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Social Security Outlook Mostly Unchanged: Depletion in 2041 The financial prospects for the U.S. Social Security and Medicare program trust funds showed no marked deterioration in the past year, an annual report on the retirement and health care plans said on Wednesday.

**Texas Summit Reaches** Agreement on Security, Trade President Bush and the leaders of Canada and Mexico papered over trade and immigration disputes on

Wednesday as they agreed to improve security and unify business practices to confront competi-

tion from Asia. Minnesota School Shooter

Bright But Troubled Teen A Chippewa Indian boy who carried out the deadliest U.S. school shooting in six years was a bright youngster beset by family tragedy who rebelled in both the clothes he wore and a fascination with neo-Nazi beliefs, according to details emerging Wednesday.

UK Troops Set to Stay in Iraq Until 2006 - Report British forces will likely be needed in Iraq until at least 2006, an influential parliamentary committee said on Thursday in a report that pointed to a series of post-war 'mistakes and misjudgments."

Annan's Son Faces Fresh Allegations in UN Scandal The United Nations on Wednesday faced fresh allegations against Secretary-General Kofi Annan's son in the oil-for-food scandal but predicted the U.N. chief himself would be vindicated.

> Arab Leaders Relaunch Peace Offer

Arab leaders on Wednesday offered Israel normal relations in return for withdrawal to 1967 borders -- a condition which Israel has repeatedly rejected.

Monaco's Prince Rainier on

Respirator in Hospital Monaco's Prince Rainier has been attached to an artificial respirator in hospital to aid his breathing because of a lung infection com-plicated by cardiac and kidney problems, his palace said Wednesday.

Silent Pope Appears But Health Concerns Remain A silent Pope John Paul appeared at his Vatican window on Wednesday but his pained and brief showing left serious concerns over his health.

Iraq Says 85 Militants Killed

at Rebel Base The Iraqi government said on Wednesday its forces killed 85 insurgents at a rebel training camp north of Baghdad, in what would be one of highest guerrilla death tolls in the two-year insurgency.

Europe Buries Qualms Over Wolfowitz at World Bank Europe buried misgivings over

Washington's nomination of Iraq war architect Paul Wolfowitz to head the World Bank on Wednesday, making clear that it would not stand in his way.

EU Retreats on Deregulation to Save French Vote

3U leaders sent a disputed bill to deregulate the European market in services back to the drawing board on Wednesday in a victory for French President Jacques Chirac but a setback for bold economic reform plans.

Pressure Mounting on North Korea for Nuclear Talks North Korea came under renewed pressure on Wednesday to return to six-country talks on its nuclear program as its premier, Pak Pong-ju, met Chinese President Hu Jintao in Beijing.

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain in the evening. Lows in the lower 30s. Northwest winds around 15 mph shifting to the

northeast after midnight. FRIDAY - Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of rain and snow in the morning - then a slight chance of rain in the afternoon. Cooler. Highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy. Chance of rain in the evening - then a chance of snow and rain after midnight. Lows around 30. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent.

SATURDAY - Cloudy. Chance of snow in the morning - then a chance of snow and rain in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 30s. Chance of precipitation 50 per-

SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow. Lows in the upper 20s. SUNDAY - Partly cloudy.

Highs in the upper 40s. SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy in the evening then clearing. Lows in the mid 30s.

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# Hansford County Library receives Tocker grant

received word today that they will referral centers and provide litera- Tocker Foundation, Hansford be receiving a grant from the cy and bilingual programs. The Tocker Foundation once again this year. The Tocker Foundation was established in 1964 by Phillip and Olive Tocker as a general philanthropic foundation and to help disadvantaged high school graduates obtain a college education. In 1992, the foundation board decided rural libraries in Texas serving a years. These grants have enabled in this section of the library are on individuals who by reason of distance, residence, handicap, age, literacy level or other disadvantage are unable to receive the benefits of

foundation partners with community libraries to meet the particular we currently have for our patrons. needs of the community.

been the recipient of at least one book spinner for the younger chil-Tocker grant each year since 1995. dren's portion of the library and This foundation has generously two table top spinners to house given our library over \$44,000 in children's audio books in the junior to focus grant distribution to small grant monies during the past ten section. Many of the audio books population of 12,000 or less. The our library to add a video collec- the Accelerated Reading program direction is to assist libraries in tion for both children and adults, at both the elementary and junior making service more accessible to expand our children's audio book high campuses. These additional collection, expand our reference shelving units will alleviate crowdcollection, purchase several addi- ing on existing shelves and make tional shelving and display units, choosing a book or audio book begin a collection in Spanish for public library services. Grants are both children and adults and purdistributed to assisting libraries to chase furniture for our computers.

The Hansford County Library serve as community information Without the generosity of the County Library would not be able to offer many of the services that

The 2005 Tocker Grant will be Hansford County Library has used to purchase an additional much easier.



Artist Jon Birdsong, right, demonstrates a painting technique to Spearman High School art students. Mr. Birdsong was in Spearman on Friday, making presentations to two Spearman High School art classes during the day, and was featured at an art show at Zulu Art Academy Friday evening, with over 34 people in attendance.

## **TxDOT** to host informational meeting

2000 S. Main in Perryton.

This informational meeting will the meeting for public comment.

The Texas Department of also explain how the department Transportation is hosting an infor- plans transportation projects. They mation meeting on Thursday, will cover transportation plans for March 31, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at the all areas of the Panhandle and the Perryton Chamber of Commerce, city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be pre-The TxDOT is seeking public sented, as well as the criteria used input regarding the current for selecting individual projects. Transportation Improvement Plan Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at Amarillo.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited top five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive in

# Att. Gen. Abbott celebrates Sunshine Week

Abbott today commemorated "Sunshine Week" by praising the Legislature in its efforts to pass legislation that would require all government education, and would place the Office of the Attorney Sunshine Week was observed March 13-19.

"I am committed to ensuring Texas government operates in the sunshine," Attorney General Abbott said. "One way we can do that is to strengthen open government laws so all public officials in Texas know what the law requires

The legislation, filed by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, and Rep. Todd Baxter, R-Austin, would require public officials to take an open government education course conducted by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), or other training approved by the OAG. To ensure public officials stay abreast of the laws, they must take mandatory training every two years.

The proposed training would

Texas Attorney General Greg include a background of legal answers more than 10,000 calls per requirements for open records and meetings, as well as how the laws apply to a specific official's workplace. Coursework also would public officials to undergo open remind officials of their responsibility to request guidance from the OAG's Open Records Division in General in charge of certifying the making decisions about whether training. The first-ever national certain requested information should remain confidential.

In recent years, the Attorney General's Office has seen an explosion in the number of requests from public officials for open records rulings. In fiscal year 2004 alone, the OAG received 11.300 such requests - an almost 50 percent increase since 2002. The OAG issues an average of 45 open records rulings per day and

year on its Open Government

Abbott concluded: "Government officials are stewards of the public trust, and we have a duty to be as transparent as possible in the way the public's business is conducted. Making training available early can help prevent inadvertent compliance problems and ensure our government remains open to the interest of all Texans.'

The Open Records Division provides an Open Government Hotline that can answer questions about the Public Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. The Hotline can be reached at 512-478-6736 or toll-free at 877-673-6839.

# Women's Guild loliday Bake Sale

Fri.., March 25th . Lowe's Marketplace 8 a.m. until sold out



Marvin Bowers for his eleven years of service to Five Star

# Five Star hosts customer appreciation banquet

Five Star Equipment held their 17th annual Customer Appreciation Banquet on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman with 213 people in attendance. Musical entertainment for the evening was provided by the Green

Five Star Equipment opened for business in 1987 as a partnership

between Richey Thompson, Buford Baker, Steven Poole, Steve Benton and Jan Williamson. Outside investors included Don Allen, J.W. Ward, Burton Schubert, Marshall Benton, Mike Garnett, Roy Pipkin, Billy Boatwright, Ward Spivey and Wood Craig.

The business now supports 12 full-time employees and two part-time

"The purpose of this banquet is to thank everyone for being a part of our business and to express our appreciation for their support," stated Richey Thompson. "It is our way of giving something back to our cus-

# Moore retires from H&H Water Well Service



Don Moore recently retired from H&H Water Well Service, Inc. after 42 years of service.

Don Moore of Spearman recently retired after working for 42 years of service to H&H Water Sell Service, Inc.

Moore, who was known as a man of all trades, began working for Jerry and Steve Holton in April of 1963.

When asked to sum up their feelings about Don, the employees at H&H responded, "Colossians 3:23 says it best - Whatever you do, work

at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Upon his retirement, Don plans to work full-time at his carpet busi-

ness, Golden Spread Carpet Sales. "I will really miss all my friends at H&H," said Don, "but I am look-

ing forward to working for myself."



by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My friends Tommy and Sandy Russell sent me the following story entitled "The Best Day of My Life." May you enjoy the best day of your life this Easter, and beyond.

# The Best Day of My Life Today, when I awoke, I suddenly realized that this is

the best day of my life, ever

There were times when I wondered if I would make it to today; but I did!

And because I did I'm going to celebrate!

Today, I'm going to celebrate what an unbelievable life I have had so far: the accomplishments, the many blessings, and, yes, even the hardships because they have served to make me stronger.

I will go through this day with my head held high and a happy heart.

I will marvel at God's seemingly simple gifts: the morning dew, the sun, the clouds, the trees, the flowers, the birds.

Today, none of these miraculous creations will escape my notice

Today, I will share my excitement for life with other people.

I'll make someone smile.

I'll go out of my way to perform an unexpected act of kindness for someone I don't even know. Today, I'll give a sincere compliment to someone who seems down. I'll tell a child how special he is, and I'll tell someone I love just how deeply I care for them and how much they mean to me.

Today is the day I quit worrying about what I don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things God has already given me. I'll remember that to worry is just a waste of time because my faith in God and his Divine Plan ensures everything will be just fine.

And tonight, before I go to bed, I'll go outside and raise my eyes to the heavens. I will stand in awe at the beauty of the stars and the moon, and I will praise God for these magnificent treasures.

As the day ends and I lay my head down on my pillow, I will thank the Almighty for the best day of my life. And I will sleep the sleep of a contented child, excited with expectation because

I know tomorrow is going to be the best day of my life,

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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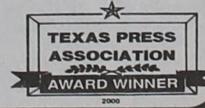
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# Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Parish Lay Minister Candidate

The solemn trials of Lent have passed and the joy of Easter is upon us. In the early church, during Lent the new Christian candidates were instructed in the Faith and after the Easter eve vigil, on the Dawn of Easter morn, the Cross was raised from the sepulcher and placed at the altar. Then, the candidates were baptized and raised to a new life in Christ as the joyous Easter celebration of Christ's resurrection commenced.

Easter is the centerpiece of our church year. The connection between Passover and Easter in not accidental; the connection is real and ideal. As the paschal lamb was given for the salvation of Israel in Egypt, so the "Paschal Lamb" of Christ was given for salvation for all.

Our texts are Psalm 118; Acts 10: 34-43; Colossians 3: 1-11; and, John 1-18. The Psalmist cries, "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever!" In Acts, Peter announces, "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him". Paul exhorts us to, "set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory." John tells us the story of the empty tomb, in which the first bearer of the "Good News" of Christ's resurrection was a woman, Mary Magdalene.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice! The Faith Community of Believers, the Church, is inclusive, all are welcome! Christ is Risen! May the Holy Spirit open your hearts to the joy of Christ's resurrection.

# Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

Museum Happenings

Wes Reeves, representing XCEL Energy, visited the museum on Friday, March 18 and presented was a grant check of \$750 XCEL Energy has been a friend of the museum for several years assisting us with our many projects. Judge Willis Smith received the check on behave of the museum board.

New Item is gift shop: Mood pencils, they change colors as you hold them, slogan "I am always in the Mood to learn about History."

### **Lipscomb County History** Prairie Dog revisited

May 28, 1964 has spent most of a life-time in the Panhandle, one of the most wonderful places in the United States.

At the beginning I will go back two generations to tell of this Panhandle country which I am proud to claim as my home...

When I came to the Panhandle for the first time to claim it as my home, the year was 1908. I was a mere chap, seven years old at the time. One of the first things my

Dad asked me when we got to Texas was what I wanted to do, and I told him I wanted to be a cowboy, as I had heard so much about the Texas Cowboys.

My father bought me my first saddle from E.C. Gray. This saddle was the one that Charles and Earl Gray had learned to ride with.

The first real cowboy work that I remember seeing happened on Camp Creek about four miles northwest of Higgins. My dad and I saddled up our horses and went with Frank Ewing to his west pasture to look after his cattle. ...Mr. Ewing was riding a little bay horse named Peanuts. Mr. Ewing saw an animal that needed doctoring; so he As time goes on, one cannot help took down his rope, which was thinking of the past, the days gone about 35 feet long, and roped the by, the "good old days." This writer critter. Then he and old Peanuts went around and around the animal, until they had the rope around its legs several times; then they jerked him down and Frank tied him, doctored him and turned him

> I thought Frank Ewing was a real cowboy, and he turned out to be one of the best friends I have ever

> > Jewell LaGeal Dixon (Prairie Dog)

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

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

# This Week in History

1852- Uncle Tom's Cabin, serialized in an abolitionist newspaper the year before, is published in book form, and a million copies are sold within six months. According to Harriet Beecher Stowe, "God wrote it. I merely wrote his dictation.'

1868- Sorosis, America's first professional club for women, is founded in New York City.

This is first week of Spring, and the celebration of Easter: The word 'Easter" is named after Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. A fesrival was held in her honor every year at the vernal equinox.

People celebrate this holiday according to their beliefs and their reli-

gious denominations. All in some way or another are a "salute to spring' marking re-birth. Christians commemorate Good Friday as the day that Jesus Christ died and Easter Sunday as the day that He was resurrected. The Easter Bunny and Easter Eggs originate from European and Roman Customs. The Easter Bunny was originally the Easter-Hare. and children went on Easter hunts because they believed that hares laid eggs in the grass. The Romans believed that all Life comes from an egg. Christians consider eggs to be "the seed of life" and so they are symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Why we dye and decorate is not known but in medieval Europe, beautifully decorated eggs were given as

In England, Germany, children rolled eggs down hills on Easter morning, a game which has been connected to the rolling away of the rock

from Jesus Christ's tomb when he was resurrected.

Dolly Madison organized an egg roll in Washington, D.C. on the New Capitol Lawn. It was moved to the White House in 1880 after Congress complained that the Capitol Lawn was being damaged. The annual egg roll is the only day of the year when tourists are allowed to wander over the White House Lawn. Adults are allowed only when accompanied by

Easter Parades originated after celebrants bought new clothes for Easter and wore them to church. After church services, everyone went for a walk around the town. The most famous is along Fifth Avenue in New York City.

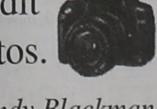
provided by Virginia Scott

## Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Temperatures were below average. Traces of rain and 8 to 15 inches of snow were reported. Conditions halted land preparation activities. Wheat was rated good to excellent and continued to make excellent growth. Weeds, Russian wheat aphids and greenbugs were reported. Rangeland conditions were variable. Early spring grass growth should be excellent. Cattle were rated fair to good. Active supplement feeding was reported. Feedlots are muddy.

# Digital Camera Class

Learn to import scan and edit digital photos.



If interested, contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233. Class time and dates will be set if there is enough interest.



**Prairie Rivers Musical** 

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

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 28, 2005. 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.

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 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 eceive 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 to each school office. The last day to submit register tapes is Thursday, March 31, 2005.

The Tri-State Rodeo is now accepting donations for the Colt Cluck Memorial Scholarship. Donations may be mailed to: Colt Cluck Memorial Scholarship, Tri-State Rodeo, PO Box 1414, Canyon, Texas 79015. For more information, contact Craig Cooper at (806) 733-5200.

Colt Cluck Memorial Tri-State Rodeo Scholarship

Pot O'Gold Dinner, Dance & Calcutta

The O'Loughlin Center will host their annual Pot O' Gold Dinner, Dance and Calcutta on Saturday, April 2nd at 7 p.m. For more information, call 659-3030.

Reel in a Cure

The Hansford Division Board of Directors for the American Heart Association will host a Reel in a Cure Heart Banquet on Saturday, April 16, 2005 at the O'Loughlin Center in Spearman. This year's benefit will be in memory of T.J. Bergin. The evening begins at 6:15 p.m. with the silent auction, featuring an assortment of heart-felt items from generous local merchants. A steak dinner prepared by the Williams Family will be served bo a host of local celebrities at 7 p.m. A live auction will be held at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from any of the following board members: Kay Hobbs, Patricia Bratton, Charolotte Bergin, Amy Babbs, Carolyn Cummings, Peggy Frick, Darlene Pierce, Margaret Ralston, Pennye Ralston, Anita Sumner or Anna Beth Wood. Sponsorships are available.

ABC's of Computer Safety

The West Texas A & M University Small Business Development Center will be presenting the ABC's of Computer Safety on March 29, 2005.

Randall Whipple of COA Technologies will be presenting a seminar to assist participants in using proven methods to protect their computer from virus attacks, email spam, popups and spy ware. This seminar will cover basic procedures as well as demonstrating software installation methods. If you're interested in keeping your computer working properly, this seminar is for you. Time: March 29, 2005 from 6 to 8 p.m. Location: Small Business Development Center located at 2300 N. Western, Amarillo, TX 79124. Cost: \$35.00. To register please call 806-372-5151 or visit our website at www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcenter.com

**Project Graduation Fund Raiser** 

Project Graduation, an event sponsored by the parents of the Class of 2005 to provide a safe and memorable activity following commencement exercises, is hosting a Pizza Hut fund-raiser on Monday, April 11th, Tuesday, May 3rd, and Monday, June 7th. When accompanied by a Project Graduation form, the Spearman Pizza Hut is graciously donating 20% of receipt proceeds to this worthy project. Forms may be picked up as you enter the Pizza Hut. Parents and students of the class of 2005 encourage you to mark your calendar to patronize the Pizza Hut on these dates. Thank you for your help in making this fund-raiser a success!

Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship

The Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship
The Marjorie Urban Memorial Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2005-2006 school year. The committee anticipates this to be a \$1000 scholarship, funded at \$500 per semester. The scholarship is limited to students majoring in music or religion, but not limited to 2005 graduates. Applications may be picked up and returned to Perryton National Bank, or your high school counselor. The deadline is April 1st. For more information, call (806) 435-9641.

**Digital Camera Class** A digital camera class is being offered. Anyone interested in learning now to import, scan and edit digital photos is encouraged to attend. interested, contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233. The class time and dates will be set if there is enough interest.

West Texas Economic Development Summit HUB

Texas Tech University will host their Third Annual West Texas Economic Development Summit HUB forum, which will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center in Lubbock. The Summit is a daylong conference designed to help West Texas businesses learn the appropriate procedures for doing business with state and federal agencies, as well as allow them to meet one-onone with public sector contracting officials from the major state/federal agencies to learn about statewide procurement opportunities. Over 42 booth registrants and over 200 West Texas businesses from Amarillo, Abilene, El Paso, Plainview, Lubbock, San Angelo and beyond will be in attendance. This year's speaker will be MR. Don Powell, Chairman of the FDIC in Washington, DC.

"Let Freedom Sing"

The Barbershop Harmony Society "The Wizards of Harmony," Liberal's Barbershop Chorus, presents "Let Freedom Sing" featuring the 12th Street Rag and Zing, on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Liberal High School Auditorium in Liberal, Kansas. This presentation will be held in memory of Dr. Earl Novak of Spearman. Advance tickets are \$7 and tickets at the door will be \$8; student tickets (18 and under) are \$3. For tickets at the door will be \$8; student tickets (18 and under) are \$3. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call or write: Wizards of Harmony, 1504 N. Carlton Ave., Liberal, KS 67901-2123; (620) 624-4006. An afterglow will be held immediately following the show in the high school cafeteria. Afterglow tickets are sold at the door and include food and drink.

2005 Severe Weather Workshop Slated

The Amarillo National Weather Service, Amarillo Department of Emergency Management and Pantex will host a Severe Weather Workshop on Saturday, April 5, 2005. It will be held at the Civic Center Heritage Room in downtown Amarillo and is open to the public, free of charge. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., presentations begin at 10 a.m. and the workshop ends at 5 p.m. For additional info, please call the Amarillo NWS at 806-335-1121 or visit our website at www.srh.noaa.gov/ama.

Perryton Girls Softball Association

The Perryton Girls Softball Association is now registering girls for the youth summer fastpitch softball leagues. They hope to offer leagues for girls ages 8-9, 10-12 and 13-15. Games begin around mid May and finsh around the first of July. The registrations can be picked up at the Animal Clinic of Perryton, 20 SW 24th Ave. The registration fee is \$45 and scholarships are available. Registrations must be turned in by 5 p.m. April 14, 2005. The PGSA is a nonprofit organization that provides leagues to promote good softball skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and self confidence in a positive environment. All girls are allowed to play regardless of their ability to pay the registration fee or skill level. For more information, call 435-6866.

Private Pesticide Applicator Training & Testing
A Private Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing session will be held
on Monday, March 28, 2005. The training and testing will begin at 8 a.m. and end at noon. This is for all area agricultural producers who wish to buy and apply restricted use pesticides. Training cost is \$10. For more information, contact Scott Strawn at (806) 435-4501.

Town & Country Extension Homemakers
The Town and Country Country Extension homemakers are collecting embroidery thread, small scissors and embroidery needles for women in South Africa. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Annetta McIver at 659-3533 or Judy Yarbrough at 659-3526. The items will be taken to the district meeting on April 12th.

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 24 Birthday - Dillion 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 Grotegut, Scott Jarvis, Jason Ward, Nellie Albrect, Oscar Rojas Jr., Kendra Kay Burke, Mike Dixon, Donna Brogdo, 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, Tanda 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 March 27

Birthday - Tommy Boone, Diana Stork, Carol Scroggs, Ylanda DeLuna, Bill Stevens, Wanda Wagner, Anthony Wilkerson, Clark Dunaway, Urban, Debbie Herrington, Michael McCarney, J.D. Schick

Anniversary - Steve and Debbie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boyd

March 28 Birthday - Ryan Renteria, Roma Tomlinson, Janet Cudd, Mandi Lair, Ray Hawkins, Jarrett Hendricks, Ross Jarvis, Byrnice Callaway, Rick Riggins, Castillo. Carlos Janet Scarborough, Mickey Schoenhals, Mark Hodges, Verna Strawn, Colten King, Tyrell King

Anniversary - M/M Larry Clawson, M/M Howard Hefley, M/M Jerry Tipps, M/M Richard Carter

March 29 Birthday - Lacy Barkley, Dixie Karlin, Joshua Kirby, Jessica

Stork, Josephine Salgado, Scott Beedy, Melissa Taylor, Wanda Burke, Tiki Farrar, Chad Guthrie, David West, Marg Cook, Janis Maupin, Josh Harris, Jeann Thompson, Scot Martin, Ruth Shields, Ramon Garcia Jr., Greyson Karlin

March 30 Birthday - Jesus Favela, Loni Lamb, Vi Hornsby, Mrs. Elmer Longley, Nikki Strawn, Grady Cline, Denae Baker, Jimmy Blan, Heather Cline, Krystal Burkhammer, Shane Atwood, Mike Schick, Marvin Sparks, **Dorothy Longley** 

Anniversary - M/M Ruben De Santiago

March 31 Birthday - Reaetta Gammon, Crystal Gruver, Ken Jones. Comfort Winders, Patterson, Nellie Buchanan, Dionne Pencille, Santiago Tercero Jr., Johnny Vernon, Cheryl Linde, Jolinda Wilson, David Flowers, Cortney Valdez, Teresa Carter, Weston Castillo, Kenton Johnson

Anniversary - M/M Chuck Sparkman, M/M Daniel Miser, M/M Jim Bass, M/M Dan Carthel, M/M Allan Beasley

April 1 Birthday - Cynthia Henson, Matt Messer, Chris Stork, Wayne Ware, Bob Hohertz, Lorie Acevedo, Jack Duncan, Tanner Brown, Elizabeth Duncan, Ashlynn Miner April 2

Birthday - Margaret Odom, Dorothy O'Connell, Norma Hermosillo, Kyle Keim, Steve Templeton, Pam Barber, Phillip Turner, Amy Schoenhals, Paulene Galvon, Eugene

Anniversary - Bob & Debra Dennis

April 3 Birthday - Bob Gillispie, Don Remmel, Brenda Rudolph. Pam Buzzard, Teri Taylor, Bill Gaither, Doris Beck, Jeff Williamson, Eric Varnon, Ryan Noble, Jared Bass, Tracy Graham Katie Baehler, Betty

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# Our Sympathy

R.L. McFARLIN JR.

SPEARMAN - R.L. McFarlin Jr., 65, died Wednesday, March 16, 2005, in Amarillo. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2005 in Spearman High

School Auditorium with the Rev. Ken Cole and John Scott officiating. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mr. McFarlin was born Jan. 25, 1940, in Oakgrove, La. After graduat-

ing from high school in 1958 from Dumas, he joined the Army. He was with the 1st Infantry Division, 24th Infantry Division and the 508th Military Police. He had lived in the area since 1966, moving from Dumas. He married Kaye Boyles on Dec. 22, 1961, in Dumas.

He later worked for the Dumas Police Department, Canadian Police Department and finally the Spearman Police Department before becoming a deputy sheriff for J.B. Cooke in Hansford County. In September 1973, he was appointed sheriff, becoming the youngest elected sheriff in Hansford County. He was sheriff of Hansford County from 1973 until 2004, making him the second-longest serving sheriff in the state of Texas.

He was president of the sheriff's Association of Texas in 1985 and 1986. Through the years he received many recognitions such as Who's Who in American Law Enforcement in 1976 and the Tom Tellepson Award in 1989, which is the highest award given to a Texas sheriff for outstanding contributions to the advancement of law enforcement. He received the Lifesaving Award in 1995, the Medal of Valor from the state of Texas and he also organized and formed the Panhandle Peace Officers Association, which he served a year as president.

He is actually an "Admiral in the Texas Navy" commissioned by George W. Bush. He was recently given the Texas Peacemaker Award at the 2004 Sheriffs Conference in Wichita Falls. There are many more awards and honors R.L. Has received. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Spearman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, R.L. and Fannie McFarlin; a son, Gregory Scott McFarlin in 1972; and a brother, Mike McFarlin.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Kellye McFarlin Cator of Spearman and Robbie McFarlin Pulley and husband, David, of Amarillo; two sisters, Bobbie Hazzard of Baker, Okla., and Eloise West of Pasadena; seven grandsons, Casey Robert Cator, Dakota Mac Cator, Kyler Allen Cator, Colton Marshall Davis Cator, Gregory Zane Pulley, Kelton Lane Pulley and Parker Dane Pulley.

The family suggests memorials be to the Sheriffs Association of Texas; the Greg McFarlin Outstanding Lawman of the Year Award; or a favorite

# Card of Thanks Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who thought of us in the loss of our little Hannah. Thank you for the flowers, cards, food, and especially the prayers. A special thank you to Terry Ann Porter for your thoughtfulness. Brett Coates, Kerri Henson Coates, Dean and Seth Coates and Wanda

# NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF NORTH PLAINS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors of North Plains Electric Cooperative, In met at the Cooperative's head-quarters located in Perryton, Texas, of March 2, 2005. Three Directors shall be elected by and from the members at the 61st annual meeting of the Cooperative to be held on April 18, 2005, for a term of three years. The committee has prepared and posted at the Cooperative headquarters a list of nominations for Directors to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each directorate district. Those nominated include:

District 1

District 3 District 4 Ira Harbour **Travis Patterson** Johnny Scribner David Sell

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

### JAMES RATLIFF

RANGER - James Ratliff, 81 years old, passed away March 23, 2005 in Ranger, Tx. He is survived by his wife Jean Ratliff, a son A. J. Ratliff previously of Gruver and a daughter Anabelle and son in-law Joe Allen of

Funeral services will be at the United Methodist Church in Ranger at 10:00 am Friday, March 25, 2005. Arrangements by Edwards Funeral Home Ranger, Tx.

Memorials can be made to the Gruver EMS or the Gruver United Methodist Church.

### LORETTA BOYD

AMARILLO - Loretta Boyd, 90, of Amarillo died Sunday, March 20,

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2005 in Hansford Cemetery in Spearman with the Rev. Jim Medley officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home, 4100 S. Georgia St. Mrs. Boyd was born in Spearman on June 19, 1914, to Ed and Ruby

Wilbanks in Hansford County. She married Mallie Hoyt Boyd on Nov. 5, 1934, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death in 1945. After his death, she returned to Amarillo and lived here for the past 60 years. She was a loving mother and "father" to her children. She enjoyed

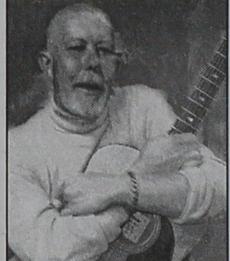
spending time with her family and working in her yard. She retired from both Phillips Petroleum and Pantex. She was a devout Christian. She studied the word and prayed for her family daily. She was a member of First Assembly of God for more than 50 years. In later years, she joined San Jacinto Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; and a brother.

Survivors include a daughter, Sally David and husband, Troy, of Denison; two sons, Ron Boyd and wife, Cheri, of Amarillo and James Boyd and wife, Carol, of Bandera; a sister, JoAnn Hawkins and husband, Jeff, of Spearman; 11 grandchildren, Kyle, Joretta, Scott, Shannon, Melissa, Will, Andrew, Todd, Jason, Hilli and Abbe; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 2201 Civic Circle, Suite 514, Amarillo, TX 79109 or to Boy Scouts of America, 401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo, TX 79124.

### DON EDD WATSON



GUYMON, OKLA. - Don Edd Watson, 59, passed away Friday, March 18, 2005 at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo, Texas.

He was born in Littlefield, Texas on January 13, 1946 to Jimmie and Clara Watson. Don was raised in Gruver. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Following his discharge, Don worked as an air traffic controller and then was involved in the roofing and sharpening busi-

He is survived by his sister, Nan Watkins of Lubbock; son Ty Watson and wife, Gloria of Tyler; two grandsons; and his friend and

caregiver, Susan Seal of Guymon.

A memorial service will be held in the Gruver Cemetery at a later date. Military interment was at the National Cemetery in Sante Fe, New Mexico on Monday, March 21, 2005.

Memorials will be accepted for a memorial marker to be placed at his parents grave in Gruver. Memorials will be accepted at Bunch-Roberts Funeral home, PO Box 1112, Guymon, Okla. 73942.

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.
Evening Worship: 7 p.m.
Men's Bible Study - Wed., 7 a.m.
Children's Choir - Wed, 6 p.m. Adult Choir - Wed. 7 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Pastor - Jim Medley

Church of Christ 121 S. Haney • 659-3244 Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Bible Study Wed.: 7:30 p.m. KRDF Radio Program Living W/Christ: 7:50 a.m. Minister - Leonard Harper

Sacred Heart Catholic Church 901 Roland • 659-2792 Sat. Night Mass: 5:30 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. - English (aired on KRDF-FM 98.3) Sun. Mass: 11:30 - Spanish 1:30 p.m.. - Gruver - Christo Rendentor Mass - Spanish Rev. Guillermo Morales

First United Methodist 407 S. Haney • 659-5503 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Jr. High Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday High School: 6 p.m.. Sunday Kids Club: 3 p.m. Wed. Pastor - Derrel Evins

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Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA) 1101 Bernice • 659-2252 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. (Worships with Grace Presbyterian Church) Pastor - Beverly Cook

Union Church 31 S. Endicott • 659-2644 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Evening Worship; 6 p.m. Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed Pastor - Bill Sparks

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Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

Church of Christ 209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7:00 p.m. Minister - Gaylord Cook

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

**Gruver United Methodist** Broadway & Garrett 733-2651 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.

Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.

Pastor - George Price

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-Stinson Gibner

### Flags of Our Fathers by James Bradley

In late February, a memorial service in Fredericksburg, Texas, honored the marines and sailors who died 60 years ago in the Battle of Iwo Jima. Home of the National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg was also hometown to Admiral Chester Nimitz and to General Michael Hagee, the current commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps who attended the memorial services. The commemoration also included, on February 19th, a reenactment of the capture of Mount Suribachi. The capture of this 550 foot tall volcanic crater, the highest point on Iwo Jima, lead to the most famous photograph in the history of the Pacific war: a picture of six men raising the American flag.

One of the six men in this photograph was John "Doc" Bradley. Only after John Bradley passed away did his son, James, discover the details of his father's involvement in this famous photograph. John had always deflected any questions about his service in the Pacific, refusing to answer questions from reporters or from his own family. James spent four years researching information about all six of the men in the photograph and about many of the other marines with whom they served. The fascinating result, Flags of Our Fathers, is a chronicle of these men and of the battle which would change them all.

Iwo Jima was not just another battle in the Pacific. More men died in the first day of this battle than were killed in two and a half months on Guadalcanal. The beach at Normandy was secured within 24 hours; but securing the beach on Iwo Jima took two weeks. In this battle, the victors incurred more casualties, about 26,000, than the 22,000 Japanese who were defeated. Reports about this battle reportedly brought tears to the eyes of President Franklin Roosevelt.

Flags of Our Fathers is a testament not only to the six men in the photograph but to all who fought on Iwo Jima and in the Pacific. Although that experience is beyond understanding, this book paints a vivid picture of the battle and some of the thoughts of the men fighting it. It provides insights into the training and bonding which allowed men to continue to perform their duties under such terrible conditions and their deep commitment to help each other. Admiral Chester Nimitz paid homage to these men by saying that, "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

The first thirteen pages of Flags of Our Fathers is as moving a chapter as I can remember reading. The book reminds us once again of the debt we owe to those who sacrificed so much to defend our freedom.

Stinson Gibner graduated as valedictorian from Spearman High School during the late Ice Ages. After traveling to Rice University and then Pasadena, California in search of warmth, he came back to Texas. Stinson, now a frequent visitor to Spearman, currently lives in Houston, Texas where he has survived both natural and man-made catastrophes. In his spare time, he does quantitative financial risk management for Citigroup. He can be reached at psg@writeme.com.



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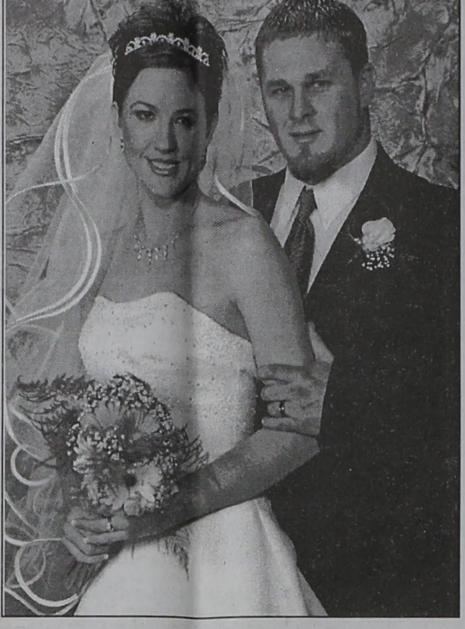
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# Shields, Hudson wed

Kyna Karissa Shields of Spearman and Joseph Lee Hudson of Amarillo exchanged vows on February 12, 2005 at 12 noon in Amarillo, Texas with Judge Haven Dysart officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Lonnie and Le Ann Shields of Spearman. The groom's parents are Pamela and Richard Hudson of Amarillo.

The couple will reside in Amarillo.

# Cooper, Thomas wed

Johnny Cooper and Misty Thomas were united in marriage on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at 3 p.m. The ceremony was held at the park in Matador, Texas.

Johnny is the son of Darla Reed of Spearman and the late Dale Cooper. Misty is the daughter of Richard and Darlene Thomas of Matador.

Johnny is a correctional officer for the Smith Unit in Lamesa. Misty is a teacher for a Head Start program in Brownfield.

The couple will reside in Brownfield, Texas.

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# College Corner

Honor Roll

Oklahoma State University

A total of 4,240 students were named to the Fall 2004 honor rolls at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, including 1,390 students who received all "A" grades and were named to the President's Honor Roll.

Full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 4.00 and with no incomplete grade, were placed on the President's Honor Roll.

Students who completed 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher, with no incomplete grade or grade below a "C" were

placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Claudia Vaquera of Spearman was named to the President's Honor Roll. Included on the Dean's Honor Roll were Brad Holt, Kaylee Holt and Brooke Salmans, all of Gruver.

Garden City Community College
Garden City Community College has released honor rolls for Fall 2004

Full-time students enrolled in eight or more credit hours, who attained grade point averages of 4.0 on a four-point scale, qualified for the President's Honor Roll; Dean's Honor Roll with a GPA of 3.2 to 3.999;

or the Honorable Mention list with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.1999.
Included on the Dean's Honor Roll was Keilee Goodheart of Spearman.

Tarleton State University
The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the Fall 2004

Students listed on the A Honor Roll for the fall semester maintained a 4.0 grade point ration (GPR) on a 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 hours

Those designated as Distinguished Students include freshmen and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C who are in good standing.

Clara Shieldknight of Spearman was named to the Distinguished Students honor roll.

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Bridal Shower
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Amanda Anderson

Amanda Anderson
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# Bridal Registry

Amanda Anderson & John Gunning - 3/26
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Heather Murrell & David Houston - 4/9 (Gruver)
Laura Conrad & Josh Harris - 4/23 (Gruver)
Leah Mackie & Marc Strickland - 5/28
Holly Hart & Marcus McLean - 5/28 (Gruver)
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Thank you to the churches of Hansford County! You are to be commended for your participation in bringing services to the It was fun. Residents of Hansford Manor. This is truly like going into a mission field. We never quite know what all has been accomplished but can rest assured that great things are being done through you by the Lord. We appreciate all of you.

The First Baptist Church of Gruver provided services on the 6th of March and the Methodist Church of Gruver provided them on the 20th. Thank you all ever so

I know that it is not normal for Mondays to be fun, but around here it just kicks off our week on a positive note. We began the week with an interesting Newscurrents program. The country discussed this day was Ethiopia.

Another article of interest was on women. A current poll suggested that the United States is ready for a woman president. March is women's history month and several women of interest were discussed. According to the local Hansford Manor poll we could not determine that we are ready for a woman president.

They also showed pictures of the new nickel that they are coming out with. Sounds like Thomas Jefferson is going to get a make

We also had a special visitor Monday morning. Margaret Novak brought a stack of hand crocheted doilies that she had made. We were allowed to pick out as many as we wanted to use throughout the Manor. They are so beautiful! Next time you come be sure to take notice of them. Thank you Amazing!) I would still be working the afternoon. on my first one.

say that the new valances for the Resident rooms are turning out finished have been turned over to the laundry for fire retardant treatment. We hope to begin hanging

Thank you to the Rotary Club for hosting bingo Monday night. The Residents had a great time and enjoyed the dessert too!

Tuesday morning we had a great exercise class using the parachute. It is so big that it almost covers the living room when we get it unfurled and there were so many Residents there participating that

they made the circle complete. Vacation." They traveled to Washington state via video, trivia articles, and of course, we had apple juice for refreshments. At the end of their journey a maze was passed out. The one to find their seeing you too!

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way home first on the maze received a prize. Irene Edwards made the trip home in record time!

Wednesday morning we were blessed to have Anne Whitaker back to lead Bible study. Thank you, Anne! It's good to have you back. The Residents enjoyed it very much.

That afternoon we worked on ceramics in the activity room. The Easter baskets and ceramic Easter eggs are turning out beautifully!

sprinkled with green sprinkles.

Thursday afternoon and we had the cookies for dessert after bingo. We appreciate the auxiliary members so much! They are so very faithful! We call them to go on trips with us and help, bake cookies, serve, help at special parties, accompany us with Residents to doctor appointments at times and a million other things too numerous to mention.

Friday morning we had a Sing Along in the living room. I've never met anyone yet that does not like some kind of music. It does

something special for each one of

After lunch the auxiliary brought a multitude of pies and oh my goodness! We were celebrating the March birthdays. Steve Mathews played the keyboard for us. Thank you, Steve! He does such a great job of entertaining and entertain he Margaret! (She said that she has did do. There were people dancing made over 50 since January! off and on sporadically throughout

Thank you to W.E., Alice Peddy, After lunch on Monday we tack- Del Cluck and all of our other speled our sewing project again. I will cial visitors at the birthday party (Will-He showed up for a little while to dance a round or two) beautiful. The ones that we have Much thanks to the auxiliary for all of the delicious pies and for helping serve the Residents.

> I would like to mention too that we have several visitors who continue to come to visit with us even though their loved one is gone. We appreciate you very much and love

seeing you here to visit. Del Cluck visits from time to time and Alice Peddy has become a bright light that the Residents look forward to seeing at lunch time as well as at parties - she even came and spent the day with us on Olympic day and helped every-After lunch Janie Kunselman led where that she could. We also a fun activity called "Imagination enjoy the company of many others that have become like extended family to us at the Manor. Thank you for coming! It is quite an honor for us that you enjoy coming to visit so often. Keep it up - we love

Thursday morning we met in the activity room to make cookies. We made several batches of sugar cookies, rolled them out, cut them out in the shape of shaprocks for St. Patrick's Day and baked them. When they were baked they were

The auxiliary hosted bingo

March 24-31, 2005 Thursday, March 24: 9 a.m. -

Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt, dining room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo Friday, March 25: 10 a.m. -

wish to announce the birth of their

daughter, Scout Grace DeSantiago.

Scout was born on March 11, 2005

at 12:30 p.m. in Plano, Texas. She

weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and

Proud grandparents are Gilbert

and Ernestina Salgado of

Spearman and Ruben and Lydia

.....

It's A Girl!

birth to a baby girl on March 16,

2005. Christina Marie Bently

weighed 7 pounds and was 19½

Proud grandparents are Charles

and Christina Bowers of

Spearman, Joe and Karen

Armstrong of Darrouzett and

James and Linch Bentley of

Perryton. She is also welcomed by

her aunt, Cassie Marie Bowers of

Hansford Manor Schedule

Emily Bowers Bentley gave

was 19 inches long.

DeSantiago of Gruver.

inches long.

Spearman.

Dye Easter Eggs, activity room; 2:30 p.m. - Life Enrichment, living Saturday, March 26: open for visitation from friends, family and

Dominoes Sunday, March 27: Easter Sunday; 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, Primera Iglesia

community; play Skip-bo or

Monday, March 28: 10 a.m. -Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Sewing Club, activity room;

6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, George and Olivia DeSantiago

Spearman Rotary Club Tuesday, March 29: 10 a.m. -Exercise, living room; 2:30 -Happy Hour, "Fifty Nifty States,"

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

Thursday, March 31: 10 a.m. -Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. -

Hansford County Calendar

March 24-31, 2005 Thursday, March 24: Stratford Track Meet; Perryton Dual Tennis Match (Boys/Girls); Zone One-Act Play (GHS), Stinnett; Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt, Hansford Manor; 1 p.m. - SISD Early Release for Easter Weekend; 7 p.m. - Spearman Volunteer Fire Department meets

Friday, March 25: School Holiday; Good Friday Saturday, March 26:

Sunday, March 27: Easter Monday, March 28: 10 a.m. -

HC Commissioners Court meets; Zone A One-Act Play (SHS), Borger; Dumas Golf Tourney Tuesday, March 29: Dumas

Golf Tourney (Boys); FFA Tarleton Invitational CDE; District One-Act Play (GHS)

Wednesday, March 30: RPTE Test (9th-12th Grade) Thursday, March 31: District

One-Act Play (SHS), Clarendon; HS District UIL Meet (GHS), Amarillo College; 7 p.m. Spearman Volunteer Department meets



# Engagement Announcement

Norlan and Linda Winegarner of Spearman wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cami Arlene, to Jody Lahn Meason of Amarillo. Jody is the son of Joe and Bette Meason of Amarillo and Brenda and Alfred Bayless of Pryor, Oklahoma.

The couple plan a May 21, 2005 ceremony at the Southwest Baptist Church in Amarillo. A reception will follow.

Cami is a graduate of Spearman High School, and received a Bachelor

of Nursing from West Texas A&M University. She is an RN at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Jody is a graduate of Caprock High School of Amarillo and received a

Bachelor of Theology from Texas Baptist Institute and Seminary and an Associates Degree in Science from Amarillo College. He is a computer operator for McKessan at Baptist St.. Anthony's Hospital.

# Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Terry Shivo. Whatever one's own opinion about this specific case, one thing is clear: her family has been going through a heart-wrenching experience, one we would hate for our family to have to go through. It shows how important it is to talk over these issues with your family and make your wishes about end of life care clear and specific. Your doctor can provide information about the medical treatments and issues

Hansford Manor would like to offer our Advance Directive packet to anyone who would like one. It contains clear information about Texas law regarding all aspects of advance care planning, including forms for a "Living Will" (called "Directive to Physicians and Family or Surrogates"), Medical Power of Attorney, Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate Order, and Mental Health Treatment Declaration. We are also offering free assistance from our licensed Social Worker, Erin Bergin, by appointment.

Please feel free to stop by the Manor and the Administrator Anne Snow for a packet and/or to schedule a consultation

Somehow, I think Terry Shivo would be glad to know that she helped prevent another family going through the agony that hers has suffered.

Anne Snow, Administrator Hansford Manor

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# CELEBRACION

Sat., May 7th • 12 noon - 5 p.m. Hansford County Courthouse Square Salsa Contest at City Hall Booth Space Available - \$10 Music . Activities . Food

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# HANSFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

proudly presents the Employee of the Month



The March 2005 Employee of the Month is Shelly "Sam" Cogdill, who has been employed as a CNA in the Manor since June 10, 2002. Sam was nominated by two of her coworkers for the following rea-

Loyalty: She never calls in and is always on time.

Positive Attitude: She always has a smile for everyone and makes

Devotion to Duty: Sam tries hard to get the job done right and on

Courtesy to Patients/Residents/Employees: The Residents are always happy to see her, and her co-workers are happy to see that she's on their shift.

Promotion and Participation in District Functions: Sam's shift schedule usually does not permit her to attend many functions. Other employees nominated for this honor were: Veronica Rosales

and Margarita Holguin. The Employee of the Month receives one day off with pay, a reserved parking space for the month, and becomes a candidate for Employee of the Year.

**Hansford County Hospital District** 

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For more information, please call 806-371-8844

# Spring Sports

BOISE CITY, OK TRACK MEET

The Spearman Lynxettes took first place in the Boise City, Oklahoma Track Meet on March 11th. Other teams competing were 2 - Stratford, TX; 3 - Boise City, OK; 4 - Dalhart, TX; 5 - Guymon, OK; 6 - Keyes, OK; 7 - Texhoma, OK; 8 - Texline, OK; 9 - Goodwell, OK; 10 - Felt, OK

VARSITY LYNXETTES First Place Team

100 M. Hurdles: 4. Kylee Howard; 800 M. Relay: 4. Kylee Howard, Jessica Diaz, Sonny Parker and Macy Harbour; 400 M. Dash: 1. Melissa Lesly; 300 M. Hurdles: 4. Kylee Howard; 200 M. Dash: 2. Melissa Lesly; 1600 M. Run: 2. Amy Brown; 1600 M. Relay:1. Macy Harbour, Tara Shields, Sonny Parker, Melissa Lesly; Discus: 5. Jordanna Lozano, 6. Clara Kern; High Jump: 1. Sonny Parker, 6. Christy Lang; Long Jump: 1. Sonny Parker, 2 Kylee Howard, 3. Tara Shields; Pole Vault: 2. Christy Lang, 3. Jessica Diaz, 4. Macy Harbour; 3200 M. Relay: 3. Amy Brown, Tara Shields, Jessica Diaz, Christy

### PERRYTON TRACK MEET

The Spearman Lynxettes placed third in the Perryton Track Meet on March 19th, behind Canyon, first, and Perryton, second. Other teams competing were Boys Ranch,

Booker, Guymon, Sunray, Sanford-Fritch, Boise City, Gruver, Canadian and Keyes.

VARSITY LYNXETTES

Third Place Team 3200 M. Run: 4. Tara Shields; 800 M. Run: 3. Jessica Diaz; 800 M. Relay: 3. Kylee Howard,

Christy Lang, Sonny Parker, Macy Harbour 400 M. Dash: I. Melissa Lesly; 200 M. Dash: 4. Melissa Lesly; 1600 M. Run: 5. Amy Brown; 1600 M. Relay: 4. Macy Harbour, Jessica Diaz, Sonny Parker, Melissa Lesly; High Jump: 2. Sonny Parker; Long Jump: 6. Kylee Howard; Triple Jump: 5. Kylee Howard; Pole Vault: 1. Macy Harbour, 3. Christy Lang; Shot Put: 6. Jenna McElroy

7TH GRADE LYNXETTES Fourth Place Team 800 M. Run: 3. Brittney

Vasquez; 800 M. Relay: 3. Preslee Baker, Sutton Garnett, Brittney Vasquez, Leanna Espinosa; 400 M. Dash: I. Leanna Espinosa; 200 M. Dash: 2. Leanna Espinosa; 1600 M. Run: 2. Preslee Baker; Long Jump: 3. Leanna Espinosa; Pole Vault: 1. Sutton Garnett

8TH GRADE LYNXETTES Fourth Place Team

100 M. Hurdles: 1. Bond Pittman; 100 M. Dash: 1. Bond Pittman; 300 M. Hurdles: 1. Bond Pittman; 800 M. Relay: 3. Chasity Thomas, Haley Smith, Jennifer Perez, DD Delarosa; High Jump: 3. Hailey Smith; Long Jump: 1 Bond Pittman; Pole Vault: 1 Destiny Fisher

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### CLARENDON TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Spearman Lynxettes competed in the Clarendon Tennis Tournament on March 17th.

They Lynxettes went 8-5 with Lindsey Short winning the Singles Championship and Ashley Hernandez/Abby Winegarner and Tonya Hart/Saylee Flowers advancing to the quarterfinals.

<u>GIRLS SINGLES</u>

Lindsay Short - Singles Champion: defeated H. Davis of Hedley 8-0, defeated L. Davis of Wellingon 8-0, defeated Fitzgerald of Gruver 8-3, defeated Ashley of Canadian 8-4

Kelcee Rex: lost to Perez of Chillicothe 8-2 Kendall Schneider: lost to

Fitzgerald of Gruver 8-0 GIRLS DOUBLES Saylee Flowers/Tonya Hart: defeated Keelin/Rees of Ft. Elliott 8-5, defeated Schnek/Simmons of

Vega 8-1, lost to Kleman/Acker of Nazareth 8-4 Ashley Hernandez/Abby Winegarner: defeated Martinez/ Johnson of Wellington 8-4, defeated Burnet/Peckenpagh of Perryton 806, lost to Abdullah/Abdullah of

Miranda Paul/Trudy Hart: lost to Weather/Howard of Clarendon

Clarendon 8-1

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# NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in Spearman Independent School District as provided in an election order duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the District, which order is substantially as follows:

### ORDER CALLING AN ELECTION

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees of Spearman Independent School District (the "District") deems it advisable to call the election hereinafter ordered; and WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that holding the hereinafter called election on a date other than a uniform election date established by Section 41.001(a), Texas election Code, is in the public interest and is the only election relating to the levy of a maintenance tax or the authorization of bonds to be held in the District during the current State fiscal biennium on a date other than a uniform election date;

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SPEARMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIS-

 An election shall be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m.m and 7:00 p.m. on April 23, 2005 in the District at the following designated polling place:

Spearman High School Administration Office 403 E. 11th Avenue Spearman, Texas

The District shall constitute a single election precinct for the election, and the following election officers are

hereby appointed to hold the election: Presiding Judge: Kim Brock Alternate Presiding Judge: 2. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two

qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting the election; provided that the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks. 3. Early voting shall be conducted by personal appear-

ance and by mail for any resident of the District at: Spearman High School Administration Office 403 E. 11th Avenue

Spearman, Texas 79081 and during the period early voting is required or permitted by law, being April 6, 2005 through April 19, 2005 the hours designated for early voting by personal appearance shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on each day except Saturdays, Sundays and legal state holidays; and the early voting clerks shall keep the early voting place open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance. The early voting clerks for the election shall be Lynell Williams,

Kathryn Bryant, and O.R. Latham. 4. In accordance with Chapter 85, Texas Election Code, as amended, early voting by personal appearance at a temporary branch polling place shall be conducted at the time, and will be available for any resi-

Date	Time	Polling Place
April 6, 2005 to	8 a.m. to	Spearman Jr. Hig
April 18, 2005	4 p.m.	School Library
		315 W. 5th Ave.
		Spearman, Texas

April 6, 2005 to 8 a.m. to Gus Birdwell Elem. April 19, 2005 4 p.m. Principal's Office 511 S. Townsend

Spearman, Texas 5. An early ballot board is hereby created to process early voting results, and Kim Brock is hereby appointed as the presiding judge of said board. The presiding judge shall appoint at least two other members of the

6. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote at the election.

7. A substantial copy of this Order shall serve as proper notice of the election, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause the notice to be published one time, not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day prior to the date set for the election, in a newspaper published in the District or, if none is published in the District, in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. In addition, not later than the 21st day prior to the date set for the election, the President of the Board of Trustees shall cause the notice to be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the Board of Trustees. 8. At the election, the following Proposition shall be

submitted in accordance with law: PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Trustees of Spearman Independent School District be authorized to issue the bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of \$12,000,000, for the purpose of the construction and equipment of school buildings in the District and the purchase of necessary sites thereof, with the bonds to mature, bear interest, and be issued and sold in accordance with law at the time of ssuance; and shall the Board of Trustees be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes, on all taxable property in the District, sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?

9. The official ballots for the election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITION with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSI-

TIONS to be expressed substantially as follows: THE ISSUANCE OF FOR \$12,000,000 OF BONDS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AGAINST AND LEVYING THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF.

10. In all respects, the election shall be conducted in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

# AVISO DE ELECCION

AL RESIDENTE, ELECTOR CALIFICADO **DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR** INDEPENDENTE DE SPEARMAN

SE LES HACE SABER que se llevara a cabo una eleccion en el Distrito Escolar Independiente de Spearman como se estipula en una ordenanza de ellecion debidamente aprobada por la Junta de Directores del Distrito, cuya ordenanza es substancialmente como sigue:

ORDENANZA LLAMANDO UNA ELECCION VISTO QUE, este Junta de Directores del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Spearman (el "Distrito"

juzga aconsejable llamar la eleccion aqui adelante ordenada; y

VISTO QUE, por este medio oficialmente se enscuentra y se determina que llevando a cabo in eleccion aqui dentro llamada en una fecha que no es la fecha regular de eleccion establecida por Seccion 41.001(A) Codigo de Eleccion de Texas, es en el interes del publico y es la unica eleccion con respecto a gravar un impuesto de mantenimiento o la autorizacion de bonos ejecutados en el Distrito durante el bienio fiscal actual del Estado en una fecha que no es la fecha regular de eleccion; y

POR CONSIGUIENTE, ESTA ORDENADO POR LA JUNTA DE DIRECTORES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE SPEARMAN:

1. Se llevara a cabo una elección entre las horas de las 7:00 de la manana y las 7:00 de la noche el 23 de abril de 2005, en el Distrito, en el siguiente designado lugar

Spearman High School Administration Office 403 E. 11th Avenue Spearman, Texas

El Distrito constituira un solo recinto de eleccion para la eleccion, y los siguientes oficiales electorales estan por este medio nombrados para llevar a cabo la elec-

Kim Brock Juez Actual: Juez Actual Suplente:

2. El Juez Actual nombrara no menos que dos oficiales calificados de eleccion para servir y asistir en el conducto de la eleccion; con tal que si el Juez Actual actualmente desempene sus funciones, entonces el Juez Actual Suplente debera ser uno de tales oficiales. 3. Se llevaran a cabos los primeros votos hechos en persona y por correo para cualquier residente del Distrito en:

Spearman High School Administration Office 403 E. 11th Avenue Spearman, Texas 79081

y durante el tiempo en que los primeros votos son exigidos o permitidos por la ley, siendo el 6 de abril de 2005, hasta el fin del 19 de abril de 2005, las horas designadas para los primeros votos hechos en persona seran desde las 8:00 de la manana a las 4:00 de la tarde cada dia con execpto de los sabados, domingos y dias feriados legales del estado, y los oficiales de los primeros votos mantendran dicho lugar de los primeros votos abierto durante dichas horas para los primeros votos hechos en peronsa. Los oficiales para la eleccion de los primeros votos seran Lynell Williams, Kathryn Bryant, y O.R. Latham.

4. En conforme con Capitulo 85, Codigo de Eleccion de Texas, como enmendado, se llevaran a cabo al mismo tiempo los primeros votos hechos en persona en un llugar de votos temporaneo sucursal, y sera disponible para cualquier residente del Distrito, como

de abril de 005 al 19 de bril de 2005	Hora 8 de la manana a las 4:00 de la tarde	Lugar de Votos Spearman Jr. High School Library 315 W. 5th Ave. Spearman, Texas
de abril de 005 al 19 de bril de 2005	8 de la manana a	Gus Birdwell Elem. Principal's Office

de la tarde Spearman, Texas 5. Por este medio se nombrara una junta de las primeras balotas para el registro de los resultados de los primeros votos, y Kim Brock esta por este medio nombrada juez actual de dicha junta. El juez actual nombrara no menos que dos otros miembros de la

6. Todo residente, elector calificado del Distrito tendra el derecho de votar en dicha eleccion.

7. Una copia substancial de esta Ordenanza servira como aviso propio de la eleccion, y el Presidente de la Junta de Directores causara que se publique dicho Aviso una vez, no mas que 30 dias y n o menos que 10 dias antes de la fecha fijada para la eleccion, en una periodico publicado en el Distrito o, si no se publica uno en el Distrito, en un periodico de circulacion general en el Distrito. Adicionalmente no menos que 21 dias antes de la fecha fijada para la eleccion, el Presidente de la Junta de Directores causara que se fije dicho aviso en el tablon usado para el fijo de anuncios de las reuniones de la Junta de Directores 8. En la eleccion se presentara la siguiente Proposicion de acuerdo con la ley:

PROPOSICION

Se debera autorizar a la Junta de Directores del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Spearman a emitir los bonos del Distrito, en una o mas series, en la cantidad agregada principal de \$12,000,000, con el fin de construccion y equipo de edificios escolares en el Distrito y la compra de los sitios necesarios para esto, con los bonos a vencer, devengar interes y ser emitidos y vendidos de acuerdo con la ley al tiempo de la eision; y se debera autorizar a la Junta de Directores a gravar y a empenar, y dar cuasa de avalorar y recaudar, impuestos ad valorem anuales, sobre todos los bienes imponibles en el Distrito, suficiente, sin limite a tasa o cantidad, para pagar el priincipal y el interes de los bonos y los gastos de cualquieres acuerdos de credito ejecutados con respecto a los bonos?

9. Se prepararan las balotas oficiales para dicha eleccion de acuerdo con el Codigo de Eleccion de Texas para asi permitir a los electores votar "A FAVOR" "EN CONTRA" de la antedicha Proposicion, y que las balotas contengan dichas estipulaciones, marcas y terminologia como estipuladas por la ley, y que se exprese dicha Proposicion subsctancialmente como

sigue: LA EMISION DE BONOS A FAVOR DE \$12,000,000 PARA EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES Y EL GRAVAMEN DEL IMPUESTO EN CONTRA

EN PAGO DE ESTO. 10. En todo respecto, se llevara a cabo dicha eleccion de acuerdo con el Codigo de Eleccion de Texas.



### REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 523 S. Barkley. Spearman - 4BR, 3B, double car garage with cellar. Lots of character, lots of storage, new heat/ac unit, fruit trees, hardwood floors and great location. Priced to sell. Call for appointment, 940-538-

TFN(2-3-05)B FOR SALE: 727 Wilbanks, Spearman - 3-4BR, 11/8, office, living room, dining room, laundry room, central H/A, garage, lg. covered porch, lg. backyard, lg. carport, on 112 lots. Call 432-268-4746 or 432-264-7781. TFN(9-16-04)B

FOR SALE: 702 S. Haney, Spearman - 2-3BR, 2%B, 2CG, new roof, new furnace. Call 659-

TFN(01-06-05)B FOR SALE: PRICE REDUCED! 808 Front Street, Gruver - Nice 1999 Fleetwood 4BR, 2B doublewide home on six city lots with carport, horse barn and pens. Call Ben or Kerry Poer at (806) 733-5532 or (806) 736-5554. 4(3-10-05)B

FOR SALE: 205 N. Snider, Spearman - 2BR, 2B, living room, garage/game room, hot tub, 2 storage buildings w/6 acres of land. TFN(1-13-05)B

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### FOR RENT/LEASE

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FOR RENT, SPEARMAN: 1BR, 1B apartment. Call 659-3889 TFN(03-03-05)B

### WANTED

LAND WANTED: 1/4 section or more for a dairy, house included is preferred. 300-500 g/m well needed. Dry land farm OK. Contact Spearman EDC at 659-5555. TFN(1-13-05)B

### **HELP WANTED**

HELP WANTED: Janitor/maintenance person needed. Apply in person at the O'Loughlin Center, 502 S. Brandt in Spearman. 2(03-24-05)B

HELP WANTED: Now seeking a temporary full/part time dependable salesperson to operate Spearman store. Duties: assisting customers, maintaining plants and operating cash register. Starting pay: \$6/hour - 40 hour work week. No experience necessary. Hiring begins April 1st. Send resume to D&C Greenhouse, 36 Nelson Drive, Spearman TX 79081.

4(03-03-05)B HELP WANTED: Palo Duro Feedyard needs a relief night watchman. Call Ruben at 733-2416. 2(03-24-05)B

HELP WANTED: Seeking experienced automotive technician. Must have references. Call 659-2541 for interview, ask for Dick or Jeff. TFN(2-3-05)B

HELP WANTED: All-around elevator hand needed (elevator, fertilizer and warehouse). Drivers license required. Contact Darren Patton at 4(03-03-05)B



Hansford Manor is taking applications for training classes for Nurse Aide Certification. Classes will begin on April 18th or 25th, depending on the number of applicants. Good benefits package, including retirement, vacaions/holidays, sick leave, health

Contact Jackie Nelson, HR Mgr. at (806) 659-5841 or apply at 707 S. Roland, Spearman, TX or download application at our web site www.hchd.net.

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### LOST/FOUND

LOST: IThe projection screen that belongs to the Hansford County Library has been borrowed and not returned. Whoever has it is asked to please return it.

## LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPART-MENT OF TRANSPORTATION

(TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and

then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTE-NANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Amarillo Contract 0904-00-093 for THER-MOPLASTIC STRIPING in POT-TER County, etc will be opened on April 08, 2005 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for Prequalified TXDOT Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 15887

Hansford Hospital has an open-ing for **Dietary Aide's**. Must have knowledge of food service and sanitation. Excellent benefits.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
District 10
Rule 37 Cause No. 0242092 Date of Issuance - 3/10/2005 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MEREX RESOURCES INC., PO BOX 50955, AMARILLO TX 79159-0955 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to lease lines requirement for the permit to drill Well No. 6, Pearson Lease, 642.2 Acres, Sec. 6, Blk. 3, S.A. & M.G. RR Co/A. Hourigan Survey, Hansford (Missouri, Lower) Field(s), Hansford County, being 8.5 miles in the direction Spearman, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

660' from the west line and 2300' from the south line of the from the west line and

2300' from the south line of the survey. Field rules for the Hansford (Missouri, Lower) field are 1250/2500, 640 acres.

As apart of this application, Applicant also seeks permit authority for the Hansford (Douglas) & Wildcat fields. No rule 37/38 is necessary for these fields pursuant to their field

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet.
PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application maybe granted administratively if no extest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION.
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NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL MEETING Texas Department Transportation will host an Informational Meeting on March 31, 2005 concerning the planning of future projects.

This informational meeting is held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

The meeting will be Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. It will be located at the Perryton Chamber of Commerce, 2000 S. Main (US 83), Perryton, Texas.

The meeting will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the city of Amarillo. An overall view of the planning process will be presented, as well as the criteria used for selecting individual propjets. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meeting for public comment.

The public is invited to speak regarding projects currently planned or any additional projects that might be proposed. Speakers will be limited to five minutes. Verbal and written comments from the public regarding any project may be submitted at the meeting. Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (PO Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than April 10,

All interested citizens are invited to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meeting whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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makes a sound. The Park is posted

from the rule, and with the rabies

epidemic now on they have killed

22 of the black and white furry

creatures from the family of

mustelids. Jim said he is hearing

coyotes now fairly often. The coy-

otes are known to eat skunks, but I

don't know it they help much in

Mike Wilhelm of Gruver sent me

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TODAY entitled "Mountain Lions

on the Prowl Once Again" saying

controlling the population.

use it later.

Jim and Ramon are excepted

against firearms in the Park, but

Lake Level--March 21, 2005--31.86 feet (-0.09)

Jim's office gauge showed .33 inch of precipitation from last week's snow.

The fishing was not too strong. The Easter holiday, coming up this weekend, is not a big one at the Park usually, because of the uncertain weather. The restrooms will

be opened. Last Saturday Russell Shaver, while hiking near the bridge was fortunate to see six wood ducks. For the ones of us who do not get out to the Lake and must see it through Jim's eyes, I asked him if we still had water under the bridge. He said at around 27 feet that area becomes dry. Now men are still casting their nets from the bridge to

The eagles are gone, and the the once-scarce creatures are turkey buzzards should be arriving. expanding their territory, heading If you are near a prairie dog town, east; some people are scared, othlook for the burrowing owls, as ers thrilled. Thanks, Mike, I will

they should be back. Scooter alerted Jim by barking that an intruder had invaded their space. Jim got there in time to see shining eyes in a cedar tree, and then he hear a hiss and thought cat,

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# Hansford Manor hosts 3rd annual Winter Olympics

by Merry Sparks

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The games began with the Tar Grip game and the Bean Bag Toss. A total of 26 Residents participated in the Tar Grip game. The winners were Tubby Hays, 1st place, Terry Petr, 2nd place and Louis Flowers 3rd place. A total of 25 Residents played the Bean Bag Toss. The winners were Tubby Hays, 1st, Ruth Benefield, 2nd, and Bucky Dunihoo, 3rd.

Then we were on to play Horseshoes. A total of seven played Horseshoes at a 6' distance and 19 Residents played at a distance of 3'. In the 6' division Terry Petr came in 1st, Ruth Benefield 2nd, and Robert Yanke, 3rd. In the 3' distance, Effie Branch came in Coates 3rd.

The next competition was in the basketball throw. Basketball 1 was at a distance of 6' with a tall goal. Basketball 2 was with a floor goal with a distance of 3'. A total of six Residents entered Basketball 1. The finalists were Bucky Dunihoo 1st, Viola Thompson 2nd, and Tubby Hays 3rd. A total of 22 Residents competed in Basketball 2. Clarence Willmon came in 1st, Marie Coates 2nd, and Pauline Winger 3rd.

Next up was Dartboard. A total of 22 Residents took their shots at the Dartboard. Ruth Benefield came in 1st, Viola Thompson 2nd, and Pauline Pshigoda 3rd. On from there we went to the bowling lane. Fifteen Residents competed in bowling. Viola Thompson came in 1st, Dorris Cluck 2nd, and Terry Petr 3rd.

Last but not least was the Chicken Toss competition. You should have heard that old rubber

chicken squall every time that a Resident grabbed it by the neck and tossed it into the box. It was hilarious !! When all of the squalling was over Viola Thompson was in 1st place, Louis Flowers 2nd, and Robert Yanke

Throughout the day we would end up with ties in the games, so we would have tie breaking competitions. The Residents are very competitive and were well prepared. They came to win.

After lunch we had refreshments in the dining room.All scores had been tallied and medals that had been furnished for us by the Auxiliary were awarded to the winners. The man and woman with the most points earned in the olympics were awarded Mr & Ms Olympian. After all of the tie breaking games were completed, Viola Thompson earned the honor of Ms. Olympian and Clarence Willmon earned the Mr. Olympian honor. They were presented trophies that were provided by the

It was a great, fun day for all 1st, Viola Boyd 2nd, and Marie involved. Even the Residents that did not participate enjoyed watching the others and cheering them on. Many thank you's go out to the nursing staff, dietary staff, activities staff, auxiliary volunteers, Judy Nelson, Judy Yarbrough, Verna Brown, and Mary Kay Harbour. Many thanks also go out to Claudine Laxton, who has become like another right hand and to the Hansford Hero team of Timberly Thomas, JoAnne Tang, Adriana Pinon, Jessica Villarreal, Krystal Waldron, Christina Hunter, Chasity Thomas, and Ashley Close. We feel very blessed to have so many in our community that give unselfishly of themselves and of their resources to enrich the lives of others. This is such a great place to give to because the recipients are people who have them-

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