Bush-Saudi Talks Focus on Long-Range Oil Plan President Bush pressed Saudi Arabia on Monday to take steps to relieve record-high oil prices, but the world's largest exporter insisted global supplies were adequate and offered a long-term plan to increase production.

In Portland, Living The Green American Dream More young urban professionals are forgoing square footage for eco-friendly homes.

House Ethics Panel Lapses At An Awkward Time As turmoil surrounding DeLay rises. Republicans face pressure to revisit rule changes that Democrats oppose.

If Senate Shuts Down, Who's to Blame? Facing Bush judicial nominees, eager interest groups, and the 'nuclear option,' a divided Senate keeps raising the stakes.

Rice Prods U.S. Senate on Bolton Nomination Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice said on Monday the White House has been responsive to senators' concerns about John Bolton, the embattled nominee for U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. and prodded the Senate to move forward on his nomination.

U.S. Clears Soldiers in Italian Agent's Iraq Death U.S. investigators have found that American troops who shot dead an Italian agent at a Baghdad checkpoint on March 4 committed no wrongdoing and will not be disciplined, an Army official said on Monday.

In Show of Support, Bush to Give DeLay AF1 Flight In a show of support, President Bush will give embattled House of Representatives Republican leader Tom DeLay an Air Force One ride to Washington from Texas on Tuesday, a White House spokesman said.

Bush Presses Saudi's Abdullah on Oil Prices President Bush on Monday pressed Saudi Arabia to take steps to relieve record-high oil prices, but the world's largest exporter insisted global supplies were ade-

Several Still Trapped in Japan Train Wreck, 71 Dead from the mangled wreckage of a Japanese commuter train early on Tuesday while others remained trapped as the death toll rose to 71 in Japan's worst rail accident in

more than 40 years.

Tuesday.

Iraq Govt Delayed Again, Could Come Tuesday Iraqi politicians again delayed naming a government on Monday, prolonging a three-month political vacuum seen aiding an insurgency but a senior politician said a cabinet could come as soon as

Clinton: Tsunami Aid to Be Model for Future Crises Former U.S. President Bill Clinton told business leaders on Monday that the response to Asia's tsunami could serve as a model for future lisasters if donors made sure the stricken region recovered.

Accused Queda Chief Denies Knowing 9/11 Hijacker The suspected leader of al Qaeda in Spain denied on Monday that he knew Sept. 11 hijacker Mohamed Atta or helped set up a planning meeting between Atta and another suspect in the 2001 attacks on U.S.

Official: Saudi Arabia Close to Deal on WTO Entry Saudi Arabia is "very close" to reaching an agreement with the United States on the kingdom's entry into the World Trade Organization, a senior Saudi offi-

cial said on Monday.

Ven Rallies, Bet Is on China Revaluation

The ven surged to a two-month high against the euro and a onemonth high against the dollar on Monday as speculation intensified that China might soon revalue its

EU Welcomes Bulgaria and Romania as Members Bulgaria and Romania cleared the final hurdle to join the European

Union as early as 2007 when they signed an accession treaty on Monday, more than 15 years after overthrowing communist rule. Syria Intelligence Quits

Lebanon HQ After 29 Years Syrian intelligence quit its Lebanese headquarters in the border town of Anjar on Monday, virtually completing a pullout of Syrian forces from Lebanon and ending Damascus's 29-year domi-

U.S. Urges Iraqi Politicians to End Deadlock

U.S. officials have urged top Kurdish and Shi'ite politicians to end Irag's political deadlock, U.S. officials said on Monday amid concerns that the three-month political vacuum could fuel the insurgency



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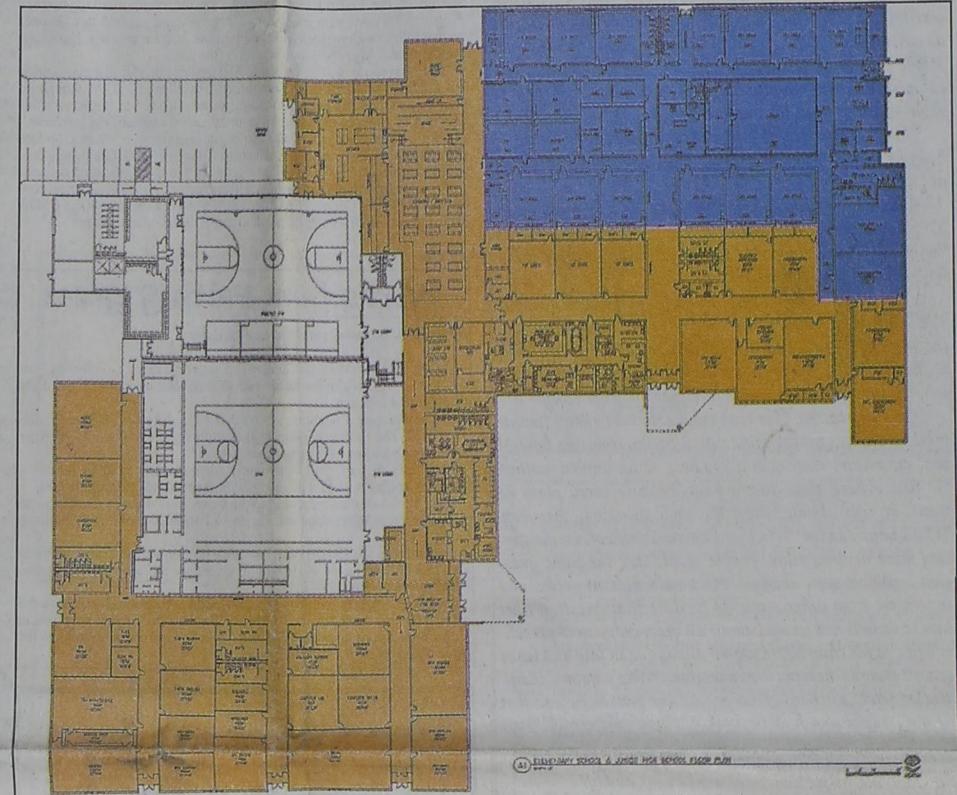
# SCHOOL BOND PASSES 441 for, 377 against

The taxpayers of the Spearman Independent School District passed a \$12 million bond by 64 votes. The Board of Trustees of the Spearman ISD called for the bond election on February 14, 2005. This action followed a two-year study of the district's facility needs by the Board of Trustees.

As a result of the board's study and with input from the Citizens' Facility Committee, the Board of Trustees unanimously called for a bond election in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000. The proceeds from the bond will be used to construct a new junior high school to replace the existing junior high building (which was built in 1930), to renovate and enlarge the existing elementary school, to build a new elementary/junior high cafetorium, and to provide better parking and safer traffic flow around the elementary/junior high campuses. This proposed plan was determined by the Board of Trustees to be the most cost effective plan that best meets the needs of the junior high and the elemen-

After reviewing the work that had been done over the past twoyears, the Spearman ISD Board of Trustees, at their regular school board meeting on February 14, 2005 decided to call for a bond election to give the community an opportunity to vote on proposed improvements to the district facili-

The bond issue is projected to increase taxes an estimated 35¢ per year per \$100 of taxable property. The proposed length of the bond is for 30 years. For taxpayers 65 years of age or older who have applied for and received the Age 65 Freeze, the school taxes on their homestead will not increase from this bond.



Proposed site plan for Spearman ISD Elementary & Junior High

## North Plains loses power from **Xcel Energy delivery point**

An equipment failure at the Spearman interchange where North Plains Electric Cooperative receives power results in outage to 3900 meters on Monday afternoon. NPEC crews were able to reroute service and power was restored to all meters by 3:10 p.m.

Service was interrupted to 3900 members of North Plains Electric Cooperative (NPEC) on Monday afternoon at 1:39 when an insulator failed and exploded at the Xcel Energy's Spearman interchange between Spearman and Gruver.

Members in Hansford, Hutchinson, Hutchinson counties. Ordinarily Lipscomb, and Ochiltree counties were affected. Nine of NPEC's 13 delivery substations lost power. The interchange is the delivery point for 75 percent of the meters

that NPEC serves. NPEC crews were able to reroute service and power was restored to all meters by 3:10 p.m. Power came from another delivery point in Roberts county south of Miami, NPEC moved it across Hemphill county to restore Lipscomb, Ochiltree and finally Hansford and the southern delivery point is not able to supply the electrical needs of the entire NPEC system. "We were fortunate that it happened on a cool day, early in the growing season. Consequently air conditioning and irrigation load was low," said General Manager Randy Mahannah. "Overall system load was low enough that we were able to reroute power from the Miami delivery point," reported Manager of Engineering and Operations Lewis Crain. Xcel repairs were completed and NPEC load was

switched back to normal by 6 p.m. NPEC is a cooperative distributing electricity in Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties. Formed in 1944, it serves 5228 meters and maintains 3468 miles of electrical line. It is owned and controlled by the members it

### announces energy grants Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural The funds announced today will be available to support a wide range of technologies encompassing bio-

(including anaerobic

digesters), geothermal, hydrogen,

solar, and wind energy, as well as

**USDA Rural Development** 

Development State Director, announced the availability of \$22.8 million to support investments in renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by agricultural producers and rural small businesses. "Enhancing our energy efficien-

cy is a key goal of the Bush Administration," said Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns. "Renewable energy is an exciting growth frontier for American agriculture. Implementing an innovative energy policy, which the President has proposed, provides an opportunity to strengthen both our national security and the rural economy."

"The capital investments made through USDA Rural Development to the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program will support our natural resources and help develop new sources of energy," said Daniel.

Section 9006 of the 2002 Farm Bill established the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Loan and Grant Program to encourage agricultural producers and small rural businesses to create renewable and energy efficient systems.

energy efficiency improvements. continued on page 10

It has come to the attention of the officials of Hansford County, Texas and the Texas Department of Transportation, (TxDOT) that rendering companies have now begun to charge for the removal of the carcasses of dead cattle. It had been the practice to drag the "deads" to the ditches, and in many cases the roadside, so that the carcass would be handy for the "used cow" truck to pick up and remove.

This practice is not acceptable unless the cattle producer intends to have the carcass picked up. Dragging the carcass to any highway, farm-to-market road or county road and leaving it is a violation of common lit-tering laws as well as a violation of the solid waste disposal provisions of Texas Law. In addition to being against the law, the carcasses pose a traffic hazard, a health hazard, and makes for unsightly roadsides.

The purpose of this letter is to inform cattle producers that Hansford County officials will investigate complaints of cattle dumping and take action to discourage the activity. Cattle producers should be aware that cattle dumping on state and county nights of way is illegal and there are misdemeanor and even felony sanctions to punish those responsible.

Neither Hansford County nor TxDOT will remove these carcasses.

The officials of Hansford County and TxDOT are counting on your cooperation so that the roadsides of our county remain clear.

Remember, dumping dead cattle near highways and roadways is illegal.

## Gruver FFA to compete at state



The Gruver FFA livestock judging team will compete at the state competition for the second year in a row. Team members (L-R) Jimmilee McCloy, Tucker Williams, Bailey Reid and Charles Slough qualified for the state competition with their third place win in district, followed by an eighth place win in area. The state competition will be held this weekend in College Station.

The Gruver FFA competed in Lubbock at the Top O Texas District and Area 1 FFA career development events. Teams competing were Dairy Cattle and Livestock.

The Dairy cattle team consisting of Cason Finley, Chandler Miner, Tanner Sherrill and Victoria Vela won 1st in District and eighth in Area competition. The dairy cattle contest includes six placing classes, lin-

ear evaluation, pedigree classes, and a written exam. The livestock judging team competed and won 3rd in District and eighth in area and qualified for State competition in College Station this coming weekend. They will compete with over ninety other teams and are a repeat team to state where they were 16th last year. The team consists of Jimmilee McCloy, Bailey Reid, Charles Slough, Tucker Williams and alternate for the state trip is Victoria Vela. The contest includes six placing classes, questions, female selection, USDA

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. THURSDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. FRIDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

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

SATURDAY - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 60s.

SATURDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening - then mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain showers after midnight. Lows around 40. Chance of rain

SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

MONDAY - Mostly cloudy. Highs around 70.



by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My friend John Blackwell from Friona sent me the following story. I have read it before, but am not sure if I have printed it in my column or not. If I have, I thought it was worth sharing again.

## Who's your daddy?

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, TN. One morning they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guest.

The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here," but sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice. "Oklahoma," they answered. "Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?" "I teach at a seminary," he replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really great story for you." And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple. The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great, just what I need, another preacher story!"

The man started, "See that mountain over there: (pointing out the restaurant window). Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, 'Hey boy, Who's your daddy?' Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, 'Who's your daddy?'. He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students because that question hurt him so bad. When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and leave early to avoid hearing the question, 'Who's your daddy?' But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd. Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, Son, who's your daddy?

The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, 'Who's your daddy?'. This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give said the following to that scared little boy, "Wait a minute! He said. 'I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. Your are a child of God.'

With that, he patted the boy on his shoulder and said 'Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it.' With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him,' Who's your daddy?'He'd just tell them, 'I'm a child of God'."

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said 'You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably never would have amounted to anything." And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and ask her "Do you know who that man was who just left that was sitting at our table?' The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the former governor of Tennessee."

Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they're one of God's children!

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:)



I am Joe Garcia. I am a candidate for the Spearman Board of Trustees. Mary and I have raised our aree children in the Spearman educational system. I want to be your voice. I would appreciate your vote on May 7th.

political ad paid for by Joe Garcia

## **USDA** announces sign-up for crop disaster assistance program

Hansford County producers can expect to receive financial assistance for crop losses through the Crop Disaster Program (CDP), launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday, March 14, 2005. According to Rick Hargrove, County Executive Director for the Hansford County Farm Service Agency (FSA), CDP is available to producers with qualifying crop losses resulting from damaging weather in crop years 2003 and 2004 as well as certain losses suffered in 2005.

"We are motivated to provide crop loss assistance benefits to producers as quickly as possible," said, Hargrove. "Drought, floods and hurricanes are unpredictable weather events that put farmers and ranchers at risk impeding their ability to produce a dependable, affordable national food

Eligibility for CDP is similar to that of the 2001-2002 Crop Disaster Program. Producers suffering a production loss greater than 35-percent and/or more than a 20-percent quality loss are eligible for CDP. The payment rate for CDP has been increased to 65 percent of the established commodity price for insured crops and non-insurable crops, and 60 percent of the price for uninsured commodities. Previous disaster assistance provided payments of 50 percent of the established commodity price for insured and non-insurable crops and 45 percent for uninsured crops.

Producers may apply for CDP for any crops that are eligible for coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance or the Noninsured Assistance Program. This program results from Congressional passage last October of the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2005 (the Act).

"CDP payments will be limited to \$80,000 per producer and/or entity, but funding for the program is unlimited," said Hargrove. "Although no sign-up deadline has been announced, we are striving to implement this program in a timely fashion in order to effectively benefit the producer." Hargrove encourages producers to begin organizing relevant crop loss

documentation and contact the Hansford County FSA Office to schedule

an appointment to discuss program eligibility and the application process. For more information regarding CDP and other disaster assistance, contact the Hansford County FSA office at (806) 659-3036 or visit the USDA Web sites at http://www.usda.gov and http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov.

## Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

As we approach the sixth Sunday in Easter, we thank God for his Son, whom He raised from the dead, and who is with us in all of our daily troubles and concerns.

Our lessons are Psalm 66, 1 Peter 3: 13-22, Acts 17: 22-31 and John 14: 15-21. The Psalmist praises god even though "For you, O God have tested us, you have tried us as silver is tried."

Peter tells the early faith community, for it is better to suffer for doing good, ifs suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil." Luke shows us Paul preaching to the Greek philosophers and elite who are gathered at the Areopaus to listen to Paul talk about the "unknown

John tells us the Christ, "will not leave you orphaned, I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.'

As Pastor Beverly journeys to our Synod Convention, I will have the service for this sixth Sunday of Easter. May the Holy Spirit keep you in faithfulness not as an orphan but as a Child of God one who endures the trials of this life through Him.



Don't Forget!

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**Thriftshop Policy** 

Hansford County Library has a policy barring children under 12 from he Thriftshop and the surrounding area outside. No strollers or buggies of any type are allowed in the Thriftshop. This policy is due to overcrowding in a small area and continuing discipline problems. Shoppers are asked to be considerate of the volunteers as well as other shoppers and leave children under 12 at home.

Project Graduation

The parents of the Spearman High School Senior Class of 2005 will sponsor and host a "Project Graduation Party" following commencement exercises Friday, May 27th. To encourage the graduates to stay the entire night, door prizes are awarded throughout the evening. In addition, graduates can page many marries through their participation in various games. uates can earn paper monies through their participation in various games so that prizes can be purchased. The graduation party will culminate with the distribution of grand prizes. Prizes, gift certificates, and cash are needed for the evening's gifts. If you, the community, who supported and encouraged these seniors these past 13 years of school, would be willing to share in this final "Class of 2005" memory, making this project "special", please call Delinda McLaughlin at 659-2800, Stephanie Brock at 659-1774, or Shannon Barnes at 659-5544.

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 May 23, 2005. Breast cance 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 assis tance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1 800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

You're Never Alone - Narcotics Anonymous Group

Each year individuals struggling with drug and alcohol addiction make the resolution to quit using drugs. For many of them it is a resolution that they cannot keep. Narcotics Anonymous can help. Open meetings are held on Thursday nights from 8-9 p.m. at the First Christian Church (29) S. Bernice in Spearman) for the "You're Never Alone" group of Narcotics Anonymous. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Drug addiction can leave an individual feeling helpless and out of control.

Colt Cluck Memorial Tri-State Rodeo Scholarship 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. Panhandle Crisis Center Outreach Office Panhandle Crisis Center (PCC) has an Outreach Office in the Pittman-Shieldknight Building, 511 SW 11th Avenue, Suite 105, in Spearman. In case of emergencies, please continue to call the hotline, 1-800-753-5308. To schedule an appointment with a worker in Hansford County, please call 659-3391 to leave a message, or call the hotline number above. Panhandle Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and

SojoCircle to study God's Politics

sexual assault. Please call for more information regarding PCC's servic-

A SojoCircle, in connection with Sojourners magazine, is currently forming to study the book *God's Politics* by Jim Wallace. SojoCircles are prayer, study, and discussion groups that invite its members to share issues of faith, hope, and peace. *God's Politics* offers a clarion call to issues of faith, hope, and peace. God's Politics offers a clarion call to make both our religious communities and our government more accountable to key values of the prophetic religious tradition - that is, make them pro-justice, pro-peace, pro-environment, pro-equality, pro-consistent ethic of life, and pro-family. These are the values of love and justice, reconciliation, and community that Jesus taught and that are at the core of what many of us believe, Christian or not. ANYONE interested is invited. For more information or to join, contact Cathy Smith at 659-3434 or 659-3477 or cathysmith@antden.com (or visit www.sojo.net for information about SojoCircles). The first meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2005 from 1-2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Spearman.

**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 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 halp in making this fund-raiser a success!

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Digital Camera Class

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

Walk Across Texas!

You know you should get regular exercise but you need some motivation? Call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901, to find out how you can Walk Across Texas. The easy, eight-week health and fitness program encourages participants to record miles walked toward a group goal equal to the distance across Texas. The Extension fitness program requires only a pair of walking shoes and a desire to improve your health. Waling is encouraged, but 15 minutes of other aerobic exercise such as running, bicycling, swimming, dance or step aerobics also count as a mile. The goal is to add healthful physical activity to lower blood pressure, trim pounds and reduce risks from heart disease, and diabetes. The program allows participants to from heart disease and diabetes. The program allows participants to exercise at a time and place that's convenient for them and to do so alone or with family, friends, neighbors or co-workers. You may participate as an individual or as a team made up of 8 people who keep track of the amount they walk. Tracking miles may be done the usual hard-copy way, or on an internet website, and continued past the 8-week time frame, if desired. Immediate benefits include increased energy levels and feeling less stressed. Walk Across Texas lasts through June 11th.

Memorial Day Wreaths

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

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

Cinco de Mayo Celebration Salsa Contest

The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Salsa Contest on May 7, 2005 in conjunction with the Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Entries are \$5 each, and must be at Courthouse Square by 11 a.m. on the 7th. There will be three categories (Mild Medium and Hot) and a grand prize awarded in each category. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 659-5555

Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant

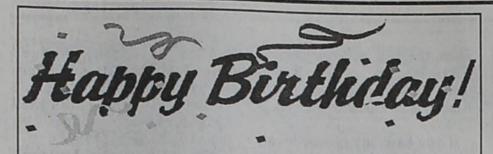
The Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce will present "Once Upon A Time," the 2005 Miss Hansford Scholarship Pageant, on June 7, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Auditorium. Age divisions are: Little Miss, 4-6; Junior Miss, 7-9; Pre-teen, 10-12; Miss Teen, 13-16; and Miss Hansford,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

Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class

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

Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class

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



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

Thank you, Catherine

April 28 Birthday - Kade Carthel. Wade Dahl, Jerry Duncan, Pat Harris, Jody Irwin, Krysanne Johnson, Shirley Lowe, Elvin Martin, Scott Swan, Kerry McMullan, Tammy Savage, Vernon Tindell, John Henry Hughes, Sambo Connelly,

Jessica Mayo, Janet Morales, Brad Renick, Jimmy Morley, Kyle Sumner Anniversary - M/M Roy Riley, James & Linda Owens, M/M Bill Gaither, Robbie & Valerie

Clark Bridges, Victoria Vela,

April 29 Birthday - Jill Garrett, Clay Hobbs, Betty Roberts, Estelle Jackson, Britton Benge, Burton Williams, Robbie Shields, Christine Harnish, Dora Alvarez, Greg Odegaard, Ila Willis, Randi Atwood, John Haynes, Madison McLain, Bailey Stedje

April 30 Birthday - Golda Mae Dunnihoo, Debra Cook, Shawn Martin, M.A. Brand, Robert Cantu, Cora Lee Jarvis, Hector Hermosillo, James E. Johnson. Zachery Renteria

Anniversary - M/M Kyle Irwin May 1 Birthday - Josie Kiser, Cori Cox, Marti Garnett, Jarett Swan, April Jarvis, Gina Hamilton, Earl Spencer, James Sterling, Floydean Shook, Ryon Atwood, Christine States, Angela Coombs, Devin Delozier, Victoria Renteria, Allan Thompson, Jason Ward, Aaron Weller, Dani Wheelock Anniversary - M/M Bobby Don Smith, Ronnie & Coleen

Schaefer May 2 Birthday - Michael Booth, Hack Johnson, Whitney Lilley, Chad Logsdon, Marsha Shaver, Carolyn Gressett, Melodie Kelp, Bryan Jenkins, Dalene Baker, Nick Renteria, Rex Shook, Lynn Davis, Keith Gibson, Connie Pape, Annie

Anniversary - M/M Jose Vaquera

Birthday - Gilbert Perez, Jon Tolleson, Patty Sheppard, Cruz Garcia, Rita Reed, Kendra Ivy, Linda Deluna, Derek George, Jason Harnish, April LaFarr, Michael Sparkman, Jewel Thomas, Haley Young

Anniversary - Ric & Sandee

May 4
Birthday - David Slater, Dwayne Mitchell, Pat Sutterfield, Buford Babitzke, Tina Rex, Victor Rios Sr., Terri Dewberry, Patrick Sparkman, Stan Fletcher, Pat Bratton, McKinley, Keith Colby Winegarner

Anniversary - Angie & Willie Salgado, Stephen & Jerri Lane May 5

Birthday - Olivia Cazares, Kevin Spivey, Joan Lee, Buena Lyons, Mrs. W.W. Weaver, Becky Hutchison, Debbie Fletcher, Debbie Evans, Jim Shields, Wallace Price, Melva Nichols, Venita Womack, Sawyer Sutterfield, DeeDee Longoria, Marva Roselius, Congona,
Gary Gumfory
May 6

Birthday - Mike O'Connell, Robin Hargis, Cecil Fryer Jr., Andréa Archer, Raymond Jenkins, Audrey Regen, Joan Dahl, Sybil Vera, Dr. Darrell Duke, Angie McCarney, Tim Smith, Tyler Schnell

May 7
Birthday - Allan Beasley, Bette Burk, Chris Deakin, Ashley Gammon, Helen Holt, Adelaida Vela, Stephanie Bayless, Scott McCloy, Carley Coomer, Becky Reagan Anniversary - Ramon & Trish Rosales

May 8 Birthday - Cody MacBeen, Kris Horton, Allan McCloy, Mike Pierce, Richard Pipkin, Pat Cudd, Carla Barkley, Phil Tripp, Monica Cantu, Denice Bridges, Clydeen Ramsey

Anniversary - M/M Don Hudson, Curtis & Bonnie Gross

Birthday - Teresa Barkley, James Burk, A.J. Lopez, Bobby Thompson, Jerry Tommy Gamblin, Sparkman, L.T. Wright, Dusty Ellis, Alicia Francis, Ruby McLain, Toni Davis, Lize Cazares, Julie May, Nikkie Stork

Anniversary - M/M Dale

## Work-at-home scams just don't pay

(NAPSI)-Experts say offers to work at home that seem too good to be true probably are.

According to the 2000 Census, over four million people in the U.S. work at home every day and the numbers are increasing.

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Proceed with caution, warn U.S. Postal Inspectors, because many "offers" don't deliver on their promises. Most "opportunities" will not guarantee regular salaried employment and many omit the fact you may have to work many hours without pay.

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Some of the classic work-athome scams include: · envelope stuffing;

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Ordered by the scam artist often using stolen credit card information. The scam victim then repackages the merchandise for shipment to a foreign country.

Whether they're old or new, these scams have cost their victims thousands of dollars. Check out any offer before responding. Legitimate companies should provide information in writing about the program they are offering.

Postal Inspectors offer these protection tips:

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· Be suspicious of any offer that doesn't pay a regular salary or involves working for an overseas

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There is no easy way to wealth. Operating a home-based business is just like any other business-it requires hard work, skill, good products or services, and it takes time to make a profit.

For more information on workat-home scams or to order a free DVD, visit the Web site at www.usps.com/postalinspectors.

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## Our Sympathy

VETA FAYE FRAZIER-ALLAWAY

DALLAS - Veta Faye Frazier-Allaway, 80, died Sunday, April 17,

Graveside services were be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Gruver Cemetery in Gruver with the Rev. George Price officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

Mrs. Frazier-Allaway was born March 22, 1925, in Hollis, Okla. She was an executive assistant and an accountant. She was an accomplished china painting artist. She was a member and president of Golden Spread Porcelain Art Club of Pampa and Porcelain Art Club of Amarillo. Three china pieces received first place and were displayed in the World China Painting Museum in Oklahoma City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hez M. and Leo Frazier; and a brother, H.M. Frazier Jr.

Survivors include a son, Kevin M. Allaway of Dallas; a daughter, Kayla M. Little and husband, David, of Dallas; a granddaughter, Lacey R. Allaway of Kerrville; and two grandsons, Matthew Little and Connor Little, both of Dallas.

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

 Spearman Fire Department meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Spearman Volunteer Fire Department.

 Gruver Fire Department meets the first, second and fourth Tuesday · Gruver Chamber of Commerce meets the first Tuesday of each

month at 12 noon at the El Vaquero. Hansford County Commissioners Court meets the second and

fourth Mondays at 10 a.m. at Hansford County Courthouse. · Stationmaster's House Museum Board of Directors meets the

second Monday at 2 p.m. at the Stationmaster's House Museum.

• Spearman ISD Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Spearman High School Library.

• Hansford Hospice meets on the second Monday of each month at

7 p.m.

• Palo Duro River Authority meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. at the P.D.R.A. office.

. Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday of each month at · Gruver City Commission meets the second Wednesday of each

nonth at 5 p.m. in Gruver City Hall.

Spearman Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at noon.
 Pringle-Morse CISD Board of Trustees meets the second Thursday

of each month at 7 p.m.

• Spearman City Council meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. in the City Hall Chambers at City Hall.

• Women's Division of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce

meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon.

• Gruver ISD Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of each

month at 6 p.m. in the Board Room at Gruver High School.

• Hansford County Hospital District Board of Directors meets the

fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Hansford Hospital Hansford County Historical Commission Board of Directors

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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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Friday Evening Mass

Summer - 8:00 p.m.

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For more information, call or come by:

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First Assembly of God 401 N. Bernice • 659-2295 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:35 a.m. Kid's Church: 10:35 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Worship: 7 p.m. Pastor - Bob Elder

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 29 S. Bernice • 659-2036 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 10:50 a.m. Minister - Gary Smith

First Baptist Church 123 N. Bernice • 659-5557 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 Bemice • 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

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Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.
Youth/Adult Service: 7:30 Wed. Pastor - Gene Foster

Primera Mision Bautista 502 E. 7th • 659-3991 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.;
Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m. Pastor Joe Garcia Jr.

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Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Disciple Training: 6 p.m., Sunday
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m., Wednesday
Pastor - Scott Curry

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Church of Christ 209 King • 733-2760 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 10:20 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 Adult Bible Study: 7:30, Sun. Wed. Bible Study: 8:00 p.m. Pastor - Gary Gumfory

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## Masonic Lodge presents service awards

y Cecil R. Biggers, Secretary

On the 18th of April in 2005, Hansford County Masons belonging to Hansford Lodge #1040 and Gruver Lodge #1326 and their families met at the El Vaquero Restaurant to honor 60 year and 50 year Masons. We also celebrated the 230th anniversary of the midnight ride of Bro. Paul Revere, a revolutionary war Mason.

Hansford Lodge Members receiving awards for long service included: Ralph Blodgett 60 years, Bobby J. Grayson 50 years, Buster W. Kirk 50 years, also honored were Hansford brethren who passed away before the arrival of their awards, Phil Jenkins 60 years, Kenneth Evans 50 years.

Gruver Lodge Members receiving awards included: Leon O. "Corky" Chapman 50 years, Richard L. Hintergardt 50 years, Fred M. Miller 50 Years, and Elvin Wright 50 years.

### **Project Graduation Spearman High School Class of 2005**

The parents of the Spearman High School graduating class of 2005 are asking for your help to make this years 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 graduating class. The celebration begins shortly after commencement exercise 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 envi-

To be able to continue with the Project Graduation tradition, we are asking you for contributions. Your contributions may be in the form of door prizes, monetary donations, book scholarships, or gifts that will benefit them upon entering college...

If you are interested and willing to donate to this worthy cause, we ask that you send your contributions no later than April 29, 2005 to:

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If you would like to donate items that need to be picked up, please contact Julie or Donna at 806-659-2516 during the day or 806-659-5467 or 806-659-2308 after 5 p.m.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

## You're invited to attend a Bridal Shower

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Dr. Bublis' son injured in Iraq

Dr. Paul Bublis' 24-year-old son, Andy, was injured in the bombing this past Saturday in Mozul, Iraq. He is in the Army. and has been in Iraq for about six months.

Andy is currently in a hospital in Germany with sever injuries. including second- and third-degree burns over most of his body, shrapnel injuries as well as a head injury. Dr. Bublis and his family are encouraged that the doctors believe he is stable enough to have him moved to San Antonio.

Dr. Bublis and his wife, Ruth. are asking prayers for their son, Andy. They will be traveling from Hobbs, NM to San Antonio later this week to see him.

### Attention SHS ex-students

The Ex-Students' Association needs your help. In order for us to make plans for the 2005 All School Reunion, we need anyone who hasn't already RSVP'd to do so as soon as possible.

If you know you'll be attending the luncheon on July 2, please send your ticket money in advance so we can get a rough head count.

Your dues are also very important to the Association. The money from dues pays for a multitude of expenses: postage and supplies for a total of 6000 mailings; janitorial services, flowers, refreshments, entertainment and supplies for the school assembly; rental of the O'Loughlin Center and various other expenses. The Ex-Students' Association also gives a \$1,600 scholarship each year to a senior graduate, of which the dues pays

At this point, we are very short

we won't be able to meet all of our expenses. So, please send in your dues and/or meal money ASAP, even if you are unable to attend the reunion. The address is PO Box 132, Spearman, TX 79081. Please include your name and class year in any correspondence.

City of Gruver asks for help in keeping town clean & safe The City of Gruver would like to

remind everyone how important it is to keep all property mowed. Yards, vacant lots and alleys that are not kept mowed and picked up of old debris harbor insects, snakes and of course hinder our progress in eliminating the cat and skunk population. With the rabies outbreak in Hansford County the City of Gruver needs the help of all citizens to keep our city a safe place to live. Again, please remember that alleys are the responsibility of the owner/renter to keep mowed. Thank you all for your help in making Gruver a beautiful and safe place to live.

#### **Gus Birdwell Elementary** schedules 2005 annual track meet

The annual Gus Birdwell Elementary track meet has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 4,

Grades K-3 will begin their events at 10 am. Grades 4-6 will begin their events at 1:00 pm. All events will take place at the high school football field. In case of inclement weather, the back-up date for the elementary track meet will be Thursday, May 12, 2005.

The schedule events will be as follows: The boys will complete the field events while the girls complete the running events.

Then, the girls will complete the field events and the boys will complete the running events. The Kindergarten students will race at

If you have any questions concerning the track meet, please feel free to contact me, Coach Baird, at 659-2565. I will look forward to seeing everyone at the track meet!

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

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

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

Sunday, May 1: 3 p.m. -Church service, living room Monday, May 2: 10 a.m. -Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Sewing Club, activity room;

6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room

Hansford County Calendar April 28 - IPC Trip to Palo Duro Canyon

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

May 3 - Gruver ISD Academic Awards Banquet, 7 p.m.; National Teacher Appreciation Day

Track Meet, Abilene

May 4 - Gus Birdwell Elementary Track Meet, Spearman High School track

May 5 - Gus Birdwell Elementary Cinco de Mayo Day; State UIL Academic Meet

May 6 - Gus Birdwell Kindergarten Elementary Mother's Day Tea, 2 p.m.; National Nurse Appreciation Day May 7 - Gruver ISD prom

May 8 - Mother's Day May 9 - Gruver ISD All-School picnic; State Tennis & Golf Tournaments

May 11 - Gruver ISD FCCLA end-Of-school meeting and officer elections

May 13 - FFA at Tascosa; State Track Meet; Gruver ISD bad weather day - no school

May 16 - Gruver ISD Athletic Banquet May 17 - Gruver ISD Band

Concert, 7 p.m.

May 20 - Gruver ISD bad weather day - no school; Spearman ISD bad weather day - no school

May 22 - Gruver ISD Baccalaureate, 7 p.m., Gruver United Methodist Church; Spearman ISD Baccalaureate, 7 p.m., Spearman ISD auditorium

May 26 - Spearman 8th Grade Graduation, 6 p.m.; Gruver 8th Grade Graduation, 8 p.m.

May 27 - Spearman High School Graduation; Gruver High School Graduation, 8 p.m.

May 30 - Memorial Day

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Amy Marsh & Tony Clement

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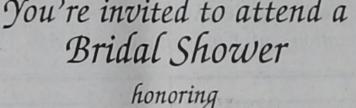
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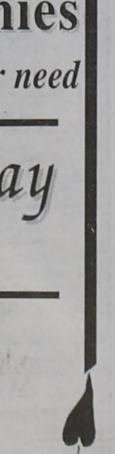
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Hansford Manor Schedule April - 2005

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. -Bingo, dining room Friday, April 22: Play domi-

noes or Skip-Bo or watch a movie. (Activities Personnel will be gone to Amarillo to attend seminar.) Saturday, April 23: open for visitation from friends, family and

community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes Sunday, April 24: 3 p.m. -Church service, living room, First

Christian Church of Spearman; Passover begins Monday, April 25: 10 a.m. -Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 Resident Council, activity room;

6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Hospice Volunteers Tuesday, April 26: 10 a.m. -Exercise, living room; 2:30 -Happy Hour, activity room; 5:30 p.m. - Christian Buffet, dining

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

Thursday, April 28: 10 a.m.

Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. -

Bingo, dining room

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

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Hansford County Calendar March 13-20, 2005

April 14-17 - SHS Band Trip to Corpus Christi April 14-15 - HS District Track

Meet, Panhandle April 15 - Donuts with Dads. Gruver Elementary, 7-8 a.m.;

Show & Tell, Gruver Elementary, 7:50-8:30 a.m. April 18 - 10th & 11th Grade Science TAKS Test; Exit Level Science Retest; 8th Grade Science

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

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

April 21 - 9th Grade Math TAKS Test; 10th & 11th Grade Social Studies TAKS Test; Exit Level Social Studies Retest; 5th Grade Science TAKS Test; 8th Grade Social Studies TAKS Test April 22 - Junior High Dance,

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

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

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

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

April 26-27 - TPRI Testing, Kindergarten only

April 27-28 - AA-Region One Tennis Tournament, Abilene; Junior High UIL Choir Contest, Amarillo

April 27 - Physics/Anatomy trip to Lubbock April 28 - IPC Trip to Palo Duro

Canyon April 29 - Spearman ISD,

Pringle-Morse CISD School Snow Day, No School

April 29-30 - HS Regional Track Meet, Abilene



Cecilia Randall was the singles and all-events winner of the Borger Women's City Bowling Tournament held in March. She was also a member of the firstplace bowling team and the winning doubles team.

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by Merry Sparks

There are weeks that it is so easy and fun to write this column and there are weeks that it is very difficult. I hate sounding so redundant. The truth is that even when it sounds like we do the same things over and over it is never the same. There is always something special that happens to make the same thing different. That is the way it is with bingo, exercise, and all of the Other activities that we do over and over. This is one of those difficult weeks so I choose to skip over some things this week and expand on the different things.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the Residents and the public to enjoy. If you have articles that you would be willing to donate to this activity department.

We also are taking donations at the activity department for the Empty Stocking Fund to help defray the cost. In the future the employees of the Manor will be having bake sales, raffles, and cook offs. Isn't it nice that the employees care enough about the Manor and the Residents to take on such a project! I say kudos to you!

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

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

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

After lunch we took a tour

furniture that we have coming for out with mementos, one with a new cowboy hat, some with candy.

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

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

> Thank you to the Big Texan and

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

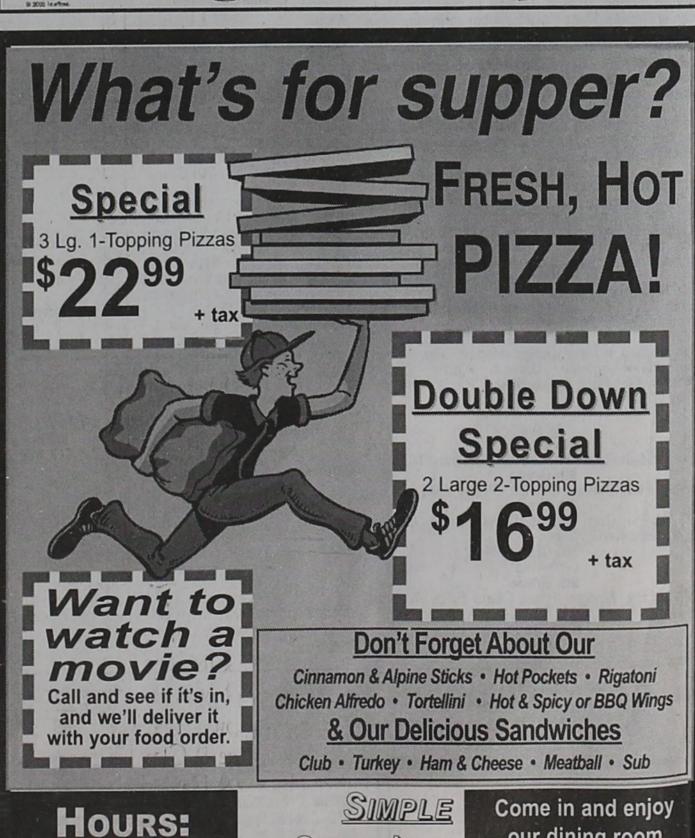
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## MEETINGS & MINUTES

#### Spearman ISD DEIC reviews data for district and campuses

District Education Improvement Committee met on January 12, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Present at the meeting were: Krista Baird, Sheila Deal, Sandra Blankenship, Bill Belger, Bill Wiggins, Hope Kemp, Betty Womble, Garry Dodd, Mansel Phillips, Bob Boxwell, Dwayne Mitchell, Joe Garcia, Sally Swan, Hector Diaz, and Rodney Sumner. DISCUSSION

Mr. Sumner updated the committee on a Leadership Retreat that was held this past weekend. He said that a team of administrators, counselors and two teachers from each campus were identified and spent time disaggregating AYP and AEIS data for the district and campuses. Their findings are summarized below:

STRENGTHS: White scores generally 90%+ and are increasing annually; Writing scores (huge gains); White "commended" scores exceeded State (except Science); Number of HS students taking advanced courses increasing & graduating RHSP; Small class sizes (in many cases below State average); RPTE Intermediate scores to Advanced improved

AREAS OF CONCERN: LEP scores; Some gaps in Male / Female subgroup; Gaps in Math and Science scores for economicaldisadvantaged students; Vocabulary a concern for LEP students; Lack of Hispanic teachers; RPTE Beginning scores to Intermediate did not show as great of an improvement as needed

In addition, the team noted that student demographic data indicated at the district level that Hispanic numbers were greater than the State average, but slightly lower than the State in economically disadvantaged. The district's LEP numbers were higher than the State average. The following ACTION PLAN was developed in response to the areas of concern.

REGION 16: Staff development - specific toward strategies for LEP students; Promising practices; Identify school districts in the area with strong LEP programs; Help the district with aligning the curriculum

DISTRICT: Identify system (poli-

with LEP students); Work to attract or home grow minority teachers; Encourage / support / fund ESL certification; Commitment to TEK TEAM training (hands on math manipulatives that are successful with LEP students)

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: FAME reading program; After school tutorial program; Mentoring program (pair teacher and community members with identified students)

ELEMENTARY: Create early identification process (K-2 grade); Provide specific targeted interventions; Adopt-a-Student

Word of the Day (quiz that can enhance grade); 9,10,11 Math software; Visit a high performing school (2A - similar to Spearman in demographics); Discussion on alternatives to Block Scheduling in order to gain more instructional time in schedule

Mr. Sumner distributed to the committee copies of the District's AEIS data and Gold Performance Acknowledgments.

Mr. Sumner discussed with the committee issues revolving around the 2005-2006 school calendar. He said that State law permits schools to start during the week in which the 21st falls. This year the 21st is on a Sunday, so the first day of school would be the 22nd. Going with this starting date it would be impossible to finish the first semester before Christmas, and school would not be let out until sometime around June 1st. Mr. Sumner explained to the committee that they could apply for a waiver to start school earlier; however, there are specific requirements that have to be met. Specifically, he said that a notification must be published in the local paper and a public hearing must be held to solicit input from the public. After reviewing several calendar options, the consensus of the committee was to look at applying for a waiver (the final approval for the waiver rests with the school board). Mr. Sumner stated that he would distribute a calendar survey to the staff to collect some of their preferences in order to report back to the committee at the February

Mr. Sumner updated the committee on the progress of the Citizens' Facility Committee. He said that they are scheduled to meet again on January 17th. He said that it is their goal to present a recommendation

cies and procedures for working back to the Board of Trustees by Stavlo, Curt Fitzgerald, Terry the end of the month.

has been scheduled for February and Superintendent David Teal. 16, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library.

ACTION ITEM

last DEIC meeting on December 1 2004 without any corrections. The meeting adjourned at 5:55

The DEIC Notes are intended to communicate activities to staff parents and the community. Persons who have questions or comments should direct them to HIGH SCHOOL: Vocabulary any DEIC member or contact Rodney Sumner, Superintendent of Schools at 659-3233.

### Gruver ISD holds public hearing to change school start date

Spearman ISD held a public hear- meeting. Voting Aye: Fitzgerald, p.m. on the School Start Date for Thompson, Abstain: Irwin. the 2005-2006 school year. The Board received the following visitors: Lori Haight, Terry Felderhoff. Mica Been, and Debby Odom.

The regular board meeting of the Board of Trustees, Gruver Independent School District was help Monday, January 17, 2005, at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Paul

Cody Mac Been

Seth Clemmons

Cass Cooper

Sergio Cruz

Blythe Finley

Patricia Gaspar

Laina Grotegut

Yolanda Hernandez

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Sherrill, Jody Irwin, Brent Stedie, The next meeting of the DEIC Dwayne Thompson, Jeff Graves,

The Board received the following visitors: Lori Haight, Debby Odom, Mica Been, Darlene Minutes were approved of the Gibson, Amber Holland, and Terry Felderhoff.

with prayer.

Darlene Gibson (first grade teacher) gave a report on Reading Recovery Conference November 17-19, 2004, in Dallas. Lori Haight (reading recovery teacher) also reported on how Gruver compared to other districts in the area on TAKS 3rd Grade 2003-2004. Amber Holland (first grade teacher) reported on her experiences at the conference and how it affects her classroom.

Motion by Curt Fitzgerald, second by Terry Sherrill to approve The Board of Trustees of minutes of he December 14, 2004 ing on January 17, 2005 at 6:45 Graves, Sherrill, Stavlo, Stedje,

Motion carried 6-0-1 Motion by Terry Sherrill, second by Jody Irwin to approve budget amendments for revenue.

Motion carried 7-0. Motion by Jeff Graves, second by brent Stedje to approve student

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jody Irwin, second by Curt Fitzgerald to approve start of school waiver for on or after August 15, 2005. Motion carried 7-0.

The Board reviewed the following discussion items: Attendance and Enrollment 402, Date of next board meeting (February 21, 2005 Paul Stavlo opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.), School Finance update, Renovation projects from Tim White Associates, First reading of Update 74, and Finance Report-Debby Odom(Business

Executive Session-Gov. Code

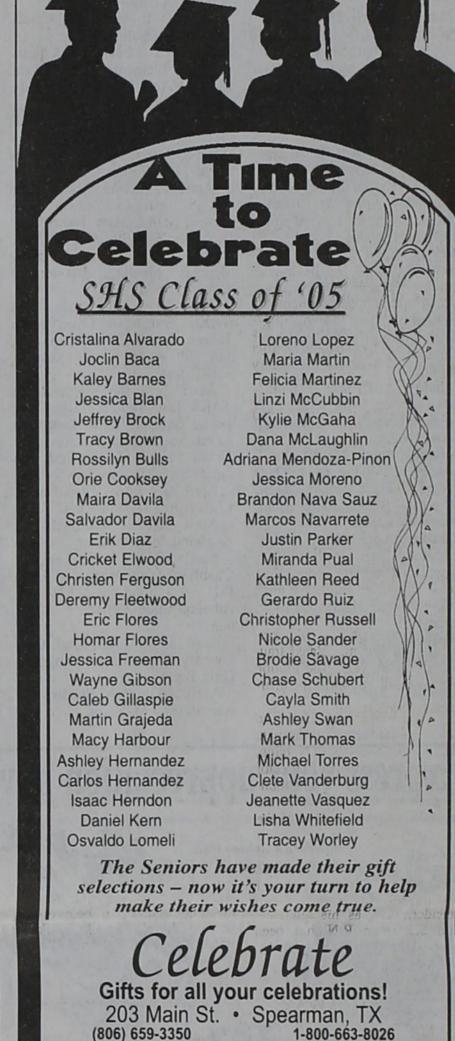
551.074: The board entered into executive session at 8:23 p.m.

Open Session- Gov. Code 551.001: The board entered into open session at 11:10 p.m.

Motion by Curt Fitzgerald, second by Jeff Graves to offer an extension of a two year contract to

David Teal. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by Jeff Graves, second by Jody Irwin to adjourn at 11:13

Motion carried 7-0.



## Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is short to adeface soil moisture. Corn planting made good progress. The crop was 25 percent planted and stands are rated good to excellent. Wheat was 25 percent headed and rated good to excellent. Dryland wheat needed signifireported. Rangelands continued to green up and were rated fair to good. Cattle were rated fair to good. Horn fly infestation levels rose.

quate. Temperatures were above average. Isolated thunderstorms with rain and hail were reported. High winds caused rapid evaporation of surcant rain to continue to make good progress. Some hail damage was

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## 3rd Six Weeks Honor Rolls

Justin Thompson

Salazar, Reid Winger

11th Grade

Sheldon Atwood, Lindsey Clift, Laci Fitzgearld, Rachelle Holt, Tyler Lane, Matt Messer, Stephen

12th Grade

Laina Grotegut, Brock Irwin, Brittanie Osbourne, Gabriela Rosles, Mark TeBeest, Ben Williams, Ryan

5th Grade Clarissa Anaya, Kaysha Bass, Betty Hernandez, Daniela Luciano, Mariana Mendoza

6th Grade

Gabriela Barrera, Mariela Barrera, Justin Bass, Cambry Cooper, Zach Logsdon, Colton Moffett, Brenna Reid, Daniel Swink

7th Grade

Caleb Miller 8th Grade

Miles Messer, Matt Salazar

10th Grade

Bonnie Frick, Victoria Vela 11th Grade Timber Barkley, Lanie Graves, Maria Ruiz 12th Grade

Cody Mac Been, Sergio Cruz, Jessica Montgomery,

Pringle-Morse CISD Principal's Honor Roll 1st Grade

Fabian Canales, Hunter Hopkins, Ryanne Howell,

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

Katelyn Wilson

6th Grade

Bailey Reid, Lucia Trejo, Lance Williams

Lupita Melendez, Ella Speck

Spearman ISD

Christina Cano, Colton Cator, Michael Fox, Griffin George, Brennan Greene, Payton Harrell, Zianya Hernandez, Jessica Holguin, Enrique Ortiz, Trea Rice, Moises Rosendo, Haley Pledger, Logan Saydor, Suranna Vargas, Taylor, Vargas, Logan Sowder, Suzanna Vargas, Taylor Varnon, Jarek Wood, Trent White, Halee Miesner, daisy Lopez, Kevin Hopkins, Abigail Holguin, Sheridan Hagerman, Janak Bhakta, Eliana Arzate, Julio Morales, Lupita Flores, Lupe Briceno, Jaci Burgin, Leilani Carrasco, Kevin Castillo, Alexis Alvarez, Daniela Garcia, Serena Harbour, Dustyn Kelley, Hunter Kenney, Angela Mendoza, Trace Patterson, Cristal Pena, Shelby Passer, Pedro Vera

2nd Grade Alan Biggers, Ruben Frayre, Tyann Hight, Zane Hughes, Cayton Limbocker, Hannah Patterson, Nikki Rindlisbacher, Belen Robledo, Brigette Vargas, Madison Price, Daniel Avila, Gabby Bravo, Trey Bridwell, Beau Brown, Cristina Campos, Cheyenne Evans, Susy Flores, Peyton Garnett, Clarisa Hernandez, Emily Miser, Jayme Pack, Marshall Thornton, Enrique Vargas, Vanessa Vela, Tanner Baird, Chanz Garcia, Slade Garnett, Israel Hernandez, Leo Holquin, John Holloway, L.D. Beed Hernandez, Leo Holguin, John Holloway, J.D. Reed, Brock Schroeder, Loren Temple, Brooke Walker, Callie Yarbrough

Vanessa Briseno, Seth Carson, Kim Gibson, Ryan Schnell, Juan Garcia, Alec Ceniceros, Kelsea Miller, Kathrine Soliz, James Sowder, Sydney McDonald, Katie Miesner, Carson Pearson, Alison Smith, Connor Willimon

Arik Mires, Maria Pena, Paige Pearson, Audy Reed, Alfredo Rosendo, Allison Brown, Crystal Cantu, Katy Miser, Halli Mans, Itzel Meza, Mabry Sutterfield, Jake Willimon, Lexi Batton, Cassie Bowers, Gately Garnett, Jozlynn Hagerman, Brody Hargrove, Katelynn Kizziar, Erik Lopez, Adriana Loya, Stefan Cook, Malory Martin, Morgan Ashmore, Tylo Farar, Bryce Jarvis, Cassidy Odegaard, Lauren Patterson, Justin Rindlisbacher, Chandler Short, Anna Sowder, Cristina Vargas Cristina Vargas

5th Grade Arik Mires, Maria Pena, Paige Pearson, Audy Reed, Alfredo Rosendo, Allison Brown, Crystal Cantu, Katy Miser, Halli Mans, Itzel Meza, Mabry Sutterfield, Jake Willimon, Lexi Batton, Cassie Bowers, Gately Garnett, Jozlynn Hagerman, Brody Hargrove, Katelynn Kizziar, Erik Lopez; Adriana Loya, Stefan Cook, Malory Martin, Morgan Ashmore, Tylo Farar, Bryce Jarvis, Cassidy Odegaard, Lauren Patterson, Justin Rindlisbacher, Chandler Short, Anna Sowder, Cristing Varias Cristina Vargas

6th Grade Nikki Boyd, Laura Harnandez, Rolando Munoz, Jessica Pinon, Seth Salgado, Tori Sheets, DeDee Vaquera

7th Grade
Preslee Baker, Tate Batton, Whitney Maestas, Rosa
Ortiz, Chance Pack, Andi Scarborough

Jordan Ashmore, Cha'tae Avila, Ashley Close, Destiny Fisher, Bond Pittman, Tyler Schnell, Haley Smith, Dylan Sumner, Brett Winegarner 9th Grade

Brittney Bradkley, Mattie Davis, Dane Harbour, Klyee Howard, Clara Kern, Natalie Quintero, Kyla Reed,

Kendall Schneider, Elliott Sheets 10th Grade

Saylee Flowers, Cara Gwin, Trudy Hart, Emily Hood, Brian Johnson, Jordanna Lozano, Stuart Martin, Anthony Renteria, Kelcee Rex 11th Grade

Katie Baehler, Jessica Brown, Tonya Hart, Maribel Moreno, Adriana Pinon, Alejandro Rjos, Tabatha Shields, Jordan Short, Lindsey Short, Aleisha Sweat, Si Li Tang, Timberly Thomas, Abby Winegarner 12th Grade

Jeff Brock, Christen Ferguson, Eric Flores, Jessica Freeman, Wayne Gibson, Macy Harbour, Daniel Kern, Felicia Martinez, Dana McLaughlin, Gerardo Ruiz, Brodie Savage, Cayla Smith, Mark Thomas

"A" Average 1st Grade

Lizeth Chavez, Daniela Enriquez, Bryan Meza, Maria Tarango, Marlyn Allmanza, Austin Holguin, Edgar Corral, Evelyn Jacquez 2nd Grade

Caleb Kizziar, Omar Mendoza, Alex Valles, Juan Davila, Jose Corralejo, Gabriel Briseno, Rubi Estrada, Anne Marie Comp 3rd Grade

Eulises Mendoza, Jerry Tang, Stephania Hernandez, Gena Hargrove, Miranda Hargus, Klarissa Vela, Merrylu Ramos, Christian Ortiz 4th Grade

Jeb Cantu, Adriana Corralejo, Junior Garcia, Alexis Mendoza, Yadira Villa, Andrew Landers, Cynthia Mendoza, Erynn Saenz, Blaine Pack, Kevin Ruiz, Vikki Temple, Iris Villa, Halee Neese, Denick Zimmerman, Margarita Ibarra, Janneth Terrazas, Brent Hansen

5th Grade Jeb Cantu, Adriana Corralejo, Junior Garcia, Alexis Taylor Felderhoff, Shelley Gibson\*, Madison McLain Mendoza, Yadira Villa, Andrew Landers, Cynthia Mendoza, Erynn Saenz, Blaine Pack, Kevin Ruiz, Vikki Temple, Iris Villa, Halee Neese, Denick Zimmerman, Margarita Ibarra, Janneth Terrazas, Brent Hansen

6th Grade Shi-Ann Bates, Edgar Castillo, Amber Martinez, Jose MEndoza, Yesenia Romero, Blayne Schroeder, Sawyer Suttefield, Joselyn Terrazas

7th Grade Leanna Espinosa, Sutten Garnett, Zack Hughes 8th Grade

Sabrina Cantu, Chase Farrar, Kegan Garnett, Dayne Hargrove, Tyler Harper, Jennifer Perez, Vicki Renteria, T.J. Worley

All A-1B 9th Grade Blayne Baker, Callie Cazares, Tara Shields, Meagen Smith

10th Grade Sara Barnes, Karina Hernandez, Jessica Jarvis, Wilhma Macias, Zack Nollner, Ryan Ramon, Rhett Renner 11th Grade

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Vanderburg 12th Grade Tracy Brown, Rossilyn Bulls, Orie Cooksey, Homar Flores, Caleb Gillaspie, Carlos Hernandez, Lorena Lopez, Adriana Mendoza-Pinon, Brandon Nava-Sauz, Justin Parker, Clete Vanderburg, Steven Vaguera, Tracey Worley

Gruver ISD

Honor Roll

Pre-K (9 Weeks Honor Roll)

Kaycee Anderson, Johana Borunda, Eimi De La
Cerda, Ruby Gaviro, Pablo Ortiz, Sammi Sparks, Carlos Tarango

Kindergarten (9 Weeks Honor Roll)
Braxton Crane, Blaies Davis, Leslie Germany,
Brittney Grimes, Macy Haight, Amber Johnson, Tania
Ortiz, Jasmine Pueblo, Jessica Ramirez, Kylie
Thomas, Tate Tyler, Paola Gonzalez, Ramiro
Hernandez, Randi Jines, Sarah Olmos, Edwin Pena, Wyatt Poer, Jazmin Ramirez, Lizi Tarango, Meny Terrazas, Abigail Trejo, Kennedy Venneman

1st Grade Adam Casdorph, Ady Garcia, Karsten Irwin, Nicholas Key, Kennedy King, Hadlee Spivey, Aaron Felderhoff, Trenton Finley, Nick Rivera

2nd Grade Kisha Borunda, Serena Diaz, Vanessa Garcia, Dax Haight, Reagan Haynes, Bailey Rae Poer, Oziel Rey, Bailey Stedje, Blake Verdel, Carson Williams, Rayel Anderson, Tania Bernal, Michael Davis, Israel Flores, Patty Garcia, Thaily Martinez, Mason McLain, Victoria Moreno, Jenny Smith, Megan Sparks

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4th Grade Nikki Beasley Adilene Duran, Maggie Key, Korbin Irwin, Alex Logsdon, Damian Pierce, Dallas Reynolds, Flor Soto, Callie Stedje, Paula Terrazas, Ashley Williams

5th Grade 6th Grade

Mary Hart, Brianne Mitchell, Shelby Williams 7th Grade Katie Gibson, Cory Graves, Drew Mireles, Megan Stedje, Leigh Anne Winger

9th Grade Maydeli Ortiz, Morgan Ross, Diana Solis, Adriana Soto, Kayla Swink, Seth Thompson, Abbi Yanke

10th Grade Sydney Been, Mayra Hernandez, Jimmilee McCloy,

8th Grade

Gena Gillispie, Molly Lieb Reese Clark, Hannah Speck

Haden Hart, Jesus Lopez 8th Grade Mary Beth Hartis, Molly Zimmer

\*Denotes Principal's Honor Roll - These students had 95 or better in all core subjects.

## Congratulations to these students on their academic achievements!





## MINUTES & MEETINGS

#### Hansford County Hospital District board welcomes Hartgraves back as director

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District was held in the Hansford Hospital Board Room on Wednesday, December 15, 2004.

Board members, administration and staff present: Ginger Pittman, President; S. Randall Sauer, Vice-President; Pat Irwin, Secretary-Treasurer; Val Winger, Board Director; Steve L. Hartgraves, CEO; B. Scott Beedy, CPA, CFO; Anne Snow, LNFA, Hansford Manor; Joann Schneider, R.N., Hospital DON; Lelia Bynum, R.N., Manor DON; Connie Gibson, R.N.; Cheryl Miller, R.N., Clinic Manager; Charla Hargis, R.N., Hospice: Carol Sell.

Administrative Assistant Absent: Vicki Urban, Board Director and Jason Duvall, Board Director

Guests present: Sharron Swan

CALL TO ORDER Ginger Pittman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. Val Winger offered the invocation.

The minutes of the special meetings of November 3 and November 11 and of the Regular Meeting of November 17 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS Status of Temporary Clinic Coverage: Clinic Manager Cheryl Freeman, R.N., reported that the locum tenens physician the District had expected to arrive in January will not be here after all due to personal reasons. Ms. Freeman has been in contact with the contracted locum tenens company and reported they have two other physicians in mind. She indicated she would keep the Board informed. Ms. Freeman also informed the Board that fifty patients had been turned away during the month due to office hours being fully booked.

**NEW BUSINESS** Joann Schneider, R.N., Hospital Director of Nursing Services, presented an application for approval and execution to obtain reimbursement for the uncompensated trauma care for the year. The motion passed with all voting in the affir-

The appointment of Hansford Hospice Administrator, Alternate Administrator, Director of Nursing, Manager, and Alternate of Director of Nursing must be renewed annually, approved and executed by the Board of Directors. A copy of the document is attached to and made a part of the minutes. The Board of Directors has appointed Steve Hartgraves the Administrator of Hansford Hospice, with Joann Schneider, R.N. as his alternate. Joann Schneider, R.N. has been appointed the Director of Nursing. Charla Hargis, R.N. has been named Manager and alternate to the Director of Nursing of Hansford Hospice. Steve District Hartgraves, CEO/Administrator and Joann Schneider, R.N., DON will act as Liaison between the governing board, the medical staff, and other hospice staff. The motion passed

with all voting in the affirmative. Approval of Policies and Procedures: 1-808.20 Access to Open Records Information Requests, 1-883.01 Statement of Management Responsibility, 2-808.19 Access to and Release of Protected Health Information /Medical Records, 1-883.02 Training Orientation, 2-808.20 Valid Education, Authorizations, 1-883.14 Billing and Insurance Claims, 1-880.09 Client Clinical Record Retentio, 1-883.20 Rights of the Elderly, 1-880.10 Back Up Services, 1-883.28 Back Up Services, 1-880.11 Display of License, 1-883.37 Client Clinical Record Retention, 1-880.12 Rights of the Elderly, 2-883.01 Agency Organizational

Changes, 2-883.02 Staffing Qualifications and Conditions and 2-883.03 Display of License.

are attached to and made a part of these minutes, were made available to the Board prior to the meeting for review. After brief discussion of the policies, the motion passed with all voting in the affirmative.

The Medical Staff Executive Committee reviewed the appointment application of Rahul Mehta, M.D., for initial appointment to Radiology Consulting Staff and recommended that the Board approve the appointment. After reviewing the document, the motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Rahul Mehta was passed with all voting in the affirmative.

CEO Report: Steve Hartgraves reported that there are ORCA grants outstanding and provided a summary of the grant currently being written for funds to be applied to the security audit and for a sound system which will provide music in the clinics to help reduce overhearing of medical conversa-

Mr. Hartgraves informed the Board he is in the process of revising the District's scholarship loan application policy. That policy will be coming to the Board in January.

He indicated that CT scans and some other ancillary department numbers are trending downward as the result of having fewer providers, but assured the Board that everyone is working hard to "pick up the slack." There is an unidentified "rumble" in the CT, and the department's manager is reviewing the warranty.

Hartgraves expressed his happiness at being back at HCHD.

Next, Anne Snow, Manor Administrator, provided an update on Hansford Manor. She reported the census at 62 Residents, with three inquires for possible admission. The Manor Administrator and Director of Nursing Services are working toward addressing complaints. A member of Manor Medical Records Staff will be on duty at the desk on Station I until 9:00 p.m. during the week, and from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on weekends. A new mentoring program of LVNs by RNs has just been started, whereby the RN mentors assess the needs, etc., of the LVNs. Management personnel, including RNs, are scheduled to spot check residents' rooms. The Manor Administrator and DON recognized how easy it is to get "stuck in the office" and plan to get out on the floor and walk around the facility. A customer service satisfaction survey is being developed, and an item on the QAAC meeting's agenda will be customer service. In closing, Anne Snow stated that she and Lelia Bynum must have an on-going commitment for these plans to succeed.

The Board reviewed the financial reports, copies of which are These policies, copies of which attached to and made a part of these minutes. The report shows the gain/(loss) for all entities of (\$42,747.90) for the month and (\$62,469.11) year to date. The Cash and Investment Report for the period ending November 30, 2004, totaled \$3,787,230.57.

The Board of Directors went into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. by a motion made by S. Randall Sauer. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. on a motion made by S. Randall Sauer. There was no action taken in Executive

There were no actions or decisions to be made on matters deliberated during the Executive

There was no other business dis-

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

#### Hansford County **Hospital District board** approves privileges for Dr. Perez

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Hansford County Hospital District was held in the Hansford Hospital Board Room on Wednesday, January 26, 2005.

Board members, administration and staff present: Ginger Pittman, President; S. Randall Sauer, Vice-President; Val Winger, Board Director; Vicki Urban, Board Director; Jason Duvall, Board Director; Steve L. Hartgraves, CEO; B. Scott Beedy, CPA, CFO; Anne Snow, LNFA, Hansford Manor; Joann Schneider, R.N., Hospital DON; Jeanne Swan, LVN., Manor ADON; Cheryl Miller, R.N., Clinic Manager; and Carol Sell, Administrative Assistant. Pat Irwin, Secretary-Treasurer was absent.

CALL TO ORDER Ginger Pittman, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. Val Winger offered the invo-

A motion made by Vicki Urban and seconded by Val Winger approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15. All voted in the affirmative, passing the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS** Status of Temporary Clinic Coverage: Cheryl Miller reported that Dr. Perez is working Monday through Wednesday and covering the Emergency Room. Ms. Miller indicated that the patients really like Dr. Perez and he likes the

Hansford County area. **NEW BUSINESS** Presentation of Audit for Hansford Appraisal District: Alice Peddy reported results of the

Appraisal District's audit and presented a refund check in the amount of \$1,780 to the Hospital District. Copies of the Hansford Appraisal District Budget History and the Notes to Financial Statements of Hansford Appraisal District are attached to and made a part of these minutes. The Board thanked Ms. Peddy for her report.

Approval of Revisions to Employee Handbook: The Board was provided a copy of the edited version of the Employee Handbook prior to the meeting. A copy of the handbook with the marked changes are attached to and made a part of these minutes. S. Randall Sauer med a motion to approve the revisions as presented. Jason Duvall seconded the motion, and it was passed with all voting in the affir-

Approval of Policies and Procedures: 1-719.05 Suspected Malfunction of Equipment; 1-719.08 Equipment Loans, Borrowed Equipment, and the Use of Personal Equipment; 1-808.01 Policy on Policies; 1-808.01a Policy Template; 4-808.02 Medical Staff Quality Peer Review Process; 1-809.21 Education and Travel Reimbursement; 1-809.23 Scholarship Program; 1-828.10 Prevention of Resident Abuse, Neglect, and Mistreatment; 1-828.19 Designation of Hansford Manor Resident's Responsible Party; 1-828.57 Hansford Manor Dietary Services; 1-880.19 Written Contingency Plan (Home Written Health); 1-883.29 Contingency Plan (Hospice); 1-883.45 Client Records (Hospice)

The above-listed policies, copies of which are attached to and made a part of these minutes, were made available to the Board prior to the meeting for review. After discussion of the policies, S. Randall Sauer made a motion to approve the policies as presented. Jason Duval seconded the motion, and it was passed with all voting in the affirmative.

Approval of Privileges for Michael Perez, D.O., as Recommended by Medical Staff at their January Meeting: The Staff Executive Committee reviewed the appointment application of Michael Perez, D.O., for initial appointment as Emergency Physician and recommended that the Board approve the appointment effective January 3,

2005. After reviewing the document, Val Winger made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Michael Perez as recommended by Medical Staff. Vicki Urban seconded the motion, and it was passed with all voting in the affir-

Consideration of 2002-2005 Strategic Plan: The Board was furnished a copy of the Strategic Plan, 2002-2005, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Hartgraves indicated that most of the plans set out have been completed, and because we are nearing the end of this plan, it is time for Board Members and Administration to consider how the District will approach the next Strategic Plan. He reminded the Board that \$750 per board member is available each year for such events and training.

CEO Report: Steve Hartgraves provided the Board with a purpose for each policy presented for approval.

Mr. Hartgraves reported he has applied for a grant from ORCA to District's Laboratory.

Dr. and Mrs. Hierholzer are

expected to arrive during the first two months of summer 2005. He will practice from Clinic II, which is being renovated. Dr. Michael Perez, interim physician serving between Dr. Sharma's departure and Dr. Hierholzer's arrival, has expressed an interest in "staying on board" even after his contract is up

Most of the points covered in the 2002-2005 Strategic Plan plan have been completed, and it's time to prepare for the next three-year

The 2005 Employee Handbook as been revised to include updates of Human Resources policies and other pertinent information.

ORCA SHIP Grant - HIPAA Privacy: Feasibility is currently underway to determine the affordability of installing intercom-capable sound systems into each of the District's three clinics. These sound systems will provide for reduced likelihood of overhearing conversations in adjacent patient treatment rooms by filling the spaces with soft music.

The District's CT Scanner is currently experiencing a minor problem with its tube. The company used to purchase the scanner has been contacted about a replacement tube, but nothing has been decided to date. The machine has been in use approximately six

The Board reviewed the finanpurchase this equipment for the cial reports, copies of which are attached to and made a part of these minutes. The report shows the gain/(loss) for all entities of \$118.52 for the month and (\$64,027.47) year to date. The Cash and Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2004, totaled \$3,734,167.41

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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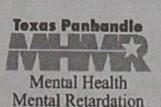


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# Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

by Virginia Scott

Museum Happenings

Well, as promised the Darrouzett Elementary students invaded the museum. They came in two groups, the morning was the pre-K through 2 and the afternoon was grades 3-6. It is always amazing how the kids view the art and the museum exhibits. Their observations are entertaining, insightful, and surprising. Thanks for coming and entertaining us. Start planning the art for next year.

School students in English IV at Higgins. Your castle project was such a hit with the students. We had a great time talking about old England and how life then and now is different and at the same time the same. Of course, you can't talk about castles without King Arthur and the Lord of the Rings coming into the conversation. The kids had a great time with the draw

masks created by the Follett 6th grade. Trying on the mask and talking about how they were used was always different with each posts and several trees on main main and are the rings there? Go group and all were correct in their perspectives. The art exhibit was a great successful. The exhibit will start coming down this week so if you didn't get to see it, you'll have to wait till next year.

Lipscomb County History

In the July 16, 1964 column of the Prairie Dog, Mr. Geal A special note to the High describes the main street of Higgins, in respect of the main method of transportation when he was a child, Horses.He writes "Another thing or two that may have been forgotten by many people and has never been seen by the vounger generations is the public watering troughs for the cowboys and farmers to water their horses.

There were several of these water troughs in Higgins fifty years ago (1914). One was across the

'Texas is one of a small number

education credits," explained

Richard O. Avery, Director of the

Institute. "The Institute provides

education to county commission-

ers, judges, treasurers, tax asses-

sor-collectors and county and dis-

trict clerks through programs

Those attending the April con-

across the State."

The students also enjoyed the street, south of the city hall, and were used to tie horses to still one, south of the railroad tracks remain in the sidewalk in front of near Bybee's Welding shop.

street for people to tie their saddle on a history hunt and let us know. horses and teams to while trading in Higgins. Some of the rings that

Week's Laundry.'

"There were hitching racks and Higgins, is this sidewalk still on

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

In the April 29,1887 issue of the Panhandle Interstate the following news was reported for the week:

Wednesday afternoon Mr. Patton, living on the head of Long creek, had his hand blown to pieces while trying to remove a primer from a Winchester cartridge. Dr.Hoover, of Lipscomb, performed the surgical operation.

Charley Snook, from the head of Kiowa, is assisting Mr. Fennell in building his store house. Charley is one of the first boys that came into the country last spring, and he has been hanging and rattling. We like men who have got the pluck to go into a country and stay with it. W.G. Bailey, of Mammoth creek, accompanied by his wife and Mrs.

Thomas Hayne, came over to Lipscomb one day last week to get their mail and do some trading. Mr. Bailey reports the farmers very busy plowing and planting, and this week will find lots of seed in the ground. We would like to caution our people against sinking vaults under the ground. Any impure matter that goes into the ground is sure to affect the water on account of its nearness to the surface. Boxes can be used as receptacles for waste matter, and drawn off where they can do no harm. A shooting affray at Canadian City Sunday resulted in John Preston killing Red Holly, while a bullet from Holly's revolver wounded Preston in the head, but not fatally. Holly was shot through the head. Preston is under arrest at Mobeetie. Both men were saloon keepers, and it is said the

difficulty grew out of a game of cards. The first wedding in the county occurred April 21st between W.J Walden and Lydie Seese. They were married by Squire Brown. I will share the news story in next week's column.

1800- The Library of Congress is established, and its collection begins

when Thomas Jefferson donates his private library. 1507- The New World is given the name America by the Dutch geog-

rapher Martin Waldseemueller, who is under the impression that Amerigo Vespucci had discovered the continent.

1942- A nightly "dim-out" begins along the East Coast now that the United States is officially at war.

1939 - The National Broadcasting Company begins regular television programming. The new medium seems unlikely to overtake radio, however, according Harvard engineer Chester L. Dawes: "Television viewing is limited to a few persons, it must take place in a semi-darkened room. and it demands continuous attention.

provided by Virginia Scott





This is a new Lake Record! Manuel Jimenez, of Turpin, OK., caught this 28.78-pound Blue Catfish at Lake Palo Duro, on April 23.

Lake Level--April 21, 2005--31.20 feet

Various people have been commenting on the arrival of nonnative white-winged doves in the area. Rhonda Ward of Gruver sent me pictures of one taken in the Ward backyard. Given the dove's seed pods mature and dry, walking lovely soft coloring I couldn't in them brings forth many little show it off to good effect in the pops as they explode.

paper but do appreciate Rhonda and J.W.'s sharing their pictures.

Just after the pictures came, I was reading the "At Issue" column in the April, 2005 Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine on the good and bad points of the introduced "exotics" compared to native species in Texas. The author --Executive Director Robert L. Cook -- made the point that we do not want walking catfish, green tree snakes or zebra mussels in Texas, but that we love our Florida bass, blackbuck antelope (from India) and ring-necked pheasant (from

He also noted that some of the exotics introduced themselves to Texas: "the armadillo, which arrived in Texas about 150 years ago, the cattle egret, which probably blew in from Africa in the 1920s, and over the last couple of decades, the white-winged dove, which has spread into Central and North Texas from Mexico and Central America." And now with Rhonda's picture we know that the white-winged dove is also in the Texas Panhandle!

Occasionally Jim tells me a second-hand story of some odd thing that a bank fisherman observed while fishing at the Lake. But last week I had a first-hand report by Rex Reid of Gruver of an incident he saw while waiting for a fish to bite. He had noticed a doe with a small fawn at a distance, and he noted that she seemed uneasy and kept glancing at a patch of weeds. Suddenly she charged the weeds and flushed a surprised bobcat. It was effective as the feline didn't try to slip back.

Several have commented on the vivid yellow carpets of bladderpod, also known as popweed, that cover so much of the range land this spring. This low growing weed of the mustard family has a sweet scent at this stage. When the

## **Hansford County Treasurer** attends meeting in Austin

stituents.'

Hansford County Treasurer, aware of new issues and what they Wanda Wagner, joined over 250 can and will mean to our contreasurers for the 33rd Annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar at the of states that requires all elected Renaissance Austin Hotel and the county officials to earn continuing J.J. Pickle Research Campus on April 4-8, 2005.

The annual continuing education seminar in Austin is sponsored by the V. G. Young Institute of County Government, which is part of Texas Cooperative Extension. The Institute provides elected county officials with information and technical assistance and helps officials ference received continuing educacomplete their state-mandated con- tion credit from the Office of tinuing education requirements.

Included in the program were Texas A&M University. workshops on assisting in county budget preparation, jury cash pay options and handling employee disciplinary issues.

"There is much concern about getting the most out of the taxpayer's dollar," said Wagner. "As a county official, it is important to be

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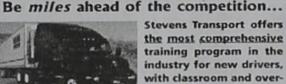
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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/
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Contract 0904-00-093 THERMOPLASTIC STRIPING IN POTTER COUNTY, ETC. will be opened on May 10, 2005 at 1 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidable for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified 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 contact(s) are available from above contact(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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## Flowers nominated for 'Student Employee of the Year' at WTAMU



Ashlee Flowers

Ashlee Flowers was among eighteen hard-working students at West Texas A&M University have been nominated for Student Employee of the Year. Rebecca White, a senior general business major from Dalhart, was named Student Employee of the Year.

WTAMU's Student Employee of the Year will move on to regional and, possibly, national Student of the Year competition. Nominees were considered according to the following criteria: reliability, quality of work, initiative and profes-

"Another thing we look at is the uniqueness of their contributions to the departments they work in," Yvonne Wieck, coordinator for the Office of Student Employment Services, said. "They also have to be employed in the same department for

at least three months full time or six months part time. Each WTAMU nominee received a certificate of appreciation for their hard work along with a Student Employee of the Year nominee pin. The

winner also receive a plaque and a \$50 gift certificate from the University All the nominees were recognized, and the winning student will be announced at a reception at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 15 in the Jack B.

Long made the presentation. Ashlee is a sophomore pre-pharmacy major, who works at Life Services and Student Disability Services. She is the daughter of Gary and Karla Flowers of Spearman.

Kelley Student Center Quiet Lounge. WTAMU President Russell C.

### SIFE Team to Represent WTAMU at National Competition

For the 11th consecutive year, West Texas A&M University's Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team has advanced to national competition by winning a regional title.

The WTAMU team from the College of Business topped the field April 15 at the SIFE Regional Championship in Memphis, Tenn., advancing to the SIFE USA National Exposition May 22-24 in Kansas City, Mo.

The national champion will join SIFE teams from 40 countries to compete at SIFE's World Cup 2005 in Toronto, Canada.

SIFE provides the opportunity for students to develop leadership, teamwork and communication skills through learning, practicing and teaching entrepreneurship, the free market economy, business ethics, business skills and personal financial management.

While at the event in Memphis, Tenn., the team from WTAMU captured a National Personal Financial Success Skills Award in league competition. The event encourages teams to develop educational outreach projects to educate others about personal financial management.

Jean Walker, instructor of finance and director of the West Texas Center for Economic Education, has served as WTAMU's coach and faculty adviser for SIFE since 1994.

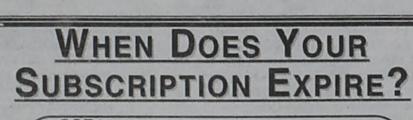
Misael Rosales, a junior computer science major from Gruver, was among the members of the SIFE team to compete in Memphis.

### **WTAMU Presents Top Student Awards at University Honors Banquet**

West Texas A&M University's top student accolades were presented during the University Honors Banquet Friday, April 22 at the Alumni Banquet Facility on campus.

Two prominent campus organizations and one individual were honored by inclusion in the prestigious Presidential Order of the Silver Buffalo, and Jermaine Cantu and Annessa Stagner were named Man and Woman

Five men and seven women were nominated for Man and Women of the Year. Among the nominees for Man of the Year was David N. Holt of Spearman, a senior education major.



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Ten seventh and eight grade students from Spearman Junior High traveled to Washington, DC during spring break. Enjoying their trip were Travis Boyd, Zack Hughes, Tyler Harper, Skyler Sumner, Chance Pack, Dylan Sumner, Josue Hernandez, Vicki Renteria, Lance Fishburn.

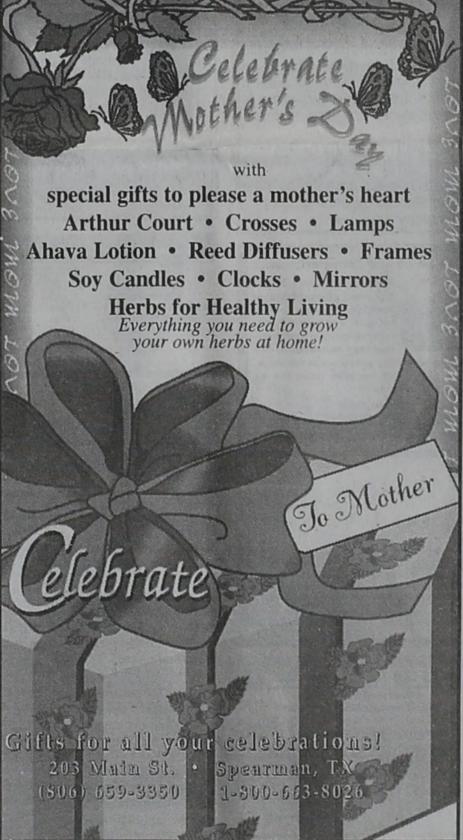
### **USDA Rural Development** announces energy grants

The \$22.8 million announced today will be made available in two stages. One-half, \$11.4 million, is available immediately for competitive grants. Renewable energy grant applications must be for a minimum of \$2,500 and a maximum of \$500,000. Energy efficiency grant applications may range from \$2,500 to \$250,000. The grant request may not exceed 25% of the eligible project cost. Applications must be completed and submitted no later than June 27, 2005. More information about the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program can be found in the Federal Register, Part II, March 28, 2005, Notice

The remaining \$11.4 million will be set aside through August 31, 2005, for renewable energy and energy efficiency guaranteed loans. Final details on how to apply for these funds will be published in the Federal Register later this year. Any funds not obligated under the guaranteed loan program by August 31, 2005, will be reallocated to the competitive grant program as of that date. For more information on the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Grant Program, please contact J. Pat Liles, Business and Cooperative Programs Director, (254) 742-9780, or visit the website at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov.

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## Spearman junior high students enjoy trip to Washington, DC

Ten seventh and eighth grade students from Spearman Junior High traveled to Washington DC on March 5-8, during their spring break. This trip is offered to all 7th and 8th grade students every other year to ensure that all students have the opportunity to go.

While visiting the Washington DC area, students were able to tour most of the memorials - Lincoln, Vietnam, Korean, World War II, FDR. Washington, Iwo Jima, and World War I. The students were also able to take an extensive tour of the Capital thanks to Josh Winegarner, who works for Senator John Cornyn. These students were also able to visit Colonial Yorktown and Williamsburg.

In addition to having a wonderful time and seeing many sites the students had just read about, they did an excellent job of representing their school and community.

"Everywhere we went I had people telling me how wonderful our students were," said Bill Wiggins, Spearman Junior High Principal. "I truly enjoyed my time with these students from Spearman Junior High."

### **Decision allows** farmers, ranchers to apply for assistance

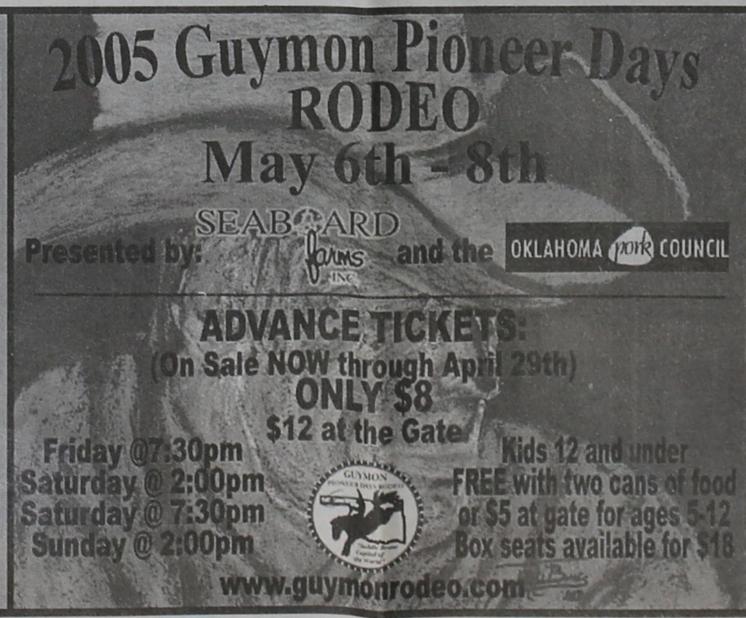
The U.S. Department of Agriculture designated counties in Texas primary agricultural disaster areas.

Hutchinson and Moore Counties were designated as primary disaster areas due to losses caused by excessive rain and excessive snow that occurred from Oct. 1, 2004, and continuing.

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