

# THE NEWS

**Report Says People Smuggling on Increase in Europe**  
Human trafficking for the sex trade and cheap labor is on the increase in Europe but is less visible because it is going deeper underground, officials of the OSCE and U.N. agencies said Thursday.

**Rwandan Hutu Rebels Denounce Genocide, Halt War**  
Rwanda's main Hutu rebel group denounced the 1994 genocide in their country and said on Thursday they would halt military operations against Rwanda to help ease the "catastrophic humanitarian" crisis in the region.

**Abbas Orders Crackdown After Attack on W. Bank HQ**  
Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas ordered a crackdown on Thursday on Ramallah militants who defied demands that they lay down their arms under peace moves he had agreed with Israel.

**Pope's 'Living Will' Wants Life Support to the End**  
Pope John Paul, now being fed through a nasal tube because of his throat problems, effectively wrote his own "living will" last year in a speech declaring some life-extending treatments a moral duty for Roman Catholics.

**Aftershocks Amid Relief Efforts on Indonesia Island**

Strong aftershocks rattled earthquake-devastated Nias island on Thursday as international aid flowed in and rescuers pulled survivors out of the rubble of collapsed buildings. At least three tremors rocked the area off the west coast of Indonesia's Sumatra island, one of them measured at 6.3 on the Richter scale by the Hong Kong observatory, causing alarm as rescue efforts and body recovery operations entered a third day.

**British PM Blair Hails Economy as Election Looms**  
British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Thursday placed his party's economic record at the center of his campaign to win a third term in an election expected within weeks.

**Wintry Canada to Use Solar Power to Heat Homes**  
Canada, better known for snow than sun, plans to build a \$2-home solar powered community in Alberta that will harvest the sun's rays in summer and use them to heat homes in winter, the government said on Wednesday.

**Religious Leaders Slam Planned Jerusalem Gay Event**  
Putting aside doctrinal differences, Christian, Jewish and Muslim religious leaders united on Wednesday for a frontal assault on a gay festival planned for Jerusalem.

**Study: Global Warming of Atlantic Could Hit Fish**  
The potential shutdown due to climate warming of the key Atlantic Conveyor current that warms northern Europe could have a major impact on fish stocks in the region, a scientist said Wednesday.

**School Food Barges Its Way Into Election**  
A British TV chef won his crusade against Turkey Twizzlers on Wednesday, knocking on Prime Minister Tony Blair's door with a petition demanding healthier school meals. However, the government had announced 220 million pounds in new funding for school lunches earlier in the day.

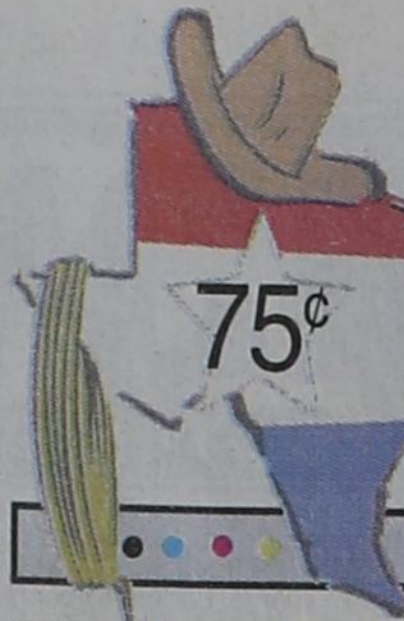
**Report Says U.S. Intelligence 'Dead Wrong' on Iraq**  
U.S. intelligence on Iraq was "dead wrong," dealing a blow to American credibility that will take years to undo, and spymasters still know disturbingly little about nuclear programs in countries like Iran and North Korea, a presidential commission reported on Thursday.

**Terri Schiavo Dies**  
Terri Schiavo, the brain-damaged Florida woman at the heart of a wrenching dispute over her fate that drew in the U.S. Congress and President Bush, died on Thursday.

**Supreme Court Again Denies Request by Schiavo Parents**  
The U.S. Supreme court on Wednesday again denied a request by the parents of brain-damaged Florida woman Terri Schiavo for an emergency order allowing her feeding tube to be reinserted while they further appealed the case.

**Bush Panel to Urge Intelligence Agency Changes**  
A presidential commission will propose changes to encourage information sharing and dissent within U.S. spy agencies, and will fault prewar intelligence estimates for largely ignoring contrary views about Iraq's weapons programs, officials said on Wednesday.

**Settlement Sought in Robert Blake Civil Lawsuit**  
Actor Robert Blake and the family of his murdered wife will try to reach an out-of-court settlement to avoid a civil wrongful death trial, lawyers for both sides said on Wednesday.

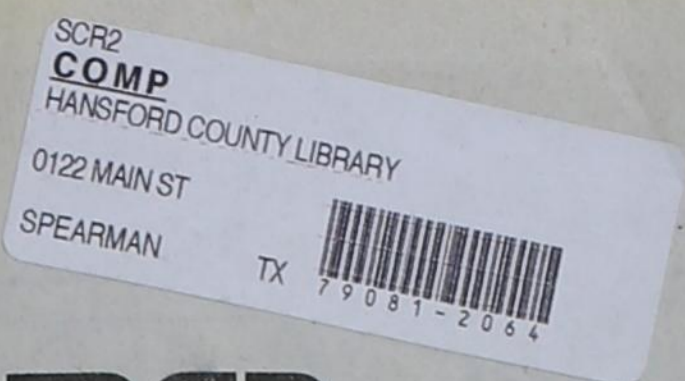


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This is an artist's rendition of the proposed Spearman Junior High and Gus Birdwell Elementary school campuses. For more information about the proposed building project, see page 8.

## USDA Rural Development announces availability of \$14.3 million in grants

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced today USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Value-Added Producer Grant Program. Funding in the amount of \$14.3 million is available to develop value-added agriculture business ventures and develop alternative sources of renewable energy which support President Bush's energy plan to develop alternative sources of renewable energy.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete

in domestic and international markets.

"This grant will help agricultural producers become more profitable through value-added agricultural business opportunities," said Daniel. "In addition, priority consideration will be given to those grant applications that have at least 51% of project costs dedicated to activities for a bio-energy project."

Grants are available to independent producers, agricultural producer groups, farmer or rancher cooperatives, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures. Eligible applicants applying under the renewable energy category must include energy projects generated through the use of agricultural commodities, wind, water or solar power. The maximum award for the planning grant is \$100,000 and the maximum award for the working capital grant is \$150,000.

Applications must be completed and submitted no later than May 6, 2005. For more information on the Value-Added Producer Grant, please contact Billy Curb, Business and Cooperative Specialist, (254) 742-9775 or visit the website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, USDA Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting the web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

## Precautions urged in Shigellosis outbreak in Panhandle, South Plains

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is urging residents of the Texas Panhandle and South Plains to take precautions to control the spread of shigellosis, an infectious bacterial disease causing diarrhea, fever and stomach cramps. A total of 33 cases of shigellosis have been reported in DSHS Health Service Region 1 since mid January.

"Most Shigella infections are the result of the bacterium passing from stools or soiled fingers of one person to the mouth of another person," said Connie Lindley, regional epidemiologist in Canyon. "Thorough hand washing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of shigellosis, especially after using the restroom, before prepar-

ing or serving food or drinks and after changing a diaper," she said.

"The infection occurs often among toddlers who are not fully toilet-trained," Lindley said.

The infection ranges in severity from a relatively mild illness with watery stools for a few days to severe symptoms including cramps, headache, high fever, profuse or bloody diarrhea and dehydration. Those infected usually recover in five to seven days. In severe cases the patient needs to be hospitalized. People with symptoms of shigellosis should contact their doctor. Some people who are infected may have no symptoms but may still pass the Shigella bacteria to others.

To help prevent the spread of

shigellosis:

- Σ Wash hands carefully and frequently with soap.
  - Σ Dispose of soiled diapers properly.
  - Σ Disinfect diaper changing areas after using them.
  - Σ Keep children with diarrhea out of child-care settings.
  - Σ Supervise hand washing of small children after they use the toilet.
  - Σ Do not prepare food for others if you have a diarrhea illness.
  - Σ Avoid drinking pool water.
- Report cases of shigellosis to your local health department or to the Texas Department of State Health Services at 806-767-0319 or by fax to 806-762-8605.



These copper inner bay lines were damaged when the KTOT tower was struck by lightning and the lightning burnt holes right through them.

## KTOT at full power

It's official! All of the repairs to High Plains Public Radio's KTOT tower are complete and all of the new parts have been tested. KTOT is finally back on the air at full power.

"Again, we would like to thank all of you for your patience and understanding while the repairs were being made," stated Mike Skinner, local radio personality. "The KTOT antenna was damaged by lightning this past summer, forcing operation of the 89.5 FM frequency to be operated at lower power for several months. Eventually even the lower power signal failed."

Because the damage affected the top portion of the 1000-foot tower, this required a specialized tower crew from Oklahoma City.

High Plains Public Radio is a non-profit radio station broadcasting in Western Kansas, Southeastern Colorado, and the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles.

## Thornberry to host Town Hall meetings

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (TX-13) will be in Pampa and Borger on Saturday to visit with local constituents and to hear their concerns about the challenges facing our nation.

"Congress is tackling a hefty agenda right now," said Thornberry. "I am sure that Social Security will be one of the primary topics my constituents will want to discuss with me. But we can also talk about national security, the budget, and anything else they are interested in."

The schedule for the events is as follows:

- Saturday, April 2  
9:30 a.m. Rep. Thornberry Hosts Town Hall Meeting in Borger at Borger City Hall Council Chambers, 600 North Main
- 11:30 a.m. Rep. Thornberry Hosts Town Hall Meeting in Pampa in the Pampa Community Building, M.K. Brown Room, 200 North Ballard



PTCI moves another step closer to providing telephone service over the cable television network in the city of Spearman as a crane lowers the new equipment building into place.

## Editorial

The Spearman ISD Board of Trustees called for a bond election last month to raise funds for the construction of a new junior high school to replace the existing junior high building, to renovate and enlarge the existing elementary school, to build a new elementary/junior high cafeteria, and to provide better parking and safer traffic flow around the elementary/junior high campuses.

I have to admit that I am amazed that there is even a question of whether or not we need a new junior high building.

How can we expect our school system to provide the best possible education for our children if we keep them from updating the facilities? We expect them to keep up with technology with up-to-date equipment plugged into a system that was built in 1930.

Would America expect the executives and employees of its great corporations to work in overcrowded buildings where the roof leaks, the ceiling is crumbling, the indoor air quality makes people sick and the heating and air conditioning do not work properly?

If not, then why do we accept these conditions in the classrooms that are training the CEOs, officers and employees of tomorrow's great corporations? How can educators be expected to teach effectively and students to learn successfully in this type of environment?

Not only should these conditions be unacceptable, but there is a growing body of research that strongly suggests a correlation between the condition of the school facility and student academic performance.

Studies in urban, suburban and rural communities have demonstrated that the condition of the facility students attend affects their academic achievement.\* Students whose schools are comfortable and well-maintained are likely to focus more fully on academic challenges than those who are distracted or depressed by the facility in which they spend a large part of their day. Students dodging leaks from ceilings, using unsanitary and inadequate bathrooms, attending classes in converted store-rooms, and breathing unhealthy air cannot accomplish as much as their peers who attend well-lighted, clean, attractive and well-furnished schools.

The real question is where do we place our priorities? Is there any doubt the bond would pass if it were needed to replace 1930's textbooks or sporting equipment?

Catherine Smith, Editor

## WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY NIGHT - Mostly cloudy in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. North winds 10 to 20 mph.  
FRIDAY - Mostly sunny. Warmer. Highs in the lower 60s. Northwest winds 10 to 15 mph.  
FRIDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.  
SATURDAY - Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.  
SATURDAY NIGHT - Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s.  
SUNDAY - Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.  
SUNDAY NIGHT - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Live, Laugh & Love



by Catherine R. Smith cathysmith@antden.com

My friend Andrea Navarrete sent me the following story. It is said to have been written by an 8-year-old from Chula Vista, CA, Danny Dutton. No matter who wrote it, it is still cute and worth reading.

Explanation of God

One of God's main jobs are making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O. K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God! Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And...that's why I believe in God.

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 :)

Wolf Creek Heritage Museum Notes

Museum Happenings

I would like to remind everyone that we have the Lipscomb County Student Art Exhibit through April. A reception for the students will be held April 10, at 2 p.m. Parents are asked to bring their kids and celebrate their creativity and talent. As always, the museum changes every week. Mary Gunn's exhibit of her kaleidoscope collection was returned to her on Friday, so we will be creating a new case. If you have a collection that you would like to share with us, give us a call. Dorothy went shopping again and found us a wonderful stool for the multiplex exhibit area. Now you can sit, read and enjoy every panel. Thanks, Dorothy. That is one more item off our Santa list. Dorothy and her staff of millions are in the last round of paperwork for the first four cemetery designations. They have completed the application for the various monuments and plaques that will be installed at each site designating them Texas Historical Cemeteries. Mark your calendar to spend the day in Lipscomb on the 16th of July, this is the tentative date set to hold the ceremony dedicating the cemeteries with special guest Warren Chisum. Stay tuned for further information.

Lipscomb County History

Prairie Dog continued. In two columns in June of 1964, Mr. Dixon described Higgins as he remembered it as a child when he started school in 1908. He described his school a "large frame building with three rooms and a large hall in it. The school yard was fenced with a board fence and there were stiles for us children to walk over on entering the school grounds. Later there was another room added to the three rooms, a sort of shed room that we children called the 'chicken house.' Each room contained one large-based burner stove. Coal was used as fuel."

Museum Hours: Monday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday 2 to 4 p.m. Special hours upon request. Museum Information: Hwy 305, Lipscomb; telephone: 806-852-2123; fax: 806-852-217; email: wolfrck@amaonline.com; website: www.wolfcreekheritagemuseum.com

This Week in History

March 27, 1964 - an earthquake in Alaska, registering 8.4 on the Richter Scale. This is more severe than the 1906 San Francisco quake of 8.25 , destroying Anchorage's downtown business section, and 114 lives are lost. March 28, 1979 - an accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant near Harrisburg, Pa. sends clouds of radioactive steam into the atmosphere, although a meltdown is averted. March 31, 1840 - a ten-hour day is established for federal public works employees. Factory workers at the time were working an average of 11.4 hours a day.

April 1, 1582 - April Fool's Day. Pope Gregory XIII ordered a new calendar (the Gregorian Calendar) to replace the old Julian Calendar. The new calendar called for New Year's Day to be celebrated on Jan. 1.

In 1564 France adopted the reformed calendar and shifted New Year's day to Jan. 1. However , many people either refused to accept the new date, or did not learn about it, and continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April 1.

Other people began to make fun of these traditionalists, sending them on "Fool's errands" or trying to trick them into believing something false.

England and the American colonies began to celebrate April Fool's day in 1752 when Great Britain finally changed over to the Gregorian Calendar.

April 2, 1878 - The Women's Hotel, first in the nation to cater to unescorted women, opens in New York City. Have a good week and send us your favorite April Fool's Day Prank. provided by Virginia Scott

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RYI FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

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 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.

Rushing Wind Emmaus The Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet Saturday, April 9, in the Waka Christian Center in Waka at 6 p.m. Please bring a dish for a potluck dinner, and family and friends are welcome. Sponsor's training will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided.

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

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

Join the Circle! A SojoCircle, in connection with Sojourners magazine, is currently forming and we would like to invite you into the circle. SojoCircles are prayer, study, and discussion groups that invite its members to share issues of faith, hope, and peace. All across the country and throughout the world, Christians are coming together to support one another and speak the language of faith. 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.sojonet for information about SojoCircles.

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

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

Spearman Swim Team Meeting Spearman Swim Team 2005 will begin soon. A meeting has been set for Sunday, April 10th at 3 p.m. in the First State Bank Hospitality Room to try on suits for sizing before ordering. All previous members need to attend as well as any interested new swimmers. If you cannot attend, please call Gwen Gibson at 659-3371 or Katrina Hughes at 659-3903. Only one order for suits will be placed. Anyone wishing to order after the order is placed will have to do so individually. A deposit will be required prior to ordering. The Spearman Swim Meet will be held on July 16th. Each swim team member is required to swim in at least two meets. For more information about costs and meets, contact Gwen or Katrina.

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

Walk Across Texas! You know you should get regular exercise but you need some motivation? Call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, at 659-4130 or 733-2901, to find out how you can Walk Across Texas. The easy, eight-week health and fitness program encourages participants to record miles walked toward a group goal equal to the distance across Texas. The Extension fitness program requires only a pair of walking shoes and a desire to improve your health. Walking 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 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 April 17th through June 11th.

Lunch & Learn One in two women over 50 will have an osteoporosis-related fracture. There is currently no cure for osteoporosis, but it is preventable for most people. Thursday, April 7th from 12-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Spearman Church of Christ. Participants will learn how "Smart Women Stay Strong" presented by Physical Therapist, Carol Dunnihoo, and Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Building Bone Density, Osteoporosis Prevention Tips, and Nutrition Guidelines will be addressed. Donations will be accreted for lunch. It is important to start building healthy bones while young, but positive changes can make a difference regardless of age. Please call Peggy Winegarner, Hansford County Extension Agent, for more information (659-4131 or 733-2901).

Revival Services Revival Services will be held at the Union Church Sunday, April 3rd through Wednesday, April 6th. Sunday's service will be at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday services will be at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and be blessed by the Rev. Timothy and Barbara Minor of Coudersport, PA. For more information, contact Marty Haney at 659-2255.

Spearman Little League The Spearman Little League will hold sign-up for baseball and softball March 30th through April 6th. forms are available at Cates Men & Boys Wear. Teams will be as follows: T-Ball (6- and 7-year-olds, by July 31, 2005), Minor/Major Baseball (8-12-year-olds), Girls Softball (8-15-year-olds), and Junior Baseball (13-15-year-olds - need coach). Tryouts will be held on Sunday, April 10th at 2 p.m. and Monday, April 11th at 6 p.m. at Little League Park. For more information, call 659-3725.

"Beyond the Basics" "Beyond the Basics," a one-day seminar, will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, 9-3 at the Small Business Development Center Offices, 2300 N Western in Amarillo. The cost is \$99 per person, with a lite lunch & workbook included. The official eBay instructional series is coming back to Amarillo! The instructor will be Steve Lindhorst. As a former eBay employee in San Jose, Steve began instructing eBay University classes throughout the country in 2001. Steve thoroughly enjoys meeting the many people using eBay for hobbies or making a living. Along with being an eBay PowerSeller, Steve currently handles internet sales for a large local automobile dealership in southwestern Michigan. Steve once sold a bent soup spoon he found on the road in front of the eBay Headquarters in San Jose. Since it had been "run over by eBay employees" on their way to work, the spoon received 15 bids and sold for \$4.95.

Digital Camera Class Learn to import scan and edit digital photos. If interested, contact Cindy Blackman at 659-3233. Class time and dates will be set if there is enough interest.

# Happy Birthday!

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

Thank you, Catherine

**March 31**

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

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

**April 1**

**Birthdays** - Cynthia Henson, Matt Messer, Chris Stork, Wayne Ware, Bob Hohertz, Lorie Acevedo, Jack Duncan, Tanner Brown, Elizabeth Duncan, Ashlynn Miner

**April 2**

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

**Anniversaries** - Bob & Debra Dennis

**April 3**

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

**April 4**

**Birthdays** - Frank Pittman, Sandy TeBeest, Glenn Mackie, Byron Jones, Billy Snider, Lola Salgado, Monte Morris, Randall Schnell, Mark Landon Brown, Carlos Lopez, Midge Mahaffy, Don Ladd, Ruby Hull, Ramona Reynolds, Violet Lee, Brandon Traylor, Ayana Rosales

**Anniversaries** - Rick & Elanie Morris

**April 5**

**Birthdays** - Becky Cassidy, Jimmy Finley, Carrie Pressley, Vana Stapleton, Carla Brown, W.E. Sparks, Dickie Allen, Juanita Rodriguez, Deann Green, Deanne Ochoa, Paul Welch, Jimmie Davis, Irene Auld, Darla Jenkins, Leon Bagwell, Wendell Ralston, Kelcee Rex, Sara Jenkins, Vanna Reid

**Anniversaries** - M/M Jack Weldon

**April 6**

**Birthdays** - Margaret Ralston, Trey Roberts, Jerry Sparks, Eddie Rogers, Cindy Patterson, Bailey Lee Patterson, Redonna Moore, Cameron Kunsleman, Douglas Barnes, Tim Wooley, Ann Sheets, Oberto Balderama Jr.

**Anniversaries** - Dale & Onie Moyer, Kenny & Brenda Red, M/M Skipper Beal, M/M Emit Schmidt

**April 7**

**Birthdays** - Margaret Bell, Kallie Cluck, Will Evans, Jeannie (Potts) Dawkins, Sharlet Slough, Sammie Stavlo, Shawn Thompson, Kyle Winter, Kenneth Brown, Jo McLaughlin, Wallace Berner, Jo Nell Grayson, Michael Brogdon, Beth Lesly, Denise Torrea, Tashaia Duncan, Linda Winegarner, Laurie Beth Stedje, Seth Clemmons, Joshua Scott Bullard, Lorene Fulce, Denise Apodaca, Mason Fletcher, Greg Evans

**Anniversaries** - M/M Donald Jackson, M/M Monty Cassidy

**April 8**

**Birthdays** - Cami Shapley, Jensche, Damon Goodheart, Julie Ortega, Shenell Taylor, Brandon Vanderburg, Barbara Ellsworth, Ramona Garcia, Isaac Herndon, C.A. Davis, Jennifer Laxson, Jim Deakin, Dalton Ortega

**April 9**

**Birthdays** - Julie Martin, Phyllis Atwood, T.J. Bayless, Diane Brown, Jeremy Harris, Colby Hunt, Dan Odom, June Kelp, Annette Pope, Patti Schnell, Pepper Collingsworth, Cease Riley, Lori Young, Sims Reddin, Kara Womble, Clyde Hodge, April Butts, Robin Castillo

**Anniversaries** - M/M Keith Burgess

**April 10**

**Birthdays** - Bill Been, Mack Hoel, Matthew Hoel, Sally Jones, Blane Tolleson, Donita Lusby, J.L. Pierce, Mary Lou Wysong, Jan Halladay, Mac Sheppard, Penny Cummings, Shelby Lopez, Ramon Garcia Sr., Aaron Maestas

**Anniversaries** - M/M Donnie Osbourne

## Card of Thanks

### Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food and especially the prayers during my recent loss. Your many acts of kindness have been greatly appreciated.

The Family of Rita Hansford  
Tim, Lexy, Bailey and Payten Glass

### Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, flowers, food and especially the prayers during my recent hip replacement as well as my previous back surgery. Thank you to all my friends and relatives who visited me, and a special thank you to my sister, Estella Arjonoa, for everything you have done for me.

Noel Olivarez

### Thank You

The family of Retired Sheriff R.L. McFarlin Jr. sends heartfelt appreciation, love and gratitude for all of the acts of kindness, prayers, and support during the illness and loss of our husband, father, and grandfather (Papa). Such gifts of love and concern could only come from our Hansford County residents and personal friends.

We feel truly blessed and honored to have been a member of this community for all these years. R.L. loved Hansford County and the people who lived there. As we passed the county line, so many times, R.L. would say, "we are home now".

We especially want to thank Burl and Nellie Buchanan and let them know that their hospitality and warmth will stay with us forever. We only have our friendship and love to repay them, but there is a very special place in our hearts for all of their support.

The loving family of Sheriff R.L. McFarlin, Jr. (Retired)  
Kaye, Kellye, Casey, Dakota, Kyler, Colton  
Robbie and David, Zane, Kelton and Parker

## 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 of each month.
- American Legion and Auxiliary Post 254 meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center in Perryton.
- 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 noon.
- Gruver City Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month 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 meets the first Monday of January, April, July and October at 2 p.m. in the Zulu Museum building.

## Our Sympathy

### ESPERANZA "LANCHA" PUENTES

SPEARMAN - Esperanza "Lancha" Puentes, 55, died Tuesday, March 29, 2005.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales officiating. Burial will be in Hansford Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Puentes was born Jan. 14, 1950, in Ocampo, Guanajuato, Mexico. She had lived in the area since 1969. She married Benito Puentes on Feb. 1, 1970, in Spearman. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Guadalupe. She received her GED with honors in 2004 from Frank Phillips College and gave the commencement address. She was a seamstress at Berry Cleaners for 19 years and realized her lifetime dream when she opened Esperanza's Sewing Complex in 2002.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Jose Puentes, Ernesto Puentes and Mario Puentes, all of Spearman; two daughters, Patricia Wilhite of Canyon and Araceli Renteria of San Antonio; four sisters, Gualupe Ortiz of Borger, Rosa Blan of Waka, Bertha Watts of Spearman and Margarita Espinoza of San Antonio; three brothers, Carlos Espinoza of Mexico City, Miguel Espinoza of Spearman and Ricardo Espinoza of Borger; her parents, Jesus and Catalina Espinoza of Spearman; two stepsons, Enrique Puentes and Fernando Puentes, both of Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico; a stepdaughter, Maria Elena Puentes of Chihuahua, Mexico; 20 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to Hansford Hospice, 707 S. Roland St., Spearman, TX 79081.

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Worship: 10:35 a.m.  
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Wed. Worship: 7 p.m.  
Wed. Youth: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Bob Elder

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Minister - Gary Smith

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

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121 S. Haney • 659-3244  
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.  
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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
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Pastor - Derrel Evans

**Grace Presbyterian Church**  
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1101 Bernice • 659-2033  
Pastor - Beverly Cook

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Evening Worship: 6 p.m.  
Bible Study: 7 p.m. Wed.  
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Evening: 6 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.  
Thurs. Visitation: 7 p.m.  
Pastor - Joe Garcia Jr.

**El Aposento Alto U.P.C.I.**  
1105 S. Roland  
Domingos: Escuela-Dominical - 10 a.m.  
Culto Evangelistico - 7 p.m.  
Jueves: Oracion - 8 p.m.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:50 a.m.  
Disciple Training: 6 p.m. Sunday  
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Pastor - Scott Curry

**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 Guntory

**Gruver United Methodist**  
Broadway & Garrett  
733-2651  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.  
Eve. Worship & UMY: 6 p.m.  
Pastor - George Price

**Spanish Cristo Redentor Church**  
Sunday Mass: 1:30 p.m.  
Friday Evening Mass  
Summer - 8:00 p.m.  
Fall/Winter - 7:30 p.m.

### Oslo

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339-7709  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Pastor - Paul Fiske

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
I would like to thank the community for all of your support given to me during my tour here in the Middle East. Your care packages, e-mails, letters and prayers have helped me through this tour.  
The hometown support I have gotten confuses the "city boys." They seem to be having a hard time understanding that I am not a member of all the churches that are sending me care packages. I guess it is a Spearman thing.  
Special thanks to the First Christian Church, Methodist Church, Church of Christ, the Hight family, the Gwin family, the Antalek family and Mrs. Sutterfield's 4th grade class.  
I am truly proud of Spearman. Thank you again.  
Sincerely,  
Brenton (B.J.) Hughes  
NCWRON 25  
APO AE 09305

by Dorothy Hudson

## Out At The Lake

Lake Level--March 28, 2005--31.69 feet (-0.17)  
The beautiful snow that fell on much of the Palo Duro watershed last Saturday was lighter out at the Lake. Jim's gauge at the office showed only .12 inches of moisture with yearly total of 3.01 inches compared to 3.36 at Gruver for the same period.

By afternoon Easter Sunday the snow was gone and people came out to enjoy different activities in the Park. One of the games being played was soccer. Some of the visitors were like Marguerite and Archie Nelson from Gruver, who were just driving around hoping to see some of the Park wildlife. They were rewarded by seeing 6 deer that seemed to know they weren't to be shot at.

Jim has seen his first buzzard of the season. The others will soon join to stay at their roost on the Gibner side.

The West Texas Historical Association 2004 Yearbooks ordered for the local libraries have arrived at last. I have taken one to the Gruver Library and hope to have the one for Spearman there before this edition of the paper is published. Three of the articles of local interest are Cleon Roberts'

Afterlife of Adobe Walls, David Holt's Our Dream Was to Have a Home: The Pioneer Experience in Hutchinson County and the Texas West, and an article by David Murrah on The Founding of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. Two other articles of interest to me were one on Murdo Mackenzie and the Matador Ranch and another one on Wild Hog Hunting.

Joyce Lackey told me of looking out her kitchen window to cedars in the back yard and seeing a reddish tawny cat licking its paws while lying under one of the trees. She slipped away to get Joel Lee to come look. He got a camera but was not successful in getting a picture through the screen. It was about dusk and evidently time for the cat to hunt, as it arose and moved away giving them a look at its tail. Joel Lee said the tail was not long enough for the cat to be a mountain lion--it must have been a bobcat. Joyce was not sure, because the tail was longer than what she thought a bobcat would have. She searched the internet and found that a bobcat tail ended in a white tip and a mountain lion tail was always tipped with black. This one had a white tip.

## Hansford County Library BOOKNOTES

by Sheri Benton

At a recent meeting of the Hansford County Library Board, there was some discussion about our library and some of the statistics we keep for our annual report to the Texas State Library. Members of the board thought that the community might be interested in knowing how our library stacks up against other libraries in our area with a similar service population.

Hansford County Library ranks in the top 25th percentile across the state in the following categories: Items per Capita, Circulation per Capita, Annual per Capita Expenditures for Materials and Library Visits per Capita. Our collection contains over 30,000 items whereas Clarendon, for example, has approximately 26,000; Memphis has 26,500 and Wellington has 27,900. During 2003, Hansford County Library recorded 17,261 visits to our library while Clarendon recorded 16,973, Memphis recorded 6,353 and Wellington recorded 18,954. Another statistic that is interesting is our income per capita which is \$24.05 while Clarendon receives \$18.36, Memphis \$10.13, and Wellington \$48.76. Clarendon and Memphis are city supported libraries while Wellington is a school and county supported combination library. For those of you who may not know, Hansford County Library is a non-profit corporation that receives support from both the City of Spearman and Hansford County with additional operating funds coming through our Thriftshop and donations. Our

neighboring community of Canadian has a county supported library that receives \$58.75 per capita and houses a collection of over 47,000 items. Friona has a city supported library that receives \$31.66 per capita and houses a collection of approximately 32,200 volumes.

We are understandably proud of our local library since we continue to rank as high as we do compared to other libraries across the state and in our area. We are one of only two libraries left in the panhandle that exist independently rather than as a department of either the City or County government. It is a constant struggle to maintain our level of service to the community, but we feel that we stretch each dollar as far as it will go. We consistently hear from patrons who have either moved into or out of our community about how much better our library is than the library where they have moved from or have moved to-- needless to say, we love to hear that!

We are currently conducting a survey among our patrons as to whether it would be beneficial for us to circulate our periodicals. Please let us know if this is a service you would find useful.

In June, in conjunction with our local Heritage Days, we will once again be conducting a book sale. If you have items you would like to donate to the library for our sale, please bring them by the library anytime between 10 and 6 weekdays. All proceeds from the book sale go towards our operating expenses.

## Words from Faith & Grace

by Cecil R. Biggers, Lutheran Lay Minister

The Season of Easter is more than one Sunday in March. The Celebration of Christ's resurrection continues past the Easter finery, chocolate bunnies, and for some of us the "Cadbury Eggs."

The Season extends on this second Sunday of Easter to lessons in 1 Peter 1: 3-9, Psalm 16, Acts 2: 14a, 22-32, and John 20: 19-31. Peter reminds us of the great living hope God has given us in raising Jesus Christ from the dead which overpowers the various trials and afflictions that we suffer.

The Psalmist praises God who shows him the path of life, the fullness of joy in God's presence. In Acts we see the powerful "Easter Sermon" of Peter, proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Messiah!

John gives us the story of "Doubting Thomas" which many of us have heard from infancy, and yet when re-read will shed more lessons for our guidance. We see the giving of the Holy Spirit; the traditional greeting by Christ of his disciples, "Peace be unto you," their response should have been "Unto you be peace."

And we see that some of us have to see, smell, touch, experience God before we can believe, yet Christ said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John tells us the purpose of his Gospel, "But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name".

May the Holy Spirit work in your life to enable you to believe without seeing and to live in His name, forever.

## Texas crop and weather report

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Panhandle Extension directors: Soil moisture is adequate to surplus. Temperatures were slightly below average. Several days of light rain were reported. High winds aided drying of fields but hampered herbicide applications. Wheat was rated fair to excellent. Disease appeared in many fields. No diagnosis was available. Greenbug reports increased. Rangelands varied in poor to excellent condition. Grass continued to make good growth. Cattle were rated fair to good. Supplemental feeding continued.

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- Heather Murrell & David Houston - 4/9 (Gruver)
- Laura Conrad & Josh Harris - 4/23 (Gruver)
- Cami Winegarner & Jody Meason - 4/30
- Dineke Travis & Brett Holmes - 5/26
- Holly Hart & Marcus McLean - 5/28 (Gruver)
- Leah Mackie & Marc Strickland - 5/28
- Nicole Lozano & Wesley Clymer - 7/10
- Kyna Shields & Joseph Hudson
- Amy Marsh & Tony Clement
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- Amy Marsh & Tony Clement
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- Nicole Lozano & Wesley Clymer
- Cami Winegarner & Jody Meason
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- Kandi Keltz & Jared Johnson
- Brandea Hicks & Mark Allen
- Mika McLain & Matt Devaney
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## GJH student has essay published in magazine



Veronica Teal

Veronica Teal of Gruver recently had an essay published in "The Write Stuff" magazine. Pat Dawson, Veronica's English teacher, subscribes to the magazine for her class, and each month they provided the students an essay topic and invite them to submit a

150-word essay. They then publish what they consider to be the best two essays submitted.

Veronica submitted an essay on what season she would like it to say all year long. Her essay follows.

Ting, ting, ting.  
I wake up to the sound of wind chimes and lie there as the soft music caresses my ears. I look up in the cherry tree overhead. As I glance at all the greens, browns, reds and yellows, I marvel at the way they look like ornaments hanging from a Christmas tree. One of the leaves drifts onto my dog's head. He shakes it off slothfully. I laugh to myself and think, "He has the right idea. Fall is the time for relaxing in the hammock. That's one reason I love fall. All of that wonderful peace." I gaze up at the tree again. Two squirrels are dueling for the best cherries. However, the wily blue jay is gobbling all of them up while they duke it out. "Fall has a lot of entertainment," I chuckle. I sigh happily and drift back to sleep.

# ET CETERA

## Hansford Manor Schedule April - 2005

**Sunday, April 3:** 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, Gruver Church of Christ

**Monday, April 4:** 10 a.m. - Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Sewing Club, activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Preceptor Sorority

**Tuesday, April 5:** 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Happy Hour, activity room

**Wednesday, April 6:** 10 a.m. - Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room

**Thursday, April 7:** 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room

**Friday, April 8:** 9 a.m. - meet in activity room to go to Bit Texas in Amarillo for lunch and program

**Saturday, April 9:** open for visitation from friends, family and community; play Skip-bo or Dominoes

**Sunday, April 10:** 3 p.m. - Church service, living room, Lutheran & Presbyterian Church

**Monday, April 11:** 10 a.m. - Newscurrents, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Shop in Spearman, meet in activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Preceptor Sorority

**Tuesday, April 12:** 10 a.m. - Watch "The Price is Right" (Ernie's daughter is there), living room; 2:30 - Happy Hour, activity room

**Wednesday, April 13:** 10 a.m. - Bible study & donuts, living room; 2:30 p.m. - Crafts, activity room

**Thursday, April 14:** 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room

**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 p.m. - Sewing, activity room; 6:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room, Hospice Volunteers

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

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

**Thursday, April 21:** 10 a.m. - Exercise, living room; 1:30 p.m. - Bingo, dining room

**Friday, April 22:** Play dominoes or Skip-Bo or watch a movie. (Activities Personnel will be gone

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

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

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

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

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

## Hansford County Calendar March 13-20, 2005

April 1 - HS Track Meet, Stinnett

April 2 - Boys & Girls Golf Tourney, Perryton

April 2 - JH Track Meet, Spearman

April 4 - 1st Round District Golf, Boys & Girls, Borger

April 5th - 5th grade Math TAKS test

April 8 - HS Track Meet, Spearman

April 8th - Group and Individual Spring Pictures

April 9 - JH District Track Meet, Fritch

April 8-9 - District 7-AA Tennis Tournament, Amarillo

April 10 - Open House at Spearman Jr. High, 2-4 p.m.

April 11 - 2nd Round District Golf, Boys & Girls, Borger

April 11th-15th - Spring Book Sale

April 12th - Family Night at the Spring Book Sale

April 14-15 - HS District Track Meet, Panhandle

April 22-23 - HS Regional Qualifiers Track Meet

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

April 27-28 - AA-Region One Tennis Tournament, Abilene

April 28-30 - HS Regional Track Meet, Abilene

## GHS, SHS One-Act Plays compete in Zone

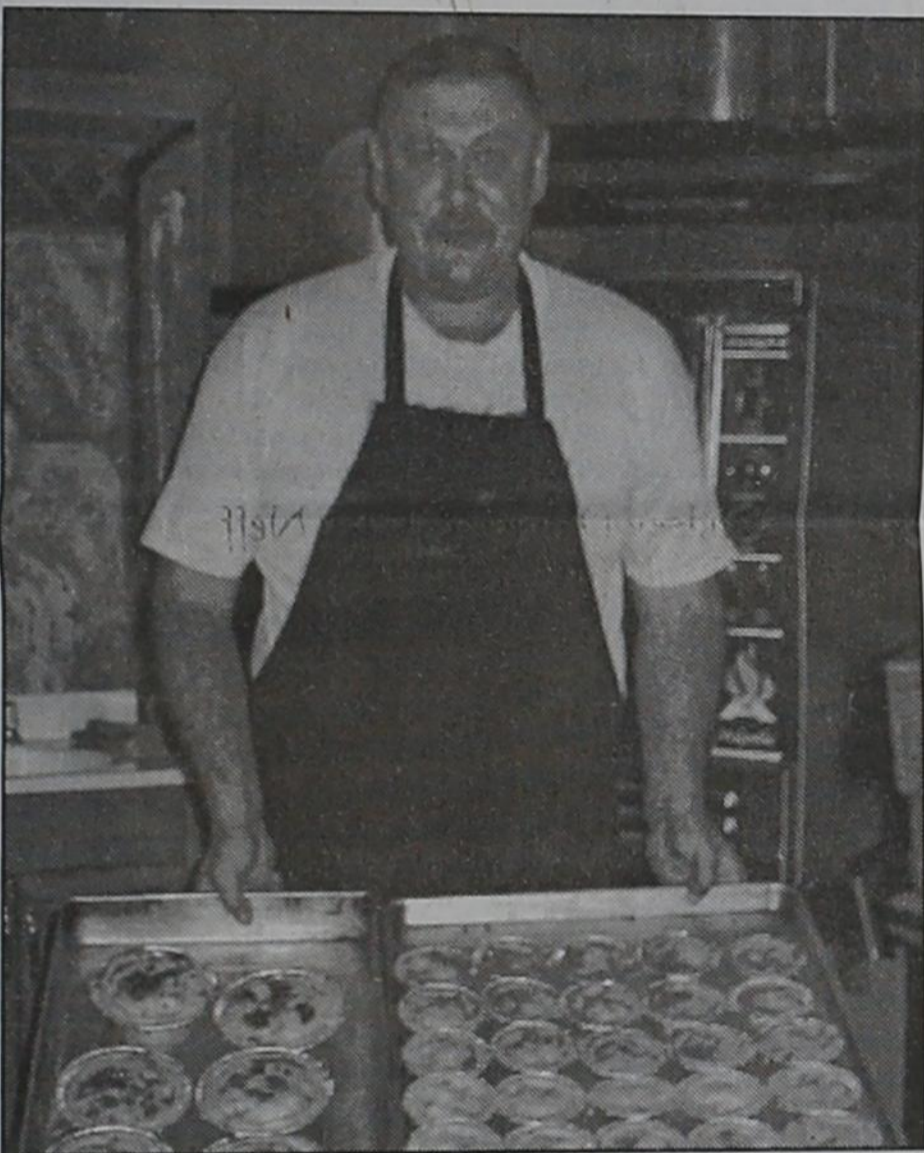
The Gruver High School and Spearman High School One-Act Plays were named Alternate at their respective Zone contests.

Gruver performed "Harvey" at their Zone competition on March 24th in Stinnett.

Cast members receiving awards included Ben Williams - Best Actor, Callie Hargis - All-Star Cast, and Fanner Irwin - Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.

Spearman performed "Serenading Louie" at their Zone competition on March 28th in Borger.

All four cast members received awards, with Cristal Alvarado named to the All-Star Cast and Steven Vaquera, Clayton Smith and Dana McLaughlin each receiving Honorable Mention All-Star Cast.



**QUICHE ANYONE?** Phil Way shows off his Biti Quiches. Phil, originally from New Zealand, has been employed at the Panhandle Diner & Deli since January, but has been in Spearman for seven years working in farming and harvesting. Phil credits his mother for his cooking talent. "I want to thank Mike and Skeeter Huffaker and Beth Baker for all of their help," added Phil. His business located at the Panhandle Diner & Deli in Spearman.

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Pampa - Britten Feed & Seed (806) 665-5881 - 12-1 p.m.  
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Andrea Woolley presented the program for a noon luncheon of the local Extension Education clubs and Lunch & Learn enthusiasts. Displayed were some of her grandmother's 2,000 member doll collection. Andrea shared the history and preservation of "Granny's Attic Dolls".

**Cinco De Mayo CELEBRACION**  
Sat., May 7th • 12 noon - 5 p.m.  
Hansford County Courthouse Square  
Salsa Contest at City Hall  
Booth Space Available - \$10  
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Dear Citizens:

The Board of Trustees of the Spearman Independent School District voted unanimously to call for a bond election to be held on April 23, 2005. This action follows a two-year study of the district's facility needs by the Board of Trustees.

In the course of this study, the board utilized the services of an educational facility consultant, architectural firm, school finance experts, and input from the staff to determine how to best meet the needs of the district's students. Following this study the board appointed a Citizen's Facility Committee of twenty-three community members to review the plan and to give additional input to the Board of Trustees.

In a series of meetings from November 2004 to February 2005, this committee identified the following Facility needs:

1. New Junior High School
2. Additional rooms/space at the elementary school
3. Better parking and traffic flow at the elementary/junior high campus

As a result of the board's study and with the input from the Citizens' Facility Committee, the Board of Trustees unanimously called for a bond election in the amount not to exceed \$12,000,000. The proceeds from the bonds will be used to construct a new junior high school, to renovate and enlarge the existing elementary school, and to build a new elementary/junior high school cafeteria, and to provide better parking and safer traffic flow.

We hope that you will take the time to study the issue and vote on April 23rd. If you have any questions, please call the Spearman ISD Administration Office at (806) 659-3233, or any school board member.

Mark Allen - President, Stephanie Crossland - Vice President, Dwayne Mitchell - Secretary, Carol Dunnahoo, Will Jarvis, Mark Sheets and Bob Boxwell.

**Frequently asked questions:**

**Why build a new junior high instead of renovating the existing building?**

- The main junior high building was built in 1930.
- The exterior non-reinforced load-bearing walls prevent any significant modifications to the interior without a major structural overhaul.
- The existing building does not meet current code and standards.

- The building is of an inflexible design that cannot be effectively modified and modernized to meet current requirements.
- The deficiencies of the main junior high building also apply to the cafeteria and the music building.

**Why enlarge and renovate the elementary school?**

- Classrooms are too few in number and too small to meet the needs of current curriculum and programs.
- Restrooms are inadequate and do not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Compliance with these standards by the District will require construction of new restroom facilities adjacent to the existing junior high building.
- The science facilities are dated and inadequate, and the computer labs are too few and too small.
- There are problems with the boiler, plumbing, wiring, asbestos and termites.

**Where and when can I vote?**

- By-Mail Voting: Ballot requests may be sent to: Early Voting Clerk, Spearman ISD, 403 East 11th Avenue, Spearman TX 79081
- Early Voting: April 6-19, 2005 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Spearman High School, Business Office, 403 East 11th Avenue  
Spearman Junior High, Principal's Office, 503 South Townsend  
Gus Birdwell Elementary, Principal's Office, 511 South Townsend
- Election Day: April 23, 2005 - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Spearman High School, 403 East 11th Avenue, Spearman TX 79081

**Did the board consider consolidation with Gruver ISD?**

Yes. A formal letter of inquiry was sent to the Gruver School Board and their response was that they were not interested in discussing consolidation.

**What alternative plans did the board consider?**

- Renovating the current junior high building
- Building a junior high at a new site
- Building an elementary at a new site and converting the elementary into a junior high
- Adding to the high school in order to move the 7th and 8th grades there, and making the elementary school a PK-6th grade campus.

**Why did the board of trustees choose the proposed plan?**

This was determined to be the most cost-effective plan that meets the needs of the junior high and the elementary school.

**Are there any facility needs at the high school?**

Yes. Ag farm and Science labs

**Why is the bond election being held now?**

- These facilities and improvements are needed now.
- Interest rates are near historic lows.
- Construction costs are constantly rising.

**What is this going to cost the taxpayer?**

If approved by the voters, this bond 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. As shown below, for a taxpayer with a home valued at \$100,000, the bond will result in approximately \$24.79 of additional tax per month. For taxpayers 65 years of age or older who have applied for and received the Age 65 Freeze, the taxes on their homestead will not increase from this bond.

| Home Value Before Exemption | Home Value After Exemption | Projected Yearly Tax Increase |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$20,000                    | \$5,000                    | \$17.50                       |
| \$40,000                    | \$15,000                   | \$87.50                       |
| \$60,000                    | \$45,000                   | \$157.50                      |
| \$80,000                    | \$65,000                   | \$227.50                      |
| \$100,000                   | \$85,000                   | \$297.50                      |

| Farm Land           | Yearly Projected Tax Increase |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Class 1 Pasture     | \$108.80 per 640 acres        |
| Pasture 1 Dryland   | \$345.60 per 640 acres        |
| Pasture 1 Irrigated | \$371.20 per 640 acres        |

**How will the ballot read?**

FOR or AGAINST  
 "The issuance of \$12,000,000 of Bonds for School Buildings and Levying the Tax in Payment Thereof."

**Who may vote in this election?**

Any registered voter whose primary residence is within the boundaries of the Spearman Independent School District is eligible to vote on April 23, 2005. In order to become a registered voter, a voter registration card must be filled out, completed and submitted no later than March 15, 2005. Voter registration cards may be obtained by calling the county Courthouse (659-4110).

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Spring Sports

**STRATFORD TRACK MEET VARSITY LYNNKETTLES**

The Spearman Lynxettes placed third in the Stratford Track Meet on March 24th and 25th. Other teams competing were Stratford - 1st, Vega - 2nd, Dalhart - 4th, Gruver - 5th, Canadian - 6th, Boise City - 7th, Booker - 8th, White Deer - 9th, Channing - 10th, Texline - 11th and Hartley - 12th

**3200 M. Run:** 1. Tara Shields, 2. Amy Brown, 6. Tabatha Shields; **800 M. Run:** 3. Tara Shields, 5. Jessica Diaz; **800 M. Relay:** 3. Kylee Howard, Christy Lang, Jessica Diaz and Macy Harbour; **400 M. Dash:** 1. Melissa Lesly; **300 M. Hurdles:** 6. Kylee Howard; **200 M. Dash:** 1. Melissa Lesly; **1600 M. Run:** 4. Amy Brown; **1600 M. Relay:** 4. Macy Harbour, Tara Shields, Jessica Diaz, Melissa Lesly; **Long Jump:** 2. Kylee Howard; **Triple Jump:** 4. Kylee Howard; **Pole Vault:** 3. Macy Harbour, 4. Christy Lang, 5. Jessica Diaz

**Varsity Lynx**

The Spearman Lynx competed in the Stratford Track Meet on March 24th and 25th.

**Discuss:** 2. Clete Vanderburg, 4. Wayne Gibson; **Shot Put:** 2. Brock Town, 3. Wayne Gibson, 5. Clete Vanderburg; **Triple Jump:** 4. Justin Parker, 6. Zach Nollner; **400 M. Relay:** 5. Brock Town, Zach Nollner, Eric Flores, Bryn Garnett; **800 M. Run:** 1. Daniel Kern; **110 M. Hurdles:** 3. Bryn Garnett; **100 M. Run:** 5. Brock Town; **800 M. Relay:** 4. Justin Parker, Eric Flores, Zach Nollner, Brock Town; **400 M. Dash:** 1. Daniel Kern; **200 M. Dash:** 7. Justin Parker; **1600 M. Relay:** 5. Justin Parker, Bryn Garnett, Lance Huddleston, Zach Nollner

**JV Lynx**

The Spearman JV Lynx also competed in the Stratford Track Meet on March 24th and 25th.

**400 M. Relay:** 3. Eric Diaz, Jeremy Frost, Hervey Rodriguez, Hernando Perez; **110 M. Hurdles:** 5. Jeremy Frost; **800 M. Relay:** 4. Eric Diaz, Hernando Perez, Hervey Rodriguez, Jeremy Frost; **200 M. Dash:** 1. Eric Diaz; **1600 M. Run:** 2. Casey Cator

**Jr. High Lynxettes**

The Spearman Jr. High Lynxettes competed in the Stratford Track Meet on March 24th and 25th.

The 7th Grade Girls came in sixth. Other teams competing were Stratford - 1st, Dalhart 2nd, Stratford 3rd, Canadian 4th, Gruver 5th, White Deer 7th, Channing 8th, Vega 9th and Texline 10th.

**Pole Vault:** 1. Suttin Garnett  
 The 8th Grade Girls came in fourth place. Other teams competing were Stratford 1st, Sunray 2nd, Dalhart 3rd, Channing 5th, Canadian 6th, Vega 7th, White Deer 8th, Gruver 9th and Texline 10th.

**100 M. Hurdles:** 1. Bond Pittman; **100 M. Run:** 1. Bond Pittman; **200 M. Hurdles:** 1. Bond Pittman; **High Jump:** 3. Haley Smith; **Triple Jump:** 3. Bond Pittman; **Pole Vault:** 1. Destiny Fisher, 2. Bond Pittman; **Discuss:** 2. Cha'tae Avila

**Lynx Track**

The Spearman Lynx competed in the Canadian Track Meet on March 4th and 5th, the Boise City Track Meet on March 11th and the Perryton Track Meet on March 19th.

**Varsity Lynx**

**Canadian Track Meet**  
**3200 M. Run:** 5. Lance Huddleston; **400 M. Relay:** 6. J.J. Gallegos, Bryn Garnett, Jarick Howard, Brock Town; **800 M.**

**Hurdles:** 1. Daniel Kern; **100 M. Dash:** 3. Brock Town; **800 M. Relay:** 4. J.J. Gallegos, Justin Parker, Eric Flores, Brock Town; **400 M. Dash:** 1. Daniel Kern

**JV Lynx**

**Canadian Track Meet**  
**Long Jump:** 2. Zach Nollner, 3. Victor Flores; **Pole Vault:** 3. Aaron Maestas; **Triple Jump:** 1. Zach Nollner, 4. Victor Flores, 5. Aaron Maestas; **400 M. Relay:** 4. Aaron Maestas, Zach Nollner, Jeremy Frost, Victor Flores; **800 M. Run:** 4. J.J. Rojas; **800 M. Relay:** 3. Aaron Maestas, Victor Flores, Zach Nollner, Eddie Relagado; **300 M. Hurdles:** 5. Jeremy Frost; **200 M. Dash:** 5. Victor Flores

**Varsity Lynx**

**Boise City Track Meet**  
**Discuss:** 1. Brock Town, 5. Wayne Gibson; **Long Jump:** 2. Justin Parker, 4. J.J. Gallegos; **Shot Put:** 1. Brock Town, 2. Wayne Gibson; **400 M. Relay:** 2. J.J. Gallegos, Roberto Flores, Daniel Kern, Brock Town; **800 M. Run:** 1. Daniel Kern; **100 M. Dash:** 4. Brock Town; **400 M. Dash:** 1. Daniel Kern; **200 M. Dash:** 2. Daniel Kern, 6. Justin Parker

**Varsity Lynx**

**Perryton Track Meet**  
**Discuss:** 2. Wayne Gibson; **Long Jump:** 3. J.J. Gallegos; **Shot Put:** 3. Wayne Gibson, 5. Brock Town; **Triple Jump:** 3. Justin Parker; **400 M. Relay:** 2. Brock Town, J.J. Gallegos, Roberto Flores, Daniel Kern; **800 M. Relay:** 4. J.J. Gallegos, Brock Town, Justin Parker, Eric Flores; **400 M. Dash:** 1. Daniel Kern; **200 M. Dash:** 4. Justin Parker

**JV Lynx**

**Perryton Track Meet**  
**Discuss:** 5. Steven Vaquera, 6. Blayne Baker; **Long Jump:** 3. Zach Nollner; **Triple Jump:** 1. Zach Nollner; **100 M. Dash:** 1. Zach Nollner; **800 M. Relay:** 3. Victor Flores, Zach Nollner, Hervey Rodriguez, Eric Diaz

McBrayer of West Texas 9-8, lost to Hill of Hedley 8-4, defeated Meyer of Vega 6-0, defeated McGrayer of Perryton 6-0, lost to Chambers of Perryton 8-5

**Varsity Girls Doubles**

**Tonya Hart/Saylee Flowers - won Consolation Championship:** lost to Perez/Leaton of Dalhart 8-1, defeated Manning/Vargas of Sunray 8-3, defeated Gregory/Klinger of Hedley 6-4, defeated Lewis/Holman of White Deer 8-5

**JV Girls Singles**

**Trudy Hart - 1st Place:** defeated Carroll of Vega 8-0, defeated McCloy of Gruver 8-1, defeated Pierce of Branch 8-0, defeated Rex of Spearman 8-3

**Kelcee Rex - 2nd Place:** defeated Malave of Boys Ranch 8-1, defeated Scott of Vega 8-0, defeated Barnes of Spearman 8-2, lost to Hart of Spearman 8-3

**Sara Barnes:** defeated Hennigh of Booker 8-3, defeated Bradley of Spearman 8-5, lost to Rex of Spearman 8-2

**Brittney Bradley:** defeated Chinstanya of Boys Ranch 8-5, lost to Barnes of Spearman 8-5, defeated Scott of Vega 6-3

**Kendall Schneider:** defeated Salcido of Vega 8-1, lost to Pierce of Boys Ranch 8-5, defeated McCloy of Gruver 6-2

**Boys Singles**

**Elliott Sheets:** lost to Thomas of Hedley 8-0, lost to Bryan of White Deer 8-4

**Boys Doubles**

**Caleb Gillaspie/Brynn Garnett:** defeated Ellerman/Guest of Boys Ranch 8-1, defeated Monk/Curry of West Texas 8-4, lost to Najera/Depew of Perryton 8-3

**Coby Odegaard/Keifer Summer:** lost to Luo/McCollum of Boys Ranch 8-4, lost to Finley/Minor of Gruver 8-6

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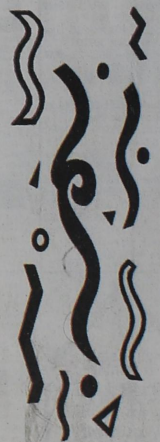
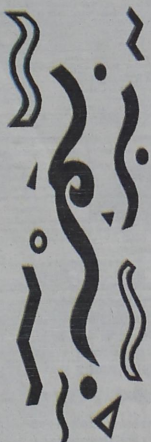
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