

# Spearman Tennis Claims Boys' & Girls' District Championships

Thursday, April 5th was a beautiful day for tennis in the Texas Panhandle and the Spearman Lynx and Lynxettes took full advantage claiming the District Championships in both boys' and girls' divisions. The Lynxettes won their 4th consecutive District Championship with 35.5 team points over 2nd place Highland Park. The Lynx scored 30.5 points defeating Childress for their title. Spearman will send 11 players this year to the Regional Tennis Tournament on April 18 & 19 in Odessa.

Kyla Walker (Spearman) won her second District Championship in girls' singles defeating Slade Garnett (Spearman), but both girls will represent Spearman as Regional Qualifiers. Shelby Hanna\Luis Vela (Spearman) defeated Cassidy Odegaard\Derrick Zimmerman (Spearman) for the Mixed Doubles District Championship. Cassidy and Derrick went on to win their playback match against a Highland Park team to earn their spot to the Regional Tournament. In Boys' Singles, Peyton Garnett (Spearman) won the silver medal while Tanner Baird finished with the bronze medal.

Paige Pierson and Katy Miser (Spearman)also defended their Girls' Doubles District Championship defeating Cook\Quinlin (HPark) in three sets. Jayme Pack and Cynthia Mendoza finished 4th among the girls' doubles teams. The boys' doubles teams of Clay Jackson/Tyler Robinett (Spearman) and Brody Hargrove\Alec Ceniceros (Spearman) had everyone on the edge of their seats by the end of the day. The boys were forced into the playback match with the winner qualifying for the regional tournament. A long hard-fought three set match was played with Clay and Tyler narrowly de-



feating Brody and Alec for the silver medal.

Spearman will have 11 players in Odessa on April 18 & 19 for the Regional Tournament. Seniors Cassidy Odegaard, Shelby Hanna, Derrick Zimmerman, Juniors Kyla Walker, Luis Vela, Paige Pierson, Katy Miser and Freshmen Clay Jackson, Tyler Robinett, Peyton Garnett and Slade Garnett.

# **AARP** Texas To **Voters: Homestead Tax Cap Not At Risk**

There's some misinformation circulating about what will be on the ballot in the upcoming May election. A spam email has been making its way across the state, warning voters that the homestead tax cap for people 65 and older is up for a vote.

This simply isn't true. Here are the facts:

In 2006, The Texas Legislature passed a law reducing property taxes for all homeowners. However, the legislation left out senior and disabled citizens whose property taxes were already "frozen." As a result, seniors and people with disabilities didn't receive the same reduction.

AARP Texas tackled this issue during the 2007 Session, and the Texas Legislature passed a bill calling for seniors and disabled citizens to receive the same benefits from the tax reduction as other Texans. In May of that year, Texas voters passed the amendment extending property tax relief to seniors and disabled Texans.

This problem was solved over four years ago. There is no constitutional amendment election scheduled in Texas in May 2012. Seniors and disabled Texans can rest easy, knowing their homestead tax cap is not at risk.

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a membership that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to either political campaigns or candidates. We produce AARP The Magazine, the definitive voice for 50+ Americans and the world's largest-circulation magazine with nearly 35 million readers; AARP Bulletin, the go-to news source for AARP's millions of members and Americans 50+; and our website, AARP.org. AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. We have staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

# Camp Cards for Spearman Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop

Camp Cards are being sold by the Spearman Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop. Each card is \$5. A single use will pay for the cost of the card. Spearman will be selling the cards until April 24, 2012. Call Britt or Linda Jarvis served 1,199 individuals. at 806.659.2554 or contact any Boy Scout or Cub Scout.

# **Panhandle Crisis Center Holds Ground Breaking Ceremony**

Panhandle Crisis Center held a ground breaking ceremony on Monday, April 9, 2012 for an addition to their current facility located at 301 South Ash in Perryton.

Panhandle Crisis Center selected David Pearson from J&M Service Center in Perryton as its general contractor. Construction should be completed in 4 to 6 months. September 30, 2012 is the projected completion date.

Panhandle Crisis Center has raised 79% of the funds needed. There is \$53,173 left to raise. We continue to ask for the community's support through donations to raise the remaining funds.

Panhandle Crisis Center provides services to adult and child victims of domessault in tions in anticipation of year. funding cuts scheduled to 2012.

Center to ensure 24-hour emergency shelter remains available in years when less federal/state funding is available.

Each month an average of 180 adults and children receive services through the Center's main office and shelter in Perryton and at outreach locations in Hansford, and Lipscomb Counties. In 2011, the agency



Above is a picture of Panhandle Crisis Center's Ground Breaking Ceremony for the construction of our new shelter, which will be attached to the main office in Perryton. The board members and staff pictured are as follows from left to right: Tammie Hensley, Gina Deal, Debbie Anderson, Frank Rhoden, Charlene Chapman, Cindy Smith (staff – Executive Director), Dyanne Boucher, Carol Weist. Board members not pictured are: Doris Akers, Dianne Banner, Lori Dollar, Marty Haney, Steve Rima, and Vikki Rosser.

In September of 2011, we combine operations. occur in September of were notified by our second The trend of combining measures already utilized largest funding source, Of- shelter and office opera- by the family violence shel-According to Executive fice of the Attorney Gen- tions has increased in recent ter. The shelter will be a Director Cindy Smith, this eral, to prepare for years in Texas due to the three bedroom home and consolidation of services unspecified funding cuts in cost-effectiveness and oper- serves a place of peace and increases efficiency of op- September of 2012. This ational efficiency of such respite for adults and chilerations by over \$39,000 one source provides over arrangements. While the lo- dren fleeing abusive situaannually and enables the \$101,000 annually to the cation of the shelter will no tions.

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# **Important Election Dates**

# **May 29th Primary Election**

The last day to file for a place on the May 29th Primary Election ballot was Friday, March 9th.

The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is March 30th and the last day to apply for a ballot by mail is May 22nd.

to file for a place on the ballot was Monday, March 5th.

The City of Spearman has two Alderman positions up for reelection - Jon Garnett and Charles Elliott, as well as the Mayor. As of Monday, March 5, 2012, the following have filed: Mayor Brian Gillispie has filed for re-election. Alderman Jon Garnett has filed for re-election. Also filing for Alderman are Armando Martinez and Bryce Williams. Alderman Charles Elliott did not file. Spearman ISD has two terms up this year for School Board. At this time no one has filed. The two terms expiring are Maria Sibley and Glen Ray Mackie. Gruver ISD has two positions on the ballot this year for School Board. The two candidates up for reelection are Dwayne Thompson and Brent Steeds. The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is March 13th, and the last day to apply for a ballot by mail is May 4th. The last day to register to vote is April 12th. The first day of early voting will be The May 12th limited uniform election April 30th and the last day of early voting will be May 8th.

# **Deadline Notice!**

The deadline to submit news and advertising to the Hansford County Reporter-Statesman is Monday at 5 p.m. Items submitted after the deadline will be published at a later date, as time and space permit.

The Hansford County Reporter-Statesman will be closed April 10-22, 2012. We will resume regular business hours on Monday, April 23rd. (Regular hours are Monday-Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12 noon and Monday-Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. We are closed on Wednesday afternoon through Friday.) The deadline for the April 29th issue is Monday, April 23rd at 5 p.m.

Items may be submitted by phone (806-659-3434), fax (806-398-9080), mail (Reporter-Statesman, 213 Main Street, Spearman TX 79081), or by e-mail (reporter@spearmanreporter.com).

For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 806-659-3434, 806-584-4879, or reporter@spearmanreporter.com

The last day to register to vote is April 30th.

The first day of early voting is May 14th and the last day of early voting is May 25th.

Local offices on the ballot and those filing include: District Judge - William D. "Bill" Smith; District Attorney - Mark Snider; Sheriff - Tim Glass; Tax Assessor/Collector - Linda Cummings; County Attorney - John L. Hutchison; County Commissioner - Precinct 1 - Butch Reed; and County Commissioner - Precinct 3 Tim Stedje.

# **May 12th Limited Election**

date will be held as usual. (This election is for cities and schools only). The last day

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# **OPINION**

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# PTCI Awards \$3,000 in Scholarships

Panhandle Telephone Cooperative Inc.'s Scholarship Program is in its twenty-third year of providing scholarships to high school seniors. Each year PTCI accepts applications from Booker, Perryton and Spearman seniors. This year, PTCI has awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to the following students: Remington Couts, Perryton; Ron SnyerIII, Perryton; and Iris Yadira Villa, Spearman.

The recipients of these scholarships are required to attend a vocational/technical school, college or university, or any certified school that provides for future job training.

If you would like more information about PTCI program, visit us online scholarship www.ptci.net/scholarship-applications or by calling PTCI at 1-800-562-2556. PTCI (Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.) along with its wholly owned subsidiary company, Panhandle Telecommunication Systems, Inc., provides an array of communication services to customers in the Oklahoma Panhandle area. Services include state of the art Residential and Business Telephone services with many calling features, plus long distance service; High Speed Internet service with help desk; Cellular telephone service with nationwide plans, free mobile to mobile and free nights and weekends; Digital Cable TV service with 140+ channels, local networks, high definition including local networks, DVR, and pause live features. PTCI was established in 1954 and PTSI in 1983. Both are headquartered in Guymon, Oklahoma.

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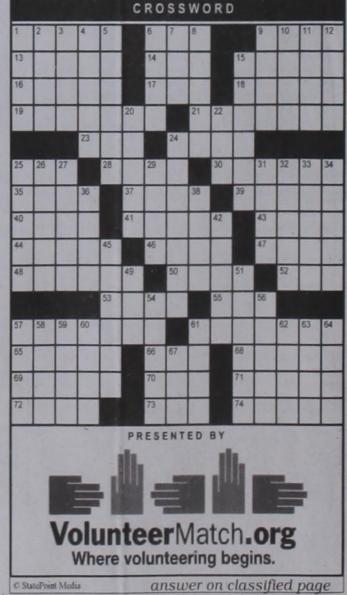


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April 27 Birthday - Hart Derington, Crystal Marie Snider, Simona Sullivan, Jean Wilma Reese, Alan Anniversary - John & Hutchinson, John Michael Duncan, Kathy Floyd, **Christy Harris** 

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# **CAROLYN SANSING SOMMERS**

WALLIS, TX - Carolyn Sansing Sommers was born June 25, 1931 in Linden, TX. She was called home suddenly to be with the Lord on April 6, 2012. She is survived by her husband, A.D. Sommers, and was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.D. Sansing, and her first husband, J.F. McGehearty.

Carolyn graduated from Spearman High School in 1948. She attended Tarleton State University and graduated from The University of Texas in 1952 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master Degree in 1956.

Carolyn was an elementary teacher for 36 years in Corpus Christi, Houston, Bellville, and California. She was an avid reader and her many interests included gardening, dancing, traveling, folk art painting and collecting special items.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, A.D. Sommers; sisters, Tynelle Jordan and husband David of Katy and Martha Coursey and husband Perry of Lubbock; stepsons, Mike McGehearty and wife Shirley of Bay City and grandchildren Kevin and Sarah, Pat McGehearty and wife Sylvia of Dallas and grandson, Eric and wife Heather; stepchildren, Augie Sommers, wife D.J. of Wallis and children, Annette Bertrand and husband Jesse of Orchard and children, Mike Sommers of Wallis, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family wishes to acknowledge and give special thanks to Andrea McMullien and Lidia Robles for their loving care of Carolyn while at home

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at Wallis United Methodist Church with Rev. Rick Walters officiating. Interment was at Wallis City Cemetery. Pallbearers were Clifford Sommers, Ronnie McCain, August Sommers, Jessie Bertrand, Gregory Jordan and Michael Sommers. Honorary pallbearers were Sharron Dolejsi and Grace Dolejsi.



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# Words from Faith & Grace



by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

In the third week of the Season of Easter, we study Acts 3: 12-19, Psalm 4, 1 John 3: 1-7, and Luke 24: 36b-48. We

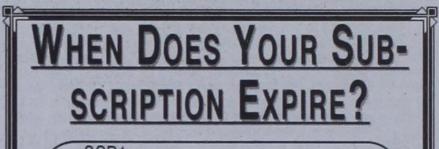
study some of the appearances of Jesus after his resurrection and ponder what they mean.

In our Acts scripture, Peter and John have just healed a beggar man outside the temple. The man had been lame from birth. The people are amazed and Peter presents one of his first 'sermons'. Telling all who would hear that it was the faith of the lame man in the 'name' of Jesus that healed him. Those in the first century believed that there was great power in a name; Peter recalls that the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob has glorified Jesus and thus, it is Jesus' name which has healed the lame man. Peter calls upon those present to repent and turn to God so that their sins will be wiped out. This sums up our faith in only a few words.

The Psalmist sings a lament. Yet, he praises the God who answers him when he calls. The Lord frees the Psalmist (as if from a noose) and allows him 'room' to question and ponder the working of the Lord in the Psalmist's life. The Psalmist shows us a way of responding to God by prayer and 'right' sacrifice. The end result of such a life is the confidence to lie down and sleep in peace, for God himself watches over us.

Luke shows us the entrance of Jesus into the upper room where the disciples are hiding. This occurs just after the disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus have reported their recognition of the risen Jesus to the others. The disciples are startled by Jesus' sudden appearance. Jesus displays his wounds and eats a piece of fish in their presence (to prove he is not a ghost). As the disciples wondered at this, Jesus explained from the scripture all that had been fulfilled. Jesus charges the disciples to be witnesses of the Good News.

May the Holy Spirit give you 'room' to understand the steadfast love of God for you that you may be a witness to God's grace through Jesus The Christ.



Birthday - Sam Garnett, Irwin Juan Renteria, Rosa Linda Vela, Brea Archer, Dustin Birthday - Josie Kiser, Barber, Stacy Poole, Patri- Cori Cox, Marti Garnett, cia Coble, Frank Prouty, Seth Gina Blane, John David Brown, Spencer, James Sterling, Curtis Covington, Shonda Floydean Shook, Ryon At-Odegaard, George Aquero, Macy Jones, Stephen gela Coombs, Devin Cook, Ramsey Jenschke, Delozier, Victoria Renteria, Kaylee Miesner

April 24 Birthday - Kerri Barkley, Wheelock Pearson, Josephine Salgado, Wendy Woolley, **Ödell Fanning** 

Anniversary -Wayne Bayless

# April 25

Lewis, Pat Underwood, Rex Shook, Lynn Davis, Donna Hill, Meagan (Bur- Keith Gibson, rell) Miller, Mia Burrell, Pape, Annie Torres Greg Breland, Mary Bayless, Jodi Martin, Joe Ruh- Vaguera lin

Anniversary - M/M Lewis Birthday - Gilbert Perez, Hill Jr.

### April 26

Garcia, Ricky Ellsworth, Young Bob Marsh, Juan Rojas, Duggan, Larry Ross

Dunaway, Sharon Jarett Swan, April Jarvis, Hamilton, Earl wood, Christine States, An-Allan Thompson, Jason Ward, Aaron Weller, Dani Jenna Beth Kiser, Bart Anniversary - M/M Bobby Shapley, Greg Slough, Murl Don Smith, Ronnie & Coleen Schaefer

May 2 Birthday - Michael Booth, M/M Whitney Lilley, Chad Logsdon, Marsha Shaver, Carolyn Gressett, Melodie Birthday - Jerry Orr, Kelp, Bryan Jenkins, Da-Robert Hagerman, Keith lene Baker, Nick Renteria, Connie

Anniversary - M/M Jose

# May 3

Jon Tolleson, Patty Sheppard, Cruz Garcia, Rita Birthday - DeeDee John- Reed, Kendra Ivy, Linda son, Juanita Logsdon, Deluna, Derek George, Benny McClenagan, Angie Jason Harnish, April La-Remmel, Kenny Slough, Farr, Michael Sparkman, Lyndee Ferguson, Linda Jewel Thomas, Haley Anniversary - Ric & Summer Riggins, Donna Sandee Smith, Virginia & John Trindle



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**First Christian Church** 510 King · 733-2960 Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Youth: 7:30, Sunday Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m. Pastor - Gary Gumfory

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He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

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Medical Fund for Francis Scroggs Pond A Medical Fund that has been set up at FNB for Francis (Scroggs) Pond, she has been Diagnosed with cancer and will begin chemotherapy in Amarillo (and possibly surgery in Dallas in the near future).

### 2011-2012 Yearbooks On Sale

The 2011-2012 yearbooks are now on sale! Reserve your book at the low rate of \$40.00 before April 27th. Any orders after that will be \$50.00. Contact Kelly Hart at 733-2477 ext 1110 or pick up an order form in the business office or the high school principal's office

Spearman Food Bank 1st Thursday If you would like to help the Spearman Food Bank, they need help unloading the truck at 11:30 each 1st Thursday of each month. Contact Cecil Biggers for more information.

Hansford Co. Library Thrift Shop Accepting Donations Alley Katz (Library Thrift Shop) is accepting donations of qual-ity items. You may ask for the key to the Thrift Shop at the li-brary desk during regular hours (9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday). Alley Katz is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each Wednesday.

Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group The Perryton Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group will meet April 13 at the Perryton Mennonite Church, 2821 S. Ash. The meeting will start at 12 noon and lunch will be provided. The program will be given by Speech Therapist Renita Logan from Accolade Home Health. Anyone who has Parkinson's or who has a family member/friend with it is welcome to attend who has a family member/friend with it is welcome to attend. Call Bev Burger at 435-3437 or 435-0579 for more information.

Camp Cards for Spearman Cub Pack & Boy Scout Troop Camp Cards are being sold by the Spearman Cub Pack and Boy Scout Troop. Each card is \$5. A single use will pay for the cost of the card. Spearman will be selling the cards until April 24, 2012. Call Britt or Linda Jarvis at 806.659.2554 or contact any Boy Scout or Cub Scout.

### **Our Diamond Miss Pageant**

Our Diamond Miss Pageant Our Diamond Miss will be hosting their annual preliminary pageant in Borger on Saturday, April 14, at the Borger John-son Park Youth Center. The pageant is currently in its 31st year and has served many young ladies in the community. The pageant is open to young ladies ages 0-19 years old. Babies are divided into three age divisions for competition: 0-12 months, 13-24 months, and 25-35 months. The baby contest-ants are eligible to compete in World of Babies, Beautiful Baby, Sportswear, Photogenic, and Portfolio. Contestants 3-19 years old are divided into six age divisions: Tiny Miss (3-4), Petite Miss (5-6), Junior Miss (7-9), Young Miss (10-12), Teen Miss (13-15), and Elegant Miss (16-19). Contestants in Tiny through Elegant Miss compete in the age group based on their through Elegant Miss compete in the age group based on their age as of January 1, 2012. Categories for these young ladies include Modeling in party dress and sportswear, Talent, Glam-our, Photogenic, and Portfolio. You are not required to enter all the categories to be in the pageant. No experience is neces-sary. For more information, please call 275-0455 or 274-4536.

# LIFESTYLE

**New Licensed Professional** Counselor Practice in Hansford Co.

Darlene M. Curry, M.Ed., M.A., L.P.C., counselor at Gruver ISD, has recently been licensed as a professional counselor. As a licensed professional counselor, she is qualified for the following types of counseling: Bereavement/Grief, Stress, Anxiety, Depression, Premarital Counseling, Lifemapping, Career search, Relational Issues, Marital Issues and Individual & Family Counseling.

She has over fifteen years of experience in working with children and adolescents in the public

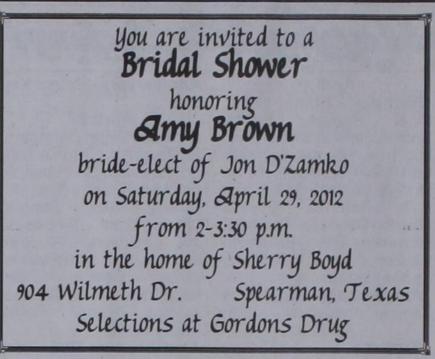
school setting and six years of experience as a school counselor. She has a Master's Degree in Education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University and a Master's Degree in Counseling from Wayland Baptist University.

She enjoys working with children, adolescents, and adults. There is a tremendous need for services in our area and she am hoping to help people with those needs. Her office is located at 430 Main Street, Ste. A in Gruver, TX. Please call for more information or to schedule an appointment at 806-736-0463.

Fee Schedule-Initial Intake Session is \$80.00 Remaining 50 minute sessions are \$65.00 per session



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**Firefighters Wanted** The Spearman Volunteer Fire Department is actively recruit-ing new members. Both men and women age 18 and over are welcome. The number of volunteers has dropped to danger-ously low levels and the roster needs to be increased. If you have an interest in helping to keep your community safe, the SVFD would like to talk to you. All new candidates will have access to the best training available. All interested parties should either come to the fire station located at 513 S Hazel-wood or call Kimmi Rivera at 806-202-6374. The SVFD meets every Thursday night at 7 PM. Bring a friend and come join the team. the team.

## Voter Registration Cards

Due to the redistricting issues, every voter in Texas is currently holding an expired voter registration card. Once the maps are drawn and approved and the primary date set, voter registra-tion cards will be mailed out. However you may vote, this year, with the expired card. For further information please call 806 659-4120.

### Hansford Hospice

Hansford Hospice Volunteering for Hospice is very flexible and easy to work into your schedule. Our volunteers provide important services to the people we serve, whether it is: providing companionship to patients and their families; helping with clerical duties in the of-fice; helping with special projects such as cooking food, bak-ing, running or helping with community outreach. If you are interested in being a Hansford Hospice Volunteer, please con-tact us at 806-659-5811.

Texas SNAP Benefits Assistance Need help applying for SNAP benefits? We can help! High Plains Food Bank is providing application assistance for Texas SNAP benefits (Food Stamps) in your area. Telephone appli-cation assistance is available. If you need to apply for bene-fits, please call us today at 806374-8562 or 1-800-774-8564.

### **Don't Text and Drive Decals**

If you would like to purchase a lime green 'AMT 1994-2009 Don't Text and Drive' window decal in memory of Ali Tyler, please contact Stephannie Tyler at 806-736-0019. All pro-ceeds go to the Ali Tyler Memorial Scholarship Fund. Decals are also available at Hansford County Floral Company on Main Street in Spearman.

Help Available for Breast Cancer Survivors Any woman who has had breast cancer surgery and cannot afford undergarments and prosthetics can get help from the American Cancer Society through a grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. The Amarillo Area Breast Prosthesis and Lymphedema Accessory Program will provide financial help to women in need of breast forms or prostheses, mas-tectomy bras and accessories to help-with-lymphedema, which is swelling of the arm caused by a build-up of lymph fluid. For more information, call the American Cancer Society office in Amarillo at (806) 353-4307 or 1-877-227-2345.

Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild Guild The Friendship Quilter Quilt Guild of Perryton, Texas would like to invite you to their meetings. The Day Guild meets the 2nd Wednesdays of each month at 9 a.m. in the Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th, Perryton. The Night Guild meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Community Worship Center, 2210 SW 15th, Perryton. Annual dues are \$15. (To receive only the newsletter \$7.50/yr.) Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Cynthia Shattles at 806-435-2765 or Marilyn Robins at 806-624-2691.

## **Fire Department Donations**

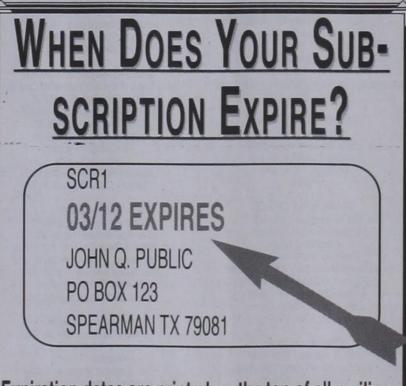
Persons wishing to make donations to the Fire Departments in Hansford County may do so at the following addresses: Spearman Fire Dept., Box 37, Spearman TX 79081; Gruver Fire Dept., Box 947, Gruver TX 79040 or Morse Fire Dept., Pay 28, Marco TX 70062

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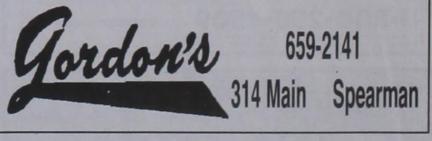


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SPWA Seeks Volunteers The Southwest Pioneer Windmill Association is seeking the next generation of volunteers to continue the work of restoring and maintaining the windmills of the SPWA. If you have an in-terest in windmills and their upkeep, and/or maintenance of the park, you are needed. For information, call Dwayne Mitchell, 270-0291 or Don Reed 330-0745.

# **Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild**

The Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild of Guymon, Oklahoma meets four times a year -- the last Saturday in the months of January, April, July and October. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in the First Christian Church Disciple Center located at 9th & Quinn streets. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Members bring a carry-in luncheon, which is served at noon. The after-noon program begins at 1 p.m. Programs include trunk shows, demonstrations, workshops, door prizes and much more. Thank you, Catherine Smith

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# **County Employment and Wages in Texas**

that three Texas counties over-the-year decline. ranked in the top ten for job growth nationwide. Mont- U.S. counties, 315 had smaller counties in Texas gomery County's 4.8-per- over-the-year increases in those with employment cent gain led the state and average weekly wages. below 75,000 - reported tied for the 2nd fastest Lake County, Ohio, had the average weekly wages growth in the nation. Also largest increase in average equal to or above the nasharing top-ten national weekly wages in the third tional average of \$916. rankings were the Texas quarter of 2011 with a gain Three of these smaller counties of Webb (4.4 per- of 17.1 percent. Within counties had wages that not cent, tied for 5th) and Fort Lake, the manufacturing in- only exceeded \$1,000 per Bend (4.2 percent, tied for dustry had the largest im- week, but also were the 8th). (See table 1.)

Williamson, istered the largest decline, the year. down 2.6 percent.

U.S. employment. Williamson ment levels below 75,000. (See table 2.)

Employment rose in 22 ranking. Five additional in the third quarter of 2011. of the 23 largest counties in Texas counties registered The lowest wage was re-Texas from September wage growth ranking in the ported in Horry, S.C., at 2010 to September 2011, top 50 nationally: Brazos \$561 per week. Joining the the U.S. Bureau of Labor (8.3 percent, 16th); Galve- Texas counties of Cameron, Statistics (BLS) reported ston (7.7 percent, 27th); Hidalgo, and Webb among today. (Large counties are Brazoria (7.4 percent, the bottom five was defined as those with em- 32nd); Nueces (6.8 percent, Yakima, Wash. (\$619). ployment of 75,000 or more 48th); and Denton (6.7 per- Wages in these five lowestas measured by 2010 an- cent, 50th). The slowest ranked counties were onenual average employment; wage increase among the third or less of the average comparable data for Brazos state's largest counties was weekly wage reported for County were unavailable.) in Bell County at 1.7 per- the highest-ranked county, Regional Commissioner cent (309th). No large Santa Clara, Calif. Stanley W. Suchman noted county in Texas recorded an Average weekly wages in

Among the 322 largest pact on the county's over- highest in the state: Carson Employment nationwide the-year increase in average (\$1,466), Sutton (\$1,198), advanced 1.6 percent from weekly wages. Santa Clara, and Kenedy (\$1,167). Real September 2010 as 271 of Calif. was second with County registered the lowthe 322 largest U.S. coun- wage growth of 11.7 per- est weekly wage, averaging Tenn., Oklahoma, Okla. (11.5 per- 2011. (See table 2.) recorded the fastest rate of cent). Clay, Mo., experi- When all 254 counties in employment growth in the enced the largest decline in Texas were considered, all

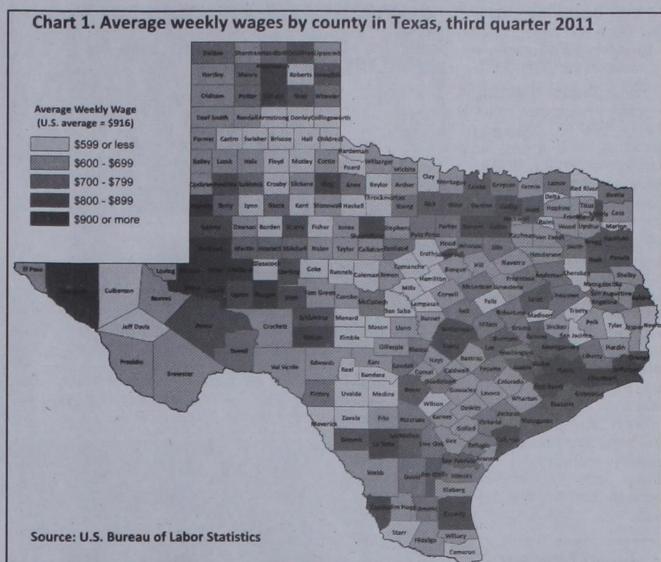
# Large county

ties in Texas, employment Average weekly wages in \$600 to \$699, 48 had wages was highest in Harris 4 of the 23 large Texas from \$700 to \$799, 37 had ral County (2,054,100) in Sep- counties were at least 10 wages from \$800 to \$899, tember 2011, followed by percent above the national and 29 had wages of \$900 Dallas County (1,448,700). average of \$916 per week or more per week. (See Three other counties, Tar- in the third quarter of 2011. chart 1.) The counties with rant, Bexar, and Travis, had Harris County led at \$1,156 above average wages were employment levels exceed- per week and ranked 21st generally ing 500,000. Together, the among the 322 large coun- around the metropolitan 23 largest Texas counties ties nationwide. Harris was areas of Austin, Amarillo, accounted for 77.8 percent followed by Dallas (\$1,102, Dallas-Fort Worth, Housof total employment within 36th), Collin .(\$1,038, ton, Midland, and Odessa. from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 sums of individual estabthe state. Nationwide, the 48th), and Travis (\$1,010, The lower-paid counties, 322 largest counties made 60th). Four additional those with wages under p.m. CT. counties up 70.5 percent of total Texas Williamson, Fort Bend, Jef- cated in the agricultural County, ferson, and Tarrant - re- areas of central Texas and Texas, recorded the fastest ported average weekly the Texas Panhandle, as growth in average weekly wages slightly above the well as along the Texaswages among the state's U.S. average. largest counties with a gain Texas also had three of Additional Statistics and of 10.2 percent from the the five lowest-paying large third quarter of 2010 to the counties in the United third quarter of 2011. (See States, all located along the have been included in this table 1.) Among large Texas border with Mexico: release in table 3. For addicounties, Harris had the Cameron (\$591, 321st), Hi- tional information about highest average weekly dalgo (\$602, 320th), and quarterly employment and wage in the third quarter Webb (\$629, 318th). Other wages data, please read the 2011 at \$1,156 per week, lower-ranking areas on the Technical Note or visit the followed by Dallas at national large county list in- QCEW Web site at \$1,102. Nationally, average cluded El Paso, also situ- www.bls.gov/cew/. weekly wages rose 5.3 per- ated along the border with cent over the year to \$916. Mexico (\$671, 312th), and Annual Averages Online Employment and wage two counties which are features comprehensive inlevels (but not over-the- home to large universities, formation by detailed inyear changes) are also Lubbock (\$703, 305th) and dustry on establishments, terly total wages by the data in this release and the available for the 231 coun- Brazos (\$719, tied for employment, and wages for average of the three data found on the BLS Web ties in Texas with employ- 296th). Nationally, Among these smaller coun- wages were higher than the publication contains seties, 92 percent (212) had U.S. average in 109 of the lected data produced by average weekly wages largest counties in the coun- Business Employment Dybelow the national average. try. Santa Clara, Calif., held namics (BED) on job gains be noted, therefore, that trative the top position among the and losses, as well as se- over-the-year wage changes changes such as a correchighest-paid large counties lected data from the first for geographic areas may tion to a previously re-Large county wage changes with an average weekly Fifteen of Texas's 23 wage of \$1,857. New York, large counties recorded N.Y., was second at \$1,647, wage growth above the 5.3- followed by Arlington, Va. percent national increase (\$1,550), Washington, D.C. from the third quarter of (\$1,527), and San Fran-2010 to the third quarter of cisco, Calif. (\$1,457). Of the largest counties in Williamson County's 10.2- the United States, 212, or percent wage increase was nearly two-thirds, reported the highest in the state and average weekly wages placed 4th in the national below the national average uam **Available all** 

**Texas' smaller counties** 

Nineteen of the 231

country, up 5.4 percent, average weekly wages with but 27 had wages below the while Frederick, Md., reg- a loss of 2.3 percent over national average. Fiftyseven reported average able to sensory impaired in- Data for all states, Metro- economic activity) over a weekly wages under \$600, Among the largest coun- average weekly wages 83 registered wages from - \$550, were generally lo-Mexico border.



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The preliminary QCEW of workers covered by state data presented in this reand federal unemployment lease may differ from data insurance (UI) legislation released by the individual and provided by State states as well as from the Agencies data presented on the BLS (SWAs). The 9.1 million Web site. These potential employer reports covered differences result from the 130.5 million full- and part- states' continuing receipt, time workers. The average review and editing of UI weekly wage values are cal- data over time. On the other culated by dividing quar- hand, differences between monthly employment levels site are the result of adjustof those covered by UI pro- ments made to improve grams. The result is then di- over-the-year comparisons. vided by 13, the number of Specifically, these adjustweeks in a quarter. It is to ments account for adminis-(noneconomic)



# **NOTICE OF ELECTION**

In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a board election in the Panhandle Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, in order to select a representative of the above-referenced zone to serve on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors. The board is charged with administering the boll weevil eradication program in Texas.

The Panhandle Boll Weevil Eradication Zone consists of all of Carson, Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Roberts and Sherman counties.

Any cotton grower having planted cotton in the year 2011 within the zone defined above is eligible to vote, and, if he or she resides in the Panhandle Zone and has at least seven years experience as a cotton grower, can have his or her name placed on the ballot as a candidate in the board member election. A cotton grower is defined as a person who grows cotton intended to be commercial cotton. The term includes an individual who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton grown and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm or from an indemnity or other payment received from or related to the planting, growing, or failure of the cotton. Any person eligible to vote in the board member election that resides in the Panhandle Zone and meets the seven-year experience requirement may place their name in nomination for election to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board by written application to the Department at the address provided below. Nomination forms are provided by the Department and must be signed by the nominee and at least ten other eligible voters. The nomination form must be received by the Department at its office located in Austin by April 23, 2012, and must provide the legal residence of the applicant. A nomination form may be obtained by contacting the Department office or any county agent located in the voting area.



The board election will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed to cotton growers by May 8, 2012. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than May 23, 2012, in order to be valid.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the abovereferenced area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512-463-3285.

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## **Gruver Elementary School** has been selected as a Distinguished Performance Campus for 2011-2012

The Texas Education Agency recognizes schools that have consistently demonstrated strong academic performances over a three-year period on state assessments. Title 1, Part A schools must have a population of 40% or more low income students and achieve the Academically Exemplary rating for the present school year. Schools in this category have also achieved a minimum of a Recognized status for the two previous years.

Way to go students, teachers, parents, and community members!!! Great things are accomplished through hard work and support.

# **Gruver Elementary Upcoming Events in P.E.**

# by Eva Spivey, Gruver Elementary

**Fitnessgram Testing** 

3rd and 4th graders will be doing the annual Fitnessgram testing the end of April. Students will be tested on how many sit-ups and push-ups they can do, and how fast they can run/walk a mile. This testing is required by the state of Texas and is turned into them as part of the fitness standards to determine student's overall physical fitness.

## **Mighty Milers Run/Walk-a-Thon**

For the past couple of years, the students at Gruver Elementary have collected donations for support vides



Gruver participants were: (Back, L-R) Kammi Murray, Kaycee Anderson, Aneth Jimenez; (Front, L-R) Grace Adams, Bailey Glass, Saxie Ralston



Spearman participants were: (Back, L-R) Jolee Jasper, Caleigh Wood, Mia Pipkin, Maggie Davis, Brianna Wood; (Sitting) KD McCloy.

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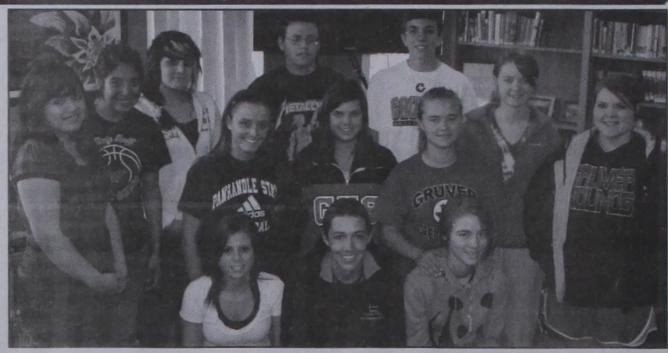
Service Through Sewing Hansford 4-H members involved in "Service Through Sewing" improved their sewing skills while helping the Evelyn Rivers Christmas project, a nonprofit organization that probasics to of a walk/ run-a-thon. The economically disadvan-2nd-4th grade students have taged children in the Amarthey run 400 meters. I am age this Christmas. We so excited to announce that salute these 4-H members

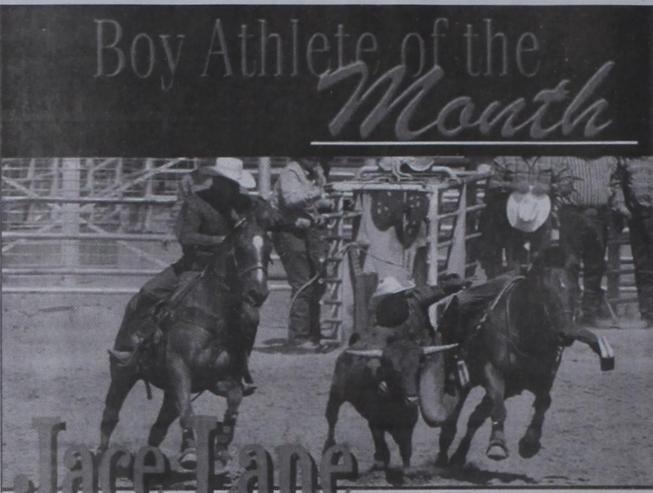
ductees are: Fatima Barrera, Riki Jines, Kramer King, Daniela Luciano, Rocio Terrazas, Greyson Karlin, Damian Pierce, Saul Suchil, Lori Watson, Jace Lane, Cassie McKay, Hannah Speck, Madison Teal, and Rachel Teal.

Faculty members attending the breakfast were: Troy Seagler, Principal, Kathy

# SCHOOL NEWS

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Favorites

Movie: War Wagon with John Wayne Music: Country Food: Steak Sport: Rodeo Rodeo Event: Steer Wrestling Rope: The Heat Pro Rodeo Athlete: Billy Etbauer

10th Grader at Gruver High School

Also participates in 4-H (shows lambs, steers, and pigs) He had the Hansford Co. Grand Champion Lamb this year.

He participates in Livestock Judging. Their Sr. Team was a state qualifier last year.

Rodeo

 Tri-state High School Rodeo Association 2011 Rookie of the Yearl!

the chance to become a illo/Canyon area. Thirteen "Mighty Miler" by running 4-H members in the Ready, a mile sometime during the Set, Sew project from school year earning them a Spearman and Gruver t-shirt with their name on hemmed fleece cuddle the back! On the day of the blankets for children served walk/run-a-thon, those stu- by Evelyn Rivers Christdents run their mile on the mas project. "This may be track with the support of the the only warm blanket other students, parents, and some children have" said community members. The Peggy Winegarner, Hans-PK- 1st grade students col- ford County Extension lect donations and on the Agent. "They will receive a day of the walk/run-a-thon blanket in their care packthis year's proceeds will be and volunteer leaders, Pendonated to the Big Brothers nye Ralston and Myrtle Big Sisters program! I want Ware, in their efforts to to extend an invitation to all "Make a Child Smile." the Bigs to come run/walk with their Littles the day of the event. Donation envelopes will be sent home with the students the beginning of May. The run/walk- Chapter of Daughters of the a-thon will be the afternoon American Revolution obof May 10th.

Lion's Club Track Meet

Track Meet will be held of award and American during the school day !!! YAY! All students from dents in the Region 16 PK-6th grade will be partic- school district. Students ipating in the meet during were honored Feb. 18 at the the last week of school. The Lion's Club will have a con- cession stand. In order Willimon of Spearman to have the meet finished High School. before 3:30, the field events will be completed the week prior to the meet during the students' P.E. classes. The field event winners will be surprised, students were announced at the track kidnapped meet. PK-2nd grade run- Wednesday morning by ning events will be in the members of the Gruver morning and 3rd-6th grades High School National of weeks!

# Llano Estacado **Chapter Awards Students**

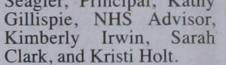
The Llano Estacado served American History Month in February. Mem-This year's Lion's Club bers presented certificates History medals to 19 stu-Amarillo Club.

Honorees included Jake

# 2012 GHS NHS Breakfast

Fifteen sleepy-eyed, but this past will be in the afternoon. Honor Society. The stu-Please be watching for dents were fed breakfast in more in- formation about the High School Library the meet in the next couple and then welcomed into the local NHS chapter.

The fifteen 2012 in-



We look forward to an exciting year. Thank you, parents, for letting us invade your homes at such an early hour!

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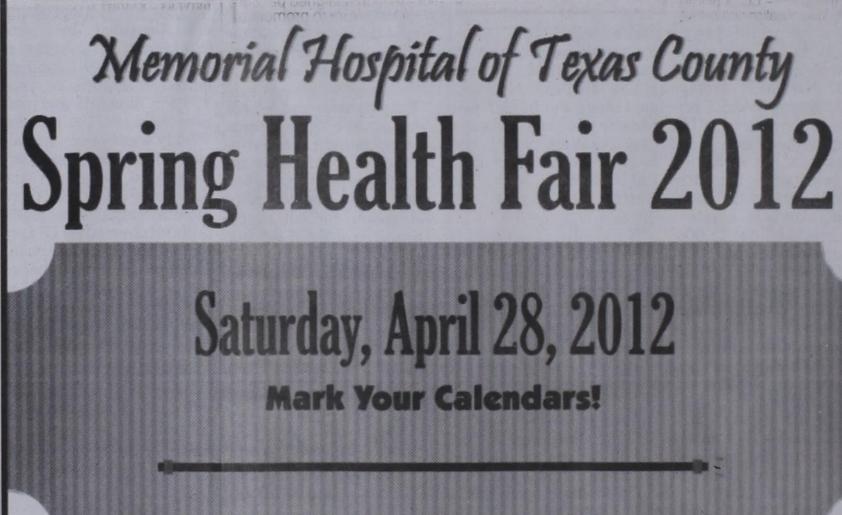
School

Academics: UIL, National Honor Society, All A Honor Roll, Student Council

Sports: Track, Basketball, Academic All-District Basketball

- Hobbies
- Team Roping
- **Plans After High School**
- Go to Vet School and become an Equine Veterinarian

30 | Cowboy Times, April 2012



More information to be provided at a later date. **520 Medical Drive Guymon, OK** 

Memorial Hospital of Texas County Feria De Salud De Primavera 2012





The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2012 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday May 25th. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes.

Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "class of 2012 " memory, making this project "special," please calls Tibl Farrar at (806) 270-0313, Jean mider at 659-3009, or Gwenda Hanna at 659-9949. contributions can be mailed to: Project graduation Gwenda Hanna, 403 S. Endicott St., Spearman, Tx 79081



# Más información a ser proporcionada en una fecha posterior.

# **520 Medical Drive Guymon, OK**

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### **HELP WANTED**

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O/O's, CDL-A: Industry Leading Pay, Benefits, Home Most Weekends! Growing Tank Di-vision. Need 2yrs OTR Exp., Tank End. Call Miller Truck Lines: 1-800-364-5874, x203 1(4/12/12)P

HELP WANTED: The Hans-ford County Soil & Water Conis now hiring for a clerical position. Responsibilities will induties. Computer skills pre-ferred. Stop by the USDA TFN(1/20/11)B building at 909 West 9th Avenue in Spearman to pick up an application. 3(3/29/12)B

HELP WANTED: Morse Implement and Auto Supply is looking for summer help for a HELP WANTED: Oilfield work, mature high school or college must have drivers license. student. Job requires doing tire 1103 West 7th, Spearman. Trencor Enterprises, Inc. TFN(11/10/11)B HELP WANTED: Drivers & TFN(4/12/12)B

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# **CLASSIFIED ADS**

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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

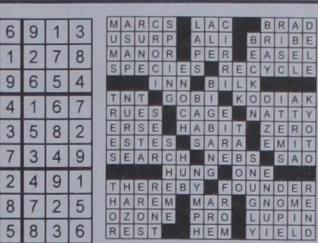
## LEGAL NOTICE

Hansford County Commissioners' Court will receive bids until 4:00 on Friday, April 20, 2012 on up to 1000 tons of A-3 and B-4 gravel, F.O.B. the plant and F.O.B. the site (Gru-ver and Spearman Precinct Parma) Bide aboutd be submit Barns). Bids should be submitted to the Hansford County Judge's office, 16 Northwest Court, Spearman, Texas 79081-2052.

HELP WANTED: The Hans-ford County Soil & Water Con-servation District in Spearman IRED OF GARAGE SALE TIRED OF GARAGE SALE ing in the Law Library of the Hansford County Courthouse, Spearman, Texas. Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

> the right to accept or reject any or all bids

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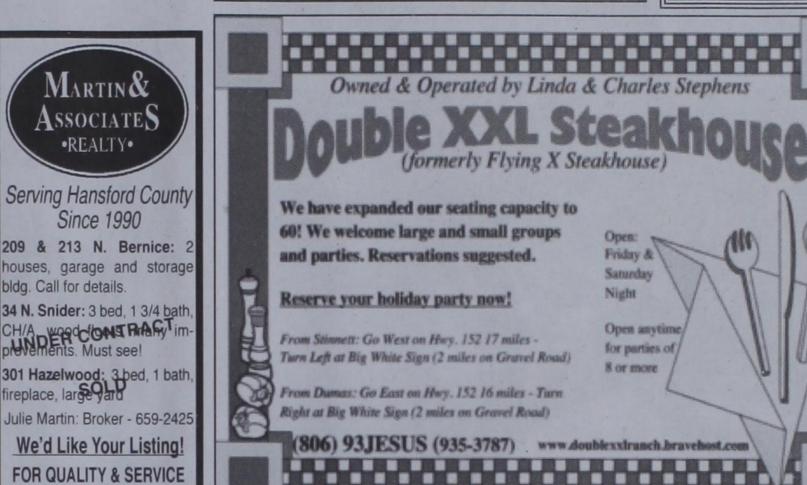
# **IMMEDIATE OPENINGS**

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Hansford County reserves

Benny Wilson Hansford County Judge

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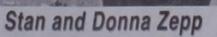
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# New, Updated Menu Same Great Service



When local governments want to increase tax revenues, they are required to publish notices in the newspaper so that you will know. But that right to know could disappear.

Local governmental entities across the state want to hide their public notices on little seen, rarely visited government websites.

What you don't know will affect you personally!

If it is not in the newspaper, you won't know about it.

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# NEWS

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# **30 Days of Awareness**

nated for Sexual Assault known are Facebook, Twit- of the perpetrator, and communication choices to technologies to turn com- how the Panhandle Crisis dents of Ochiltree, Hans- dialogue. ford, Lipscomb and counties. Beginning Sun- book each day in April to If you or anyone you day, April 1st, the Panhan- find out what the Panhandle know is a victim or survivor dle Crisis Center will begin Crisis Center has in store of Sexual Assault or Child their 30 Days of Sexual As- for you, your family, Abuse, be aware that you sault and Child Abuse friends, school, and your are not alone and can over-Awareness Month Event by social media network. Par- come the effects of abuse. social media via Facebook ents and caregivers can find Victims do not have to reto provide a daily assort- out the warning signs of main silent. Please call Panment of educational mate- child abuse. Other topics handle Crisis Center's rial, quizzes, videos, and include healthy relation- 24-hour hotline at 806-435articles about Sexual As- ships, help for the victim, 5008 or Toll Free 1-800sault and Child Abuse.

April is the month desig- you may ask. The most intervention, characteristics

Join us and login to Face- CHANGE. sexual violence prevention, 753-5308. "What is social media?" internet safety, bystander

and Child Abuse Aware- ter, Blogs, and YouTube. many more. Become aware ness, and the Panhandle According to Wikipedia, of how Sexual Assault and Crisis Center is adding so- social media involves using Child Abuse can affect you cial media as one of their web-based and mobile and your community and get the word out to resi- munication into interactive Center can PROVIDE FOR SUPPORT

# **Texas Department of Agriculture Seeks 100-Year Family Farms, Ranches**

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ture's Family Land Her- fiber in the world." years. Applications are due or earlier. May 1, 2012.

Family Land Heritage Pro- agricultural productivity," tion for the past 100 years

Todd Staples invites fami- the Lone Star State today County, with 151 family

itage (FLH) Program. The This year's Family Land FLH program began. program recognizes family Heritage ceremony will be farms and ranches that have held in the fall at the Texas Family Land Heritage been in continuous agricul- Capitol in Austin and will recognition are available tural production by the recognize farms and for download at www.Texsame family for at least 100 ranches established in 1912 asAgriculture.gov by click-

"Through generations of ranches must still be owned tion. For more information, hard work, perseverance and operated by the descen- you can also e-mail and love of the land, these dants of the founder, either Lance.Williams@Texasfamilies have operated their through blood, marriage or Agriculture.gov. farms and ranches for 100 adoption. At least 10 acres

May 1st is the deadline to years or more, making of the land must be in consubmit applications for Texas a powerhouse of tinuous agricultural produc-Commissioner Staples said. or more. There is no cost to In continuing a proud tra- "This commitment to the apply for the recognition.

dition of honoring hard- land is the foundation on To date, TDA has recogworking generations of which Texas agriculture is nized more than 4,500 Texas farmers and ranchers, built, and thanks to these properties in 237 counties Agriculture Commissioner families and their ancestors, across Texas. Fayette lies to apply for the Texas stands as a recognized pro- operations honored, has Department of Agricul- ducer of the finest food and been recognized more than any other county since the

Applications for the 2012 ing Family Land Heritage Eligible farms and under the I Need To... sec-

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Lot used tires

Lot lumber



4 round bale feeders Round bale trailer w/unroller My-D-Handy 800# cake feeder

