Trudy Hart placed second after being defeated by Rex of Spearman 8-1. She defeated Boys Ranch 8-0 and Panhandle 9-7 before coming up against Rex.

Kendall Schneider finished in third place after defeating Canadian 8-2, a loss to Rex of Spearman 8-4, and a win over Panhandle 9-8.

JV LYNXETTES DOUBLES

Britney Bradley and Sara Barnes lost their first and only match to Canadian 9-7.





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Prairie Rivers Musical

The Prairie Rivers Musical is featured on the 3rd Saturday of each month October through April) at Canadian Middle School. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (806) 323-6213.

Reel in a Cure

The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host a Reel in a Cure Heart Banquet on Saturday, April 16, 2005 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in memory of T.J. Bergin. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring an assortment of heart-felt items from generous local merchants. A steak dinner prepared by the Williams Family will be served by a host of local celebrities at 7 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, Charolotte Bergin, Amy Babbs, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Pennye Ralston, Anita Sumner or Anna Beth Wood.

Digital Camera Class

A digital camera class is being offered on May 10 & 12 at Spearman High School, 6:30-8:30pm. The cost of the class will be \$20.00. Anyone interested in learning how to import, scan and edit digital photos is encouraged to attend. Participants should bring their camera to class. To register call Cindy Blackman, 659-3233. (If you are interested in other computer classes, let Cindy know.)

"Deal a Winning Hand for Women's Health"

Even a small amount of physical activity can result in better health. Come to the Spearman Walking Track on Saturday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m. where we will "Deal a Winning Hand for Health." Participants will walk around the track, drawing a card at stops along the track. The person recording the best hand at the final stop will win a prize. Prizes will be awarded to top hands. Give your exercise program a boost and test your luck in the 5-card draw! Call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent (659-4131 or 733-2901), for more information.

Walk Across Texas!

You know you should get regular exercise but you need some motivation? Call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901, to find out how you can Walk Across Texas. The easy, eight-week health and fitness program encourages participants to record miles walked toward a group goal equal to the distance across Texas. The program allows participants to exercisé at a time and place that's convenient for them and to do so alone or with family, friends, neighbors or coworkers. You may participate as an individual or as a team made up of 8 people who keep track of the amount they walk. Tracking miles may be

past the 8-week time frame, if desired. Immediate benefits include increased energy levels and feeling less stressed. Walk Across Texas lasts April 17th through June 11th.

Memorial Day Wreaths

Memorial Day wreaths are available now from the Golden Spread Senior Citizens. Some special orders will be taken, but should be placed as soon as possible as supplies are limited. For more information, contact Kathy Bryant at 659-3030, or stop by the Sr. Citizens Center at 502 South Brandt in Spearman.

9th Annual Panhandle Crisis Center Golf Tourney
The 9th Annual Panhandle Crisis Center Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2005. This is a 2-person Scramble at the Perryton Golf Course. Activities will begin with a hamburger feed at 11:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$30 per person. Pro shop certificates will be given to the top three finishes in each flight, along with lots of other prizes. The box sponsorships are available for \$50 each. Proceeds benefit the Panhandle Crisis Center.

3rd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration
The 3rd Annual Maria Avila Cinco de Mayo Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2005. Activities will be held on main street from noon to 5 p.m., with a dance ending festivities for the day. Ritmo Loco will be featured at the dance, which will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at the O'Loughlin Center. Admission is \$10 per person, with children under 10 admitted free. Booth space is available for \$10, and may be reserved by contacting the Spearman Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Salsa Contest

The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Salsa Contest on May 7, 2005 in conjunction with the Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Entries are \$5 each, and must be at Spearman City Hall by 11 a.m. on the 7th. There will be three categories (Mild, Medium and Hot) and three prizes awarded in each category (1st - \$25 Hansford Bucks, 2nd - \$15 Hansford Bucks, 3rd - \$10 Hansford Bucks). For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555.

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant
The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce will present "Once Upon A Time," the 2005 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant, on June 7, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Age divisions are: Little Miss, 4-6; Junior Miss, 7-9; Pre-teen, 10-12; Miss Teen, 13-16; and Miss Hansford, 17-21. Entry forms are available at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce, Dreamer's Salon and Little Tiffanies in Gruver. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on May 6, 2005. For information, contact Jodie Hight at 659-3720.

Aggies Unite for Solemn Tradition of Muster

Former students and friends of Texas A&M University will assemble on at the Morse Community Building in Morse April 21st for the annual Texas Aggie Muster in honor of all Aggies who have passed away within the past year. The tradition of Muster will be observed in over 300 locations around the world this April 21st. Quentin Shieldknight, Muster Chairman for the High Plains A&M Club announced the Muster activities, including a barbecue dinner and silent auction, will begin at 6:30 p.m. All Aggies and their families, friends of Texas A&M University, and prospective students are

invited to attend. For information or directions, please call Quentin Shieldknight at 806-659-2051

North Plains Ground Water District meeting

The North Plains Ground Water District will host a meeting on April 21 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Darrouzett School Auditorium to discuss the new Ground Water District rules. The new rules will affect all irrigation farmers. There are pumping limits, well spacing, well site and required documentation on how much water was pumped from irrigation wells. This meeting is sponsored by the Lipscomb County Ag Committee.

Jerry Smith presents Florida Boys in Concert The Florida Boys will appear in concert on Friday, April 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Borger High School Auditorium. Admission is free.

O'Loughlin Center's Annual Bridge Tournament

It's time for the O'Loughlin Center's Annual Bridge Tournament. On Saturday, April 23, 2005, bridge players from all around the area are invited to join the fun at 502 S. Brandt. Registration and coffee will begin at 9 a.m. Table numbers will be assigned, and play will begin at 9:30. Lunch will be served from 12-1, and play will resume from 1-3:30. During the day, drawings will be held for door prizes, and several items will be available for silent auction. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three scores at the end of the day and fun prizes will be awarded during play. The cost for the tournament, including lunch, is \$15. For more information, call Kathy Bryant at the O'Loughlin Center (659-3030) or Judy Nelson (659-3608). Please RSVP by April 21st.

"Feather Craft Workshop"

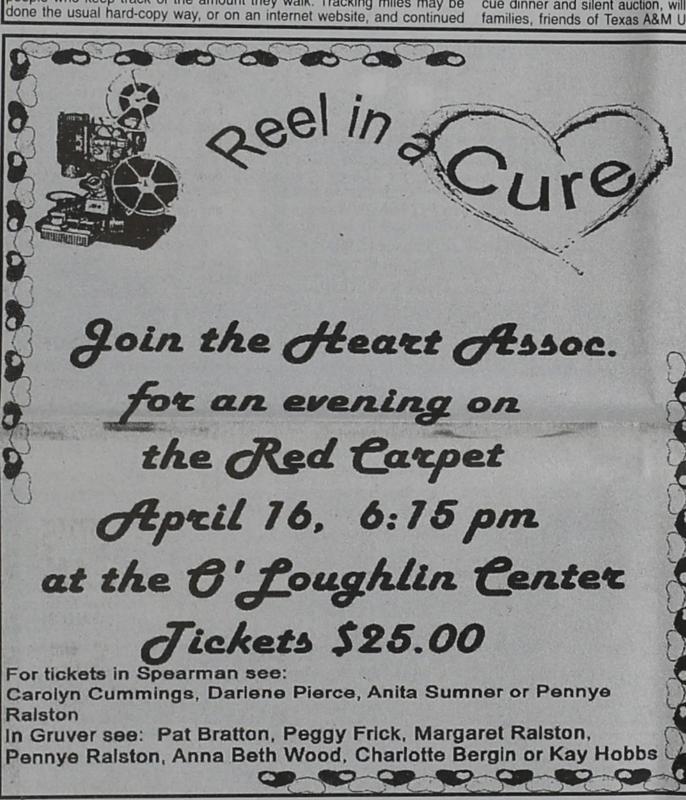
Texas Prairie Rivers Region will host a "Feather Craft Workshop" on Saturday, April 16th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Canadian. TPRR will team up with the National Wild Turkey Federation's Jackie Jordan in hosting this one-day workshop at the Canadian Courts Conference Center. The event is open to all interested people in the Texas Panhandle region. Interested individuals are encouraged to send their registration fee of \$20 to "Feather Craft Workshop"; 216 South 2nd St.; Canadian TX 79014, or cal (806) 323-5397 for information. Registration at the door will be from 8-9 a.m. with coffee and donuts provided. Lunch is included with registration as well as all the materials needed to create several art pieces. Each guest is encouraged to bring some of their own items (deer antler sheds, native grass, sage, other feathers such as pheasants, quail, chickens and peacocks) that might give your art creation a personal touch.

Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class

The American Red Cross will conduct a Lifeguard Training class starting April 30th at 1 p.m. at the Perryton Activity Center, for new lifeguards only This class will involve four more training classes, and all classes must be attended for certification. To sign up, call the Red Cross office, 435-8024 or April Snyder at 435-4358.

Red Cross Lifeguard Challenge Class

The American Red Cross will conduct the challenge for CPR on April 29th and the Lifeguard challenge on April 30th at the Perryton Activity Center. The challenges are for Lifeguards who already hold a certificate To sign up, call the Red Cross office, 435-8024 or April Snyder at 435-



SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION May 7, 2005

To the voters of SISD:

Early voting for the bond issue election began on April 6th and runs through April 19th at

4 p.m. Early voting can be done at any of the three Spearman ISD campuses. In 1999 SISD had an independent review of its three campuses for compliance with the

American Disabilities Act. The district then began implementation of a three-stage plan to bring all three campuses into compliance at an anticipated cost of more than \$200,000. Stages on and two were completed at a cost of about \$58,000 and dealt mainly with the elementary and high school campuses. A 2001 on-site visit by the TEA reviewed progress of the compliance. The third stage would have brought the junior high building into compliance at an estimated cost of more than \$100,000.

Because of budget constraints and a possible building program, a waiver was sought to postpone stage three to August, 2004. Another waiver was sought from the Equal Education Opportunity unit of the Texas Education Agency to postpone compliance until August, 2005. If the bond issue passes, then the question of bringing the junior high into compliance is moot. The architectural firm hired by the district is ADA certified and will be charged with seeing that the new building and renovations meet all requirements of the American

Disabilities Act for Accessibility.

If the bond issue does not pass, then the Spearman ISD administration and Board of Trustees must make a decision how to bring the junior high building into compliance. The American Disability Act is the law of the land, and I believe that, although I don't understand

all nuances of the law, the district must comply. Another waiver is unlikely.

Bringing the junior high building into compliance will probably require building a restroom facility adjacent to and connected to the building at a cost certainly to exceed \$100,000 and perhaps much more. Engineering studies of the present restrooms in the junior high building say there is no way structurally to bring them into compliance. Also to be addressed is how to make the second story of the building handicapped accessible. What that will cost is unknown but will be several thousand dollars. The present elevator is not ADA compliant and is also notoriously unreliable.

Instead of taking others' words about the facilities and ADA compliance, voters should examine the facilities first hand as many did Sunday afternoon. The communications from the EEO unit of the TEA are public documents. I am sure Mr. Sumner, superintendent, Would afford anyone interested an opportunity to peruse them. Voters need to be aware of the dilem-

ma facing the district.

So, one way or the other, SISD faces a costly expenditure on a 75-year-old building to bring it into ADA compliance. We also know that the boiler is in need of repair and will be

a \$40,000 plus expenditure.

Again, I urge your vote for the bond issue on April 23rd. I am a candidate for re-election to the Spearman Board of Trustees. Early voting for school board election begins April 20th through May 3rd. The election is May 7th. I ask for your vote.

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Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

Museum Happenings

The Booker Kindergarten and First Grade took over the museum on Wednesday. The children had a great time looking for their art as year well as exploring the art of all the county students.

explore the history of tribes in Central Africa and the lifestyle of castles and villages in Medieval introduced to our puppets. Thanks, kids - we had a great time.

On Sunday, we had a reception for students and the general public to view the talents of our school children. While the turnout was modest, a fun time was had by all.

On May 3, 2005, the museum and historical commission will have a board meeting in which we will review the recommendations of our two site visits and establish projects with priorities and timelines. Included in these discussions will be our fundraising and community programs.

would appreciate each of you responding to. One of our main goals as an institution is to provide programs on history and community for the citizens of Lipscomb county, we need your input on what those programs need to be.

I end this week with a thank you and a congratulations. Thank you to the reader who called on Friday to give us information of Dr. Redwine. Congratulations to the Canadian Record for your many awards last week.

Lipscomb County History Terroneously overlooked one of the most historical days in

Lipscomb County. The year was 1947, the date April 9th. A tornado traveled from Amarillo to Woodward with the worst of the destruction centered Glacier, Higgins, and Woodward. The final death toll was 169 people. Glacier was total-

Thank You

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who came by, called, brought gifts, cards, gave hugs and shared genuine concern for Kyler. We know the Lord has blessed us to live in Spearman. This is a wonderful community and it is a comfort to know so many reached out to us in this time of difficulty.

May God bless you all. Sincerely, Ken, Lori, Cayton, Kyler and Kelsi Lombocker

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Higgins was also totally destroyed, them but the area assisted the citizens and rebuilt the town. The school the cattle could walk right over the was dismissed for the rest of the

The Higgins News printed a newspaper a week after the tragedy This year's artwork allows us to with the promise to the citizens that they would stay in business. Almost every family was effected by death or injury, but the citizens England. The children were also of Higgins and Lipscomb County drew on their strength and each other and rebuilt a town that still enjoys a sense of pride and togeth-

> The museum has a three-panel display that reveals the destruction and tragedy of that day.

April is known to produce bad weather in Lipscomb County. In 1919 and 1938, blizzards occurred with devastating losses of cattle. Winds up to 50 mph produced huge

In his "Prairie Dog" column, Mr. Dixon describes the 1938 storm: Barns were drifted full of snow Next week I will include in my and the attics of lots of houses had column a questionnaire that we so much snow in them that people had to take brooms, baskets and buckets up in their attics and get the snow out before it melted and caused the ceilings to fall in on

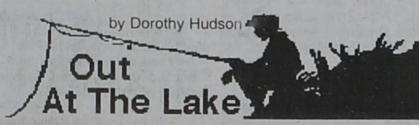
.. The snow drifted so bad that fences, so the cattle drifted with the storm and the ranchers were quite a while getting their cattle back home. One thing was sure, though, they knew which way to look because the cattle all went to the south.

Mr. Dixon also describes the story of two men who wanted to go to Canadian. They were told by Charlie Hyde, the banker, to stay in Higgins until the roads cleared. They chose not to listen and started out anyway.

They were found two days later by Frank Breitkreitz nearly frozen to death. Parties had tried to go out to look for them, but were turned back because of the drifts.

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon

Museum Information: Hwy 305, Lipscomb; telephone: 806-852-2123; fax: 806-852-217; email: wolfcrk@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com





Joey Sharp caught this 261/2pound Blue Cat Saturday, at Lake Palo Duro.

Lake Lever--April 11, 2005--31.27 feet (-0.23)

Despite .35 inch of rain at the office, the lake level continues to

No RV campers were at the hookups, but the picture of Joey Sharp and his 26.5 catfish shows there are still big fish to be caught at the Lake.

Jim said someone had pointed out a nest in a tree on the Buschman side of the fence that runs along the north side of the park as last summer's nest of the peregrine falcons. Several are watching to see what develops.

Russell Shaver said he had seen a Merlin catch a flicker in that area last year. He said the Merlin is really fast. It is only slightly larger than the American Kestrel, which is the smallest of the falcons. The peregrine falcon and the Prairie Falcon are of a similar size and often confused. All the falcons catch and eat smaller birds.

The Lake hosted 10 white pelicans for a while last week. They usually don't stay around very long. Jim said the visitors that get to see them usually remark on how big these birds are.

A quick visit with Ruth Ann and Marvin Jones brought the news that white winged doves were rest dents at their farm south of Spearman. I didn't catch whether they came before last summer. I have yet to see one.

Now that Harleta Carthel is writing for the Guymon Daily Herald, she has not forgotten us in Hansford County. Last week she had a very nice article about Lake Palo Duro. It was illustrated with a snow scene on the creek that Frank Edwards had taken. The publicity was good, as Jim said a Guymon RV Club had already called for reservations this morning.

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Question & Answer

Editor's Note: Spearman ISD would like answered, please submit has agreed to answer questions Reporter-Statesman. We will print Bond. regarding the Spearman ISD bond the question and answer in the folelection If you have a question you lowing edition of the newspaper.

Superintendent Rodney Sumner it to the Hansford County down of the expected costs of the

\$11,966,600

Costs of Bond Issue

Junior High	\$3,378,000
JH Admin./Connector	\$1,115,000
Kitchen/Cafeteria	\$1,782,000
Professional Fees, Surveys, Bond Costs	\$1,490,000
Furniture	\$354,200
Communication/Data	\$189,400
Elementary	\$3,121,000
Site-Work	\$299,000
JH Play Area	\$258,000

I have a Vision of Purple Pride in academics as well as athletics. I will support the Spearman ISD Bond Election on April 23, 2005. I believe the 75-yearold junior high building has been renovated and repaired to the point that further expenditures are not the best use of our tax money. The music building and the older part of the elementary are in the same category. I believe the students in our community are worth the investment. My signature can be published as a sign of my support.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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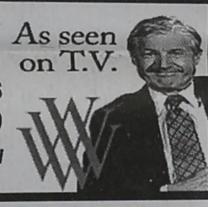
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2(4-07-05)B

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District Champions



The Spearman Lynx Golf team took first place in district for the third year in a row. Members of the team are (L-R) Tracy Brown, Brodie Savage, Mark Thomas, Stuart Martin and Collin Gillaspie. In addition to the team medal, three members of the team received individual medals. Stuart Martin took first place, Brodie Savage placed second and Tracy Brown placed fourth. They will compete in the All-Region tournament on April 25 and 26 in Baird.



The Lynxettes are the District Tennis Champions, with four qualifying for the Regional Tournament. The team of Jordan Short (second from left) and partner Lindsey Short (second from right) won first place in girls doubles, and Tonya Hart (far left) and partner Saylee Flowers (far right) won second place. Ashley Hernandez (center) placed third in girls singles, qualifying as an alternate. The Regional Tournament will be held in Abilene on April 27 & 28.



Katie Baehler works on her sidewalk chalk drawing during gthe Arts Jubilee at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

7th annual Arts Jubilee held

The 7th Annual Arts Jubilee was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at Oklahoma Panhandle State University at Goodwell, Oklahoma. Five local Spearman High School art students attended along with high school art teacher, Gerald Scovel. The "Arts Jubilee" was attended by students Katie Baehler, Wilhma Macias, Karina Hernandez, Erica Davila, and Ivan

Junior, Katie Baehler, participated in the sidewalk chalk drawing competition. Katie took 3rd place and that places her with wins in the top three positions for two consecutive years. Katie, also, place 1st in the art history (scholastic) test making it her 2nd consecutive win in that divi-

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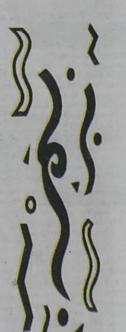
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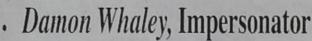
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