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THE NEWS

US says launches biggest air assault in Iraq
The U.S. military said on Thursday it had launched its biggest air offensive in Iraq since the 2003 invasion of the country.

Diplomacy must win to avoid Iran confrontation: US
An international diplomatic effort to force Iran to give up its nuclear ambitions must succeed "if confrontation is to be avoided," the White House said on Thursday in a new national security strategy.

Iraq parliament opens, no government deal yet
Three months after it was elected, Iraq's parliament was finally sworn in on Thursday but the 20-minute session was an empty formality that did nothing to break a government deadlock or halt a slide to civil war.

Milosevic supporters prepare tributes ahead of funeral
Slobodan Milosevic's coffin was due to go on display on Thursday ahead of a private weekend burial in the grounds of his provincial home, a far cry from the state funeral sought by his dwindling band of loyalists.

NY Times subpoenaed in CIA leak case
Lawyers for a former aide to Vice President Dick Cheney have issued subpoenas to The New York Times and one of its former reporters to provide information in his obstruction of justice case, the Times reported on Thursday.

Jackson to pay workers but Neverland still closed
Pop star Michael Jackson has made arrangements to pay employees at his shuttered Neverland Valley Ranch for the first time since December, avoiding legal action by the state of California, authorities said on Wednesday.

FCC hits TV broadcasters over indecency
U.S. communications regulators on Wednesday proposed \$3.9 million in fines against scores of television broadcasters for violating federal decency limits, including a record \$3.6 million for stations that aired a show depicting group sex.

Bush rejects push to extend drug-benefit deadline
U.S. President George W. Bush on Wednesday rejected calls to extend a May 15 deadline for the elderly to sign up for a new prescription drugs plan despite complaints that it is too confusing.

Bond set for Ala. suspects
Three college students accused of setting fire to a string of rural churches can be released from jail on \$50,000 bond each, provided they stay away from alcohol, cars and home computers, a judge ruled Thursday.

Detainee's status unknown
More than 5,000 pages of newly released transcripts of detainee hearings at the U.S. military base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba reveals much about the U.S. war against terrorism, but much more remains unknown — the answers tantalizingly beyond reach.

Iraq parliament convenes
Iraq's new parliament was sworn in Thursday with parties still deadlocked over the next government, vehicles banned from Baghdad's streets to prevent car bombings and the country under the shadow of a feared civil war.

Israelis, Palestinians battle
Israeli troops surrounded a two houses in a West Bank town Thursday, setting off a fierce gun-battle with Palestinian militants that left one soldier dead and forced the surrender of five wanted men.

Bush: Iran a great threat
President Bush said Thursday Iran may pose the greatest challenge to the United States and diplomacy to thwart the Islamic nation's nuclear program must prevail to avoid confrontation.

Iran open to Iraq talks
A top Iranian official said Thursday that Tehran was ready to open direct talks with the United States over Iraq, marking a major shift in Iranian foreign policy. Washington also said it was prepared to open discussions.

Wildfires ease in Texas
The strong winds that pushed wildfires across nearly a million acres of the bone-dry Texas Panhandle were easing early Thursday, but in Oklahoma, the fire danger was picking up.

2nd body found in Hawaii
Searchers found a second body Wednesday after a break in a century-old earthen dam released a roaring, tree-snapping torrent of water and raised fears about the safety of dozens of similar dams across Hawaii.



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Hounds Take Silver

The Gruver Greyhounds advanced to the Class 1A Division 1 state finals after defeating Martin's Mill 59-55, in triple overtime, on Friday, March 4th in the semi-state final in Fort Worth.

The second-ranked Hounds made a good run against the Rivercrest Rebels on Friday afternoon, March 10th, at the Frank Erwin Center, but just couldn't hold on to the lead. The game ended with Rivercrest winning, 57-49, capturing the Class 1A Division 1 state championship.

Rivercrest's Aaron Palmer drew a charging foul from Matt Messer that prevented a potential three-point play which proved to be the turning point with 1:49 remaining.

Rivercrest's Drew Godwin, who had 13 of his game-high 16 points in the second half, drove the lane for the go-ahead score that broke a 41-41 deadlock. Dentry Nolen nailed a 15-footer increasing the Rivercrest lead to four points.

Reid Winger spotted Tucker Williams under the basket for a score. Jeremy Moore sank a couple free throws that began a 7-0 run that appeared to put the game away. Palmer helped stick the nail into the coffin burying a long three-pointer and the senior guard found Godwin inside for another bucket making it a 52-43 contest with 2:25 left.

Messer than took over for the Greyhounds, drilling a long jumper, and seconds later, converting a steal into a score.

He then forced another turnover that appeared to be three-point play. However, the senior guard was called for charging, which nullified the score, and gave him his fifth personal foul, ending his high career. Messer finished with a team-high 16 points.

Rivercrest (34-2) sealed the victory at the charity stripe by nailing 5 of 6 free throws.

Gruver (28-8) — Messer 7-15 1-3 16; Lane 6-14 3-4 15; Winger 3-9 1-3 7; Salazar 3-4 0-0 6; Williams 2-7 0-0 5; Johnson 0-2 0-0 0; Irwin 0-0 0-0 0; Grotegut 0-0 0-0 0; Borunda 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 21-54 5-10 49.

3-point goals - 2-15 (Messer 1-4; Williams 1-6; Johnson 0-1; Borunda 0-2; Lane 0-2). Rebounds - 37 (Winger 13). Assists - 10 (Lane 3). Total fouls - Gruver 18.

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The Gruver Greyhounds took home the silver in the Class 1A, Division 1 State Basketball finals on Friday, March 10th.

Vaquera takes reign as Miss Hispanic OSU 2006

by Jordan Janosek-Albright, Multicultural Reporte

Claudia Vaquera was crowned Miss Hispanic OSU 2006 on Saturday night.

Vaquera, child and family services sophomore, was a contestant in the sixth annual Miss Hispanic OSU Pageant. This year the pageant's theme was "Soy Única, Soy Latina," or "I'm Unique, I'm Latina."

There were six contestants representing the many aspects of Hispanic heritage at OSU.

"The sixth annual Miss Hispanic scholarship program is one that the campus ... is very proud of," said Phillip Birdine, director of the Multicultural Student Center and assistant vice president of student affairs.

The prizes of Miss Academic, given to the contestant with the highest grade point average, and Miss Entrepreneur, given to whoever sells the most ads for the pageant, were also awarded to Vaquera.

The audience votes during intermission for the contestant who will receive the People's Choice Award. Erin Foshee, Spanish junior, was presented with the award and was chosen by the judges as second runner-up.

Elizet Martinez, sociology sophomore, was selected first runner-up. The first runner-up will take the place of Miss Hispanic OSU should the winner be unable to complete her reign.

The runners-up and Miss Hispanic OSU each received a cash scholarship prize. The scholarship for Miss Hispanic OSU was \$1,000, while first runner-up received \$500 and second runner-up received \$250.

The prize of Miss Congeniality was presented to Claudia Rivas, political science and Spanish sophomore. Miss Congeniality is given to the person the contestants feel had the best attitude during the entire pageant process.

The judges selected the winner after five phases. The pageant began early Saturday afternoon with the interview portion. Each contestant met individually with the judges and was judged on their intelligence and articulation, as well as knowledge of Hispanic issues.

The next phases were at the Student Union Theater. The phases were: introduction and platform, traditional fashion ensemble, evening wear and the extemporaneous question.

Tackling the problem of obesity

among Hispanics was Vaquera's platform.

"At least one of every four Hispanic adults living in the U.S. is obese," Vaquera said.

Vaquera was crowned by Miss Hispanic OSU 2005, Angela Vivar, Spanish and journalism sophomore.

"There is no doubt in my mind that any of these girls can take this on," Vivar said. "I have been so blessed to work with these girls. They are intelligent, hardworking and so dedicated."

Iván Figueroa, Multicultural Student Center coordinator, told the audience Vivar put on the entire pageant while he advised.

"This young lady, as young as she is, is very dedicated, and she doesn't do things halfway," Figueroa said. "This is a leader. This is a young lady that's strong. This is a true Latina."

The night was a strong celebration of the Hispanic heritage. A mariachi band called Mariachi Tulsa provided music at various intervals in the pageant and during the intermission.

A small group, which included Figueroa, sang songs from Venezuela and Mexico, displaying the many different regions that play a role in Hispanic culture.



Claudia Vaquera was crowned the 2006 Miss Hispanic OSU on Saturday night.

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American Heart Gala Set

Come Kings and Queens, Lords and Ladies, Maids and Men, one and all... Bid on sparkling jewels and works of art from local merchants to benefit heart at the Hansford County Division of the American Heart Association Gala. The Gala is titled "Fool@Heart" set for Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the O'Loughlin Center. The Silent Auction begins at 6:15 pm. The banquet is set, a feast fit for a king. The Wagner Family knows just what to bring. dinner is set for 7 PM with Salad, Rib Eye Steak, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Warm Buttered Bread, Cheese Cake and Topping, tea and coffee. At 8:15 the Live Auction begins. Shout out your bid, going once, going twice... SOLD!, Hansford County gave a nice price. It could be your sons, daughters, husbands or wives, The money you raise saves thousands of lives.

Tickets for the evening are \$25.00 each. Special donation Scholarship levels are: Court Jester Sponsorship - \$50.00; Ladies of Hearts Sponsorship - \$100.00; Lords of Hearts Sponsorship - \$200.00 and receives 2 tickets; Queens of Hearts Sponsorship - \$250.00 and receives 4 tickets; and Kings of Hearts Sponsorship - \$500.00 and receives 8 tickets

Tickets are available from the Heart Board Members: Patricia Bratton, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Anita Sumner, Charlotte Bergin, Kay Hobbs, Ed Hansen, Penny Ralston, and Dr. Tom and Linda Latta. You may send your donation or ticket requests to: Fool@Heart Galla, Box 131, Spearman, Texas 79801.

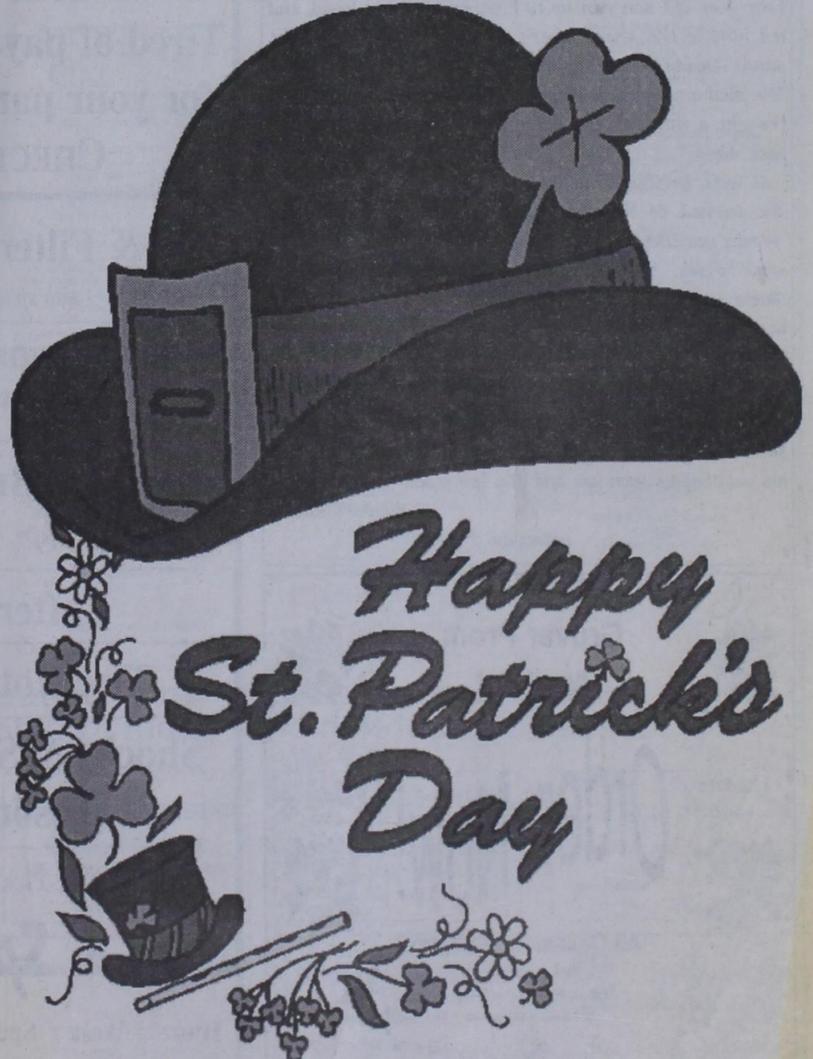
LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy. Cooler. Highs around 50. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.
SATURDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s.
SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. Lows in the mid 30s.
SUNDAY - Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 50s.
SUNDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening - then a chance of rain showers after midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. Chance of rain 40 percent.
MONDAY - Mostly cloudy in the morning then becoming partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid 50s.
MONDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.
TUESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.
TUESDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.
WEDNESDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

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For more information, please contact Catherine Smith at 659-3434, or e-mail to cathysmith@antden.com.



Live,
Laugh &
Love



by Catherine R. Smith
cathysmith@antden.com

My friend Jim McLain sent me the following entitled "Kids in Church." Since we are having an Ordination Service during our Worship Services on Sunday, I thought I would share a little church humor with you.

Kids in Church

3-year-old, Reese: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it."

I'm having a real good time like I am."

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor's wife."

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo.

I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail."

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

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

Numbers 6:24-26

Catherine :)

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on March 29, 2006. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Hansford County Hospital, 707 S Roland, in Spearman on April 24, 2006. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School graduating class of 2006 are asking for your help to make this year's Project Graduation event a success. This event is a long standing tradition our community is proud to be a part of and has always been a success due in part by your generosity. Project Graduation is an event that is hosted by the parents of the graduation class. The celebration begins shortly after commencement exercises and continues through till the next morning. The night consists of games, food, gifts and prizes and ensures that the participants will celebrate this momentous occasion in a safe, alcohol-free and drug-free environment. To be able to continue with the Project Graduation tradition, we are asking for contributions. Contributions may be in the form of door prizes, monetary donations, book scholarships, gifts that will benefit them upon entering college, or anything of this sort. If you are interested and willing to donate to this worthy cause, we ask that you send your contributions no later than April 1, 2006 to: Project Graduation, %Audra Thomas, 207 S. James, Spearman TX 79081. If you would like to donate items that need to be picked up, please contact Audra at (806) 659-3354 or (806) 270-0266, or Diane Close at (806) 659-3615. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High Saving Register Tapes

Pringle-Morse CISD, Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High are saving register tapes for educational equipment and sports equipment from Lowe's Marketplace stores. The program began September 1, 2004, and register tapes will be collected until March 31, 2006. The students and faculty of each of these schools would appreciate your support by saving your register tapes from participating Lowe's grocery stores in order to help them receive their needed equipment, such as computers, science, band or sports equipment, and much more. Receipts may be given to any student. Pringle-Morse receipts may be mailed to: Pringle-Morse CISD, PO Box 109, Morse, TX 79062. Gus Birdwell Elementary and Spearman Jr. High receipts may be taken at each school office.

AARP Offers Free Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide is in Spearman at the Hansford County Library, 122 Main Street, every Tuesday from 1-5 p.m. AARP Tax-Aide is a free, quality and confidential service that prepares tax returns and answers tax questions through April 11th. Services are available to all taxpayers with middle- to low-income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. It is administered through the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. For more information, please call Richard Gaines at 659-2853.

Spearman Little League Sign-Up

Spearman Little League sign up for baseball and softball is March 20th thru April 7th. Forms can be picked up at Cates Men and Boys Wear or Gordon's Drug. T-ball 6-7 year olds by July 31, 2006; Minor/Major Baseball 8-12 year olds; Girls softball 8-15 year olds and Junior baseball 13-15 year olds (need coach). Tryouts Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 p.m. & April 10th at 6:00p.m. at Little League Park. Questions: Call Sharron Swan @ 659-1734.

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Letter to the Editor

I would like to thank all those who deemed me worthy of the award of "Employee of the year". It was an honor to be nominated let alone awarded. Many thanks go to the Officers and Management of Golden Spread Sales Co. In the 27+ years that I have been employed by Golden Spread the main things I have learned are that the customer comes first, and that their satisfaction is of greatest concern. Also, in this time of higher prices our service needs to be above reproach. But mostly to have fun helping others. As Mr. Tracy puts it...If you aren't having fun being of service you're in the wrong business.

They are a great bunch of guys at Golden Spread Sales and if you don't believe me stop in and see us sometime. Part of what makes this job enjoyable are the citizens of this great community that I get to see and visit with on a regular basis. Hard work and pure dedication on the 2 most important things I can give back to this community and so continue to expect such from all of us at Golden Spread Sales Co.

With much appreciation,
William (Bill) Porter

Thank you

To all the emergency and volunteer personnel who took care of our communities during the fire.

We appreciate the dedication and sacrifice you give for us daily. You ARE "our bright and shining stars"
May God Bless and Keep You All
Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors

Thank You

Eddie and I want to take this opportunity to tell all of you thank you for your prayers. We appreciate each one. He came through the radiation surgery good on the third day of February. He went back for cat-scan the 8th of March. We thank the Lord that the tumors had shrunk some and they didn't see any small ones. The doctor had told them it might take 2-3 months for them to shrink. We appreciate your prayers for his complete healing.

Sincerely, Ruby Riley

Hansford County Library Update

Hansford County librarian, Maria Carbajal, along the Library Board has decided on a change to the library. The new hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 until 5:30. The library will remain closed on Saturday.

Hansford County Library has reported a tremendous response to its community wide cartridge recycling program. Begun in early February, proceeds from the recycling project will help fund the Summer Reading Program held in June at the library in conjunction with Spearman Kids' Camp.

Area citizens are asked to continue to donate their used computer printer, fax, and copier cartridges which will then be redeemed for cash or products at an Amarillo business. While the most useable cartridges are those by HP, LexMark, and Dell, all brands are being accepted.

Maria Carbajal, library director, says the recycling project will continue through June. "It's an easy project for the staff to handle and a simple way for everyone to contribute while helping the children," added Carbajal. Drop-off baskets are located in a number of businesses throughout Spearman, but if it is more convenient they may be brought to the library. If necessary, cartridges can even be placed in a plastic bag and placed in the library book drop.

The Christian Church of the Southwest
and the congregation of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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cordially request your presence and prayers
for the
Ordination to Christian Ministry
of
Cynthia Susan Morris Ballard
Sunday, March 19, 2006
Morning worship service - 10:50 a.m.
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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

March 16
Birthday - Ted Harbour, Tonya Woodington, Janice Mayfield, Gary Davis, Missy Bates, Dan McCloy, Michael Gruver, Payton Thoreson, Suzanne Schaad, Hadley Spivey
Anniversary - Carey & Denise Bridges, M/M Robert Womble

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

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

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

March 20
Birthday - Mack Beville, Travis Ferguson, Chad TeBeest, Martha Stinson, Florencio Martinez, Angela Sinta, Jane Henton, Kim King, Marion Upchurch, Kay Christian, Garry Hathaway, Lisa Tice, Rocio Garcia
Anniversary - M/M R. M. Crawford, M/M Benny McCullough, M/M Rod Barkley

March 21
Birthday - Kathy Duncan, Kelly Hart, Nancy Alvarez, Rhonda Riley, Judy Hergert, Chelsey Clark, Pepe Tarrango, Jose Tarango

Anniversary - Bill and Jo Ann Weaver

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

March 23
Birthday - Tanner Irwin, Mercedes Perez, Dwayne TeBeest, Annie Houghton, Jamie Sterling, Beth Ann Flowers, Angela Craig, Teresa Russell, Marvin G. Wilson, Christopher Turner, Ramon Garcia Jr., Bernice Flores, Jason Evans, Carter Strawn, Wilbur Hull
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cazares

March 24
Birthday - Dillon Payne, Marie Bell, Mike Floyd, Charles Haight, Frank Sursa, Lesa Deakin, Karie Coates, Patricia Pool, Lera Deakin, Jeri Diane Sterling, Chandra Lee, Carla James, Rebecca Garza, Corry Haight, Ruth Bryan, Beth Phelps
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Babbs, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Breland, Mr. and Mrs. Blair Traham

March 25
Birthday - Rosalie Grotogut, Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albert, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogdon, Jean Schaffer, Michael Covington, Joe Baca, Amy Bridges, Chad Howe, Mario Soto, LuAnn Hunter
Anniversary - M/M Josh Reed

March 26
Birthday - Keith Dillard, Jamie Smith, George Jackson, Tonda Taylor, James Brown, Judy Irlbeck, Greg Holladay, Ruth Baker, John Paul Molina, Danny Bass, Joann Reynolds, Kristi Ann Balderrama, Sabrina Cantu, Joanna Myers
Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Riley, M/M Jimmy Morley

Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

As we examine ourselves and our faith in this third week of Lent, we study Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, and John 2:13-22. Moses receives the Ten Commandments, the basis for our relationship with God and with our fellow man. The commandments outline our duties to God and our duties to other people. We cannot serve God and hate our neighbor; we cannot love our neighbor without the love of God. Thus, the Law allows us to check our selves, and see where we fall short of the glory of God, allowing us to make amends for that failure. The Psalmist sings of the perfect nature of God's law, of the joy of learning and following God's ordinances. He concludes, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer". Worthy thoughts for this time of Lent.

Paul is addressing the problems of factionalism on the faith community in Corinth. There were those who claimed to have "special wisdom" about the way of Christ, which even the Apostles did not have. There were women who were leaders in Corinth that were in opposition to each other. The Jewish members wanted "signs" and the Gentile members wanted "wisdom". Paul declares that we do not know God through earthly wisdom. Jesus Christ crucified is our wisdom; Jesus Christ crucified is our righteousness; Jesus Christ crucified is our "consecration"; Jesus Christ crucified is our deliverance. Foolishness to the world, the essence of life itself for the believer. It matters not if you are of "Apollos" or of "Paul" what matters is that you are of Jesus Christ.

John shows us the picture of Christ driving the money changers and animal sellers out of the temple. In Isaiah 56:7, the Lord said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Yet, Annas the High-Priest and his son Caiaphas were collecting the equivalent of \$173 million dollars a year. They controlled the sale of sacrificial animals. They controlled the animal inspectors who judged the animals which were brought by worshippers that were not purchased from Annas; it was unlikely that an outside animal would pass "inspection". They controlled the money changers [the temple tax could not be paid with a roman or Greek coin]. They controlled the ritual baths which worshippers must take before entering the temple. All of this commerce was occurring in the Court of the Gentiles. This was the only part of the temple a gentile believer could enter to meditate and pray. The worship of the Lord was being made a commercial activity. Jesus was angry, made a whip out of cords and drove the money changers and the animals out of the temple. In Mark, Jesus says, "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you make it a den of robbers!"

May the Holy Spirit enable you to maintain a right relationship with God and with your fellow man so that you may share the love of Jesus Christ, which is free, to all.

"Water Wise" Gardening Class

The annual "Water Wise" gardening & xeriscaping class will be offered on Saturday, April 22 at the North Plains Water District office in Dumas, Tx.

Contrary to what is often the common opinion, xeriscaping is not just planting cacti and succulents in a gravel lawn with no turf grass. The true definition of xeriscaping is water-efficient landscaping appropriate to the natural environment. The goal of xeriscaping is to create a visually attractive landscape that uses plants selected for the water efficiency. Class participants will learn how to select and plant beautiful, long-blooming plants that are especially adapted to the Texas panhandle. They will also learn about installing and maintaining drip irrigation systems to conserve water and provide water to the landscape more efficiently. The class will be taught by the Potter County Master Gardeners.

In addition to reducing maintenance by using native plants, water-efficient landscaping and reducing water use can lower your water bill while increasing the beauty and value of your property. Class participants will receive a wide variety of educational materials, as well as water wise landscape planning software.

Anyone interested in taking the class can contact Rhonda Artho at artho@npwd.org or 806-935-6401 to sign up.

Our Sympathy

MAUDE EVELYN GROVES McCLELLAN

CHECOTAH, OKLA. - Maude Evelyn Groves McClellan, 92, died Friday, March 10, 2006.

Services were at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, in Gregg Funeral Home Chapel in Eufaula with the Rev. Bill Clark officiating. Celebration of life services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, in United Methodist Church in Gruver, Texas, with the Rev. Zane Gray of Gruver officiating. Burial was in Gruver Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman, Texas.

Mrs. McClellan was born July 15, 1913, in Deer Creek to Pearl Howard Groves and Celia Elizabeth Vest Groves Eisinger. She was a member of United Methodist Church in Gruver.

Survivors include a son, Al Eugene McClellan of Houston; a daughter, Evelyn "Sue" Thornton of Eufaula; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Eufaula Memorial Library.

CLINT REGAN WILLIAMS

GRUVER. - Clint Regan Williams, 29, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 17, in at the Gruver Church of Christ with Mike Wilhelm and Frank Pittman officiating. Interment will be in Gruver Cemetery, under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Clint was born in Spearman on November 28, 1976, and had lived in the area his entire life. He was a graduate of Gruver High School, Class of 1995, where he played tennis.

Clint was a farmer and rancher. He was very hard-working and outgoing, and a friend to many people. He was a member of the Gruver Church of Christ. He was a loving, caring brother and son.

Survivors include his parents, Donna and Ronnie Williams of Gruver; a sister, Stacey Kay French of Ulysses, Kansas; his grandparents, Boots and Imogene Williams of Gruver; and two nephews, Brennon French and Braydon French, both of Ulysses, Kansas.

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Manor Matters

by Merry Sparks

Many thanks go to the Church of Christ of Spearman for bringing services to the Manor on Sunday. We really appreciate all of you!!

Monday the 6th started off with our usual rounds of visiting and chores. The morning was then filled with the Newscurrents program. After lunch we watched John Wayne in the Fall of the Alamo because this date was the anniversary of the day that the Alamo was taken over by Santa Anna. That evening the Rotary Club hosted bingo for the Residents. Thank you to one and all.

We had several different programs through the week including olympic practice, crafts, music, and front porch travels. In addition to that we were blessed with Melba Rook playing and singing for the Residents on Wednesday morning along with bible study and Bob Elder, pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Spearman for singing for the Residents after bingo Thursday afternoon. Many thanks go to you and also to the auxiliary for hosting bingo and helping serve as they do.

Instead of a day by day chronicle this time, I would like to share some of the events that I have enjoyed.

A while back I was blessed to see that a Resident's sons had come to visit him. They took him out to eat lunch and then for a country drive. As the sons were walking away he was standing in the front foyer watching them walk off to their car. I walked up and just stood beside him. He had such a beautiful smile on his face and his chest was just swelled with pride. He looked at me and exclaimed "That's my sons". We just stood there together for a while as we watched them drive away. There was no sadness in him just pride and joy for the day that they had.

Another day just recently I heard voices in the activity room. I was in my office as I overheard a son talking to his mother. They had such a wonderful time. He brought an old family picture album that they were going through. He was very slow with her and patient. They would look at a picture and he would give her time to absorb it and then he would remind her of who the ones in the picture were.

When I came out of my office they invited me to come over. We went through each page as the son explained who the people were and the events surrounding the pictures. That mother was so very proud and happy when he left.

It is sometimes very difficult to visit loved ones in a long term care situation because you are just unsure what to do. Maybe some of my experiences can help have a wonderful visit filled with meaning. We have had friends and family come and just sit in the room with their Resident as they looked at a magazine, others do manicures or comb their hair. I can recall one Resident especially that enjoyed her daughter coming to visit because she always put make up on her, did her nails and hair and straightened her closet and drawers. She would check out her mother's clothing to see if she needed anything new or different. Some change out the entire wardrobe at each season change.

One family of a Resident always makes a cushion cover and arm covers for her wheelchair that coincide with the different holidays. The same Resident had a granddaughter come one day and as they visited she made the Resident a fleece blanket that you just tie the two layers together around the edges.

Other friends and family come to sit with the Residents as they play bingo, cards and dominoes. It makes it a lot of fun to play to have someone to keep the game moving with hoops and hollers.

We have had several families bring cakes or cookies and have a special get together with other Residents to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or other occasions. One really good tip is---always wake them up if they are sleeping. We can sleep any time but don't get to visit all the time and you are always welcome to come join in with whatever is going on as one daughter does whether it is manicures or painting. She just jumps right in there and joins in.

We are so very blessed to live in the community that we do. Many, many volunteers come to enrich the lives of the Residents and we appreciate each one of them.

Out At The Lake

by Dorothy Hudson

Lake Level--March 13, 2006--22.68 feet (-.18)

When I called Jim for his report, he said that the high winds we have been having were dropping the lake level much faster than usual. A group of Guymon Boy Scouts camped back of the dam in the Park on Saturday night. There were also 3 RVs there that night.

On Sunday Jim and his crew helped fight the grass fire on Flowers land leased by Bill Logsdon. The fire started east of the road in the bar pit, jumped the highway and then took off. When it got down in the breaks, the fire fighters were able to contain it.

We have a county wide burn ban. The signs have been up for some time in the Park.

Fishermen are catching fish, but no record breakers were noted.

One Bald Eagle was seen, along with 14 White Pelicans. Bird migration has started, so we can watch for Burrowing Owls, Purple Martins, and Turkey Vultures, better known as Buzzards. They should be here by now.

Coronado

In answer to the question of whether we have any proof that Coronado came either up or down the Palo Duro Creek in 1541, I previously summarized what led to Coronado's Expedition from Mexico. With 300 Spaniards and over a 1000 Indians, he started their search for the gold in the Seven Cities of Cibola in February of 1540.

They entered what became Arizona at the base of the Huachuca Mountains below where the town of Sierra Vista is today. Going on east to western New Mexico, they found seven Zuni pueblos, but alas, they were made of mud and not of gold.

That winter they set up camp in the Rio Grande Valley above modern Albuquerque. They were very unpopular with the Indians. Some of the Indian leaders enticed one of the Spaniards to tell the Spaniards of a town called Quivara to the north and east where they would find incredible riches. He was to lead them out on the high plains -- where not knowing the country, they would all die of thirst.

The plan worked to a point. The army of Spaniards set out with the man they had nicknamed The Turk to find the treasure. There are three major sources of information on this part of the trip--Coronado's letters, a history by Jaramillo, a member of the group, and recollections written by Pedro de Castaneda, a soldier in the army, some 20 years later. From these accounts many different maps have been drawn to chart the groups' course. Most of these maps include a stop in the Palo Duro Canyon and some include their going north from there along the Palo Duro Creek.

These maps have been proved wrong in part because they did not include Blanco Canyon which is out from Floydada. In the mid 1990's artifacts were found there and authenticated as a spot where Coronado and his army camped. Although the written accounts mention two canyons on this excursion, scholars now argue over which one is Blanco Canyon. In one canyon the army stopped for a fortnight while they killed 500 buffalo bulls and made jerky. The other canyon was noted for the terrible hailstorm that hit them there.

Next column I plan to review what I have found on the Jimmy Owens site in Blanco Canyon and what we can learn from it about artefacts we might look for on our walks on the Palo Duro Creek.



Engagement Announced

Dr. and Mrs. Tony Hedges of Littlefield, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter Priscilla Diane to Jarod Lee Huddleston. Jarod is the son of John and Diann Crawford of Spearman and Donnie Huddleston of Texhoma, Ok.

Priscilla is the granddaughter of Leonard and Norma Hedges of Littlefield, TX and Dan Dunham of San Antonio, TX and the late Anne Dunham. Jarod is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hays Jr. of Guymon, OK and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Joe Huddleston of Texhoma, OK.

Priscilla graduated from Littlefield High School in 1999 and from Texas Tech University in 2005 with a degree in Marketing. She is currently Assistant manager for Pier 1 Import in Lubbock and the Account coordinator for Godiva Chocolatier. Jarod graduated from Spearman High School in 1996 and from Texas Tech University in 2001 with a degree in Public Relations. He is currently the director of Athletic Ticket Operations at Texas Tech University.

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Texas crop and weather report

A broken record is playing for Texas crops and weather, and the forecast doesn't call for a change in the tunes, Texas Cooperative Extension officials said.

Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension administrator in Amarillo, has observed high fire danger for weeks, and his warning played in a big way Sunday when an estimated 800,000 acres in the Panhandle burned.

The fires in five counties north and east of Amarillo were still being battled Tuesday with some 30 percent to 60 percent still burning, according to the Texas Forest Service, which set up a unified command center at the Texas Department of Public Safety office in Amarillo.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Temperatures were above average. Isolated light showers of less than a half-inch fell in eastern portions. High winds continue to cause soil erosion and increase the threat of wildfires. Some land preparation for spring planting is in progress. Soil moisture is mostly very short. Wheat is mostly very poor and continues to decline. Rangeland conditions are poor to very poor. Cattle condition is fair to good. Supplemental feeding continues.

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Citizens of the Year

Harry Stumpf was named the 2006 Spearman Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year."

Following is the recognition speech, given by Harry's granddaughter, Pam Fairfield:

There has never been a time in my life that I can remember that Harry has not been involved in everything in the community, or when called do something that he didn't to all he could to get it done.

There is not much that goes on in Spearman that Harry Stumpf is not a part of in some form or fashion. These are just a few of the organizations that Harry has been involved in throughout his years in Hansford County:

Harry has been actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America and has received the highest awards in the Scouts. He is an active member of the Lions Club, in which he puts out flags for the booster club, and does fundraisers for the blind. He has attempted to step down from these organizations to allow younger men the opportunity to participate, but to no avail.

Harry was the founding governor of the Moose Lodge in Spearman. He is very involved in helping military veterans in any way he can. For years, on Veteran's Day, he spoke at the Veteran's Day program at the school, and every Memorial Day he puts flags on each fallen veteran's grave.

Harry does so much for our schools as well. He volunteers at the Elementary school crosswalk, come rain or shine, helping children cross the street safely. He makes the wind breaks for the tennis courts and the swimming pool, which are greatly appreciated by the youth in the community.

My grandfather also serves on the Board of Directors for the Stationmaster's House Museum. He serves as the election judge for Precinct 6.

He is also very involved in the selection of the boys attending boys state, raising money enabling them to go.

No matter what the occasion, if hamburgers and hot dogs need to be grilled, Harry Stumpf is always there - in front of the grill!

I am very proud of my grandfather, Harry Stumpf. He really loves helping kids, and has spent his life watching the youth of Spearman grow up into fine citizens.

Dadaw, you have always loved and supported your family, and we all love you very much. We are very proud to be part of your family - congratulations!

Business of the Year

by Carolyn Cummings

The Lyric Cinema with Gary Ellsworth in the "Director's" seat received the "Business of the Year" award last Saturday night at the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Long before Gary took over ownership of the Lyric Theater from his Dad and Mom, Alton and Peggy Ellsworth, on March 16, 2001 it was a "Family Affair". Gary and his sister, Gayle Ellsworth Smith helped run the theater as they were going up. Then the next generation came into help with Kacee and Kallie, Gayle's children, helping some along with Gary's daughters, Jana and Jennifer.

With the new ownership change came a name change... "Lyric Cinema". As time moved onward some of the faces stayed the same but there were name changes and additions to the family business. Jana married Chad Knowlton and Jennifer married Ramon Lozano. Then Gary's world really changed with the little additions of Corbin and Slade along with Sloan, Lauren and Rylan.

Some nights at the Lyric you'll find Jana and Jennifer manning the concession stand or the front box office. Or you just might see Ramon in the box office with Chad running the projector. On the side

lines you could possibly be sold a ticket for \$1.00 to be redeemed at the concession stand by Gary's young entrepreneurs, Corbin and Slade. They are part of the "Lyric Clean-up Crew", too. Look closely and you'll see Lauren, Sloan and Rylan around somewhere, too. But don't look too closely because you need to watch for the toys in the lobby or in the lounge area. And the Lyric Cinema maybe the only business in town where the owner's ex-wife fills in selling tickets. That's the one and only Jan Ellsworth. And if you think Mom and Dad Ellsworth (Peggy and Alton) just completely left out... think again. If the call for the #1 troops are needed they will be there. However, we must point out that there is one very strong employee that works there amongst all of the "family". That's Christie McDowell.

Gary told us that they're gradually making changes and improvements with painting and adding new doors in the lower viewing area for energy conservation. One of the biggest changes was the installation of a new digital sound system downstairs. Another big change was when Gary went to shows 5 nights a week (Friday through Tuesday) and to seven days a week from May until August plus November and

December. They've changed or added some snacks and candies. In 2001 within a month of the 9/11 bombing the beautiful, patriotic mural was added to the side of the building and was painted by Mike and Skeeter Huffaker. (Great job!) Gary is very proud of the fact he has been able to keep ticket prices down. The last increase was in 2003.

As they say in the theater... "Coming Soon, in a theater near you"... the newest addition to the Lyric. A crying room for families with babies or young children.

Gary had these comments, "I really appreciate the continued support of the city and the county and thanks to the person or persons who nominated us and to the Chamber committee that selected us."

Meetings Scheduled to Help Range Management Decisions in Wake of Fires

by Kay Ledbetter

Ranchers needing information to help make important management decisions due to losses from recent fires have a several educational opportunities, according to Texas Cooperative Extension officials.

Extension, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency, will conduct educational meetings throughout the Panhandle for the rest of March.

"If you have been affected by a wildfire, we encourage you to attend one of these meetings," said Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension regional program director for agriculture and natural resources.

Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- March 22, 9 a.m., Amarillo National Bank-Borger, Third Floor Rig Room, 301 W. 6 St., Borger;
- March 23, 9 a.m., Gray County Annex meeting room, 12125 E. Frederic, Pampa;
- March 23, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, 206 West 2 St., New Moebette;
- March 23, 7 p.m., Family Life Center, 300 S. Carhart, Clarendon;
- March 28, 9 a.m., Miami Community Center, 103 Main St., Miami;
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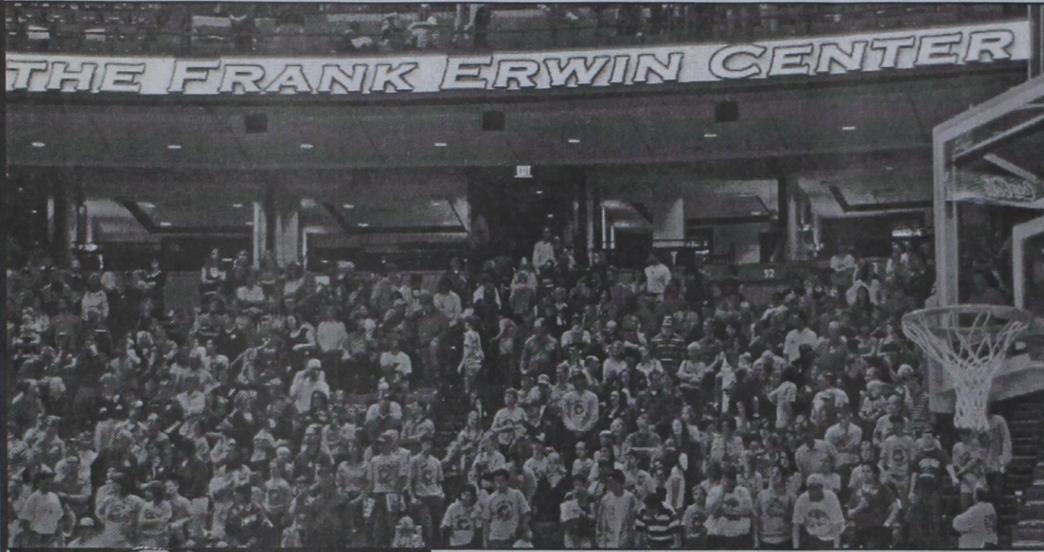
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APPLICATION Mr Bobby Thompson, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit No. 70025L004 which would authorize a change of location of a Concrete Batch Plant. The applicant has provided the following driving directions to the site: from Gruver go 9 miles north on highway 136 to CR H. Go east on CR H to CR 15. The plant will be in southeast corner of intersection, Gruver, Hansford County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 13, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Hansford county Courthouse, 14 Northwest Court, Spearman, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application may be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

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If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, please llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at

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Safety tips for wildfires

The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross offers the following tips to remain safe in the event of a wildfire.

Listen regularly to local radio or television stations for updated emergency information. Follow the instructions of local officials.

Wildfires can change direction and speed suddenly, and a minor threat can quickly escalate to a major threat. Local officials can provide information on the safest escape route.

Back a vehicle into the garage or park it in an open space facing the

direction of escape. Shut doors and roll up windows. Leave the key in the ignition.

Close garage windows and doors, but leave them unlocked. Disconnect automatic garage door openers because power may go out. Confine pets to one room. Make

plans to care for pets in case evacuation is necessary.

Pets may try to run if they feel threatened by fire. Keeping them inside and in one room will make it easier to find them quickly if it becomes necessary to leave.

Arrange temporary housing at a friend's or relative's home outside the threatened area. Evacuees will feel more comfortable at the homes of friends or relatives, and many shelters will not allow pets.

Take steps to reduce the chance of your home catching fire or

lessen the amount of damage from a nearby fire only if you are sure you have time to do so.

If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. There may be only minutes to act.

Wear protective clothing such as sturdy shoes, cotton or woolen clothing, long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, and a handkerchief to protect your face. These items will help protect against hot embers and smoke.

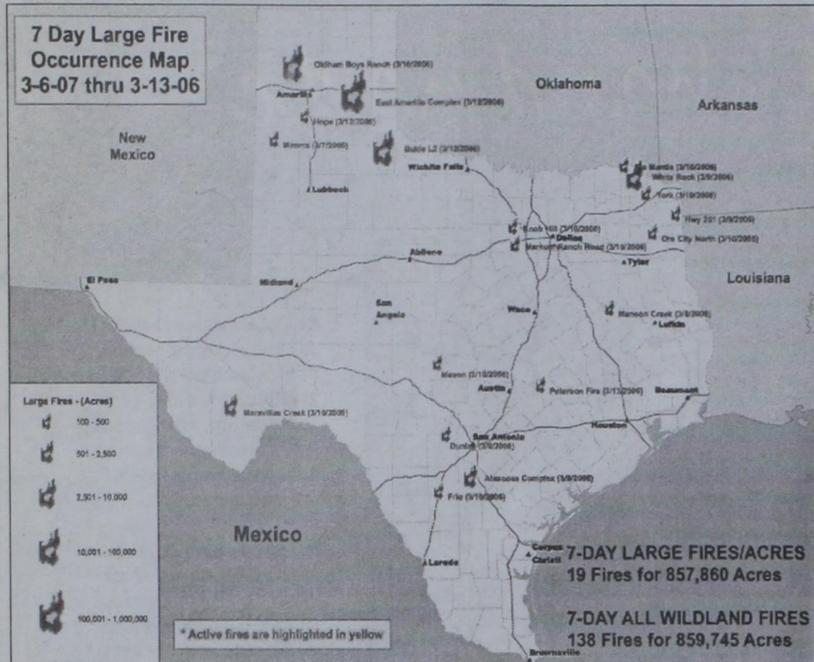
Take a disaster supplies kit. Pack needed medications and other

small supplies for everyone in the household.

Lock your home. There may be others who evacuate after you or return before you. Secure your house as you normally would.

Tell someone outside of the wildfire area where you are going. This will help relieve fear and anxiety of relatives and friends.

Choose a route away from fire hazards. Follow escape routes given by local officials, if offered. Watch for changes in the speed and direction of fire and smoke.



Texas Forest Service Large Fire Occurrence Map

Hansford County Responds to Texas Wildfire

According to Bret Burgin with the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department, practically all of the volunteers went at least once and some went twice to help with the massive wildfire that consumed over 600 thousand acres of land in the Texas Panhandle on Sunday and Monday.

Ron Antalek was with the crew on Sunday. They were first called out to a fire in Sherman county; then later to another one approximately 45 south of Perryton. Ron told us that it was the worst fire in his thirty three years of fire fighting. Antalek had these comments, "Even though we have 20 volunteers on the fire department we always need more help but they need to come down and get trained and be ready to help with the next

fires. Plus we need EMT's everyday and especially for fires and other emergencies."

Burgin reported that on Monday they were stationed out of Miami (north and about 15 miles west; then to Hwy 70 north of Pampa). Burgin stated, "I wouldn't have believed this fire if I hadn't seen. In my 15 years (of fire fighting) this is the worst wildfire I have ever seen or heard of. It looked like a war zone."

Gruver Fire Chief, Sam Gruver, reported that their department first reported to Sunray on Sunday to work that fire. Then later he dispatched two trucks with about 7 men to Skellytown and Pampa. They were on duty from about 4:30 until 2:30. Then on Monday one of this trucks with three guys went to

the McLean area from about 9:30 am until 4:30.

Sam told us that his guys said this was the most devastating fire they had ever seen. Just miles and miles of nothing but BLACK.

It has been reported that over 200 electrical poles, livestock, fence, buildings, 36 homes and 11 deaths were just some of the damages. What we need to remember is and be in prayer about is the number of years it took the people effected to acquire their way of life and in just moments it was gone. It will take months and years to return. The short term effect will include but not be limited to land erosion due to wind and rain. The long term has not been added up as yet.

Help Needed for Ranchers in Wake of Fires

by Kay Ledbetter

Generous donations of hay, materials and cash are coming into the region to help ranchers hit hard by Texas' largest-ever grass fires, a Texas Cooperative Extension leader said.

People have started calling into various locations and agencies wanting to help ranchers who are dealing with replacing their fences and feeding their animals, said Dr. Bob Robinson, Extension regional program director for agriculture and natural resources. The resources and donations are sorely needed, he said.

"We've been in a drought situation for the past six months that has required supplemental feeding of

our cattle because of the lack of forage," Robinson said. "The fires complicated this problem. They burned any remaining forage we had."

The drought had affected all of Texas and Oklahoma and the hay inventory was already low, so anything is appreciated, he said.

A major need is help with transportation of these materials, Robinson said.

"There are donations of hay and cotton burs, but we don't have any way to get them from one place to another," he said.

Staging areas have been set up in various counties for supplies and donations. People who want to help or need help can make the fol-

lowing contacts:

- Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau at (806) 665-8451 is accepting cash and materials. Ranchers needing items should call the same number. Donations also can be made through the Texas Farm Bureau office at (254) 751-2246, or through www.txfb.org.
- Texas Cattle Feeders Association is coordinating a hay donation also. For more information contact Burt Rutherford at (806) 358-3681.
- The Texas Department of Agriculture Hay Hotline can be accessed at (877) 429-1998 or by going to the Website: www.agr.state.tx.us.

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